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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Ryan Dyer represents PBPB at Joint Committee on State Tribal Relations

By Suzanne Heck

A meeting of the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations was held on November 3 at the Kansas Capital.

The committee is comprised of Kansas tribal leaders and a mix of Kansas Senators and House Representatives whose purpose is to meet, discuss, hold hearings, and to make recommendations on issues that concern the state of Kansas and the four tribes in Kansas.

PBPB Treasurer Ryan Dyer formally represented the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) and Tribal Council Member James Wabaunsee also attended the meeting.

Items on the agenda included Tribal and State gaming issues and the motor vehicle fuel tax and tribal tag law cases. Also included was a staff briefing presented by Becky Hutchins from Jackson County who voiced concern over tribal liability insur-

ance regarding Senate Bill 9. The Joint Committee decided that they needed to examine the issue more in depth to learn how the tribes were verifying their liability insurance with the state.

Those who spoke on behalf of the PBPB at the meeting were Ryan Dyer who introduced himself and discussed the positive government-to-government relationship between the State and PBPB, Ron Hein, legislative counsel for the PBPB, who spoke about the Tribe's opposition to state-owned gaming casinos, and Tribal attorney David Prager who also spoke briefly about the importance of tribal sovereignty as was presented in the motor vehicle fuel tax case that is presently pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. Prager also stated what a negative impact that it would have on Indian Nations should the Court rule for the States.

Construction begins on Casino Intersection at Highway 75 and 150 Road

Work has begun on the new interchange at Highway 75 and 150 Rd. At right graders can be seen on the north-east side of U.S. Highway 75.



Construction has begun at the U.S. Highway 75 and 150 Road interchange that provides the major route to Harrah's Prairie Band Casino.

The busy intersection has been the cause of several accidents since the Casino was established and better traffic control has been needed for some time.

Koss Construction Company of Topeka has been contracted to put in the new intersection that will include building exit ramps off of both sides of the four-lane highway and constructing an overpass that will be located a little north of 150 Rd. Presently traffic must cross the highway on both sides of the road and its short exit lanes are sometimes backed up with cars that want to get on to the highway.

The project will cost approximately \$11 million dollars and is being funded by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB), Jackson County, and the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The PBPB committed \$1.25 million to the project in 2002 that originally began in 2000 as one of the state of Kansas' highway system enhancement projects. The expected completion date for the interchange is spring of 2008.

PBPB's Road and Bridge Director Tim Ramirez has been involved in the project for the past five years along with Tribal Council.

The Nation has also been constructing approximately six miles of paved road of the reservation each year since the casino opened and is responsible for maintaining 118 miles of the 212 miles of road on the reservation.

The Road and Bridge crews have also been busy repairing several of the reservation's roads and bridges that were damaged by the recent rain storm that occurred the latter part of October that caused major flooding in the area.

Ezra Ginzburg named Tribal Prosecuting Attorney



Ezra Ginzburg began working for the PBPB on November 14 as a full-time prosecuting attorney for the Tribal Court.

He served as Assistant Attorney General for the state of Kansas from 2000-2003 and was also a state staff attorney for the Office of

Bank Commissioners.

He graduated from the University of Kansas law school and was an assistant professor of law at Florida A&M College in Orlando.

He has also served as an appellate and public defender and resides in Lenexa, Kansas.

Declared Gaming Commission Candidates

- Joseph Hale, Jr.
- Dorothy Kiyukan
- Tom Tuckwin

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Due to Christmas holiday the News deadline for next month is December 9.

Season's Greetings



Government holiday closings
December 26
December 30

Public meetings held to inform community about environmental issues

Fall Aerial Spraying



Standing in the photo above is Wally Leander a soil conservationist in the Horton Office of the BIA who spoke on Nov. 17 at the Firekeepers Elder Center about the fall aerial spraying being done this fall on the reservation. Over 4,000 acres were scheduled to be sprayed to control noxious weeds. The public meetings are held annually as a way to inform residents about which tracts will be sprayed and to offer information about the chemicals and safety precautions that are used. Representatives from the Jackson County Noxious Weed Department and Region 7 Environmental Protection Agency, Kansas City, Kan. were also available to answer questions.

Winter Wonderland



The first snow of the season produced huge snowflakes that fell on the reservation the morning of November 14. It was such a pretty sight that the News photographed the large flakes falling in the PBPB orchard and sent it to Bruce Jones, KSNT 27-Topeka meteorologist who put the photo on his evening weathercast.

Photo by Suzanne Heck



The Solid Waste Program of the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection met November 16 to discuss forming an advisory board for the program. In the photo above Merle Green is seen directing the meeting. The purpose of the board is to evaluate the current solid waste services; plan and forecast for future solid waste needs and services; provide a forum for exchange of ideas and community input; facilitate a community-based approach to environmental issues; and develop educational awareness programs for the community.

The Solid Waste Program staff invites community members to the next meeting to be held on December 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the We-Ta-Se building. Nominations will be taken for the board members.



From Chairman Zachariah Pahmahmie

Decision Awaited for the Nation's Fuel Tax Case in the U.S. Supreme Court

On October 3, 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral argument for the Nation's motor fuel tax case. This article will discuss the argument and the posture of the case. A decision is expected within 30-60 days.

At the October 3rd argument, many of the justices were hostile to the tribal position. It is not unusual for the Nation, as a party who prevailed in the lower court, to receive the harder questions. However, there has also been a long-term trend by the States to attempt to limit or eliminate federal court remedies for Indian Tribes. The late Justice Rehnquist thought that Tribes should not be able to sue States at all in federal court unless Congress expressly authorizes it. This would create a severe limitation on federal court protection of tribal sovereignty.

Justice Thomas agrees with this and Justice Scalia is not far behind. The result is that there are some judges that we absolutely know will vote against us and none that we know will vote for us. This is a little like starting a basketball game 10 points down. We have always known that if we made it to the U.S. Supreme Court, it would be a difficult and critical point in the case.

Consistent with the above trend, the State is requesting that the Court abandon the "balancing test" for determining whether the federal courts should prohibit state regulation of non-Indians who do business with Tribes. Since at least 1980, the balancing test has been used to weigh the tribal, federal and state interests to determine which interest should prevail. In the *Cabazon* decision in 1987 the Court applied the balancing test to hold that the States cannot regulate on-reservation gaming by non-

Indians. The outcome would have been different without the balancing test in this and other cases. Thus, the survival of the balancing test is an extremely important issue to all Indian Tribes.

Aware of the importance of our case, the National Congress of the American Indian and the Native American Rights Fund assisted our cause. NCAI's amicus brief explained the origins of the balancing test and the need to preserve it. NARF assisted in the Intertribal Tax Alliance amicus brief, which discussed the importance of tribal taxes to Indian Tribes. The Intertribal Transportation Association's amicus brief explained the importance of tribal road and bridge departments on reservations. Finally, the amicus brief of the three other Tribes in Kansas argued that the Kansas Act for Admission prohibits the impairment of our tribal taxation rights.

In the Nation's brief, we argued that the state fuel tax is imposed on the reservation and is discriminatory, with exemptions allowed for deliveries to other governments. We also argued under the balancing test that the tribal and federal interests outweigh the exaggerated state interest. At oral argument, most of the time was spent on whether the tax was imposed on or off reservation. The State also argued that the *Cotton Petroleum* decision permits state taxation of tribal commerce with non-Indians and that double state and tribal taxation is permissible. We argued that double taxation is not permitted if it entirely prevents the tribal tax from being imposed, a factor not present in *Cotton Petroleum*. In summary, a very good effort was made to argue the tribal side of our case. Nevertheless, the outcome is in doubt and we will probably know by December what the Court will do.



From Ryan Dyer: Office of the Tribal Treasurer:

Bozho! October has passed and winter equinox seems to be settling in. Despite the pre-emptive hibernation of the natural world, we remain busy here at the Government Center.

As many of you that reside on the reservation are aware, the new Health Clinic is rapidly being constructed and is still on target for a grand opening in summer 2006. The original casino hotel will be closed in January 2006 for a complete remodel with a 13-week timeline for completion. The new "Buffalo Grill" at the casino will be opened before the year is complete, and our

housing projects are still in full swing and progressing nicely.

The U.S. economy is maintaining its fundamentals and the Nation is positioned well and profiting well from our investments. The casino revenue is also improving; however, business tends to slow in the winter. Our new propane company, Mayetta Oil, is maintaining its position in the marketplace and the first few months reassure us that this business was a good acquisition for the Nation.

We will have a Special General Council Meeting on Saturday, December 17th to discuss the Nation's constitutional amendments. I encourage all members of the Nation to attend this meeting. The amendment of the Constitution should not be taken lightly nor casually addressed. Political games with our Constitution are pointless and should not interfere with judicious decisions that affect the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. In addition to the six amendments that have already been presented, discussions regarding the redistribution of the enumerated powers of the

Nation will also be addressed. I am sure that there will be much discussion and I hope that all participants continue to seek to strengthen and improve our government.

With the holiday season approaching, I want to wish you and your family the best. May you have many happy hours with each other that create stronger bonds with those that you love. Thank you for allowing me to serve on your behalf.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Special General Council Meeting on December 17 where constitutional amendments will be discussed.

HUD microenterprise loan program cancelled

Submitted by John Schilling, CEO Tribal Business

PBPN has cancelled the small business loan program for this year. Growing evidence from the first three quarterly reporting periods of 2005 for the current HUD microenterprise grant program shows that member compliance with the reporting requirements of the program has dwindled to less than 25%. This compliance percentage is deemed to be unacceptable and indicates that performance for the new loan program would probably not be any better.

The loan program would require members to sign personal guarantee letters and put purchases made with the loan proceeds up for collateral against the loan. With an expected compliance rate of just 25%, that means that PBPN would be put in the position of taking legal action against several of its own members for repayment of the loan and repossession of assets and inventory purchased with the loan proceeds. This does not serve any useful purpose and does not accomplish the goals of the program, which are to help members further their entrepreneurial interests and create new jobs.

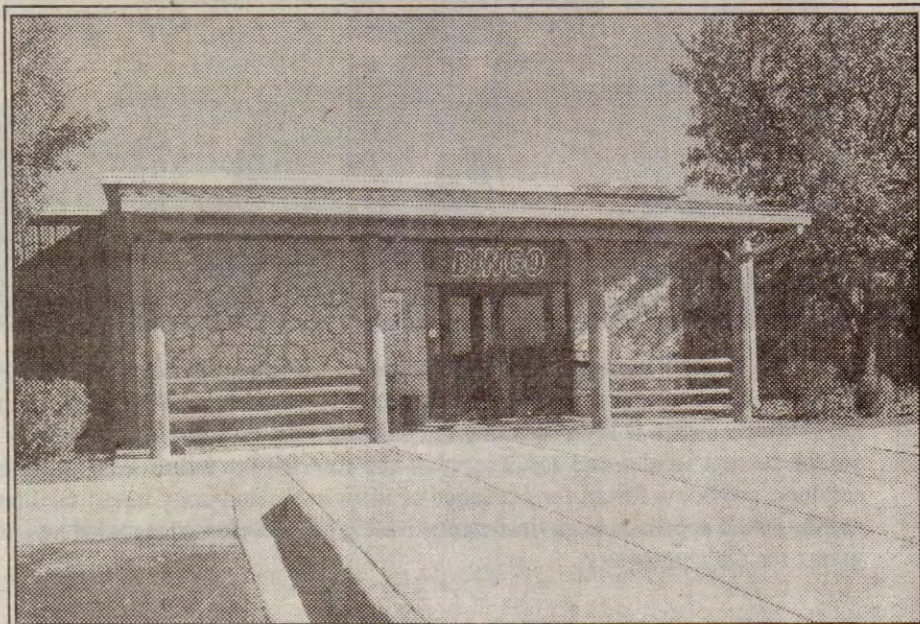
There are many PBPN members who have small business ideas and want to start or expand a small business. This is a positive characteristic and speaks well for the entrepreneurship and motivation of Tribal members. With this in mind, the following are some of the existing resources that can be accessed by members interested in small businesses.

The United States Small Business Administration (SBA) has an excellent web site that is very useful in assisting applicants to apply for SBA loans. The SBA provides an emphasis on minority applications.

The SBA web site is: www.sba.gov. This web site will direct you through all the steps to make application for an SBA guaranteed loan.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has a loan guarantee program. There are eligibility requirements for the BIA Loan Guaranty including that the borrower must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe.

The following is the address for the BIA program: Division of Credit
1951 Constitution Avenue NW
MS 320-SIB
Washington, DC 20240
202-513-6780



Above is the PBPN Bingo Hall which is one of the PBPN enterprises and is located at 16277 W Rd, Mayetta, Kan. on the reservation.

Here's a list of the regional credit offices for the BIA loan guaranty program

Jackson County, Kansas

Members residing in Jackson County Kansas may be eligible for a micro-loan from the Jackson County micro-loan program. To inquire about this program, please contact:

Jackson County Micro-loan Program
Office of the County Clerk
County Courthouse, Room 201
400 New York Avenue
Holton, KS 66436
785-364-2891

Northeast Kansas

The following resources are available for members in the Northeast Kansas area who want help with business plan writing and researching business ideas.

Northeast Kansas Facilitation (available for residents of Jackson, Atchison, Brown, Nemaha and Doniphan counties)
Contact person: Janet Greisel, 785-364-0583

Other regions of the United States

Members are encouraged to contact Small Business Development Centers that are scattered throughout the United States. These centers are usually associated with a local university or chamber of commerce. These programs can put an entrepreneur in touch with several excellent resources that would be available in one's local community.

Another excellent tool available to members throughout the United States is an organization called SCORE. SCORE provides business counseling through a network of volunteer business executives who work one-on-one with entrepreneurs. There is no charge for SCORE's services.

SCORE can be contacted through its website which is: www.score.org

Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote!

Exert your right to vote in the next Gaming Commission election



2006 Notice of Election for Gaming Commission

Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are hereby notified that an Election will be held on February 24, 2006 for the purpose of electing one (1) member of the Gaming Commission. The term of office for the 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.

Gaming Commission Election Calendar

December 2, 2005-4:00 p.m.

Last day for candidates to withdraw from the election

January 3, 2006-4:00 p.m.

Last day to register to vote

If you are not registered

January 13, 2006

Ballots mailed to all registered voters

February 24, 2006-9:00 a.m.

Election Day

Ballots tabulated and results reported

March 1, 2006-4:00 p.m.

Last day to file protest of the election



**Prairie Band
Potawatomi Nation
Election Board
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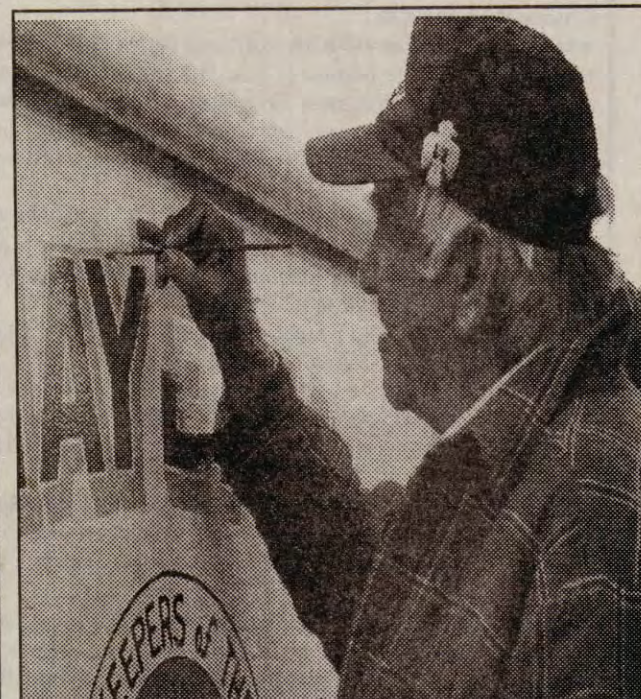


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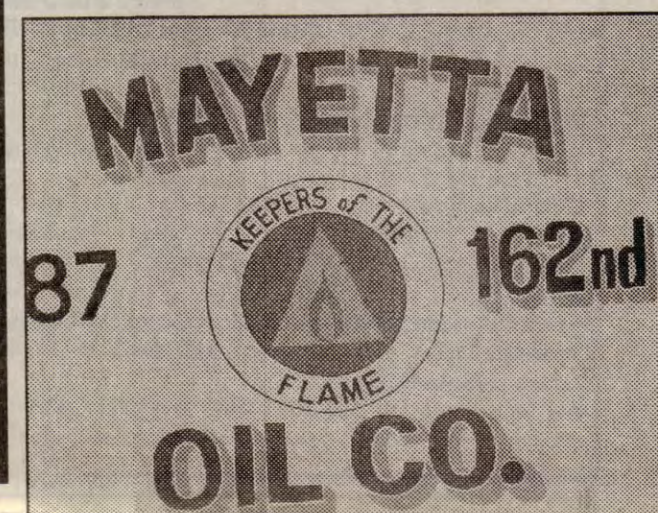
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Julia Barber, 3910
Ruta Mendez, 3912
Fax Number, 3913
Toll free: (877) 715-6789

Mayetta Oil Company gets new logo and slogan: "Keepers of the Flame"



Sign painter Lester Arnold is seen above lending his artistic talent to a sign recently placed in front of the Mayetta Oil Company building. The sign includes a new slogan and logo that can be seen in the photo below that will be used to promote the company. Arnold has painted several signs and logos for the Nation's buildings over the years that can be seen on the reservation.

Photos by Mary Young



Entrepreneur Spotlight on Sharon Bosse

Bosse Herefords

3 miles south of Wheaton, KS
on Wheaton Road
(785) 313-4038



Sharon's love of the land, cattle, and horses has prompted her to invest in cattle and start her own business, Bosse Herefords.

The purpose of Bosse Herefords is to produce performance seed stock cattle. The business will offer the following:

- breeding bulls
- bred and replacement heifers
- cow/calf pairs.

Sharon has chosen the Hereford because of its docility and its reputation for being a fast growing cattle with good beef quality. Selection is an important aspect in the cattle business; Sharon looks at the disposition, performance, conformation and easy fleshing cattle when she makes her selection.

The genetic plan (Expected Progeny Differences) is another consideration. It is very important in cattle to identify the most superior and sought after genetics and pedigrees and multiply those animals. The traits she most values are correct conformation, calving ease, milk and growth, high yearling weights, pleasant dispositions and good pedigrees.

Herefords are recognized by their medium-framed and distinctive red body color with the head and front of the neck, brisket and underside in white.



Brenda McClure is seen arranging the Pendleton section of the gift shop now located in Nation Station. (Photo by Mary Young.)



An aerial view of K Road looking south: The three sets of parking lots include the Boys and Girls Club, Ben-no-tteh Wigwam (Early Childhood Education Center), and the Firekeepers Elder Center. Also visible are the senior duplexes, orchard, and Road and Bridge complex. Across from the orchard is the parking lot of the Land Management Dept. (Photo by Mary Young)

Scene on the Rez



Tribal policeman Mike Boswell is seen here taking a report of a car fire that occurred recently at Nation Station. The fire was a small one but the Potawatomi's Fire Department brought fire engine #651, which can be seen in the background, to the emergency call just in case the fire got out of hand. (Photo by Suzanne Heck)



Major work has been done on 162 Road and Q Road by the Road and Bridge crew. Wear and tear plus the recent rains have left the dirt road in need of rock. The photo shows the dumping of rock with the grader used to level out the rock.

(Photo by Mary Young)



Education Department

Policies and procedures below were submitted by Gwen Shunatona, PBP Education Director. For more information call 785-966-2960 or 877-715-6789.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation **HIGHER EDUCATION UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM** (Renewal Application)

Approved by Tribal Council on July 22, 2005

Criteria Requirements

- Scholarships are provided for assistance with tuition, books, fees, room/board (when applicable) for tribal members to attend college fulltime (12 credit hours is standard) and maintaining a 2.0 grade point average. Maximum award amounts are: freshman \$3,000 per semester; sophomore \$3,800 per semester; junior \$4,000 per semester; senior \$4,500 per semester. Maximum award amounts for the federal institutions of Haskell Indian Nations University and of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute are: \$1,700 per semester on-campus; \$3,000 per semester off-campus.
- For students not funded previously by PBP, the above incremental funding levels are effective for fall 2006. For students funded in spring 2006, if their funding levels are higher than the above incremental levels, they will maintain their spring 2006 funding levels for fall 2006 and spring 2006 but revert to the above incremental funding levels beginning with fall 2006.
- Part-time students (6-11 credit hours is standard) are also eligible for assistance with tuition, fees, books, and other required materials and/or equipment.
- The student must have his/her college/university provide verification of whether the student is considered full-time or part-time and how many hours constitute fulltime in the student's degree program. The student must notify PBP Education Department if s/he changes status from fulltime or parttime because the funding provided will change.
- Once a student has been funded through the Higher Education Undergraduate program, the funding can continue for a maximum of 10 semesters/terms each equivalent to 12 credit hours. The requirements for a full-time student are to complete at least 12 credit hours and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average each term of enrollment.
- After initial higher education undergraduate funding, a student in good academic standing will need to request from and submit a renewal application to the Education Department each new school year.
- A full-time student will be placed on probation for the following term if either of the two above requirements has not been met in any one term. This will be determined by review of an official transcript to be sent, upon student request, by the college Registrar's Office.
- A part-time student will be placed on probation for the following term if the 2.0 GPA is not met in any one term or if the student fails or withdraws for failure in at least one course during a term. This will be determined by review of an official transcript to be sent, upon student request, by the college Registrar's Office.
- The condition of probation is that the student must meet the appropriate two requirements during the probation term or s/he will not be funded in subsequent terms until the requirements are met. Upon meeting these requirements, and the Education Department receiving the official transcript from the appropriate college/university, the

student would then be eligible to again make application to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Higher Education undergraduate program. The student will need to request from and submit a renewal application to the Education Department.

How Requests Are Made

- The renewal application is basically the same as the initial Higher Education grant application. A student must complete the application page along with filling out the top portion of the Financial Aid Package (FAP) form. The student will submit the FAP form to the Financial Aid Office at the college/university for completion of the bottom of the form and return by the college/university to the Education Department.
- The student will also need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for each new school year and return a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) to the Education Department. This is a mandatory verification that will cause the student to be ineligible for funding if it is not with the file at the deadline for funding.
- The student must have the Registrar's Office at the college/university send the most current official transcript, showing cumulative grade point average.

School Change.

- If changing to a different school, the student must also complete and submit, to the Education Department, the following:
- Letter stating plans for changing to a different college/university and whether student is maintaining the same degree program; or, if not, stating the new program and why.
 - Copy of admission letter from the new college/university. Additionally, online, add the new school to FAFSA file.

To remain eligible for funding, the student must submit the above required documents to the Education Department on or before the following fax or postmark deadlines:

Submission dates

fall semester..... JULY 1
spring semester..... NOVEMBER 1

When and How Requests Are Reviewed and Paid

As soon as the application is complete, the Education Department will review the application for completeness, including certification of PBP enrollment. The Education Committee will review the proposed slate of awards at least three weeks after the application submission due date. When the Education Committee has met and given final approval of funding for the students, a request will be made to the Accounting Office for individual checks to the college Financial Aid Offices. The student will receive an award letter from the Education Department stating the amount of the monetary award to be received. A copy of this letter will also be placed in the student file.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation **HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM** Approved by Tribal Council on July 22, 2005

PBP Higher Education Study Abroad Program

Usually a short term, educational experience for academic credit in a country other than the United States.

Criteria Requirements

- Declared college major in good academic standing with at least 30 completed credit hours. In most recent terms, a full-time student must have successfully completed at least 12 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0; a part-time student must have successfully completed all hours attempted with a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Student must be able to articulate in writing how this experience will help advance his/her professional goals.
- A maximum of \$6,500 will be paid directly to the vendor toward actual expenses of tuition, fees, books, and associated costs required by the study program. Only one such

experience will be allowed unless required by major program of study.

How Requests Are Made

- At least two months prior to the due date of payment for a study abroad program, student must request and submit a higher education application to the PBP Education Department.

When and How Requests Are Reviewed and Paid

As soon as the application is complete, the Education Department will review the application for completeness. The Education Committee will consider such a request as an agenda item in a regular meeting or call a special meeting for that purpose. Upon approval by the Education Committee, the Education Department will request a check to the Financial Aid Office of the institution or sponsoring entity. The student will receive an award letter from the Education Department stating the amount of the monetary award to be received. A copy of this letter will also be placed in the student file.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation **ADULT EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM** Approved by Tribal Council on July 22, 2005

Criteria Requirements

- This program provides funding to Prairie Band Potawatomi enrolled tribal members for GED preparation and GED exam fees; registration fees only for conferences and/or workshops; tuition when taking only one three-hour college course during a term; employment enrichment training/courses, e.g., certified nurses aid (CNA), certified medication aid (CMA); professional licensure fees; Continuing Education Units (CEU) and other appropriate education activity.

How Requests Are Made

The student will complete the adult education application page along with submitting the following:

- Brief letter stating why s/he needs the grant, and the purpose of the requested funding.
- Copy of certificate of degree of Indian blood/PBP enrollment card or documentation. If need be, the individual can obtain a copy of enrollment card or documentation from the PBP Enrollment Department.
- Verification from school or company of class/classes for which s/he will be enrolling. Verification must include the cost of tuition and fees; book estimate for the class(es) must be from the school's bookstore and on its letterhead. If the request is for conference/workshop or training fees (employment related), the registration form must be submitted to the Education Department.

Submission Dates

The student is requested to submit all materials to the Education Department at least six weeks prior to the date payment is due.

When and How Requests Are Reviewed and Paid:

As soon as the application is complete, the Education Department will review the application for completeness, including verification of PBP enrollment, and request from the PBP Accounting Office a check to the sponsoring entity or to the student for reimbursement. The student will be notified of approval and a copy of the purchase order will be placed in the student file.

Upon completion of the class/classes, conference/workshop or training, the individual must provide the Education Department with a copy of the grades, or a copy of the certificate of completion.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation **ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM** (Traditional and Non-Traditional) Approved by Tribal Council on July 22, 2005

Adult Vocational Training (AVT)

- Traditional is for regular vocational technical schools, full-time students.
- Non-Traditional is more for short-term vocational training; i.e. massage therapy, welding, cosmetology, truck driving schools.

Criteria Requirements

- Maximum funding for a first year AVT student will be the same as that for a PBP freshman. Maximum funding for a second year AVT student will be the same as that for a PBP college sophomore. Funding, directly to the vendor, may include required materials.
- A student is allowed funding toward one completed AVT program every five years.
- For traditional adult vocational training (under this program), if the student is attending full-time, s/he can also be eligible for monthly stipends of \$400 each.
- An attendance and grade report sheet must be submitted monthly to the Education Department by the school before a subsequent stipend can be issued to the student. To receive a monthly stipend, student must have perfect attendance, including any Instructor Excused Absences, and a 2.0 grade point average. In any one month, if the student has unexcused absences that equal less than 3 days of school requirements, the stipend will be prorated by the percentage of time absent. Instructor dated excused absences constitute student attendance. If the student misses the equivalent of three days of classes due to unexcused absences, no stipend will be distributed for that month.

How Requests Are Made

- Student must provide documentation of high school diploma or GED completion.
- Student must complete an Adult Vocational Technical application that, among other mandates, requires the student to apply for Federal student aid and for the student's chosen school to submit a Financial Needs Analysis to the Education Department.

Submission Dates..... *Two months prior to the date payment is due.*

When and How Requests Are Reviewed and Paid

As soon as the application is complete, the Education Department will review the application for completeness, including verification of PBP Enrollment. The Education Committee will review the proposed slate of awards at least three weeks after the application submission due date. When the Education Committee has met and after the Committee's approval of funding for the students, a request will be made to the Accounting Office for individual checks to the AVT institution Financial Aid Offices. The student will receive an award letter from the Education Department stating the amount of the monetary award to be received *that will include the partial cost of tuition, fees, books and other required materials to be paid to the vendor.* A copy of this letter will also be placed in the student file.

Upon completion of the training, the individual must provide the Education Department with a copy of the grades and a copy of the certificate/diploma of completion.

American Indians Can "Come Home" to Indiana for Graduate Study

before non-Indian immigrants came into the area. Beginning in the first decades of the 19th century, the United States government negotiated a number of treaties with the purpose of removing Indian tribes westward, across the Mississippi River. Although many Indian people were swept up in the removals, many also stayed. However, by 1920, there were only 125 Indians identified in the whole state.

During World War II, Indians from Oklahoma, the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Michigan, were recruited to work in the wartime industries in Indianapolis. The removal period of the 1950's and '60's brought more Indian people from the far West, and the once dwindling population of Indians native to the state underwent a resurgence of population. By 1980, there were almost 8000 Indians in Indiana and the population has nearly doubled every ten years since then. Nearly 40,000 Hoosiers identified themselves as Indians or declared Indian ancestry in the 2000 census.

Although there are no federally recognized tribes headquartered in Indiana, the Pokagon Potawatomi in southern Michigan include six northern Indiana counties as part of their original territory. The local Miami and Wea tribes are seeking federal recognition and in the past twenty years, Indian people have become more active in the development of programs for American Indian health care, education, and cultural activities.

There is an American Indian Center located near downtown Indianapolis, and nearly a dozen powwows starting with the Indiana University powwow in the spring. In 2004, the Native American Indian Commission was authorized by the Indiana state legislature and Indian people intend to put the Indian back in Indiana, the only state named after Indians.

IUPUI has been in the forefront of developing a viable Indian studies program for the university and to that end has formed a working group of Native American faculty, staff and students to accomplish that goal. We are in the process of developing an interdisciplinary Native American Studies minor as the first step to the establishment of a permanent program. Indiana University in Bloomington is home to the American Indian Studies Research Institute, and has hired Dine' scholar Wesley Thomas to coordinate their efforts to make Native American Studies part of the offerings at Indiana University. A cooperative agreement exists between IUPUI and Indiana University to allow students to take courses at either campus for credit.

The Department of Religious Studies at IUPUI has hired Johnny P. Flynn, Potawatomi, to teach classes in Native American Religions, and Assistant Professor Rachel Wheeler has devoted her research to the interface between Indians of the northeast and Christian missionaries. Dr. Wheeler and Dr. Kelly Hayes, both teach classes which

highlight the religions of indigenous people of North and South America. IUPUI is also home to the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture which devotes much time, effort, and interest to the study of American Indian Religions. The Journal of Religion and American Culture, a publication of the Center, routinely publishes articles in the field of Native American Religions which receive national and international attention.

The IUPUI School of Law is proud to have nationally recognized Chiricahua Apache scholar William Bradford to teach Native American Law, and his efforts on behalf of the law school students has netted him the honors of Professor of the year. Nationally known scholar Larry Zimmerman is based in the Department of Anthropology and his specialty is Museum Studies. Dr. Zimmerman is also involved in the development of the Native American Studies program at IUPUI, as well as serving as the advisor to the Native American Students Association.

For more information on offerings at IUPUI, please visit our website: <http://www.iupui.edu/> or contact the following offices: IUPUI Graduate Office (317) 274-1577, the Graduate Non-Degree Program (317) 274-1577, gradoff@iupui.edu, Dr. Johnny P. Flynn jopflynn@iupui.edu, Dr. Larry Zimmerman, lazimme@iupui.edu. Fax for all offices (317) 278-2380.

The Graduate Division of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) announced on October 7, the formation of a scholarship program called the Coming Home Initiative. Coming Home is a program designed to provide financial incentive to American Indian students from tribes once native to Indiana. Included in that list are the Potawatomi, Miami, Wea, Ojibwe, Ottawa, Winnebago, Sac and Fox, Mesquaki, Mahican, Shawnee, Cherokee, among others.

At IUPUI, there is a growing group of Native American faculty, staff, and students, who will be here to welcome graduate students to the campus, and provide guidance and direction in their pursuit of academic excellence. IUPUI has the support of the higher administration to offer assistance which will ease the burden of financing higher education in their graduate programs.

If a student is from one of the tribes who once lived in Indiana, they will receive financial incentives to pursue an education in the lands where their ancestors once lived. Among those incentives will be, out of state tuition waivers, special financial aid packages, and scholarships earmarked for students from those tribes.

But students from all tribes will also be eligible for scholarships and financial aid assistance which will allow them to concentrate on their studies as they take advantage of IUPUI's excellent educational opportunities.

Indiana was home to more than a dozen tribes



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Executive Education Program Implementation Plan

2005 New Program
New Higher Education Category

Program Amount
\$100,000

PBP EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Usually a short-term educational experience for academic credit or advanced, professional certification. Per calendar year, allow one competitive grant for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and other competitive grants not to exceed \$15,000 each.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon Tribal Council ratification of General Council approval October 15, 2005.

SELECTION

Payment will be made directly to the vendor toward actual expenses of tuition, fees, books, and associated costs required by the study program. Only one experience under this program will be allowed.

1. Enrolled Tribal Member
2. Undergraduate senior or graduate student with official transcript proof of good academic standing at institution currently attending (transcript must be submitted to PBP Education Department unopened by the applicant)
3. If undergraduate or graduate degree holder, must present evidence of degree from accredited degree granting institution (transcript must be submitted to PBP Education Department unopened by the applicant)
4. Student must articulate in writing how this experience will help advance his/her professional goals
5. The student must submit certificate of completion to PBP Education Department and prepare a short presentation to the general council or newspaper article regarding the knowledge and experiences gained.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Dissemination of information about this PBP program to PBP members and grant availability will be via the PBP News. **Interested individual must request application and all application materials must be submitted to the PBP Education Department by November 1 of the year prior to program participation.** However, due to late implementation 2006 applications will be accepted until December 31st, 2005.

In addition to completing the application forms, applicant must submit information from entity providing program on the (a) program activity, (b) cost and (c) payment with due dates.

DISBURSEMENT

Application review for completeness and payment process will be completed by the last day of February of program participation year. The Education Committee will consider such a request as an agenda item in a regular meeting or call a special meeting for that purpose. Upon approval by the Education Committee, the Education Department will request a check to the Financial Aid Office of the institution or sponsoring entity. The student will receive an award letter from the Education Department stating the amount of the monetary award to be received. A copy of this letter will also be placed in the student's file.

The program policy for the Executive Education Program will be amended according to this implementation plan.

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Deadline: December 23 Mayetta and near vicinity residents: HINU distance learning offerings

Submitted by Frances Wabaunsee

Below are the Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) spring distance learning education course offerings. A HINU Enrollment Application and enrollment form needs to be filled out. To obtain an application, see HINU website: www.haskell.edu. Write "distance education" on top of the application and return to Frances by mail or fax. If you are a returning student or have any questions, notify Frances with the course/s you will be enrolling. Enrollment will need to be completed by December 23.

Frances Wabaunsee
PBP Job Skills Coordinator
16281 Q Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
(785) 966-2884 or (785) 966-2153 FAX: (785) 966-2531

Haskell Indian Nations University
Office of Admissions & Records
155 Indian Avenue, #5031
Lawrence, KS 66046-4800
(785) 749-8454

HINU Distance Learning spring 2006 courses:

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101) 3 Credits

Introduction to Algebra (MATH 011) 3 Credits

Intermediate Algebra (MATH 100) 3 Credits
Prerequisite MATH 011 or placement

Business/Technical Writing (BUS 232) 3 Credits
Blackboard Correspondence only

American Indian Experience on the 20th Century (AIS 312)
3 Credits

Philosophy in American Indian Literature (AIS/E 346)
3 Credits

Grammar/Composition (ENGL 315) 3 Credits

Reminder: You must have a completed admissions application to begin the enrollment process. If any changes occur in your schedule, you must complete a "Change of Schedule" form.

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Fifth Annual Sequoyah Research Center Symposium

By Mary Young

The Sequoyah Research Center (SRC) held their Fifth Annual Symposium entitled *Voices from the Past, Education for the Future* at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock on October 20 - 22. In addition, the SRC's Board Members met during the event to discuss the long-range plan for the construction of a building to house the collections and provide an atmosphere and space to conduct research.

The American Native Press Archives (ANPA), under the umbrella of the Sequoyah

Research Center, preserves the writings of native peoples so that future generations will have access to American Indian newspapers and periodicals, the works and words of Native writers and storytellers and the history of the Native press, manuscripts, as well as tribal and national records that are housed at the ANPA located at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. The SRC also serves as a repository for Native American writing.

In the meantime, Dan F. Littlefield, Jr. has been named the center's director and through a Charitable Contribution award from PBP, Roy Boney, Jr. is a two-year fellow.

Roy's academic interest is in animation filmmaking. He served as the art director for a Cherokee story told in Cherokee with English subtitles that sells as a DVD.

Mary Young was a participant and also serves on the Advisory Board.

Below, the photos show various participants at the symposium.



The above photo shows (l-r) Roy Boney, Jr., research fellow, and Dan F. Littlefield, Jr., director of the SRC taking a moment between presentations.



Presenters and moderators (l-r), Robert E. Sanderson, member of the SRC, and Paul DeMain, managing editor and CEO of News from Indian Country posed for the camera.



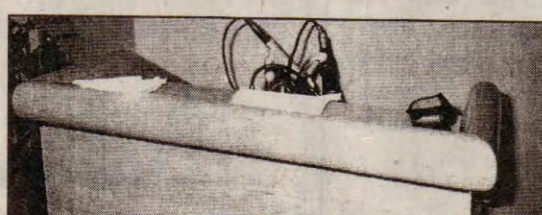
Robert J. Conley, novelist, poet, and Spurr award winner read from his works at the Symposium.



Above: Poet Richie Plass with Kathy Wescho-Bauer. She was instrumental in preventing a group of non-natives from becoming a state-recognized tribe in Arkansas. Kathy shares the Potawatomi and Menominee heritage.



< Cherokee National Youth Choir with Dan F. Littlefield, Jr. introducing the choir.



< Microphones—Serle L. Chapman was unable to attend, he gave his presentation via telephone. The title of his presentation was "Slaves to the Machine: the Mechanic's Inherent Prejudice Against the Credibility of the Oral Tradition."

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Department & Program News

Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Boys & Girls Club (BGC) Upcoming activities

Submitted by: Coleen Green, Boys & Girls Club Executive Director

Talent show for December family night event

The Boys & Girls Club will hold a TALENT SHOW at this month's Family Night event scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2005. The BGC members will be performing at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Dancers & Singers practice

The Dancers & Singers group will be holding practice on Thursday, December 1st & 15th, at 5:00 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club. If you haven't joined, now is your chance to sign-up!

Community Christmas party

The Community Christmas Party will be held at the BGC on Monday, December 19th and Tuesday, December 20th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Special guest appearance: Santa. The community is asked to help by bringing refreshments.

For more information about events call 785.966.3031

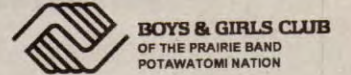
BGC field trips scheduled in December

The Boys & Girls Club will be taking all eligible members on a field trip in December. The Jr. Youth will be having a skating party on December 17 at Starlight Skate. The Sr. Youth will be going Cyberbowling at West Ridge Lanes on December 17.

For your information -BGC members must be eligible to attend field trips and must have an original signed permission slip on file with the Club by the due date. In order to be eligible for the December field trip, BGC members must have 60% attendance at PowerHour and/or tutoring from November 1-December 2 as posted at the Club. All permission slips must be turned in by December 9 by 6 p.m. Absolutely no exceptions.

BGC will be scheduling program activities that will have field trips throughout the next year. All field trips will have eligibility requirements specifically associated with attendance and/or participation. BGC members will not be allowed to attend field trips without regular attendance at the Club or in specific programs.

December



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Jr. Youth After-school Hours: Monday-Friday 4-6 p.m.	2 Sr. Youth After-school Hours: Monday-Thursday 6-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday 6-10 p.m.	3 		4 Dancers & Singers Practice - 5 p.m. Job Ready 6-7 p.m.	5 2	6 3 3-on-3 B-Ball League Ages 15-19 - 6 p.m.
7 Volleyball League 12-4 p.m. OPEN Gym 7:00-9:00 p.m.	8 5 3-on-3 B-Ball League Ages 11-14 - 6 p.m.	9 6 3-on-3 B-Ball League Ages 5-10 - 5 p.m.	10 7 Board Meeting 3:00 p.m. Family Night Talent Show 6 p.m.	11 8 Dancers & Singers Practice - 5 p.m. Job Ready 6-7 p.m.	12 9 Fieldtrip Permission Slips DUE!	13 10 Celebrity Basketball Game - 1 p.m. 3-on-3 B-Ball League Ages 15-19 - 6 p.m.
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2005

Blackfire concert a huge success

Taking care of Bob, Ed, and Peanut Butter



At left BGC members are busy taking care of Bob, Ed, and Peanut Butter that are three new hamsters the club recently acquired. They were also busy decorating the wall behind them as part of their Ultimate Journey arts and crafts program. Tutoring is provided Monday through Thursdays in the BGC library.



Photo submitted by Coleen Green

Blackfire, named the 2005 Group of the Year from the Native American Music Awards, performed at a community concert that was sponsored by the BGC at Harrah's on November 9.

Blackfire is a family group from the Dine in Black Mesa, Arizona. They spread the message of being drug and alcohol-free and also promote cultural awareness. During the concert they performed the "Chicken Dance" comprised of traditional Native American, Punk-Rock, and Alter-NATIVE music that was a popular hit with the audience as well as many others that night.

After the concert Blackfire held a jam session with some of the BGC members. Kids got the opportunity to showcase their skills on the guitar and drums in front of the Blackfire group as seen in the photo at left.

Buddy Big Mountain attracts largest BGC family night event ever



BGC staff wishes to thank the volunteers below for making Family Night a big success

•Nathan Hale •Cheryl Hopkins
•Wendy James •Shayla Hale •James Wabaunsee
•Dominic Ortiz •Adele Thomas •Dolly Potts
•Paul Jessepe

Buddy Big Mountain, an internationally known Native American Indian ventriloquist, entertained the largest crowd ever during Family Night in the gymnasium at the BGC on Nov. 16. Above Buddy can be seen performing with a marionette grass dancer during the event. He also introduced other puppet characters throughout the show that included comedy and musical skits.

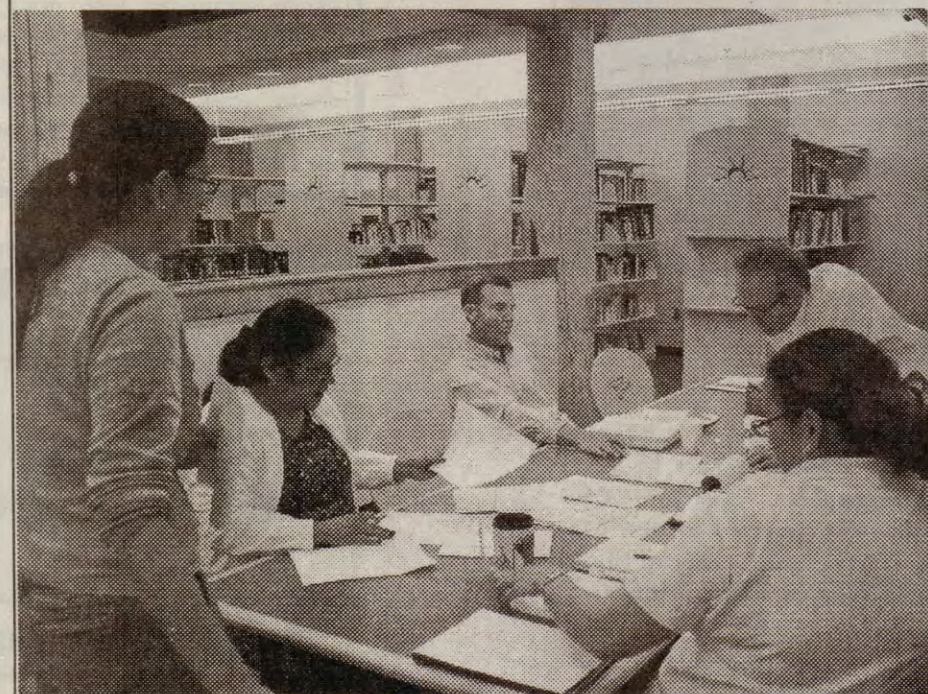
Buddy has been entertaining audiences internationally for almost fifty years and travels with his wife, Diana who handles production for the show. BGC director Coleen Green wanted to bring Buddy to the BGC after seeing and enjoying his performance when she was a child and after learning recently that he was still performing.

Photo by Suzanne Heck

December 2005 Pool Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 POOL PARTIES-\$20 PER HOUR and at least 2 weeks notification required COMMUNITY SWIM FEES- 19 & over \$24-18\$1: 3 and under and 45 and over free OPEN LAP SWIM FEES are the same as community swim. NO CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE WITHOUT PARENTAL SUPERVISION AT ANY TIME	2 Elders swim 10 to 12 Open lap swim 12 to 1 Junior youth 5 to 5:50 Senior youth 6 to 7:30	3 Childcare swim 10 to 12 Open lap swim 12 to 1 Junior youth 5 to 5:50 Community swim 6 to 7:30	4 POOL CLOSED	5 Childcare swim 10 to 12 Open lap swim 12 to 1 Junior youth 5 to 5:50 Community swim 6 to 7:30	6 POOL CLOSED	7 POOL CLOSED
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Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors meets monthly



The BGC Board of Directors met on November 2 in the BGC library. Standing in the foreground is Virginia (Osh) LeClere, and to her left clockwise is Dolly Potts, John Rundle, David Prager and Coleen Green. Steve McDonald and Voncile Mitchell were also at the meeting but are not pictured. The Board helps set policies and procedures for the club and includes parents, PBPB employees, Royal Valley School District personnel and members of the community.

Boys and Girls Club members treated folks to a Thanksgiving dinner at the Club on November 23.



PBPB's Road and Bridge Department is helping the Royal Valley Recreation Association in Hoyt, Kan. develop a new baseball diamond that will be located near the schools.



Please return the PBPB's tables and chairs to the Maintenance Dept.



Please return previously borrowed tables and chairs to the Maintenance Dept. Building on Q Road, Mayetta, Kan. or they can send a crew to pick them up.
785.966.4023



Haskell basketball team plays Native American Youth to Elder Foundation All Stars at Royal Valley for Native American Club benefit

Charitable Contribution award helps young people grow

Story and photos by Suzanne Heck

What do you get when you combine a group of young motivated basketball players, some hot music and a guy who has put it all together as a means of helping kids stay clean and off of alcohol and drugs: The Native American Youth to Elder Foundation from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Members from that organization received a \$20,000 donation during the 3rd Quarter Charitable Contribution Awards Ceremony held October 26 at the Bingo Hall and later that evening played a benefit basketball game against Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) at Royal Valley's (RV) High School gym. Proceeds from the ticket sales for that game went to RV's Native American Club.

Foundation president and director Nelson Hernandez said that he developed the foundation about eight months ago with the goal of wanting to do something that would relate to kids and to keep them off drugs and alcohol. He came up with the idea of using basketball and music as a way to relate to kids in an entertaining and fun manner. He said he was particularly interested in reaching kids from ethnic groups because they are the most at-risk.

Hernandez, who comes from an Hispanic background, said he didn't have it easy when he was growing up as his parents split up when he was young and he was forced to move from his birthplace of New York City to Utah where he didn't know anybody. He said that despite the odds against him he did manage to stay in school, got a scholarship to a community college, and is now completing his degree from the University of Utah. He is also married and has a child.

"I'm living proof that you can do it," he

said. "But it isn't easy and that is why I wanted to start this foundation because we need to go to where the kids are and to tell them that they can achieve their dreams and goals."

What is unique about the All-Stars is that each team member is a role model. For example, Tommy White is a physical education teacher near Pine Ridge at Kyle, South Dakota, and Terrell Hill received his degree from Temple University in Pennsylvania not long ago. Shane Negonsott from Horton, Kan. is also a college graduate and Jess Heart has a college degree as well. All of them are drug free and promote clean living.

The All-Stars travel throughout the United States and play other area basketball teams. During their stops team members try to make it a point to spend time with the kids and parents who come to see them.

"That's really what it is all about," Hernandez said. "If one kid can change his/her way from using drugs to wanting to be like one of the guys on the team then that will make it all worthwhile."

Hernandez also said that he usually brings donated sports products to give away before the games. "Magic Johnson is one of our sponsors and he'll send along some sneakers or other sports items once in a while to help the cause," he said.

The game was also special that night because it was the first time that Haskell had ever played at Royal Valley and PBP's Burton Warrington, who is a senior at Haskell, was in the starting lineup.



Seen above are members of the All-Star team who were on hand to receive their donation at the Charitable Contributions award ceremony. From left to right is Shane Negonsott, a Kickapoo who resides near Horton, Jess Heart and Tommy White from the Pine Ridge Sioux reservation, and Terrell Hill, from the Wichita tribe.

3rd Quarter Charitable Contributions Awards

Those organizations receiving contributions are as follows:

•Lawrence Indian Art Show (Lawrence, KS)	\$8,000
•Mayetta Pioneer Day Associations, Inc. (Mayetta, KS)	\$1,500
•Lawrence Meals on Wheels (Lawrence, KS)	\$2,000
•Families for People with Disabilities (Moscow, Idaho)	\$5,000
•Meals on Wheels Shawnee & Jefferson Counties (Topeka, KS)	\$10,000
•35th Infantry Division Association (Topeka, KS)	\$3,560
•TDC Learning Center (Topeka, KS)	\$5,000
•Topeka Fire Dept. (Topeka, KS)	\$10,000
•Unity Council of Topeka (Topeka, KS)	\$1,000
•Topeka Civic Theater & Academy (Topeka, KS)	\$2,000
•Doorstep, Inc. (Topeka, KS)	\$5,000
•United Way of Jackson County (Holton, KS)	\$2,000
•American Heart Association (Topeka, KS)	\$5,000
•Haskell Veterans Club (Lawrence, KS)	\$5,000
•School Based Community Care Project (Topeka, KS)	\$5,000
•Haskell Catholic Campus Center (Lawrence, KS)	\$1,500
•Native American Youth to Elder Foundation (Salt Lake, UT)	\$20,000
•Red Cross Hurricane Relief Effort (Topeka, KS)	\$25,000
(Commerce Bank & WIBW-TV)	

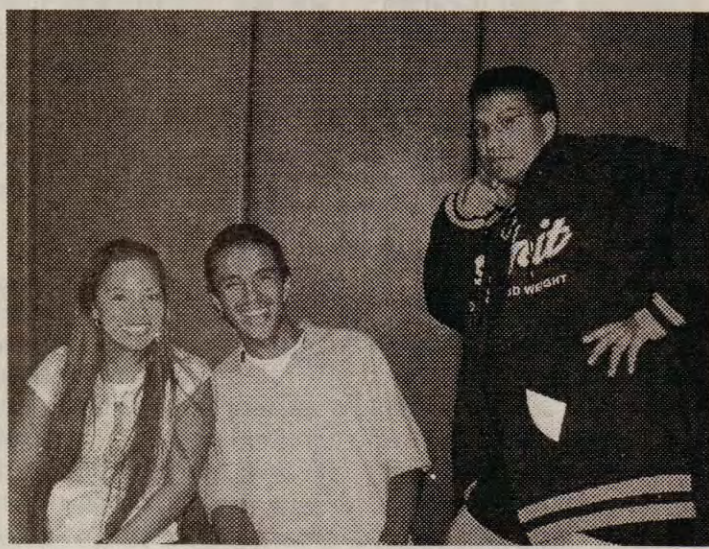


Haskell is seen to the left and the All-Stars are at right. The game drew a good crowd that night.



The photo at left shows Anita Evans (l) sponsor of the Royal Valley (RV) Native American Club with Tomi Pahmahmie (r) who is president of the club this year. Approximately 60 kids are in the club this year.

At right, these Native American Club members were on hand to watch the game. From left to right is Ramona Nozhackum, Nolan Pahmahmie and Kwake Hale who are all sophomores at Royal Valley.



Early Childhood Education Center programs

Director: Cecily Wabaunsee
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Phone: 785.966.2527, 2702,2514

	Early Head Start	Child Care	Head Start	Part C Infant Toddler Tiny-K Services	Early Childhood Special Education Services
Application Contact Person	Carrie Hastings	Edie Wamego	Hope Adame	Carrie Hastings	Tina Haefke
Contact Person's Title/Position	EHS Program Manager/Part C Coordinator	Infant Toddler Specialist	HS Family & Community Program Manager	EHS Program Manager/Part C Coordinator	Family Service Specialist
Age Served	Pregnant Mothers, 0-3 years old	6 wks. - 8 years old	3-5 years old	0-3 years old	3-5 years old
Location of Service	Center Or At Home	Center	Center	Center At Home Or Daycare	Center At Home Or Daycare
Type of Service	Child Development Parent Involvement Family Support Socialization	Child Development Parent Involvement Family Support Socialization	Child Development Parent Involvement Family Support Socialization	Individual Family Services Planning (I.F.S.P.)	Individual Education Planning (I.E.P.)
Enrollment Slots	12	Varies by age group Limited by space	32	Unlimited	Unlimited
Cost	0	Sliding Fee	0	0	0
Eligibility Determination	Eligibility Criteria Priority Points	Eligibility Criteria Priority Points Parents or Guardians must be full-time employees or students/trainees	Eligibility Criteria Priority Points	Child with documented developmental delays	Child with documented developmental delays

Early Childhood Education Center celebrates Red Ribbon Week and sponsors Fall Health Fair



Photo submitted by Carrie Hastings

The photo to the left shows individuals getting ready to release balloons at the Early Childhood Education Center harvest party held on October 24 in honor of Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign aimed at keeping kids drug-free. A potluck supper and hayrack ride were also included as part of the fun for families that night.

The rest of Red Ribbon week at Ben-no-tteh Wigwam was devoted to decorating classroom doors, wearing red, a Pledge Day, and hosting a Red Ribbon Reach Out Day.

On November 18 Ben-no-tteh Wigwam held a Fall Health Fair that offered health checks and wellness information.

The photo to the right shows Angela Reith, a RN from Jackson County Health Dept., examining Mshewe Hale during the Fair. Holding Mshewe is his mother Shayla Hale.



Photo by Mary Young



PBP Family Health Center Third Quarter Report

Submitted by John Holtz, Health Center Administrator

Patient services – Patient activity levels have continued to trend upward throughout the year. In the first six months of 2005 the average daily activities included 24 patient visits, 26 laboratory tests and 140 prescriptions filled; in the 3rd quarter of 2005 the average daily activity levels rose to 31 patient visits, a 29% increase; 33 lab tests, a 27% increase; and 147 prescriptions filled, a 5% increase. Activity level increases reflect improved patient access, which can be attributed to having three physicians on staff and utilization of our same-day appointment program.

Human Resources – A Community Health Nurse position has been approved and recruitment efforts are underway with interviews beginning in October. A Community Health Task Force has been formed and has met twice in an effort to better coordinate health services provided to at-risk community members in Jackson County. During the third quarter there have been several personnel changes. Rubina Eteeyan (Northern Cheyenne) began work in July as the Benefits/Managed Care Services Supervisor; Sarah Turner (Cherokee) has been hired as a Pharmacy Assistant; and Nancy Davidson (Citizen Band Potawatomi) was promoted from Medical Records Clerk to the Managed Care Coordinator position. Since January 2005 five Native Americans have been hired as staff members and there are currently eight Native American Health Center staff members.

Reimbursement Initiatives – A super bill has been internally developed to facilitate a more efficient and accurate collection of patient encounter data and billing information. Several new medical and dental insurance contracts have been executed which improves our reimbursement.



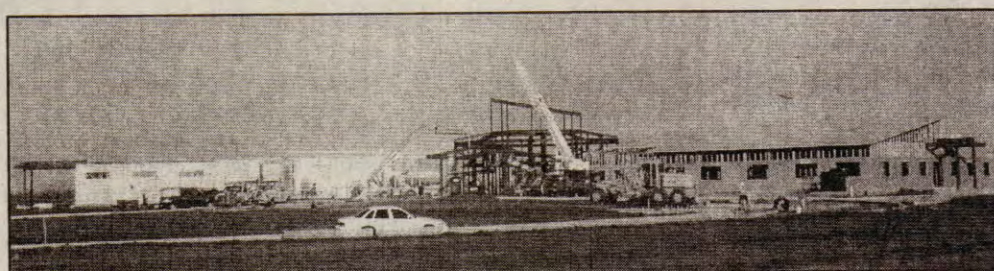
John Holtz, Health Center Administrator

Our billing and collections program continues to be a major success for the Health Center. As of October 1st, \$190,000 has been collected and an additional \$90,000 is in accounts receivable. In comparison, a total of \$10,727 was collected for all of 2004. A comprehensive effort to meet IHS data collection requirements is virtually complete. This initiative addressed data entry deficiencies dating back to January 2004. Patient utilization information is now entered in a timely basis, which assists in optimizing IHS funding for our Health Center.

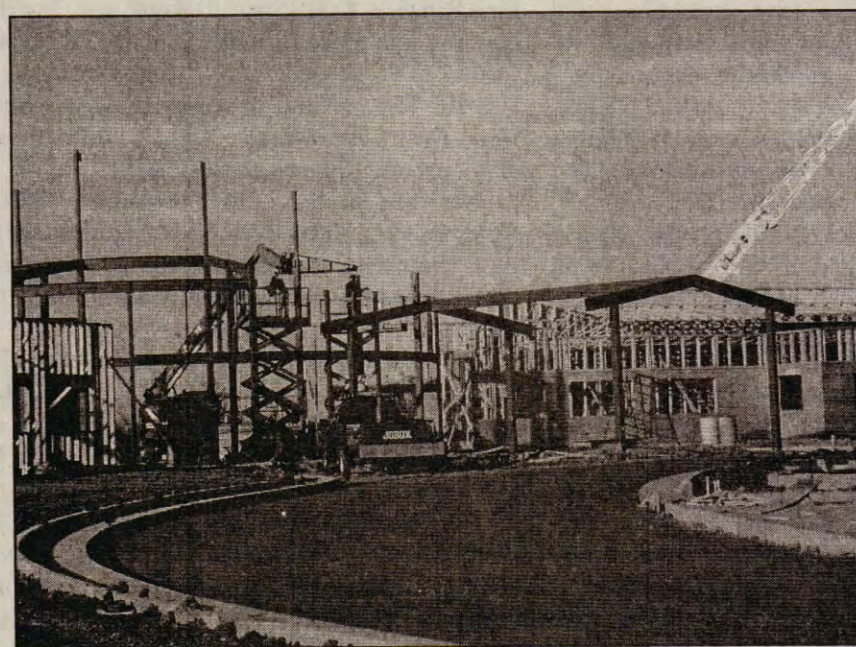
Facilities – Our Health Center building at 510 Kansas Ave in Holton is an attractive and functional space that continues to be an excellent interim location. The ten inches of rainfall on October 1st produced only a small amount of water seepage with no damage. Our new Health Center building is quickly taking shape with the walls being erected. The project remains on schedule to open in the summer of 2006.

Patient Education & Wellness Activities – The first edition of a quarterly newsletter, Diabetes Update, was initiated this fall and mailed to our diabetes patients. The publication's goal is to share the latest diabetes information with our patients. Our medical staff provides medical updates in the PBP News and recently issued a health alert for MRSA, a staphylococcus skin infection, which is best controlled through effective hand washing and cleaning practices. Health Center staff participate in health screenings and fairs including the CHR Health and Safety Fair. In the near future we will be collaborating with the Haskell clinic to sponsor a diabetes prevention program and a new program, "Take a Loved One for a Check-up Day." Flu shots are now available; please stop by the Health Center or request a flu shot at your next appointment.

Latest view of upcoming PBP Family Health Center



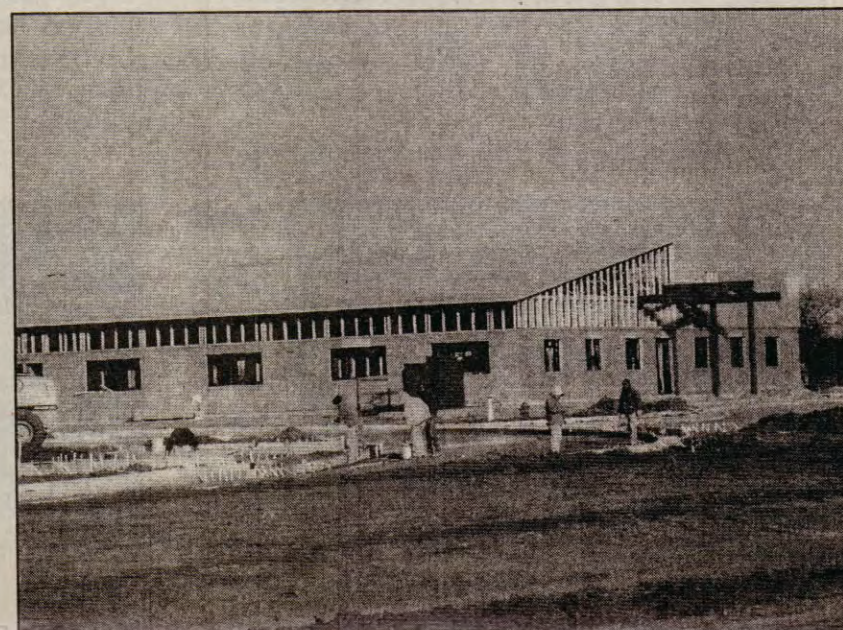
There is much activity at the new clinic site located on 158 Road. Walls, curbs, iron beams, and concrete are all forming what will eventually become the clinic.



A closer view of the construction site.



The workers in the foreground are seen working on the curbing. Concrete was used in some places rather than asphalt.



Hepatitis: inflammation of the liver

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Have you ever wondered what the connection was between someone turning yellow and hepatitis? The yellow color is a chemical made in the liver when the liver is not functioning well. A healthy liver will continue to break down the yellow substance so that it no longer makes a person appear yellow.

When most people use the term "hepatitis" they are referring to an infection of the liver that is caused by a virus (also called infectious hepatitis). There are other causes of damage to a liver, but we will just cover the common infectious causes in this article.

The viruses that commonly cause infections of the liver have been assigned letters of the alphabet.

A – Hepatitis A is a virus that is transmitted by people eating food contaminated with the virus. Good hand washing by food handlers is the best way to prevent the transmission. There are occasionally outbreaks of Hepatitis A in the United States, however most cases occur when people travel outside the United States to countries with a higher rate of Hepatitis A infection. Some people have a brief period (a few days) of vomiting and jaundice (yellow skin) with no recurrence or complications. Others have no symptoms at all. An immunization is available to prevent Hepatitis A in individuals at high risk of infection and in those with weakened immune systems. This involves two shots given six months apart.

B – Hepatitis B is a virus that is transmitted by contamination of a person's blood stream with the body fluids of another person who is infected with Hepatitis B. That means a person can get the infection by sexual contact, exposure of open cuts or mucous membranes to blood products, body wastes or contaminated medical or tattoo needles. Unless there is a break in the skin, transmission of the virus just by touching contaminated body fluid is unlikely

to occur. This is usually a more serious infection than hepatitis A. Although the initial symptoms may be the same as for hepatitis A, the hepatitis B virus stays around a long time and can cause liver cancer down the road. Besides avoidance of contaminated body fluids, the main way to avoid Hepatitis B is to get an immunization for Hepatitis B. This involves three shots. The second shot is given one month after the first shot, and the third shot is given six months after the first shot.

C – Hepatitis C is a virus that is also transmitted by contact with body fluids. Like Hepatitis B above, the infection starts when the virus gets into your blood stream from contaminated body fluids. Sexual contact is a possible source of infection but is much less likely than with Hepatitis B. Most infections are caused by blood to blood exposure. However, in this case, avoidance of contaminated body fluids getting into your blood stream is the only way to avoid infection. There is no vaccine yet to prevent infection. The virus stays in your body a long time after infection, usually the rest of your life. Sometimes, people who received a blood transfusion in the years before 1992 (we started testing our blood supply for Hepatitis C in 1992) or clotting factors before 1987 are just now finding out they have the virus in their blood stream. If you have had a blood transfusion before 1992, we encourage you to have your blood checked for the possibility of a Hepatitis C infection. Sometimes the first indication that you have the infection is a progressively increasing tiredness. Many people get no symptoms at all when they first contract the infection.

There are other viruses that cause infections of the liver and may make patients yellow, but these are less common. If your family members think you are looking more yellow lately, please come in and see the doctor.

We encourage you to avoid these liver infections (and that yellow look) by good personal hygiene, avoidance of contact with blood and body fluids that might be infected with the virus, and immunizations against Hepatitis A and B.



Trans fat

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The editorial staff asked if I could provide some information about trans fats and how they are related to health. In order to understand trans fats we need to start with some basic chemistry. Fatty acids are the building blocks of fat. Fatty acids are chains of carbon that are connected to oxygen at one end. The length of the chain affects the physical properties of the fatty acid. Long chain fatty acids are usually solid or greasy at room temperature while short chain fatty acids are usually liquid or oily at room temperature. Saturation is the other quality of fatty acids. A fully saturated fatty acid is attached to all of the hydrogen that it can hold. Saturated fatty acids are more solid, greasy, and stable than unsaturated fatty acids of the same length. Unsaturated fatty acids are more liquid, oily, and reactive than saturated fatty acids. A more reactive fat would be more likely to burn at lower temperatures or go rancid in shorter periods of time. Unsaturated and polyunsaturated fats are generally better for our diets than saturated fats.

The next concept is the orientation of the hydrogen placement. On an unsaturated chain of carbon molecules hydrogen may be in a cis (on the same side) or trans (on the oppo-

site side) configuration. Both saturated and unsaturated fats occur naturally. When unsaturated fats occur in nature they are almost all in the cis configuration. When unsaturated fats are partially hydrogenated by artificial means the cis and trans orientations occur in equal numbers. This means when you see the label stating a product contains trans fats that the natural unsaturated fats have had hydrogen added by artificial means. This process is usually performed in order to alter the properties of relatively inexpensive oils such as soybean oil to make them resemble more expensive types of fat such as butter. Other types of saturated fats that are imitated by artificial hydrogenation are cream, chicken fat, tallow, and lard.

Naturally occurring saturated fats and dietary cholesterol are the primary dietary ingredients that raise our cholesterol levels. As a general rule, unsaturated and polyunsaturated fats are a better choice when selecting fats for our diet. Trans unsaturated fats appear to raise total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol more than equal amounts to cis unsaturated fats do. Common sources of trans fats are margarine, vegetable shortening, and partially hydrogenated vegetable oil. Common sources of cis unsaturated fats are nuts, olives, olive oil, canola oil, and corn oil. Fats of all kinds are a part of a normal diet. Being aware of what kind and how much fat we have in our diet can help us maintain a healthy weight and cholesterol level.



Clinic Hours

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday
8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday
8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
CLOSED TUESDAY AFTERNOON

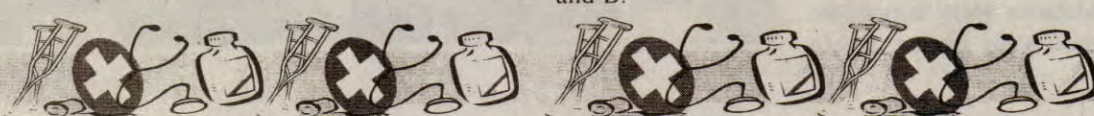
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Tuesday
8:00 a.m. to NOON
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Phone: (785) 364-2176 ext. 227
Toll Free: (866) 727-6330





Area Churches

By Mary Young

Baptist

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

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

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

Catholic

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

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

Methodist

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

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

Pentecostal

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

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

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

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



Steve Cappleman,
Pastor
Lakeview Faith Chapel

Dear brothers and sisters and friends all:

I am praying that this finds you in health and wellness and thankful to God for the blessings you enjoy. Frank Maines, Potawatomi, once told me, "It's either feast or famine for the Indian." I don't think I shall ever forget those words.

I am sure that you would agree with me, that not too many people in this country know what famine is today. We really are living in a land and a time of plenty. This is something we should think about, for if we really do consider our blessings, then I'm sure we will be thankful. The Bible in 1 Timothy 6:1-8 says this, "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment [clothing] let us be therewith content."

It is interesting to me that while men today have so much, they have a tendency to be unthankful. As the generations have passed, and knowledge has increased, it seems like it

takes more and more to make people happy. The Apostle Paul warned Timothy in 2 Timothy 3 that in the last days perilous times would come because men would be unthankful as well as unholy. We should resist this trend of unthankfulness, for an unthankful person is neither happy or holy. We should sit down with our children and grandchildren and tell them of days gone by when there was little and yet people somehow got by and were grateful for what they had.

It has been a tradition in my family to give God thanks before we eat, and at Thanksgiving, time before we eat, each one around the table says what he or she is thankful for. The thing I am most thankful for, is that God loved me enough to send His son Jesus to die for my sins. I am more thankful for my spiritual blessings than I am for my material things.

May God bless each and everyone,
Pastor Steve Cappleman



Happy
Thanksgiving

First Year Forest County Potawatomi Bingo Casino holds cultural event to celebrate their anniversary: Potawatomi Hunting Moon Pow-Wow was held November 4-6



The above visitors to Milwaukee are from Mayetta, Kan., Wis., and Calif. Back row (l-r): Parish Brazelton, Doug Green, Nadas Green, and Tawny Hale. Front row (l-r): Tamo and Kikto Green.

Tawny Hale, from Calif., was selected as the upcoming 2006 Gathering of Nations Pow-wow head woman dancer. Congratulations goes to Nadas who won 2nd place in the Junior Girls Jingle category and Doug who won 2nd place in the Junior Boys Traditional category.



Joe Young was kept busy as the contest dancing judge. He barely stopped long enough to take this photo. His words were, "Hurry, hurry."



Diane Amour took a moment to say hello and pose for the camera before she continued dancing. Diane works in the Native American Studies office at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.



Tom Kitchkumme, Jr., one of the Milwaukee elders, said he quit dancing. A replica of him can be seen at the Milwaukee Public Museum in a contemporary pow-wow scene with him in his famous dance pose.



A view of the front entrance to the Forest County Potawatomi Casino in downtown Milwaukee.

Potawatomi Fire Keepers Elder Center December "2005"

			Thursday	Friday
			Beef Stroganoff Broccoli Spinach Salad Buttered Toast	Tuna Salad Sandwich Navy Bean Soup Garden Salad Cheese & Crackers
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thighs Cacciatore Brown Rice Steamed Zucchini Dinner Roll	Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas and Carrots Tossed Garden Salad Biscuit
Deli Sandwich Chicken Rice Soup Jell-o Fruit Salad Cheese & Crackers	Meatloaf Potato & Beef Gravy Brussels Sprouts Dinner Roll	Corned Beef & Cabbage Grilled Red Potato Peas / Tossed Salad Sliced Wheat Bread	Fire Keepers Elder Centers Annual Christmas Dinner & Potluck	
Beef Stew Buttered Egg Noodles Tossed Garden Salad Biscuit	Lemon Chicken Baked Potato Vegetable Casserole Dinner Roll	Bologna sandwiches Macaroni salad Fruit medley Chefs Salad		
Vegetable Soup Chefs Salad Cheese & Crackers Fruit	Goulash Green Bean / Carrots Tossed Garden Salad Garlic Bread	Parmesan Chicken Potato & Gravy Corn Vegetable Medley Dinner Roll	BBQ Pork Sandwich Potato Salad Pork & Beans Waldorf Salad	Baked Fish Potato & Gravy Brussels Sprouts Dinner Roll
Closed Christmas Holiday	Chicken Pot Pie Buttered Noodles Tossed Salad Biscuit	Baked Pork Chop Scalloped Potato Succotash Salad / Dinner Roll	Beef Stroganoff Broccoli Spinach Salad Buttered Toast	Closed New Years Holiday

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

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

Health and Safety Fair



Carolyn Kennedy of Stormont-Vail in Topeka measured the Body Mass Index (BMI) of Michelle Martin who works for the Tribal Fire/EMS Department during the health fair. Several health-related screenings like the one seen in the photo were offered during the fair.

Photo by Suzanne Heck

Happy Holidays from the PBP News Staff, Recipe Corner, and Fried Bread Man!



Language Department awarded ANA Grant



Bay Mills Community College Immersion Program instructors John Paul Montano and Barbara Nolan, far right, toured the reservation with Sydney VanZile, center.

Bosho from Botewatmi Teshemwen

The Department was awarded an Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Language Grant for two years starting October 2005. During this time, Bay Mills Community College, an accredited Tribal college from Brimley Michigan, will be traveling down to our reservation and providing two components for revitalizing our language.

The first component is a certification in Immersion Instruction. These classes are provided to members who wish to learn to become an immersion instructor. The certification is provided when meeting the level of fluency that has been established by the Bay Mills' Certificate in Nishnaabemwin Immersion Instruction Program. This component will allow for our speakers and future speakers to be trained in a qualified manner and through a practicum, experienced in delivery of immersion instruction.

The second component is Immersion Classes through Bay Mills' Nishnaabemwin Immersion Program. Through these, students will experience classes taught only in the language. This is much like you learned language when you were being taught English as a child. All you need to do is come and listen and enjoy

the class. We viewed this class "in action" and it is very entertaining.

Both components allow a student to earn college credits that are transferable if need be. There is the possibility of earning 32 credits in the Immersion Instruction and 56 credits in the Pane Immersion Program. There is no cost to the student for the college credit.

Overall, these two components are needed to see that we "grow" our own teachers of the language. We have only 5-6 Elder speakers left within the Nation. We have not created a fluent speaker in over 80 years. Our language is in a very critical state. It is all our responsibility to keep our language alive. We cannot say to ourselves that someone else will do it or should do it. We all need to learn our language and keep it alive.

Call the office today, 785-966-2138, to find out how you can be part of this fantastic opportunity. Classes start November 17 - 20 with the next scheduled session for December 1 - 4, 2005. These classes will be ongoing through the next two years.

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Some old photographs: taking a look back

1940s School Days in Marty, South Dakota



Above are students in Grade Four at Marty, South Dakota in 1942 including PBPB's Mildred (Ogden) Rohr, who is second from the right on the front row in the dark dress.



The photo above shows students in Grade Three at Marty, South Dakota in 1943. PBPB member Lyman Ogden is in the middle row fifth from the left.

Photos submitted by Mildred (Ogden) Rohr



Who are these people?



Tribal member Chuck Jacobson, Holton found this photograph in some items that his mother, Virginia Jacobson (deceased) collected through the years when she owned Holton Northside Antiques. Chuck thinks the couple are Potawatomi and he said that he believes the beaded sash draped across the man's feet has some significance. If you have any information about who the couple is call him at 785.966.2760.

Call for Grand Prairie class photos taken in the 1930s and 1940s on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation. Contact the PBPB News, PO Box 116, Mayetta, KS 66509.

Military News

Completes Basic Training



PVT. Jessica Wishkeno, of the Kickapoo Reservation graduated from Army Basic Training on October 7, 2005 at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. After graduation she was sent to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama to complete her advanced individual training for Ammunition Specialist. She is expected to graduate in Mid-January. PVT. Wishkeno is following in the military footsteps of her Marine grandparents, "Chub" and the late Rose Masquat.

Support our Troops

Write to

PFC Robert W. Jackson
HHB (FWD) 1-127th FA
APO-AE 09316



Josh holding 1 1/2 year-old Philip Bonilla

To my Sonny Boy, Freddie Joshua Bonilla "Josh." Congratulations on your graduation from Applied Science/Computer Engineering A. A. degree on Sept. 22, 2005.

He is leaving for the Marines on Nov. 14, 2005.

From: "Granny" Verna Marie Shegongee Rodriguez, Grampa, little Philip, Chofa, Cecilia, Chumby and Jennifer, and all of your aunts, uncles, and cousins are so proud of you and we will miss you so much.

Halloween Fun



At left is John Rupnicki (gargoyle) and Patko Mitchell (Elvis) who won first place for their costumes at the Community Halloween party held October 30 at Prairie People's Park. Special thanks to Jona Rupnicki for submitting the photo.

The photo to the left shows Adele Thomas from the Drug and Alcohol Dept. passing out candy to Ben-no-tteh Wigwam trick or treaters who visited the We-Ta-Se building on Halloween day.



Ben-no-tteh Wigwam News



Nathan Hale with son, Isaac.

Saluting all the father figures in children's lives!

- A big brother
- an uncle
- a grandfather
- a daddy
- a positive role model

Ben-no-tteh Wigwam has implemented a fatherhood initiative program. To learn more about the program call the Ben-no-tteh Wigwam at 785.966-2527.

Ben-no-tteh dates to remember

Dec. 22-30 No Headstart classes for Christmas break
Dec. 26 Center closed for Christmas
Jan. 2 Center closed for New Years

Words from Ona Knoxsah: A Name We Call Ourselves

Submitted by Ona Knoxsah

I never gave serious thought as to why I choose to call myself an *American Indian* or how the term might affect my identity. I have lived my whole life submerged in the concept that I am an *American Indian/Native American*. Just recently a fellow *Native* asked me, "Why do you call yourself an *American Indian*? *Indigenous* or *First Nations* fit us more correctly," he argued.

My first response to the question was, "Yeah, I agree; we're not Indians because we're not from India." That name is misleading and flat out wrong. We are the direct ancestors of the *Original Ones* who danced, hunted, prayed, survived, and gave rise on this continent, specifically the country known as the United States of America. There are more than 500 federally recognized tribes; we each have a language, traditions, ways of life, a creation story, and a name we call ourselves.

Coming up with one name to represent more than 500 different tribal groups in the United States might be applicable if *Natives* had "discovered" the Eastern Hemisphere, labeled them *Easter Eggs* (a completely irrelevant term to

identify the people by), and then 500 years later, asked them, "Which politically correct term do you wish to be called?"

All those different people from different regions have maintained different environments, languages, religions, governments, and ways of life. Even though the word *Easter Egg* is not what they ever called themselves, and since it has been forced upon them by the dominant society, the *Natives*, would they still use the word "Easter" or the word "egg" to identify themselves?

On a more serious note, *American Indian* is the term many of our respected establishments and foundations have been built on. Are not the terms *American Indian Movement*, *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*, *Division of Indian Work*, the *Indian Child Welfare Act*, "Indian Country," and *Haskell Indian Nations University*, (just to name a few), empowering terms? Despite the fact that *American Indian* is the word bestowed upon us by the federal government, it is a name we call our own and some of us, including myself, take much pride in it.

In 1492 when the *Long Knives* docked massive structures never seen by the *Native* eye along the shores of India, so began our most

famously known reference: *Indians*. It wasn't until 1924 when the U.S. government granted citizenship of the United States to *Indians* that the name *American Indians* came to be. Towards the latter half of the 20th century, people realized we are not of *Indian* descent, and actually cared so much to refer to us as *Native Americans*.

Growing up in a multicultural urban environment, I have become fond of being referred to as an *American Indian* by immigrants to this country. Yet in the presence of other *American Indians* I refer to us as *Natives*. When I am at home, *Shinob* is the term we call ourselves. It comes from the *Ojibwe* word *Anishinabe*, which translated into *English* means: *The Original People*.

The first half of the rising question in Indian Country today is: "Why don't we change the name we have been given?" The fact that *Indian* is the name the *Long Knives* gave us and not a name we chose for ourselves, is pressing many *Natives* to refer to themselves as *Indigenous*, *First Nations*, and *Aboriginal*. These names are still in the *English* dictionary, but are more empowering and accurate terms.

The second half of the question is: "Why

don't we focus our energy on more practical issues that would efficiently 'save' our people such as: health care, housing, education, tribal matters, etc?" Even though a certain issue may hold more importance to one than the other, the fact that it remains an issue, is the issue.

If our people weren't protesting the Columbus Day parade in downtown Denver every year, some people might not know we exist. If we didn't care about our *Native* images being used as mascots for *non-Native* sports teams, some people might think of us as savage animals. If our people let Leonard stay in prison without putting up a fight, some people might think of us as incompetent: without civilization, without education, without a voice. As a *People* who care about all the issues at hand, we will let our voice be heard, no matter what anyone thinks about the importance of our issues.

Ona Knoxsah is a junior at Haskell Indian Nations University who is majoring in *American Indian Studies*. Her educational goal is to teach U.S. History from an *American Indian* perspective to high school students.



Newsmakers



PBPN's David Rodriguez's logo, seen at left, was picked as the winner of the Commanders Logo Contest held by We-Ta-Se members for this year's Veteran's Pow-Wow held on November 12. David's design was selected out of eight entries and appeared on the back of the 2005 We-Ta-Se T-shirts.



Congratulations to Sierra Pahnahmie who won first place in the third grade division of the Jackson County Conservation District poster contest. She will receive a trophy at the District's annual meeting on February 8 in Holton, Kan.



Congratulations to Nolan Pahnahmie on being selected to the Big 7 League All-League Football Team

Nolan attends Royal Valley High School

Gabriel Martinez flew to New Orleans in October to help with the aftereffects of Hurricane Rita.



Daniel Martinez has also recently become certified as an American Red Cross volunteer.



Leo & Micki Martinez & Boy Scout Troop 49 invite you to attend an **Eagle Court of Honor** to award **Daniel Joseph Martinez** the rank of **Eagle Scout**

December 3, 2005, 2 p.m.
Highland Heights Christian Church
Tecumseh, Kansas



Happy Birthday Wahp Hale

Wishing you the best birthday ever!

With love, Yvette, Rainer, and the little one.

Happy Birthday



Verona Lewis
November 12

Got something cool to report? Send it to the Potawatomi News
•birthdays
•anniversaries
•weddings



Card of thanks and get well wishes



Dr. William J. Carr

A note of thanks to the PBPN

William J. Carr, (Bill) wishes to thank the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for the help he received while pursuing higher education. Sharon McClane was especially helpful over the years. Bill received his Bachelor's of Science degree at Wright State University in August 1993 and a Master's of Science at Fort Hays State University in July 1998. He then worked as a licensed therapist in Missouri. He earned his Doctor of Psychology degree, graduating Magna Cum Laude on October 15, 2005 from Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield, Missouri. He is currently employed with SE Kansas Mental Health.

Submitted by Mary Carr



Get well wishes to Virgiline Pierson

May you have a speedy recovery

Note: The McKinney family would like to return a chair that someone let Smokey use at the cemetery plus a pan that contained lasagna. Please claim these items from Agnes McKinney at 15207 Tallgrass Ct., Mayetta, Kan.

Kanibwēttēk

(the one's that stood up together)

Greda Balfour and William J. Carr

October 11, 2005

Michelle Lee Wahquahboshkuk and Steven Virgil Albright

September 22, 2005

Kamboŋtēk (Those who died)

Thomas Joseph Ogden

Thomas Joseph Ogden, 44, Mayetta, died Oct. 22, 2005, at his home. He was born July 31, 1961, in Falls City, Neb., the son of Charles and Cora Humm. He graduated from Waverly High School and Southeast Community College in Milford, Neb. Mr. Ogden was a gaming inspector for the Potawatomi and Kickapoo tribes. He had lived in Mayetta for two years and previously lived in Hiawatha. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a life member of the National Rifle Association. He married Barb Boberg. They later divorced. He married Louise Ashawasegai-Ogden on Sept. 14, 2000, in Hiawatha. She survives. Other survivors include his parents, Charles and Cora Humm, Elmwood, Neb.; a son, Tap-See "Jubal" Ogden, Mayetta; a daughter, Aurora Ashawasegai, Henvey Inlet First Nation in Canada; two stepsons, Michael Ashawasegai, Mayetta, and Jason Ashawasegai, Afion, N.S., Canada; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Ashawasegai, Mayetta; a sister, Mary Humm, Shonto, Ariz.; four brothers, Tim Humm, Dennis Humm and Dan Humm, all of Eagle, Neb., and Ira Humm, Lincoln, Neb.; and many grandchildren. Native traditional services will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 26 at Mr. Ogden's home, 12417 142nd Road, Mayetta. There will be a wake the evening of Oct. 25 at the home. Burial will be in Prairie Peoples Cemetery near Mayetta. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. (Courtesy of Holton Recorder 10/24/05)



James N. McKinney

The Rev. James N. McKinney (Nanimukshkuk), age 77, of Mayetta died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at a Topeka hospital. He was born March 27, 1928 on the Potawatomi Reservation west of Mayetta, the son of James Noonan and Gladys Pam-Nuck-Nuck McKinney. He attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City and received diplomas in Theology and Religious Education. He was retired clergy and retired military, having served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950-1954 and from 1955-1971. He was an Elder Language Cultural Research Person with the Potawatomi Language Department. The Rev. McKinney was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and was an elder of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. He also was an elder for the Eagle Talon Brotherhood and was a member of We-Ta-Se Post 410 of the American Legion serving as their chaplain. His wife, Olive Agnes Viers of the home, survives him. They were married for 51 years. Other survivors include: four daughters, Darlene Young of Edgewater, Md., Karen Kennedy of Santa Fe, Tenn., Leah Douglas of Independence, Mo., and Rebekah McKinney of Grain Valley, Mo.; his son, Dr. Smokey McKinney of Lawrence; 12 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. The family will greet friends beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday evening with a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2005, at the funeral home. Interment with military honors will follow at Prairie People's Cemetery on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. (Courtesy of the Holton Recorder 10/26/05)

Eugene R. "Chub" Masquat

Eugene R. "Chub" Masquat, "No-ko-wat," 70, Mayetta, died Nov. 15, 2005, at a Topeka hospital. He was born Oct. 26, 1935, in Horton, the son of Robert Eugene and Carrie Puckee Masquat. He attended Haskell Institute and Washburn University. Mr. Masquat was a United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant from 1955 to 1975. He served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a lifetime member of We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 in Mayetta. He married Teno Walker. She died Nov. 27, 2004. Survivors include two sons, Robert E. Masquat, Topeka, and James N. Masquat, Mayetta; three daughters, Susan E. Torres and Rachel V. Masquat, both of Mayetta, and Gayle A. Masquat, in Oklahoma; four sisters, Drusa Wabaunsee, Hoyt, Val McKinney and Yvonne Masquat, both of Lawrence, and Carol Garrison, Hartford, Conn.; and 12 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Nov. 18 at the Danceground building west of Mayetta. Burial will be in the Nelson Potts Cemetery on Nov. 19. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. We-Ta-Se will perform full military honors. (Courtesy of Holton Recorder 11/16/05)

Betty L. Blue

Betty L. Blue, 79, Holton, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, at Holton Community Hospital. She was born July 28, 1926, in Osage City, the daughter of Thomas and Helen Hamlin Blue. Mrs. Blue was a cook with Royal Valley Schools for several years. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Hoyt and had been attending Christ's Church. She married Galen McClane on April 8, 1944, in Fairview. He died in October 1990. She later married Jim Abbott. He died in 2000. She also was preceded in death by a son, Richard McClane, in 2003, and a brother, Richard Blue, in 1983. Survivors include two sons, Thomas E. McClane, Apache Junction, Ariz., and Dennis R. McClane, Onaga; a daughter, Linda G. Lister, Holton; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 19 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in Holton Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 18 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. (Courtesy of Holton Recorder 11/16/05)

I gwi en and Mi gwetch (thank you)

Bo-sho Ni-kan-ek,
The family of Jim McKinney extends our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the community for the outpouring of love, prayers, friendship, hospitality, food, and all manner of kindnesses shown toward us during his recent illness and death. We would like to acknowledge the caring support shown by the EMT's, and we salute the We-Ta-Se comrades and the head drum Southern Warparty, who honored us when they performed the song in Jim's honor at the 2005 Veteran's Pow-Wow. We were heartened to see how many folks respected him, responded to his faith, and enjoyed his humor. He left so unexpectedly, and we know that you will miss his ability to be calm and content, no matter how aggravating the situation; the neighborhood will admittedly be a bit dull without its "incorrigible" punster. But our faith in Christ's triumph over death assures us that our loss is not final - we will see Jim again one day, so we say, not "good-bye", but "pama mine"... see you next time.

God bless you,
Agnes, Darlene, Karen, Smokey, Leah and Becky

"The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed."
Proverbs 11:25 (The Message)

The Benedict A. "Ben" Fox family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to Tribal Council and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for the flower arrangements, encouragement and support.

Thank you again,
The Fox Family



November
Pokm̄enes̄en Kis̄es
Cranberry Moon

Benedict A. Fox

Benedict A. "Ben" Fox, 79, of Holton, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at his home. He was born July 11, 1926, at Seneca, the son of Albert and Elizabeth (Bokern) Fox. Mr. Fox was a farmer near Seneca and worked in a filling station at Baileyville. In 1960, he and his family moved to a farm southwest of Holton. They moved to a farm in the Banner Grange area in 1966, then moved into Holton several years ago. He was a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton, Holton Knights of Columbus Council No. 4219, and a U.S. Army Veteran, having served in the Korean War. He married Julia "Marge" Lundin on June 28, 1950, at St. Marys. She survives. He was preceded in death by six brothers, Vincent Fox and Ignatius Fox, who were stillborn, Don Fox, Raymond "Butch" Fox, Sylvester Fox, Sr., and Albert Fox, Jr. Other survivors include three sons, Robert E. Fox and wife Gin, Holton, Don A. Fox and wife Cindy, and Terry L. "Pete" Fox and wife Jocylene, all of Mayetta; one daughter, Sharon A. Ybarra and husband Frank, Topeka; three sisters, Mildred Oenbring, Seneca, Sister Aurelia Fox, O.S.B., Atchison, and Loretta Jurko, in Oklahoma, 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Dominic Catholic Church. Burial with military honors will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery west of Holton. Mr. Fox will lie in state after 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. A Knights of Columbus and Parish Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, followed by visitation. Memorials are suggested to the St. Dominic Building Fund or Jackson County Friends of Hospice, and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com (Courtesy of the Holton Recorder 10/26/05)



By Mary Young

Friday, November 11 festivities:

A memorial service with a 21-gun salute was held at the Veteran's Memorial Wall at Prairie Peoples park on November 11 that included the laying of a wreath and the unveiling of a stainless steel eagle staff made by tribal member Brandon Shopteese. The addition of names to the wall and reading of the names was part of the memorial and are listed as follows:

- Baker, Linda D., Granada
- Bailey, Daryl Ray, Vietnam
- Kitchkummie, Wayne, M., Vietnam
- Martin Jr., Richard Allen, Desert Storm
- O'Dell, Michael Franchis, Vietnam
- Zakar III, John H., Iraq

Saturday, November 12 festivities:

A "Ride for American Indian Post 410" started the festivities on Saturday. Hardy Eteeyan and Bob Hubbard were instrumental in organizing a motorcycle ride to raise monies for Post 410 to purchase new dress boots for the honor guard. An estimated 22 participated in the 170-mile bike ride; they raised \$343 for the cause.

In addition, the 8th Annual We-Ta-Se Veterans Pow-wow were held at the 4-H building in Holton. This year the Honored Veteran was Lawrence E. Hale and Lorrie C. Wahwasuck.



An historical note:

The Origin of TAPS

Courtesy of Jari Villanueva, Bugle Historian
www.tapsbugler.com

Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than Taps. Up to the Civil War, the traditional call at day's end was a tune borrowed from the French called Lights Out. In July of 1862, in the aftermath of the bloody Seven Days battles, hard on the loss of 600 men and wounded himself, Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield called the brigade bugler to his tent. He thought "Lights Out" was too formal and he wished to honor his men. Oliver Wilcox Norton, the bugler, tells the story, "...showing me some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, [he] asked me to sound them on my bugle. I did this several times, playing the music as

written. He changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me. After getting it to his satisfaction, he directed me to sound that call for Taps thereafter in place of the regulation call. The music was beautiful on that still summer night and was heard far beyond the limits of our Brigade. The next day, I was visited by several buglers from neighboring Brigades, asking for copies of the music, which I gladly furnished. The call was gradually taken up through the Army of the Potomac."

This more emotive and powerful Taps was soon adopted throughout the military. In 1874, it was officially recognized by the U.S. Army. It became mandatory at military funeral ceremonies in 1891. There is something singularly beautiful and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate in the air.

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▲ Lorrie Wahwassuck served in the Army National Guard for six years. She said she is proud to be in the Guards and misses it.

▼ Lawrence E. Hale served in the U.S. Army.



< We-Ta-Se posting the colors (l-r): Leroy Mzhickteno, Andy Mitchell, Francis Jensen, BJ Darnall, Lawrence E. Hale, and Leroy Pelkey, Jr.

> Beth Wabnum, Kickapoo Post 415 and Leroy Pelkey, Jr., We-Ta-Se Post 410 each carried a flag during Grand



> Ben Joslin is the bugler for the We-Ta-Se Post 410. Seen here, he is playing Taps.



▲ Veterans (l-r): Jim Darnall, Delphine Knoxsah and Roy Hale participate in the Grand Entry followed by the Auxiliary Post 410 (l-r): Brenda Darnall, Kitty Shopteese, Alice Potts, and Joan Rebar. Not visible and behind Roy Hale is Lola Wilson.



We-Ta-Se Post 410 was established in 1989 with 15 members. Today the Post has 81 members with 50 lifetime members.

Letters to the Editor

The veterans of We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 deeply regret the mishap at this year's Veteran's Pow Wow. The Princess selection committee's final ballot sheet was some how misplaced and the Princess applications were received with the number's 1,2,3 on them. Unfortunately that is how they were announced. The Veteran's committee will strive to make sure this does not happen in the future and we have taken corrective measures to assure that it will not. We sincerely apologize to everyone attending the Veteran's Pow Wow and especially to the young women involved in the princess pageant.

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Francis Shopteese, Senior Liaison Officer, We-Ta-Se Post 410

To the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and We-Ta-Se Legion Post #410:

In light of the recent events regarding the Prairie Band Potawatomi Princess contest held on November 12, 2005, we would like to express ourselves to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the We-Ta-Se Legion Post #410.

While we appreciate the efforts in addressing the situation, on behalf of Nadas Green and her family, we respectfully decline the offers of the Miss Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation or Jr. Miss Prairie Band Potawatomi titles and crown.

It is at this time in Nadas' young and impressionable life, we feel that it is appropriate for us, her parents and family, to help her understand what is most important in life. We have talked to our daughter about the things that we feel are important such as family, friendship, honor, and our way of life. While it may not be plain to her or us why things have happened this way, we truly believe that these things have happened for a reason and someday we will be able to see why we have been presented with this challenge. In an effort to preserve our friendships with all the candidates, their families, Selection Committee members, and We-Ta-Se, and also to eliminate any hard feelings that may have come from this unfortunate event, we have decided to remove our daughter from any competition associated with the Princess title.

We have explained to our daughter that our family has been very fortunate to travel to many places to attend powwows and meet new friends. We have explained to her that powwows are social events where we are able to gather with other Native Americans and celebrate our culture and diversity. We have also explained that she, as well as our family, represents the Tribe during our travels, even without a title or crown, and that we will continue to do so. We explained to Nadas that being crowned as a powwow princess is a great honor; however, it is not the most important thing in life. We have encouraged our daughter to continue dancing and sharing her talents with her family and friends.

Our family would also like to communicate that we do not place blame on any parties and that we have the utmost respect for all the candidates, their families, the Selection Committee, and the We-Ta-Se Legion Post #410.

In conclusion, we would like to convey our sincere gratitude for the consideration that the We-Ta-Se Legion Post #410 and the Princess Selection Committee has shown our daughter. With that being said, we will move on and keep enjoying watching our children grow and have fun.

Respectfully,
Coleen & Merle Green
& Family of Nadas Green



< Laverne Hale, head lady dancer, poses for the camera.



▲ 2006 Princess Pageant contestants (l-r): Nadas Green (jingle dress), Ella Garcia (fancy shawl) and Brittany Pelkey (jingle dress).



▲ BJ Darnall helps out at the concession stand.



▲ Dancer Candelaria poses with her dad Jose and brother Joseph Alcantar.



▲ Dianna Payne was one of the vendors at the pow-wow.



< Spectators Mary Lewis and Joe Jessepe taking a break to sample the food.

