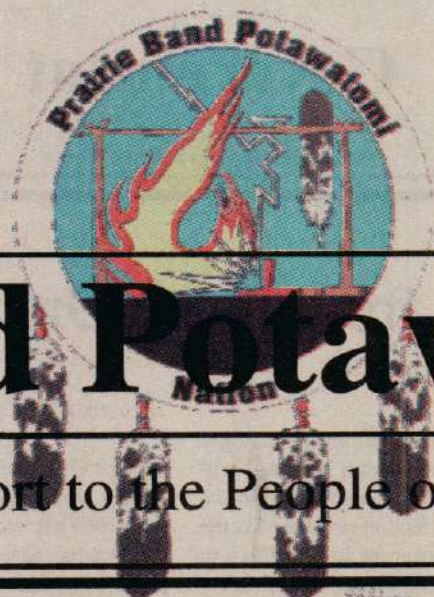


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November 2007 EDITION

A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Gaming Commission Candidates

(2 positions available)

- Calvin Evans
- Marty Greemore
- Chago Hale
- Tammy McClammy
- Vernon Mzhickteno
- Jona Rupnicki
- Adriana Wahwasuck
- Raphael Wahwassuck

Important dates

November 30, 4 p.m.	Last day for candidates to withdraw from election
January 3, 4 p.m.	Last day to register
January 18	Ballots mailed to registered voters only
February 26	Election Day

About Gaming Commission candidate submissions to the News

•The *News* will publish a photo (the one submitted to Elections Office that will be placed on the ballot) and a profile of candidates (must be submitted by the candidate) in upcoming issues of the *News* until the election. The first submission will be the only one used in all issues of the paper and no changes will be accepted after the first publication. No political advertising will be accepted.

•Profiles (recommended 500 words or less) must be submitted by December 10 (early deadline for Christmas holidays) to the *News* office. Electronic submissions in microsoft word are preferred and can be sent by email to suzanneh@pbpnation.org.

PBP directors of departments and programs bracing for 2008 budget cuts

By Suzanne Heck

At press time the directors of the PBP government were waiting to learn just how much their departments and programs were going to be impacted by a \$6 to \$9 million dollar reduction in the government's operating budget for 2008.

Approximately 30 percent of the workforce (around 60 to 70 positions) are on tap to be laid off at the beginning of 2008 with the number including vacant positions that have not been filled.

Reducing expenditures in the government's operations from 70 percent to 52 percent became necessary after the tribal membership voted by a margin of 3 to 1 to increase per capita distributions from 30 to 48 percent last October.

Shortly after the vote, tribal leaders began the arduous task of having to adjust the cash flow distribution from casino revenues which is projected at remaining about the same (\$52-\$55million) to meet the increased per capita expense. Even though tribal members won't see the increase until the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) is voted on in the upcoming Gaming Commission election, and is approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Tribal Council, with advice from the Finance Department, felt it needed to act now to prepare for the future.

In separate articles (inside this issue of the *News* on page 2) Ryan Dyer, treasurer, and Steve Ortiz, chairman, of the Tribal Council discuss how the government operations will be reduced. In his article Ortiz breaks the 70 percent down by illustrating that the tribe's government has been used to spending 37 percent on economic development, 30 percent on tribal government, 2 percent on general welfare and 1 per

cent on Charitable Contributions but now those numbers will have to be reduced.

Just how that will be done has been a huge task recently undertaken by the PBP Budget Committee, comprised of staff from the Finance Department and the General Managers office, PBP directors, and the Tribal Council. All groups have been meeting at various times together and separately to iron things out.

To keep the lines of communication open with employees, two special meetings have been called by Tribal Council to inform department and program directors about what they can expect.

At the first meeting held November 9, Chairman Ortiz told the group that he and Tribal Council were working with what he termed the 3 Rs: a reduction in force, a reduction in programs and a reorganization of the tribal government.

"Tribal Council has been traumatized by this," he said. "This has not been an easy thing to do and I want to publicly thank all the directors who have helped us make some very hard decisions and for your courage."

At a second meeting on November 20, Heather Guillen-Woltje, Human Resources Director, outlined some changes that will take place concerning the re-organization of some of the government's operations and some changes that will occur concerning employee policies and benefit packages for 2008.

In concluding the meeting, Jim Shane told directors that the budgets should be finalized during the first week in December and that his door is always open for directors to come and talk.

December per capita coming up

Up-to-date information needed by December 7

Submitted by Jim Garcia, Per Capita Department

With the December per capita distribution just around the corner, the Per Capita Department and Enrollment Department want to remind all tribal members how important it is to keep your personal information updated.

All personal information changes (i.e.name changes, address changes) should be submitted to the Enrollment Department. Contact them at 785.966.3934 or toll free at 877.715.6789 if you have questions or changes to report. Once the Enrollment Department receives your changes they will then forward that information to both the Per Capita and Elections Department.

Submitted by the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department

All banking information updates need to be submitted directly to the Per Capita Department. Call them at 785.966.3993 or toll free at 866.277.3722.

To ensure that your December per capita is not delayed all changes need to be made no later than December 7. Prompt per capita payments will not be guaranteed if changes are made after the December 7 deadline.

Hours for both departments are 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department respond to house fire on the PBP reservation

Submitted by the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department

The Potawatomi Fire Department responded to a structure fire on October 30 at 7015 126 Road, Delia, Kan. that was on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Hoyt and Mayetta Fire Departments along with Jackson County EMS were also requested to respond to the fire for assistance.

As the units approached they saw a large column of dark black smoke and after arriving found a single story, wood framed structure that had smoke showing.

The firefighters entered the home and found fire in the living room and a back bedroom. Firefighters were able to rapidly bring the fire under control saving the rest of the structure.

The fire was investigated with the assistance of the Kansas State Fire Marshall's Office and the Topeka Fire Department Investigations Division including a K-9. The fire caused extensive damage to the interior of the home. The residence was unoccupied at the time of the fire. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

Julia Kabance to be featured in Sunflower Legionnaire Magazine



Submitted by Roy Hale

Julia Kabance, 97, a life member of the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410, will be featured in an upcoming issue of Sunflower Legionnaire Magazine.

Julia is being recognized as one of the old-

est Native American veterans in the United States.

She was born on August 10, 1910 and served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. She was in the Adjutant Corps stateside while in the service.

She resides in St. Marys, Kan.

Something to quack about!



A community talent show was held in the newly renovated Rock/Community Building on November 15 and 16. A good crowd attended the shows both nights and proceeds generated from admission and an auction and raffle were divided among the top three finalists. Two tribal members organized and sponsored the show them including Carol Dewitt, above, who performed her famous PKwa'kwa (chicken) dance. Julia Lewis was the other sponsor of the show. For more information and photographs of the winners see page 10 inside this issue of the *News*.



Christmas holiday closings

December 24-26	Government offices closed
December 31	Government offices closed
January 1	Happy New Year

Early *News* mail out on December 19 so get items in by Dec. 10



Message to the Nation from Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Chairman

Dear Tribal Members,

I wish to say thanks to all the Tribal members who supported me and put me in this place of honor as chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I will do my utmost to fulfill the responsibilities of the chair position. I also thank all the tribal members who voted and participated in the Nation's election process. To the candidates who ran for chair I say thank you for having the courage to be willing to be an active participant in our Nation's government and by willing to commit to serving the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

During my first month in office the Tribal Council has begun working on a plan to reorganize the tribal government to fit the revised Revenue Allocation Plan of having 52% government spending and 48% per capita to all members. The revision of the Revenue Allocation Plan has taught Tribal Council a new meaning of the three R's which now stand for reduction in force, reduction in programs, and reorganization. Previously tribal government was accustomed to spending 70% (37% Economic Development (E.D.), 30% Tribal Government (T.G.), 2% General Welfare (G.W.), and 1% Charitable Contributions (C.C.) of net revenues from the casino operation and now must plan to only spend 52%. Tribal Council is developing a draft plan for reduction in force by not filling unfilled positions and eliminating as few as possible positions to meet the \$6 million dollar reduction to meet the 52% tribal government portion of the Revenue Allocation Plan. Reduction in force alone will not meet the reduction needs and now programs will need to be examined. Tribal Council will begin looking at what programs need to continue to be operated and which ones will need to be reduced. Also some programs due to grants and agreements with the U.S. government will need to be funded until the end of their fiscal year. Lastly, the tribal government will need to reorganize by consolidating some departments to fit the 52% plan for tribal government operations. Tribal Council has a target date of early

December 2007 to have a draft plan to base 2008 operating budgets on.

In other business, the Tribal Council has been working on meeting with officials from the Indian Health Service Office of Self-Governance from the Area Office and in Washington, D.C. on funding for 2008 healthcare dollars. A Final Agreement plan will be presented to both parties next week. In addition, Tribal Council has met with officials from CR & Associates who manage the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Health Clinic. Tribal Council has agreed to a one-year extension with CR & Associates and to work on a transition plan for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to manage the health facility in 2009. Tribal Council will be working with CR & Associates over the next few quarters to finalize a plan for 2009.

In other news, Tribal Council has begun reviewing the possibility of building a Reverse Osmosis (R.O.) water treatment plant. Tribal Council is eligible for grant funding to do a feasibility study on the water plant. Along that line, Tribal Council has met with officials from Rural Water District #3 (R.W.D.#3) to discuss the impact of the water plant and to consider the sharing of customer data on who could be served by the R.O. plant. At one time the Prairie Band casino was charged a higher commercial water rate but that rate was lowered to be the same as all other customers. Currently R.W.D. #3 charges \$5.70/1000 gals. to the casino and all other customers. Tribal Council needs to determine if a R.O. water treatment plant can bring a cost lower than \$5.70/1000 gals. to be feasible. The final cost of the R.O. water plant could be several million dollars with plant, labor, chemicals, and water lines to where services will be provided. Lastly, 687 tribal members signed up and received ballots for the B.I.A. Secretarial Election concerning the Constitutional Amendments. Recent phone calls to the Election Office wanted to know if they have to vote on all amendments and the answer is no. Also if less than 30% (206 or less) of the ballots that were mailed out to the 687 who registered are received back, the election will be voided by the B.I.A.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels when they go to visit family and friends over this holiday.



From the office of Ryan Dyer, Tribal Council Treasurer

Bozho and Happy Autumn!

I would like to better inform you on an important 2008 vote that will be inclusive on the Gaming Commission election ballot. This vote is to amend our Nation's Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP). Our RAP is created by the Nation and submitted to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for approval. In order to conduct gaming on a reservation, a tribe must have an approved RAP. Because we have approved amending an increase in the per capita portion of the RAP, the Nation needs to now amend the RAP and submit it to the NIGC. Once the NIGC has approved the new RAP, we can increase the per capita payments to our membership.

At the October 2007 General Council meeting, the membership in attendance requested that we submit the new RAP to all of our membership in a mail-out ballot as opposed to taking action to forward it to the NIGC from a vote on the floor.

In general, the RAP is merely the framework for distributing the revenue from the casino operation. The government operations and programs are dictated by the budgeting process within this framework, and are not affected by changes within the RAP with the exception of the per capita portion that is paid directly to our membership. Since the per capita portion is increasing to 48%, we need to adjust the tribal government budgets to reflect the change in cash flow to the Nation; hence, from 70% of gaming revenue to 52%.

There will be two RAP options to select on the ballot.

Option One

Option One reduces Economic Development to our actual development expenses. Currently, some items in economic development are actually government operation programs. This amendment would correct that inaccurate categorization of our programs. General welfare will increase to include Social Services, Housing, Education, and other welfare service programs for our membership.

Government operations would still include Health Clinic, Maintenance, Road and Bridge, EPA, and other functional government programs (some of these programs are currently in Economic Development).

Option Two

Option Two simplifies the RAP considerably. Economic Development is still reduced to development activities.

All government employees and their departments would be included in the Government Operations portion of the RAP (including all general welfare).

Charitable Contributions are eliminated from the RAP. This does not mean that donations will cease from the Nation, but they will become a budgeted expense and not a mandatory expense as dictated by the NIGC.

I will support the submission of Option Two for these reasons:

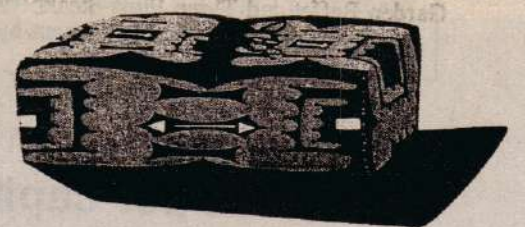
sons:

- There is no need to complicate the RAP, and this is the simplest plan. Nothing will be left out of the overall governmental structure that is in Option One, however it allows the Nation more flexibility in budgeting for these items.
- The NIGC has the ability to audit our RAP for compliance (and has done so in 2006). The Nation would not want to instigate a dispute regarding the proper categorization of a road maintenance project, for example, (i.e., is it Economic Development or Government Operations?). This plan reduces the categories so that we can interpret the categorical definitions as broadly as possible.

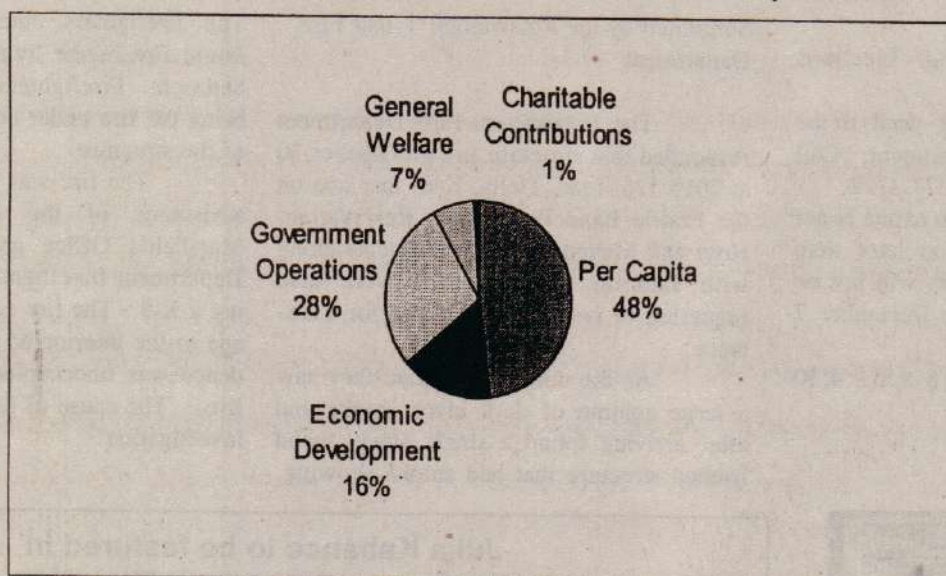
I encourage you to review these two options carefully and exercise your right to vote in the next election. Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this important amendment to our Tribal Government or on any business of the Nation.

I also encourage you to read my blog (www.pbnews.blogspot.com) as I am attempting to keep our membership informed of the activities of the Nation on a daily basis.

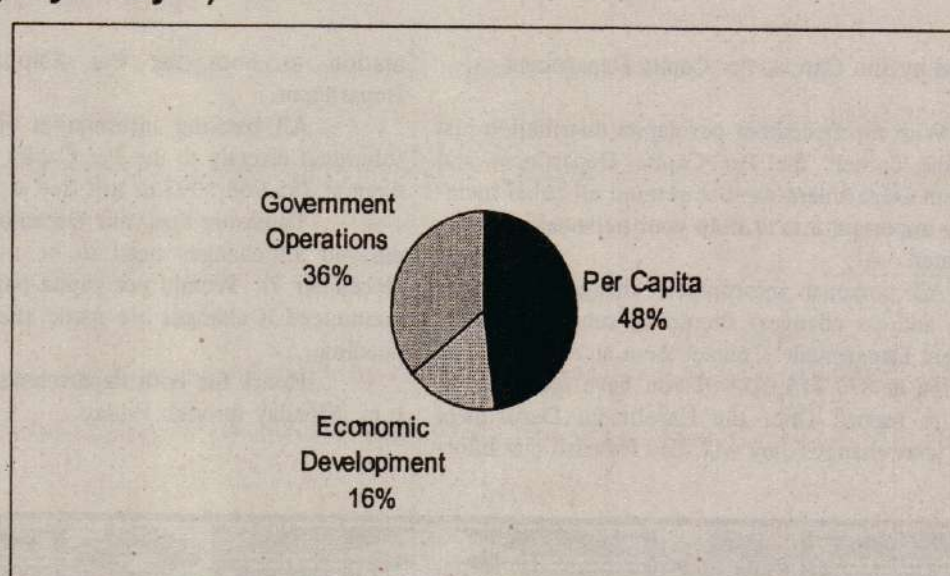
Ryan Dyer
Tribal Treasurer



RAP pie chart graphs (submitted by Ryan Dyer)



Option 1



Option 2

2008 Notice of Election for Gaming Commission

Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are hereby notified that an Election will be held on February 26, 2008 for the purpose of electing two (2) members 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

February 26, 2008-9:00 a.m.

Election Day

Ballots tabulated and results reported

March 4, 2008-4:00 p.m.

Last day to file protest of the election

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Election Board
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Election Board

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Voncile Mitchell, 3911
Ruta Mendez, 3912
Julia Barber, 3910
Fax Number, 3913

Constitutional Amendment Election on November 30
687 members are registered



A message from outgoing casino transition manager Peggy Houston

Peggy Houston was feted with a farewell reception on November 16 in Tribal Council chambers. Peggy began working in 2005 as part of the Casino Transition Management team and was in charge of Guest and Human Relations.



With completion of the Casino transition and a Bingo comparison for Tribal Council my job is accomplished with my last day with the Nation November 16, 2007. I want to give special thanks to each and every one of you for the support I received during this past year. We had a very challenging 18-months. When I say "we" I am not just referring to the Transition Team, Dan Kennedy and I, I am referring to all Prairie Band Potawatomi Casino employees, PBPN government center employees, the Gaming Commission, and last but not least, Tribal Council.

I am most proud of all our tribal members who work in the casino, as they are all working for the Nation and have worked against all challenges set forth by many external factors and continue to face them on a regular basis. Please continue to support them to minimize the external challenges.

As I reflect on the state of the tribe it is clear that we are experiencing a volatile time for our enterprises and in working to rebuild our infrastructure while maintaining sovereignty. We are a tribe divided which is not uncommon in our organization and it is prevalent through-

out Indian Country. We must continue to be united with all of Indian Country and promote individual growth and development in all Native enterprises. While we have adapted in the scheme of Americana, we must always place our Indian values first. Only we can break the cycle, only we can teach today's world that tradition speaks louder in the competitive market.

Our governing values were developed several years ago and I encourage you to read them, talk them and walk them. Storytelling is a tradition in our world, and we must maintain our spiritual connection when telling a story. Without that spiritual connection we will not strengthen our community.

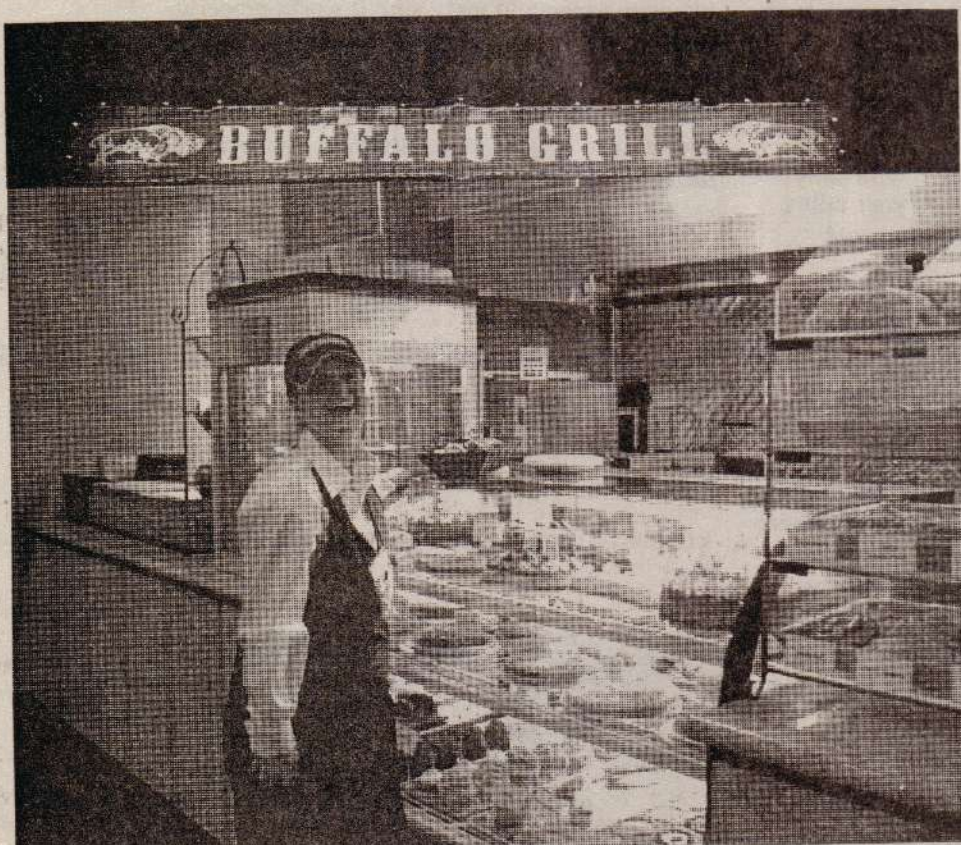
Again, I cannot express enough gratitude for the opportunity I've had here in being a part of the transition to self management. It was a step in the right direction and we should continue to stay focused on the future. I have a commitment to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and will take every opportunity to advocate for the Nation.

Peggy Houston

Prairie Band Potawatomi Value Statement

1. Maintain, protect, and nurture our culture and spiritual and historic values through the celebration of its unique traditions, language, and sovereignty.
2. Promote education as the corner stone of our values.
3. Show pride and support the endeavors of our youth.

4. Acknowledge, respect, and value the wisdom of our tribal elders with guidance for our future generations
5. Honor, respect, and strive for justice by treating all with equality and fairness.
6. Protect and maintain tribal lands and other natural resources.
7. Promote, enhance, and sustain the health, safety, and quality of life for all.



The Buffalo Grill, located in the Prairie Band Casino and Resort, has been open for almost two years. It is one of three restaurants in the casino including the Village Garden Buffet and Three Fires Steakhouse & Bar.

Buffalo Grill in casino always open

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Mark Matchie, manager

Pokmēnesēn Kisēs Cranberry Moon November

PBPN departments and community come together for Thanksgiving dinner at Fire Keepers Elder Center

Over 300 people were served at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner that was held at the Fire Keepers Elder Center on November 15. Several staff from the PBPN government departments and programs were on hand to help prepare and serve the meal. Members of the community also brought several desserts that were placed on a long table in the dining room.

Before the dinner Nona Wahweotten, Director of the Fire Keepers Center,

welcomed everyone to the annual dinner that she said had the best food you will ever find. In addition, she publicly thanked the regular kitchen crew of the Fire Keepers Elder Center and mentioned the following departments and people for helping make the day a success: Road & Bridge, Maintenance, Fire Department, Boys & Girls Club, Indian Health Center nurses, family and community caregivers.



ABOVE: Nancy Stegman, Coordinator for the Caregiver Program, stirring some turkey rice soup that was served at the dinner.



DIRECTLY
LEFT: Thedi Uhl

DIRECTLY
RIGHT: Gubba Hale.



RIGHT: Left to right are Lance Wishkeno, John Rodecap, and Carl Springer of the Potawatomi Fire Department helping serve the Thanksgiving meal.



LEFT: Police officer Mike Boswell serving up food.

ABOVE: Michelle Wabaunsee getting lunches ready for the meal delivery take out.



ABOVE: Potawatomi veterans Milt LaClair (left) and Leroy Mzhickteno, at the dinner.

ABOVE: Eddie Potts giving a prayer before the meal.



ABOVE: Director Nona Wahweotten welcoming everyone to the dinner.



ABOVE: People at the dinner.



ABOVE: LaVerne Hale (left) and Joy Yoshida who were in the kitchen baking homemade rolls for the feast.



ABOVE: Vivian Gonzales (left) and Marilyn Brewer checking out the desserts.



ABOVE: Liz Vanderblomen (facing away from camera) and John child (right) visiting with Rose LaClair (standing).



FIRE DEPARTMENT BRIEF

FOR THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN OCTOBER 12, 2007 – NOVEMBER 14, 2007 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO THE FOLLOWING ALARMS:

On 10-24-07 at 2:04 p.m. units responded to 15928 L.4 Ln. for a report of smoke in the basement. Upon investigation fire crews found light smoke and scorch marks around the hot water heater access panel. Cause of the smoke was determined to come from a fire consisting of debris on the burner plate of the hot water heater. Gas to the hot water heater was secured and flames extinguished with a water extinguisher.

On 10-30-07 at 3:55 p.m. units responded to 7015 126th Rd. Delia, Kan. for a structure fire. See front page story in this issue of the News.

On 11-01-07 at 11:12 p.m. units responded to 17327 C Rd. for a lockout situation. PTFD was requested to assist the Jackson County Sheriff in unlocking a deputy's vehicle. Vehicle unlocked without incident.

On 11-07-07 at 8:12 a.m. units responded to a lockout situation at 8273 156th Ln. to assist PBPB Housing Department.

On 11-12-07 at 1:41 p.m. units responded to 150th and Q Rd. for a car fire. Upon arrival units found Potawatomi Tribal Police with a Ford F-150 pickup. There was no visible smoke or fire. Upon investigation it was found that the driver had removed a rubber mat with smoldering material and the driver had extinguished the flames. PTFD checked the vehicle for any further smoldering material and nothing was found. Driver was also checked for injuries and having none, the driver and vehicle were released.

Calls to Prairie Band Casino & Resort:

Fire Alarm – 1
Standby Event – 3
EMS Calls – 19

Other Alarms:

EMS Calls – 22
Medical Assists – 66
Lifeline Alarms – 0
Good-Intent Call – 14

Standby Alarm – 2
Fire Alarms – 0

Special Training:

National Native American EMS Association

From August 3-8 Chief David Price, Chief Larry Woltje and Mary Leclerc attended the National Native American EMS Association 2008 Educational Conference held at the Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nev. The chiefs also attended the Native American Fire Chief's Association meeting held in conjunction with this event.

Pediatric Prehospital Care

On November 5 and 6 EMT's and paramedics from the PTFD attended an Emergency Pediatric Care course with curriculum from the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians formerly known as the Pediatric Prehospital Provider course. The course provides prehospital providers instruction in the approach of sick and injured children. Areas covered include respiratory, cardiovascular, medical, and traumatic emergencies, as well as the treatment of children with special health care requirements.

Tips from Sparky on fall fire safety

It is never too soon to make some preliminary action to prepare for cooler weather. Not only will it save you money on your utility bills it will help ensure your safety and comfort during cold weather.

Home heating systems should be professionally inspected, cleaned, and serviced at least every other year. Many companies offer discounted rates for a maintenance call versus an emergency repair.

Space heaters can be dangerous if not used following general safety guidelines. Check your owner manuals for general maintenance and cleaning instructions. Each season before using space heaters inspect them for damage, including the power cord, and proper operation. It is more economical to replace older units than to have them repaired. Newer units are safer and more economical to operate. Discard old faulty space heaters in a way that they cannot be used by someone else.

Gasoline powered equipment has flammable liquids that should not be stored inside the home or in an attached garage or shed. This includes any unused fuel still in the motor's fuel tanks. Store this equipment away from your home or drain excess fuel out of the

tank before storing. This simple safety precaution will help prevent accidental fires from escaping fuel vapors.

General home fire safety alerts consumers that most fires in the U.S. occur in the kitchen. Don't allow yourself to be distracted when you are cooking. If you must leave the kitchen, carry something with you as a reminder.

Smoke detectors are life saving appliances but don't assume that they work just by looking at them. They require some basic maintenance to make sure they will work properly. Oftentimes the batteries are removed because smoke alarms can become a nuisance for triggering false alarms so install units near sleeping areas to prevent false alarms instead of next to the kitchen or heating vents. Some other tips for smoke detectors: 1) replace the battery when necessary or once a year, 2) clean dust and cob webs from around the cover to let air flow inside, 3) replace units that are ten years old or if its reliability is in question and 4) push the test button once a month to make sure it works properly.

Home fire escape plan tips

- Involve everyone in the home, especially children in the design and practice of your plan. Physically practicing the plan helps to identify any unforeseen difficulties anyone may have when trying to escape.
- Designate one meeting place for everyone to gather after evacuating.
- Children need to know how to save themselves when no one can help them.
- Practice the plan once a year or anytime living arrangements change in the home.
- Call 9-1-1 from a phone away from the home. Get everyone out first!

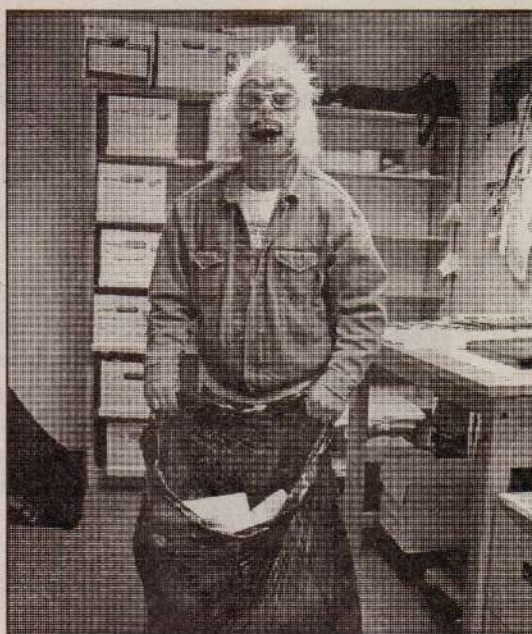


Special thanks to George Wiecken, left, and Paul Juedes, right, of the Fire Department for submitting Fire Department Brief each month.

Spook-tacular Halloween on the rez



Potawatomi Family Health Center receptionist Iva Long posed next to a large pumpkin that had the PBPB logo carved on the front. Tony Scardina, who works in the computer department, carved the logo that was displayed on the front counter at the center on Halloween Day.



Bruce Weber, who works in the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, got in on the fun by spooking staff as he made his rounds picking up recyclables in various departments Halloween day.

Childcare Center sponsors annual Harvest Party October 29

- Families enjoy
- crafts
 - fishing for prizes
 - duck pond
 - food
 - hayrack ride



ABOVE: Children gathering around Karen Daubon (far right), a parent of one of the children, as she helps them make halloween masks out of paper plates and magic markers.

DIRECTLY LEFT: Chago Hale with daughter Na-gos-qe waiting for activities to begin.

LEFT CENTER: Nellie Olivas with her child Beow-sha Alcantar.

BELOW LEFT: Janeil Love (far left) with her two little brothers, Jase and Kendon Wege, making masks.

DIRECTLY BELOW: Dawn Masquat with her granddaughter, Angel Wahwassuck, playing in the duck pond.



Donte Bell, above, was with a group of children who visited the Fire Department a few weeks before Halloween and is seen showing off the fire hat he received.

Potawatomi Fire Department has fun with kids by giving tours and Halloween treats



Trick or treaters came to the Potawatomi Fire Department on Halloween Day and crew members passed out treats. In the photo, far right, is Nick Simon holding a bowl of candy for the children who were ready to fill their bags.

Photo by Scott Price





Road and Bridge Department keeps busy with projects

8-mile stretch of 158 Road and K Road get asphalt overlay

The first road on the reservation that was paved in 1997 recently got a facelift of new asphalt overlay this month. The 8-mile stretch that runs from U.S. 75 Highway to K Road south for 1.2 miles was widened and resealed.

Construction on the road tied up traffic for a few days but the weather was beautiful and the roads turned out nice and smooth. Tim Ramirez, Director of Road and Bridge, alerted

employees and the community as to when the work was going to take place and where, through written memos and emails that were sent.

Road and Bridge spent several days prepping the roads before Hamm's Construction came in to finish the job by laying the asphalt.

Below are a few photographs of the project.



ABOVE: This photo was taken on November 1 when Hamm's crews were asphaltting the road heading south on K Road. The camera is facing east on 158 Road near the intersection of K Road.



ABOVE: On November 2 cars and trucks heading west on 150 Road had to wait at the intersection of K Road for the pilot car to come and guide them along the one-lane road to head north. RIGHT: Reina Rodriguez was one of those waiting in line for the pilot car to come. She works at the Child Care Center located on K Road.



LEFT: A few days later road workers from Hamm's laid the asphalt sealant in front of the We-Ta-Se Building on K-Road.



RIGHT: The asphalt being rolled out by Hamm's on K-Road in front of the Fire Department.

Pedestrian/biking trail almost finished

A pedestrian/ biking trail that will connect some of the housing units with public places like Prairie Peoples Park is nearing completion.

The trail was funded through a Kansas Department of Transportation Grant and the tribe.



ABOVE: Brad Rice seen last August greasing up a piece of equipment that was used to dig the trail. M Road is in the background. The photo was taken north of the entrance to Prairie Peoples Park.

BELOW: The pedestrian trail and 158 Road after asphaltting was finished. The photo shows where the trail crosses 158 Road near the corner of M Road and turns west toward housing cluster 2.



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Members' Information on Small Business Development

By Helen Sumner-Sedlacek, Economic Development Specialist

At this time, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Economic Development does not have any grants or loans for small business development for tribal members.

The following are resources that tribal members may contact for small business development assistance:

Small Business Administration (SBA) is a federally funded program that provides assistance with small business development. Each state has a SBA Development Center and is frequently located at or very near institutions of higher learning and are available to assist in writing business plans, doing market analysis and providing general assistance and one-on-one counseling. The SBA centers are listed in the telephone book listings under federal agencies. It may be more accessible to get the SBA Center information from the Internet. If home computer access is not available, most local libraries have computer terminals that have Internet hookup and usually have library staff that can assist with finding information "on line" at the nearest SBA Center location. The SBA website address is www.sba.gov. This website has excellent information concerning small business development.

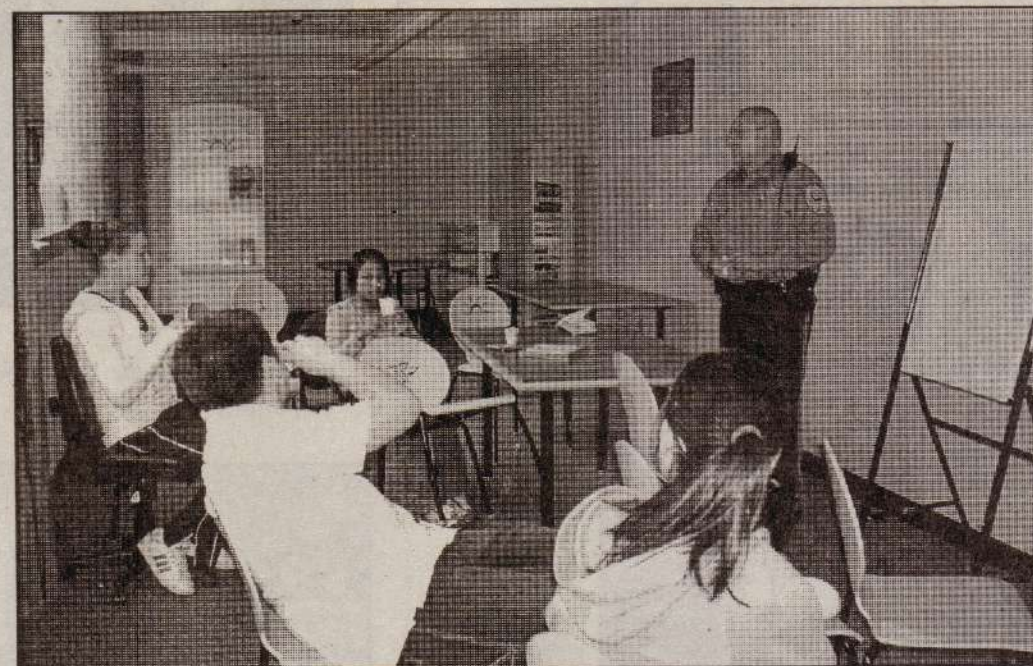
Another resource that assists with the SBA is the **SCORE organization**. This group of successful volunteer retired business persons assists small business development. For example, if a person is interested in starting an insurance business, a SCORE volunteer with that type of experience would be matched to that person. The score website address is www.score.com.

The **Division of Credit - Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)** has a loan program which was established by the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to stimulate and increase American Indian entrepreneurship and employment through establishment, acquisition or expansion of Indian-owned or Native Alaskan owned economic enterprises. The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- The borrower must be projected to have at least 20% equity in the business being financed immediately after the loan is funded.
- The business must be located on or near a federally recognized reservation or recognized service area and must contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area.
- A borrower must be a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group or an enrolled member of such tribe or group; or a business organization with no less than 51 percent ownership by American Indians or Alaska Natives.
- The borrower may not be delinquent may not be delinquent on any federal obligation. Any lender regularly engaged in making loans, with an acceptable capacity for evaluating and servicing loans, which is satisfactory to BIA may obtain a guaranty.

Tribal members interested in small business development loan program may contact Ms. Freda Satepaehtaw Anadarko Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs Federal Building P.O. Box 368, Anadarko, OK 73005 Tel. 405-247-6140.

Children learning to stay drug free Boys & Girls Club and Ben-no-tteh Wigwam sponsor programs



Potawatomi Tribal Police officers Larry Rodecap, Mike Boswell and John Hurla, along with Cheryl Hopkins of the Boys & Girls Club (BGC), are teaching a series of methamphetamine workshops through a Meth SMART grant at the BGC.

ABOVE: Police Officer Larry Rodecap teaching a MethSMART Workshop at the Boys & Girls Club on November 17.

LEFT (BOTTOM): Childcare worker Mikes Potts showing off one of the doors that was decorated at the Childcare Center during Red Ribbon Week held October 22-26.

BELOW: Children at the Boys & Girls Club participated in the MethSMART Workshop Nov. 17.



November 30 is Meth Awareness Day Activities are planned at the Boys & Girls Club



Your vote counts:
Gaming Commission election February 26



Remembering a family of Potawatomi veterans

By Suzanne Heck

On a peaceful hill located on the western half of the reservation sits the Dance Grounds cemetery.

A pretty place with panoramic scenes that can be viewed from every direction, it is also the final resting place of several members of the Harrison family.

What is unique about the family is that eight of the family's fourteen members served in the military and are buried on the hill.

Two of the family survivors, Cornelia Donahue and LaVera Bell, are proud of that fact and were pleased to share this piece of family history in honor of Veterans Day.

In summary, what they remember was a happy family home that was located in the west bottom of the cemetery. The home sat next to the old dance ground building that was used as a gathering place for the Prairie Band people for many years.

Cornelia said that she remembered the many comings and goings of her brothers and sisters whose names were Geraldine, John, Edward, Sarah, Floyd, Lloyd, Charles Jr., Vernon, William, LaVera, and Franklin and her parents who made a good home.

Now the two women, along with their brother, Franklin (Butch), are the only ones left but thanks to them a part of Prairie Band Potawatomi family history is being preserved. Cornelia is writing a few of the family's stories and is preserving some important family artifacts and photographs, like the one of her parents seen on the far right, for future generations to come.

The Harrisons had eight family members who were Native American veterans



The grave stone of Vernon Kenneth Harrison, who served in the Navy, decorated with an American flag. Each year We-Ta-Se veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary place flags on Potawatomi veteran grave sites during Memorial Day weekend.



Charles and Minnie Harrison lived on the Potawatomi reservation and had 12 children. Seven of the children served in the United States military including the father Charles Sr, above, who served in World War I. Minnie was a Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal member and the couple married on September 16, 1919 in Topeka, Kan. They eventually moved to the Potawatomi reservation and raised their family there.

Submitted by Cornelia Donahue

Special thanks to Roy Hale who made this story possible



Left to right: LaVera Bell, Roy Hale and Cornelia Donahue.

Harrisons who served in the military

World War I

Charles Harrison Sr.-Army

World War II

Edward L. Harrison-Navy
Geraldine Harrison Samqua-WAC
John S. Harrison-Navy

Korean War

Charles Harrison Jr.-Army
Vernon Kenneth Harrison-Navy
Lloyd Harrison-Army
William C. Harrison-Navy



Left to right is Cornelia Donahue with her sister, LaVera Bell, on a recent visit to the Dance Grounds cemetery. In the photograph they are looking at the grave site of their brother, John S. Harrison, who served in the U.S. Navy.



We-Ta-Se commemorates Veterans Day

Veterans Day November 11
Memorial Service at Prairie Peoples Park



Special thanks to the We-Ta-Se Department for submitting these photographs.



Veterans Day Parade in Leavenworth, Kan.
November 12



We-Ta-Se veterans pow wow winners



Left to right is Kek Mitchell, the outgoing 2006 We-Ta-Se princess with the new 2007 princess, Sierra (Mi-ko-ti-quah) Pahmahmie. Sierra, 11, is the daughter of Alan (Boney) and Brenda Pahmahmie and Kek, 12, is the daughter of Martie Mitchell. Both girls are active in the Royal Valley Native American Singers and Dancers and PBPB Boys & Girls Club.

Photo by Micki Martinez

We-Ta-Se raffle winners



\$1000 cash
Pam Dougherty



32 inch television
Brenda McClure

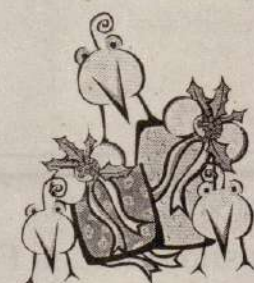


Boom Box
Scott Fleming



Pendleton Blanket
Bernadette Osage

The Ladies Auxiliary Unit 410 sponsored a silent auction during the pow wow as a fundraiser for their group



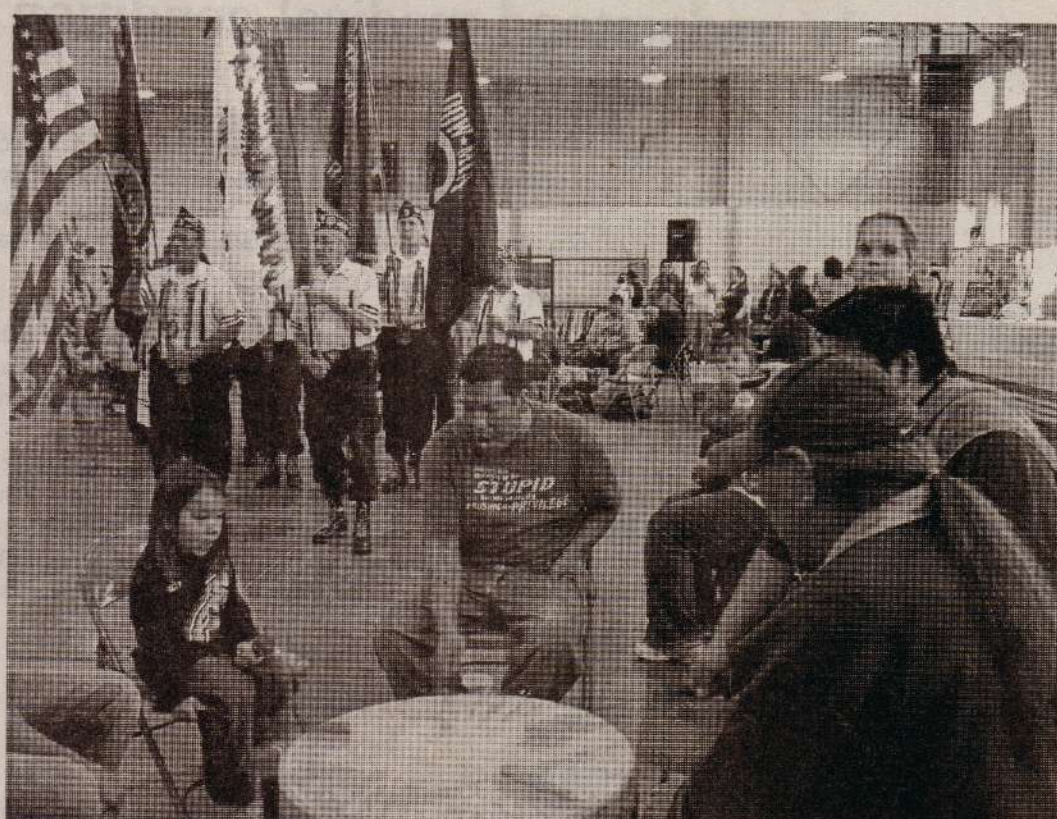
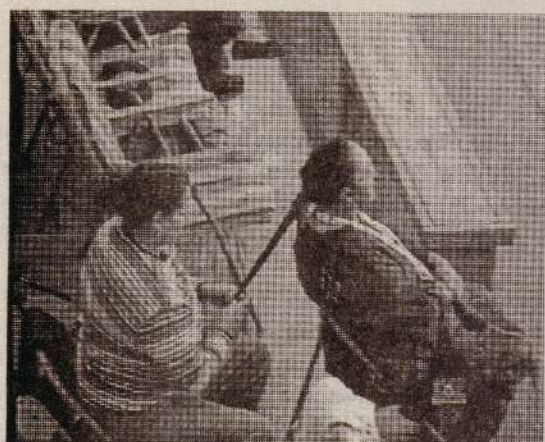
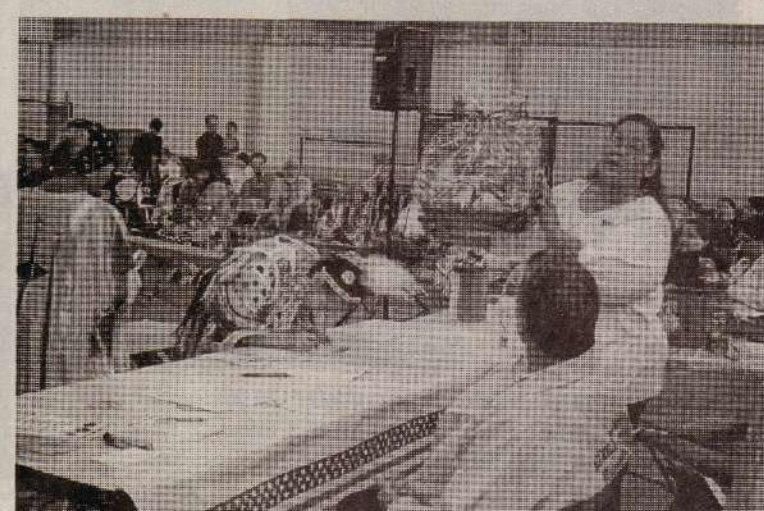
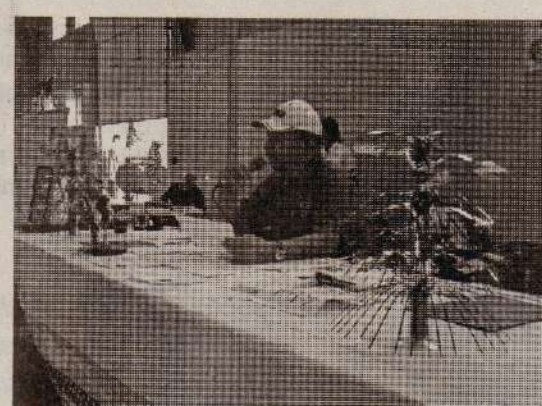
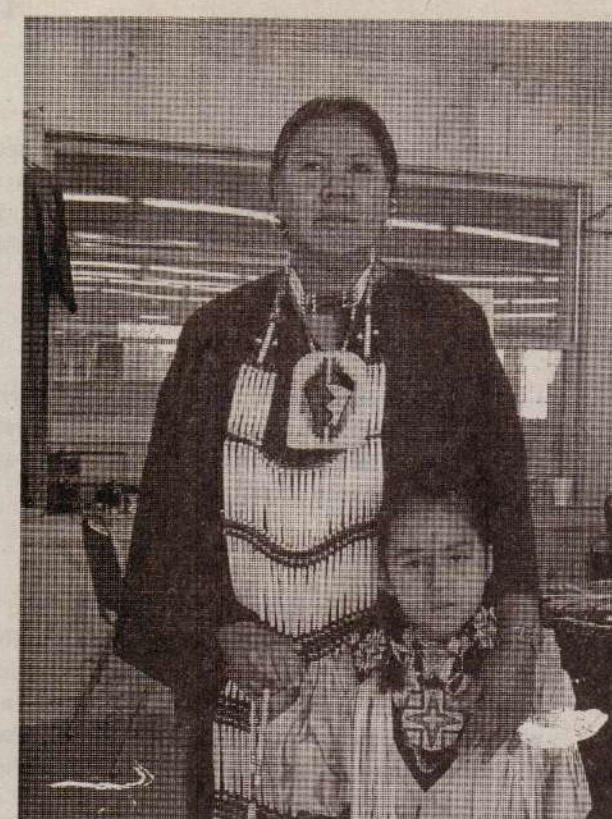
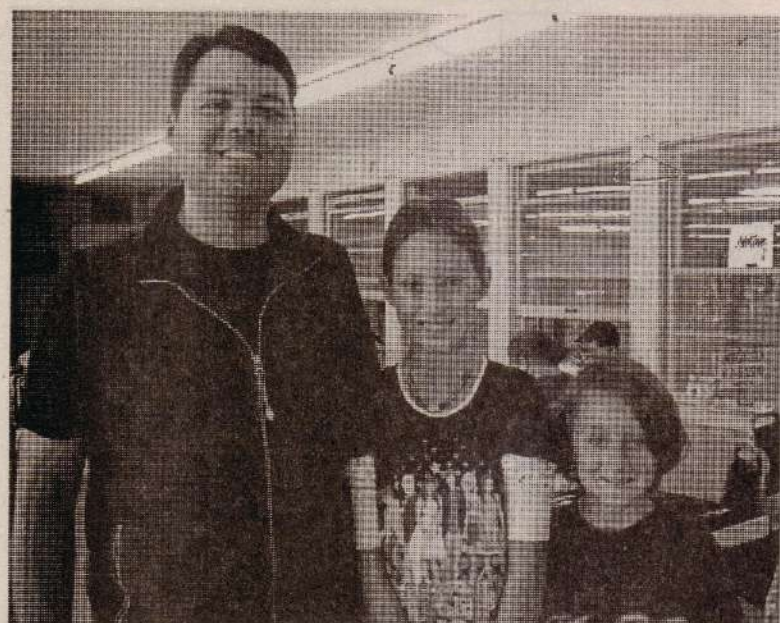


Photo gallery
of We-Ta-Se 10th annual
pow-wow
November 17, Holton, Kansas





By Terry L. Harter, MD
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Fibromyalgia: a poorly understood medical condition

Fibromyalgia is an extensively studied yet poorly understood medical condition. People who experience Fibromyalgia typically report widespread muscle pain, local areas of tenderness, sleep disturbance, fatigue, headache, morning stiffness, abnormal sensations, and anxiety. People experience these symptoms even though they have no detectable damage to muscle tissue, no detectable damage to nerve cells, no detectable errors in hormone levels, and no detectable errors in metabolism.

People suffering symptoms of Fibromyalgia are found all around the world. It seems to affect women ten times more often than men and usually begins between the ages of 20-50 years of age. It is also found more often in people with family members who have had problems with Fibromyalgia, depression, chronic fatigue, myofascial pain disorder, somatization disorder, irritable bowel syndrome, and migraine headaches. It also seems to be more common in people who have experienced childhood

trauma.

It is clear that Fibromyalgia affects quality of life. People suffering from this disorder report having difficulty attending to normal activities of daily living due to pain and fatigue. They are more likely to miss work and have difficulty meeting other social obligations than people with some other forms of chronic disease. Facing limitations such as these can predispose to frustration, increased stress on relationships, and depression.

Treating people with symptoms and no identifiable abnormalities is a dilemma. Medications can have side effects and adverse effects that can be worse than the original symptoms. Used judiciously medications can relieve some of the symptoms of Fibromyalgia but they fall far short of a cure. Other forms of treatment are aimed at modifying the person's lifestyle, activity level, social, and spiritual adjustment.

If you have symptoms suggestive of Fibromyalgia, I encourage you to discuss them with your healthcare provider. There are many other conditions with similar symptoms. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, don't give up hope. Scientific research is providing insight into the causes of Fibromyalgia and related disorders. We can all hope that better understanding can lead to more effective treatment of this frustrating disorder.

Child obesity: Becoming a problem

By Mina L. Neuburger, RN, CHN
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Today more than one in three children and adolescents in the United States — some 25 million kids — are overweight or obese, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which recently announced an unprecedented effort to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015. Researchers have documented a significant upward swing over the past 16 years in blood pressure levels of children and teens to the age of 18. Lead author Paul Muntner, an epidemiologist at Tulane University School of Medicine, and colleagues said the increase in blood pressure levels is partially due to the increased prevalence of being overweight in the United States. It has been recently reported that children who are overweight at age 11 continue to have weight problems through out their teenage years. Rates of overweight and obesity were highest among girls and children from lower socioeconomic backgrounds. The authors said the study highlights the need to target efforts to prevent obesity in the early years.

An estimated 61% of overweight young people have at least one additional risk factor for heart disease, such as high cholesterol or high blood pressure. In addition, children who are overweight are at greater risk for bone and joint problems, sleep apnea, and social and psychological problems such as stigmatization and poor self-esteem. Overweight young people are more likely than children of normal weight to become overweight or obese adults, and therefore more at risk for associated adult health problems, including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke, several types of cancer, and osteoarthritis. Not all obese infants become obese children, and not all obese children become obese adults. However, the prevalence of obesity increases with age among both males and females (Lohman, 1987), and there is a greater likelihood that obesity beginning even in early childhood will persist through the life span (Epstein, Wing, Koeske, & Valoski, 1987).

Causes of Childhood Obesity

The family -The risk of becoming obese is greatest among children who have two obese parents (Dietz, 1983). This may be due to powerful genetic factors or to parental modeling of both eating and exercise behaviors, indirectly affecting the child's energy balance. One half of parents of elementary school children never exercise vigorously (Ross & Pate, 1987).

Low-energy expenditure -The average American child spends several hours each day watching television; time which in previous years might have been devoted to physical pursuits. Obesity is greater among children and adolescents who frequently watch television (Dietz & Gortmaker, 1985), not only because little energy is expended while viewing but also because of concurrent consumption of high-calorie snacks. Only about one-third of elementary children have daily physical education, and less than one-fifth have extracurricular physical activity programs at their schools (Ross & Pate, 1987).

Heredity -Since not all children who eat non-nutritious foods, watch several hours of television daily, and are relatively inactive, develop obesity, the search continues for alternative causes. Heredity has recently been shown to influence fatness, regional fat distribution, and response to overfeeding (Bouchard et al., 1990). In addition, infants born to overweight mothers have been found to be less active and to gain more weight by three months of age when compared with infants of normal weight mothers, suggesting a possible inborn drive to conserve energy (Roberts, Savage, Coward, Chew, & Lucas, 1988).



Treatment of Childhood Obesity

Physical activity

Adopting a formal exercise program or simply becoming more active is valuable to burn fat, increase energy expenditure, and to maintain lost weight. Most studies of children have not shown exercise to be a successful strategy for weight loss unless coupled with another intervention, such as nutrition education or behavior modification (Wolf et al., 1985). However, exercise has additional health benefits. Even when children's body weight and fatness did not change following 50 minutes of aerobic exercise three times per week, blood lipid profiles and blood pressure did improve (Becque, Katch, Rocchini, Marks, & Moorehead, 1988).

Diet management

Fasting or extreme caloric restriction is not advisable for children. Not only is this approach psychologically stressful, but it may adversely affect growth and the child's perception of "normal" eating. Balanced diets with moderate caloric restriction, especially reduced dietary fat, have been used successfully in treating obesity (Dietz, 1983). Nutrition education may be necessary. Diet management coupled with exercise is an effective treatment for childhood obesity (Wolf et al., 1985).

Behavior modification

Many behavioral strategies used with adults have been successfully applied to children and adolescents: self-monitoring and recording food intake and physical activity, slowing the rate of eating, limiting the time and place of eating, and using rewards and incentives for desirable behaviors. Particularly effective are behaviorally based treatments that include parents (Epstein et al., 1987). Graves, Meyers, and Clark (1988) used problem-solving exercises in a parent-child behavioral program and found children in the problem-solving group, but not those in the behavioral treatment-only group, significantly reduced percent overweight and maintained reduced weight for six months. Problem-solving training involved identifying possible weight-control problems and, as a group, discussing solutions.



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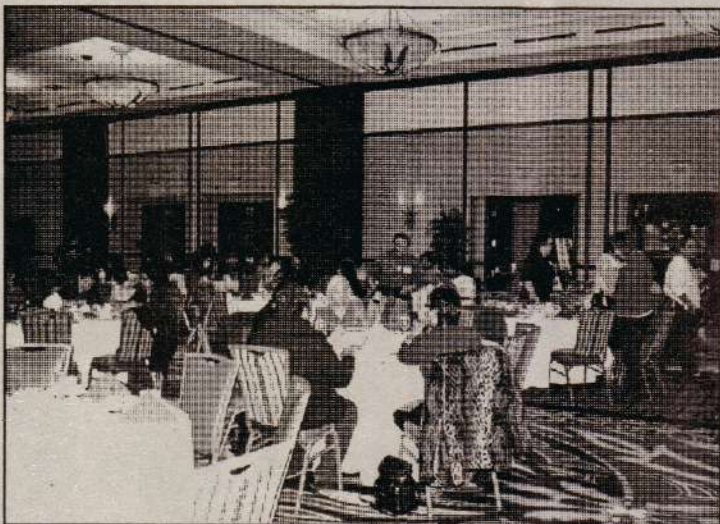
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Photos from the 2nd Annual Working Together for Balance Conference

Over 160 people registered for the 2nd Annual Working Together for Balance Conference held at the Prairie Band Casino and Resort on November 17. The day-long conference began with registration and breakfast that was followed by the presentation of colors by some of Haskell University's Color Guard and three PBPV veterans. Tribal Council Chairman Steve Ortiz gave opening remarks and the keynote speaker for the morning session was Michael Lyon, medical and research director for the Canadian Center for Functional Medicine. Other items scheduled for the rest of the day included dia-

betes-related presentations, a performance by the Royal Valley Native American Singers and Dancers, lunch, and an evening key note address from Monte Fox, an award-winning motivational speaker.

The conference was sponsored by the SDPI Diabetes Prevention Program that is in its second year at the Potawatomi Indian Health Clinic. Steve Corbett is the Diabetes Prevention Program coordinator.



In the photograph above, registrants for the conference enjoying a buffet breakfast in the Prairie Band Casino & Resort before the conference got underway.



Michael R. Lyon (left) was the morning keynote speaker and has written a book called *How to Prevent and Treat Diabetes with Natural Medicine*. He has studied the impact of diabetes on Native Americans extensively.



Photo, left, is Dr. Richard Pruiksmas, and, right, is Steve Ortiz who both gave opening remarks.



Color Guard members for the opening ceremonies at the conference. Potawatomi tribal members are Curtis Masquat (far left), Steve Ortiz (in suit) and Larry Berryhill (far right). The two men in white shirts were with Haskell's Color Guard.



Information about Behavioral Health Services at the PBP Health Center

By Cindy Kelly, LMSW

Behavioral Health Services are available at the clinic Monday through Friday. The office is closed Tuesday afternoon for administrative duties. You can schedule an appointment in person at the clinic, call the office at 966-8241, or be referred through your PBP clinic provider, through a tribal department, or through a community resource.

Behavioral Health Services include counseling, medication monitoring, resource acquisition/connection, and/or referral. It also includes a psychiatric clinic that is held two days each month. In order to receive psychiatric services, an intake and assessment must be scheduled by me and are on a priority basis.

The following are some frequently asked questions about the Behavioral Health Services program.

Are you a doctor? No, I am not a doctor. I hold a Masters Level Social Work degree from the University of Kansas, and am licensed to practice social work in the state of Kansas.

Can you prescribe medications? No. I can recommend certain medications to the clinic providers, who are doctors Harter, Stevenson, and Pruiksma, as well as the nurse practitioner Nola Ahlquest-Turner who can also prescribe medications. The psychiatrist, Dr. Linda McCandless, can also prescribe medications. I do have training and education in the field of pharmaceuticals, however.

Can you schedule an appointment for counseling or psychiatric services at the front desk? No, I schedule my own appointments, as well as those for psychiatric services. You can request to see me for scheduling at the front desk or call directly to my office at (785) 966-8241. I will try to accommodate your schedule as much as possible.

If I used to go to another clinic or saw another doctor and I want to begin services at the PBP Health Clinic will I be able to receive all my medications that I need on the day that I have my appointment with the PBP Health Clinic? It depends. If you have your medical records sent to

the clinic before the appointment or hand-carry them to the appointment that will help. However, this is not a clear indication that your medicines will be filled automatically. There should be a documented history of certain medications. There will be considerations regarding the type of medications you are prescribed and your diagnosis for receiving that medication, and, we may or may not stock the medication in the pharmacy. After your initial session, and my consult with a provider, that provider may request that an appointment be scheduled with him/her as soon as possible. Situations and circumstances vary, so it is best to ask questions when you schedule your initial appointment.

I've never been seen before at the PBP Health Clinic, and I don't think my medications are working any more. What do I do? If you were seen previously by another mental health provider and you don't have any up to date records (or any mental health records) at the clinic, you will either need to request those prior to your appointment, or hand-carry them to your appointment. To change or discontinue any prescribed medication, it is best to see your provider and do so with his/her approval. However, if you are establishing your services at this clinic, then you will need to schedule an appointment with one of the clinic physicians. After that appointment, the physician may refer you to Behavioral Health Services to receive ongoing maintenance. Your previous medical records will need to be in your chart prior to being seen for your medical appointment.

I am working with the Prairie Band Vocational Rehabilitation Department and need a mental health evaluation for their services, can I get one through you? Yes, this is possible. I work regularly with the PBP vocational rehabilitation staff. There is a specific form they will send over, and request to be completed in a timely manner. I will do my best to accommodate the referral's schedule and complete the form so that the referral can fulfill their requirements needed through this office.

I need a mental health evaluation for substance abuse treatment through the Prairie Band Substance Abuse Program. Can I get one through behavioral health? Yes, this is possible. I also

work regularly with the PBP Substance Abuse Program staff. I understand that occasionally appointments are needed on an urgent basis due to substance abuse program bed availability. We have been able to successfully work through emergencies and deadlines. I have developed an assessment form that is accepted at the substance abuse programs that the tribe uses as referrals.

What should I expect in my first appointment? The initial appointment consists of a lot of paperwork. When appointments are scheduled, an intake form is either given to you or sent through the mail. This is provided prior to the appointment in order for you to fill it out and to bring it to the first session. The form will be reviewed and information clarified at that time. Historical and current information will be solicited to determine a current diagnosis. At that time, or at the following appointment, a treatment plan will be developed to address specific issues you are seeking treatment for. If the goals are reached, we can move on to other issues or concerns, we can revise the goals, or we can terminate services. If medication is recommended, and you are in agreement, then consultation with one of the clinic physicians will be made to review your information. That physician may agree to prescribe medication, or refer out to the clinic's psychiatrist, or request you to come in and be seen by them in person. Again, circumstances and situations vary, so this process is not always consistent.

Do you see children? Yes. There are specific intake forms that need to be filled out for children. These may be received through a phone call or inquiring at the clinic. The first appointment is to gather history and current information regarding the request for services. Depending upon their age and attention span; a child may be seen for 30-60 minutes. Consultation with a parent and/or caregiver is recommended before or after each session.



Social Services News

Barbara Bowman, Ph.D., has been named the Director of Social Services. Before becoming director she acted as a clinical psychologist for the department.

A blanket and pillow drive was held from November 1-16 where new pillows and blankets in good condition were collected at designated drop off locations on the reservation. Bed linens and coats were also collected during the drive.

The Family Violence Prevention Program held a candlelight remembrance ceremony in honor of domestic violence victims on October 29 in the Potawatomi Health Center Conference Room. October was Domestic Violence Awareness month and a few of the Social Services staff and other community members also attended a March against Domestic Violence Rally on October 17. The march was sponsored by the Battered Women Task Force/YWCA in Topeka.

Did you know

- Native American women are abused every 5 seconds and non-native women every 9 seconds in an average week in the U.S.
- Native American women are at a greater risk for stalking than other minority women
- 87% of children witness abuse in their homes
- 65% of children who live in homes where violence occurs will become abusive adults
- Batterers can be boyfriends, girlfriends, aunts, uncles, wives and husbands and other relatives.

Break the code of silence by returning to traditional ways where family violence was not a problem

What's the weather?

By Steve Duryea, Environmental Specialist II

Below are the daily meteorological conditions for October, 2007 on the reservation.

The information comes from the Meteorological (MET) Station that was recently installed at the PBP's Solid Waste Center on 142 Road. The station is designed to record-

weather conditions (seen below) and to project where a pollutant has come from and where it is going.

The MET Station was made possible through an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) air quality grant that is being administered by the PBP Department of Planning and Environmental Protection.

Department of Planning and Environmental Protection Department awarded grant to restore wetlands on reservation



Sharon Bosse, above center, working on another water monitoring project last summer with some of the Boys & Girls Club children. Sharon works for the PBP Department of Planning and will work with the community in restoring the wetlands.

A \$7,000 grant was awarded to the PBP to restore three acres of wetlands which is located behind the We-Ta-Se building and Boys & Girls Club. Plans are for the land to be used as a temporary habitat for migrating birds, wildlife tracking and water quality monitoring.

Interpretive signs around the area are also planned as a means of educating the public about the project. The grant was awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as part of their Five State Restoration Program.



MET Weather Observations

courtesy of the Air Quality Program
Department of Planning and Environmental Protection

October 2007

DAY	AIR TEMPERATURE		RH AVG (%)	BP+ AVG (")	WIND SPEED		WIND DIRECTION		PRECIP TOTAL (INCH)	SOLAR RAD MAX (W/M2)
	MAX (DEG F)	MIN (DEG F)			MAX (MPH)	GUST (MPH)	AVG	VAR (DEG)		
01	81.51	49.38	55.03	30.05	10.37	15.99	SW	18.32	0.00	306.64
02	82.79	61.27	61.66	29.80	22.55	38.84	SW	10.11	0.72	270.02
03	77.19	49.67	54.40	29.91	8.93	16.84	S	13.70	0.00	299.32
04	86.23	58.71	69.58	29.81	15.09	26.78	SE	11.32	0.00	287.11
05	87.90	69.52	67.03	29.84	17.88	37.53	S	12.23	0.00	297.36
06	84.85	70.50	71.43	29.85	17.06	31.14	S	11.59	0.00	246.09
07	86.82	71.98	74.47	29.84	15.04	30.05	S	11.74	0.05	285.90
08	74.04	53.50	66.03	29.98	20.25	33.85	W	14.13	0.57	236.33
09	83.47	50.85	54.19	30.10	11.44	18.40	SW	9.39	0.00	231.93
10	85.59	46.03	58.94	30.03	12.08	19.82	E	12.34	0.00	240.23
11	85.98	38.47	66.82	30.01	8.79	12.28	E	17.71	0.00	242.68
12	64.51	48.00	72.10	29.89	10.45	15.61	SE	12.54	0.01	124.51
13	67.36	56.25	79.59	29.77	20.39	35.02	SE	12.46	2.73	185.55
14	74.73	57.34	70.29	29.75	13.21	23.31	SE	13.43	0.75	196.29
15	61.17	51.24	84.68	29.72	13.10	22.98	S	11.64	0.15	79.59
16	67.95	44.76	69.72	29.77	11.08	18.89	S	11.90	0.00	255.86
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18	62.25	49.67	80.39	29.31	21.67	35.29	SW	12.80	0.06	194.82
19	67.16	47.41	54.40	29.66	18.29	29.01	W	10.06	0.00	259.28
20	82.39	52.62	46.13	29.55	19.95	38.54	S	10.18	0.00	256.35
21	69.91	52.42	60.67	29.65	20.94	46.54	W	11.60	0.00	252.44
22	53.31	43.87	71.72	30.09	14.85	26.67	S	11.84	0.40	83.50
23	67.36	40.83	48.59	30.01	14.68	23.23	NW	9.40	0.00	247.56
24	60.28	42.89	48.60	30.18	19.57	31.28	S	12.66	0.00	252.44
25	58.81	36.50	57.40	30.08	12.20	18.62	NE	9.11	0.00	250.00
26	55.96	43.77	74.64	30.03	6.20	9.28	SE	17.46	0.00	150.39
27	59.30	40.73	59.42	30.34	14.17	23.72	E	9.29	0.00	233.40
28	60.58	39.55	43.80	30.45	10.29	19.32	SE	9.62	0.00	237.30
29	70.90	41.51	59.20	30.26	11.60	22.49	S	11.42	0.00	232.42
30	72.76	49.28	82.96	30.00	17.83	31.77	S	10.21	0.00	229.00
31	58.42	43.18	50.34	30.09	20.55	35.92	SW	12.55	0.00	233.89
	87.90	36.50	63.80	29.91	22.55	46.54	S	12.15	6.89	306.64

From NOAA's National Weather Service in Topeka, KS:
• the 30 year average high for October is 68.9°F and the 30 year average low for October is 44.3°F,
• the record October high was 97°F set in 1939 and the record October low was 16°F set in 1925,
• the 30 year average precipitation for October is 2.99".

From the Language Department

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR:
TTIWENMOŦAMĒN

WATER
Mbish

MY FAMILY
Nĕnwemagnĕk

AIR (fresh air)
Nasewĕn

WORK
Miktewiwĕn

EARTH
Kokmĕs kinan
Our Grandmother

NATURE
Enomĕk

Your home / My home / Our Home
Ēteyĕn / Ētayan / Ētigo

The above words can be found in the Language Department Calendar 2007-2008. For those that haven't received one, please come by to pick one up. There is plenty of language in this most recent publication, pertaining to 'traditions', 'what's happening' and 'everyday life'.



Community talent show a knee-slappin good time!

By Suzanne Heck

Master of ceremonies Chago Hale said it best when he announced that things were "rockin at the Rock House" during the local talent show at the Community Rock Building on November 16.

A crowd of around fifty people, who paid \$3 each to get in, watched five acts that had made it to the final round from a contest held the night before. The contest was organized by Julia Lewis and Carol Dewitt and was designed for no purpose except for the local community to have fun.

Friday night's performances besides the contest included a puppet act by Julia Lewis and Doris Cochran, and Carol Dewitt's Pkwa'kwa (chicken) act that just about brought the house down. There were also door prizes, a pie auction, and a food vendor available to add to the fun.

First prize in the talent show went to the Supremes that included Hedy Noland, Tutti Kern, and Myra Barrow. They were such a hit after performing that they were called back for an encore. Second place went to Thedi Uhl who did a lip sync rendition of Sonny & Cher. Third place went

to the Old School Girls & Good Ole Boys that consisted of Maxine Begay, Leatrice Noriega, Rose Hale, Judy Wabaunsee, Donna Wahweotten, Martha Miller, Sandra Quintana, Louis-Bozo Wabaunsee, Wesley Begay, Theresa Asselin and James Wabaunsee. Laura Abeyta took fourth place for her storytelling and fifth place went to Kent Miller who played the guitar and sang.

Proceeds from the door for both nights were divided into cash awards for the talent show winners. Judges for the contest were pre-selected and unidentified.

Carol Dewitt said, "We wanted to do something that was fun," and this turned out to be a great community event.

Julia Lewis said, "Both the talent and community response was terrific. We got real excited about putting this on."

Carol and Julia also wanted to publicly thank Laveda Wahweotten, Shirley Munoz, Marilyn Brewer, Dorothy Kiyukan, the PBP Gaming Commission and Country Mart for their donations to the show.



LEFT:
1st Place,
Supremes:
Hedy
Noland,
Tutti Kern
and Myra
Barrow.



ABOVE: 2nd place: Thedi Uhl
as Sonny and Cher.



ABOVE: 3rd place: Sandra Quintana as
Billy Bob with Old School Girls & Good
Ole Boys.



LEFT:
4th
Place:
Laura
Abeyta.



RIGHT:
5th
place:
Kent
Miller.



LEFT: Carol
Dewitt doing
her Pkwa'kwa
chicken act.



RIGHT: Julia
Lewis (l) and
Doris Cochran
with Lil Julia,
the puppet.

BELOW: Chago Hale with kids.



LEFT:
Audience
members.



RIGHT:
Audience
participation
with Doris
and Dog.



Letter to the editor

October 23, 2007

Now that the election is over, congratulations to Chairman Steve Ortiz.

In July 1999, we started talking about constitutional amendments and many Tribal Councils (TC's) have passed since then and yet we have none. As seen in this last election, there were 10 candidates all eligible for the chairperson position. The winner won by 27% or 390 votes of the total tribal vote. The other 73% or 1,062 voted for other candidates.

If our election process were amended for the two highest voted candidates, then there would be a run-off election. This would mean that the person elected would have a higher percentage of the Nation's voters. It is something that I would have preferred knowing that more than a majority of the voters and I agreed on the same priorities. In this case, how could I go wrong if Prairie Band, and I desired this for our Nation?

As a Native nation, our requirements for government are not like that of the United States. A tribal member does not have to be rich, educated, experienced, or have a campaign based on race or religion, male or female, a career minded bureaucrat or a war hero. As a tribal member with age, you are eligible. In our traditional history, our personal word enforcing customs and traditions is tribal law. With our personal beliefs and integrity, we believed in each other. In our tribal business world today, we still expect that from our leaders and without it, who will cast the first petition?

There is a personal trait desired by tribal voters that cannot be measured by work performance, blood quantum or bureaucratic speeches

that amounts to nothing and that is an honest heart for the people they will serve. Because of our Native history, that is why no strict requirements were ever installed in Native constitutions unlike our non-native counterparts. We know what their government is like and that will always be part of our unresolved problem!

Other Native nations have encountered the same recalls for dishonesty and basically saying you're just not one of us anymore. We elect you and you forget about us every time. The greed that overcomes the elected destroys them over time.

The newly elected "swears true faith, allegiance . . . to faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which they are about to enter. So help me God." This is called the Oath of Office that deploys their character subject to question and accountability in a public office. I have taken the Oath of Office three times as a tribal citizen: upon entering the military, the federal government and tribal government.

We are enjoying more success today our way while adjusting to authority and business solutions not encountered before in our history and we will overcome those as well.

We still need that Constitution Committee (CC) interacting with the community to produce one-issue amendments that will gradually construct this strong governing document. The CC still needs the Gaming Commission and TC support to get this done. We are all of the same blood so why should this be a difficult task? This governing document will record our past, strengthen the present and give vision to our children to continue our ageless but inherent sovereign right to be Nish na bek.

Thomas M. Wabnum



Holiday Craft & Bake Sale (food sale all day)

Saturday, December 8
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Potawatomi Bingo Hall

For reserving booth space
and
for more information

Contact LaVerne Hale
785. 554.7659 or 785.966.2280
or email: laverneh@pbpnation.org

no garage sale/flea market items
please



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

Mass: 8:30 am on 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays
2 pm on 2nd Sundays

For additional information go to tribal website 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. 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

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

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Ganiŋtēk (Those who are born)



**Kayla
Kansas-Lynn
Shopteese**

Born: October 8, 2007
Weight: 7 lbs.
Height: 20 1/2 in.

*Welcome to
the world!*



Parents: Heather Pewamo &
Sterling "Kida-muck" Shopteese



Happy 1st Birthday
"Tugmes"
Jacob Dean Walter

Lots of birthday wishes for our big blue-eyed
Indian boy.
We love you with all of our hearts,
Mommy and Daddy
(the toy)

Happy
Birthday
Nov. 16
Angie
Wahweotten



Happy 7th Birthday to our nephew
Isaac Ortega on November 30



Son of Shirley Jacobson and Roger
Ortega
Love from Nanny and Uncle Darnell



Happy Birthday
Montana
2 years old
October 17
From
friends and family



Hello to Rory Elise Kiyukan

Born: October 5, 2007
Weight: 8 lbs., 12 oz.
Height: 20 in.

We love you!
Great-grandma Julia Lewis,
Grandma Dorothy Kiyukan-Lewis,
Dad & Mom (J.R. & Charlotte Kiyukan)
Family and friends



Your children's photos are too cute not to share.
For birthdays, anniversaries, weddings or other
special achievements and announcements
send it to the
Potawatomi News
PO Box 116
Mayetta, KS 66509



Najahla Eteeyan

photos returned with a SASE
Email preferred: suzanneh@pbpnation.org

Happy Belated Birthday

*In celebration
of
Cecilia "Meeks"
Jackson
who was
85 years old
on
October 3*

*From
her family*



Messages and congrats



**Congratulations
Chris Grant
on getting your black belt. We are so
proud of your accomplishment.**
Love,
Mom, Dad, Denae and Fran
and
Aunt Brenda, Joey, Brandon and Gino are
also proud of you and love and miss you!



**Note-Kno,
We notice all of your hard work.
Good job!!
Love ya
Mom, Dad and Brennah**



**In memory of our
loved ones who
are gone and to
those who are
far away**



Kamboŋtēk (those who died)

Martin Leon Burns

Martin Leon Burns, 70, Holton, died Oct. 25, 2007, at his home. He was born Nov. 12, 1936, in Mayetta, the son of George Raymond and Lucy Blandin Burns. He served in the Army National Guard for several years. Mr. Burns was a farmer and rancher. He retired from Goodyear after 43 years. He was a member of Rubber Workers Local 307 and a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He married Donna Wells on Oct. 17, 1988, in Miami, Okla. She survives. Other survivors include a son, Rick D. Burns and wife Sherry, Holton; two daughters, Debra S. Lutz and husband Edward and Sandy K. Spiker and husband Lonnie, all of Holton; three sisters, Mary Carr and husband Darrell and Julia Kennedy and husband Philip, all of Topeka, and Theresa McNary and husband Wayne, Ozawkie; a brother, Edwin "Buzz" Burns and wife Bonnie, Manhattan; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Larry D. Wells, in 1988; and three brothers, Phillip Burns, James Burns and Billy Burns. Funeral services were held Oct. 29 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial was in Holton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Holton High School FFA, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

(Courtesy of Holton Recorder 10/29/2007)

Larry Roy Mitchell

Larry Roy Mitchell "Shawnese" of the Prairie Band Potawatomi, 56 yrs, passed away on November 16, 2007. He joined his mother, Alberta Wamego, six years to the day. Highly decorated Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient. Proud to be an Honored Veteran of his tribe. Author of Potawatomi Tracks. He will be greatly missed by his wife Kathryn (Katie) Mitchell, his two sons, friends and family. Larry was a husband who helped to make his wife's wishes and dreams come true. Larry has two sons he dearly loved: Larry Jr. and Joseph. His Niizh Ode (1 spirit, 2 hearts/Twin) Gary Mitchell of Mayetta, Kansas. Other brothers: Eddie Joe Mitchell-Mayetta, Leo Mitchell-Valley Falls, Randy Mitchell-Mayetta. Father: Andrew Mitchell-Mayetta. Adopted brothers: John LeClere-Mayetta, Mando Evans-Mayetta. Adopted mother: Judy Wabaunsee-Topeka. Sisters: Jackie Mitchell, Shirlene Seymour, Sandy Mitchell, Lisa Wamego, Edie Wamego all of Mayetta. Mother and Father in Law: Lorraine and Allen Lufkins. Brother in laws: AJ, Nick and Jack. Sister in laws: Jane and Carrie. 82 Nieces and Nephews. Deceased brothers: Bubs Mitchell, Mike Wamego. Deceased mother: Alberta Wamego. Deceased step father: Algernon Wamego. Potawatomi Drum services will be held on November 18th and 19th at Potawatomi Dance Grounds in Mayetta, Kansas. Graveside services and Internment will be 11:00, Tuesday, November 20th at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Bloomington, Minnesota.

(www.NativeBlog.typepad.com)

Bully to the PBPB Tribal Police Department!



**A big thank you to the PBPB Tribal Police Department for
helping me find my Hereford bull. He is now safe and at
home with his cows.**

Sincerely,

Sharon Bosse,
Wheaton, Kan.

Thank you

We would like to extend a sincere thanks and
appreciation to the Tribe and the community for all of your help,
prayers and support in our time of need.
Glod bless all and thanks again.

Ronnie Hester,
Angie Shobney
and the kids





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Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Holiday schedule for
Potawatomi Health Centeropen: Monday, December 24
closed: December 25open: Monday, December 31
closed: January 1, 2008

Call 785.966.8200 or toll free 866.694.6728

Dental Clinic

closed: December 25-December 28 and
January 1, 2008
open: December 31

Call 785.966.8290

Extra! Extra!

Due to the Christmas holiday the
Potawatomi News will mail out a
week early on December 19.If you have community items to share or other news
please send them to the News office by December 10.Holiday schedule for
Potawatomi Health Center Pharmacyopen: Monday, December 31
closed: January 1, 2

(January 2 for annual inventory)

we apologize for this inconvenience

Prescription refills available for pick-up after
one business day.Note: Please make sure you continue your
medications during the holidays!Christmas and more
crafts, baked goods and next-to-new
Saturday, December 8, 2007

7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mayetta Christian Church

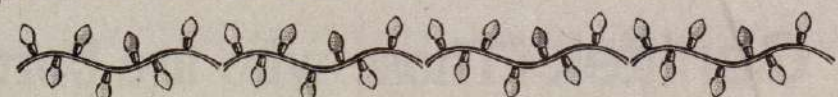
Multibuilding

212 E. Jones Street

Mayetta, KS 66509

7a.m., breakfast

11 a.m., lunch

jewelry, leather items, candles, pet items,
pies, glassware, woodcrafts and moreSponsored by Mayetta Pioneer Association
785.966.3015 or 785.966.2592

Christmas in Mayetta Open House

Saturday, December 1

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

5-7 p.m.

Meal, Masonic Lodge
(chili w/crackers or ham
and beans w fry bread,
dessert and drink)

6 p.m.

Lighting of the Christmas
tree

Christmas caroling

Living nativity

6-8 p.m.

7-8 p.m.

Santa arrives at City Hall

Pictures taken with Santa \$1

Come and join the celebration on Main street in historic
Mayetta. After 121 years we still have it all!

Sponsored by Mayetta Area Business Association

Come join the Women's group
Tuesday evenings, 5 p.m.

PBP Health Center Conference Room

The purpose of the group is to give women a place to talk, vent, laugh,
and to problem solve. Craft activities. For more details call Rebekah at
785.966.3024 or Dr. Barbara Bowman, 785.966.8243.Caregiver Support Group
Christmas Party

Monday, December 17

2 p.m.

Firekeepers Elder Center

15372 K Road

Mayetta, KS 66509

Please RSVP by December 10

Nancy Stegman, Caregiver Coordinator

785.966.8305

Joint Commission
on Accreditation of
Healthcare Organizations
will conduct an
accreditation survey of
PBP Health Center soon.
For complaints or
concerns contact:The Joint Commission
One Renaissance Blvd.
Oakbrook Terrace, IL
60181

phone:

1-800-994-6610

or email:

complaint@jointcommission.org

Ms. Wheelchair Kansas Contest

The Ms. Wheelchair Kansas Program is seeking women of achieve-
ment, who are wheelchair mobile, to serve as contestants in the
Fourth Annual Ms. Wheelchair Kansas event. Winner will compete
in national contest Ms. Wheelchair America. Program also seeks
companies or organizations for financial support or donations.

Contest to be held March 7 - 9, 2008

Holiday Inn Holidome, Topeka, Kan.

For applications contact: Carrie Greenwood, State Coordinator
785.267.5982 or email mswheelchairkansas@yahoo.com.
Wheelchair Kansas website: www.mswheelchairkansas.org.

DECEMBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Jr. Schedule 4:00 Power Hour 5:00 Swimming Physical Activity Library/Computer Game / TV Room	Sr. Schedule 6:00 Tutoring Computer Lab Physical Activity Game / TV Room Swimming				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 5:00 Keystone Club	13 5:00 Club Tech	14 4:45 RV Basketball	15
16	17	18	19 5:00 Keystone Club	20	21 Xmas Party Gift Exchange	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Club Closed	28 Club Open 8:00-4:30	29 Club Closed
30 Club Closed	31 New Year's Eve Club Closed	November 2007 S M T W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		January 2008 S M T W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		Notes: Sr. 7th - 12th Grade Jr. K - 6th Grade

December 2007 Pool Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POOL PARTY FEES: \$40 for the first hour and \$20 for each additional hour and another \$20 for another lifeguard if party has more than 25 kids COMMUNITY SWIM FEES: \$2 for 18 and over \$1 for 5 to 17 yrs of age and 5 and under and 45 and over are free. You must have approved background check in before using pool while kids are in the building if u have any question please call the boys and girls club at 966-3031						1 Community swim 12 pm to 3:30 pm
2 Pool parties 12 pm to 3 pm Community swim 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm	3 Open lap swim 12 to 2 Kids swim 5 to 5:50 SR youth 6 to 7:30	4 Elders swim 12 to 2 Kids swim 5 to 5:50 Diabetes swim 6 to 7:30	5 Open lap swim 12 to 2 Kids swim 5 to 5:50 Water aerobics 6 to 7:30	6 Elders swim 10 to 12 Open lap swim 12 to 2 Kids swim 5 to 5:50 Diabetes swim 6 to 7:30	7 Childcare swim 10 to 12 Open lap swim 12 to 2 Kids swim 4:30 to 5:30 SR youth 6 to 7:30	8 Community swim 12 pm to 3:30 pm
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jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com](http://www.jacksoncountycrimestoppers.com)

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toll-free Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-866-662-3800.

Boys & Girls Club Calendar