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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

IT'S OFFICIAL! 5 MORE YEARS WITH HARRAHS - CONTRACT RENEWAL CELEBRATION

Doris A. Potts

In traditional fashion, Harrah's Entertainment Center really packed it on with an all day event of eating that began with a catered lunch for Nation members. Friday evening, October 18th, 2001 celebrations continued under the big white tent at Harrah's Casino. A mix of over 500 PBP Nation members, dignitaries, and invited guests gathered to celebrate signing of the Management Agreement between Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Harrah's Entertainment Center, extending the business partnership for 5 more years—thru January 2008.

Ceremonies opened as Reye Kitchkumme, Council Person and Master of Ceremonies, called forth the official blend of singers (Little Soldier Singers), We ta se/ (Post #410 braves) followed by the evening's special honorees, "the youth," Royal Valley Native American Singers and Dancers. Reverend Jim McKinney gave the evening invocation.

In his opening speech, Chairman Badger Wahwasuck commented, "that everything we are doing here is for our youth. That is why we need to pull together."

Continuing, he said, "These developments came in a very short time. When I left in 1967, there was very little progress here. I want to thank all of

those that have contributed to making all of this possible, and to those that have persevered here on the reservation, so that we could have what we now have."

Anthony Sanfilippo, Division President (Central Division, Memphis, TN), talked about the casino developments. He said, "This casino is one of the most successful casinos in the United States" Continuing commitment, he stated, "And we'll make sure that we'll work with Tribal Council and General Council. It is for the children coming up. We'll take that responsibility serious." He ended his speech by commenting on the golf venture being presented the next day at the General Council Meeting, "Golf will complement your casino and will complement your youth. It will grow your vitality and economy."

Next came the signing of the Declaration of Business Partnership Agreement. Amidst much commotion on stage, Harrah's presented the Nation a \$500,000.00 check to upgrade the Prairie People's Park for the 2002 Potawatomi Gathering. Gift exchange continued as everyone on stage was presented with gifts.

An Alabama native and comedian, Jeff Allen, capped off the evening. By this time everyone was miserably full of feasting and freezing too. The crowd began to drift out of the big white tent, looking forward to 5 more years of success with Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.



(Courtesy photo by Gary Jones of Jones-Seel Huyett)

The Native Singers and Dancers of Royal Valley Schools perform at the Contract Renewal Celebration.



Terry Scott, Wildlife Conservation Officer, BPPN Tribal Police Dept. explaining the four tribes hunting and fishing laws and the Law Symposium.



Rey Kitchkumme presented Senator Lana Oleen a Pendleton blanket. Law Symposium panel includes Steve Ortiz, Brad Hamilton

(Photo BPPN News)

In Trouble Times

By Mary Young

Amidst the tragedy that has come upon our nation, 7-year-old Gabriel Mendez asks his mother, "Why do they keep talking about the twin towers? How come they don't talk about or mention the Pentagon more?"

Gabriel has been talking about the terrorist attack since the incident occurred; he had viewed the destruction on television. Although he does not watch the news constantly, Gabriel can tell you what has been happening. War is a topic that is on his mind when he talks to his mother, a word that was not in his vocabulary prior to Sept. 11.

Twelve days later when Gabriel was getting ready to attend church, he said he was going to pray for three things: his chest pain, his lost dog "Muttly," and the people that were on the plane.

Gabriel told his mother that he was going to write a poem and within minutes after going to his bedroom, he came out with the following:

I love amaraca from
The day I was born to the
Day I'm with god. I pray
For amaraca god bless amaraca.



PBPN Hosts Native Nations Law Symposium 2001

By Mary Young

PBPN hosted the second Native Nations Law Symposium held on September 27 and 28, 2001 at Washburn University's Bradbury Thompson Center in Topeka, Kansas. The event was sponsored by the Kickapoo, Iowa, Sac and Fox, and Kansas Office of Native American Affairs and endorsed by the Washburn University School of Law and the Washburn University School of Applied Studies - Department of Social Work.

Unfortunately, there were cancellations due to funerals that were taking place in the communities but of the 73 registered attendees, those seeking Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit hours were able to obtain credit but for those in social services, they were to self-submit for credit.

In keeping with the intent of the Kansas Four Tribes Bar Bench's first conference, January 27, 2000, the second conference further educated and informed Kansas's attorneys and judges about tribal laws, Indian law issues, tribal jurisdiction, and sovereignty that included state prospective. The conference comprised of three workshops: 1) hunting and fishing issues; 2) tribal environmental land laws; and, 3) child welfare issues.

General Sessions:

After the We Ta Se, American Legion, Post 410 posted the colors, Ralph Simon, Jr., JD, BPPN Tribal Attorney, lead off with his presentation, "Tribal Government Overview." He spoke of the common history of the four tribes in the NE section of Kansas and of the various Federal government Acts that have affected the Indian throughout this country and what this means to the tribes in Kansas. According to Simon, twenty years ago, what Congress proclaimed and acted consistently upon seems to no longer exist since the Supreme Court has made attacks on tribal sovereignty and tribal self-government and "strayed from the tenet of Indian law."

Next, the "Criminal/Civil Jurisdiction and Sovereign Immunity" panel discussed difficulties involved in understanding complex Indian Law that can cause jurisdiction disputes, by fully explaining the

basic limits of jurisdiction from the Tribal standpoint, Tribal Court and Federal viewpoint.

Panel members included Anthony Powell, JD, Representative 85th House District, Kansas House of Representatives - Wichita, Kansas; Alan Metzger, JD, Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison, District of Kansas - Wichita, Kansas; David Prager, III, JD, BPPN Tribal Attorney - Mayetta, Kansas; and Francis Skenandore, JD, Associate Justice, BPPN Appellate court - Oneida, Wisconsin.

Panel member, Francis Skenandore, presented "Sovereign Immunity in Tribal Courts." *The general rule on tribal sovereign immunity in federal courts is that the courts will honor a waiver of such immunity but only if such waiver is stated in express terms. Supreme Court decisions upholding this rule have only dealt with congressional waivers, but the lower federal courts have presumed that tribal governing bodies possess the same waiver power, subject to the same requirement that such waiver must be expressly stated. Such waiver must be authorized by the tribal governing body, and will be strictly construed. Implied waivers, or waivers solely by individual officials, will not be honored.*

The question is whether this federal judicial rule applies to tribal courts as well, and if so, how the rule should be applied.

Many tribes have dealt with this issue explicitly, either in modern constitution ... other tribes by legislation dealing with the powers of the tribal court.

- *Nothing in this Title shall be construed to be a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Tribe, its officers, employees, agents, or political subdivisions or be a consent to any suit beyond the limits now or hereafter specifically stated by Tribal Law.*

Potawatomi Law and Order Code, Title 4, Civil Procedure, Section 4-1-1.

A co-presentation, "Tribal District & Appellate Courts" compared tribal court procedures to federal and state court procedures as they relate to: subject matter and personal jurisdiction, service of process, jury trials and other issues.

Brad Lippert, JD, Public Defender and Legal
(Continued on page 5)



PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARIES

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation General Council Meeting took place on October 20, 2001. Since transcripts will not be available for weeks, we, the newspaper staff members, have decided to prioritize, summarize, and highlight the important information that was available on this day. We have attempted to address each Agenda item. These summaries will be taken from actual written reports and floor highlights. If you would like to see these reports in their entirety, you can contact the Secretary Ortiz's office.

Treasurer's Report

Minutes of the Treasurer's Report were read and accepted with some discussion. The Tribe has had a casino for six years but the Business Committee is still not in place to create other economic development enterprises. "Support the Tribe's current businesses" was expressed during the General Council meeting. In viewing the Statement of Income/Loss from Operations for the Gift Shop and Nation Station, the loss for both enterprises were attributed to low tobacco sales. Both enterprises do not sell mainstream tobacco products due to the issue of State taxation and sovereignty. The third loss occurred when a \$25,000 Bonanza Bingo win came at an inopportune time.

REMINDER

Housing Meeting

November 14th @ 7:00 p.m.

Bingo Hall

To discuss details
of the 2002 Housing Plan

REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN / PER CAPITA PAYMENT

PBP Nation member, Galen Kabance, brought to floor for the General Council to consider for vote the possibility of increasing the per capita payments. In brief, he recommended the payments be increased from the current 24% to 36% and on a quarterly basis rather than the bi-annual.

In his arguments for, summarization follows:

Why increase the per capita payment?

Ø needs are increasing daily and we are behind with things like medical, utility, car payments, and taxes

Ø all members get a shot in the arm instantly

Ø time is right - we'll get a boost in gaming revenue due to recently negotiated agreement

Ø money is available for an increase

Ø 6 months is a long time when depending on per capita payments to pay above-mentioned bills

Summary: Prairie Band Members needs are growing. The money is available. Future revenue is projected to increase. Why not raise the per capita payment now!

GENERAL COUNCIL OBJECTIONS:

Much objection from the floor was cited by Nation members to increase the per capita. At one point, the meeting was halted to review the Rules of Order to verify when and if this was even a legal point to be addressed again. General objections included:

Ø The whole national economy is in a very unstable financial situation with the war going on right now. Gambling is a "chance game"/"form of entertainment." When the choice of spending gets serious, a family must decide what expenditure is most important. Most likely, the entertainment aspect will be restricted.

Ø Our Nation has not begun to develop our own enterprises now. Of our 3 enterprises now, 2 of those are losing money. Casino is our only profit-making business. The proposal suggested we take a 12% chunk from Economic Development. You have to have money to make money is a simple and known business fact.

Ø It is a fact that gaming will, if it hasn't already, start to fall because the general population will become more cautious about spending due to the world situation of war. A member noted that it was obvious that the crowd was a lot smaller - financial facts will soon support that observation.

Ø A young mother spoke of the need to think about the future of our children and grandchildren. If we spend all that we have right now, what is left for them?

Ø A point worth considering when thinking of increasing per capitas is that many native nations are experiencing a subtle and quiet disappearance of their culture. This is a fact that is often cited by casino nations. Studies won't be found on this subject because it is being denied.

Ø The state of Kansas is looking at opening slots at the race tracks because of the budget deficit. The Wichita racetracks will hurt our casino because we have a large number of our business patrons travel from the south - Kansas (including western Kansas) and Oklahoma.

Ø Tearful, one members noted that this per capita is actually hurting the members that it should, ideally, be designed to help. Those are our elderly that have come to depend on that fixed income. They are being penalized at the end of the year when reporting time comes around. Those that are being hurt are those on fixed incomes such as social security, supplemental security income, and veteran's benefits - to name only a few. They are losing their medical benefits.

Ø A point overlooked during this discussion, but it should be of high importance is the enrollment issue. During the Constitution Committee's discussions with Nation members, a serious concern was enrollment. Many did not like the current 1/4 Prairie Band Potawatomi blood quantum requirement. We are cutting our own families out of being members with this requirement. Why did we vote for that requirement? A food for thought might suggest that some wanted higher per capita payments. But for more money, you are denying your family line's continued survival - exactly what the government had in mind when requiring that Indians have a blood requirement to be considered Indian. Ultimately, we are doing away with ourselves...all for increased money for ourselves.

The vote for Mr. Kabance's per capita increase failed by a small margin. Mr. Potter, Treasurer, commented at the end of this lengthy discussion. He said that Mr. McCaleb, Assistant Secretary of Interior (who replaced Kevin Gover) stated that when he came into office, he wasn't going to support any new per capita requests or an increase to the existing per capitas.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation General Council
Meeting Agenda for
Saturday, October 20th, 2001
PBPN Bingo Hall
16277 Q Road, Mayetta, Kansas 66509

AGENDA

1. Registration opens @ 8:00 a.m.
2. Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.
3. Invocation- Vice-Chair Gary Mitchell
4. Tribal Chair Badger Wahwasuck- Welcome
5. Approval of October 20th, 2001 agenda-Steve Ortiz
6. Approval of Saturday July 21st, 2001 minutes-Steve Ortiz
7. Treasurer Report- Jim Potter
 - [a] Financial Report
 - [b] Investment Report
8. Old Business:
 - [a] PBPN Revenue Allocation Plan revision- Jim Potter
 - [b] Constitution Committee recommendation- Vendia Chenault
 - [c] PBPN Student Service Program-Steve Ortiz
 - [d] General Council Donation Committee report-Betty Rice
 - [e] Housing Plan report- Jackie Mitchell
 - [f] Fraud Audit Update of (5) Proven Allegations, Presentation of Disciplinary Actions for General Council decision - Badger Wahwasuck
 - [g] Healthcare presentation-Steve Ortiz/PBPN Health Committee
 - [h] Powwow Committee report-Badger Wahwasuck
 - [i] New Energy sources- Badger Wahwasuck
 - [j] Golf course facility proposal-Steve McDonald
9. New Business:
 - [a] Education Committee vacancies- Sharon McClane
10. Adjournment

MINOR TRUST OPTIONS

What is minor trust?

All Prairie Band Potawatomi Nations members are entitled to per capita payments that are made out as a result of gaming proceeds. When the Nation submitted their Revenue Allocation Plan for approval to the Secretary of Interior, they had to submit a plan for the minor's funds, ensuring that the best interest of the minor is protected and preserved.

Our Nation chose to distribute the funds out the children or legal guardian of the minors. This leaves the full responsibility on the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). In some instances, this hasn't been in the best interest of the minor, as it does allow some abuses by the parent(s) or legal guardians(s). Those are isolated and minor cases. But, it is these cases that call for stricter rules or "tightening up of the regulations."

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that do right by their minors feel penalized because of suggestions of new guidelines because in essence, they/we are doing right with the children's monies.

Therefore, this continues to be a major concern for many Nation members. What is the best method to handle minor's funds? Tribal Council had an option of suggestions but they continue to solicit everyone's input to deal with this continued dilemma. Your input in developing an agreeable plan will be appreciated. We strongly encourage you to write to your Tribal Council with your suggestions.

Once again, these are only options for your review:

Ø Partial payment to minor members with the balance going into a trust

Ø Full payment placed into a trust

Ø Partial payout when the minor reaches 18 with balance paid at age 21

Ø Full payout when either high school diploma or GED achieved regardless of age. If neither has been accomplished by age 25, then full payout made

Ø Partial payout at age 18 with balance paid when high school diploma or GED achieved

Ø Partial payout of age 21 and balance at age 25

Ø Full payout at age 21

Ø Full payout at age 25

Ø Any combination of the above options or some other reasonable option

New Constitution to be Voted On

Vendia Chenault

Members of the General Council voted to forward a new constitution for a Secretarial Election after hearing a report by the Constitution Committee at the October 2001 General Council meeting.

The committee presented a report titled "Recommendations on the Proposed Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Constitution" which outlined three options to be considered by members at the annual meeting. The report discussed each of the options and the pros and cons of each choice. The options presented to membership included:

- 1) Voting to forward the proposed new constitution to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a Secretarial
- 2) Forward a series of six amendments the committee identified as being most critical to improving the accountability and efficiency of the tribal government to the BIA for a Secretarial Election
- 3) No change to the existing constitution

The motion to forward the new constitution for a Secretarial Election that was passed by General Council was also supported by Tribal Council. Chairman Wahwasuck voiced support for the work undertaken by the Constitution Committee over the past two years. Councilwoman Jackie Mitchell also assured the Constitution Committee members and General Council there was majority support by Tribal Council for forwarding the document. Under the existing constitution, amendments must have a majority vote by Tribal Council or have 300 signatures to trigger the constitutional amendment process.

The vote of confidence from General Council and Tribal Council means that a vote will be scheduled on the new constitution in the Spring of 2002 when all registered voters of the nation will have an opportunity to vote for or against passage of the new constitution.

A motion to hold a Special Meeting on January 17th and 18th to discuss issues related to tribal enrollment was also voted on and approved. This meeting is intended to share information and to gather recommendations from membership about future changes to the Constitution related to enrollment. Tribal members who have criteria they would like to see included in future language related to enrollment are encouraged to mail these comments to: Doris Potts - Constitution Committee, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Government Center, Mayetta, KS.

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HOUSING PLAN APPROVED

By Ralph Simon, Tribal Attorney
10/30/01

The General Council approved the 2002 Tribal Housing Plan at the October 23rd General Council meeting. The 2002 Plan is funded by a \$5,300,000 budget, from tribal revenues, to assist tribal members in meeting their housing needs. Included in the 2002 Plan are (1) \$200,000 to provide assistance with costs of refinancing of existing mortgages, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per household, for any adult tribal member nationwide; (2) \$1,500,000 for home repair or renovation, up to \$20,000 per household, for any adult tribal member nationwide; (3) \$1,000,000 to construct up to 16 apartment units on or near the Reservation with occupancy priority given to tribal members; (4) \$1,150,000 for down payment assistance to construct a new home or purchase an existing home, up to \$12,500 maximum, for any adult tribal member nationwide; (5) \$1,350,000 allotted for construction of 15 new homes for elders on the Reservation whose existing housing is old and not feasible for repair or renovation to make them safe and secure; and, (6) \$100,000 to contribute toward administrative costs associated with implementation of the 2002 Plan. Tribal members will receive this assistance in the form of a grant or low interest loan, depending upon income, except that \$300,000 of the home repair/renovation funds have been set aside as a grant to "over income" tribal members. Funding to provide housing assistance to tribal members who do

not receive assistance in 2002 will be submitted for approval by the General Council in July or October 2002.

At this time, it is contemplated that the Housing Authority will be designated to serve as administrator of the 2002 Plan. Applications for the described housing assistance and eligibility guidelines can be obtained from the Housing Authority beginning November 26th. Completed applications will be accepted at the Housing Authority office on and after December 1, 2001 for the 2002 Plan year. It is contemplated that an open application period will be held from December 1, 2001 through the first 30 to 60 days in 2002, so that tribal members have a fair opportunity to return completed applications and be considered as being received first in time for purposes of awarding funding priority. Awards of assistance will be made at the end of the open application period and funds will then be made available as required to the contractor or lending institution. The complete guidelines and procedures can be obtained from the Housing Authority on and after November 26th. The Nation will also consider making these materials available through the Nation's web site at www.pbpindiantribe.com.

A meeting will be held for tribal members at the Bingo Hall on November 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the details of the 2002 Plan. The policies and procedures for the 2002 Plan will be finalized after that meeting so your input is important. Those who are not able to attend the meeting may send written comments to Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Council Member, at the Government Center, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509 or email at jackiem@pbpnation.org.

Native American and Community Women's Cancer Awareness Conference

October 12, 2001 - October was Cancer Awareness Month and Arlene Wahwasuck spearheaded a major drive this past month to do her part to let the community become more aware of the cancer facts. Arlene has always been a driving force when it comes to educating anyone she meets with words of encouragement about living a healthy lifestyle.

A major facts that was found out during this major drive is that the native population is barely represented in the Kansas figures. Yet, we can each count many lives have been inflicted with cancers just by looking at our own families. In 1999, Native Americans were reported with 13 cases; 1998 - a high of 24 cases. Those are figures from the state of Kansas statistics per Kansas Cancer Registry data.

One of the reasons for this low count is that a client's race is usually not asked due to fears of discrimination laws. A receptionist who signs in the patient may shy away from asking for the race information, so they just mark the section that best fits appearance, which is most likely "Hispanic."

Anytime, you sign in at a health facility, let them know your race, so that we will be counted. They have to know statistics to study the prevalence and why so many or so little of this cancer, etc. Statistics play an important role in studies. And, cancers are becoming more and more prevalent among all people.

During the workshop, it was said that cancers are considered "environmental." It is suspected that many of these cancers are from the air we breathe, the food we eat, and the products put in our plants to make crops appear better. That is a very simple fact that we all seem to be aware of to some degree. We are often doubtful of the foods in the coolers - how long have they been in that package and what is it really?

Reasons for getting many of the cancers are yet unknown. That's a startling fact. We are always hearing that "Smoking is bad for us." But, now we are told that anything you do can lead to cancers, including having early sex with numerous partners. That was information presented in the cervical cancer workshop. So, yes, cancers are everywhere and in everything we do.

On this particular day, there were 83 participants attending this workshop; 13 completing mammograms. Another key point made during this workshop is that

homes from administration and ownership of the Nation. To the extent permitted, the amounts owed by occupants will be forgiven by the Nation in the most expeditious manner that avoids tax consequences under applicable law.

Discussion: The problems encountered with administration of the home ownership and rental programs under the 1937 Housing Act have existed for years. HUD has advised that these past due amounts and the unamortized portion of the home's debt can be cancelled. In order to eliminate these ongoing problems, the Nation should cancel the remaining obligations to the extent doing so would result in the least taxable consequences. Forgiveness of debt that would have been paid is a taxable event to the extent that the occupant's income exceeds certain guidelines.

3. Finding: A relative of a former Tribal Council member leased land under two Temporary Land Leases without obtaining approval by Tribal Council resolution.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the signature page of future land leases always have a reference to the Tribal Council resolution number which approved the lease. This will help to assure that all leases have been approved by resolution.

If the lease terms for these 1998 Temporary Land Leases have expired and the lease payments were reasonable, no specific action on them is recommended. If the lease terms have not expired, they should be properly approved.

Discussion: Tribal Council procedure requires approval by resolution of all tribal land leases. In these instances the procedure was not followed.

4. Finding: A Tribal member leased land and did not pay in full. From 1995 to 1998 the tribal member was awarded seven land leases requiring payment of \$15,868.52 to BPN and BIA. Tribal bank records indicate \$7,545 received from the Tribal member, BIA records indicate \$5,623.52 received from the Tribal member, leaving an unpaid balance of \$2,700.

Recommendation: As long as the \$2,700 remains unpaid, no future leases should be made to this person. Demand should be made for the \$2,700 and collection action should be taken.

Discussion: Standard tribal lease procedures require that if someone has breached a lease agree-

Health Care Summary Report

Doris A. Potts

In Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001 General Council Meeting, the health care issue was moved to Agenda Item A, stressing its importance. This has been an on-going problem and has been for years. There are many complicated issues surrounding this whole situation.

Opening Floor Action

We will attempt to update you here with highlights of what resulted from the meeting. Mamie Rupnicki acted as spokesperson for the health committee, requesting a Letter of Intent from Tribal Council to take over the 3 positions of public health nurse, health educator, and human services. The main issue she addressed was the problem of unpaid contract health services bills. Very recently, the PBP Nation has contracted to hire a billing clerk person. Apparently, for years, the IHS contract health department has not been collecting insurance monies from clients that have private insurance, creating a major funding deficit. This motion failed.

Summary of Secretary's Report

Current problems:

- Clinic is too small - has minimal primary care equipment.
- Major problems exist with contract billings for years 1998 - 2001. (Note: New staff member, Barbara Tims, who specializes in this area, has been on board since Sept. 2001, and is aggressively resolving this major task of catch-up.) She reports, "there should be no

early diagnosis means greater success at combating the disease. And most cancers are curable. Therefore, it is most important to do the required routine tests—mammograms and pap smears.

Men are not immune to cancer. Yes, men do get breast cancer plus other forms of cancer! That leads to the next important point. Once cancer is diagnosed, this becomes a family affair. Family is needed for support and men are a part of the family. The men disappeared from this workshop after opening remarks. Thomas Wabnum was there to attest to this fact. "Cancer is a family affair." He and his wife, Freda, came from Albuquerque to testify of the devastations cancer plays upon the family life once it is diagnosed.

Perhaps, the title of this work-

ment, the person will not be eligible for any new leases until the problem is corrected.

On August 29, 2001, the Land Management Advisory Committee met to discuss this issue. The options of obtaining proof of past payment or suspending all current leases were considered but the Committee did not vote on any recommendations.

5. Finding: A program has used tribal funds to purchase ingredients for fund raising sales and then kept the money for program activities. The BPN Finance department advised several programs have been allowed to purchase ingredients to make food for fundraising sales and then retain the proceeds from the sale for program activities such as entertainment, activity equipment, etc. for program participants. The programs identified were Parr Ranch, Child Care, Senior Services and Boy and Girls Club.

Recommendation: Action has been taken to address this issue. No future action is recommended other than the regular audit of this activity and possibly written procedures for the programs to handle these proceeds.

Discussion: Prior to Mr. Cook's July 2001 report, the Nation's auditors had already identified this issue of several unaudited bank accounts containing these fundraising proceeds. (See April 2, 2001 financial audit suggestions by Virginia A. Powell of Berberich Trahan & Co., P.A.) Because these accounts were controlled by the programs and were not recorded under the Nation's formal accounting system, the funds in them were vulnerable to misappropriation. These individual bank accounts have been closed and the proceeds have transferred to bank accounts managed and audited by the Nation's finance department. Future proceeds from fundraising will also be deposited to these audited accounts and will be recorded on the tribal general ledger to keep track of them.

Carol Shopteese made a motion to accept recommendations of tribal attorneys on 4 allegations and include #3 re: Jesse Rupnicki to accept recommendations of Tribal Land Management Committee. This passed with 78 in favor; 2 opposed.

Further discussion resulted in #4 (\$2,700) would be pardoned due to no accounting records being kept by the 3 past three involved parties: finance, Tribal Council Land Lease Representative, and the land renter. It was determined that all 3 were at fault in this case.

#2 Housing allegation was acted on separately by General Council with strict guidelines attached.

reason why the insurance monies haven't been recovered because clients are willingly showing insurance cards to her."

- IHS undergoing a reorganization that has created controversy among PBP members that use and are employed by the clinic.
- No response from Dr. Harris, IHS Clinic, regarding written complaints.
- Dr. Harris (clinic management) is not responding to requests for clinic budget.
- (Note: The need for additional clerical help for data input, patient file update, and billing information collection was not added as previously stated as this is currently being addressed with the Billing Clerk position.)

Our Current Situation:

For the past fifty years, U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services thru Public Health Service has administered all aspects of health management and administration for the northeast Kansas Indian tribes. "By allowing *The Indian Health Service Clinic in Holton to administer our funds we knowingly accept their rules as to how our money will be spent.*" Tribal Councils and IHS Advisory Boards act in an advisory capacity. "The only way to directly impact the Indian Health Service Clinic in Holton is to spend a lot of money to go to Washington, D.C. and complain to our Congressional Leaders and hope something will be done or take a new direction and have the Indian Nations administer their own Healthcare dollars through 638 Contracting."

Where do we go from here? (1 - 3 are quoted directly from report.)

Tribal Council and BPN Health Committee seek guidance as to what direction the General Council wish to pursue. Options are as follows:

1. Continue our current relationship with the U.S. De-

partment Health & Human Services, Public Health Service, IHS Clinic in Holton, KS by allowing them to administer our healthcare dollars for us and following their rules. And, Lastly support the Holton Clinic in getting grants along with tribal gaming dollars to build a new facility to better serve those that live in the Holton Clinic's service area.

2. Change the way we administer our healthcare dollars by the PPN 638 Contracting all it's health management over the next two years and building a new health clinic on the reservation to meets the needs of it's people. Currently the Sac & Fox Nation and Iowa Tribe aren't to opposed to joining the BPN in building a new facility. By going to 638 Contracting the Tribes have direct control over Clinic Priorities, Drugs purchased, Doctors Contract, and day-to-day operation of the clinic. All this begins with letter of Intent to HIS and this would allow the Tribal Council and BPN Health Committee to Contract all our health services. However, there would be the problem of a service area that does not include all membership without some form of universal health coverage plan to include them.

3. Recently the Tribal Council and the BPN Health Committee met with representatives of the Great Northern Benefits, LLC a brokerage insurance company. Great Northern provides a health, dental, vision, supplemental Medicare, Medicaid and life insurance plan for all Forest County Potawatomi enrolled members. A plan of this nature would have a positive impact on BPN members living off the reservation and on the reservation by allowing a Health Clinic to collect for healthcare from enrolled member who are covered. However a plan of this nature would cost from \$6 to \$8 million dollars to cover 5000 members. If coverage was provided to only those that did not have health insurance provided already the cost could be brought down.

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Mary Young (785) 966-3948



Dear General Council Member,

The General Council passed the **Final DRAFT of the PBPN Student Services Plan** on October 20, 2001 [Mary Wilson made a motion to accept Plan C with the addition of adding "one computer per family, educational/sports camps allowance, and educational trips." The motion was seconded by Mamie Rupnicki. 112 For and 0 opposed]. The Plan is designed as a pilot program for 4 years beginning January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2006. The program would need to be renewed after four years. This Plan is in addition to any existing JOM program and Higher Education program that your child is involved in where you live. At this point a Student Services Administrator needs to be hired to further complete development of the budget, guidelines and forms for operating the program. Thank you for allowing Tribal Council to work on development of a plan to bring back to the General Council. Megwich' Steve Ortiz- Secretary

Eligibility- Enrolled member, Grades 1 thru 12

School Types: Public Schools, Private Schools, Home Schooling

The Following Student needs would be covered:

- School supplies for each grade
- Class fees
- Text book fees
- Sports expense [shoes, uniforms, activity fees, sports protection apparel, letter jackets
- Book Orders
- Instrument rentals
- Testing fees ACT/SAT
- School club fees
- Lab fees
- Graduation [pictures, caps, gowns, announcements, class rings]
- Graduation [high school] incentive \$200
- Tutoring Expenses
- One computer per family
- Educational/Sports camps allowance
- Educational Trips

Key points:

- Pay vendors direct
- Verification of completed sport
- Grades from the school
- Receipt for actual expenses
- IRS tax issue if parents receive payment for expenses directly
- Need a 1-800 number for tribal members to call with questions
- Coordinator's cost- salary, benefits, travel, training
- Income guidelines (depends on IRS position)

PBPN Student Pool:

- 199 kids 3 years old to 5 years old
- 540 kids 6 years old to 13 years old
- 404 kids 14 years old to 18 years old

Cost Of Plan-[C]

Number of Participants	Student Allowance Amounts
1043 (estimate) Plans	\$300 per student max. amount[c]
Cost per Allowance	\$312,900
Administration Cost	\$ 82,600
Estimate Total Cost	\$395,500

Other Considerations for improvement to the existing PBPN Higher Education Program-Approved

- Line item for non-traditional vocational training \$100,000.00
- Increase funding for Vocational Training \$ 100,000.00
- Increase undergraduate semester funding \$ 225,000.00
- Increase graduate school funding \$ 225,000.00
- Student loan payment grant to those that **have completed their degree**. (Grantee responsible for taxes) Maximum amount \$10,000. [One grant only] Grant amount paid directly to Student Loan Cost \$250,000.00 - 1st Year 25 student loans \$250,000.00 - 2nd year 25 student loans \$250,000.00 - 3rd year 25 student loans \$250,000.00 - 4th year 25 student loans

Total Cost Plan C and Higher education Improvements for 4 years \$1,295,500. 00/yr x 4= \$5,182,200.00

Funding Plan-

- Funds for the Student Services Plan could come from the Tribal Government (30%) portion of the PBPN Revenue Allocation Plan by creating a tribal government Department for the PBPN Student Services Plan. Department would report to the Executive Director.

What's new with PBPN Housing ?

Submitted by Jackie Mitchell,
Tribal Council Member

The housing plan was presented to the October General Council and approval was given for the housing plan and a budget was approved. A public meeting will be conducted on November 14 at 7:00 at the Bingo Hall to complete final details of the plan. In addition, a more detailed survey was sent to all adult members of the PBP nation. This survey will determine final numbers of members wanting to participate in this plan. A preliminary summary of the housing survey will be available at that meeting. Planning is the key to success of this program for tribal members. The present budget approved for 2002 will provide up to \$20,000 for 60 members for home repair and renovation, \$5,000 for refinancing for up to 40 members, up to \$10,000 for up to 90 members for down payment assistance and senior citizen assistance for up to 15 senior citizens. In addition, the general council approved a 16-unit apartment complex. This funding will be available beginning January 1, 2002. Applications will be reviewed and approved after December 1, 2001.

Harrah's Contract Renewal

Submitted by Jackie Mitchell,
Tribal Council Member

On October 19, a celebration was held at Harrahs celebrating the 5-year extension of the Harrahs management contract. The contract was renewed with a negotiated lowering of the management percentage from 27% to 20%. This will provide additional revenue to the nation. A \$500,000 check was presented to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for renovation of the Prairie People Park and 2002 gathering expenses. This celebration was attended by approximately 700 tribal members and invited guests. It was an enjoyable evening of good food, speeches, and gifts and concluded with a very funny comedian that made everyone laugh. All in attendance had an enjoyable evening.

Wetlands Association Meeting
September 25, 2001
Submitted by Jackie Mitchell,
Tribal Council Member

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Environmental Protection Agency hosted a meeting for the Kansas Wetlands Association and tour of the reservation conservation sites. I was very fortunate to attend as a representative from Tribal Council. The tour consisted of the James Creek and Big Soldier conservation projects. It was a beautiful early fall day perfect for walking along the creek and seeing the work of the EPA department. The project



The committee was formed to make recommendations to the General Council as to which requests will benefit our community directly or indirectly. The following are guidelines that the committee developed:

- What impact will this benefit have upon the Native Americans in your community?
- How many Native Americans will use or have used your facility or agency, in a year's time?
- What other resources have you tried and what was the result?
- What is the amount of your request?
- If not funded, what will be the effect on your program?

During the discussion, the following questions are to be included in the guidelines: What names should the check be issued in, the individual or vendor? What are the mission, goals and objectives of the request? Is the group a nonprofit organization?

Applications may be requested from the Potawatomi Housing Authority at 785 966 2756.

The General Council abolished the present housing authority board and a new board will be selected for the implementation of the housing plan. In addition, the general council approved the forgiving of the HUD homes on the reservation. This will allow the turning over of the homes built prior to 1984 to the homeowners and they will be the responsibility of the homeowners.

The approval of the housing plan marks a new beginning for housing for tribal members that allows gaming revenue to be used for the this basic need and will be a major accomplishment for all Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Members. The program guidelines will be strictly adhered to and success of this program depends on each tribal member working toward this goal. It is a very exciting time for the nation and we can all be proud of what is happening with the nation at this time. If you have any questions or suggestions about housing or any issue, please call any of the council. Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Council Member 785 966 4016 or toll free at 877 715 6789. Email at jackiem@pbpnation.org. Thank you for your continued support and allowing me to represent you.

See Related Housing Story
by Ralph Simon, Attorney.

Monday, September 17,
2001, 10:00 am Central
Time

PRESS RELEASE

Source: Prairie Band
Potawatomi Nation News

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Jackson County Commissioners Agree on Cost Sharing of Improved 911 Services for ALL Jackson County/Potawatomi Reservation Residents

Recent cooperative monthly meeting efforts between the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council Members and Jackson County Board of Commissioners will result in improved 911 emergency response services to all residents of Jackson County, Kansas, including Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members.

Promptly responding to letter dated 09-10-01 from Jackson County Commissioners, Tribal Council unanimously approved support of \$32,000 to improve the 911 emergency response services. Jackson County Commissioners requested the PBP Nation cost-share in the Emergency Management plan, "especially if

you would be willing to pay for the man hours to update the data base so that tribal members living on the Reservation would be placed in the system."

Today, a letter has been forwarded to the Jackson County Commissioners advising them that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council *has approved the obligation of \$32,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing equipment and software from SPRINT for the required upgrade of the 911 Emergency Response Communication System.*

This upgrade will enable the Jackson County Sheriff's Dispatch Office to dispatch tribal emergency service resources directly to incidents on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation.

Details of this joint effort are yet to be worked out. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation look forward to continued collaborative work efforts with the Jackson County Commissioners that will improve the living conditions of all residents of the Jackson County/Potawatomi Reservation territory.

ELECTION CALENDAR 2002

Gaming Commission

1 Gaming Commissioner

Tribal Council

Chairman, Secretary,
Council Person (1)

1. Start Up Date:
October 1, 2001

2. Mailing of Election Notice
October 12, 2001

3. Declaration of Candidacy
Deadline
November 7, 2001, 4:00 pm
(8 weeks for background check for Gaming and Tribal Council)

4. Deadline to withdraw your
Candidacy
December 7, 2001

5. Registration Deadline
18 Years and Older
January 4, 2002, 4:00 pm

6. Mail Ballots to Registered
Voters
January 11, 2002

7. **GC ELECTION DAY**
FEBRUARY 25, 2002

1. Start Up Date
March 1, 2002

2. Mailing of Election Notice
March 15, 2002

3. Declaration of Candidacy
Deadline
April 5, 2002, 4:00 pm

4. Deadline to withdraw your
Candidacy
May 3, 2002

5. Registration Deadline
18 Years and Older
June 7, 2002, 4:00 pm

6. Mail Ballots to Registered
Voters
June 12, 2002

7. **TC ELECTION DAY**
JULY 24, 2002

3 Working Day Protest Period

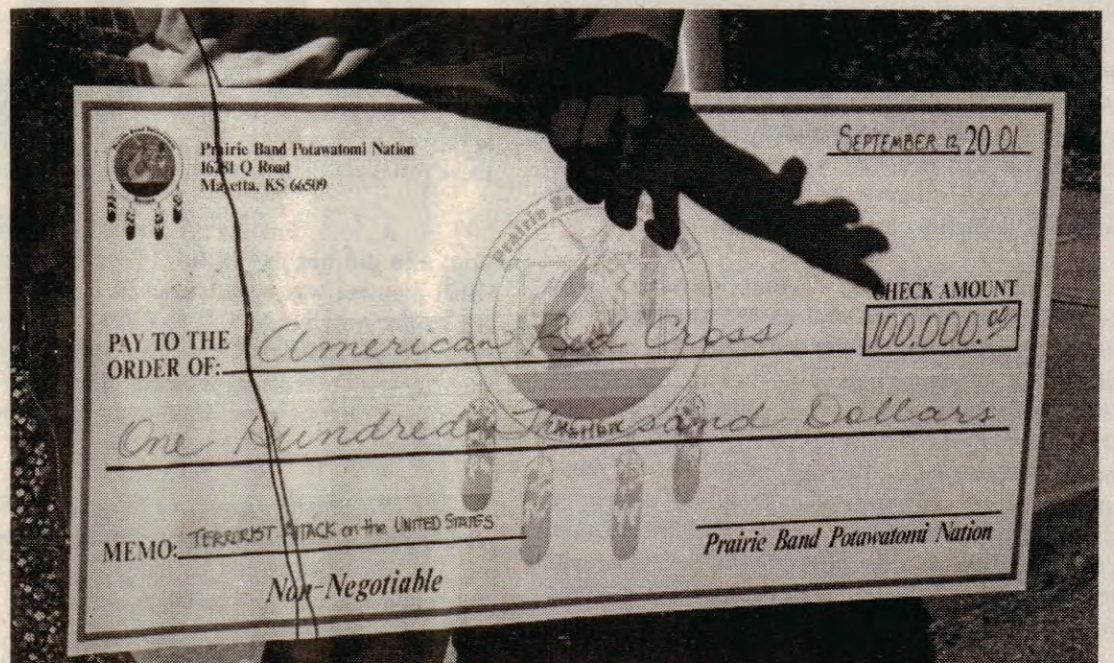
The Oath of Office of Newly Elected Officials is scheduled by Tribal Council.

The Election Board has allowed 75 working days for each election. Holidays have been taken into consideration.

General Council Donation Committee Report

Arlene Wahwassuck made a motion to approve 13 donation requests in the full amount and was seconded by Sharon McClane. The vote was passed with 43 in favor and 40 opposed.

Donations are as followed: Topeka Cemetery (memorial for Charles Curtis, \$2,000), Haskell Stadium Arch (repair arch, \$54,000), Holton Area Chamber (sponsorship of sidewalk and street lamps, \$1,000), Netwaka Fire Dept., \$10,000), Battered Women Task Force (shelter costs, security and service, \$50,000), Ler's Help (utility assistance, meals, meds, clothes, \$100,000), Topeka Youth Project (services for youth, \$1,000), USD 501 (special services as designated by Indian Education Program, \$50,000), Northern Cherokee Nation (pow wow expenses for Washburn (Nov.), % 500), Topeka Rescue Mission (shelter costs, meal, clothes, \$50,000), Topeka High (band uniforms, \$6,730), Kansas Assoc. for Native American Ed. (conference costs, Oct. 5-7, \$1,000), and Delia School (art and PBP language classes, playground ren., \$17,000).



PBPN donating \$100,000 to the Red Cross Disaster fund relief.

(Photo PBPN News)



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Planning & Environmental Protection Department Highlights

Submitted by Latane Donelin

In September we completed a 'Guide to Permitting' brochure, with assistance from BIA and OEH and the Potawatomi Planning Commission. If you are thinking of building a home here on the reservation and would like a copy of this brochure, just give us a call at 785-966-2946. We have worked with the community to complete 12 permits during this past quarter, with 6 sanitary inspections conducted for those permits. Jason Auvil keeps busy with many map requests from several departments, as well as compiling electric data needs and continuing to take classes at K-State 2 days a week this semester.

Environmental Specialist Virginia LeClere organized a Youth Poster Contest to promote Air Quality Awareness month for our community. This opportunity is being encouraged at the Royal Valley schools in the area, by the Boys & Girls Club and throughout the community. Educational materials were also distributed at the Health Fair in September.

Our Solid Waste program filled its remaining position in August with Cody Nozhackum, who is assisting with both our maintenance and recycling responsibilities. Plans are moving forward to develop our field operations center on 142nd Road. We will be storing recycled materials for marketing, with purchase of a multi-purpose baler to use in order to sell our cardboard, metals, aluminum and plastics. Roy Spoonhunter, Jr. coordinates the activities in this program, with assistance from Sheldon Thomp-

son and Vincent Hernandez. They are monitoring the new wastewater plants for the Reservation, one in operation at the Government Center and a second facility to be constructed on K Road to serve all buildings in this area. Skills they are developing will enable them to be Certified Wastewater Operators and Registered Sanitarians.

Greg Wold, Tribal Biologist, has been busy coordinating the quarterly water quality sampling in August, providing tours of the streambank stabilization projects on Crow Creek and Big Soldier Creek to the KWRAA (Kansas Wetland & Riparian Area Alliance), and maintaining the Tribe's Orchard, with some part-time assistance from Mick Vega and Tony Eteeyan. Another erosion control project is scheduled to be completed in November on Little Soldier Creek.

Keeping track of the numerous grant budgets for accountability is being coordinated by Sharon Anderson, administrative assistant, with Wade Pahmammie in the Finance department. Additional grant funding has supplemented our watershed planning (\$30,000) and solid waste program (\$11,000). After more than a year, several of the EPA grants have been combined in a PPG (Performance Partnership Grant) with \$224,000 of funding which is supposed to make record keeping easier. The new EPA general assistance grant for FY 2002 of \$180,000 was received in early October.

strict Court Judge, Third Judicial District, District Court of Kansas - Topeka, Kansas; Peter Beekman, JD, Judge, Kickapoo Tribe - Omaha, Nebraska; and Gary Beaudry, JD, Attorney at Law, Beaudry Law Office - Williston, North Dakota, Council Lodge Institute, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Gary M. Beaudry defined "child custody proceeding," "extended family member," "Indian," "Indian child," "Indian child's tribe," and "Indian custodian" (Section 4 25 U.S.C. 1093) as well as the determination if the child is an Indian, tribe and jurisdiction. Other information shared included "standards of evidence" and "placement."

Peter Beekman discussed "the legal requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act, recent United States Supreme Court cases and Kansas Supreme Court cases" and to "educate attorneys, social workers and court personnel about the pitfalls of the Indian Child Welfare Act." His lecture will not include all of the provisions that routinely apply to every juvenile or family proceeding. When done, the participants will be able to define who is an "Indian child"; determine what cases will and will not be covered by the Indian Child Welfare Act; determine what jurisdictional issues must be met for state and indigenous courts; know how to contact a particular indigenous nation; determine if the case will or will not be transferred to indigenous court or whether it will be handled to completion by a state court; and understand the history of the act and its importance to indigenous peoples.

Hunting and Fishing

The panel of "Hunting and Fishing issues" explained the development of the four tribes hunting and fishing laws and compared them to state laws. The presentation included a discussion of tribal versus State jurisdiction and how the two might cooperate.

Panel presenters included Ralph Simon, Jr., JD, Tribal Attorney, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation - Mayetta, Kansas and Terry Scott, Wildlife Conservation Officer, Tribal Police Department, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation - Mayetta, Kansas.

In Attorney Simon's presentation, he disagreed with the Kansas Attorney's General Opinion No. 82-120 regarding hunting and fishing on the reservation; it placed conclusive effect of *Montana* (Montana v. United States) on the tribe's jurisdiction. He further disagreed with the wholesale application of State hunting and fishing laws on the Reservation. Some actions designated as crimes under state law may only be regulatory in nature, and, if so, they normally do not apply to the conduct of Indians on the Reservation.

According to the Kansas Attorney General Opinion No. 82-120, June 3, 1982, the opinion reads, it is our opinion that the Potawatomi Indian Tribe has no authority to regulate non-Indian hunting and fishing on reservation lands owned in fee by non-Indians, and that Indians have no right to trespass or hunt upon such lands without the owner's permission.

In the Kansas Attorney General Opinion No. 75-209, the State's Attorney General advised in this opinion that the State of Kansas did not have jurisdiction to enforce its fish and game laws on Indians inside the Potawatomi Reservation.

From a Law Enforcement Perspective

Terry Scott began his presentation with a quote from Nathan "Eight-Ball" Jim, Founding member of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, "We are a bunch of teachers; a bunch of people who have wisdom; a people who have a history; a people who are concerned about our future. When the Indian was put here by our Creator, then, all things were made especially for the use of the two-

New Fire Chief Begins Building Bridges

By Doris A. Potts



David Price (pictured above) came on duty September 19th as Director of Emergency/Medical Services, building bridges where many barriers and gaps currently existed.

Filling the bill as new Fire Chief had many strings attached to it, but mainly it had the requirement of strong leadership skills. It was the Nation's desire to get this new fire station headed in the right direction, as it has all the qualities of being one of the best fire and medical response systems in the state of Kansas.

legged people, and we were charged with the responsibility of taking care of them."

Terry stated, prior to the obtaining a Police Department or Wildlife Conservation Officer position, the Prairie Band Potawatomi were not required to answer to anyone concerning hunting or fishing practices on the reservation but soon found out that Tribal Codes that were applied to non-Indians now applied to them as well as.

Terry pointed out that there is a complexity of issues and interests on Indian reservations and is further complicated by the diversity of the reservations themselves.

Environmental Issues

On environmental issues, "The Land, The Law and the Folks Next-Door" panel members presented an overview of tribal environmental land laws and compared them to federal laws. The members discussed how federal laws have affected Native Americans and talked about their concerns for the future.

Members included Daniel Gogal, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and Office of Environmental Justice; Jane Kloeckner, JD, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII - Kansas City, Kansas; Michael Rees, JD, Chief Counsel, Kansas Department of Transportation - Topeka, Kansas; Julie Coleman, District Environmental Administrator, Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Lawrence, Kansas; and Latane Donelin, MAURP, RLA, Director of Department of Planning and Environmental Protection, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation - Mayetta, Kansas.

Jane Kloeckner provided an "overview of how the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) obtains effective and comprehensive compliance and enforcement of regulatory programs in Indian country." The participants were informed that the EPA was the first federal agency to have an Indian policy. She brought out the point that *pollution knows no borders; it doesn't stop at the reservation boundary lines, state lines, or real property lines.*

Julie Coleman offered another presentation dealing with water quality in Kansas. Samples are obtained from streams, lakes, wetlands, and groundwater and monitored on a regular basis. She discussed "point sources of pollution" and "nonpoint sources of pollution" and stated that *nonpoint source pollution is more difficult to identify and control specific points of origin because this type of pollution is transported over large land areas. Nonpoint source pollutants are transported to surface water with precipitation runoff. Examples of nonpoint source pollution include stormwater runoff from urban and suburban areas, and runoff from cropland or feedlots. Point source pollution includes discharges from municipal wastewater treatment plants, industrial wastewater treatment plants and feedlots.*

Latane Donelin's presentation included slides of the various projects that are of a concern to the EPA program and to acquaint the participants to the Potawatomi Reservation. She also shared the "key considerations for maintaining quality environmental land use."

On August 18th, the PBP Nation celebrated the grand opening of the state-of-the-art Fire Station. Former Fire Chief Feiner was terminated in December 2000, and the Fire Station has since been operating under the direction of Acting Chief K.C. Jones.

David Price comes from the Mission Township Fire Department where he was the Assistant Fire Chief for 13 years. Prior to this, he had 17 years with Shawnee County Ambulance Service. The combination of his 30 years experience in the 2 areas of fire and ambulance services was a main reason for bringing him on board to head the Nation's EMS facility.

In conversation with Mr. Price, he said, "When I began, there was a lot to be done. There was so much staring me in the face. We have tackled administrative and personnel issues, and staff have worked on basic training (able to handle any emergency without even thinking about it twice). We are looking at future expansions, and we needed to get back out into the community to do educational and prevention technique training."

Continuing, Mr. Price said, "We have been working with the existing and surrounding emergency service departments to ensure we are mutually providing quality service to the community members."

"And, it's working out. In fact, the Jackson County Fire Fighter's Association will be hosted here. That hasn't happened in the last 3 years. Working relations are improving with the surrounding emergency service departments. Communication and commitment have been a major part of making improvements happen."

Mr. Price and the Potawatomi Emergency Medical Services/Fire Department staff are building those bridges that will improve the emergency services for all local community members. The word is spreading like wildfire that he is doing a great job, both here and in the surrounding areas.

Latane quoted an Indian leader, *There has been a lot said about the sacredness of our land which is our body; and the values of our culture which is our soul; but water is the blood of our Tribes, and if its life giving flow is stopped, or it is polluted, all else will die and the many thousands of years of our communal existence will come to an end.*

Latane further stated the following, *The land use principles which form the foundation for this Plan (Land Use Plan - Title 19, p. 16) are based on the Indian philosophy of respect for the earth and all its life forms. Potawatomi spiritual and ceremonial ways are rooted in the land. Prayer, seeking spiritual direction, renewing identities, and making offerings all are connected to the land. The land is our spiritual mother and is thus sacred. To the Indian, land is not a commodity to be sold, bartered, exchanged or given up. Caretaking responsibilities for the land is inherent upon this generation because of the concern for the future generations.*

A central tenant of the Indian philosophy is that man cannot own the land but merely uses it. Each individual who uses the land must use it in a manner which will leave the land in good condition for the use of future generations. This philosophy dictates that land use principles used on the Reservation must place a strong emphasis on environmental protection, land conservation practices, and the preservation of agricultural lands.

Friday, September 28, 2001

During Friday's session, Ralph Simon presented a "Tribal Government Overview." He described the forms of government including the executive, legislative and judicial functions for each of the four tribes. He also compared the tribe's laws and codes to other tribes and state laws.

Gary Beaudry covered the "Indian Child Welfare Act: Issues Specific to Social Welfare."

The two-day conference, "Sharing the Knowledge," achieved the goal to promote positive relations among legal professionals as well as the education on Kansas's tribal histories and culture.

Comments on the 2001 Symposium

Comments heard about the Symposium included, "I liked the break-out sessions and the panel discussions," "presentations at this particular conference was a step up from the year before," "there was a mix of speakers and I liked the mechanism of the communication process," "I liked the working group options we had," "I liked the 3-ring binder," "the symposium didn't have an hour of ethics, it is mandatory to receive two CLE's" "the conference needs to start as scheduled because some may be running on tight schedules and would only be able to attend the 11:00 a.m. time slot but because of the late start they would have to miss that particular session," "EPA was excellent," "speakers were great, information was useful and informative," "I really enjoyed it," and "handouts were helpful."

2002 Conference Date Host To Be Announced

As an annual event, the 2002 Native Nations Law Symposium will be announced in the future. One or two of the four tribes will be hosting the conference. Look for details in a future issue of the PBP News.

Law Symposium 2001

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visor, Kickapoo Tribe - Sabetha, Kansas and co-presenter, John Wabaunsee, JD, Chief Justice, Prairie Band Potawatomi Appellate Court, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation member - LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Members on the "Tribal State Government Relations" panel presented their insights about the ways state government and tribal relationships have changed over the years and highlighted the ways they are working together to foster mutually beneficial relationships.

Panel members included Brad Hamilton, Director, Kansas Office of Native American Affairs, Kansas Department of Human Resources - Topeka, Kansas; in Gary Mitchell's absence, Steve Ortiz, Secretary, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation - Mayetta, Kansas, filled in; and Lana Oleen, Senate Majority Leader, Joint Committee on State/Tribal Relations - Manhattan, Kansas.

Brad Hamilton presented the history and duties of his office; Governor Bill Graves established the Kansas Office of Native American Affairs (KONAA) "to meet the ever growing needs for tribal/state communication and cooperation." KONAA is the contact between the state of Kansas and the federally recognized tribes in Kansas, Haskell Indian Nations University, urban Indian centers and organizations and individual Kansas citizens.

A Pendleton blanket had been presented to Lana Oleen prior to her presentation, "Legislative History of State/Tribal Relations Committee" and the "History of Tribal/State Commission." The presentation focused on the House Bill No. 2065 (an Act concerning certain joint committees of the legislature; amending K.S.A. 46-2301, 46-2302 and 46-2303 and K.S.A. 1998 Supp. 46-1701 and 46-2101 and repealing the existing sections) and the Commission that was created in the late 1970's "to encourage tribes and states to reach cooperative agreements on a host of topics."

She further stated, *Two years ago, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) secured a grant from the Kellogg Foundation to strategize on how to promote intergovernmental cooperation between states and tribes by researching, assessing and disseminating information about how devolution will affect Indian tribes and the state-tribal relationship. Tribal and state leaders, in many situations, do not always feel comfortable dealing with each other due to lack of cultural and/or procedural understanding. One of the projects between NCAI/NCSL produced a handbook, Government to Government and is distributed among state and tribal leaders.*

Senator Oleen is pleased that "some progress has been made in better understanding of our issues and concerns" and "to be a part of that process."

Workshops:

Indian Child Welfare Act

"Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Custody and Adoption," panel members related their own experiences and provided additional information as they discussed *The Indian Child Welfare Act and other Federal laws that manage and protect the welfare of Indian children. The panel examined all laws affecting Indian Child Welfare and the family.*

Panel members included Eric Sanderson, MSW, Director of Social Services, Prairie Band Potawatomi Social Services, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation - Mayetta, Kansas; Daniel Mitchell, JD, Dis-



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Nation's computer program for college students continues to be a huge success. College students are eligible for a computer system with Microsoft Office XP software, and printer. Guidelines: 1) enrolled tribal member; 2) 2.0 grade point average; 3) second semester college freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior students; 4) all graduate and doctorate students, full-time and part-time; 5) part-time students who have completed 30 credit hours.

Students must send their Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood to the Education Office. The university must send the student's official transcript, and class enrollment verification to the Education Office. A contract will then be sent to the student to be completed and notarized.

New students' application deadline for Spring Semester 2002 funding was November 1st. The applications will be reviewed this month by the Education Committee, and notification mailed to each applicant. If you received funding for Fall Semester 2001, you do not reapply for Spring Semester, but you must have the university submit your official transcript (after Fall Semester 2001 grades are posted). Please note: you must reapply each school year, and deadline is always July 1st.

High school seniors, GED recipients and incoming college freshmen, are eligible for the Gates Millennium Scholars Scholarship. This scholarship is administered by the American Indian Graduate Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in partnership with the United Negro College Fund. The American Indian Graduate Center is dedicated to the futures and education of Native American scholars by providing scholarships and other assistance. Deadline is 2/01/02. For more information call

PBPN JOB SKILLS PROGRAM

By Frances Wabunsee Coordinator

I would like to thank the many individuals that participated in the computer classes that were offered through the PBPN Education Department Computer Lab. Classes that have been offered are: **Basic Computer Skills** - lessons from turning it on to designing your desktop, maintenance for you computer, learning what's on your computer **Microsoft Word 2000** - word processing program **MS Excel** - spreadsheet program **MS Access** - data processing program **Power Point** - ways to make fancy computer presentations that are used at General Council Meetings.

Classes are offered at various times so call 785-966-2884 or check us out at the PBPN Web Site under the Education Department pbpnation.org.

Changes are happening in all areas of our lives. This includes changes coming to the General Educational Development test; better know as the GED. The new GED testing will come into effect January 1, 2002. There is time to cram before the new test comes into effect. GED preparations are available from the PBPN Education Department. If you are one that is considering obtaining your GED, think, it's a requirement in gaining employment or even gaining a better job than one that you already have. Others take the test so that they can go on to col-

(505) 884-7007; email www.gmsp.org

The Associated Press (AP) is looking for a Native American intern for its summer 2002 program. The AP Internship program is a 12-week program for up to 22 print, broadcast, multimedia and photo interns. Each intern will work in an AP bureau and be paid based on experience. Interns who successfully complete the program will be offered a full-time probationary news position upon graduating and receiving their degree. Each applicant must be a full-time junior, senior, or graduate student. The deadline is November 18th. For questions and additional information, contact Diane Parker, Associated Press, at (212) 621-7405, or email at dianeparker@ap.org

CBS News also has an internship program for undergraduate/graduate students majoring in broadcast journalism, mass communications, political science, computer science, public relations. Placement includes Evening News, 60 Minutes, The Early Show, 48 Hours, Face the Nation, CBS Productions, CBS Newspath, and others. These internships are available for fall, spring and summer. The summer 2002 deadline will be 2/28/02. However, they prefer at least a resume and cover letter by the end of this year. For questions and additional information, contact Eldra Rodriguez Gillman, Director, Internship Program, CBS News, 2020 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone number is (202) 973-0768.

Our education applications are available at www.pbpnation.org. If you have questions or need information regarding the Nation's higher education programs, contact Sharon McClane, Education Administrator, PBPN Government Center, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509; telephone 785/966-2960; e-mail address is sharonm@pbpnation.org.

lege or vocational school. Still others pursue their GED diplomas to feel better about themselves and most importantly to set a good example to their children. Whatever the reason it is never too late to complete that educational goal. The Job Skills Program is currently conducting preparation classes at the Government Center and will be offering the Official GED Test on November 27th and 29th. You may call 785-966-2884 to inquire more information.

The Education Department is in the process of developing a High School Diploma Completion Program. This program will allow students to receive a diploma from their sponsoring high school. The program will be a computer assisted learning environment. Many computer skills will be gained but none are required to start. Students will be able to choose flexible and self-paced courses to meet and maintain their individual needs. This is possible because each course is individualized and tailored to meet the graduation requirements of their home school. It is our hopes to have this program offered by the end of the year. So no matter what age you are there are ways of meeting any kind of educational goal you may have. Opportunities are available and the way the Nation is developing with the changes, opportunities will continue.

Please call 785-966-2884 or at the website: pbpnation.org if any services that can assist you through the Job Skills Program.

Greetings from the Staff at the Elder Center

We have been keeping busy around here. During the summer we had a group of volunteer youth come from Atchison to do a few minor chores for the Seniors. Our part was to get some names and an idea of what chores a Senior needed done, we gave them the list and their Chaperones decided what they could do, not all items were accomplished because they were only here for 4 days, also some things they could not do because of guidelines for working youth.

September 27, to coincide with American Indian Day, we had our first Art Exhibit here to display the talents of a local artist, James Wahwassuck. We had 42 in attendance.

Construction on the Elder duplexes behind the Center is coming along real good, thanks to some decent weather. The frame work on the first one is up and you can get an idea of what they are going to look like. While talking to some of the construction guys, there are no basements, but the bathrooms are reinforced like a storm shelter. I thought that was a neat idea, in Kansas you need a storm shelter.

Michelle (head cook) and her assistants Gubba Hale and Lucas Kitchkumme are in the kitchen at this moment preparing for our Thanksgiving dinner, I can smell the turkey and pumpkin pies. The rest of the staff Tutti Kern, Shirley Wakole, Warren Wahweotten, and Jessica Hernandez are getting the dining room and the rest of the building ready.

We are having are first annual snooker tournament Saturday November 3, along with breakfast, lunch and snacks available all day provided by the

Associated Press Seeking Native Interns

The associated Press (AP) is looking for a Native American intern for its summer 2002 program. The AP Internship Program is a 12-week training program for up to 22 print, broadcast, multimedia and photo interns. Each intern will work in an AP bureau and be paid based on experience. Interns who successfully complete the program will be offered a full-time probationary news position upon graduating and receiving their degree. Each applicant must be a full-time junior, senior, or graduate student at an American college or university.

The Native American Journalist's Association will receive notification of acceptance the week of November 18, 2001. The selected intern applicant will be notified by December 1, 2001.

For questions and additional information, please contact Diane Parker at 212-0621-7405 or email at diane_parker@ap.org.

Indian Child Welfare Act Clarified by PBPN Social Services

By Carol A. Shopteese

What is ICWA?

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was enacted in 1978 by the U.S. Congress to "improve the problem of the massive removal of Native American children from their homes by both state welfare agencies and private agencies and to ensure that those children once removed would be placed in homes that reflect their Native American cultures and traditions (Jones 1995)."

When does ICWA apply?

ICWA applies only to child custody proceedings in state courts. A "child custody proceeding" is defined in the act as: "foster care placement, termination of parental rights, pre-adoptive placement and adoptive placement (Jones 1995)."

When does ICWA not apply?

"ICWA does not apply to a child custody dispute between the natural parents of a child, even if the child is Native American, that arises in the course of a divorce action (Jones 1995)."

ICWA does not apply in delinquency proceedings where a placement occurs outside the home as a result of an "act, which, if committed by an adult would be deemed a crime...(Jones 1995)."

ICWA does not apply in voluntary placements "where the parent can regain custody of the child upon demand (Jones 1995)."

What about jurisdiction?

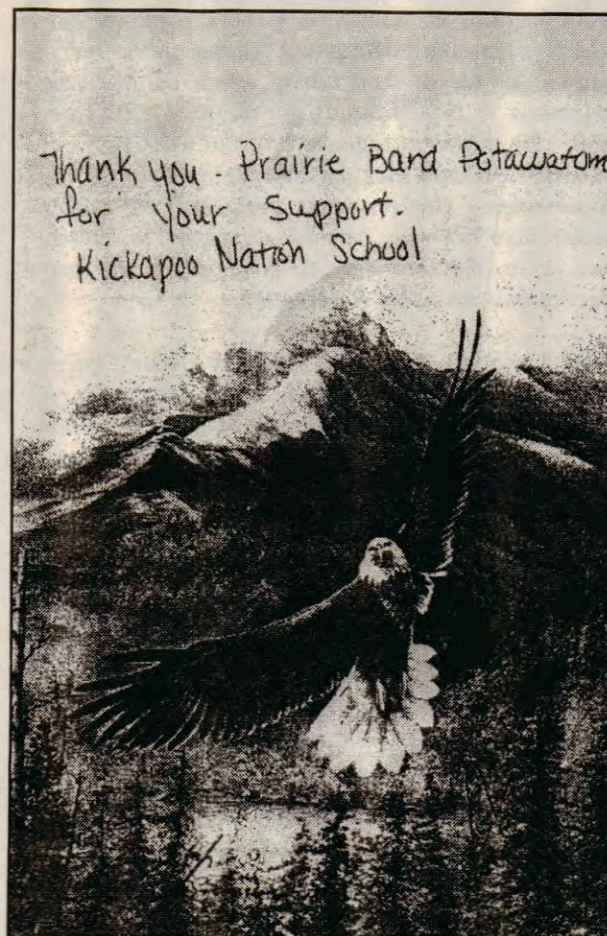
ICWA applies to "all Indian children residing within a tribal court's jurisdiction, regardless of whether a child who is the subject of a custody proceeding is a member of the tribe that is exercising jurisdiction...(Jones 1995)."

What about transfers of jurisdiction?

Elder Center. I will let you know how it turns out in the next issue, entries were cutoff at 16 in order to get it done in one day. Until next issue, best wishes to all, have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving and Christmas.

From Elder Center Staff

Nona, Shirley, Tutti, Warren, Michelle, Jessica, Gubba and Luke



Arlene Wahwasuck, Cancer Awareness Conference Coordinator, held on Oct. 12, 2001. Prizes were awarded to the women who attended an education session.

(PBPN staff photo)

ICWA applies "if an Indian child is the subject of a foster care placement or termination of parental right proceeding in state court, the state court shall transfer the proceeding to the tribal court, absent objection by either parent, upon a petition by either the parents, Indian custodian or tribe (Jones 1995)."

"The transfer provisions of ICWA only apply to two types of child custody proceedings—foster care placements and termination of parental rights proceedings (Jones 1995)." Transfer of jurisdiction is not permissible in preadoptive and adoptive placements.

What about foster care or preadoptive placement of an Indian child?

The placement preference provisions of ICWA require that an Indian child be placed with: "a member of the Indian child's extended family; a foster home licensed, approved, or specified by the Indian child's tribe; an Indian foster home licensed or approved by an authorized non-Indian licensing authority; or, an institution for children approved by an Indian tribe or operated by an Indian organization which has a program suitable to meet the Indian child's needs (Jones 1995)."

Extended family member is defined as "various relatives of the child without regard to race...(Jones 1995)." ICWA does not designate extended family to include tribal members only.

This is a brief explanation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). I do not profess to be an "expert." I have served as the ICWA Worker for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation since January 2001. If I don't know the answer to your question, I'm able to call national experts who have argued ICWA cases before the Supreme Court. There are many changes that need to be instituted in our Tribal codes to better protect the "best interests" of our Potawatomi children. I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to visit with me. Together, we can work toward better solutions for our Potawatomi children who are placed in foster care.

SSI and SSDI recipients are eligible for the PBP Vocational Rehabilitation Program

By "Nabi" Waubunsee

Those people who are receiving Social Security Benefits due to a disability are presumed eligible for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

Those Native Americans living in Jackson or Shawnee counties receiving either Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) are presumed eligible for services from the PBP Vocational Rehabilitation Program. The VR program only requires the person to want to be employed.

The PBP Vocational Rehabilitation Program was established to help those people with disabilities gain employment. The person does not necessarily have to be receiving Social Security benefits to be eligible. They only need to have a physical or mental impairment that either prevents them from working or limits their ability to work. The VR Program helps those people help themselves seek and gain a better life through employment.

However, receiving Social Security Benefits does not entitle people with disabilities to receive services. Only those services required to gain an employment outcome will be assisted by the VR Program.

For more information, contact the Vocational Rehabilitation Program at the Tribal Government Center.

Notice of Accomplishments

My name is **Sandra M. Shopteese** and I am an enrolled tribal member. I am currently a college student with Baker University obtaining a degree in Business. I would not be able to attend school without the financial assistance I am receiving from the tribe. I am very grateful for the opportunity to gain higher education to provide for my son (6) as well as my other family members who live in my home (my elderly parents & down syndrome adult sister). I am thrilled with the computer that is being provided to me for improving and assisting me with my school work. I have a 3.5 GPA and I am a single working parent in Topeka. I work in social services. I would like to in the future be able to work for the tribe once I have my degree. I recently qualified for another scholarship outside the tribal education program. I am very proud of the acknowledgement from the Jeanette Rankin Foundation. They have a web site listing me as one of the 25 recipients of the 2001 awards. The Foundation offers an opportunity for women over the age of 35 with families selected out of 1,200 applications nationwide. I believe there were 2 women from Kansas selected. I feel this gives the opportunity to expose other Native American women that they too can go back to school to further their education for themselves, family, and tribe. I feel very fortunate that the tribe is offering me a chance to gain a higher education. I just read the PBPN newspaper and I saw all the recognitions of the students, and I thought I would send in my accomplishments and recognition and see if they were something the PBPN might be interested in sharing with other tribal members.

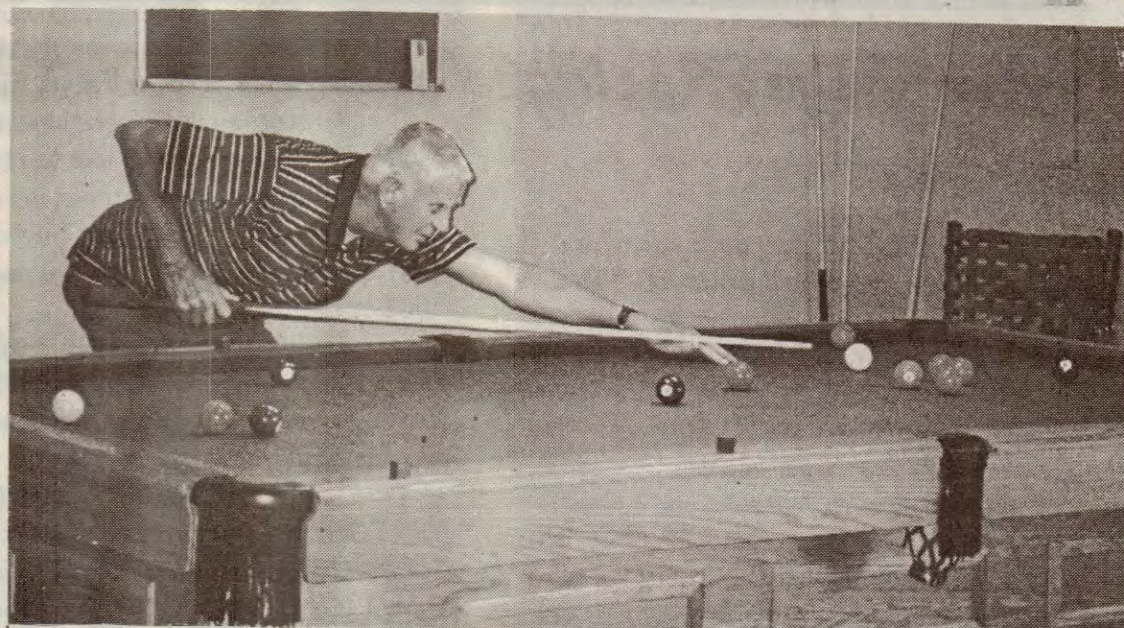
Quarterly Report Potawatomi Addiction Recovery Resource

Sandra Mitchell, Director
Parr Ranch Gregory Suke, House-
manager Hildrith Crith, Weekend
Attendant

Client Number This quarter we discharged 5 clients. We have admitted one so we have 2 clients. Since I have been here we have had 27 clients of that number 9 were from Oklahoma and 18 from Kansas, which includes 9 PBP Tribal members, 4 Kansas Kickapoo, 4 other Kansas tribes. Of the 27, 9 have successfully completed the program. Current statistics from I.H.S. have a 1 of 3 recovery rate. So we can safely say we are "Right On" But I believe if they have come out here, spent some time clean and sober, then we have succeeded in providing a recovery environment for them.

One client will be leaving by the end of the month. We are expecting more clients by the end of the month. **Staff Changes** We have been approved to hire a counselor during the week. Which will be a great addition to our staff. We would especially like to thank our loyal volunteers Gary Williams and Mike Shobney, who are both tribal members. These two gentlemen have gone beyond the call of service. Gary and Mike are also Veterans, which makes proud role models for our clients. We cannot thank them enough for their contribution of time. We encourage area people to come out and spend time with the clients. Even if it is to come out and play Scrabble. Make Parr Ranch a place to volunteer in the next year. **Program Activities** We have continued to go to a minimum of 4 meetings a week, and the clients are still having their cards signed. We have attended several of the area powwow that are in reasonable driving distance. We attended Fall dance. We also went to several funerals that we are sorry for these families during their loss. We have

gone to movies and the Zoo. We have started some Anger Management with the Tribal Domestic Coordinator, Shirley Rice. We have volunteered helping Senior Citizens with some small home projects. We have been providing opportunities for socialization to neighboring seniors. Our Thursday night open AA meeting has finally started to grow. We would like to thank all the community members for their continued support in this area. **CONCERNS** The furnace room is flooded again. The yard needs to be leveled. We still need help, like a cook, driver. If I had more help I could attend the directors meetings and get all the information I am missing. I would also be able to do more charting on a daily basis. I would still like to have renovations made to one of the barns for recreational activities. We would like to thank those kind people that have donated food and clothing to the residents this past quarter. We are accepting donations of warm clothing at this time. Please call and we can come pick up donation.



Carsie McClure getting ready for the Snooker tournament. Activity at Elder Center (PBP Staff photo)



Construction has begun on the five duplex housing units, there will be three 2-bedroom units and two 1-bedroom units. (Photo submitted by PBP News)



Road and Bridge announces the birth of a new buffalo calf, "Rudy," on Oct. 11, 2001. The calf, born between 10 & 10:30 am, is 3-4 months late. The elusive mother and calf are secluded in the timber but prior to their escape, they were caught on film. Sixteen calves were born this season; total bison population is between 73-74. (Photo submitted by Bison Program)



Kos Kwe Rector visiting and having lunch at the Elder Center. (PBP staff photo)



Zounds! Audio Recording Specialist, Sydney Van Zile, at the helm of the newly installed audio recording studio. (PBP News Staff)



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Verna Potts standing near the heavy equipment she operates at the Elder Center construction site. (Photo submitted by PBP News)

THE TWO BOZO'S



Here's the story. Roy "Bozo" Hale and Louis "Bozo" Waubaunsee were standing near each other and someone needed help and another person said, "Why don't you get the two bozo's to help you."



Nancy Herrod, of I.H.S., surveyed attendees and checked the amount of body fat at her booth at the PBP Health Fair. The 5 lb. Glob of fat was heavy! (PBP staff photo)

House Fire Simulation Demonstration

By David Price

From time to time we get lucky enough to do some actual training without simulating it, reading books, or watching tapes. That's what we will be doing on Saturday, November 17, 2001. There is a house at 190 & K rd that we have the OK to burn and use as training. There are a lot of training issues we can do with a house. We can train with air packs, hose lines, entry techniques, ventilation techniques, tanker and pumper operations, and mutual aid with other departments in the area that we work with. Anyone who would like to observe may do so from a distance. If you would like to watch please call the fire department at (966-2164) in advance so we can find a place for you.



Rez Boyz Racing

Submitted by Tracy Rogers

The "Boyz" of *Rez Boyz Racing* are Willie J. Potts, owner and driver of #86M and brother Andrew S. Pahmahmie, Crew Chief. Willie is 27 years old and resides on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation with his wife and children. He is employed by the PBP Road & Bridge Department.

Andrew is 15 years old and a Freshman at Royal Valley High School in Hoyt, KS. He also resides on the Reservation. As Crew Chief he acts as the mechanic and helps get the car race-ready and keeps it out on the track every weekend.

For those who were fortunate enough to see the 86M of Willie Potts race out at "Thunder Hill Speedway" in Mayetta, KS we wish to express our appreciation for your support. It's great to know we have fans out there. We only wish we could get more supporters of *Rez Boyz Racing* to help cheer on one of our own Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members. As the 2001-racing season comes to a close this month (October), we will look forward to seeing more supporters of the only all-Indian racing team at "Thunder Hill Speedway" next year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors. We wanted all of you to know how truly grateful we are for your support during the 2001-racing sea-

son. It was your generous contributions that allowed #86M to continue racing this year.

An anonymous PBP Nation member donated \$1600 and would like to challenge any and all Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members to match or surpass that amount. That challenge will stand for the upcoming 2002-racing season.

The PBP Nation Station came close to that amount with a donation of \$1000. Our "thanks" goes to J.B. Cisneros, the manager and the employees.

The Prairie Band Gift Shop (located inside Harrah's Prairie Band Casino) donated \$500. Thank you Karen Thomas, Manager, Cindy LeClere, Manager and Gift Shop employees.

Contributions were also given by the following:

Dennis "Festus" Eakin and his wife Carol, Bob Rogers (couldn't have done it without you guys), Henry and Joan Pahmahmie, Norman & Krickit Ross/Skinjun Engines, Sam Potts (thanks for getting us started), Kern Auto Supply in Holton, KS, Carol Nelson/Nelson's Liquor Store (thanks for those discounts!), Gary Seagle of S&B Performance Machine Shop, St. Mary's, KS, Limestone Hills, Steve Samqua, Cal Monkes, Steve Fuqua, PBP Community Service Program/Myra Matchie, PBP Road & Bridge Shop, Rob and "Maynard" Grif-fith, R.D. & Junior Pahmahmie, Darold Catron, Doris Potts, Mary Rogers (thanks for being such a good babysitter), John Shobney, Carol Heimiller, Rusty, Hunter, Tesla "Bad-Girl" and

No Wi Potts. Also thanks to Joe Shobney,

Bob Arnold, and "Meatball" for donating that Ford Galaxy car.

All sponsors' names/businesses and logos were painted on #86M to advertise how proud and privileged we are to have their sponsorship. The lettering was done by the skillful hand of PBP Tribal member, Lester Arnold.

Thanks, once again, to all of these sponsors! We wait anxiously for next year's racing season and we hope we will see you there!

If you are interested in joining the *Rez Boyz Racing Pit Crew*, extra help would be greatly appreciated! If you think you have what it takes to drive, we are recruiting a couple of good drivers for a cruiser car next season. For those of you who don't know, a cruiser car requires two drivers. One steers the car and controls the gas pedal and the other one works the brake. So if you think this sounds easy come, and put your courage to the test!

Willie Potts
7165 126th Road
Delia, KS 66418
Phone (785) 966-2375
Between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
and (785) 771-2122 after 5:00 p.m.



Willie J. Potts, owner and driver, (left) and brother Andrew S. Pahmahmie, Crew Chief (right) take a few minutes from under the hood to pose.

HOLTON CLINIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS CALLED "A TALL ORDER"

Doris A. Potts

October 29, 2001 – In a 4-hour session, Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service officials Dr. Charles Grimm, Area Director; Dale Keel, Assistant Area Director; and Gloria Holder, Director of Contract Health Services listened to the health care concerns of members of the local 3 north-east Kansas native nations.

For several months, an active group of Nation members have been meeting in attempts to shed light on the dissatisfaction of the current Holton clinic facility in areas of management practices, delinquent bill paying practices, understanding the referral system, and low clinic funds due to not collecting patient's insurance monies.

Referring to all of the testimonies and recommendations, Dr. Grimm tells crowd, "That's a tall order," assuring the crowd of about 50+ members that they would be coming up with a plan, addressing the expressed issues after meeting Holton Clinic I.H. S. management staff the following morning.

Tribal Council Secretary Steve Ortiz opened the meeting by discussing General Council decision of Oct. 20th General Council meeting. Of the 3 options presented, General Council voted to stay with Indian Health Service administering the health care programs.

PBP Nation Member Arlene Wahwassuck then called on discontent IHS patients to give their testimonies. Summarizing those complaints:

- No resolution to valid written complaints coming from IHS, and in some instances have been told that they had 7 days to respond; some said they have 6 months to answer.
- "Steam-roller management" practices at clinic, creating low employee morale and unpleasant attitudes – Administrator is needed; separate from doctor.

- Don't understand the "referral system." It takes 2-3 months to get a referral and in emergency situations, you may not have that amount of time.

- Collection agencies are approaching many clients with overdue accounts – from several years back of unpaid bills.

- Topeka Indians need health care.

- What constitutes fair and reasonable governing in the work place? This was an issue addressed by many – the recent firing of 3 native employees at the clinic.

- Health Boards are not allowed to participate in decision-making process.

- There is no mental health care at the Holton facility.

- Confidentiality is an issue at the clinic – special treatment of a member's file, kept separate, not in medical records.

- Why isn't our patient assistance as smooth as the VA system?

Dr. Grimm attempted to answer many of the complaints as they were addressed. He stated that there is no such policy as having 6 months to answer complaints – "not true and not acceptable."

A new person has been hired in the contract health service department to handle the bill-paying problem. "For every bill that is paid, you have 20-30 more on the same day that are turned in or due."

Indian Health Service budget is very tight. The national level of health care funds provided per person averages \$4,000 per person; IHS has an \$850 per person average. IHS was able to recoup some additional monies this year, allowing \$66,000 more to the Holton facility. Currently our Holton facility operates on a \$488,000 per year budget; that is \$8,500 weekly. That is nowhere

near the amount needed to serve the current native population.

And yes, there is a shortage of monies due to the insurance monies not being recovered. A Billing Clerk position has been funded by the Potawatomi Nation to handle that.

The reason that the VA system is so smooth as compared to Indian Health Service is that their budget is 10 – 100 times the amount that IHS operates on.

As for the firing of the employees, Dr. Grimm said he would be looking at that situation. The personnel case is in litigation; there could be no specifics discussed.

The current nationwide annual Indian Health Service budget is \$3 billion; tribal leaders are saying we need \$18 billion, a shortfall of \$15 billion. Dr. Grimm said, "to address the issues, the tribal leaders have to go to Congress and address inequities of the government not living up to Treaties."

Former Chairwoman and health group advocate, Mamie Rupnicki reinforced Dr. Grimm's statement with, "Lobbying efforts are very crucial. It's up to this Tribal Council to do that lobbying. Treaty Rights – collective efforts – that's why we screamed for Consultation Policy in July 2000."



Dr. Grimm, Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service Area Director responding to health care issues.



Submitted By Mickey Martinez

United Tribes Spiritual Group Spiritual Gathering

I was very fortunate to attend my first Spiritual Gathering organized by the prisoner's group based at U.S.P. Leavenworth Ks. The group is comprised of Native Americans representing various tribal affiliations from across the nation.

This Gathering consisted of a Pow-wow, open forums prayers and making new friends. I got to meet Brothers from all parts of the country. All of the Brothers were happy to see people come and enjoy the Pow wow. They made us dinner, which consisted of buffalo stew, which was the best, they made fry bread that was also very good, we had vegetables and desert.

After dinner we took time out to take pictures, it was difficult for me to be in front of the camera instead of being behind the camera. We had a great time laughing, joking and just being ourselves. It was nice to see the Brothers enjoying themselves. One of the guys said to me this is the second best thing that has happened to him all year. The first best thing was the spring gathering and this gathering.

It brought sadness to me, seeing our young men there; they have made mistakes and are paying for what they did. Yet I seen a lot of them value life more than anyone I have met. The visit brought me a better understanding of life to me. I see our young people now and hope that they enjoy life now and hope that they try to avoid any temptations to divert them from the good life they have.

Healthy Tip:
Remember, as the weather changes, keep warm and dry. Drink plenty of water.



Health group advocate, Mamie Rupnicki, addressing crowd.

PBPN Firefighter Responds Nationally

By Mary Young

Called to action to fight fires in Oregon in August, Joe Morris, PBPN firefighter, drove to Ft. Smith, Ark. to hook up with crews, eventually flying to Redmond, Oregon and driving in school buses to the base camp at the Olallie Fire Complex.

Of the 700 personnel from the USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Joe's modular consisted of 100 firefighters from the Chickasaw, Pawnee, Caddo, Choctaw and Kiowa Nations. Joe was the crew boss for the Pawnee from Oklahoma.

Canada helped out with two helicopters and the National Guard's three Black Hawks dropped water (water dump). One of the helicopters was used for medical evacuation or as a Med Vac Unit, the same type of helicopter that was on view at the PBPN Fire Dept.'s grand opening.

Buckets of retardant were also dropped from the helicopters because the heat from the ground prevented the firefighters to dig a fire line, which is "a linear fire barrier that is scrapped or dug to mineral soil." Although between the U. S. Forest Service, one BIA representative and a 20-man crew, a fire line was dug and 63 miles of fire hose had been laid. In the end, Mother Nature came through and dropped rain for two days.

On their first day at the Peninsula fire, the crew had to evacuate because the flames were so large; they had to fall back to two safety zones. At this time the crew did a structure protection on a lake resort. After fighting the peninsula fire, they fought the [Lamiti] fire for two days and moved on to the big fire at Olallie. The Grand Ronde, Oregon Forestry Dept. termed this fire as one of the "big severity fires" that consumed 2,500 acres.

During their two-week detail, the crews averaged 14 hours per day expecting to fight fires over 200,000 acres. The fires that were fought were 80 to 120 foot Douglas fir trees; lots of smoke and similar to a trough fire. At times the trees produced a torch of 300-400 foot flames. Torching is referred to as the "ignition and flare-up of a tree or small group of trees, usually from bottom to top."



American Indian Day. The Boys and Girls Club are selling Indian tacos at Harrah's. (Photo submitted by PBPN News)

Native American Wellness Conference 2002

The Four Tribes of Kansas are proud to announce that they will be hosting a Native American Wellness conference in the spring of 2002. This conference will incorporate traditional, culturally relevant methods with modern technology in the treatment and prevention of disease.

The primary focus of this symposium is to address those mental wellness issues that lead to problems such as substance abuse, domestic violence, well-child development, adoption related issues, the cycle of dysfunction, diabetes, obesity, and other health concerns sensitive to Native Americans.

By educating participants in these areas, our goal is to prevent or mend these issues, which frequently arise in Native American communities. The current Indian Health Services system is already inadequately funded. One objective in addressing these issues of prevention and healing is to assist Native communities in better utilization of available funding.

The Four Tribes hope to be able to offer this seminar at no cost or very low cost to encourage as many participants as possible from both public and private sectors. The event is seeking volunteers to assist before and during the function. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering, or would like more information concerning this event, please contact Heather Daugherty at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Alcohol and Drug Program at (866) 966-2411, Rita Bahr, Community Health Representative for the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri at (785) 742-7471, Wanda Wolf, Director of the Kickapoo Substance Abuse Prevention Program at (785) 486-2131, or Georgia Rhodd, Tribal Council Treasurer of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska at (785) 595-3258.

When dealing with fires, fuel types are important to the fire fighters. The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) website includes a glossary of wildland fire terms and defines the term, *fuel types* as "an identifiable association of fuel elements of a distinctive plant species, form, size, arrangement, or other characteristics that will cause a predictable rate of fire spread or difficulty of control under specified weather conditions."

Joe stated that the Mt. Hood forest had 20 lightning strikes and with each lightning strike, causing fires to burn 3 to 10 acres. NIFC reports that lightning is the cause of most fires and the earth receives about 8 million lightning strikes in a typical day!

Through the cooperative agreement with the BIA, Joe is on call and will go as an engine crew (firefighters assigned to an engine) or crew boss (a person in supervisory charge of usually 16 to 21 firefighters and responsible for their performance, safety, and welfare). While Joe is fulfilling his commitment, the tribe pays his salary but BIA reimburses the tribe 100 per cent.

Joe's goal is to develop a firefighter hand crew and temporary summer employment to those that are interested in fighting fires on a national level. He also would like to move up to a Hot Shot crew. BIA may accept the addition of new crews to the program if they meet the criteria. Joe is currently working on a program to hold classes for those that are interested in getting involved but waiting for BIA backing.

BIA's Wildland Fire Program offers and funds a National Hotshot Crew Program. There are currently five BIA/Tribal sponsored Hot Shot Crews: Fort Apache from Fort Apache Agency, White River, AZ; Geronimo, San Carlos Apache Tribe, San Carlos, AZ; Chief Mountain, Blackfeet Agency, Browning, MT; Mescalero, Mescalero Agency, Mescalero, NM; and Warm Springs, Warm Springs Agency, Warm Springs, OR. Over 1/3-wildland fire crews are Native American and are from NC, FL, OK, and AZ.

If you are interested in assisting with wildland fire operations, please contact your local land management agency.

What is fire?

According to the NIFC, fire is a chemical reaction and "fire is the naturally occurring companion of energy release in the form of heat and light when oxygen combines with a combustible, or burnable, material at a suitably high temperature (about 617 degrees F, 325 degrees C for wood to burn)."

All three components, in the right combination, are needed for fire. Combustible materials are the **fuel**, the suitably high temperature is the **heat**, and oxygen remains the same. NIFC views this as a triangle; take one side away and it will collapse. Fire will collapse if one component is taken away.

Firefighters use the following tactics to collapse the fire triangle: remove **fuel**, dig a line around the fire; reduce **heat**, water is dropped on the fire; and remove **oxygen**, use retardant because "retardant is a thick, soupy substance" that "coats fuels, blocking them from oxygen."

As NIFC explains, *fuel and temperature become critical to sustaining a fire once it's ignited. The general relationship between fuel and temperature is simple: the more the fuel, the higher the heat. The more heat, the faster the fire spreads. When there is plenty of heat and fuel, fires pretty much take on a life of their own. One fire behavior expert stated "large fires live to feed themselves." Large fires can create their own winds and weather, increasing their flow of oxygen. A really large fire can generate hurricane-force winds, up to 120 miles an hour. The high temperatures "preheat" fuels in the fire's path, preparing them to burn more readily. When fires reach this stage, there is little that firefighters can do. Nature is in charge.*

Understanding fuel:

Fuel is *combustible material and includes, vegetation, such as grass, leaves, ground litter, plants, shrubs and trees, that feed a fire. Surface fuels means loose surface litter on the soil surface, normally consisting of fallen leaves or needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches that have not yet decayed enough to lose their identity; also grasses, forbs, low and medium shrubs, tree seedlings, heavier branchwood, downed logs, and stumps interspersed with or partially replacing the litter.*

NIFC explained fuel in-depth and by the illustration of seeing photos and videos showing trees burning. In reality, the trees are not on fire and it is not the fuel burning but the conversion of one form to another. The fuel changed to a gas and what you are seeing burning is the gas produced by a fuel when heat is applied. The chemical reaction occurs when the gas rises from the tree or log and mixes with the oxygen causing them to burn.

For more information about wildland fires, see www.nifc.gov.



Sample of a trough fire. Kern Valley Hot Shots, Div. W St. John Mountain. Night Burn-out operations from indirect line. 8/11/01 Karen Wattenmaker Photography.



Gathering 2002 Preparedness

Volunteers

If you would like to help with the planning for the 2002 Gathering, contact Laverne Hale at (785) 966-4014 or email her at laverneh@pbpnation.org.

Fashion Show

This is the second announcement for the Fashion show. Bring out your grandmother's patterns and start sewing now! Locate "old" pictures and begin duplicating how our people dressed; woodland style, moccasins, etc.

RECIPE CORNER

For the First Time Cook or "inexperienced" cook

By Mary Young

What comes first? Planting the seed corn, picking the corn or drying the corn? Sounds like the proverbial question, what came first: the chicken or the egg!

Since it is October, we will start with seed corn and getting the equipment ready for next harvest season, including two **Dried Corn Soup Recipes**. A point to remember is the picking time for the various uses of corn and the type of meat used in the recipe. Pork and chicken cook at a faster rate than beef.

Now comes the fun part! Get a group of friends and/or family members together to go through the process. This will be a time for visiting and laughter as well as stocking the larder for the winter months.

Seed Corn

Once the corn has matured on the stalk, the time has come to pick the ears for seed corn. The fun part is to get a group together to pick, shuck, scrap, and sort and look for the "heart" in the corn. When the heart is found, this seed corn will produce the best crop.

Equipment

Before you think of drying corn, prepare the place where you will dry the corn and use a large cooking pot, preferably cooking outside with shade. Some use two screened frames placed on a couple of sawhorses; one screen is to lay the corn on and one to cover the corn to keep insects away as the corn dries during the hot and sunny day. Shuffle the corn around during the drying time. To store the dried corn, place in a "flour" bag; this prevents worm infestation and moisture.

Process of Drying the Corn

Picking "young" or "older" corn is one factor to consider when the corn is ready to be cooked; cooking time must be allowed depending if it is "young" or "old" corn; "young" corn is at the beginning of the season and requires less cooking time.

Pick the corn, shuck the corn, parboil or boil the corn for 1/2 to 1 hour, lay the corn on the husks to cool and then scrape the kernels off the cool corn. This sounds quick and easy but the process all takes time; that is why the cooking period is used for visiting, telling stories and snack time. Sundown is an ideal time for the shucking and cooking and early in the morning is cooler and good for scraping.

Another Method to Consider

Freezing. Pick, shuck, parboil, scrape and cool the corn as above. Once the corn has cooled, bag the corn in a plastic freezer bag and freeze. When ready to cook, wash and rinse. You could either use from the freezer or thaw the corn out prior to cooking.

Dried Corn Soup Recipe with Pork or Chicken

Recipe for 4 - 5 people

Cooking the corn and the meat outside gives the corn soup the flavor.

2 cups dried corn, (use young corn, it's quicker)
Water to cover the corn, about 3 inches, as you would cook beans.

Cook the corn separately for 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

6 spare ribs or 1-whole cut up chicken cooked separately in water until done.

If chicken is used, bone the chicken before adding to corn.

Combine meat and corn when done.

Dried Corn Soup Recipe with Beef

Combine all ingredients

2 cups dried corn (use young corn, quicker)

Water to cover the corn, about 3 inches, as you would cook beans.

1 pkg. Cubed beef stew (3-4 lbs.)

Cook all of these ingredients for 3 hours

Water may have to be added during the cooking time.

When the ingredients are cooked outside, the woodfire makes for a woodsy, outdoor flavor without a need to add seasonings. Cooking time is the same.

For those who requested the recipe for **Kuh Kuh So Wabo**, please speak with an elder on how to prepare this sacred food. The PBPN News will not be publishing this recipe.

Please submit your favorite recipes to the PBPN Newspaper. Be sure to include your name, telephone number and/or address in case we have any questions. Until next issue, Recipe Corner would like to say wis-ne-men!

Healthy Tip

What's wrong with this picture?
Bottled water is more costly than pop?

September 11, 2001

Submitted by Jackie Mitchell, Tribal Council Member

The September 11 tragedy has changed our great nation forever. Indian people and all people of the United States have faced a day that will impact our lives everyday for the rest of our lives. We all faced grief and felt the pain of those that lost loved ones on that terrible day. It was a sad day for the world because all people from around the world felt this horrific pain inflicted upon us by some very bad people. The pain continues as threats of biological warfare and other threats are present everyday. This tragedy forces us to be reminded of the tragedies of war inflicted upon Indian people throughout history including extermination of our people by war, smallpox infection, and other means. But the evil people responsible for these terrible acts will soon realize that the people of the World will survive, as did our previous generations of Indian people. Indian people have survived and have retained our way of life and will remain for all time. We are all proud of who we are and will continue to be proud.

September 11 has marked a day in history that will change all of us forever and has impacted our own Potawatomi nation. The impact upon our casino and other businesses has been felt and we are yet to see how this impact will affect our prosperity in the future. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation survival will be dependent on a combination of many things including leadership, cooperation and each members strength. The tragedy reminded us that the most important aspect of our lives is our family. Family will keep our faith strong and protect us for what we have to deal with in the future. Love your children and family each and every moment.



GINIGITTEK (Those who are born)



Ron Hester and Angela Shobney-Hester would like to announce the birth of their twins. Jimmy Lee and Jeanie Sue Born July 18, 2001



Maverick R. Uhl

Thedi and John Uhl of Holton, KS are proud to announce the birth of their son, Maverick Randal at 7:13 p.m. on October 4, 2001 at Stormont Vail in Topeka, KS.

Maverick weighed in at 6 lbs 5 oz. and 19 inches tall.

He is welcomed home by his sister Michaela, 5.

Paternal grandparents are Janice and George Uhl of Holton and maternal grandparents are Hedy and Jr. Noland of Mayetta, KS.

Area Churches

Religious needs of the community are met through the Drum Religion, Native American Church, Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Potawatomi Methodist Church, and the Potawatomi Pentecostal Church. The Assumption Church, 204 W. 8th, Topeka has a Native American Mass.

Our Lady of the Snow's Parish

Good news! By the time the PBP News goes to print, renovations to the church hall will be completed and the hall will be ready for potlucks. An open house will be held in the future, look for flyers.

Mass will be held every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Confessions will be on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Archbishop James Keleher will be at Snows in June 2002 for confirmation. Contact Laura or Babe if you are interested to begin confirmation classes, the classes are for adult or child.

Potawatomi Pentecostal Church

4-1/2 mi. west of Hwy 75 on 134th Rd.
Mayetta, KS

(785) 966-2885
Rev. Vernon Potts

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

Pottawatomi United Methodist

On O Road between 142 & 150 Road

Rev. Floyd Nolin Jr.

Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Seeking help for: "the woman who prays always"

My name is Doris Munstermann and I am a teacher at the Schools of the Sacred Heart in San Francisco, California. Last year the seventh graders in our school worked on creating a website on the life of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat. She was a French woman who founded the Society of the Sacred Heart, that is the community that established our schools throughout the world.

This year we are working on creating a website on the life of St. Philippine Duchesne whose dream, as a young girl in France, was to go to America and work with the Native American people. Her dream was fulfilled by working among the Potawatomi in Missouri in the mid 1800's. Although she struggled to learn English and the Potawatomi language, she could only master some of the English and little or none of the Potawatomi language.

The Potawatomi called her "*the woman who prays always*". They came to love her and she loved them. She established two girls schools for native American girls, but they were short lived. After her death she was honored as a saint and was canonized in 1988 by Pope John Paul II in Rome.

During the summer I was able to go to France and find out about the early years of her life. The more I find out about her the more I realize what a courageous and loving woman she was. Her dream to work with the native Americans shaped her life and the future of those of us who work in her schools in America.

At present we are looking for information about the Potawatomi. Now at the turn of the millennium, we would like to know about their religious' beliefs, both before and after the missionaries came to America. It is important that the information come from those in the Potawatomi Nation itself. Any help given would be greatly appreciated. email contact is Munstermann@sacred.sf.ca.us and the postal mailing address is Convent of the Sacred Heart Elementary School 2222 Broadway San Francisco, Ca. 94109



A Heartfelt Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for all the cards, flowers, gifts, and prayers during my illness. I am recuperating and getting stronger and hope to return to work shortly.

Thank you once again!
Roy Ogden
PBP Council Member

Happy FIRST Birthday!

December 7, 2001

Daniela Marie Fabila
Note-No-Que

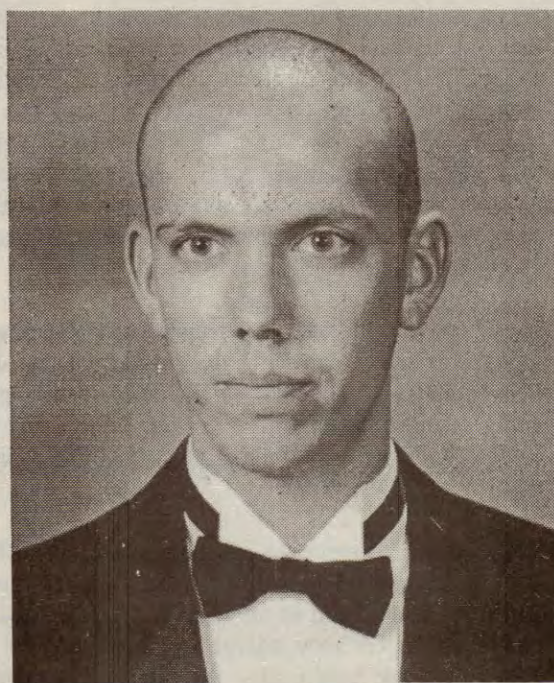


Luv, Gram-ma

Parents

Deanna "Tiny Brewer and Jose' Fabila

Grandparents
Marilyn Hale-Wakolee
and
Everett Gabby Brewer



Everyone Invited!

"Edifying One Another" or watch your language when you communicate with one another will be the topic that Bethany Baptist Church Youth Director, David Noland will be speaking on at 10:15 a.m. on December 2, 2001.

On December 30, 2001, David will be speaking on "End Times." David graduated in May 2001 and is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He is the son of Hedy and Jr. Noland.

Bethany Baptist Church

10th & New York
Holton, KS 66509
10:15 a.m.

A Special Thank You



The family of "Clint Ryan Potts" would like to thank the community for the great outpouring of love, help, and support that was given to us. Since there was such a great number of people who helped, we decided to thank everyone this way, so we would not miss anyone!

Clint and his overwhelming personality and beautiful smile will be greatly missed by his family but we have the blessed hope of promise of Psalms 55:16 for Clint.

"As for me I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me."

Thank you from
Reverend Vernon, Marcia and Family

GAMBOTTEK (Those who died)

Laura Eteeyan

Laura Mae Eteeyan, 75, Topeka, died Friday, Oct. 19, 2001, at a Topeka hospice.

Mrs. Eteeyan worked at the Coffee Cup Café and Green's Grocery in Topeka and later for Topeka Tent and Awning before she retired.

She was born Oct. 27, 1925, at Mayetta, the daughter of John Matchie and Rose Wamego Moore. She graduated from high school in Marty, S.D., and lived most of her life in Topeka.

Mrs. Eteeyan was a member of the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation and Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church west of Mayetta. She attended Assumption Catholic Church in Topeka.

She married Archie Eteeyan in 1945 in Topeka. He survives.

Other survivors include two sons, John Eteeyan Sr. and Jimmy Eteeyan, both of Topeka; a daughter, Rose Pahmahmie, Patterson, Olalla, Wash.; a brother, William Moore, Olalla, Wash.; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Shipshew Cemetery west of Mayetta. A rosary recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton will be followed by visitation.

Jay Forster

Jay R. Forster, 39, Topeka, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Forster had worked at Josten's Printing and Publishing in Topeka for about six years.

He was born Aug. 19, 1962, in Holton, the son of Charles N. and Edna J. Fitzsimmons Forster. He graduated from Holton High School in 1981 and later from the Kaw Area Vocational Technical School. He was a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include his parents, Charles N. and Edna J. Forster, Holton; a brother, Terry A. Forster, Whiting; and two sisters, Toka Jean Forster and Kathryn Kyser, both of Topeka.

Cremation is planned. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Chapel Oak's Funeral Home in Holton. Inurnment at the Holton Cemetery will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Beck-Bookman Library and sent in care of the funeral home.

Clint R. Potts

MAYETTA—Clint R. Potts, 29, Mayetta, was dead on arrival at a Topeka hospital Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, after suffering a gunshot wound. A suspect is being held in connection with the slaying.

He was born June 8, 1972, in Holton, to Vernon and Marcia Couch Potts. He attended Royal Valley High School near Hoyt and spent most of his life in the Mayetta community.

He was a member of the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation and the Potawatomi Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Taylor Potts, Holton; his parents, Vernon and Marcia Potts, Mayetta; two sisters, Verna Potts and Jona Rupnicki, both in Mayetta; and grandparents, Maynard and Coralene Potts, Mayetta.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Potawatomi Pentecostal Church southwest of Mayetta. Burial will be in the Potawatomi Pentecostal Cemetery southwest of Mayetta. Mr. Potts will lie in state Tuesday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton, where a wake service will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Potawatomi Pentecostal Church.

Wabaunsee

Kendall "Babe" Wabaunsee, 75, St. Ignatius, Mont., died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at a Missoula, Mont. hospital.

He was born Sept. 2, 1926 in Mayetta, the son of James and Charlotte Wabaunsee. He was raised on the Potawatomi Reservation in Kansas and was a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi. He moved to St. Ignatius in 1984.

Mr. Wabaunsee was a collector and backyard mechanic. He also worked many years in heavy construction across the Western United States and in Alaska on the Alaska Pipeline. He became an instructor for the Kicking Horse Job Corps in 1984.

He married Janie Hawk in the 1950s. She survives.

Other survivors include his children, Barbara Dick, Elmer City, Wash., Gordon Williams and Betty Wabaunsee, Tri-Cities, Wash., Thelma Wabaunsee, Larry Wabaunsee and Jim Wabaunsee, all of Yakima Valley, Wash., Kenny Wabaunsee, Frenchtown, Mont., Kevin Wabaunsee, St. Ignatius, and Lois Castillo, Tacoma, Wash., 23 grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

A daughter, Jeri Williams, and a grandson, Junior Dick, preceded Mr. Wabaunsee in death.

Traditional wake services began Friday in the Longhouse in St. Ignatius where a rosary was recited on Sunday. Wake closing began on Monday, Sept. 10, 2001. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated following at St. Ignatius Catholic Mission. Burial was in St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery.



Memorial for Taylor Potts

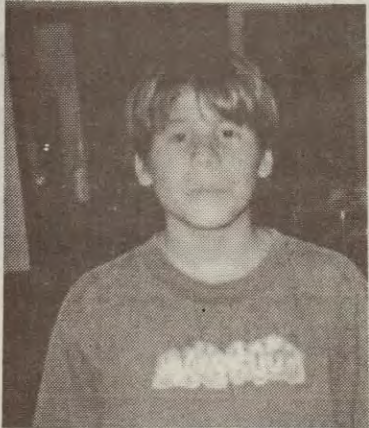
A tender moment shared
With Clint and his
Dearly loved daughter, Taylor Potts



Stephanie's Exciting Trip to the Chicago Bull's Game

Stephanie Darce Shopteese, of Holton Kansas, recently had her long time dream come true. She had went to the NBA playoffs, Chicago Bulls game. Which had been her dream ever since she had been the basketball star for her school. Her tribe, Prairie Band Potawatomi, had sponsored this. She flown first class with accommodations, and a limo. She was in heaven. "I've never been so happy," said the excited young woman. When she arrived back at home she was full of excitement and a story to tell of her trip. When Stephanie grew older she became a sports broadcaster and was on draft for the wnba. Steph has 1 brother and her role model, her mother which she tries to be just like. In the end Steph was the most beautiful, successful native girl who made it all the way.

This is Bud Danielson and a story about his true life. Bud likes to do his homework and get on the computer. His favorite sport is playing golf.



Bud said, "I said a lot about me but Rusty didn't write it down."

By Rusty Potts

Nyeh was keh

By Gary E. Mitchell

Nyeh was keh ambitions are many for a 10 year boy. He wants to be a football player, write, and learn his language.

And like most ten year olds, is family-orientated—he lists his mother as someone he wants to grow up to be like and wouldn't comment to choosing between his grandparents for a favorite.

Nyeh said he wanted home-cooked meals, but the stove is broke. And his favorite show is the news. In the future he plans on being a hard worker but finds it easier to rely on per-caps twice a year.

He has a concern over recent would events and felt he didn't handle it well. But, he feels he is lucky to have family to talk to.

Nyeh wask keh said he is lucky. We have a good family and to be an Indian. Nyeh said Indians will be around for long time because we pray.

Moccasin Tracks

Doris A. Potts

These special writings are dedicated to all of those moccasin tracks that have gone before us, those that are here today, and those yet to be born. Today, we are leaving moccasin tracks or positive paths in which our youth are being guided to follow.

On October 17th, the Boys & Girls Club members and parents were instructed in a fun writing project, Creative Writing. Debra Peebles (Chippewa), Journalism and Creative Instructor was on site to introduce to the group

what writing skills can do for you in your life, career wise and personally.

First of all, writing is a form of conveying your inner most thoughts to yourself or to others. Writing is fun when you are able to write about what you want to write about. Participants shared this opportunity as the group was asked to partner up, visit with that partner, then form a creative story about that person.

Polaroid photos of partners was also part of the fun! This was all a part of the educational process.

Journalizing is an old form of healing therapy. When one is able to only share those inner

most thoughts with no one but yourself, you write them down and it gets those real/mixed feelings out. There are times when everyone is uncomfortable in verbally communicating deep feelings to others.

This was a very involved group as everyone jumped on the project and came up with some pretty swell stories. As you will read, some are fictional and others not.

You be the judge. In the end Ms. Peebles said there is some talent here and that she was quite impressed with the level of wanting to jump up and share the writings. Here is our sharing of stories.

Future BB Star

Lan Danielson, is a soft-spoken 11 yr old Nesh-Nah-Bah who resides on the Potawatomi Reservation. Lan is enrolled with the Chippewa tribe, but is also PB Potawatomi and Ojibwa.



Lan has dreams of one day playing basketball for OU or Haskell after she finishes high school. She presently spends much of her time playing basketball. She also likes tv and enjoys reading. Lan especially likes her visits from her dad and really enjoys her shopping days. Lan doesn't have any dislikes, she likes life "as is." He most recent accomplishment has been maintaining a 4.0 GPA. What an accomplishment!

After this short interview with Lan, I have no doubts her dream will come true. To maintain her GPA she has had to take the time to study hard and "this is her message to all her friends here tonight."

By Voncile Mitchell

Mona is a beautiful, intelligent model for sporting goods. She will go on a trip to California and do some major photo, shots for the world to see.

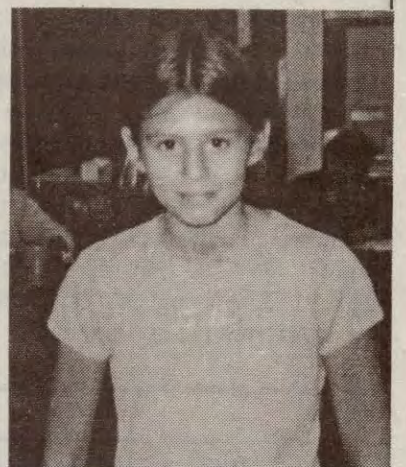
In the beginning she never liked to take pictures but after she became a model she could never figure out why. This was actually wanting to be a model all her life and now she is one.

Ramona Maxine Nozachkum Jackson is 11 years old four foot ten inches tall. I believe that in her heart Mona knows she is a beautiful, smart young woman. But she will not say it out loud. The above short story was a fantasy of mine for her, but I cannot make her future, but I can help her discover what it can be. I want her to know that I know she can do anything she puts her time forth.

By: Stephanie Shopteese

Quiet, Shy Keo-tongo Overcomes a Fear

I first saw Keo -tongo last year during basketball season. She immediately struck me as a very quiet and shy girl. So today, I sought her out to find out more about her and what excites her. Sometimes, you just want to know what makes a person happy.



So I pulled her aside to draw out the general information – she's 11 years old, coming from a very large family. Keo-tongo likes living here on the Rez better than Kansas City because, "I get to actually go out on the street. In KC, I lived on a very busy street with too much traffic."

Keo-tongo comes to the Boys & Girls Club almost every day. She said she likes the Club a whole lot and didn't have one to go to in Kansas City.

This past year, Keo-tongo went to Branson, MO with the Boys & Girls Club for the first time. During that trip, she experienced her most fun time – just by overcoming a fear!

That fear was of the ride, "the Wild Fire." On this ride, you're upside down all of the time and she was scared of that. Everyone told her, "Come on Lauren."

"I didn't want them to think I was scared, so I went. It was the most fun I ever had and I rode it 3 times after that."

Sometimes, it's good to listen to words of encouragement from your friends, as it can be the most fun time you will ever have.

Ma Dos

I am interviewing **Tara Lanelle Mitchell**. I think she has a great feature. What I think she will be when she grows up is be a famous basketball player. She's my best friend so I should know who she wants to play for and that's the Lakers. She is Indian, her tribes are PBP, Sac and Fox, and Kickapoo. Her parents are Joanna M. and her dad is Steven Sagul. I once ask her if she thought she was pretty. She said no, even though she is. I also asked her if she likes hanging out with her friends and she said off course. Her faverote food is french fries. I can tell she is very diffirant from every body one reason is because her faverote food isn't pizza almost every body likes pizza. And that's the end of this lovely story about Tara.

By Autumn Jim Boy

Gary Mitchell is a contemporary tribal leader that currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Gary enjoys researching and writing Potawatomi history. In addition to history, he also is actively involved in the preservation of the Potawatomi language and culture. Gary is an avid golfer and would someday like to play on the PGA Senior Tour. He enjoys the game of golf for the camaraderie, exercise and stress relief. Gary prefers to listen to oldies but goodies. Summertime is Gary's favorite time of the year because he can play more golf. He doesn't watch much tv but when he does he watches the weather channel and the golf channel. Gary enjoys corn soup and fry bread. But it is rare, and more often enjoys Voncile's down home cooking. Gary's least favorite things are meetings with certain local gov. leaders and missing a meal. He is committed to the children and future generations to come. Gary Mitchell is a combination of the past, and present, a tribal leader with the strength of tribal, history, language, and culture to carry his vision for the Nation into the future.

Rusty's name is Number 1 Stunner. He was born April 2, and he is 11 yrs old. What he does for fun is he chops down trees for fun for firewood, and for trails.

He likes sports like golf, basketball, football, stickball, dodge ball. His favorite sports are dodge ball, golf, basketball, and football.

He has gone to many vacation places such as Canada, Niagra Falls, New York City, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Missouri, Mississippi and Oklahoma. What he did do at those vacation trips is playing around, and beating up kids. He likes playing hide-and-go seek because he likes it when no one finds him. He likes school because he likes recess, and sometimes working quietly. Rusty like skittles for his favorite food. If he could go anywhere he would go to Hawaii, and he's throw rocks in the valcanoes if he did go there.

By Bud Danielson

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By Brad Hamilton

Wamblawia

One day there was a pretty, young girl. And her name was Autumn, her non name was Wamblawia which came from her aunty and grandpa. She was a lonely house girl who was always being teased by her step-sisters.

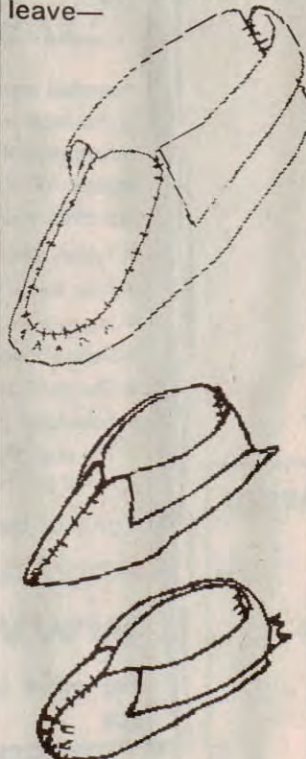
She said when she grew up she wanted to be a WNBA player. She knew she was going to make it there. He role model was Lisa Leslee. She went to a school and she always loved and enjoyed herself being at school. She was a good best friend, she always wanted to be everyones friend.

She also enjoyed playing basketball and reading yet she still had to do housework and put up with her two stepsisters. Her stepsisters abused her emotionally and made her feel bad about herself.. Until she found a young handsome boy who respected her and loved her.

She met him at a pow-wow. He asked her to two step with him so she said yes. But she forget her fairy godmother told her to get home before the full moon or before the moon reaches the middle of the sky. So she ran home. But her moccasin fell off and her two step partner picked it up. He thought it was kind of big so he searched for her. He went to every house until he got to the house of Wamblawia.. He two stepsisters tried on the moccasin but it was two big. And Eric was disappointed until he heard a 49 song in the back. So he went back And he found her so he tried the moccasin on her. And it fit. Then Eric said do you like big feet. She said yes love my feet cause their different. So they got to be boyfriend and girlfriend. So he asked her a bunch of question cause he didn't know that much about her. Like what other sports do you like and she told him soccer, softball, volleyball, and tennis. And your favorite color he said baby blue she said And he asked her do you think your good at softball player and she said yes, I do. And they lived happily ever after.

By Tara Mitchell

We will be known forever by the tracks we leave—



Senior Hattie Mitchell was crowned Homecoming Queen 2001 at Royal Valley High School. Hattie is the daughter of Eddie Joe and Mary Mitchell. Hattie represented the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation well as she graced the football field with absolute beauty and grace. Joe Douglas won King honors. Joe is the son of Rusty and Pam Douglas.

Submitted photo



Charles Nez visiting from Brussels, Belgium. He was on his way back and stopped off to say Bozho!

(PBPN staff photo)



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Kickapoo Indian Nation School
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Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.
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Bradbury Thompson Center at
Washburn University
17th & Jewel
Topeka, KS

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

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

Government Center

877 715-6789

Social Services

888 966-2932

Tribal Court

866 966-2242

Alcohol & Drug

866 966-2411

Boys & Girls Club

866 727-6242

(866 PBP-NBGC)

CALENDAR

November

6 - Election Day
10 - Health Informational Meeting, 2 pm at
Gar field Rec. Center, Topeka
11 - Veterans Day
12 - Offices Closed for Veterans Day
22-23 - Thanksgiving Day and offices closed

December

8 - Health Informational Meeting, 2 pm at
PBPB Community Bldg
24-25 Christmas Day and offices closed
31 - NEW YEARS - Happy New Year!

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