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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

License Plates Issued To All Tribal Government Vehicles

Collector tags no longer available

By Mary Young

Nearly one month after the U.S. District Judge Julie Robinson permanently barred the state from imposing its vehicle registration laws on the Prairie Band Potawatomi, Terry Scott, Tribal Police Chief and Micki Martinez, Motor Vehicle Director, began registering all government vehicles starting with number 0550 on September 15, 2003. Plans to register tribal member vehicles will begin January 2004 with stipulations.

As of September 15, the collector tags will no longer be available; but the design will be official and limited to government owned vehicles and will be recognized as such. Hardy Eteeyan is working with Chief Scott to design a new and more attractive-type tag for tribal member vehicles. The new design is needed and would help the law enforcement officers to differentiate between the two. Other ideas under consideration are veteran and vanity tags.

Stipulations

Although having tribal tags is an important step forward in recognizing the tribes status as a sovereign nation, only tribal members living on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation will have the opportu-

nity to register their vehicle in 2004. Most important, a Post Office Box will not be a valid address. The following criteria will be followed:

- Reside on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation
- Show proof of residence (electric, telephone, or rent receipt)
- Show CDIB card
- A three-point inspection will be conducted:
- The identification number will be checked to make sure the vehicle has not been tampered with or not stolen.
- The odometer will be checked to prevent odometer fraud.
- Safety inspection

For security purposes, a photo will be taken of each vehicle that is registered. This will assist the officers if the vehicle is reported stolen.

Fees will vary but the savings will be over \$8,000 to tag and inspect 50 vehicles; one truck at the Road and Bridge will cost \$7,000 to register. The tribal member will pay a total of \$35; this will include \$25 for registration and a \$10 inspection fee.



Above photo: Micki Martinez, Motor Vehicle Director and Terry Scott, Tribal Police Chief. Plate No. 0550 will be issued to Chief Scott.

Collector plates will not be available after Sept. 15, 2003.



Photo on left: Chair Zach Pahmahmie looks on as Rick Burns, Wildlife Conservation Officer tags the first government vehicle with tag no. 0551.



Remember the sweltering days of summer?

As seen in the photo on the right the temperature was a scorching 108 degrees as displayed on the Denison State Bank marquee in Holton. For approximately three weeks in August the temperatures were in the high 90 to 100 degree range.



SB9 Public Hearings: tribal law enforcement issues

By Mary Young

Sixty-three concerned citizens attended the public forum at the PBPN Elder Center to discuss, comment, ask questions, and to get a meaningful dialogue on the enactment or how Senate Bill No. 9, if passed, would affect them and the community.

This bill will be introduced in the next legislative session and it reads:

Senate Bill No. 9 is "An Act concerning jurisdiction of certain law enforcement officers; relating to Native American tribal law enforcement officers; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 22-2401a and repealing the existing section."

Attendees included Jackson County Commissioners Lois Pelton and Brad Hamilton, who also acted as a moderator along with Jim Potter, PBPN Treasurer, Doug Fisher, Jackson County Attorney and Bruce Tomlinson, Jackson County Sheriff. Several regional law enforcement personnel and tribal leaders including Zach Pahmahmie, Jackie Mitchell and Rey Kitchkummie also attended the forum. Also attending the forum was Becky Hutchins of Joint Committee—State Tribal Relations and House Representative, who voiced concerns regarding the language in the bill.

David Prager, PBPN Director/Attorney, introduced the groundwork and historical aspects of SB9 stating negotiations date back several years ago on cross-deputization mentioned in the casino compact. Attorney Prager explained the liability and insurance issues, tribal police boundaries, and how the bill was drafted to parallel and improve law enforcement on the reservation.

When Becky Hutchins voiced her concerns on the language of the bill, she stated, "words mean nothing as far as Federal government is concerned. The language does not prevent putting land into trust." She was referring to line 14, page 2 of SB9: "nothing in this subsection (3) shall be construed to affect the provision of law enforcement services outside the exterior boundaries of reservations so as to affect in any way the criteria by which the United States department of the interior makes a determination regarding placement of land into

trust." To back her claim, she said she consulted with various legal experts who say, "they don't think the language will do what it says it will."

She further continued with the liability issue on line 20: "Neither the state nor any political subdivision of the state shall be liable for any act or failure to act by any tribal law enforcement law." She reasoned this "does not prohibit from suing individuals such as the attorney general; this would fall back on the taxpayers if someone was sued." Jackson County Commissioner Lois Pelton said she only dealt with two lawsuits: 1) an inaccurate road sign and someone was hurt and 2) it involved an irate employee.

Rep. Hutchins offered three options:

- Current law should stay the way it is.
- Deal with it at the state level.
- Deal with it at the local level.

Rep. Hutchins further stated, "once the bill becomes a state statute, it would be harder to make changes and the county may be left with unintended consequences." But she said, "She's here to see what the people what her to do."

Most of the comments from the floor were concerns about safety issues and what SB9 could offer the community, not just the reservation. Comments coming from some of the law enforcement personnel spoke on how they need and welcome help from other law enforcement departments; and some said "safety is the issue, it is not about being sued." One citizen said, "This is about community safety and does not cost the politician any money."

To make a point, Rey Kitchkummie reminded the community of the most recent accident that occurred near the reservation but was in the jurisdiction of the Jackson County EMT's. The injured party's skull was cracked open and a PBPN member aided the person by holding his head together until assistance arrived. PBPN EMT's were not able to assist because of the way the present law reads. Fire Department Chief Dave Price and Chief Scott already have trained and qualified personnel who are currently providing services as equal to those in Jackson County.

EPA Department wins Tribal Emergency Response Commission Award



Above are some members of the PBPN's EPA and EMT Departments along with some EPA Regional personnel and PBPN government officials who posed shortly after the tribe won the Tribal Emergency Response Commission award from the Regional United States Environmental Protection Agency in Kansas City. The award was given to the tribe for their leadership in establishing and maintaining a tribal emergency response program. They were also commended for their impressive coordination and communication with surrounding communities. Left to right are: Jon Boursaw, Jim Gulliford, EPA Regional Administrator, Steve Ortiz, an unidentified Regional EPA representative, Chief David Price, and Latane Donelin.

Direct Deposit Offered to Adult Members

News from the Per Capita Office

We are pleased to announce that a new service will be available for the December 2003 distribution. Direct Deposit will be available to adult members who wish to sign up for it. The form to sign up will be included with the mailing mentioned in last month's newspaper, going out in the next few weeks. Members who sign up for this optional free service will receive their payment on the date of distribution and will not have to wait for their mail to arrive. There is no risk with Direct Deposit, as it goes only into the account the member specifies, which our bank verifies ahead of time for accuracy.

For example, without Direct Deposit, a check is mailed to the member on the distribution date, where it can on occasion take up to three weeks for the check to arrive. Mailed checks are also at risk for becoming lost, torn by postal machines, stolen, or returned to the Per Capita Office due to a bad address. Plus, if a check has to be stopped, there will be a time delay before another check is issued. With Direct Deposit, our bank verifies the member's bank information prior to the distribution, and then on the date of distribution, the direct deposit is sent to the member's account where it is available to the member that day, normally by 9:00 a.m. Once signed up for the service, payments continue to be directly deposited until the member notifies us otherwise, or the bank notifies us that the account information is no longer valid. Members who do not wish to sign up for Direct Deposit will continue to receive a check in the mail as they have in the past.

As mentioned earlier and in last month's paper, we will be mailing out a letter, along with several forms, to every adult member during the next few weeks. The purpose of the mailing is to verify our data and to request copies of Social Security cards or verification letters from the Social Security Administration, as well as to inform members of new procedures. The Direct Deposit form will be included with this mailing, along with a form to report errors and/or update member information. Extra Direct Deposit forms will be available upon request by contacting the Per Capita Office located in the Government Center, 16281 Q Rd, Mayetta, KS 66509, or by calling Jami or Susie toll free, (866) 277-3722.

Some words from a Gaming Commissioner

by: Joyce Kitchkommie Guerrero

It is my good fortune and honor to serve on the Gaming Commission. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Gaming Commission is the primary agency given the regulation responsibilities for all gaming activities conducted by the Tribe. There are so many areas of regulation that the Commission has to consider. The controls used to regulate gaming are followed very rigorously. On the Federal, State and Tribal level we are monitored very closely. Here at Harrah's we have Tribal Inspectors on duty 24 /7, with Commissioners available on call at all times and it is normal to receive calls from Casino personnel or Tribal Gaming Inspectors at all hours regarding compliance issues. Sometimes an Inspector will call a Commissioner and just the fact of two heads being better than one and reading something over again and comparing and interpreting the Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS), and the Tribal State Compact can come up with a decision that can keep a game or an event up and running smoothly to stay in compliance. One or two Commissioners will, at times, observe slot moves or projects that usually start at midnight or arrive at dawn for an early audit at the casino. I had been in office for only a few months when I received a 4 am weekend call from an Inspector who informed me of a situation concerning a jackpot verification issue. I arrived at the casino shortly after the call and we also called in Harrah's management. The issue, that time, was resolved and one happy couple left the casino with their jackpot. Everything was in place as it should be and the procedures were followed, an Inspector sees a potential trouble spot and alerts a Commissioner. Licensing vendors and individuals hired for Harrah's and for the Gaming Commission is one area. Persons hired at Harrah's or the Gaming Commission must go through a very intense background check. It takes a lot of commitment on an applicant's part to complete the backgrounding process to be approved for licensing. I have seen many a frustrated potential employee going about the task of compiling their information. An enormous amount of paperwork is needed and sometimes requires a lot of legwork and a lot of interviews with Gaming Commission and State Gaming to successfully acquire a license. Some individuals don't meet the standards and are denied by the Gaming Commission for various reasons. It is true that the utmost concern is the protection of our tribal gaming and to comply with the tribal state compact and Title 12. There is the protection of the integrity of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribe that should always stay foremost in a Commissioner's mind when making decisions that are

sometimes not always going to make you popular with some. It is regrettable that we have to turn down some. We hear the concerns expressed during General Council meeting regarding Harrah's hiring non-Indians and promoting them for the high-end jobs. What about us as a tribe? Now I can only speak for the Gaming Commission. Not talking about the Nation's side. I am sure the Tribal Council also hears it. Do we make a concentrated effort to bring tribal members in for employment? Or do we get so mired in set "standards", "rules" and "qualifications" that we can't look beyond that and see that maybe some mentoring and encouragement might bring about some positive changes in potential employees.

It is true that we have some very bright "shining stars" employed at Harrah's. I applaud them. I have also seen some of our people who are interested in working in the gaming field, however, due to some mistakes made when they were younger, usually starting with alcohol, that led to other complications, they may not have a "squeaky clean" background. I use that description because in a recent discussion with the new State Gaming Director, he used those terms to tell me that that is the image we should be looking for. Of course I think we should not allow persons with clear current activities that would be detrimental to our business. What about those with a past history? I have talked to some that are even afraid to apply to work in gaming because of their past, even though they are trying to move forward and overcome their past mistakes.

We are a generous tribe, offering good wages and excellent benefits. If we practiced what we preach it would be that more Indian families would be getting the benefits of our gaming employment. Isn't it always a big concern that a lot of our families don't have decent health coverage? I was reminded recently that early on when our facility first opened that some individuals were given special allowances. Have the rules bent one way for some and not another way for others? What recourse do individuals have to protest their denial? After they have been denied, is there a chance that they will ever able to enter this field? Whenever job openings are posted I often hear too many negative comments made of our tribal members like "she/he will never get hired here, they can't keep their mouth shut", or here is a common one: "I hear they are still drinking or drugging". OR, "they are nothing but trouble"! This is even before the hiring process or licensing process begins! I'll wager that there are not too many of us that can say we do not have some of those "undesirables" in our family, or maybe have been one your self. I admit I can relate to that. I can safely say that since I have been on the Commission, tribal members stealing from Harrah's has not been a big issue. That would be like stealing from your own family business. I hear the words of promoting our gaming employment field. I just don't see the actions that follow the words. It's disappointing to get turned down and not feel encouraged to keep trying and to clean the employment history up, get more education and come on back! The door is always open! I regret that we turn tribal members away. Hopefully we can commit to do better at bringing our people in to take pride in working in their casino. The good news is that the Gaming Commission is as always, a very busy, learning experience, always moving forward. We have a good, dedicated, hard working staff! I appreciate them and their efforts. We have had good framework done by our predecessors so there is a good foundation in which to work. There have been some changes mandated by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) this past year that we have had to comply with and update our Minimum Internal Control Standards. Those Commissioners that came before us followed the Tribal State Compact and wrote good internal controls to follow. There are always new current updates from new technology. More reading is ongoing always in this job! Ticket in, Ticket out or Cashless systems are being touted and looked at by all concerned. Casinos all over the country are going this way so we have to get up to speed on it too on the regulatory side. We have been participating in some presentations and will have to look at the regulatory controls that will need to be put in place should this come about in our casino. Come by the Gaming Commission office to visit or ask questions of us. We should be just as accessible and accountable as we expect our applicants to be. Are our MICS in compliance? What is the license process? What if I am denied? What recourse do I have? What about hearings? Grievance committees? The Gaming Commission is also looking forward to moving to new headquarters that will be part of the new expansion at Harrah's, we are planning to move into the new administrative building being built, scheduled to be completed August 2004.

It will be a positive move as we will be on site all the time. It sometimes is very difficult to get away from the office here at the Government Center. So I am looking forward to the move. We'll miss our neighbors in this building though. I am available for comments or concerns. My phone number is 966-4059, or stop by my office in the Gaming Commission office.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve!

CORRECTION

PBP News omitted the following information in the August issue: Carol DeWitt submitted the photos and information regarding the Back Page, Elder and Senior. Thank you Carol for your assistance.



PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, October 18th, 2003
Prairie Band Potawatomi Bingo Hall
16277 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509

AGENDA

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Invocation
3. Welcome -Tribal Chairperson Zach Pahmahmie
4. Approval of July 19th, 2003 Agenda
5. Approval of July 19th, 2003 Minutes- Secretary Steve Ortiz
6. Treasurer Report- Treasurer Jim Potter
 - a. Approval of 2nd quarter financial report
 - b. Presentation of 3rd quarter financial report
7. Old Business:
 - a. Education Report update
 - b. Constitutional Amendments referendum Update
 - c. Per Capita 6% Increase referendum and Per Capita quarterly payment referendum Updates
8. New Business: **Open for topics**
 - a. Harrah's Prairie Band Casino operational report
9. Adjournment



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
General Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday, July 19, 2003
PBPB Bingo Hall

Dear General Council Member,

The following report is a summary of the minutes for the July 19, 2003 General Council Meeting prepared by the Secretary's Office. Shelee K. Shafer and Joyce E. Lederer, Certified Shorthand Reporters recorded the minutes of the July 19, 2003 General Council Meeting. The minutes consisted of 309 pages and are available by contacting the Secretary's Office at the following toll free number 1-877-715-6789 ext. 4014 and providing proof of membership with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The minutes are intended for use by enrolled members only and are not meant for publication in any form of media with out written consent from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council. The minutes are available via e-mail (secretary@pbnation.org) upon proof of membership. Please submit any corrections to the minutes by October 10, 2003.

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Steve Ortiz (Monwa'), Secretary

Registration started @ 8:00 a.m. Tribal Chairman Zach Pahmahmie calls meeting to order @ 9:00 a.m. on Saturday July 19, 2003 with a quorum count of 120. A total of 346 Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Members signed in for the day. Tribal Council attendees are: Tribal Chair Zach Pahmahmie, Vice Chair Gary Mitchell, Secretary Steve Ortiz, Treasurer Jim Potter, Council Member Jackie Mitchell, Council Member Rey Kitchkumme, and Council Member Roy Ogden. Invocation given by Mr. Jim McKinney Tribal Chair Zach Pahmahmie welcomes General Council membership and calls for approval of Agenda.

1. Vestina Nonken makes a motion to keep discussion to three (3) minutes in order to get through the large agenda. Motion 2nd by Angie Wahweotten. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held Tribal Chair (ZP) comments discussion will be limited to three minutes per person on each topic. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
129 For/ Opposed 1 Motion Carried
2. Vestina Nonken makes a motion to approve the July 19, 2003 General Council agenda. Motion 2nd by Mary Carr. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
132 For/ Opposed 1 Motion Carried
3. Vestina Nonken makes a motion to approve the General Council meeting minutes of April 26, 2003. Motion 2nd by Angie Wahweotten. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
115 For/ Opposed 1 Motion Carried
4. Lysette Morris makes a motion to approve the first quarter 2003 treasurer's report. Motion 2nd by Miki Martinez. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
125 For/ Opposed 1 Motion Carried
5. Mildred Rohr makes a motion that Harrah's gives us a statement of operational cost to the Tribe for running the Casino at the next General Council meeting (10/18/03). Motion 2nd by Mamie Rupnicki. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
147 For/ Opposed 10 Motion Carried
6. Arlene Wahwasuck makes a motion that the bingo manager be allowed to decide how many days that the Bingo Hall ought to be open and when. Motion 2nd by Mildred Rohr. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
164 For/ Opposed 14 Motion Carried
7. Mamie Rupnicki makes a motion to amend the Minors Trust Agreement in section 1.04 to add the language that the tribe will not waive its sovereign immunity, even a limited immunity. Motion 2nd by James Wahwasuck. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
131 For/ Opposed 28 Motion Carried
8. Sharon McClane makes a motion that the student services program be expanded beyond the year 2005 for another four (4) years, that we increase the \$300 limit for high school students age 14 through 18 to \$500.00/year. And this is calendar year, not school year. And also for our vocational technical students that are enrolled in computer programming, and computer fields in vocational technical schools, that they are also eligible for the computer program. Also to pay for the vocational technical student loans up to \$10,000.00 for those that has completed their training and show verification of the completion of their training. And verification comes from the vocational technical schools, not the student. Also to include in the computer program vocational technical students who would benefit from a computer. This does not include opening all vocational technical student fields eligible for a computer. Motion 2nd by Ruth Vega. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
207 For/ Opposed 0 Motion Carried
9. Sharon McClane makes a motion to appoint Dan Dyer to the education committee. Motion 2nd by Mary Wilson. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
175 For/ Opposed 0 Motion Carried
10. Mary Wilson makes a motion to express support for efforts being made to fight

taxation, particularly education money that's going to students for their education. Motion 2nd by Sharon McClane. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
137 For/ Opposed 0 Motion Carried

11. Mamie Rupnicki makes a motion to draft resolution PBPGC 2003-001 demanding no waiver of general sovereign immunity without a vote from the General Council. Motion 2nd by Mildred Rohr. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
165 For/ Opposed 0 Motion Carried

12. Dale Delg makes a motion that until the ethics commission is established that all the Nation's tribal officials, not just tribal council not to vote or be present on issues regarding their immediate family to include siblings, parents, or spouses. Motion 2nd by Mildred Rohr. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the vote.
125 For/ Opposed 11 Motion Carried

13. Dale Delg makes a motion by general council resolution to rescind Resolution pbp 2001-061 Chapter 1, section B7 and chapter 6 Section D and continue due process and personnel policies prior to this resolution amendment dated February 5, 2001. Motion 2nd by Mildred Rohr. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the Vote.
93 For/ Opposed 16 Motion Carried

14. Mamie Rupnicki makes a motion to put tribal council on an hourly wage of \$16.00/hr because they are getting full medical benefits. No 2nd given.
Motion Fails

15. Mamie Rupnicki makes a motion to increase per capita by 6% by referendum to General Council and per capita payments to be made quarterly by a second referendum to General Council. Motion 2nd by Dale Delg. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. Discussion held. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for the vote.
108 For/ Opposed 49 Motion Carried

16. Juanita Jessepe makes a motion to let the voters decide the 638 proposal through tribal referendum. Motion 2nd by Sandra Quintana. Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for discussion. During discussion Tribal Chair (ZP) calls for quorum count.
Motion Fails due to loss of Quorum.

Quorum Count 63 @ 7:00 p.m.

17. Meeting Adjourned @ 7:00 p.m. due to lost of Quorum.

Editorials/Opinions/ Letters

Raise Salaries and Develop a Separate Economic Board

My name is Cecil Walker. I am the son of Vestina Nonken and the grandson of Joseph Nioce. I grew up on our reservation, and I own land on our reservation. My children, all my relatives and I have a vested interest in the economic growth of the Prairie Band Potawatomi enterprises. I have over 30 years experience leading the daily business and operations of multi-million dollar companies. I have also developed companies from start-up into multi-million dollar operations. My prime experience is in real estate development and construction. I have a proven record of success with casinos, hotels, resorts, theme parks, airports, schools, universities, industrial facilities, clinics, small hospitals and retail businesses. I am also responsible for establishing individual wage packages for personnel in these venues.

Our Nation is a business. Our Tribal Council's job is to look after the laws and regulations of the Tribal operations. In other words, their job is to provide opportunity and stability for our people today, and to develop long-term prosperity and opportunities for our people, and especially for our young ones to come, for the future. Their current salaries are inadequate for the responsibilities they have. Some of the Tribal Council Members will be up for re-election next year. Tribal citizens have a choice and a responsibility in who we elect. When we elect the Tribal Council, from Chairman to Tribal Council Member, we have confirmed their qualifications and have shown our faith in their experience, education, and ability to lead the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Our Tribal economics have grown and so have the responsibility of our Tribal Council. In review of what other Nations' Tribal Council members receive in payment, it is my opinion that our Tribal Council Members' salaries should be raised to a minimum of \$90,000. I do believe this salary would attract additional professionals to run for Tribal Council and to allow us choices in our leaders.

We also need to develop a separate Economic Development Board to oversee all Tribal businesses. This board should oversee an Executive Director and staff who is in charge of developing new business and business ventures for the Tribe, as well as maintaining the profitability of the businesses they establish and develop. Again, salary is a key issue. The Economic Development Board Members should be paid a salary or hourly rate with travel expenses and bonus capabilities. The Executive Director should receive a salary package equivalent to their experience and education as well.

I have worked with several tribes to develop their Economic Development systems, and my observation is that it is very important that the Tribal Council members stay in government and not get involved with the day-to-day operations of the Economic Development Board. This Board must have the ability to deal with the fast pace of the business world and to be able to make the decisions that will be required of them.

I have reviewed and looked over the land areas and potential business opportunities around the reservation and on the reservation for many years. Our Tribe is at the beginning of our economic growth. To grow from here, we must initially look at ideas that will support our casino and hotel resort operations as well as look at opportunities that may be available with the U.S. Government. One example

of a specific suggestion I have would be to look at buying an established dry cleaner. The casino and hotel have uniforms and will make an excellent client, and the dry cleaning business would also be open to the public. Other ideas could be a car wash; producing or distributing office supplies or cleaning supplies; a janitorial services company, etc. The ideas are endless. As our experience grows in business so shall the types of businesses we will look at.

As for dealing with the Federal Government, I would first set up a Small Business Administration 8(A) company and make it the holding company for the tribe. Next, I would look at selling products and services to the government using PTAC services and the Buy Indian Act as well as the Indian Incentive 5% program. I would look into providing services, products and even construction. You could provide computer scanning services required by all government departments which are worth millions of dollars a year in contracts. You can provide products like window cleaners, window washes, de-icers, petroleum products, paper goods and items, soaps, etc. These same items could also be marketed to GM, Ford, Walt Disney World, and dozens of other companies across the country. These are just a few ideas for you to ponder.

We as a Nation have made mistakes in the past. The largest is the lack of our Tribal members' companies not receiving contracts and our Tribal members not allowed to work on the \$55 million casino expansion project currently under construction. The biggest mistake made was that our Tribal Council did not require Indian Preference or have Goals for Indian Preference of 10% to 80% like other Tribes do for their people. This project is ideal to have craftsman and skills training, construction management training, scheduling and estimating training, and document controls training which would have lead to more trained and skilled personnel on our reservation. I tried for over a year before this project was bid to get these programs included but to no avail. In addition, no Indian company or companies were allowed to assist in establishing Indian Preference requirements on this project nor for that matter Indian Preference on our reservation; consequently, our Tribe has none. Nor do we have any Tribal Companies and/or Tribal members working on the Casino Expansion Project. I have been told that our Tribal members could not be hired because they were not union members. Unions do not control our Nation. The Tribal members control our Nation, but the Tribal council, our construction managers, and Harrah's failed to put these requirements in the construction contract documents. The same as they failed to include Indian Preference in the contract documents. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is a sovereign Nation, and all companies conducting business with our Nation will abide by our laws and regulations. There are no union requirements on our Nation. Our Reservation is a Right to Work Nation.

There were many opportunities lost through our process of design and construction for the casino expansion project. We the Nation will never have these opportunities again for our people. We must make changes now, and ensure that more business opportunities will be available to our Tribal members and Indian owned businesses in the future.

I am excited for our Nation. We stand at the beginning of a great adventure. I hope that you agree with me to raise our Tribal Council wages to over \$90,000 and to establish an Economic Development Board with an Executive Director. The profits made will strengthen all our Nation's programs and allow for expansion into new programs for our members. I am open to any discussion of our Tribal future. I can be reached at cwalker557@aol.

2003 Law Symposium

U.S. Federal Judge, 10th Circuit, Attends Symposium

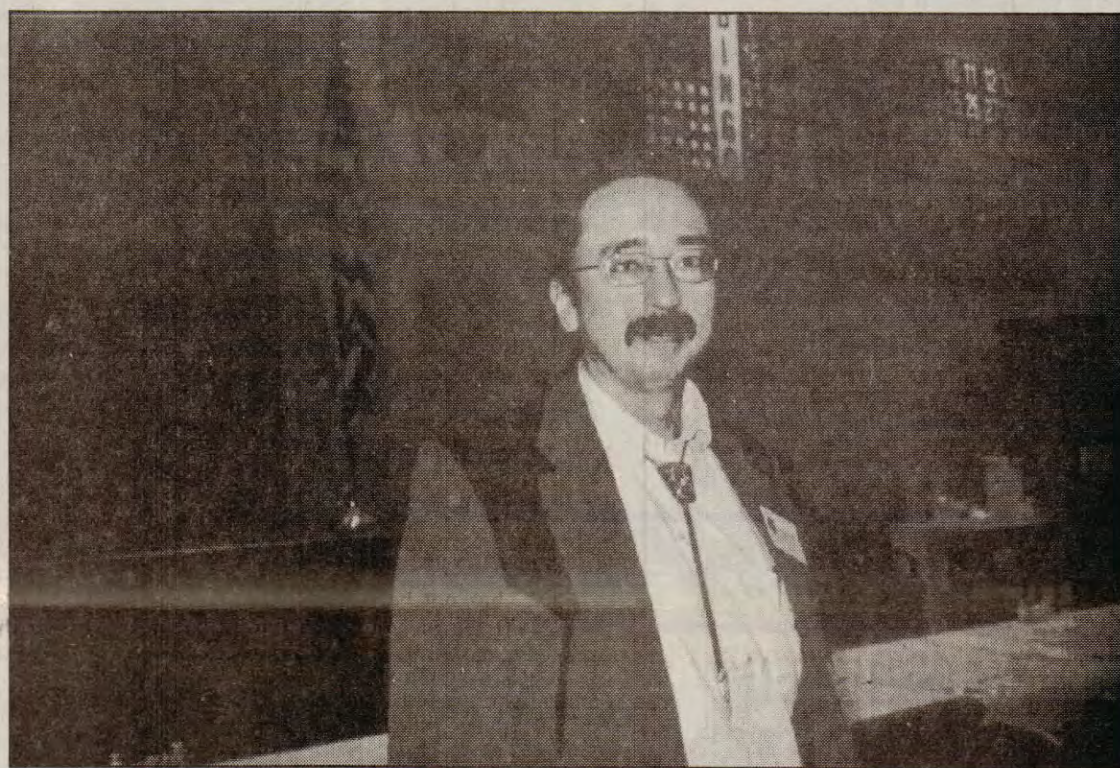
An historical moment occurred in Indian country at the Fourth Annual Native Nations Law Symposium held at the Kickapoo's Golden Eagle Casino on Aug. 25, 2003. The special guest, the Honorable Deanell Reece Tacha, Chief Justice U S Tenth Circuit of Appeals, gave a presentation and stated she will be chairing Kansas' 150 Year Sesquicentennial and would like to make sure the four tribes be involved in this event. Also in the audience and introduced was Thomas M. Saxton, the State of Kansas Thirty-First Judicial District Magistrate Judge.

In the opening address, Steve Cadue, Chairperson for the Kickapoo said, "It is hoped that today's Symposium bringing together a diverse group of people will provide more guidance in the highly important area of the field of Indian law, the courts and the governments. This was the original intent of the Symposium then and purpose now of the Symposium." He also quoted a passage from Chief Justice John Marshall in *Cherokee Nation v. Georgia* (1831) when he wrote: "The condition of the Indians in relation to the United States is perhaps unlike that of any other two people in existence. The relation of the Indians to the United States is marked by peculiar and cardinal distinctions which exist nowhere else." He further quoted the Supreme Court in *United States v. Kagama* (1886) noting Marshall's position: "The relation of the Indian tribes living within the borders of the United States...to the people of the United States has always been an anomalous one and of a complex character."

The PBPN will host the Fifth Annual Law Symposium, details will follow.



Honorable Deanell Reece Tacha, Chief Justice U S Tenth Circuit of Appeals, honored with a plaque and beaded necklace.



Hon. Gregory H. Bigler, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Supreme Court Chief Judge and Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Court Administrative Judge.



Hon. Montie R. Deer, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Supreme Court Justice, Ralph Simon, Jr., Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Attorney, and Steve Cadue, Chairperson, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas.



Hon. Charles H. Tripp, Prairie Band Potawatomi & Sac & Fox Tribal Court Judge with Royetta Rodewald, Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Court.

Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

Gone are the 3-digit temperatures and time to use the oven and gather the fall vegetables for some delicious-type meals. Recipe Corner chose the pumpkin, squash, and apple for this month's recipes. The recipes are also through the courtesy of ABC Inc., WJRT-TV Inc., and the Mr. Food. OOH IT'S SO GOOD!! and, Mr. Food is the trademark of Ginsburg Enterprises Incorporated.

Pork Chop Casserole

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 6 thick pork chops, rinsed and left damp
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 can (14 ounces) ready-to-use beef broth
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed golden mushroom soup
- 1 package (6 ounces) long-grain and wild rice mix
- 1 cup water
- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 2. Place the flour in a shallow dish; add the pork chops and turn to coat completely with the flour.
- 3. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Brown the pork chops in batches for 5 to 6 minutes per side.
- 4. Meanwhile, combine the remaining ingredients in a 9" x 13" baking dish; mix well. Place the browned pork chops over the rice mixture. Cover the casserole dish with aluminum foil and bake for 1 hour, or until no pink remains in the pork.

Pumpkin Cheesecake Soup

- 2 cans (30 ounces each) pumpkin pie mix
- 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) ready-to-use chicken broth
- 2 cups (1 pint) half-and-half
- 1 cup sour cream
- Nutmeg for garnish, optional
- 1. In a soup pot, whisk the pumpkin pie mix and chicken broth over medium-high heat and cook for 7 to 8 minutes, until hot.
- 2. Slowly stir in the half-and-half and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, until heated through.
- 3. Top each serving with a dollop of sour cream and a sprinkle of nutmeg, if desired.

Squash Bake

- 4 pounds yellow squash, diced
- 1 medium onion, diced

- 1/2 cup water
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups cornflakes, coarsely crushed
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted
- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Coat a 9" x 13" baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
- 2. In a large saucepan, cook the squash and onion in the water over medium heat for about 15 minutes, or until tender; drain well.
- 3. In a medium bowl, combine the drained squash mixture, the soup, cheese, salt, and pepper; mix well and pour into the baking dish.
- 4. Sprinkle with the crushed cornflakes and drizzle with the melted butter. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until heated through and the topping is golden.

Apple Coffee Cake

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted
 - 1 egg
 - 3 medium apples, peeled, cored, and coarsely chopped
 - 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Coat a 9-inch round cake pan with nonstick cooking spray.
 - 2. In a large bowl, beat the flour, granulated sugar, baking powder, salt, butter, and egg until well mixed and crumbly. Stir in the apples. Spread the batter into the cake pan.
 - 3. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients; mix well and sprinkle evenly over the batter. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes, or until a wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
 - 4. Serve warm, or allow to cool, and cover until ready to serve.
- Suggestion: top with a scoop of ice cream and some additional pecans sprinkled over the top.

Please submit your favorite recipes to the PBPB 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!

50+ Potluck

by Mary Young

Once again the potluck was a success with 33 people attending the function held at the Elder Center. According to some of the guests, the fun event occurred when the icebreaker called for the participants to empty one bowl of rice and fill another bowl with the rice; they had to scurry from one side of the room to the other.

Although croquet was advertised, no one inquired about playing because bingo and squaw dice stole the show! Experienced players, Marge Abney and "Meeks" Jackson, were on hand to show the rookies on how to hold the bowl.

For more information on starting times next month, call the Elder Center at 966-0040.



Asthma

By Richard Pruiksma, MD, Holton IHS Clinic, 100 W. 6th Street, Holton, KS 66436, 785-364-2176

Asthma is usually described as mild, moderate and severe. Of the 5,000 asthma deaths each year, about as many are mild asthmatics as are severe asthmatics. What this tells us is that asthma should always be taken seriously, even if it's just mild.

If you or your child has asthma, how can you reduce your risk of becoming a statistic? One way to reduce your risk in half of having an unexpected death from asthma is to use inhaled corticosteroids. These inhalers have names like Aero-bid, Azmacort, Pulmicort and Vanceril. The National Institutes of Health reported that inhaled corticosteroids are the most effective long-term therapy for mild, moderate, or persistent severe asthma. Any patient who is using their rescue inhaler (usually albuterol) more than two times a week should be on a corticosteroid inhaler. Using a corticosteroid inhaler has been compared to brushing your teeth with fluoride toothpaste. Your teeth don't feel different at the time, but the reduction in cavities is something you appreciate when you go to the dentist. So, too, the corticosteroid reduces symptoms down the road, reduces lung damage and reduces your risk of death. Another way you can keep from getting surprised by a sudden deterioration in your breathing is to do home peak flow monitoring. A simple plastic peak flow meter can be used at home to monitor when your lung function is getting worse, often days before you notice an increase in symptoms. Know your personal best for a peak exhalation of air, and then check your peak flow on a daily basis. Your best peak flow can then be used as a guide for when you need to change your medicine or get medical help. Anytime your peak flow goes below 80% of your personal best peak flow, it is time to increase your medicine or see your doctor. Anytime your peak flow goes below 50% of your personal best peak flow, it is time to get immediate medical help. If your doctor is not available right then, you will need to go to the emergency room.

If you wish to learn more about asthma and how to manage it, a website that has lots of information from using spacers to working with your school can be found at www.aanma.org. For those of you who don't have access to the internet, this organization - Allergy and Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics, Inc. - can be reached by calling toll free 1-800-878-4403 and you can request printed material.

NEW MEETING
Alanon/Alateen

Thursday's at 7 pm at the
We-Ta-Sa Building

Starting September 25, 2003

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Want to do lunch?

Here's where to go

By Suzanne Heck

It used to be that one had to go quite a ways in order to get a decent lunch for sale within the Nation's boundaries but recently that's changed. Now there are three local dining places to choose from where lunch is served and all of them are Prairie Band enterprises.

The newest eating spot on the scene is the PBPB Bingo Hall. On September 22 they opened their doors for lunch in addition to their usual offerings during the evening. Their lunch menu includes a long list of sandwiches and baskets like burgers and BLTs, and several choices of side items including Beefy Nachos and Hot Wings to name a few. For those on a diet there are three salad choices and several drinks and desserts are also available for sale. They are open Monday through Friday for lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Another restaurant available to area diners is Nation Station. Be forewarned, however, that if you want to eat there these days it's a good idea to get there early. The food at Nation Station has been a hit with the onslaught of construction crews that are working on the Harrah's Casino expansion and the Boys & Girls Club expansion. Lunch choices range from specials like Beef and Noodles or Ham and Salad bowls to the ever-popular cheeseburger and Mexican dishes that are always regular menu items. Lunch hours at Nation Station begin at 10:30 a.m. and according to Manager Rosemary Bergeron, run until the food is gone.

Bergeron said that another reason that business has been good is the Total Rewards Program at Harrah's Casino that offers a \$10 coupon for fuel which, she says, has also brought customers in. She said that business revenues had more than doubled during the lunch period since she began in the spring of last year. "Lunchtime is so busy now," she said, "I've had to discontinue my catering services during that time of day. A complete kitchen would also help us be able to prepare more food but we're doing the best we can."

The Fresh Market Buffet at Harrah's Casino is also another place to go. If you want pizza, Chinese, or traditional American fare this is the place for you. They serve a wide variety of food at various times and have a wide selection to choose from. Monday through Thursdays the buffet is open from 7a.m. to 2p.m. and from 5p.m.-9p.m. On Friday it opens at 7a.m. and closes at 11p.m. Saturday's it is open from 6a.m. to 11p.m. and on Sundays from 6a.m. to 9p.m. Prices range from \$7.99 to \$8.99 for breakfast and lunch during the work week to \$12.99 to \$14.99 dinner buffets in the evening that usually contain more gourmet items.

October 2003

Potawatomi Elder Center
Lunch hour 11:30-12:30

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sloppy Joes Normandy Potato Soup Chefs Salad	Pork Chops Scalloped Potato Succotash Dinner Roll	Spaghetti&Meatballs Green Beans Tossed Salad Garlic Bread	BLT Sandwich Baked Beans Quiche Fruit	Tuna Casserole Peas Tossed Salad Biscuits
Closed for Columbus Day	Chili & Hot Dog Potato Salad Green Beans Mixed Fruit	Baked Chicken Potatoes & Gravy Italian Green Beans Pea Salad	Birthday Dinner <u>Indian Tacos</u> Soup	Beef Pot Pie Buttered Noodles Tossed Salad Biscuits
Stroganoff Broccoli Tossed Salad Biscuits	Chicken Casserole Peas & Carrots Spinach Salad Buttered Toast	Roast Beef Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Celery Dinner Roll	Sliced Pork Potatoes & Gravy Brussels Sprouts Dinner Roll	Baked Fish Rice Creamed Peas Dinner Roll
Liver & Onions Potato & Gravy Zucchini & Tomato Dinner Roll	Hamburgers Macaroni & Tomato Broccoli & Cheese Fruit Salad	Lemon Chicken Baked Potato Peas & Carrots Dinner Roll	Meatloaf Potato & Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll	Fried Catfish Fettichini Alfredo Spinach Sliced Bread

Seniors 50+Free Adult \$3.50 Child \$2.00

Menu subject to changes

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 - 8:00 p.m. Friday, 5th & Washburn, Potwin Church Bsm. Non smoking, Closed meeting.

Native American AA Meeting - 8:00 p.m., 235 Buchanan. 357-6511.

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 Te Sa Building, 15434 K Road

Alanon/Alateen Unheard Voices, Thursday, 7 pm at the We Te Sa 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

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 at 7:00 p.m. 966-2178, 364-4479.

Lawrence Area

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

UNHEARD VOICES

Are there problems with others using drugs or alcohol in the home? Are you interested in helping yourself and others? The problem may not go away for them; but speak up for yourself and the problems can go away for you. PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI ALCOHOL AND DRUG program is sponsoring an ALANON/ ALATEEN meeting September 25, 2003 at 7 pm Please plan to attend our 1st UNHEARD VOICES meeting (weekly thereafter.)

ALANON/ALATEEN is for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. Many of us have received help from alateen or alanon. The following questions are to help you decide whether or not UNHEARD VOICES is for you:

1. Do you believe no one could possible understand how you feel? ____
2. Do you cover up your real feelings by pretending you don't care? ____
3. Do you feel nobody really loves you or cares what happens to you? ____
4. Do you tell lies to cover up for someone else's drinking or what's happening in your home? ____
5. Do you stay out of the house as much as possible because you hate it there? ____
6. Are you afraid or embarrassed to bring your friends home? ____
7. Has someone's drinking upset you? ____
8. Do you feel that if your mom/ dad/spouse loved you, they would stop drinking? ____

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS the UNHEARD VOICES group can help you. Lets support each other.

1st meeting SEPTEMBER 25, 2003 @ 7 PM
We Ta Se BUILDING



A message to all Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Members from the new coeditor Suzanne Heck

I am excited about being the coeditor of the Potawatomi News along with Mary Young. I hope that we can both provide you with objective and fair reports of what is happening among your people and government in a timely and ethical manner. As a co-editor who is not a tribal member, I see my role as a publisher, editor, and gatherer of the news who will leave all points of view up to you because this is your newspaper. I hope that you will continue to send us and write us your news as there is so much worthy of sharing and such an exciting time in your lives.

I am not new to the Nation. Before taking the coeditor position I worked in Social Services as a project coordinator for the E W mmo-Netwat or Building Circles of Harmony student violence prevention program. While there I helped coordinate placing a bullying prevention program in the Royal Valley Elementary and Middle Schools. Now in its second year, the program should begin seeing some positive results from the evaluation of responses to questions from students about how bullying behavior affects them and what impact the school-wide/community campaign to stop it has had. This program could not have been a success without a lot of tribal members and employees, like you, who were willing to get involved in building the program and working with the Royal Valley staff.

In addition to the bullying program, I also coordinated the Wraparound program in Social Services. Wraparound is a family system of care approach to helping youths with complex needs. This program also required a lot of collaboration between tribal members and employees as well as outside care providers within the Jackson County community.

To offer my background, I was raised in northeast Kansas. My mother was an enrolled tribal member of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri along with many other members of my family who resided on the Sac and Fox reservation until 1998. It was through them where my interest in American Indian cultures and life was piqued. Having been previously trained at Kansas State University in journalism and public relations I worked academically and professionally in both of those fields for approximately fifteen years. After that, I decided to go back to school at the University of Kansas where I received a doctoral degree in American Studies in 2001. This interdisciplinary degree program allowed me to combine my interests in American Indians with my mass communication background which has led me to my present position. During my study, I concentrated on the Great Lakes Indian tribes in Kansas and wrote my dissertation on the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri.

In closing, I want to stress that the opportunity afforded me here in working on the Nation's newspaper is not taken lightly. Every workday morning as I drive into the rez I am in awe of what you've all accomplished in such a short time span. As I witness the signs of progress through the new buildings and paved roads going up on the prairie I have nothing but respect and admiration for the tough and determined spirit that each of you have. For I know the visible success of the Nation has been a long time coming due to the many trespasses against you from the outside world which must have been an incredibly hard thing to have had to overcome. But I also know from my experience in working and interacting with a lot of you on a daily basis that you've been a success story all along. For what I see is that family, tradition, and self-determination are the motivating forces in your lives and is what drives the Nation forth. This is the story of the Prairie Band Potawatomi that I want to tell and with your continued help, I can.

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HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.

Be ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
 8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
 9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.
 10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.
- AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Day of Remembrance set for October 18

By: Nis Wilbur

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month. On October 18th, the PBPB Family Violence Prevention Program will team up with DoVes of Atchison and the Alcohol & Drug Program of the Kickapoo Nation for a Day of Remembrance Pow-Wow, to be held at the Holton 4-H Building. This day is organized as a way to remember those who have been affected by domestic violence, substance abuse, and Breast Cancer; individually or in the life of someone close to them.

The PBPB Family Violence Prevention Program will pass out purple and white ribbons to show support for the women and children who are affected by domestic violence. The purple in the ribbons represent the survivors of domestic abuse and the white color commemorates those who have died. Please wear these ribbons to show your support in October.

Also during that week, there will be more activities taking place so that you can join in the fight to end violence. The YWCA Battered Women's Task Force is sponsoring a "Week Without Violence" campaign the third week of October to educate about all types of violence. If you would like to participate in any of the following activities please contact the YWCA Battered Women's Task Force.

Plus, Liz Claiborne, Inc. has organized a fundraising t-shirt sale. The company plans to donate profits from the sale of limited edition t-shirts to its national domestic violence charity partners, including the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the Family Violence Prevention Fund. The t-shirts, which have the message "love is not abuse," will be available for \$12 through the web site, www.ivillage.com, or by calling 1-800-499-STOP. For more information, contact Sharon Isenberg via phone: 212/626-3382, or by email: Sharon_isenberg@liz.com.

A report released by the Department of Justice, American Indians and Crime, found that Native American women suffer violent crime at a rate three and a half times greater than the national average. Approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner. (Jay G. Silverman, PhD; Anita Raj, PhD; Lorelei A. Mucci, MPH; and Jeanne E. Hathaway, MD, MPH, "Dating Violence Against Adolescent Girls and Associated Substance Use, Unhealthy Weight Control, Sexual Risk Behavior, Pregnancy, and Suicidality," Journal of the American Medical Association, Vol. 286, No. 5.

Around the world, at least one in every three women has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused during her lifetime. (Heise, L.,

Ellsberg, M. and Gottemoeller, M. Ending Violence Against Women. Population Reports, Series L, No. 11., December 1999)

Intimate partner violence is primarily a crime against women. In 2001, women accounted for 85 percent of the victims of intimate partner violence (588,490 total) and men accounted for approximately 15 percent of the victims (103,220 total). (Bureau of Justice Statistics Crime Data Brief, Intimate Partner Violence, 1993-2001, February 2003)

In a national survey of more than 6,000 American families, 50 percent of the men who frequently assaulted their wives also frequently abused their children. (Strauss, Murray A, Gelles, Richard J., and Smith, Christine. 1990. Physical Violence in American Families; Risk Factors and Adaptations to Violence in 8,145 Families. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers)

Visit the
Family Violence Prevention Office
located in the
basement of the old Community Building
or call
Shirley Rice-Henderson
or
Nis Wilbur
at
(785) 966-0173
or
toll free 1(866) 0173



YWCA Week Without Violence is October 19-25:

Sunday	October 19	A Day of Remembrance
Monday	October 20	Protecting Our Children
Tuesday	October 21	Making Our Schools Safer
Wednesday	October 22	Confronting Violence Against Women
Thursday	October 23	Facing Violence Among Men
Friday	October 24	Eliminating Racism and Hate Crime
Saturday	October 25	Replacing Violence with Sports, Recreation and Fun

Upcoming Holidays Government Offices CLOSED

Monday
October 13, 2003
Columbus Day

Tuesday
November 11, 2003
Veteran's Day

Thursday & Friday
November 27 & 28
Thanksgiving Day

Pow Wow's & Events

General Council—Oct 18

Day of Remembrance
Pow Wow—Oct 18
Holton 4-H Building

Washburn Pow Wow—
Nov 7

We-Ta-Se Pow Wow—
Nov 15

We-Ta-Se Meetings
American Legion
Post 410

Oct 6 at 6:00 pm
Nov 3 at 6:00 pm

Auxiliary Unit 410
Oct 13 at 6:00 pm
Nov 10 at 6:00 pm



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Front Row: Chief David Price. Second Row: Tim Flannary, John Rodecap, Ursula "Minty" Fish, Mike Schubert, Michelle Martin, Heather Merchen, Rick Swogger. Back Row: Chad Edwards, Scott Price behind Mike Schubert, J. D. Clancy, Mike Barbosa and Melvin Lewis.

Commemorating 9/11: The Nation Remembers

Prairie Band Potawatomi Emergency Services and Tribal Police sponsor Day of Remembrance

by: Suzanne Heck and Mary Young

Somehow the weather was fitting for the day. As the steady rain fell on the parched prairie land each Tribal Fire/E.M.S. crew member and Tribal Police person who was preparing for the day were no doubt remembering the dead who had worked in jobs just like them. Other Americans across the nation were also remembering the day for it was September 11 when just two years before over 2,300 lives had been lost in the World Trade Center disaster.

At the fire station to honor those fallen, the U.S. flag was hoisted at half-mast and a special commemorative ceremony was held that morning. A crowd gathered and the event began with a march of the We-Te-Sa American Legion Post 410 Color Guards. They posted the flags for public view that was next followed by a welcome from Tim Flannary of the EMT squad. Following Flannary's introduction, Frances Jensen, We-Te-Sa chaplain, gave an invocation. After Jensen was through an informative speech about remembering 9/11 was given by Chief David Price of the Fire Department. Following his speech, young tribal members Ramona Nozhackum and Wahba Masquat played the solemn song of Taps on their trumpets in memory of those fallen which concluded the ceremony.

Also held that day nearby was a blood drive also sponsored by Tribal Emergency Services. With the help of the PBPB Community Health Representative (CHR) Department there were 49 donors who checked in and 40 units of blood collected for the Community Blood Center.

Below is Chief Price's speech that he gave that day:

We are here to remember the victims of 9/11/2001 whether they were civilian victims in the buildings, on the streets, or in one of the airplanes. We are here to especially remember the fallen heroes of the New York City Fire Department, Police Department, and Port Authority. This day remains in the memories of people around the world. Most of us remember where we were and what we were doing when the news of this incident reached our eyes and ears. No matter where you were or what you were doing, when the horrific news reached you, you probably experienced a sinking feeling in the pit of your stomach. Now is the time to reflect upon our friends, family and on all the assets we have in our lives. On September 11, 2001 2,388 civilian lives were claimed in the World Trade Center Complex. One hundred eighty nine civilian and military lives were claimed in the attack on the Pentagon. An interesting note is that on September 11, 1941 construction began on the Pentagon.

The City of New York was struck the hardest with the loss of 407 emergency workers. The Police Department suffered a loss of 23 patrol officers, the Port Authority lost 37 officers, and the Fire Department suffered the biggest loss of personnel. Three hundred forty-three active duty Fire Department members were lost. Of the 343, 249 were frontline fire department personnel, 46 Lieutenants, 21 Captains, 23 Chiefs, the Chief of the Department, the 1st Deputy Fire Commissioner, one Fire Marshall, two paramedics, and the Department Chaplain. In addition to the active duty personnel, one fire patrolman and three retired fire fighters lost their lives in the quest to help.

Many lives around the country as well as around the world were changed in a matter of hours. The New York City Fire Department and Police Department both have a long history of multiple family members providing public safety at the same time, with several families losing multiple members on the same day. In addition to the life, leadership, and experience loss the New York City Fire Department suffered on 9/11, many of their vehicles were destroyed as well including 30 ladder trucks, 27 engines, 5 rescue trucks, 18 battalion SUV's,

and 22 staff cars.

Chronology:

-The 100th floor of the North Tower was struck at 0846 EDT by American Airlines flight 11 carrying 92 people in route from Boston to Los Angeles.

-The 85th floor of the South Tower was struck at 0903 EDT by United Airlines flight 175 carrying 65 people from Boston to Los Angeles.

-The Pentagon was struck at 0943 EDT by American Airlines flight 77 carrying 64 people in route from Washington to Los Angeles.

-The Fourth hijacked airliner United Airlines flight 93 from Newark to San Francisco was forced down at 1013 EDT by the heroic passengers aboard. All 45 persons on this flight perished in a field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. It is suspected that the White House, Capitol Building, or Camp David, Maryland was the probable target for this attack.

-At 1005 EDT 110 stories of the World Trade Center Tower 2 collapsed trapping or killing all inside and those in very close proximity to the building. It was at this time that orders were given by incident command, set up in the North Tower, to evacuate all emergency personnel from all of the World Trade Center buildings.

-At 1028 EDT the World Trade Center Tower 1 collapsed with the same effects as the Tower 2 collapse. Each of the Twin Towers contained over 4 million square feet, with each floor of the building covering one acre of space.

It is estimated the speed at which the World Trade Center towers collapsed was at 120 miles per hour. Completely collapsing the 110 stories of each tower on to the ground in matter of 10 seconds.

The World Trade Center Complex construction began August 8, 1966 and was opened to the public in the early seventies. The cost for construction of the Twin Towers was approximately 800 Million dollars. The North Tower stood 1,368 feet tall and was crowned with 360 ft tall TV and radio antennae. The South Tower stood 1,362 feet tall. The buildings were constructed using 425,0900 cubic yards of concrete and 200,000 tons of steel. Each building had 103 elevators and 5 stairwells.

Investors and developers have designed and are currently planning to reconstruct at the World Trade Center site. The proposed architecture will make for a very impressive building complex. The main tower will stand nearly 100 feet taller than the original Trade Center Towers. The estimated cost for redevelopment is at 8 Billion dollars. The proposed construction is slated to begin in 2004 with completion in 2006. At the present time building 7 of the original World Trade Center complex is being rebuilt.

The Pentagon was reconstructed in 2002. It was the goal of the construction companies and workers to finish the building before September 11, 2002. This goal was attained by the hard work, spirit and dedication of the American people.

Now is the time for all of us to reflect upon the losses of 9/11 and to look upon the hope of our future. It is time to give guidance and support the young people around us, whether they are our children or our neighbor's children. It is the responsibility of each of us to show them how to be our future leaders.

Thank you.

In Memory of 9 11

Young tribal members Ramona Nozhackum and Wahba Masquat played the solemn song of Taps on their trumpets in memory of those fallen which concluded the ceremony.

Assistant chief Sam Grant, Corporal Marc Koch and Officer Russell Whiteside standing at attention prior to the opening remarks. Police Chief Terry Scott is standing in the background.



Potawatomi Tribal Emergency Services sponsored a day of remembrance ceremony to honor and remember those whose lives were lost on the fateful day of Sept. 11, 2001. The American flag is at half-mast, a sign of mourning. The "invisible" flag above the flag represents the person is "invisible" or no longer with us. For more of the story, turn to the centerfold of this issue.





Fire Department Vehicles: (L-R): Brush I, Brush II, Rescue Truck and Fire Engine.

BLOOD DRIVE Is a success

49 Donors Check in with the CHR's

Photos are of some community members and PBPB staff on hand to donate blood during this special occasion.



GAMBOTTEK (Those who died)



George James "Chief" Allen, Jr.

George James "Chief" Allen, Jr., sixty-seven, of Oskaloosa, Kansas died Wednesday, June 25, 2003 at the Leavenworth V.A. Hospital in Leavenworth, Kansas. He was born March 10, 1936 at Mayetta, Kansas the son of George James and Agnes Marie Allen, Sr., and was a lifelong resident of the Oskaloosa area. Mr. Allen was a salvage worker for the Kaw Motors Salvage Yard in Lawrence for many years and had also worked for General Leasing Salvage in Oskaloosa. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe in Kansas. He was a 1957 graduate of McLouth High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1960 in Germany. He was married to Sue Johnson on July 6, 1962 at Platte City, Missouri; she survives at the home. Other survivors include, two sons, Douglas J. Allen and Rob L. Allen and a daughter, Sheila L. Johnson, all of Lawrence, Kansas, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Two sisters, and two stepbrothers preceded him in death. A graveside service with military honors was at 1:30 pm Monday, June 30, 2003 at the Leavenworth V.A. National Cemetery in Leavenworth.

In Memory of Andrew John 'Andy' Rebar Jr.

MAYETTA - Andrew John "Andy" Rebar., 68, of Mayetta, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003, at his home.

He was born Oct. 22, 1934, in Kansas City, Kan., the son of Andrew John Rebar Sr. and Mary Irene Moskal. Andy attended Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic School and Argentine High School in Kansas City.

He worked as a machinist for the Santa Fe Railroad in the Argentine area of Kansas City from 1951 until he retired in 1999. Mr. Rebar was a Navy veteran of the Korean War, serving aboard a destroyer.

He was a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, serving as local chairman of his union in the late 1960s. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Topeka and the Eagle's Aerie in Lawrence. He was a life member of the American Legion Post No. 225 in Ozawie and a life member of the VFW Post No. 10815 in Meriden.

He was married to Geraldine E. Walling on June 30, 1956. They were married for 17 years and had four children. He was married to Joanie Abney on Nov. 28, 1981, in Kansas City, Kan. She survives.

Other survivors include three daughters, Catherine McGivern, of DeSoto, Julie King, of Lenexa, and Cindy Myers, of Kansas City, Mo.; a stepdaughter, Twen Barton, of Tonganoxie; a son, Andrew John Rebar III, of Kansas City, Kan.; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Andy loved to have friends and family around and hosted and entertained many a part at "Rebar's Attic."

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29, 2003, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta. Burial will be in Mayetta Cemetery. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday evening at the church, with visitation to follow in the hall. Memorials may be given to Holton Community Hospital Hospice or to the church. Mercer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

We-Ta-Se Post 410 assisted the Ozawie American Legion Post No. 225 with a 21-gun salute.

Published in The Topeka Capital-Journal

Wallace Wahquahboshkuk Sr.

MAYETTA - Wallace Wahquahboshkuk Sr., 62, Mayetta, died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003, at his home.

Drum services will be Wednesday evening at the Danceground building west of Mayetta. Burial will be Thursday afternoon at Wezo Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

To Family & Friends



Thank You for honoring me at Shawnee County Allied Tribes Pow-wow, by providing a great dinner, Sunday. My thanks to everyone that attended. May you all be blessed.

Sincerely,
Hildreth Shipshee Crith



L-R): Kandace Alistair- guitarist, Oleta Joy- bassist, Cruz- drummer, and Kelly Emerich- singer and keyboardist. Kelly Emerich is an enrolled tribal member.
(Photo submitted)

Jaglet nominated for 2003 MAMA Award

Merced, CA—The 3rd Annual MAMA awards will be held on October 23, 2003 at the State Theater in Modesto, CA. The best local talent in pop, hard-rock, indie/alternative, Americana, jazz/R&B, folk-acoustic and blue-collar music will be decided by **online voting**.
[Http://www.modestoview.com/mama/awards/default.htm](http://www.modestoview.com/mama/awards/default.htm)

Second time nominee, JAGLET, has been nominated in the alternative category. Jaglet is an all-girl band from the Central Valley that has been playing together for three years. For more information or to hear some of their music, please visit: <http://www.jaglet.com>.



Congratulations

Winona "See Bee" Masquat graduated from the School of Nursing at Washburn University on May 17, 2003. She took the National Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses on August 4th and passed. She began her nursing career on September 2, 2003, at the Holton Indian Health Clinic as a diabetes case manager. Her goal is to become a certified diabetes educator; this will take two years to accomplish.

See Bee would like to thank the tribe for getting through school. Nadine Masquat is See Bee's mother.

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Home made items, beadwork,
crafts, furniture antiques,
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Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

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

Government Center
877 715-6789

Alcohol & Drug
866 966-2411

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

Housing
866 966-2756

Social Services
888 966-2932

Tribal Court
866 966-2242

Transit Program
(785) 966-3024 or
877 727-6743
(877-PBP-NRDe)

Congratulations

Laury Shopteese - Hernandez took the National Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) on August 25, 2003 and passed the examination. On August 28th, she received her Kansas State Board of Nursing license. She is presently employed at Providence Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas on the Medical Unit. She is currently in her orientation phase and work three, 12-hour shifts per week.

In the future, she plans to work at a long-term health care facility and provide nursing care to the elderly.

Her greatest inspiration into nursing came from her mother who was a nurse and her sister, Jody McIntosh, who graduated from the School of Nursing at Washburn University in 1985.



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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

Rev. Vernon Potts

Sunday: 10 am – Sunday School

10:45 am – Worship service

7 pm – Evening Worship

THE BIBLE SAYS...

By Pastor Terry Paine

Psalm 40:1-3 – "I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our

God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord."

In this scripture David professes the hopeless state that he was in before the Lord saved him. And he knows that it is only in the Lord, the "Great I AM," "The Great Physician,"

"The Bright and Morning Star," "The One and Only True Messiah," that he has any hope of being rescued.

Folks, I want to say to you today, that this great portion of God's Word, is my testimony. Before I got saved, I was in the miry clay – in a horrible pit. I had a terrible addiction to drugs and to alcohol. Anyone that has ever had either of these addictions, knows exactly what I'm talking about. I struggled, wanting to get out of this lifestyle, but I was stuck – stuck in the miry clay, and in a terrible, horrible pit.

But one day my life changed. I "HEARD" the Gospel. I "ACCEPTED" the Gospel. I had been coming to church for awhile, but you see, going to church doesn't get you to heaven. I had listened to the Gospel, but I had not "ACCEPTED" it. I had never PRAYED and told the Lord that I believed He died on the cross and shed His blood for MY SINS. Many people were praying that I would accept the Lord as my Saviour and be saved. That night, Sept. 3, 1997, I went forward at the end of the service and asked the Lord Jesus Christ to come into my heart and save me from my sins. What a load was lifted! Just like the scripture says in Psalms 40, "He established my goings, he put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God."

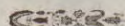
Dear friend, if you have never asked the Lord to save you, this pit may be where you are in your life. The Lord wants to plant our feet on "The Solid Rock" (Jesus!) He wants to put a "New Song" in your heart, and establish your goings! He wants good things for you!

Even though I may not know you personally, the Lord knows you. He created you! And he wants you to accept Him as your Saviour too. He wants to relieve your heavy burden, just like he did for me. The Bible says that God is not a respecter of persons. He loves you and me, as much as he loves Billy Graham, or any Christian you might know.

People sometimes ask why it is that I believe the Bible is the truth from cover to cover. I always tell them it is because it's the only book I know that can change lives – it sure changed mine! And it can change yours too! Verse 4 of Psalms 40 says, "Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust." Friend, if you want to be blessed, like you never have before, just call upon his name in prayer and ask Him to save you today. It's simple! The preacher that lead me to the Lord, said it's as simple as the ABC's.

A – DMIT you're a sinner. **B** – BELIEVE what Jesus did on the cross was payment for ALL your sins. Past. Present, and FUTURE. **C** – CALL upon His name, and CONFESS that you know you are a sinner. In prayer, ask Jesus to save you today.

My friends, only trust the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ for your salvation. He is the only one that is able to bring you up, and out of your horrible pit. Why not trust Jesus today?



Survival Kit for Everyday Living:

Submitted by Hedy Noland

Items needed:

Toothpick, Rubber Band, Band Aid, Pencil Eraser, Chewing Gum, Mint, Candy Kiss, and a Tea Bag.

Why?

- **Toothpick:** to remind you to pick out the good quality in others. Matt. 7:1
- **Rubber Band:** to remind you to be flexible; things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out. Romans 8:28
- **Band Aid:** to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or others. Col. 3:12-14
- **Pencil:** to remind you to list your blessings

everyday. Eph. 1:3

- **Eraser:** to remind you that everyone makes mistakes and that's ok. Gen. 50:15-21
- **Chewing Gum:** to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything. Phil. 4:13
- **Mint:** to remind you that you are worth a mint. John 3:16-17
- **Candy Kiss:** to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug every day. 1 John 4:7
- **Tea Bag:** to remind you to relax daily and reflect on all the positive things in your life. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. 1 Thes. 5:18

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9/2/2003

Courtesy of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Tribal Member Organizes "Women at the Well"

Program: Students' efforts receive supporting grant

Students' efforts for women of color is recognized with supporting grant money.

The Office of Evangelism and Racial/Cultural Diversity of the General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (USA) has awarded Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (LPTS) a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the initiation of a multicultural program that will benefit women of color who are students at the Seminary.

The Rev. Raafat S. Girgis, associate with the Presbyterian program who encouraged schools to submit project proposals, congratulated the Seminary for its initiative in promoting multicultural ministry among seminarians in Louisville and in the surrounding community. Louisville Seminary was one of four Presbyterian seminaries to receive grants.

The program, called Women at the Well, is the brainchild of two women of color who are Master of Divinity students at LPTS. "Women at the Well serves a two-fold purpose," said Lauren Randall, a Native American student from Horton, Kans. "It is a support group and it is project-orientated." Lauren said that she thought about the need for such a group during a recent campus project to collect and send care-kits to Malawi, where HIV/AIDS is epidemic.

"During many of the Seminary's Women's Center events, I found myself sharing information about my culture and listening to other women of color share their own experiences, noting how our seminary experience can be different from other students'," said Randall, who also serves as one of the Women's Center part-time coordinators, a field education opportunity.

Randall organized a lunch meeting for all the women of color who are students at LPTS. The meeting was intended to be a one-time-only meeting to talk about how the Women's Center could be more inclusive to women of color. But as the meeting progressed and more and more issues were discussed, the one-time-only meeting became a monthly commitment, then bi-monthly, until the women became an established group, calling themselves "Women at the Well."

Women at the Well was inspired from the fourth chapter of the Gospel of John, in which Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman at the well. "She comes to the well alone and ostracized. Yet, she leaves with eternal water and with the desire to help her community by telling others what Jesus has done for her. We are women at the well. We have had experiences like the Samaritan woman, and we wish to respond, as she did, for the good of our

You're only hurting yourself

by: Sirena Morris, 9 years old

You're only hurting yourself when you do drugs and drink so if you do things like that just stop that retarded, illegal, and dumb crud. Why do you people think that stuff is so cool? Well, it's not. It 's so dumb. Gee, please don't be idiots people, O.K? Just mellow out dude just sit back and relax. Do some bead work or something better than illegal stuff. Just be cool like relaxing instead of being an idiot doing dumb crud. O. K? Good.

August 31, 2003, 8:35 p.m.

A Very Happy 22nd Wedding Anniversary

Cha-Ga-Be & Sara LaClair

Love
Your Family



communities," said Randall.

Angela Cowser, a first-year African American student from Tennessee helped to write the grant proposal that seeks to recognize, celebrate, strengthen, and preserve a woman of color's identity that is as "deeply rooted in one's heritage as it is in one's gender."

"Women of color experience a dual-citizenship in America: Living as a minority in a majority culture and society is sometimes joyful, sometimes painful," she said. "This program is one way to further the work of educating, in an interesting way, the broader LPTS community about the minority experience as it affects how one sees the world and the larger society. It's more than being sympathetic to the issues of minority and diversity; it's about knowing and understanding the experience of the 'other'." Cowser explained.

Women at the Well has as its goal to help "promote the strength of women (everywhere) and to assist other women of varied diversities economically, spiritually, and in overall total well being." The members hope to contribute to local and global issues through frequent service projects; attending, creating, and leading multicultural worship experiences; establishing a prayer/Bible study on campus that addresses both exclusion and inclusion; hosting roundtable discussions; and bringing experts on campus to speak about denominational commitments to multicultural ministry.

"Some of the events planned will help encourage informal conversation and reflective, thinking on multiculturalism as a way to put into practice (or as an outgrowth of) the more formal and theoretical classroom teaching," said Dean of Students Donna Melloan.

"Women at the Well signals an important turning point in the life of the Seminary," added Dr. Stephen Ray, associate professor of theology and philosophy, who has been enlisted to serve as the group's faculty advisor. "This is the first organization of women of color which has organically grown on this campus. The initiation of such a group represents not only a hope for the future, but also the realization of a multicultural presence at LPTS. The investment of these women in our community means that we have realized some success in creating an environment in which minorities can feel that they have a part in building the future." As advisor, Ray will assist the students in developing the program, which will be a collaborative organization supported by the Seminary's Gender in Ministry and the Cultural Diversity Committees.

Women at the Well will meet monthly, beginning in September, and is open to individuals who share a commitment to provide an open, safe space where "women of various legacies and cultures can bring and discuss concerns about LPTS and its dominant culture." Among last year's 148 Masters-level students, 94 were women; 17 were women of color, who represented African American, Native American, Hispanic, and international backgrounds.

2004 Annual Potawatomi Gathering

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will be hosting the 2004 Gathering. The dates have been set and will be held August 4—7, 2004 at the Tribal Complex in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Detailed activities and important tribal meetings will be posted as they occur.

For lodging information, please contact Cathie Hanson at 800-880-9880 ext. 1106.



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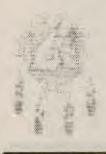
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Photos submitted with a news article will be returned after publication. Please include a stamped and self-addressed envelope with the photo.





American Legion Auxiliary Unit 410 Makes Debut

By Mary Young

We Ta Se, American Legion Post 410 Color Guard and the newly formed Unit 410 Auxiliary attended the Jackson County Pow - Wow co-hosted by the Jackson Pow - Wow Committee and the Wichita Intertribal Society and held on Sept. 13 - 14, 2003 at the Prairie People's Park.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 410 made their debut at this pow wow and were recognized by the Wichita Intertribal Warrior Society and the Juanita Jessepe, Head Lady Dancer and a member of the Auxiliary.

To celebrate this occasion, the following contributed their time, supplies and donations: Mary Lewis, Brenda Darnall, Judy Darnell, Rose Potts, Lythia Shopteese, Juanita Jessepe, Brenda Nozhackum, Marilyn Brewer, and Mary Young. The We Ta Se Color Guard contributed their time and energy to assist the Unit prior and during the event.



Auxiliary members who were able to attend the Jackson County Pow Wow and the debut of the first fundraiser and marched behind the We Ta Se Color Guard during the Grand Entry. Front Row: (L-R): Rose Potts, Lythia Shopteese, Marilyn Brewer. Back Row: (L-R): Juanita Jessepe, Mary Young, and Brenda Darnall.



Although the rain fell Saturday, that did not keep customers away from the booth. Hot coffee, soda, fry bread, Indian dogs, and taking chances on how many pieces of candy were in a jar kept everyone in a cheerful and fun mood.



Having some down time at the booth.



(L-R): Rose Potts teasing the other cook, Lythia Shopteese.



Francis Shopteese holding metal stake to hold the umbrella and B J Darnall is pounding the stake in the ground.



B.J. Darnall setting up an umbrella to keep the customer's dry. Note the menu with duct tape.



The question for the day: How many EMT's and Color Guard does it take to open up a locked door?

**6th Annual
We Ta Se
Veterans POW
WOW**



**Saturday Nov
15th, 2003
Holton, KS
4H Building**

Mayetta, KS

**Honored Veteran
Leroy Mzhickteno
Master of Ceremonies
Troy Littleaxe
Head Man Dancer
Jim McKinney
Head Boy Dancer
William Evans**

**Honored Veteran
MaryEllen Clinton
Arena Director
Perkins Whitetail
Head Lady Dancer
Juanita Jessepe
Head Girl Dancer
Ella Garcia**

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Whistling Wind**

**Host Drum
Little Soldier**

**Southern Drum
NightHawk**

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Special Recognition to All Veterans Register at the We-Ta-Se Desk

Gourd Dancing | 11:00 - 12:30

Grand Entries at 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM Supper at 5:00 PM

2003 Prairie Band Princess Pageant Afternoon & Evening

All Registered Dancers in Regalia will be Paid

Special Dances & Contests in both Afternoon & Evening Sessions

Contests: Indian Clown - Potato Dance - Switch Dance

Raffles: 50/50 - \$1,000 Cash - Color TV - Boom Box - Pendleton Blanket

Concessions by the We-Ta-Se Afternoon & Evening

5 Vendor tables \$20 each 1st Come Basis—No Food Vendors !

For more information call the We-Ta-Se (785) 966-2580 or email rhale@pbnation.com

This is an Alcohol & Drug Free event. The We-Ta-Se is not responsible for thefts, accidents, lost articles, relatives, etc.

**Special Presentation
For We Ta Sa Post
410**



We Ta Se Post 410 were given a special presentation by Reserve Col. William Vondersmit of the U S Army Kansas National Guard. The plaque read as follows:

For services above and beyond the call of duty.

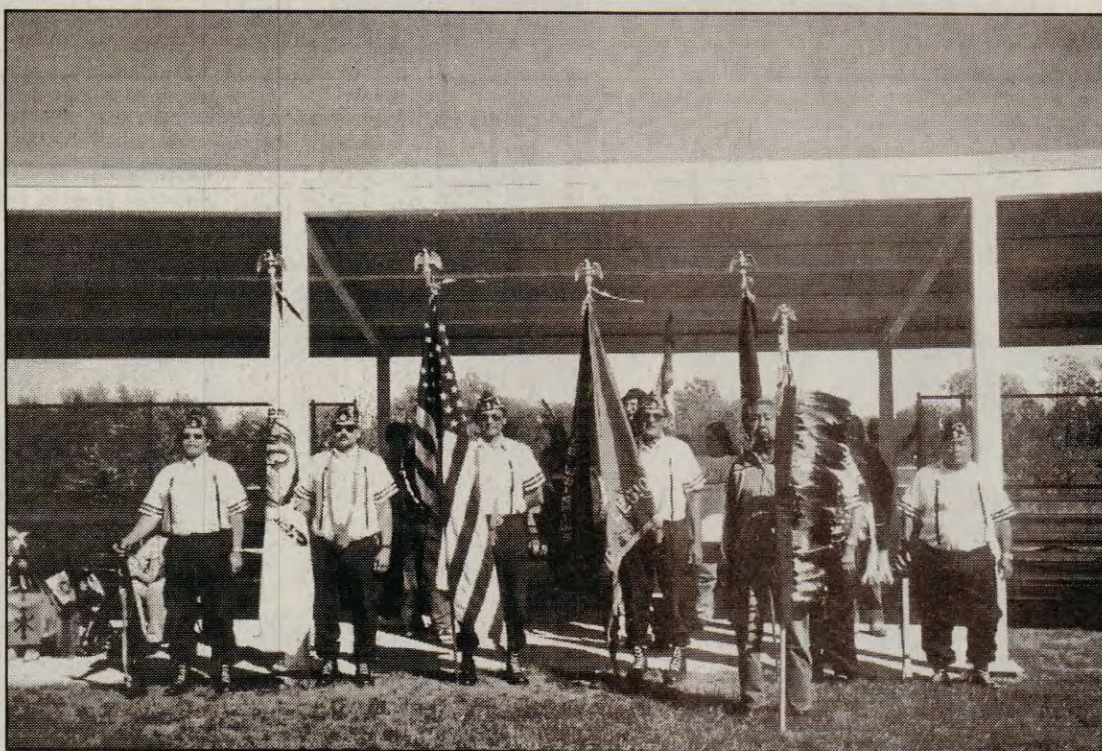
The plaque also has a gold eagle medallion on it. The plaque is located at the We Ta Se office in the We Ta Se Building located on K Road.

Photo on Top Left: We Ta Se Post 410 Color Guard lining up for the Grand Entry.

Photo on Top Right: Marvin and Marsha McKinney are presenting Chub Masquat a gift, Chub was the honored elder on Sunday. Julia LeClair was honored on Saturday.

Photo on Bottom Left: (L-R): John Ferrari, Jim Darnall, Francis Shopteese and B.J. Darnall are holding the plaque.

Photo on Bottom Right: Auxiliary Unit 410 receive a gift from the Head Lady Dancer, Juanita Jessepe.



Youth Action Coalition Sponsors Pound-the-Car Party

Approximately 75 people attended the Youth Action Coalition's (YAC) Pound-the-Car Party at the Community Building on August 25. The purpose of the event was to inform community members about the new Impoundment penalty to the Kansas DUI law, to have some family fun, and to renew interest in YAC.

The event consisted of having two old cars available for pounding that were placed in the GSA Parking Lot by Road and Bridge earlier in the day, and having the PBPN's EMTs on hand to give tours of their fire truck. Also during the event Calvin Evans cooked up hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill and later that evening Police Chief, Terry Scott spoke about the new Impoundment penalty and what impact it will have on the community. There were also displays from the KDOT Drunk Driving Prevention Office, YAC, and the Tribal Court. A potluck dinner was held and door prizes were won periodically throughout the evening.

The event was a PBPN collaborative effort. The Road and Bridge crew brought in the cars and sledgehammers, the Social Services Department provided Hula Hoops and balloons for the kids, and the EMTs displayed a fire-engine truck and provided safety gear for the car-pounders. Several members of the Tribal Police were also available to answer questions along with Chief Scott. Calvin Evans from the Gaming Commission cooked for the group and attendees brought dishes for the potluck. The Maintenance Department also set up tables and chairs for the event.

The Youth Action Coalition is comprised of PBPN tribal members and employees whose goal is to promote a healthy lifestyle within the Nation. One of its primary goals this year is to prevent underage drinking on the reservation. The group operates out of the Social Services Department under the Tribal Youth Program.

Kansas DUI Penalties

First Offense

- Impounding a person's motor vehicle.
- 48 consecutive hours of mandatory imprisonment.
- Or 100 hours of community service.
- Court ordered completion of alcohol and drug safety action education program or treatment program.
- Fines from \$500 to \$1,000, plus court costs and evaluation fees.
- Suspension of driving privileges for 30 days, then restricted for an additional 330 days.

DUI with Child Under 14

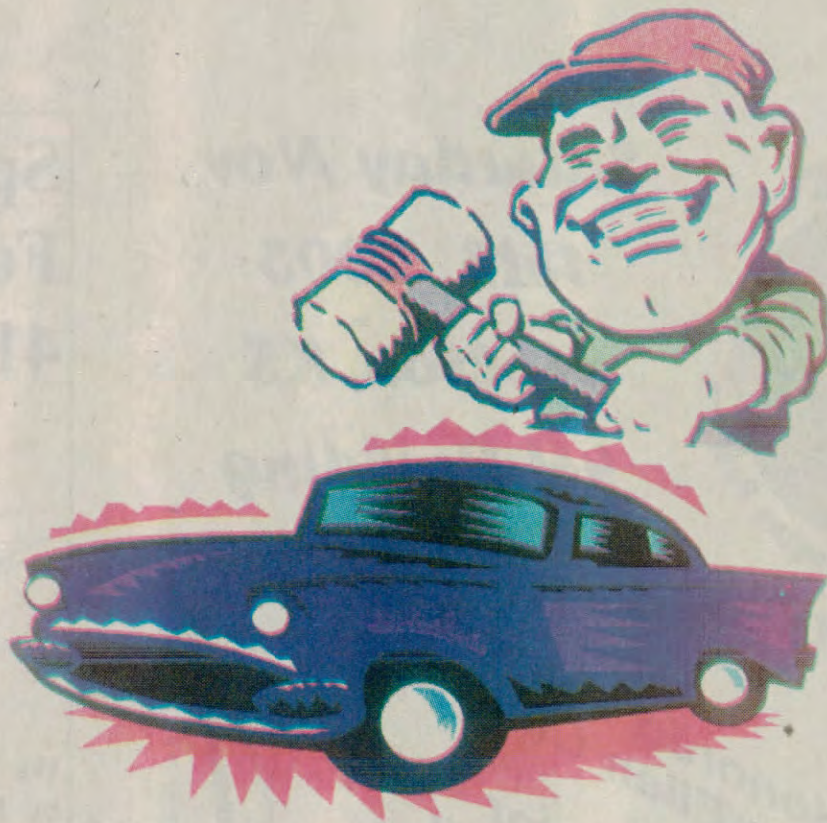
Any person convicted of a DUI who has a child under 14 years of age as a passenger shall have the person's punishment enhanced by one month of imprisonment.

Here's the new SB 33 Impoundment of Motor Vehicle penalty

On July 1, 2003 the Kansas legislature added impounding a person's motor vehicle to the list of potential penalties for conviction of driving under the influence or for the new crime of unlawfully allowing a person to drive your vehicle when you know that person has had his or her driver's license suspended or revoked.



Tribal member Kelly Lewis and her child, Kobe, stopped to pose for a photograph while at the event. Kelly works as an Administrative Assistant in Social Services.



A good time was had by all!!

Youth Action Coalition's Pound-the-car party addresses new impoundment law while having fun at the same time.



Seen here is a worker from Road and Bridge bringing in two old station wagons that were placed in the GSA Parking lot earlier in the day before the Pound-the-Car party.



Tribal member Dustin Hundertfund is seen here showing his might at pounding one of the cars provided for the event. Hundertfund was one of several young people along with some adults who tried their hand at pounding on the cars.

Youth Action Coalition Mission statement:

**to promote healthy lifestyles and
create a safe environment for our
youth, families and community.**



Left to right: Nathan Hale, Boys & Girls Club Interim Director, Eric Sanderson, Social Services Director, and Chief of Tribal Police, Terry Scott.



This young boy is having fun taking a pound at the back of the station wagon. Emergency Services brought safety gear for the pounders to wear and were always nearby.



At left is T.J. Kitchkommie with Marilyn Brewer in back and Priscilla Martin enjoying the potluck dinner at the party. The Nation Station catered the event and other partiers brought some homemade dishes to share.



Family members look on at the car pounders and the kids who received hula hoops and balloons from the Social Services Department. PBPN's Emergency Services also conducted fire engine tours, which is seen in the background.



Calvin Evans from the Gaming Commission is seen here cooking up some delicious hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill for the party.



Laverne Hale flashes a big smile for the camera. She is a member of the Youth Action Coalition and is also active with the Boys & Girls Club.

