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Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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Two more elections coming up: 1 seat for Tribal Council 2 seats for Gaming Commission

by: Suzanne Heck

The Election Board is staying busy this year with another unexpected special election for a Tribal Council seat coming up in December that will be followed by a routine Gaming Commission election that will elect two seats to the Commission in February.

In a year's time the Election Board will have mounted five elections, two of which were unexpected. When they are all completed this

Automated Election Service (AES) out of Albuquerque who tabulates the voting process on election day and prints the voting materials beforehand, so far has been able to accommodate the unexpected workload.

The Election Board has also been extra busy and hampered with a recent move into new quarters in the Government Center. They are now located in a suite of offices located on the west side of the lobby having moved from the northeast side of the Center



Above Election Board members and other PBPB election clerks stopped for a pose after the special election was over. L to R is Julia Barber, Voncile Mitchell, Joe Mendez, Marty Hamlin, Tim Sanchez, and Ruta Mendez. Tim Sanchez is with Automated Election Service (AES) out of Albuquerque.

coming February there will have been two gaming commission elections, with one that was coupled with a per capita ordinance vote, and three Tribal Council elections.

The first special election that was recently conducted (see Potter story at right) was due to a member vacancy left by Rey Kitchkumme when he won the Vice Chair position in July. And another upcoming Tribal Council special election that is scheduled for December 21 is due to the vacancy left by Juanita Jessepe who was removed by the Council.

Tim Sanchez of

where they originally were housed.

The Enrollment Department has also stayed busy assisting the Election Board with the elections and also relocating from the northeast side of the Government Center into the same office suite as Elections.

Ballots for the special Tribal Council election will be mailed on November 22 to all registered voters. Next month the News will run candidate profiles for the special election seat.

For more information on both upcoming elections see page two inside this issue.

Jim Potter wins special Tribal Council election

Jim Potter was elected to a two-year term to the Tribal Council during the special election held the morning of October 8 at the old stone building.

Potter won the election with 179 votes. Second place went to Peggy Houston who had 163 votes and Dale Delg placed third with 110.

There were 947 votes counted but 20 were rejected for either having no voter certificate with them or for voting for too many candidates on the ballot. Votes were mailed in to the

Mayetta, Kan. Post Office and handcarried by vault by Chief of Police Terry Scott and Voncile Mitchell, Election Board Director, who witnessed the pick up on the morning of the election.

Ten tribal members vied for the one member seat on the Tribal Council left vacant by Rey Kitchkumme who became Vice Chair in July.

Potter, who ran for the office of treasurer in the regular Tribal Council election held this summer, was narrowly defeated by Ryan Dyer. He had previously served on the Council for eight years. He has over 13 years of experience in working with Native American programs and organizations and he is active with the Jackson County Development Corporation. He and his wife, Patty, reside in Mayetta.



James Potter



Seen here with some friends and his wife, Patty, shortly after his win is Jim with Mary LeClere, left, and Sherry Landis, right.

Potter was sworn in on October 15 at the Bingo Hall in a short ceremony and he received a Pendleton blanket as a gift. Following the ceremony he participated in a congratulatory receiving line and a buffet reception. He began his job duties that afternoon.

For more information about the Swearing-In Ceremony see a photo essay on page three of this issue.



PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION
Mayetta, Kansas
October 8, 2004
UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

COUNCIL MEMBER	MACHINE	HAND TALLY	TOTAL	%
DALE (WISHKENO) DELG	108	2	110	11.92%
PEGGY (NIOCE) HOUSTON	159	4	163	17.66%
JOSEPH JESSEPE	102	2	104	11.27%
TERRELL E. (TERRY) MOORE	32	1	33	3.58%
JIM (WABAUNSEE) POTTER	175	4	179	19.39%
ANN M. SIMON GARCIA	98	1	99	10.73%
TOM TUCKWIN	80	0	80	8.67%
GEORGE L. WAHQUAHBOSHKUK	64	3	67	7.26%
TRILBY WAHWASUCK	35	0	35	3.79%
MARY L. YOUNG	53	0	53	5.74%

All Tribal Council members drug test results negative

All of the Tribal Council members took drug tests shortly after an approved motion for them to do so was made at the October 16 General Council meeting and they all tested negative. Newest Council member Jim Potter took his test three days before the General Council meeting was

held also testing negative.

All of the laboratory test results were returned directly to Executive Director Jon Boursaw's office who verified the results to the News.

PBPB Tribal Court conducts jury trial for first time in Nation's history

by: Suzanne Heck

Fifteen potential jurors showed up to the Nation's Tribal Court to hear the case of PBPB vs. Sandra Quintana that was tried before Tribal District Judge Charles H. Tripp on September 21.

After a short series of interviews seven jurors comprised of two women and five men were selected to serve and all were tribal members.

It was an historic day and many jurors themselves didn't know that this was the first time that a jury trial had been held in the Tribal Court. After learning from Tribal Police officer Mark Kogh, who acted as bailiff that day, that this was the first time for a jury to ever serve in the Tribal Court, the jury's foreman and another juror had to go outside to compose themselves with a smoke.

Throughout the day witnesses were called to the stand and questioned by Tom Barnes, the attorney who represented the PBPB, and Pantaleon Florez, Jr., Quintana's attorney. Quintana also took the stand and was questioned by both men.

The trial ended around 4 p.m. and the jury deliberated until 5:45 p.m. Quintana was found guilty on two of three charges involving disorderly



John Lundin, Jr. and Robert Fox, Jr. were selected for jury duty and both said it was an honor to serve in the first jury trial of the Nation. Both men are tribal members.

conduct and assault in the second degree over an incident that occurred at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino on April 27, 2003. Her sentencing was scheduled for October 25.

The Tribal District Court is designed to serve the residents of the PBPB reservation when there are disputes or legal issues to be resolved.



Prairie Band Potawatomi among 25,000 Indians who participate in opening of Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

See inside for details

Two elections coming up

One seat for Tribal Council & 2 seats for Gaming Commission

2004 Notice of Special Election for Tribal Council

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

Qualified Voters

To cast a ballot in this election you must:

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

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

Ballot Distribution

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

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

Notice to voters!

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

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

Election Results

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

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

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

Election Board

Voncle Mitchell.....(785) 966-3911
Julia Barber..... (785) 966-3910
Ruta Mendez.....(785) 966-3912
Fax Number.....(785) 966-3913
Toll free.....(877) 715-6789

Special Tribal Council Election Calendar

October 26, 2004- 4 p.m.
Last day to file declaration of candidacy and pay non-refundable filing fee and turn in photograph for ballot.

November 2, 2004- 4 p.m.
Last day for candidates to withdraw from election

November 5, 2004- 4 p.m.
Last day to register to vote
If you are not registered

November 22, 2004
Ballots mailed to all registered voters

December 21, 2004- 9 a.m.
Election Day
Ballots tabulated and results reported

December 27, 2004- 4 p.m.
Last day to file protest of the election

2005 Notice of Election for Gaming Commission

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

Qualified Candidate

A qualified candidate must:

- A) Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.
- B) Be 25 years of age or older as of the date of this election.
- C) Agree to criminal background investigation conducted by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation/US investigations for record clearance.
- D) **NOT** have been convicted of a felony within the five years prior to the date of the election.
- E) If elected, agree to the Drug-Free Workplace Policy and consent to drug testing.
- F) Submit a Declaration of Candidacy Form to the Election Board Office no later than November 22, 2004 by 4:00 p.m.
- G) Submit the \$150.00 nonrefundable filing fee and photo for ballot to the Election Board Office no later than November 22, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. The filing fee must accompany the Declaration of Candidacy Form and must be paid by cashier's check or money order:

make payable to:

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Cash or personal checks will not be accepted.

Qualified Voters

To cast a ballot in this election you must:

- A) Be an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.
- B) Be 18 years of age or older by January 3, 2005.
- C) Have a voter registration form on file with the Election Board no later than January 3, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. if you have never registered to vote.
Note: Registered voters will not receive a voter registration form.

Election Results

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

The Election Board shall issue the preliminary election results immediately after the conclusion of the tabulation. Protests of the election results may be filed up until 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2005.

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

Ballot Distribution

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters no later than January 14, 2005. All ballot distribution packages will contain a preaddressed return envelope for mailing ballots back to the Election Board.

All ballots must be received in the Election Board Post Office Box in Mayetta, Kansas no later than 9:00 a.m. on the date of the election, February 23, 2005.

Gaming Commission Election Calendar

November 22, 2004- 4:00 p.m.
Last day to file declaration of candidacy and pay non-refundable filing fee and turn in photograph for ballot.

December 3, 2004- 4:00 p.m.
Last day for candidates to withdraw from election

January 3, 2005- 4:00 p.m.
Last day to register to vote
If you are not registered

January 14, 2005
Ballots mailed to all registered voters

February 23, 2005- 9:00 a.m.
Election Day
Ballots tabulated and results reported

February 28, 2005- 4:00 p.m.
Last day to file protest of the election



From the desk of Council Person Jackie Mitchell

The museum grand opening in Washington D.C. was a wonderful experience not only for the Potawatomi people that attended but the many thousands of natives that attended from all over the world. It was a historical moment in history when Indian people were recognized as the first people and a lasting tribute to our people will be forever on the mall. The museum trip was a time for all of us to appreciate what we have survived including all the past misfortune that our people have endured. Our history and traditions are intact and we can be proud of that. Everyone felt good to be Prairie Band Potawatomi on that trip. It was an exciting time in history and we were able to be a part of it. The tribal members that were able to attend looked beautiful and were a wonderful representation of our people.

The trip also included several work sessions including a meeting with our developers on

the Chicago project. We have now contracted with two firms to help with the initial planning and design of the facility. They are hard at work getting a final design for the project. The council also had a reception with Senator Sam Brownback. Our Chairman, Zach Pahmahmie, gave a speech on the economic development of the tribe and the impact on our people at a rally that was attended by Indian people and congressional members. Ryan Dyer, Treasurer, and myself toured a health facility that is operated by a firm that we have contacted about operating our clinic. The clinic visit was very informative and gave us an idea of how an excellent clinic operates and what possibilities are available for our new health facility.

Congratulations to Jim Potter on his successful bid for election to our vacant council member position. We all look forward to work-

ing with Jim again. He brings lots of experience to his position and will do a great job. Remember to vote in our next election, sometimes we get busy and forget to do this. The election of qualified and committed government officials is the path to a successful government. A key point from our trip to D.C. was that importance of the Indian vote in our national elections. Vote so that your voice is heard.

On October 6, the Haskell Board of Regents were the guests of the nation. A meeting was held in the training room of the government center, the Board attended lunch at the steakhouse and a tour of the reservation. All enjoyed the day and were very impressed with the reservation and all that has been accomplished in the past few years.

The annual Indian Day Powwow on September 25 was a huge success as usual. This

pow wow is a time of special recognition for our youth. It is great way to show our children how much we appreciate them. Clowns and street clothes dancing were a hit entertaining all that attended. The completion for all around dancing was really a statement of the talent that our youth have. The grand opening of the Boys and Girls Club expansion was a great day for our community as the youth of the tribe have an alternative safe place for entertainment, exercise, education and being with others.

It is my pleasure to serve as a tribal council member and if you have any questions about any tribal business please call me at 877-715-6789 or 785-966-4016 or email me at jackiem@pbpnation.org. I will try to get back to you as soon as possible with answers to your questions.

A Tribal member's perspective on Prairie Band Potawatomi voting

by: Doris A. Potts-Zynganiuk

VOTERS! What are the attributes of an effective and ineffective leader? My work in leadership study is based on what I know best – native leadership. In attempt to answer the leadership question, I offer thought-provoking questions and characteristics of an effective versus an ineffective leader. My native nation, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, is in a tumultuous state of business affairs as we are being challenged, as voters, to vote for leaders once again. This year, alone, we will hold two extra elections which resulted from unforeseen circumstances.

As voters, we hold an important responsibility to our Nation to step up to the plate and vote for the right person for the right reasons – not just because you dislike this person, this one bought your vote, this one looks good in their picture, or this one invited you to their party. Mind you, that is how some get their votes! The result is that the person fails as a leader because they are clueless as to what it takes to be an effective leader. They fall into the pattern of doing what is already being done, "status quo" – they're afraid to make the needed changes.

When casting your next vote, think about what it takes to be an effective leader for our Nation. You can do this by asking yourself many questions. Here are a few sample questions:

•Is this person in it for the betterment of our Nation, or in it for the big bucks?

•Is this person willing to come to work every day and/or be accountable to "the people" for their time away? Leaders are role models; they establish the tone of the organization by the example they set.

•Is this a healthy person? An effective leader is expected to be of "high energy" as they are there to inspire, invoke enthusiasm in their constituents to be their best and make continuous improvements.

In a study involving 20,000 people around the world, researchers asked, "What values do you look for and admire in your superiors?" The top four traits included honesty, forward-looking, inspiring, and competent. Famous organizational leaders identified traits such as: the ability to execute, proactive communicator, flexible, multiple work experiences in various functional areas, the edge to make tough decisions, and to be team oriented.

In closing, here is an example of an ineffective leader which I found amusing! "Someone once observed that a leader is a person who finds out which way the parade is going, jumps in front of it, and yells, "Follow me!" Leadership involves way more than just taking charge! The PBPB is undergoing rapid changes and has no place for ineffective leadership!

Effective and successful leaders are those who are willing to step into a difficult situation and make a noticeable difference.

News from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Economic Development Department about the Small Business Development program

by: Helen Sumner

The Economic Development Department recently announced that a federally funded Small Business Development Program has been implemented. The purpose of the small business grant is to provide financial assistance to the Nation's eligible and selected members that are at various

levels of establishing their own business. It was previously announced in a recent newspaper release that the requirements of the small business grant are the following:

- Successful completion and full attendance of the twelve sessions of the small business education program.
- All eligible and selected Nation members who meet the low to median federal income guidelines.

Now that the timeline for accepting small business grant applications has passed, we have begun preparing for the twelve small business classes, that began on October 19. The remainder of the classes will be held on consecutive Tuesdays until completed. The purpose of the small business classes is to provide instruction for not only establishing a small business, but to design a business and marketing plan.

It must be emphasized that the small business grant money is not to be used to pay for personal income or personal and household expenses.

Dawn LeClere is the Small Business Development Program administrator and her office is located in the Government Center lower level. Ms. LeClere's telephone number is 785-966-4047.



Jim Potter sworn in to office as Tribal Council member on October 15 at the Bingo Hall



Two Tribal members reflect on positive working experiences at Harrah's

submitted by: Stephen Mc Kee, Harrah's Human Resources

There have been many positive changes for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Members in the last seven years. Ralph Tecumseh has seen many of them.

Ralph, who was born on the reservation in 1938, has seen it evolve into its current state with a focus on improvements to the facilities at the Boys & Girls Club and increased focus on education among Tribal Members. Most of these improvements have been directly attributed to the success of the Harrah's Prairie Band Casino (HPBC).

He reflected on some of the improvements when he said he could remember back when cars would get stuck coming in on 158th Road from the highway. He also said he feels most everything is improving for the tribe.

After living on the Potawatomi Reservation until he was a freshman in high school, Ralph moved to Wisconsin to live with his mother.

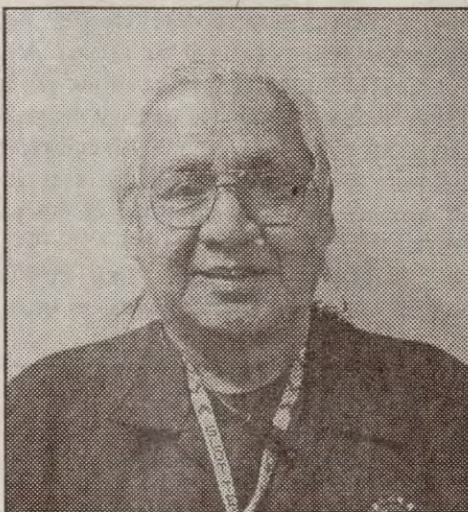
One of Ralph's interests is athletics. When conversing with Ralph, it doesn't take long before the subject of sports comes up. His high interest level started at a young age where he spent many years playing sports like basketball, football and softball.

Ralph lived in Wisconsin until after high school where he moved to Chicago. After going into the Army in 1959 and serving three years, Ralph decided to remain in Chicago. His life in Chicago centered on his participation in sports, most specifically basketball. As a forward, Ralph played for the American Indian Center in Chicago in the Indian League for more than a decade. Although Ralph was employed as a machinist, he spent much of his free time traveling around the region playing basketball.

"We had some good teams. We would play other teams in our league and travel to a lot of different areas in Wisconsin and Minnesota," Ralph said. He also joked, "If I could have changed anything I would be taller - around 6 foot 5 inches."

In the mid-70s, Ralph left Chicago and moved back to the Potawatomi Reservation where

he was married and started a family. He also spent about 10 years during the late 1980s and early 1990s on the Tribal Council as a member. After serving for 10 years, he began working for the casino as a Slot Technician where he is presently employed.



Ralph Tecumseh

"I like working as a Slot Tech. I get good pay. I enjoy working with the public and my fellow coworkers and I generally get along with everyone," Ralph said.

He also said he plans on working at least a couple of more years and then retiring. His plans for retirement include traveling (including his regular trips to Vegas), fishing and, of course, sports.

As Ralph makes plans to move into retirement from HPBC, Rose "Nezat" LeClere is just beginning her career. Rose was also born and raised on the reservation. She graduated from Royal Valley High School.

Through junior high school and high school, Rose was very involved in athletics with softball keeping her the busiest. She has been involved with softball since age 9. Aside from playing softball for Royal Valley, she also played for Hertz Blaze and Top City Rage.

Rose is currently employed in the casino buffet where she has been a server for three years. She said she has had great experiences at HPBC. "Everyone was so friendly and made me feel comfortable. They did an excellent job with train-

ing and do a good job of making you feel like a person - not just another employee," she said.

Rose has completed one year of college at Washburn University. Her major is Communication with a corporate emphasis. Although her current job fits her schedule while she is going to school, she plans to make her career at HPBC. "I would like to stay on at the Casino since I am Potawatomi. It has been a great place to work." She went on to add HPBC has been excellent training for her first job because they teach many good things that can be used in future customer service. Her ultimate goal is to advance into a leadership role at HPBC. Two



Rose "Nezat" LeClere

departments of interest she mentioned was Marketing or staying in the Food and Beverage department.

Rose encourages all Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Members to come work at the casino. By doing so, she suggests that it opens up options to move around within the organization and to eventually find what interest them. She said, "Someday Harrah's won't be here and we need to have people in leadership roles."

Her opinion of what the casino has done for Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Members mirrors Ralph's evaluation, "I have seen a lot of growth with more involvement from the youth through improvements to the Boys & Girls Club and better education."

Although Ralph and Rose represent dif-

ferent generations of Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Members, they share an upbeat and positive view of the direction of where the Tribal community is headed.

Nation Station increases gift and food offerings in store

Submitted by Rosemary Bergeron

Nation Station has been resetting their store by adding new gift lines and grocery store items.

New gifts for children include mugs with names and die cast jets and airplanes for boys.

For adults and teens there is a jewelry line, candles, figurines, statues, lamps, plates and windcatchers that also make great gift items.

For sports fans there are KU, K-State, and Chiefs mugs, pens, and tumblers and party packs available for tailgating.

Other popular gift items include Leanin' Tree cards and mugs and special occasion cards for all the major holidays. Christmas candles have also just arrived in several designs and scents.

Grocery products include a special seasonal section and a dollar-product line along with several never-before-offered popular convenience store items that have been added.

Future plans include carrying Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream along with a bigger selection of half gallons in the frozen food section.

For diners two new fryers have been installed in the kitchen that have increased fried food offerings and the ability to order them in advance. There is also a larger selection of deli foods and new pastries and rolls that have expanded food choices.

Nation Station has been in business for five years. We are proud of our store and invite you to come by and see the improvements.

Design Groups treat employees to cookout



Seen above serving up a barbeque dinner is Greg Schwerdt, right, of Schwerdt Design Group, Topeka, and Fred Latimer, of Latimer, Sommers and Associates, Topeka, in back in the printed shirt. They, along with two of their associates who are unidentified in the photo, and members of Herrington and Associates of Tucson, Ariz. treated employees to a cookout on September 16 at Prairie Peoples Park as a thank you to the tribe. The groups are all a part of the tribe's design team who are or have been involved in the design and construction of several building projects on the reservation. For dessert diners had their choice of three cakes to choose from in celebration of the September birthdays of Council members Jackie Mitchell, Steve Ortiz and Ryan Dyer who were feted with congratulations and gifts during the event.

Parliamentary Procedures Workshop held



Pictured above from left to right is Administrative Assistant, Francis Shopteese, Tribal Council member, Jackie Mitchell, and Tribal Chair, Zach Pahmahmie who participated in a Parliamentary Procedures Workshop held recently at the Bingo Hall. The purpose of the workshop was to teach rules of Parliamentary Procedures to be used at tribal business and governmental functions in meetings to ensure orderly transactions. Other members from the Tribal Council and government offices also attended the workshop as well as several tribal members and employees of the Nation.

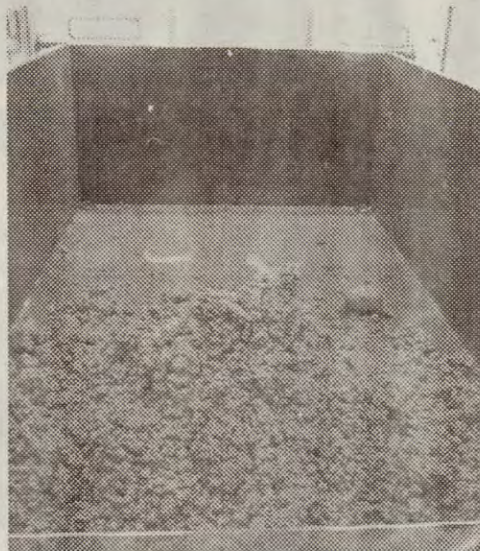
New machine at Harrah's compresses wastewater sludge for compost



Seen above first testing out the new belt filter press is Tom Baird, Bob Bergquist, and Jim Gibson, of Harrah's who are in charge of the new wastewater treatment plant. With them is former PBPB Director of Construction, Patrick Feltman.

a win-win for
Harrah's and the
Nation

At right shows how the sludge comes out of the press in a dried form. It is then put in a trailer that EPA crews haul off to various sites on the reservation. Before the machine was put in place the sludge was waterlogged and heavy and hard to haul away.



PBPB Energy Committee meets to discuss alternative resources

The PBPB Energy Committee met on October 14 in the Lands Department to discuss alternative energy sources that the Nation may want to consider developing in the future.

The purpose of the committee is to study and advise the tribal membership on the feasibility of developing its natural resources as a means of eventually becoming self sufficient or as a form of economic development for the Nation.

Members of the Committee include Dan Dyer, Greg Wold, Larry Berryhill and Bob Clement. Meetings are scheduled as needed and are open to the membership.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the committee should call Dan Dyer in the Lands Department at 785-966-2582.

Boys and Girls Club grand opening



*The Boys & Girls Club of the
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Grand Opening*

by: Suzanne Heck

The Boys and Girls Club celebrated with a grand opening of their new facilities on September 17.

LaVerne Hale, Chief Volunteer Officer for the Board of Directors, welcomed everyone to the ceremony and was followed by speeches from Gary Mitchell and members of the Tribal Council along with Yvette



Director, Yvette Washington spoke to the crowd and said there were 127 members in the club.

Washington and Nathan Hale of the Boys and Girls Club. Hale spoke on behalf of Boys and Girls Club member Justin Pahmahmie who was the winner of the 2004 Presidential Scholarship Award from the Club but was not able to attend that day.

The Little Soldier Singers and Royal Valley Dancers also performed that day and a display of Boys and Girls Club activities lined the south end of the gym.

A ribbon-cutting concluded the event that was followed by tours and refreshments

offered in the new expansion area.

In the audience besides the Tribal Council were members of the design team for the expansion, Royal Valley school administrators, Board Members of the Boys and Girls Club and many PBPN families and friends. Several other individuals who were also in the audience were recognized for their contributions to the Club over the years.

The new expansion facility includes a 37,800 square foot facility, an indoor swimming



Nathan Hale spoke about the old days at the Club while LaVerne Hale, left looks on.

pool, a fitness/workout area, gymnasium, cafeteria, library, computer lab, conference and training rooms, and a regalia sewing center.

A buffet of refreshments followed the ceremony that was held in the lobby of the new expansion area.



Family Violence Prevention Program, Tribal Police, and Boys and Girls Club team up to stop violence in the community during Domestic Violence Awareness month



A self-defense class was held for women on October 6th at the Boys and Girls Club taught by Kansas Capitol Police officers. The course consisted of lecture and demonstrations on how to physically conduct self-defense techniques and to be aware of potential attackers.

By: Nis Wilbur

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and as part of its commemoration young women from the Boys and Girls Club and other women from the reservation community participated in a four-hour self defense course held in the new exercise room of the Boys and Girls Club.

Other activities planned for the commemoration are A Day of Remembrance Pow-Wow, scheduled to be held at the Holton 4-H Building on October 9th that will be sponsored by the PBPN FVPP, DoVes of Atchison, and the Alcohol & Drug Program

of the Kickapoo Nation. The day is designed to remember those who have been affected by domestic violence, substance abuse, and/or breast cancer in their life, or for those who have someone close to them.

FVPP was also planning to sponsor a "A Battered Heart is a Broken Heart" art campaign where individuals will decorate a wooden heart to express their feelings, or to imagine what their feelings would be if something happened to them during a violent situation. Wooden hearts and art supplies will be distributed at different places on the reservation throughout the month.

Physical abuse is our problem

By: Nis Wilbur

Physical abuse is not pretty. It is happening right now to someone; maybe someone you know. And, it is our problem for many reasons. The first is that it affects our children in this community. Studies have shown that domestic violence is a cycle handed down from generation to generation. When violence occurs in the home, children learn the negative pattern of behavior and assume it is accepted. They then imitate the behavior in their own relationships by being abused or abusive, sometimes both, perpetuating this unhealthy, violent cycle.

Other reasons physical abuse is your problem is that accepting abuse in our community is, in a sense, accepting the social beliefs forced upon Native American's by European settlers.

Years ago, before the Europeans moved in, many Native American tribes did not allow physical domestic violence to occur within its tribe. It was a major social taboo, and if it did happen, the

abuser was exiled from tribal land or dealt with by the victim's male relatives. Idly standing by, listening to the neighbors yelling, would be completely unheard of. Native Americans are peaceful people whose communities come together to solve almost any problem; physical domestic abuse included.

Our community is so small and tight-knit that none of us should ignore the fact that abusers exist within our circle. The abusers could be our next-door neighbor, our son, maybe our daughter, or our own partner. It is not a problem that popped up when the Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) was created in 2001, but rather an issue that is now being brought to the forefront by the FVPP, and hopefully, stopped.

If you, or someone you know, are a victim of physical domestic abuse, please don't be afraid to call The Family Violence Prevention Program at 1-785-966-0173 or Tribal Police at 911. You can always call anonymously.

Upcoming Events in November

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| 2 | National and State Election Day |
| 6 | Annual Fire Keepers Elder Center Pool Tournament
Fire Keepers Elder Center, 8 a.m. |
| 11 | We-Ta-Se Veterans Memorial Service
Prairie People's Park, noon

Government Offices closed for Veterans Day |
| 13 | 7th Annual We-Ta-Se Veterans Pow Wow
(All members & lifetime are to wear shirt and cover for individual photo)
Holton 4 H Building 11 a.m. |
| 15-19 | EPA National Conference
Harrah's Convention Center, Mayetta, KS |
| 19-20 | Third Annual Holiday Craft Fair
Harrah's Convention Center, Mayetta, KS |
| 22 | Last day to file for Gaming Commission election
by 4 p.m. Election Board Office, Government Center |
| 25-26 | Government Offices closed for Thanksgiving |

Around the rez

Economic Development is preparing to implement the Small Business education classes that begin on October 19 and will be taught in the Government Center training center and by CD/mail.

The **RV Park on Highway 75** south of Mayetta is scheduled to close by year's end.

Tribal Council Assistants are conducting a **Tailgate Raffle** to benefit the Potawatomi Princess Travel Fund. Prizes include a 45 - inch Color TV, KC Chief's tickets and more. Drawing will be held at the Veteran's Day Pow Wow on Nov. 13 and you need not be present to win. Call Verna Simon at 785-966-4000 for more details.

Ben-no-tteh Early Childhood Education Center is planning to participate in a national early literacy organization called **Jumpstart** that recruits and trains college students to work one-on-one with preschool children. Washburn University students will be coming to the reservation in November to work with the children and they will also help the center's staff with supplemental activities like planning family activities and other tasks.

Road and Bridge crews are assisting area contractors with the repaving of roads that lead into Housing Clusters 2 and 3. Mailboxes have been temporarily moved to the edge of the road on 158 Rd and on K Rd until the roads are completed. In addition, Road and

Bridge has been doing a lot of bridge work at various locations and improving roads. Four individuals will attend the Intertribal Transportation Association Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz. from Oct. 24-28.

Emergency Services/Fire Department stayed busy in October with teaching children and others about fire safety during **National Fire Prevention Week** during the first week. EMS crews also sponsored a benefit **Co-Rec Softball Tournament for Joey Hyatt**, son of firefighter/EMS Randy Hyatt and his wife Heather. The benefit was designed to help the Hyatt's with medical expenses for Joey and was a big success drawing approximately 13 teams from around the reservation for the cause. Other EMS activities included participating in a **Health & Safety Fair** on October 29 cosponsored with the **Tribal Police** and **C.H.R. Departments** that was held at the Bingo Hall. The EMS/Fire Department also provided a training room for a **Child Passenger Safety Technician** four-day course taught by Trooper Tim McCool of the Kansas Highway Patrol.

The **Pow Wow Committee** was scheduled to hold a fundraiser benefit dance at the Vinewood Road House on October 29 and will hold the **Third Annual Holiday Craft Fair** at the Convention Center on Nov. 19-20. They also held the **American Indian Day Pow Wow** on September 25 at Prairie Peoples Park.



Venida Chanault receives Mellon Tribal College Faculty Fellowship

Venida Chanault, a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi and Kickapoo tribe, has been named an inaugural recipient of the American Indian College Fund - Mellon Tribal College Faculty Fellowship. She was selected by an independent advisory panel of Native scholars, and received \$32,250 in order to complete her doctoral dissertation.

Venida is a Social Welfare doctoral student at the University of Kansas. She is also a faculty member in the American Indian Studies and Social Sciences department at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., a post she

has held for the past thirteen years. She is currently working on her dissertation entitled, "The Case for Gender Repatriation: Violence and Abuse Against Indigenous Women." She said, "I recognize the importance of higher education for our people and our communities and the role I serve in providing education cognizant of these experiences is my way of advancing this good."

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, located in New York City, made the fellowship program possible through a \$450,000 grant to the American Indian College Fund in late 2003. With these funds, the Fund launched American Indian

College Fund - Mellon Tribal College Faculty Fellowship Program, aimed at increasing the number of faculty at the nations 34 tribal colleges and universities possessing a terminal degree. This highly-competitive three-year program offers a \$30,000 fellowship and \$2,250 travel stipend to selected fellows so they can devote a year to complete the final stages of their degree programs including dissertations, unfettered by financial considerations and professional demands.

PBPN Vocational Rehabilitation Program servicing needs of the community

By: Suzanne Heck

Once again the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is at the forefront of providing services for Indian people through its vocational rehabilitation (VR) program provided in the Social Services Department. Not only is it the only program of its kind in the state of Kansas it also gives the PBPN the distinction of being one of only 73 tribes to have a program of its kind of the 560 plus tribes in the United States.

The program, specifically designed for Indian people, is different from mainstream VR programs because it provides services that are culturally relevant and appropriate for Native American populations. The program is made possible from a Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration grant H250A1000007-03 that the Nation received in October, 2000.

According to Eric Hale, who has been with the program since the beginning, the first two years of the program were spent putting policies and procedures in place as well as networking with other state rehabilitation groups and agencies. Additional time was spent seeking out potential clients for the program by home visits and working through the agencies. Then, in the third year after the groundwork had been laid, Morris Taylor was hired as the program's assistant director. Following Taylor came LaDonna Kirkaldie who helped further the program's development.

Between the three staff they bring a wealth of experience to the program. Before coming to the PBPN Taylor worked at Menninger's Vocational Rehabilitation program in Topeka for 15 years and Kirkaldie has been a leading force in the disability rehabilitation field for Native Americans for over 16 years. She served as the Director of the University of Montana American Indian Disability Technical Center (AIDTAC) for two years and she, along with Robert Shuckahosee, were instrumental in helping former Social Services Director, Eric Sanderson, write the VR grant for the PBPN. She is a member of the Ft. Belknap Indian Community and has devoted most of her life to working for the betterment of disabled Native Americans.

Hale, who has been with the VR program for over two years now, has lived in the PBPN community for most of his life and plans to complete a bachelor's degree in business this year from Washburn University.

The VR program, now in its fourth year, is in full swing and going strong. A Resource Center for clients has been developed next to the VR staff offices located in the Social Services building and includes computers and job referral/training resources. Items such as job postings, educational materials, training materials and other self-help guides are available in the Center for clients and the Center also provides an area where clients can be evaluated for job interests or skills.

The high numbers of clients

who have gone through the program and been placed in jobs points to its success. To date around 33 workers have been placed in the PBPN community in various places like Harrah's and in other PBPN governmental departments. Placements have been made in Maintenance, the Bingo Hall, Community Health Representative (CHR) Services, Social Services, and the Motor Vehicle Transit program. Future placements are presently being planned in the Human Resources and Finance Departments.

Taylor said, "The PBPN departments have been very good about working with us to find placements. A few of our clients began working in the work adjustment program which is a program designed to ease workers back into the work world, and they are now in permanent jobs."

A couple of those permanent placements have been with the Motor Vehicle Department. Micki Martinez, director, agreed that the VR program has helped greatly by the workers that VR has provided," she said. "Particularly with the on-call demand of needing drivers when our riders call at various times." She said that she had used four workers from the program and that two out of the four had been permanently hired. "The one thing that I see in the workers is that the VR program has given them confidence in themselves," she said.

"We've got one of the workers who has just worked out great for us. He is now a primary transit driver and works fulltime in our department. He even went out and got his commercial driver's license which shows the initiative this guy has. That's what the program does for them. It's a win-win situation for everyone."

That worker is tribal member Chris Eteeyan who said that before he came to the VR program he felt hopeless and discouraged. "I had been institutionalized most of my adult life," he said. "I was in prison and when I got out I couldn't find a job. My dad, Donald Allen, told me about the VR program so I looked into it and it changed my life."

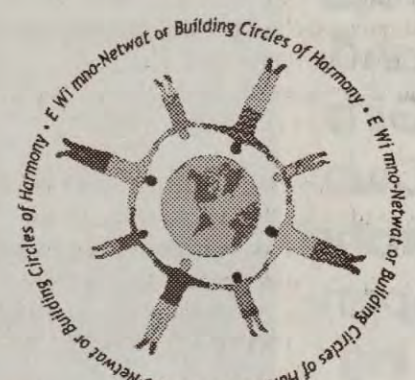
Allen also went through the VR program and is now a permanent staff member at the Nation's CHR Department.

Eteeyan said that the VR staff encouraged him all the way and helped him with other needs like securing housing and clothing. "They saved me," he said. "If you've never had a permanent job you can't find one. It's worse than having a broken leg."

Eteeyan also praised Micki Martinez whom he said gave him the opportunity to work for Motor Vehicle. He said that he began in the work adjustment program and graduated to the On the Job Training program and then was hired fulltime. "She went out on the line for me," he said, "and a lot of my success is because of her. This is the first legitimate job I've ever had in my life," Eteeyan said. "I'm finally on my own and I'm a happy man."



The Vocational Rehabilitation staff from left to right are Morris Taylor, LaDonna Kirkaldie and Eric Hale.



To learn more about the Social Services Department and its programs visit the Nation's website at:

PBPIIndiantribe.com

Q & A on PBPN Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Q. Who is eligible for the program?

A. Any enrolled member of a tribe who resides within the PBPN service area which includes Jackson and Shawnee Counties in Kansas can apply. A second criterion is that applicants must have a mental or physical impairment that is a substantial barrier to their ability to maintain or obtain employment.

Q. How do I apply for the program?

A. Application forms are available at the PBPN Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Office located in the Social Services Building that is located at 16322 Q Rd, Mayetta, KS. 66509. Individuals can drop by in person or forms can be sent by mail by calling the Social Service Office at (785) 966-2932. Vocational Rehabilitation staff persons are available fulltime to assist individuals who might need help in the process along the way.

Q. Do I need to provide anything along with the application?

A. Yes. Copies of medical records that explain your disability or your permission to obtain your medical records from various medical sources will be needed. In addition, a full work history will be necessary along with your completed application.

Q. What about confidentiality?

A. Your VR counselor and other rehabilitation service providers will keep information about you confidential. You may look or copy information in your file upon written request. Medical, psychological, or other information that may be harmful if released directly to you will only be made available to your representative, a physician, or a licensed/certified psychologist. If your file contains copies or reports or records originally developed by another agency, this information may be released only under the conditions established by the other agency.

Q. What happens after I turn in the application and needed documents?

A. A PBPN vocational rehabilitation counselor will work with you to determine your eligibility and needs. Sometimes medical records are not enough to decide you are eligible and additional evaluations may be needed.

Q. Do these services cost me anything?

A. No. Individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) are presumed to be eligible unless there is evidence that they will not be able to benefit from services.

Q. If I'm eligible, what happens next?

A. You and your counselor will work together to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE). Sometimes additional assessments may be needed like taking written tests to determine your interests, temperament or aptitude, for example, that furthers your readiness for employment. The IPE outlines your goals and lists the services you will receive in the program.

Q. When am I ready for employment?

A. After you have completed the services that make you job-ready the VR staff will then help you find a job. Your financial resources will not affect eligibility. However, if you are found to be eligible, VR program payment for some services may be based on financial need. You will be expected to help pay for your rehabilitation program according to your ability to do so.

Q. After I am employed am I dropped from the program?

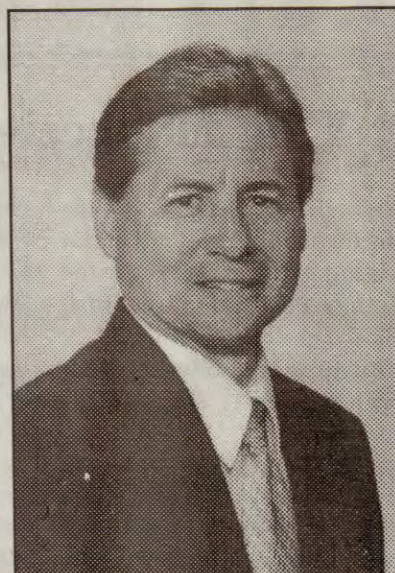
A. No. During the first few months that you are employed, your counselor will provide continual support to make sure things are going well. On an as needed basis, your counselor will check with you periodically to see if you need further services.

Q. What if I'm not ready to go full speed into an employment situation?

A. This is common and the PBPN VR Department has two programs that help ease individuals into fulltime employment opportunities. The first one is a Work Adjustment Program that allows for a temporary 90-day employment work schedule designed to enhance self-esteem and self-confidence for an individual who has not worked in steady employment previously, and the other program is an On-the-Job-Training program that offers a training and trial work period for a client who has the goal of employment at a specific job position within a department. More information on both of these programs is available by calling the VR Dept.



Meet the new Social Services Director



Larry Pickman has been appointed Social Services Director and began his position on August 30.

Prior to his position with the PBPN he served as Executive Director of the Northeast Kansas Community Action Program and became certified as a Community Action Professional in 1999.

He has served on various human service boards including the Northeast Kansas Human Resource Coalition, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Advisory Board, the Domestic Violence Emergency Services (DOVES) Board and the 22nd

Judicial District Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. He was also the Finance Commissioner for the city commission of Horton from 1996-2001.

He has a degree in Sociology from Benedictine College and is originally from Atchison, Kan.

He presently resides in Horton, Kan. with his wife and three children.

Social Services includes Vocational Rehabilitation, Community Services, Family Violence, Social Services, and the Child Welfare programs.



Chris Eteeyan, pictured above, is seen hard at work driving one of the public transit buses for the Nation. He went through the PBPN Vocational Rehabilitation program and is now permanently employed in the Motor Vehicle Department.

Historical venture to NMAI: tribal members reflect on their experience

Navigating the city

By Dianna Payne

I was privileged to be able to go on the historical trip for the opening ceremonies of the National Museum of the American Indians in Washington, DC. This was something I could have never imagined and something I will be able to share with my family. As stated many times, the museum is long overdue.

During the procession I felt a sense of appreciation and pride that I will never let go. I believe our tribe was well represented with our distinguished color guard and our beautiful women's regalia. (Are there any more beautiful women than Potawatomi women?) Aye!!

Once we figured out the subway system, Ruta and I were able to navigate around the city very well. However, we did have some anxious moments with our transportation means. We were like sheep following Mary LaClair across the walkways and streets to what we thought was the Metro stop. We got to a street corner and up goes Mary's hand to hail a taxi! The cab whips up and in jumps Mary and three other ladies. Ruta and I stand there with jaws dropped open and panic on our faces! As they are driving away Mary hollers, "Just put your hand up - another cab will stop!" We look at each other, take a deep breath and stick that hand up. It worked! After that we were determined to figure out that metro system - and quick!



Washington DC Metro System: members taking the escalator to the Mall and procession.

National Museum of the American Indian

Submitted Marilyn Hale Wakolee

Opening day of the National Museum of the American Indians was September 21, 2004 on the Washington D.C. National Mall with a Native Nations Procession.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was represented in the Procession by Tribal Council,

Wa-Ta-Se, and approximately 50 PBPB members dressed in regalia. We were highly greeted by



lookers as we passed by.

Museum passes were required at intermittent hours. Majority of our group entered at 4 PM that day. Not enough time was allotted. I started viewing the fourth floor at a theater and then the displays. By then the museum security was announcing the closing of the Museum at 5 PM for a special event.

The entire event was called **First American Festival**, free to the public. The festival presented traditional and contemporary performances which included blues, rock, reggae, hip-hop, jazz, and other Native entertainers.

There were Native food vendors as well as arts and crafts. Behind the Museum was a small garden of mixed vegetables.

The next day we went on sightseeing tours. Our group had a personal tour guide, Mary LeClere who lived and worked at the State Department in the past. We took the subway near George Washington University and walked back stopping at different memorials. Everything was impressive and overwhelming - especially the different war memorials.

If another opportunity arises to view the Museum again, I would like to be considered.

Many thanks to LaVerne Hale for her endeavors to make this trip a success. Also, to the bus driver, Larry, for the scenic trip (US 81 and US 64) through the Appalachians, Allegheny, and Shenandoah Mountains.

A Perspective on a Museum Opening in September

By Gary E. Mitchell

On September 21, well over 60 Prairie

Band Potawatomi took part in the grand opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, in Washington D.C. Most of the Potawatomi rode a chartered bus to the Nations Capital. The 2,000-mile roundtrip was long, but enjoyable if a person likes to read or watch videos or just to rest. It sure beat driving your own vehicle and to argue over whose supposed to drive next.

The trip wound through Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and we passed by old Civil War battlefields into Washington, D.C. on the way West and the Appalachian Mountains, tucky, Indiana, and through Missouri on the way back. Both were scenic routes.

Some of the land resembled Eastern Kansas, such as the many cornfields, until the bus got into the Pennsylvania area where it seemed like it turned into a gigantic forest. The towns and highways seemed like they were carved out of the beautiful countryside and were testimony to man trying to conquer Mother Nature.

News reports said there were over 20,000 Indians in the parade. Most of the tribes represented in the parade wore traditional style of dress. The Potawatomi women wore Indian dresses in our unique style and the men wore Indian shirts, vests and beaded medallions. Our veterans group We Ta Se and the Tribal Council led the Potawatomi through the long parade. Every Potawatomi looked great and represented our tribe well.

It was interesting to see so many people lined up to watch the parade, many taking pictures of the Indians in the parade. Some people asked our group if they knew how to talk English, which we thought was funny. The tribes lined up in alphabetical order and the Potawatomi lined up close to the end of the parade and didn't get on Cspan.

The museum is four stories high and it's near impossible to see all the 8,000 objects in a two-hour tour. The entire collection has over 800,000 objects collected from North, Central, and South America. Many children were seen watching a small television screen, which told traditional tribal stories.

Some tribes were mad because they had very little representation there. Others

were upset to see sacred drums and other objects displayed. Personally I thought there was little documentation to show how the Indian people lost their land, how the Indians were killed by the thousands and how our people were treated in the removal period - all in the name of progress.

I always thought the Jewish people did it right when they built their museum. They displayed all the atrocities because they didn't want the same thing to happen to their children and grandchildren. It's early in the museum development and in time the whole story will be told at that level.

After the parade and tour of the museum, we were able to attend a concert headlined by **Buffy St. Marie**, an outstanding singer, who has aged gracefully. The MC - Charlie Hill is a truly funny comedian. One of his messages to the large crowd was that casino tribes should hire Indian performers like they saw on that night. I guess it was a plug for Indian preference in the music and entertainment business.



The next day, many of the Potawatomis went on tours to see the U.S. Capitol, the White House, and all of the veteran memorials. One amazing fact about D.C. is the extreme poverty and the large number of homeless people living there. Some who were seen eating out of trash cans and sleeping on park benches - all of this in a city of such power and riches. It makes you wonder what the politicians think when they ride by in their limousines and fly by in their helicopters.

On the last night there was an outstanding performance called "Spirit - the Seventh Fire," performed by an all-Indian cast and it involved pow-wow singing, dancing and acting. They had their own tent that included the stage and seating. The sound and special effects were outstanding part of the performance. Douglas Schofield, who is married to tribal member Josette Wahwasuck, performs in the troupe.

It was well worth the time to ride the bus, get lost on the subway twice, do all that walking, participate in the parade, see the Spirit performance and to see some of the nation's capital, but above all, it meant a lot to be part of such a grand event.

Washington DC Trip

Submitted by Rose Hale

I had a very enjoyable time, with a nice group of people who were congenial, jovial, considerate, caring, and sharing people. Nish-na-bek. Sometimes one or two, or three, were always there helping someone else, I saw this many times.

This was a very long trip, on a bus. Complaints? I never heard one. Everyone seemed to appreciate the opportunity to have a chance to be included in this historical event.

We arrived in D.C. in the evening and were told not to go out after dark but the burger price in the hotel was \$10.00. So, we jumped in this group going across the street to Wendy's and McDonalds. We did obey the crossing signals but were nearly hit by a police car with no lights or sirens while making a left turn. Was the after dark danger the D.C. police?



The next day our destination was the National Mall for the procession to the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. We trekked four blocks to the Metro in our finest PBP attire with Na-ni-s-que as our guide. At times she would fall behind, conversing with someone. Someone's son was heard to say, "Who's supposed to be leading this group? That looks like my mom up there."

It was rush hour in the subway but with help from others in our group as well as nice strangers, we managed to get on the train. We were told to hold on. I thought I was holding on but I nearly caused a Domino Effect. The eyes of D.C. were upon us and with a lot of questions. One nice lady we'd met assisted us out in the right direction.

After a few steps down the street we began to see other people dressed in their finest, buckskin, beadwork, vests, etc. We had arrived.

Eventually we found the right place to be for the procession. We also found refreshments, shade, tables and chairs, and a lot of nice "happy to be there looking people." Friendly,

happy, faces. There were acres and acres of them (us). This was one part I was looking forward to, hoping to see a familiar face, like an old friend or classmate. But it didn't happen. My daughter was the fortunate one; several times her name was called out from the crowd. One of her former classmates is working in the museum. I never thought about it until now, but I could have been standing next to someone a time or two.

We had to wait awhile as the tribes went in alphabetical order. Somehow the Pueblo were ahead of us. We were between the Washington Monument and the Capitol and I was trying to get a shot of the We-ta-se, with the monument in the background. A lady came next to me and said, "I want a picture of these fancy men too."

Finally our turn came. The parade route was lined with people, mostly non-Indian. We were greeted with smiles, waves, hellos, and applause. We answered the same. To the applause we said "thank you." A few times I heard a "No! Thank you." Also, there were some cheers for Kansas. Or, "Yea, Kansas."



"Yea, Jayhawks." Once during a stop a nice older lady made a big fuss over us and arranged us for a pose talking the whole time, like a one woman rally. A nice distraction from being tired, thirsty, hot, on that warm sunny day was somebody's cute 'lil Nokmis.

At the end of the route there were thousands of chairs on the lawn. There were 16,000 registered and the crowd estimated at 21,000. There were huge lines at the food tents, and at the hot dog vendors on street corners. Bottled water booths were located here and there. Free. Nice.

There were celebrities in the crowd too, Rodney Grant, actor and Elsa Johnson, actress. In concert, that night was Buffy St. Marie, Rita Coolidge, and Charlie Hill. A lady in our

group wasn't sure Rodney was Rodney with shades. In her excitement she asked, "Are you who you are?" He answered, "Yes, I am who I am."

The NMAI was the most beautiful building on The Mall, also closest to the Capitol. When we entered, it was pretty full of people with more lines and more waiting. We couldn't see everything too well. But what we did see was a lot of beautiful artwork and beadwork, some things old, some things new. During some free time we took a tour bus and saw historical sites. The most impressive was the changing of the guard at the Arlington National Cemetery.

The trip back home was nice seeing the sites, the Allegheny Mountains, forests, and spring water on rock walls in West Virginia.

This was a nice trip, and good to have some family along to share it with. I really meant it when my post cards said, "Wish you were here."

N'so-wa-kwit was the Trooper. Not a peep the whole trip, maybe one peep, when we were almost home.

I-kwi-in. M'to-we-tt-win.

NCAI Rally and 108th Congress coincides with NMAI opening

By Mary Young

Activity at the Upper Senate Park, across from the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, DC, began prior to the scheduled time for the NCAI political rally; organizers were on hand before 7:30 am, including the Capitol's security guard with his search dog. The purpose of the rally was to raise the profile of issues important to tribal governments.

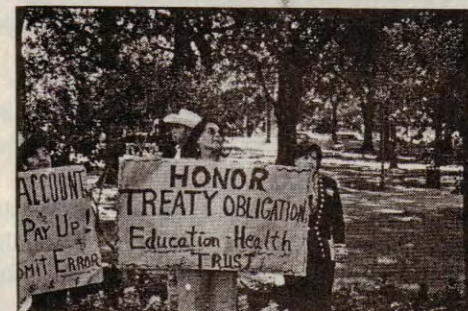
Members of Congress who support Indian issues attended the rally as their schedules permitted. Sens. Tom Daschle, South Dakota Democrat; Lisa Murkowski, Alaska

Republican; and Byron L. Dorgan, North Dakota Democrat participated. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell was scheduled but was unable to break away from the session. Tribal leaders Zach Pahnahmie, PBPB, and Harold Frank, Forest County Potawatomi, both participated on various topics and issues. Sen. Lana Oleen, NCSL-NCAI State-Tribal Relations co-chair introduced Sen. Brownback.



Keeping the momentum going during the rally, announcements were made at intervals to inform the audience what was taking place during the legislative session. Such as, at 9:30 am, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs did a markup on S. 556 under Chairman Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Vice-Chairman Daniel K. Inouye's leadership and at 10 am, the House Resources Committee, chaired by Representative Richard Pombo (R-CA) and Ranking Member Nick Rahall, (D-WV), addressed H. R. 2440. The two committees worked closely with each other as well as the Administration and Tribal leaders to have the bills nearly identical, which should facilitate reconciling any differences in conference once both houses of Congress enact the bill.

Tribal leaders and health advocates called for Members of Congress to reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to be enacted before the end of the 108th Congress. The latest report from the United States Commission on Civil Rights, entitled "Broken Promises: Evaluating the Native American Health Care System," finds that the "the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care improvement Act appears to hold the most promise for improving the lives of Native Americans." Indian Country has been waiting five years for this reauthorization to be addressed by Congress and signed into law.



A pictorial view of the journey to the historical NMAI event

By Mary Young

In the early morning, 46 PBP members boarded a 56-passenger bus at the Bingo Hall on Sept. 19, 2004 to attend the grand opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. As the 46-plus marched in the procession, several members played a major role in the event.

Carol Snowball's son, Terry, currently holds the position of Community Services Coordinator in the Community Services Department of the Smithsonian Institution NMAI. He was a Co-Team Leader on the Native Nations Procession Project and on the day of the procession, he was the Traffic Manager for the organization of the procession in the staging area on the west end of the Mall. Terry also works in support of repatriation as the primary caretaker of the human remains and facilitation of the return of cultural items back to tribes.



Tribal member Carol Snowball and son Terry.



Marty Kriepe De Montañio

PBP member Marty is Director of the NMAI Resource Centers with locations on the national mall, in Suitland, MD and in New York City. She was thrilled to have PBP members use the Resource Center computers to seek cultural information, review cultural curriculum and view Potawatomi objects. Some of our PBP visitors also received an introduction to the exhibits by Marty's husband, Jose who is one of the museum's cultural interpreters.



Gwen Shunatona

Gwen Shunatona, our new PBP Education Administrator, was an invited MC at the Grand Opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. Gwen introduced indigenous musical presenters at a special outdoor amphitheater adjoining the main entrance hall of the new museum. Among the performers were The Six Nations Women Singers; a group from South America; Sharon Burch, Navajo folk singer and composer; a Navajo gospel singing group; Annie Humphrey, activist singer and composer; and the Kevin Locke Trio.

At the procession

One outstanding feature of the trip, and it did not matter the generation, a cell phone was in constant use by someone. The following page shows a photo of this phenomena.

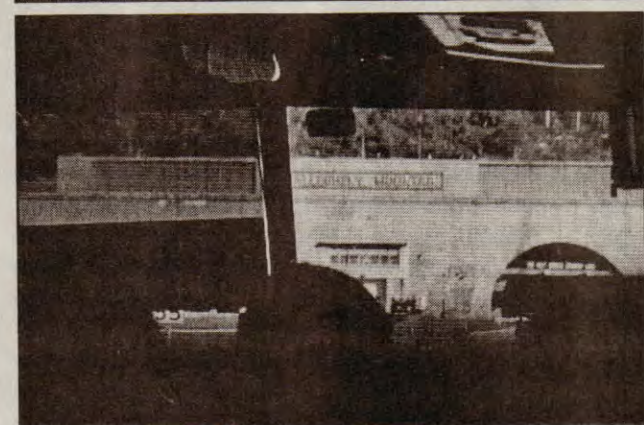
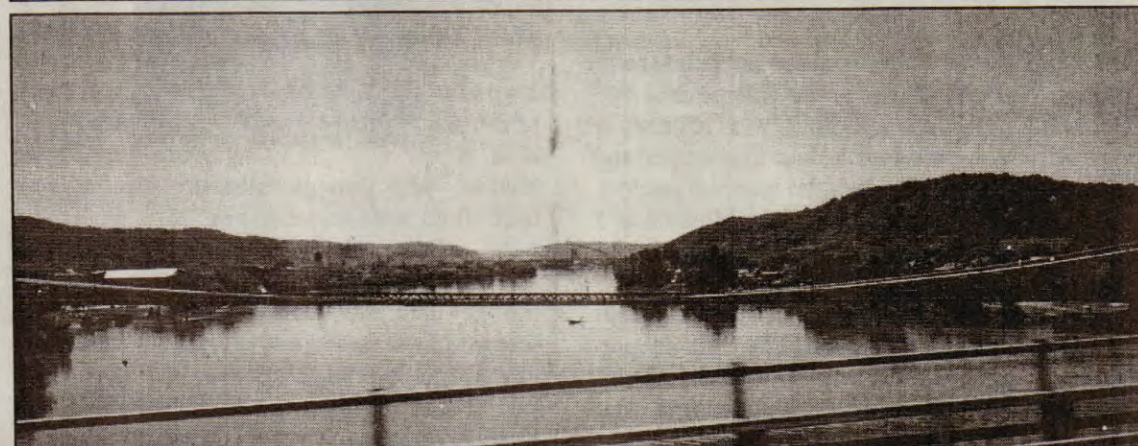
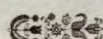
Although water was available and once in the lineup, water was scarce. One young lady from a reservation south of Tucson, Arizona said, "We're used to 120 degrees but the heat knocked us out!"

To be among so many native people from North and South America was the highlight of this historical event. The fun part was observing everyone with a camera while they took a photo of each other.

What a job the Traffic Manager had, to organize the lineup and keep the procession moving along.

Prior to the procession, Gary Mitchell and Mary Young were interviewed for a radio broadcast. They said the interview would be played all week during the NMAI event.

Photos of various stars appear on the next page, they include Rodney Grant with the We-Ta-Se in the background, Elsa Johnson who just completed a movie with Russell Means; flutist R. Carlos Nakai; Charlie Hill, comedian and Jim Northrup, Jr. of the Fond du Lac Folies found in *News From Indian Country* newspaper.



Above: Entering the Allegheny Mountain Tunnel.



Left & right photo: Getting exercise. Above photo: Sunflowers outside of Kansas.



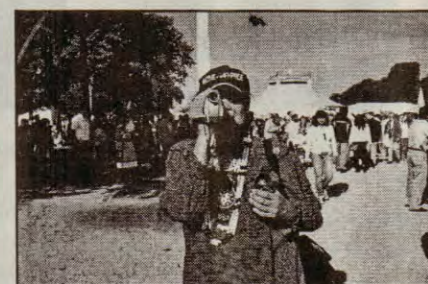
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At left: Checking the winning bingo card.



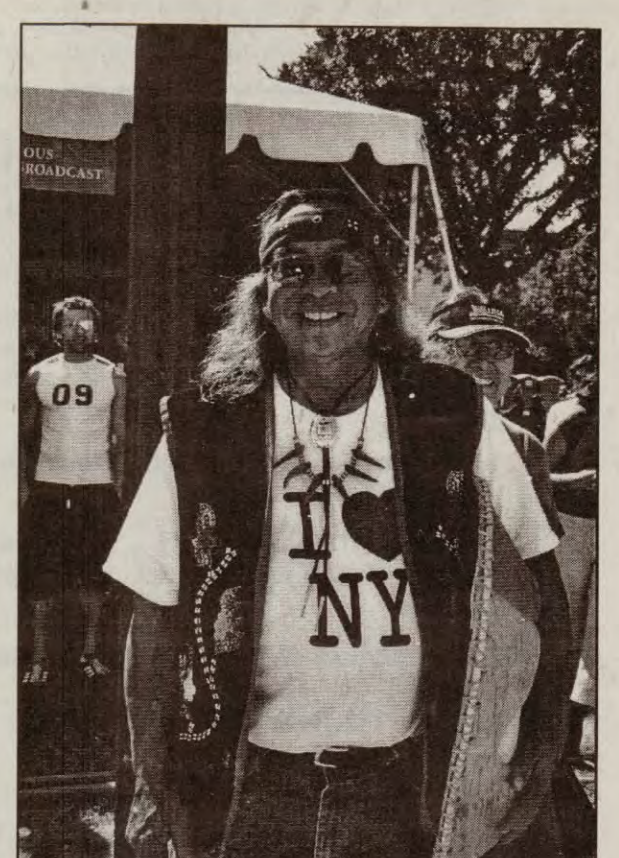
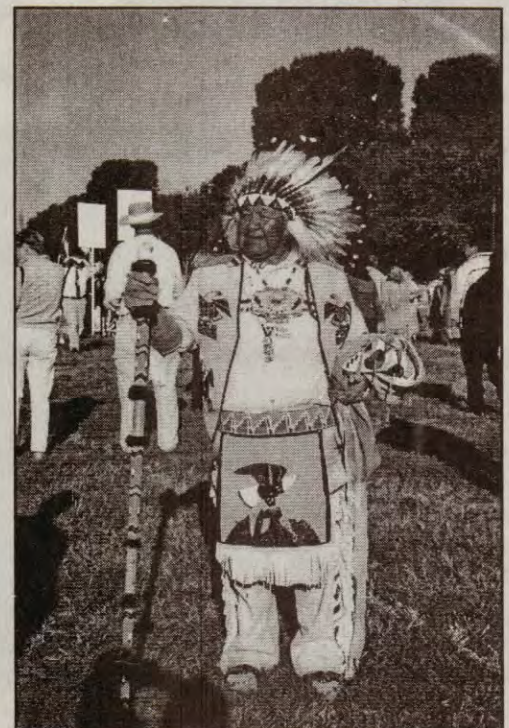
Chairs PBP Zach Pahmahmie and FCP Harold "Gus" Frank.



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Native American Wellness Association Summit a Success

By: Elaine Mzhickteno Barr

September 14 and 15th marked the date of the 1st Native American Wellness Association (NAWA) Summit.

The NAWA is a consortium of Tribal Nations, urban Native American organizations, the Indian Health Service (IHS), the state of Kansas and KAAP (Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals). The members of NAWA are volunteers who began meeting one year ago in response to the continuing concern for the unmet behavioral health needs of Native Americans in Kansas and NW Missouri. Behavioral health issues include alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence, diabetes, mental health, STD's, gambling addiction and homelessness.

The focus of the Summit was to address these behavioral health issues through the creation of partnerships with the state of Kansas, IHS, the four Tribes, urban Indian organizations and other agencies that serve Native Americans. The thinking is that a comprehensive cooperative approach would provide a unique opportunity for NAWA to be inclusive of both concerns and resources available to meet the needs of Native Americans, who often times are not included 'in the box' of resource management and needs assessment. For example, it is difficult to obtain an accurate count of Native Americans who are in need of behavioral health services. Data collection which speaks to the extent of the unmet behavioral health needs of Native Americans is not coordinated between the State, IHS; the cities, the Tribes, urban Indian organizations, or may not be documented at all. We know there are extensive problems but we don't know how bad or how many. We don't have a clear handle on



From left to right is Charles Bartlett, Policy and Project Coordinator of SRS Addiction and Prevention Services, Donna Doolin, Director of SRS Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services and Craig Collins, Director of Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals who have all been instrumental in organizing the consortium on Native American Behavioral Health issues. They were each given a blanket for their contributions and work.

what needs to be done to correct the problems.

The initial focus of the NAWA is to identify and address the training and educational needs of Alcohol and Drug counselors in Indian country. The NAWA wants to increase the availability of culturally competent in-patient and reintegration alcohol and drug treatment services for Native American men and women.

The state of Kansas has provided support during the last year by obtaining a Technical

Assistant through the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to facilitate the Summit, which was held at the new Harrah's Convention Center. Craig Collins, Director of KAAP has provided support by meeting with the NAWA and providing ongoing encouragement and direction.

The NAWA is not in competition with the Tribes or urban Indian organizations. It

was formed to serve the Native population. The NAWA encourages anyone interested in being a part of this wellness movement to join. A membership fee of \$10. is all that is needed. You may contact Elaine Mzhickteno at 966-2463 or Kathy Slimmer at 966-2932 for more information.

PBPN Alcohol & Drug Prevention Services

- Thomas Shopteese, Director
- Shirlene Seymour-Admin Asst
- Laverne Biggoose- Intern
- James Jurey- Intern
- Elaine Mzhickteno Barr-E.A.P.

Parr Ranch logo created



Clifford D. Knoxsah "Mak tow si" designed the logo above for the PARR Ranch Recovery House that represents cedar and sage to signify "let the healing begin." He said, "The design I feel is one of renewing your health, your soul, and your spirituality. PARR used to have sweats and the herbs, cedar, and sage are known for their healing powers. The sweat replenishes and cleanses the body and soul."

Knoxsah is an artist and has several other works that hang in the Nation's Government Center. He is a longtime advocate for PARR Ranch and was a member of the original 2000 committee that organized Parr Ranch.

PARR hosts AA picnic

The PARR Recovery House hosted an Alcoholics Anonymous picnic on October 10 from 3 -7 p.m. that featured speaker Fred C. who shared his personal experiences about his recovery from alcoholism.

In addition, PARR residents sold Indian tacos as a fundraiser during the event and other attendees brought potluck dishes to share. The afternoon included games of volleyball and horseshoes and other forms of social fellowship.

PARR Recovery House is located on Highway 75 and can house up to ten residents. The primary staff includes Helen Slattery and Evie Hopkins.

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Support Groups

Topeka Area

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

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

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

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

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

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

Weigh Down Workshop - Experience God's deliverance from dieting and overweightness. Free orientation at 12:30 pm Thursday, White Lakes Plaza Apartments clubhouse, 3730 SW Plaza Drive. Call Elizabeth, 266-7318,

Mayetta Area

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lawrence Area

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



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

**TOLL-FREE
NUMBERS**

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

Government Center

877 715-6789

or (785) 966-4000

Alcohol & Drug
866 966-2411

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

****NEW****

Health & Wellness Clinic

866 694 6728

Pharmacy

866 243-6525

Managed Care (CHS)

800 441-6021

Housing

866 966-2756

Social Services

888 966-2932

Tribal Court

866 966-2242

Transit Program

(785) 966-2995 or 966-3024 or

877 727-6743

(877-PBP-NRIDE)

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To contact the PBPB Tribal Government:

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16281 Q Road
Mayetta, KS 66509

Or call

Toll free: 1-877-715-6789

Or (785) 966-4000

Meet the new doctor



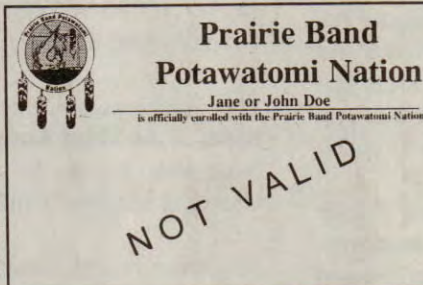
What I am interested in doing is to teach preventive care to Native people particularly in the area of exercising and eating right so that they can control diabetes and other diseases.

PBP/SF Health and Wellness Clinic is proud to announce a new addition to the medical staff. **Dr. Happy Carmona** whose specialty is Family Medicine, divides her time between Haskell Indian Nations University and our clinic. She earned her medical degree from the University of New Mexico and did her medical training in Pueblo, Colorado and has been practicing medicine since 2001. Her ambition is to dedicate her life to working with Native people in preventive health care.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

Your tribal enrollment card is not an insurance card.

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



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

- Standard Eye Exam once every 12 months, which is covered 100%
- Single vision, lined bifocal or lined trifocal lenses are covered in full (100%) once every 12 months

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

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

- Submitted by the Human Resources Dept.

Fall Health Fair & Early Head Start Round-Up

At the PBP/N
Early Childhood Education
Center,
15380 K Rd., Mayetta

On Friday, Nov. 19th
8:30 am to 2:00 pm

The Fall Health Fair will focus on providing a Well Child Clinic for children ages 0-3 years.

For more information or an appointment, please call (785) 966-2707.

A collaborative effort of the PBP Inter-agency Coordinating Council/Health Advisor/PAT Board.



MAKING MEDICARE MAKE SENSE

Answers To Some of The Most Commonly Asked Medicare Questions

Q: About this time every year, Medicare releases if there will be any changes in the Medicare premiums and other out-of-pocket costs for the next year. Will there be any changes in 2005?

A: Yes, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced the Medicare premium, deductible, and coinsurance amounts to be paid by beneficiaries who utilize services in 2005. The premium for 2005 reflects an enhanced Medicare program that is providing beneficiaries with strengthened access to physician services and new preventive benefits, such as the new "Welcome to Medicare" physical and screening exams, such as tests for heart disease and diabetes, as well as improved Medicare Advantage plan choices that can reduce beneficiaries' health care costs.

The monthly premium paid by beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Part B, which covers physician services, outpatient hospital services, certain home

health services, durable medical equipment and other items, will be \$78.20, an increase of \$11.60 over the \$66.60 premium in 2004.

Medicare deductibles and premiums are updated annually in accordance with formulas set by law. By law, the federal government picks up about 75 percent of the cost of Part B benefits and the Part B premium covers the remaining 25 percent. About three-fourths of the 2005 increase is due to additional costs for Part B, and almost one-fourth for building reserves.

To help lower beneficiaries' out-of-pocket costs in 2005, the new Medicare law provides additional savings by paying more appropriately for Medicare covered drugs and the administration of those covered drugs. Therefore, the out-of-pocket costs to beneficiaries who take these covered drugs will be less than what it has been or could have been.

The Part B premium increase may not exceed any beneficiary's cost of living adjustment in their Social Security check. For the great majority of beneficiaries, the Social Security cost of living increase is likely to be significantly greater than the premium change.

For 2005, the Part B deductible remains \$100 per calendar year, which means that a Medicare beneficiary must pay the first \$100 for Part B services,

and then Medicare coverage begins. Once the deductible is met, Medicare Part B generally pays 80 percent of the Medicare-approved amount and the beneficiary is responsible for the other 20 percent. If a beneficiary goes to a doctor who does not accept Medicare assignment, then the beneficiary can be responsible for no more than 15 percent more than what Medicare has approved as payment in full.

For Medicare Part A, which pays for inpatient hospital, skilled nursing, hospice and some home health care, the deductible paid by the beneficiary when admitted as a hospital inpatient will be \$912 in 2005, an increase of \$36 from this year's \$876 deductible. The Part A deductible is a beneficiary's only cost for up to 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care in a benefit period. However, for extended Medicare-covered hospital stays, beneficiaries must pay an additional \$228 per day for days 61 through 90, which was \$219 per day in 2004. For hospital stays beyond the 90th day in a benefit period the costs will be \$456 per day up from \$438 per day in 2004. For beneficiaries requiring skilled nursing or rehabilitative services in a skilled nursing facility, there is no charge for the first 20 days, but days 21 through 100 cost \$114 per day, which was \$109.50 per day in 2004. Those who enroll or are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan may not be affected by the Part A increase, and may receive additional benefits with different cost-sharing arrangements. All of these Part A payment changes are determined

by law.

Most beneficiaries do not have to pay a premium for Medicare Part A. However, beneficiaries or their spouse who do not have at least 40 quarters of Medicare-covered employment and who want Part A do have to pay a premium. The amount of the premium is dependent on the number of work quarters earned. For beneficiaries with fewer than 30 quarters of Medicare-covered employment, the Medicare Part A monthly premium will be \$375 for 2005. For beneficiaries with 30 to 39 quarters of Medicare-covered employment the premium will be \$206 per month in 2005.

States have programs that pay some or all of Medicare's cost sharing amounts for certain people who have Medicare and a low income. Information is available at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and, for the hearing and speech impaired, at TTY/TDD: 1-877-486-2048. Beneficiaries, who think they may qualify based on low-income, when calling the 1-800-Medicare number, should ask for information on the Medicare Savings Programs. The beneficiary will be given a phone number to their state Medicaid office to apply for these Medicare Savings Programs.

For other Medicare questions, please call 1-800-Medicare, 1-800-633-4227 or check out our Medicare award-winning Web site at www.medicare.gov.

Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Fall vegetables top off *Recipe Corner* this month and we hope you try them and enjoy each of the following recipes!

Squash Casserole

Submitted by Michelle Wabaunsee

- 3 c. zucchini or yellow squash, sliced
- 1/4 c. onion, chopped
- 3 T. margarine
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 c. milk
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 1 c. sharp cheese, grated
- 1 c. Ritz crackers, crushed

Preheat oven to 300° F. Sauté squash and onions with the margarine until tender. Drain. Add remaining ingredients, except cheese and crackers. Spoon into a 9 x 13-inch casserole dish and top with cheese and crackers. Bake for 20 minutes.

Zucchini Squash

Submitted by AZ Shaw-Note

Wash the zucchini. Slice it like cucumber slices. Melt a tablespoon of butter; add zucchini and fresh whole kernel corn. Sprinkle with cheese.

Eggplant Parmesan

Submitted by Sheila Lopez

- 1 large eggplant, about 2 pounds
- 3/4 c. olive oil
- 2 c. canned tomato sauce
- 1/2 tsp. Dried basil
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 c. grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 ozs. shredded Mozzarella cheese

Peel eggplant and cut into 1/4 inch slices. Fry on both sides in skillet in hot oil until browned. Drain well on paper towels. Place a layer of eggplant slices in a shallow baking dish; cover with some tomato sauce, a sprinkling of basil and garlic powder, a little Parmesan cheese, and a little Mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers

until all ingredients are used, ending with Mozzarella cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 400° for 15-20 minutes.

Summer Squash Casserole

Submitted by Ida Nadeau

- 4 cups cubed yellow squash
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 stick of oleo
- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbs. sugar
- 2 Tbs. flour
- salt & pepper to taste

Optional:

- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper

Boil squash in water until semi-tender, drain.

Sauté onion and pepper in oleo. Beat eggs, and add flour, sugar, salt, pepper, garlic powder and cayenne pepper. Mix everything together and put in greased pan and bake at 350 for 45 min.



**You can adjust the amount of onion and pepper to your personal preference. I have sometimes added a skinned and chopped tomato. I have also put shredded cheese on top for the last few minutes of baking.

Sautéed Portabello Mushroom

Submitted by News staff

- 4 portabello mushrooms, rinsed and dried
- 3 tbs. olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbs. chopped onion
- 1 dash salt and pepper

Sauté garlic, onion, salt and pepper in olive oil and set aside. Slice the portabellos into strips and lightly sauté. Combine and stir all ingredients and serve.

Please submit your favorite recipes to the PBP/N 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!

Ask the Dentist

By Jessica A. Rickert, DDS

Dear Dr. Jessica Rickert,
Can Your toothbrush make you sick?
Thank you,
Mike B.

Dear Mike B.

Where are the most germs found on the human body? In the mouth! Many of these germs are not bad, and some are even beneficial to an individual. BUT! Those same germs may be harmful to another person. Of course, there are also germs and viruses, which are harmful to all, such as the cold viruses or pneumonia germs or the flu viruses.

Bacteria and viruses are called INFECTIOUS AGENTS. Why are there so many infectious agents in the mouth? Germs and viruses are life forms, which require the same things you and I require to live: (1) a source of water; (2) food; and (3) something to breathe. Add to that a protected, warm environment, and you can see that millions of infectious agents can multiply quickly in the oral cavity. So, when you are sick, the oral cavity is also "sick." Of course you should still brush your teeth and gums, to remove the plaque and food debris; but yes, your toothbrush can indeed pick up infectious agents. They can live quite happily on your toothbrush for 1-36 hours. So, if you brush again in 4 or 5 or 6 hours, you may be re-introducing the harmful infectious agents back into your mouth.

Why can they live on the toothbrush? Remember, I said that they need water and a food source to live, and these are on your toothbrush, especially if your toothbrush does not totally dry out between uses.

The same is true of floss. But, floss is thrown out immediately after one use.

Mike, most toothbrushes are synthetic, usually nylon. It takes at least 24 hours for the brush to dry completely. Most dental personnel have 3 toothbrushes, one for each meal. After brushing, we rinse the brush thoroughly with very hot, hot water. It is then not used for 24

hours, during which time the brush can more completely dry. We also replace our brushes about every 2 months.

If you are sick with an infectious disease, you would be wise to buy a new toothbrush as soon as you are well, and throw away the old one. Or, you can disinfect the old toothbrush by letting the head soak in a bleach solution. In a glass or plastic cup, put 1 teaspoon of bleach into 1/2 cup of very hot water from the faucet. Let it soak for 1/2 hour. Rinse thoroughly and let it dry for 24 hours.

Interestingly, people do share their toothbrushes. This is especially true in families. You should never share toothbrushes. Toothbrushes are also tossed haphazardly around, on the counter or into drawers. They are still wet, and the bristles touch each other for hours, wet to wet, until the next brushing.

An ill child's germs, for example, can then be passed to mom or dad or brother or sister. Then the entire family may get sick.

This is even true when no one is sick, because a germ that may not make mom or dad sick can nevertheless make a child sick.

Whenever I discuss this issue, I am afraid that readers will use this as an excuse to not brush. This is a mistaken reaction, because with an increase in plaque, you are allowing the bacteria in your mouth to multiply greatly, resulting in more potential harm to yourself.

A few years back, there was a device sold into which toothbrushes were individually hung up. Between brushing, this device sanitized the toothbrushes with UV light. This was a great idea, but was not successful in the American marketplace. Currently, there is also a disposable toothbrush on the market, but it will take a while to see if this is successful.

Probably the most cost effective way to manage this is to buy a dozen toothbrushes and to change them frequently or after an illness. Bleach sanitizing also works, but takes a little more effort.



Language Department News

by: Sydney VanZile

I hope that you all enjoyed the cross-word puzzle in the last issue. The answers for the puzzle are as follows:

ACROSS: 1. ngátwatso 3. shak 4. pányek 6. máatso 8. Nibne Kisás 12. eshktomo 13. ktem-nák 16. winbetiyán 17. saottisesán 18. nswe. Down: 2. Apáe Nibán Kisás 3. shwatso 5. nyanán 7. nyew 9. nish 10. kokobeyán 11. noák 14. págna 15. ngot.

The Language Department has released a booklet and CD entitled Beginning Introductions in Potawatomi. If you would like a copy sent to you and have not already signed up for one at the last General Council meeting or in the office, please call 785.966.2138 to receive one.

Jim McKinney and Jodi Jessepe are two new faces in the Language Department. Jim is now one of our language/cultural resource persons and Jodi is the first voice that you will hear as you call the office. She is the language assistant.

Various staff in the Department have been attending a few trainings and conferences in the last couple of months. Seattle, mainly the University of Washington, was the site for the technology conference where we learned a lot about using modern day technology to create up-to-date language tools for the revitalization of our language. We are working on a few ideas that will result in some new offerings in the way that language can be used. We will keep you updated.

Another conference we attended was the Oklahoma Native Language Association Conference. We learned a lot about the "Year of the Language" which is the federal government's initiative to bring attention to minority languages. We also learned from other Nation's efforts in their revitalization of their languages. It is always nice to go to this conference and feel the genuine support towards the work we all face in our efforts to save our language. Happy Halloween.

Fire Keepers Elder Center News

There will be a **Pool Tournament** at the Center on **November 6** at 8 a.m. A Men's Snooker Tournament and an Open 9 Ball Tournament will be held. Deadline for entry fees is October 29. Trophies for 1st through 3rd place will be awarded plus some cash. There will also be concessions available and a 50/50 raffle. Contact Shirley at 785-966-0041 or Warren or Curtis at 785-966-0040 for details.

The Firekeepers Center plans to have a **crafts booth** at the **Third Annual Holiday Craft Fair** on November 19 & 20 at Harrah's Convention Center in Mayetta. Craft item donations accepted.

Seventeen Prairie Band Potawatomi elders attended the biennial **National Indian Council on Aging Conference** in Milwaukee in August. They attended workshops, a pow wow, and a host of

other activities while there.

Don't forget the **Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner** that is scheduled for **November 18** in the Dining Room. The Dining Room will be **closed** on **Thanksgiving Day**, November 25.

Elder Ladies have an **exercise group** that meets at 10 a.m. weekdays. All seniors are welcome to join the group.

Just a reminder that **Tribal Emergency Services** provides **blood pressure** and **blood sugar checks** starting at 11 a.m. at the Center in the Dining Room during lunch.

Prairie Garden Apartments are presently being constructed behind the Prairie Village duplexes.

November "2004"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ham Croissants Tomato Soup Tossed Salad Crackers	Hamburger Broccoli Casserole Baked Fries Fruit Salad	Baked Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo Fruit Salad Carrots, Roll	Liver & Onions Potato & Gravy Green Beans Salad & Roll	Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Beans, Tortillas Tomato Salad
Salisbury Steak Potato & Gravy Zucchini Salad & Roll	Ham & Beans White Rice Peas & Carrots Corn Bread	Pork Chop Scalloped Potato Louisiana G Beans Dinner Roll	Closed for Veterans Day	Tuna Sandwich Tomato Soup Tossed Salad Cheese and Crackers
Beef & Spaghetti Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread	Ham Casserole W/ Rice & Broccoli Chefs Salad Bread & Butter	Chicken Tenders Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll	Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner	Chicken Pot Pie Peas & Carrots Tossed Salad Biscuits
Breakfast Sausage, Bacon Eggs, Hashbrowns Biscuits & Gravy	Chicken Rice Casserole Carrots Tossed Salad Biscuits	Bologna Sandwich Potato Salad Chips Fruit	Closed for Thanksgiving
Combo Burrito Taco Rice Tossed Salad	Lemon Chicken Baked Potato Brussels Sprouts Salad & Roll	Native Seniors 50+ Free Adults \$3.50 Children \$2.00		Lunch Hours 11:30-12:30 Menu Subject to Change



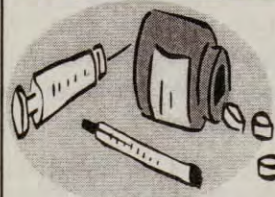
The Language Department taught Potawatomi to an elders class this summer to the following individuals: Left to right on the front row sitting is Joy Yoshida and Arlene Wahwasuck. On the back row left to right is Meeks Jackson, Kitty Shopteese and Delores Abrams. Sydney Vanzile and Leo Nadeau were the instructors.

Do you recognize any of these
football players from 1936?



Mayetta High School's Football Team in 1936

Elaine Mzhickteno Barr submitted the photograph and knew of only two identifications. On the front row far right is Leroy Mzhickteno. On the third row fourth from left is Packy Wabaunsee. If you know any more of these players please submit their names and placement in the photograph to the News at PO Box 116, Mayetta, KS 66509.



IMPORTANT
HEALTH
INFORMATION:
for the community

There is expected to be a severe shortage of flu vaccines this year. We have flu vaccine available in the PBP Health and Wellness Center for those at high risk of complications from the flu.

Based on a rationing plan recommended by the CDC, priority will be given to:

1. Employees of the clinic in order to reduce the chance of spreading the flu virus to the patients.
2. Those over 65 years old.
3. Those less than 2 years old.
3. Patients with Asthma, Diabetes or other chronic illnesses.
4. Any patient with an illness that leaves them immuno-compromised or at risk for pneumonia.
5. Daycare workers or those taking care of ill patients.
6. Pregnancy: For women without chronic diseases/conditions, vaccinate if pregnancy will be at 2nd or 3rd trimester during influenza season. For women with chronic diseases/conditions, vaccinate at any time during the pregnancy.
7. Household contacts of children aged over 6 months old.

Vaccination may start immediately for the above groups. Please come in now before the flu season starts.

If more flu vaccine becomes available later in the season, we will open up the vaccination of patients to all those desiring protection from the flu.

Thank you for your cooperation with this plan.

Richard Pruiksma, MD

Tribal members in the News

Mrs. Deep South Wife of the Year

Tribal member Tonya Harris placed second in the Mrs. Deep South pageant held on May 8, 2004 and received the crown and title of Mrs. Deep South Wife of the Year. She will compete in November at the pageant in Vicksburg, Miss. which is a preliminary to the Mrs. Mississippi pageant.

Tonya is the wife of Matthew Harris. She is the proud mother of three sons, Matthew, 12, Luke, 10, and Timothy, 1.

She is the daughter of tribal member Bonnie MacDonald.



Tonya Harris



Tami Bruhn-Nelson, seen above with horses Lakota and Native Dancer, was recently recognized for her volunteer work in the grand opening of the Sacajawea Interpretive Center located in Salmon, Idaho. She was given a Certificate of Appreciation for her work by the Salmon City Council and had an article written about her volunteer efforts in the Salmon Recorder Herald on August 5, 2004. She is a tribal member and the granddaughter of the late Christine Whitefish Graveen. Tami resides in Salmon.

Steve McDonald and Ray Wahwasuck place in national Native American golf tournaments

Steve McDonald finishes 6th in 1st National Native American Golf Invitational

Phoenix, Arizona - The Gila River Indian Community and the Wildhorse Resort & Casino conducted the 1st Annual National Native American Golf Invitational where an exemption into the PGA Nationwide Tour event to be held there October 7-10 was up for grabs.

The event was conducted August 26th & 27th, where 40 Native American players from 28 different tribes competed to gain entry into this outstanding PGA Tour Nationwide event. Steve McDonald was in second place after a first round score of one under par 71 on the challenging Wildhorse Pass course. A second round score of 76 eventually placed McDonald in sixth place.

McDonald will represent the Midwest Section PGA in the annual "Cup Matches" which pits the best PGA Professionals from the Midwest Section against the best PGA Professionals from the Gateway Section in a Ryder Cup format. Matches to be played in Jefferson City, Mo from October 5-6. This is the third year in a row McDonald has qualified for this prestigious team.

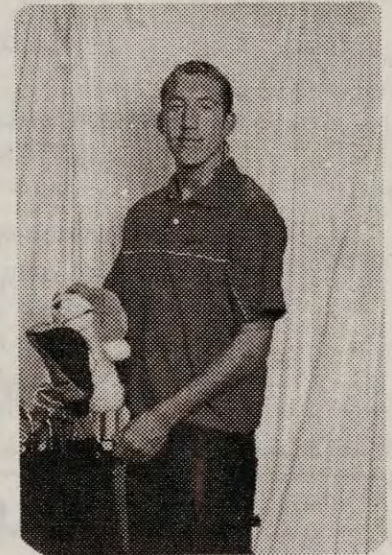
Currently, McDonald stands in 5th place for "Player of the Year" honors and is in 4th place for the "Jug McSpaden Award" given to the player with the lowest stroke average for the year. McDonald's stroke average is 72.4 respectively.

McDonald's summer highlights included finishing second at the Midwest Section Masters, making the cut at several Cadillac Classic events held through out the Midwest and qualifying for the regional CPC Championship to be held in Atlanta, GA October 13-16. McDonald will also attempt to qualify for the PGA Tour Nationwide - Miccosukee Open on October 18th. We wish Steve the best of luck.

Steve McDonald is an 18 year member of the PGA of America and has been a Head Golf Professional, Director of Golf and General Manager of golf facilities in Kansas and Florida. He assisted in the construction, development and management of two facilities in Florida, Addison Reserve Country Club in Boca Raton and the Legacy Club at Alauqua Lakes in Lake Mary.

Currently Steve serves as the Director of Golf Instruction at Lake Shawnee Golf Course in Topeka, Kan., is the Tournament Director for the National Native America Junior Golf Championships conducted by the Native America Sports Council and is a board member of the PBPB Boys and Girls Club.

Ray Wahwasuck Jr. takes 2nd place in Native American Jr. Golf Association Tourney



Ray Wahwasuck Jr.

Ray Wahwasuck Jr. recently traveled to Orlando, Florida to compete in the Native American Jr. Golf Association Tournament where he competed in the Division One (16-18 yr age category). The golfers played for three consecutive days at various courses in the Orlando area. There was a total of 26 golfers in the 16-18-yr age division from across the United States and Ray finished in 2nd place.

Ray is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and is the son of Debbie Whitebird and Raymond Wahwasuck Sr. of Horton, Kan.

Ray's plans are to attend Haskell Indian Nations University where he will major in sports broadcasting and play for the Haskell varsity golf team.



Keo places at nationals



Thurman E. "Dutch" Keo

Thurman E. "Dutch" Keo, son of April Wahwasuck and Mokie Keo, traveled to Rosemont, Ill. to compete in the New Star Discovery's Nationals Competition. Dutch entered in all categories and won the Nationals "Western" competition receiving a Nationals Winner trophy and medallion. He also received a Star Potential trophy and another medallion at the awards banquet. He is featured in the 2004 Nationals Program Book along with

his ad pages sponsors the Horton National Bank and Dishon Maple Chaney Mortuary that will be distributed across the nation.

His parents would like to thank all the family, friends, and sponsors mentioned above for all your support and know that it couldn't have been done without you. This will be a memorable event for Dutch to look back on and we are so proud of him.

A message from a proud grandparent

by LaVeda Wahweotten

Proud Native American Youth is what fills my thoughts when I get the opportunity to see my grandchildren representing family and friends and the Prairie Band Potawatomi people at community functions.

The Native American youth in our community have suffered the stereotyped syndrome far too long. We as parents and grandparents have the power to change this ageless problem by teaching the younger generation that there's another lifestyle outside the boundaries of the reservation.

I would like to see all children get the opportunity and parental support that my grandchildren have received by joining outside activities that keep them occupied and off the streets and out of mischief, or thinking cliques are the way to go.

Krista Catron is one of my grandchildren who excels in the sports arena but in July she suffered an unfortunate

accident that put a slight delay in her fancy shawl dancing. While playing in a fast pitch tournament, Krista slid into home at a wrong angle and injured her right knee that required immediate surgery. She has recovered at a fast pace but not in time to dance at the Shawnee County Allied Tribes Pow-Wow.

However, Krista's appearance at the Pow Wow in her new regalia did bring forth an interest from local photographers. This is one of the many rewards Krista has experienced in her young life by participation in outside activities.

I wanted to share a letter and a photo that was received from one of the photographers. Even though Krista did not dance in the arena she received positive recognition. She was feeling a little down because she was unable to dance but the many photographers made her feel like somewhat of a celebrity.

Thank you for listening to the rants and raves of a very proud grandparent.



I told my 11 year-old grandson he had his picture taken with a princess. He was so happy and proud. I had to make him a picture also. Thank you so much for letting me take your picture. I will proudly put them in my album. She is a beautiful girl. I thought you would enjoy these other pictures also.

Be proud always, and learn to know your culture well. I think all of you need to be on a front cover of a magazine.

Julie Jordon

Do you have extra room in your heart?



What: To be a loving foster parent.

Who: Anyone interested in providing a safe, stable home for our Potawatomi children.

How: Contact Nikki Price or Natalie Jefferson at 888.966.2932 for more info.

There are other ways you can help too! Donations of any kind, volunteering, mentoring, and respite care are a few ways you can help.

Please open up your heart and home to a child.



Kanibwēttēk
(the one's that stood
up together)



*Happy 1st Anniversary
September 4, 2004
to my sister
and brother.*

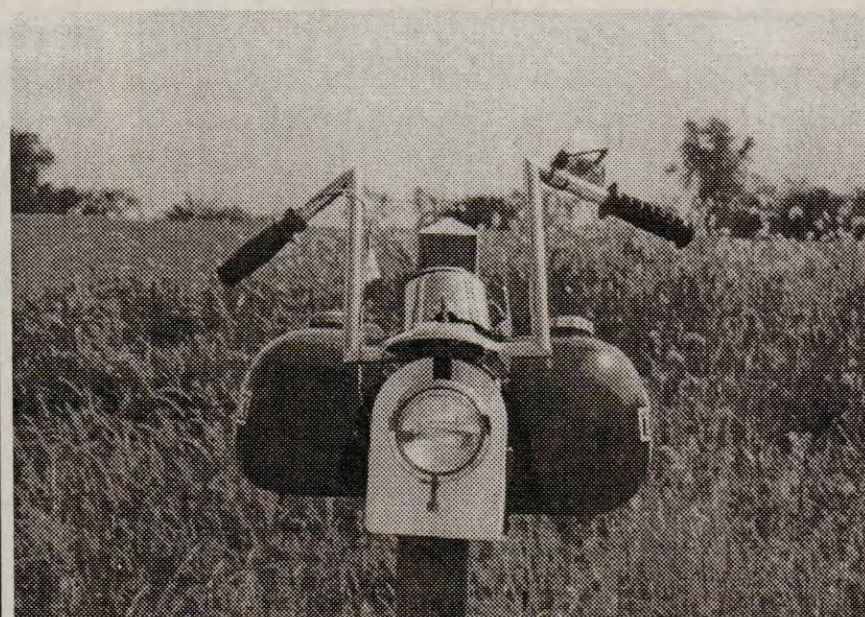
*We all love you guys and wish another good
and loving year to you two!!
From Melissa Lewis*

Out and about



Jerry and Vernona Lewis are seen here having lunch during the EMS/Fire Department Open House that was held on October 6 in honor of National Fire Prevention Week.

Harley Davidson look out!



Tribal member Terry Fox's fun mailbox made the News wonder how many other creative mailboxes are out there. If you have an unusual type mailbox and would like to share with other readers, please send a photo either by email or hard copy to the PBP News.



Area Churches

By Mary Young



Baptist

Prairie Band Baptist Church
128 E. Main Street, Mayetta, KS

Sunday: 10 am - Sunday School
11 am - Worship Service

Pastor Terry Paine

Bethany Baptist Church

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

David Noland, Youth Sunday School Teacher
David preaches the 5th Sunday of months.

Catholic

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

5971 - 166th Rd, Mayetta

Our Lady of Snows is on-line with a web page on history, calendar of events, mass schedule, photo gallery, and other important information. Please take a few minutes to visit our web page at <http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/snow/index.html> or go to the tribal web site home page and click on Our Lady of Snows icon. We would be glad to answer any questions about our parish.

Native American Mass at Assumption Church

204 West 8th, Topeka, KS

Methodist

Pottawatomie United Methodist
On O Rd. between 142 and 150 Rd.

Rev. Floyd Nolin, Jr.

Sunday: 9:45 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship Service

Pentecostal

Potawatomi Pentecostal Church
4-1/2 mi. west of mi. marker 134

Sunday: 10 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Worship service
7 pm - Evening Worship



The Bible Says

By Pastor Terry Paine

John 20:4-8 - "So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he, stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the

sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed."

What an exciting portion of the Bible! We see many important things here in these few verses. First, we see Peter and John running to the place where Jesus was buried after Mary Magdalene and the other women informed them that Jesus' body was gone. John apparently was a faster runner, as he got to the tomb first. (Maybe because He was really seeking God's will in a more intimate way than Peter was.)

Peter may have been a little braver though, as he was the first to go into the sepulchre. John followed and when they went in they found the napkin that had been wrapped around Jesus' head, folded neatly in a place by itself.

To some people, this may mean nothing. But if you study Jewish customs you find that when a person of royalty comes to visit and share a meal, if that person enjoyed the meal and the fellowship and wanted to come again, he would take his napkin and fold it neatly and put it in a place by itself beside the plate. (Are you seeing the similarities to our scripture text?) "and the napkin... wrapped together in a place by itself." (vs. 7)

Jesus was saying, "I liked that meal I just had, I liked the fellowship, and I'm coming back!" I Thessalonians 4:16,17 says "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Beloved, what a promise God has given us, He is going to return someday! Are you ready for Jesus' return? At the closing of vs. 8, the Bible says "and he (John) saw, and believed." Peter was still thinking and wondering about all he had just seen, but John believed!

Once our late President Ronald Reagan was asked, "Mr. President, if you stood at the gates of heaven, and God asked you why He should let you in, what would you say?"

The President bowed his head, and thought for a long time. Then he looked up suddenly with this assurance from God's Holy Word. He said, "I would quote to our Heavenly Father this verse, 'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.' (John 3:16) President Reagan believed and trusted in Jesus as his Saviour. He knew that was the only way God would allow him into heaven. And that is the only way we can be ready for Christ's return.

Beloved, that's the way it is for us all. God loves us, and sent His only Son to pay the awful price, so that we can have everlasting life. But we must receive this precious gift. Why not call upon Jesus today for salvation? Why not now?



Congratulations
to

**Tribal Member, John Dean for
winning a Gold medal for
brewing at the
Great American Beer Festival
held in Denver
on October 2, 2004**

Names to be added to the PBP Memorial wall in 2005

Michael S. Abram	Desert Storm
Peter E. Aselin	Desert Storm
Vincil J. Banks	Iraq
Sandra L. Bodah	Desert Storm
Francis Chaney	WWII
Alvin Chaney	WWII
Clyde K. Chapman, Jr.	Viet Nam
Lewis O. Cooper	Korean Era
Terry L. Crossbear	Viet Nam
Robert Darling	Viet Nam Era
Eldon L.B. Darnell	Viet Nam Era
William D. Flynn, Jr.	Viet Nam
Charles C. Gimbel	Viet Nam
Timothy M. Henderson	Viet Nam
William D. Hodgson	Viet Nam
Ernest John Jacobson	WWII
Jeannine R. Johnson	Desert Storm
Arthur J. Johnson	Viet Nam
Adeline Ketcheshawno	Korean Era
Bernard L. LeClaire	Korean
Charles A. Lewis	Viet Nam
Delphine L. Lewis (Knoxah)	Viet Nam
Jeffery L. Lewis	Viet Nam Era
Peter J. Lewis	Korean
William Moore, Jr.	Viet Nam
Duane M. McCrary	Viet Nam Era
Tina R. Oliver (White)	Desert Storm
John C. Rice	WWII
John C. Rice	Viet Nam
Kevin H. Rice	Viet Nam Era
Floyd G. Shepard	WWII
Irving L. Shopteese, Jr.	Korean
John T. Shopteese	Viet Nam Era
Pete L. Shoptese, Jr.	Korean
Orville L. Thomas	Viet Nam
Beverly J. Wamego (Nocktonick)	Korean
Priscilla L. Wooley	Desert Storm Era

Notices for Annual We-Ta-Se Veterans Pow Wow Nov. 13, Holton 4-H Bldg

1. We-Ta-Se Post 410 members are to wear their shirt and cover for an individual photo to be taken.
2. PBP princess pageant judging that day. Registration & guidelines available at We-Ta-Se Office.
3. Tailgate Raffle that day. Call Verna Simon, 785-966-4000 for details.

Call We-Ta-Se office 785-966-2580



Call for Veterans

On November 26th, 2003 the Prairie Band Potawatomi Veterans Memorial Wall was dedicated. There were 309 names of Veterans who had served in the United States Military from WWI through Desert Storm inscribed on the wall.

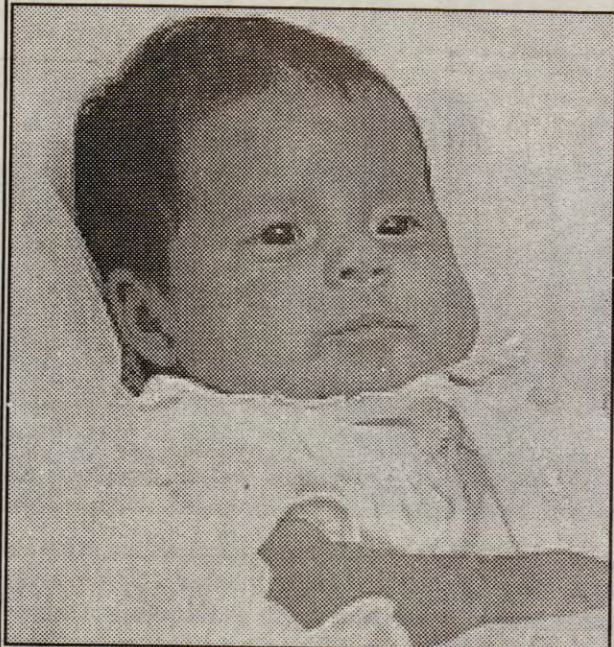
In our continued effort to acknowledge all Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal members who may have served in the Armed Forces of America we ask that you forward a copy of their discharge papers (DD 214) and tribal enrollment number to the WE-TA-SE office for verification and future inscriptions to be added on to the Memorial wall.

Send information to our office:

We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410
15434 Q Road
Mayetta, KS 66509

Or contact us directly by calling 1-785-966-2580. E-mail: bozoh@pbpnation.org or jimd@pbpnation.org. Fax: 1-785-966-9853.

Welcome
Macy Whitetail



Born: July 5, 2004
Wt: 6 lbs, 4 oz.
parents: Michelle Wabaunsee
& Perkins Whitetail

Ganiñtëk
(Those who are born)



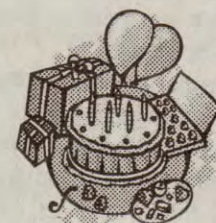
"Ganittek"

Chloe Alyssa Lambert was born June 24, 2004 to Gary Lambert Jr. and Stephanie Lewis of Cherokee, North Carolina. She weighed 7 lbs, 13 oz. Proud grandparents are Wanda Lewis, Mary and Joseph Tsotaddle Jr., Angela Smith, Becky and Gary Lambert Sr. Great grandparents are Peter Joseph Lewis and Margree Lewis, Mavis and Joseph Tsotaddle Sr., John W. and Joy Smith, and Guy and Margaret Lambert.



Happy Birthday
Frank Dahlsten
(Wishteyah)

on
October 14



Happy Birthday!
Mom/Grandma, Joyce Guerrero
Hope you have a wonderful
birthday!



We love you!
From: Shelly, Aaron & Poncho

Happy Birthday!

Shanna
October 27



Love,
Mom, Hovakah, Josh,
Steph, Jamie, Shanna,
& Antonio

Shawna
October 29



Love,
Mom, Hovakah, Josh,
Steph, Jamie, Shanna,
& Antonio

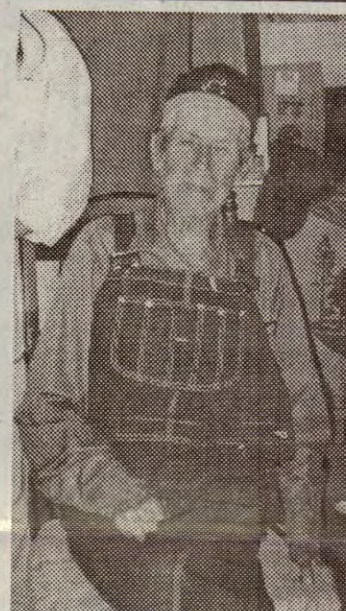
Sheila
October 31



Love,
Paula, Hovakah, Josh,
Steph, Shawna, Jamie,
Shanna & Antonio

Happy Birthday
Charles
Jacobson
on your
96th year

October 13



Kamboñtëk
(Those who died)

Grace Lavonne "Mi mi quah" Pahmahmie Wahwassuck

Grace Lavonne "Mi mi quah" Pahmahmie Wahwassuck, 73, Delia, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at a Topeka care facility.

She was born March 26, 1931, on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation west of Mayetta, the daughter of Pete and Gertrude Moore Pahmahmie. She lived on the reservation most of her life except for a brief time in South Dakota and Washington state. She graduated from Marty Indian School in South Dakota.

Mrs. Wahwassuck worked for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for many years.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Drum Religion.

She married Jewett "Swede" Wahwassuck on Nov. 27, 1951, in Atchison. He died Feb. 7, 1992. Her son, Jewett Tony Wahwassuck also preceded her in death, along with five sisters, Lorraine Shenk, Elizabeth Morstorf, Wanda LaHue, Delores Wilson, and Lena Wishkeno, and two brothers, Orville and Edward Pahmahmie.

Survivors include a brother, Maurice Pahmahmie, Kansas City; three grandchildren, Raphael, Paula, and Danielle; and six great-grandchildren, Hannah, Juliet, Alexys, Tony, Swede and Angel.

Drum services were held Sunday at the Danceground building. Burial was held Monday afternoon at the Wahwassuck home place.

Mercer Funeral Home in Holton was in charge of arrangements.

(courtesy of the Holton Recorder, 9/27/04)

In memory
of
Mary Jo Jessepe

born: December 9, 1958
died: October 14, 2004

Memorial Mass: October 21, 2004
Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church,
Mayetta, Kan.

Interment: October 22, 2004
Dance Ground Cemetery, Mayetta, Kan.

Survivors:
children:
Randy
Tanya
Ricco
Rica
5 grandchildren

sisters: Juanita Jessepe
Linda Jessepe
Carol Jessepe
Jennifer Kelley
Debbie Shields
brother: Ron Jessepe



In memory
of
Genevieve E. Phinney
Topeka, Kansas

born: July 29, 1934
died: October 8, 2004
Interment: Topeka Cemetery

Survivors:
Don Phinney Sr, husband
Donald Phinney Jr, son
Michael Phinney, son
Ricky Lee Phinney, son
Jeanine Kaberline, daughter
Teresa Edwards, daughter
8 grandchildren
4 great-grandchildren

In memory
of
Clyde Eugene Stewart
Warner Robins, Georgia
died: July 20, 2004

In memory
of
Vernon Phillip Sullivan
died: September 7, 2004

In memory
of
James Ray Reese
Polson, Montana
died: June 8, 2004



Second annual Boys and Girls Club Fundraiser nets over \$20,000

photos and story by: Suzanne Heck

The second annual golf tournament fundraiser to support the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Boys and Girls Club was held on October 1 at Shawnee Country Club in Topeka.

Twenty-five teams participated in the event that was designed for players to have fun for a good cause. Raffles, contests, and trophy prizes were also a part of the mix of raising funds for the Boys and Girls Club. In addition, there were 13 corporate sponsors and 11 golf-hole sponsors and several of those entered teams that played. All in all, a grand total of \$20,307.86 was raised for the Club after expenses to host the tournament were met.

Teams consisted of one woman and three men and casual rules like taking no more than a bogie or putts inside the leather were allowed in the tourney to move play along.

Although there were highly skilled golfers participating in the tournament it was designed more for fun and not for competition.

Tournament organizers for this year were Gary Mitchell, Francis Shopteese Jackie Mitchell, Laverne Hale, and Paula Hopkins along with the Boys and Girls Club staff. Major corporate sponsors this year included Young's Plumbing, US Bank and Harrah's Prairie Band Casino.

Some golfers were playing for the first time like Laverne Hale and Paula Hopkins, who both serve on the Boys and Girls Club board of directors. "This is fun," Laverne said. "I even hit the ball in the air a couple of times and my team even placed."

Entry fees included green fees, cart, lunch and a goodie bag that consisted of a golf shirt, golf balls, a piggy bank and some tees. Raffle items included a beaded golf bag, Pendleton golf covers, a driver, a putter, and a \$200 gift certificate from the Pro Shop that were raffled off at the end of the day.

The tournament was organized with a shotgun start which meant that each team teed off from a different hole and then worked their way around the 18-hole course. Boys and Girls staff members distributed box lunches to players at noon while they were on the course and the tournament wrapped up around 2 p.m. where teams and individual golfers were awarded trophy prizes for top play.



PBPN member and golf professional Steve McDonald was on hand to conduct additional fundraising efforts for the Club. For a \$5.00 fee he would drive a tee shot for players, and he, along with Boys and Girls Club staff member Mario Kitchkemie, also worked a Putting Contest in another fundraising effort. Together both of those contests raised \$185.00. Read more about McDonald's golfing success inside this issue.



In the photo left to right were key organizers for the event Francis Shopteese, Gary Mitchell and Jackie Mitchell. Next to Jackie on the right is Mando Evans who works at Harrahs and whose two children are active in Boys and Girls Club activities and the Native American Singers and Dancers.



One of the foursomes in the tourney pictured above were left to right Jason Matchie, Laverne Hale, Ralph "Porky" Tecumseh, and Mark Adame.



Above left to right is Jim Darnall, BJ Darnall, Paula Hopkins, and Paul Vega.



Greetings to all,

I would like to write this letter for all to read about our Potawatomi Boys & Girls Club. The Board of Directors, for the second year, sponsored a golf tournament on October 1. It was a big success. One of the responsibilities of Board Members is to raise funds for our club and to seek out people who know how to raise funds for our club. We had the good fortune to have two people that helped us do just that. Gary Mitchell and Francis Shopteese. With their expertise in the sport of golf and running golf tournaments, they made sure our tournament was a huge success. They deserve a big thank you for their support and hard work that it takes to put on such an event. I feel comfortable speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors, Club staff, and our children to say this to these two men. I thank everyone who helped put it together. I heard from some of the "golfers" that our tournament is one of the best organized tournaments that they have ever participated in. We also sought out some very generous sponsors. (I have learned that golf is a big business).

Our Potawatomi hospitality was shining with this tournament. We will do it again next year. Thank you again to all that helped with this event for our children.

LaVerne Hale, Chairman
Potawatomi Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors



Golf Tournament Winners



First Flight: 1st place team winners were Tom Tuckwin, Jerry Tuckwin, John Tuckwin, and Amy Doud.



Second Flight: 1st place team winners were Tony Janssen, Dave Mathewson, Eva Burson, and Ed Schober who were a sponsor team from Bank of America in Kansas City.



Third Flight: 1st place team winners were Warren Wahweotten, Junior Wahweotten, Angie Bell, and DonDon LeClere.



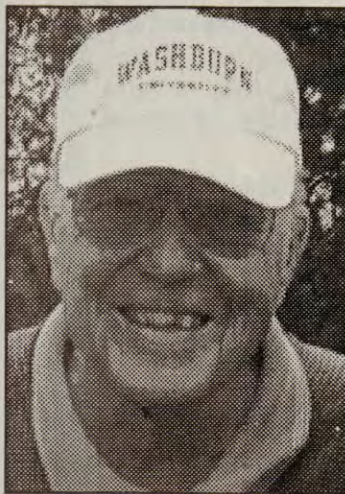
Merle Green
Closest to the Pin-Men



Angie Bell
Closest to Line-Women



Julie Hein
Closest to the Pin-Women



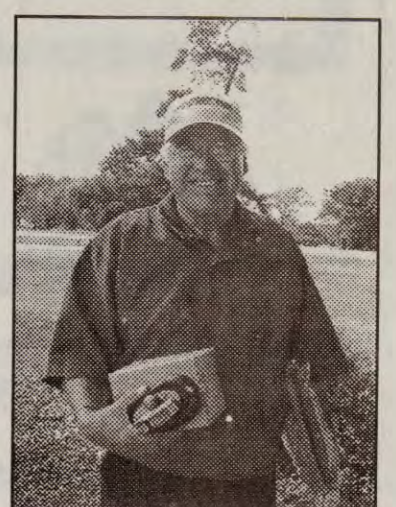
Bob Lee
Closest to the Line-Men



Nikki Price
Longest Drive-Women



Tony Janssen
Longest Drive-Men



Jerry Tuckwin
Putting Contest Winner

2nd and 3rd Place Winners

FIRST FLIGHT

2nd Place team Turner, Burnett, Cornwell and Cronwell
3rd Place team Commerce Bank Group

SECOND FLIGHT

2nd Place team Darnall, Darnall, Vega, and Hopkins
3rd Place team Taylor, Crites, and Williams

THIRD FLIGHT

2nd Place team Tecumseh, Matchie, Adame, and Hale
3rd Place team Taylor, Price, Wabaunsee, and Wamego