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# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

## Tribal Council chairperson candidates campaign for special election -ballots mailed out September 7

By Suzanne Heck and Mary Young

Campaign signs are appearing in the front yards of homes and fliers have been posted in several PBPB buildings advertising Tribal Council chairperson candidates who are running in the special election to be held October 10.

To help voters become more informed, the Election Department sponsored a Tribal Council candidate forum on September 8 at the Bingo Hall. Ten candidates were given the opportunity to speak and to answer pre-submitted questions that were forwarded to the Election Board and answered questions from the floor.

Another item up for vote on the ballot is a referendum question that will ask voters whether per capita distributions to tribal members should be increased from 30% to 48% of net gaming revenue. As a means of helping tribal members to become more informed about the per capita issue, and how it will affect PBPB government operations, a copy of the referendum question was printed in the last issue of the *News* along with an article from General Manager Richard Rooth. As an added supplement in the last issue, the *News* also polled the opinions of 85 tribal members about whether they were in favor of the increase or not. Fifty-four percent (46) were in favor, 42 percent (36) were

opposed and 4 percent (3) were undecided.

Mail-in ballots will be counted on October 10 in an open meeting of the tribal membership that will be held at 9 a.m. in the newly renovated Rock/Community building located on the PBPB reservation.

Members of the Elections Department and tribal members who will be selected as election judges and clerks, will verify the votes and oversee the election. Automated Election Service (AES) from Albuquerque will tabulate the final vote count that day.

For more information about the election please call the Elections Department at 785.966.3911 or visit them in the Government Center where they are located.

**Don't forget to mail in your ballot in by October 10.**

**Exercise your right to vote  
in the upcoming tribal election.**



The Tribal Council Chairperson candidates at the forum held September 8. From left to right: Blake Garrison, Chago Hale (standing), Jay Herman Mattwaoshshe, Tamara (Tami) McClammy, Joseph A. (LeClere) Mendez, Eddie Joe Mitchell, Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah) Mamie (Wahwasuck) Rupnicki, Sonny J. Shoptese and Tony Wahweotten.

### Prairie Band Casino & Resort General Manager Dan Kennedy moves on



Dan Kennedy resigned from his position as General Manager of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBCR) September 21.

He officially became general manager of the PBCR when the changeover in management from Harrah's Entertainment Corporation occurred July 1.

During his tenure with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Kennedy was head of Finance and Operations and part of the Casino Transition Management team along with Peggy Houston who was in charge of Guest and Human Relations.

The two had worked together since 2005 on the casino transition until the tribe took over full operation.

At press time a replacement for Kennedy had not been announced.



Representatives of the PBPB attended the 3 Tribes Dental Clinic open house located at the Kickapoo health facility. The above photo was taken Sept. 14 and from left to right are Robert Springer, Bio Med for Indian Health Service (IHS)/Office of Environmental Health (OEH) at Oklahoma City; David Hogner, IHS/OEH in Holton; Mina Neuburger, PBPB Community Health Nurse; and Barb Cornelius, Administrative Assistant to the PBPB treasurer.

Photo by Mary Young



### Shabbona Update

According to an article in the *DeKalb Daily Chronicle* (Sept. 18, 2007), the National Indian Gaming Commission has announced a deadline of October 1 for interested groups to file documents regarding a proposed gaming facility in Shabbona.

After the deadline, parties will be given 15 to 30 days to respond to what is presented in the submitted documents.

The PBPB wants to build an electronic bingo hall on property it purchased in Shabbona in April

2006. The tribe has always maintained that the land is reservation land because it was given to Chief Shab-nay in 1829 but there are some DeKalb County officials and state legislators who are opposed to the proposed gambling enterprise and are arguing that the land should be jurisdictioned differently.

Tribal Council has been in negotiations with DeKalb County officials, the community and other legislators since the purchase and are trying to work out an amiable agreement for everyone.

### Kansas expanded gambling news

Development companies who want to put casinos in Kansas are beginning to apply for submitting proposals to officials in counties who were approved by the state for large destination hotel-casinos.

Companies must get approval at the local level before the State of Kansas Lottery makes a choice for selecting them for a management license. Some of the companies courting county officials are the Cordish Co., who developed the Hard Rock resort casinos that the Seminole tribe owns, and Penn National Gaming, Inc.

Last April the Kansas legislature passed gaming legislation that will allow for the state to operate four destination hotel-casinos and slot machines at horse and dog tracks that are already located in the state.

Shortly after the legislation passed, former PBPB chairwoman Tracy Stanhoff said that the expanded gaming in Kansas would have a negative impact on the tribe's casino revenues which would mean fewer jobs and a decline in the economy of Jackson County and surrounding areas.

In the meantime, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius asked the Attorney General of Kansas to file a lawsuit to challenge the constitutionality of the law and if the law is ruled constitutional it is hoped that it will clear the way for gambling in the state to continue.

The Attorney General did file the lawsuit last month and the Kansas Supreme Court just recently threw the case to Shawnee County District Court which will create a longer delay on the decision.

### Four Prairie Band Potawatomi Princesses

The Royal Valley Native American Singers and Dancers have four members who hold princess titles. The members are Sydney Jessepe - Miss Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation; Kek Mitchell - Miss We-Ta-Se; Brennah Wahweotten - Miss Allied Tribes Jr. Princess; Pam Knoxsah - Miss Allied Tribes Sr. Princess.

The Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers first performance will be held at Royal Valley High School from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on September 28 in honor of Indian Day. Parents/Patrons are welcome to attend.

(Photo submitted by Anita Evans)



Left to right are Sydney Jessepe, Kek Mitchell, Brennah Wahweotten and Pam Knoxsah.

Mark your calendar!

September 28  
September 29  
October 8  
October 10

PBP Government Offices closed: American Indian Day  
American Indian Day pow-wow, Prairie Peoples Park  
PBP Government Offices closed: Employee Appreciation Day  
Special Tribal Council chairperson/per capita election





## Candidates for chair in upcoming special Tribal Council election -per capita increase referendum question also on the ballot



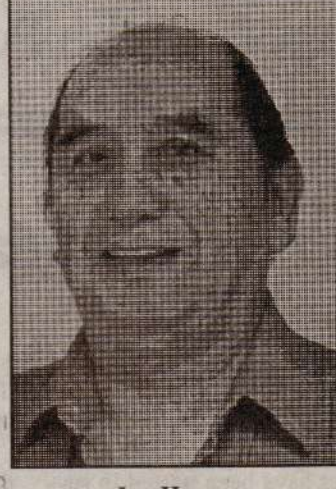
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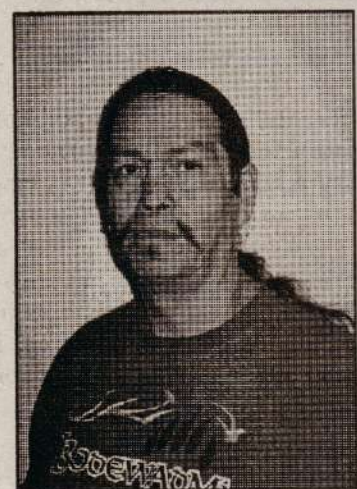
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Eddie Joe Mitchell



Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)



Mamie (Wahwasuck)  
Rupnicki



Sonny J. Shoptese



Tony Wahweotten



**Exercise  
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election**

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of information.**

Per Capita question as it will appear on the ballot

Exhibit A

In accordance with Article IX, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Referendum

Question:

Should per capita distributions to tribal members be increased from 30 % to 48% of net gaming revenue?

YES

NO

A YES VOTE would require amendment of the Tribal Per Capita Ordinance to increase the per capita distributions by 18% from 30% to 48% of net gaming revenue. A yes vote would also require the reduction by 18% of the other revenue allocation categories (tribal government operations and programs, economic development, charitable contributions and tribal general welfare). A NO VOTE would not require amendment of the Per Capita Ordinance, and the allocation percentage would remain 30% for per capita distributions.

## Special Election Tribal Council Highlights and Candidate Profiles

**Election Day  
October 10, 9.a.m.**

**Ballots will be tabulated results reported in an open meeting for Tribal Members by Election Board  
at old stone community building on reservation**

**Editor's Note:** Below are the profiles of Tribal Council candidates who are running in the Tribal Council election to be held on October 10, 2007. One (1) member of the Tribal Council which is the Chairperson will be elected. The term of office for this position will fill the duration of term to July 2010. Each candidate listed provided their own profile to the *News* or through the Election Office. The first submission will be the only one used and no changes will be accepted after publication. In the interest of fairness to all candidates and because the *News* does not have paid advertising, no political advertising will be accepted.

### Tribal Council Chair Person (vote for one (1))

#### Blake Garrison

Greetings! I am Blake Garrison; I am a candidate for the Tribal Council Chairperson. Son of Carole Masquat Garrison and the late Edward Garrison. Currently residing in Hoyt, Kan. with my wife Audria and our five children. We moved here from East Hartford, Conn. in 1999, shortly after graduating from Data Institute for Computer Electronics. We have lived on and around our Reservation ever since. I have been employed with our casino for the past eight years, starting in the Information Technology department where I became familiar with the casino systems, such as, SDS, LMS and CMS. After a year and a half I transferred to the Slot Performance department as a Slot Technician to expand my knowledge. I then acquired many new skills that consisted of troubleshooting, networking and setting up slot machines. During our vigorous transition I also assisted in the completion of changing over the new Advantage systems. I have taken part in many conversions, expansion and most recently our transition.

**"What Matters!"** When a person asks me what matters I respond with many issues. What matters to me is-

- Building a Promising Future
- To Tell the Truth
- Thinking Outside the Box
- Talking/ Communicating
- Accountability and Consistency

The business of our Nation must move forward! These are all priceless assets when moving forward.

**"When moving forward let's have..."Successful Change-** We need effective communication from our leaders in order to gain full and active support from our Nation. We need member ship involvement when dealing with issues in order to succeed. We need organized planning

for our future, with consistency when dealing with these issues. Most of all a widespread need for positive change!

**Positive Leadership-** We need to establish a clear and concise vision that will lead our Nation to success. We need to recognize the issues facing the Nation, be honest and trustworthy with members of our Nation. We need to solicit feedback from our membership and value their input. Most importantly we need structure amongst our leadership!

**Values-** We need the value of support, the value of trust, the value of compassion, the value of service, the values of integrity and the values of competence! These are qualities needed for effective leaders.

I believe one of the best attributes one can have is the ability to lead. One of the most important traits to have is to put your reputation on your convictions. For one, it shows strength of character. Secondly, it shows you are willing to take your ideas or the accepted ideas of others and run with them. The biggest skill is the ability to listen. Without this skill nothing else you do would really matter.

We must have the ability as a Nation to think outside the box. We need a leadership that can make wise decisions that will meet our challenges head on! Without the right nurturing we could plunge. I believe I am that leader that can meet all of these challenges as your Tribal Chairman. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming Prairie Band Chairperson Election.

Thank you,

Blake Garrison





## Chago Hale

Hello everyone!

Recently I was asked, "WHO AM I?"

My name is Chago Hale.

I am a proud husband and father, and older brother to some really great younger brothers and a son to my wonderful mother, Laverne Hale and respected father, Joe Hale. I come from a caring family from both my mother and father's families. My family has taught me the traditional ways that we have been blessed to have as Potawatomi people. I truly believe in our traditional ways. These beliefs have life long lessons that show us how to live and how to take care of our people.

I have grown up here on the reservation most of my life. I have had the blessing to learn from many elders and others that are not related to me, but seem like they are because I have grown up here so close to many people. Through this, I have learned that things can't be done alone; we need EACH OTHER as a whole for things to work in a positive manner.

My education is from Haskell University and I have also been educated with the wonderful trade of massage therapy. This trade has taught me how to help people in a positive way. Also this trade has

taught me the structure of business and how trial and error make an excellent way to learn how the business world works.

I have a very strong belief, that we, as a Nation, can work together and make things good for all of our people, from our babies to our elders. Not just here on our reservation, but for all Potawatomi people all over this country. I have had many good people to listen to and learn from their teachings that we need to listen to each other and help each other. This is how I live my life and I am here for our people even if not elected, I am here to help in any way I can. We are not all related, but as a Nation, we are one big family and I will always believe that way.

Together we can make the businesses we have even better! We have the ability to grow strong in the business world. We have so many knowledgeable tribal members who have the skills to help our Nation. These are the people we need to be in charge of our businesses, "OUR OWN PEOPLE!" I truly believe that we can make this happen.

I would appreciate your vote for TRIBAL CHAIRMAN in October. I would like to wish every one the best and thank you for your time.

Chago Hale

## Tamara (Tami) McClammy

*"The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." – Albert Einstein*

Hello,

My name is Tamara (Wah-sesh-mo-quah) Lewis McClammy. I am the daughter of Charles A. (Magnauck) Lewis and the late Christine Lewis. My grandparents are the late Joseph Lewis and Constance (Jessepe) Lewis. I am married to Will McClammy and we are the proud parents of three beautiful girls Ashley, Courtney and Stephanie. I am asking for your support in the upcoming Chairperson election.

My educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Washburn University, and a master's degree in Business Management, Baker University. I am currently employed with the PBP Gaming Commission. My reason for filing my candidacy is simple; I have a vested interest in the tribe's success in all of its endeavors and want to be an active component in that facet. I pride myself on being an objective, fair minded individual. I have never been swayed by the popular contention. Instead, I rely on my own morals and convictions to guide me in my decisions. I have always taken a systematic approach when making a decision. I weigh all options and look at "what" the problem is

and not "who" it is.

I believe we can continue the success the tribe has seen with our current self sufficient attainment of our casino. I continue to support Indian Preference in upper management. I believe that tribal employees are a key ingredient in the continued success of our gaming interests and should be given the proper tools to develop. I am an advocate for full disclosure on all issues in regard to current business ventures, future acquisitions, and financial holdings. I encourage economic development for Indian-owned businesses on the reservation as a way to provide a stable economy for the surrounding area. I also support franchising with outside businesses to assure that we are not solely relying on the current trend in gaming to continue. I assure that the expenditures will be administered with the utmost discretion. I believe that the annual tribal operating budgets should reflect anticipated revenues and expenditures for the FY and made available to general council.

In conclusion, accountability will be a priority, I firmly believe in a "full day's work" to earn a "full day's dollar", and if elected I will be at the disposal of all tribal member concerns at any time asked. Thank you and please exercise your right to vote in the upcoming election.

## Jay Herman Mattwaoshshe

No profile submitted.

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## Joseph A. (LeClere) Mendez

We the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation now have the opportunity to take back the government of the people and its people and it's Constitution, which we have so long allowed to let go of ourselves into the hands of a few of seven. The "Magnificent Seven" will and should now be the General Council.

I, Joseph A. (LeClere) Mendez, member of this Nation am just as much at fault for allowing my internal sovereignty to a group of seven. Therefore, I appeal by declaring my candidacy for the position of chairman of this Nation. I ask, you the citizen, for the opportunity to represent you in returning open representation and knowledgeable government back to its people, for which you all voted, deserved and expect...take back...YOUR CONSTITUTION!

Working since 1999 for the Nation, I have witnessed the government interactions and lack of actions and have remained independent of one's judgments, considerations, loyalties, and operations, why? – because, not once was I asked.

Serving as chair, one remains an employee, a servant of the people and its Nation. My scruples do not serve or cater to individuals, groups, agendas, or councils, but rather will be responsible to the representative body – the membership, the citizens of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

I call upon you as a Nation through out this Nation, not just Mayetta, Jackson County, or Kansas, but all its citizens to take back what is YOURS – GOVERNMENT which YOU STAND TO PROTECT! Help yourselves to employ good and clean government by being involved; speak, act, write, rejuvenate yourselves as Generals so that we return as the COUNCIL...the policy makers; the BUSINESS CEO's – No being of the controller of its citizens as we are now.

Win or lose I continue to be a loyal employee by performing the duties as entrusted as Procurement Officer of the Nation to which your dollars we approve are worthy of their expenditure. I will continue, if elected, as an employee of Council to be responsible, without attitude, isolation in shutting off its citizens – making sure through all possible media that they are aware of the good, social, and general welfare as the Constitution dictates in promoting harmony.

Finally, we, the citizens of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, are the governing body of the Constitution as it states, therefore, we should assume the responsibility as allowed...direct exercise of power! KNOW that GENERAL COUNCIL SHALL have DIRECT EXERCISE of non-delegated powers and shall legislate....as a whole Nation...not by one – three, or seven!!

Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at Mendez@giantcomm.net.

## Eddie Joe Mitchell

My name is Edward J. Mitchell, I am known as Eddie Joe. I have lived on the Potawatomi reservation most of my life. I traveled around but this has always been my home. I am married to Mary Wabnum Mitchell. We have four children, Hattie, Joe, William and Mishan. All of them are in college. Family is very important to me. My home has been opened to many. I am alcohol and drug free.

I have an associate of art's degree in liberal arts from Haskell. My major was journalism. I attended Washburn University and am three hours short of my bachelor's degree. I majored in Communication Arts and English. My studies have given me strong communication skills.

I decided to run for chairman because of the old saying that if you aren't part of the solution, you are part of the problem. I was told that if I cared for our people, do something. I care enough to help whenever I can. I have helped many people, and will continue to do so.

I have demonstrated my leadership skills in our traditional ways. I have been active in them for the past 30 years. I have attained many positions of leadership because of my dependability and knowledge. I have become educated in both of the worlds that we live in. I possess knowledge of our history, language, genealogy and culture. I believe I can serve the Prairie Band because of my leadership skills

and my dependability.

One complaint is the lack of information. I hope to open lines of communication. We should have an updated tribal website. Information can be disseminated instantly. I will be available to talk and listen to tribal members at the government center as well as out in the community, if elected. Leaders have the ability to listen to people. Input from our people is necessary to grow. We should know what is happening in our tribe.

The management of the tribe is already in place. We have employees that have the expertise to run the tribe. They will be a great help to whoever is elected. Our programs should be kept running smoothly. No one can please everyone but there should be fairness in how services are administrated. More people should benefit from our assets. I believe in fairness. All of our programs should be accountable to the people. They exist for our benefit.

I would appreciate your vote and support. I feel the strongest leader we have is all of our people acting together. The chairman is but one person, it takes all of us to make a tribe.

## Mamie (Wahwasuck) Rupnicki

No profile submitted





## Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)

Over the next 18 to 36 months the PBPB will be facing daunting challenges beginning with an increase in competition within the Kansas gaming arena. Currently the four tribes in Kansas compete against the 10,000+ slot machines in the Kansas City, Mo. area. However with the passage of expanded Kansas gaming the PBPB will face another 6,000 to 8,000 slot machines attached to resort style casinos ranging in cost from 200 million to \$260 million each to build. There is also the possibility of another Indian casino in Kansas City, Kan. adding potentially another 1,000 slots and expansion of an Indian casino north of PBPB Casino with 200 to 300 more slots. Our environment will be changing and we, as the PBPB, need to be ready to meet this competitive environment. We need to continue to develop the PBPB Casino into a world class casino drawing players willing to play to maximum amounts and offering them amenities they desire in order to get them to return. Also, we need to develop markets other than the Kansas City area to grow our business. Some look to Shabeynay as an ace in the hole and it is but with a price tag initially starting out at \$25 million to build a Class II facility and progressing to a \$250 to \$300 million project as presented to General Council awhile back. How will we finance this huge sum of money? At this point the PBPB has not been able to develop a partnership with any venture capital group to put forth the capital to fund Shabeynay without an excessive loan charge. Venture groups are hesitant to commit even with the letter from the Department of Interior on the land claim. Shabeynay was designed to be a self-sustaining project able to pay for all costs plus contribute to the PBPB in Kansas by itself. The PBPB current investment of \$63,000+/acre makes this a project to be dealt with. Impact of what I have just mentioned will impact all PBPB members both on and off the reservation and all of the PBPB programs. We need to begin a discussion in General Council as to how best for Tribal Council to meet this challenge and set priorities to provide services to the PBPB membership and succeed in the end. The preamble of our Constitution can be the guiding tool to set our priorities. At last count the PBPB maintains 101 budgets and another impact to the funding of these budgets lies with the mail out vote to increase per capita to 48%. My opinion on this matter is it is up to the PBPB membership to say what they want through this vote and the Tribal Council's role is to manage the outcome and plan budgets accordingly providing as many services as reasonable with the income available. Lastly, after having sat along side five chair's (MR,GM,BW,ZP,TS), I have come to learn what will reasonably work and will not work and understand cooperation, communication and Tribal Council approval is the key for Tribal Council members to move forward in the same direction. I will have no other job than that as the chair during my term if elected.

*What I have to offer is Experience, Knowledge and Cooperation.*

I can be contacted at [steveo131@juno.com](mailto:steveo131@juno.com)

### Personal:

Age 55, Married (34 years), 2 adult Children, Wolf Clan,  
Grandchild of Dewy M'Jessepe (Ga-kee-kaw-bah) "Bad Boy" and  
Minnie M'Jessepe (Sho-wak-e-yah) Eagle Clan and son of Laura  
M'Jessepe-Ortiz (Pshuck-to-quah) Thunder Clan.

### Experience:

Bachelor's of Business Administration, Washburn University, Topeka, Kan.  
Honorable Discharges from United States Marine Corps and United States Army Reserves. Life member of We-Ta-Se and served on Color and Honor Guard services  
22 years management experience in the corporate world's of IBM, Kansas Power & Light, and Hallmark Cards, Inc.  
Experience of understanding constitutional issues and the constitutional role of the chair.  
8 years experience (1998-2006) as Secretary for the PBPB, prepared Tribal Council meeting minutes and General Council summary for approval  
Served as past president of the Three tribes (PBPB, Sac & Fox, Iowa's) Health Board  
Served as Secretary of the PBPB Health Board  
Served as a member of the Oklahoma City Inter-Tribal Health Board  
Served as Secretary of the PBPB Housing Board  
Served as Secretary of the PBPB Utility Corporation  
Served as a member of the National Indian Gaming Commission Task Force on Health & Safety in Indian Casinos  
Served as PBPB Alternate Delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association  
Served as PBPB Alternate Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians  
Worked with and communicated with the PBPB Gaming Commission on fulfilling their mission to protect the integrity of our games, protect the assets and keep the criminal element out of our gaming operation.

## Sonny J. Shoptese

Bo'Sho Ni' Kon,

My name is Sonny Joseph Shoptese, I am 45 years old and an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I'm also Sac & Fox and Crow Creek Sioux. My parents are Peter Joseph Shoptese, Jr. (deceased), of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, and my mother is Kathleen Mae (Ross) Pamoni of the Crow Creek Sioux Nation. My grandmother is Eunice Teresa (Green) Shoptese (deceased) and my grandfather is Peter Joseph Shoptese Sr. (deceased) who were both enrolled members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. My great-grandmother was Mary Jessepe-Green and my great grandfather was Tom Greene.

I have been happily married to Nancy Lue-Shoptese for the past 10 years and we live in Topeka, Kan. I have three children, Traci, Teresa, and Camoran from a previous marriage and three step-children, Nathan, Joey and Angel Tevebaugh. I have four grandchildren, Emilynn, Haven, Royce and Preston and two step-grandchildren, Jerica and Braylen.

Some of my professional experiences include managerial skills as well as leadership skills which are used mainly within my military career today. I have been placed in numerous leadership positions and have worked well with others in figuring out how to resolve issues pertaining to decision making matters. I have also been an instructor in most of these management and leadership areas and taught the basic leadership skills to younger military personnel in order to prepare them for leadership roles. I have been a part of helping bring effective relations between the Iraqi national government and coalition forces in several locations of Iraq which helped me develop diplomacy and negotiating skills. In short, everything that I have been a part of in civilian and military life deals with the development and expansion of my leadership and management abilities.

I attended Royal Valley High School in Hoyt, Kan. and Seaman High School in Topeka, Kan. I attended Washburn University in the fall of 2001 with the support of my wife and in 2003 received my Associate of Art's degree. I graduated from Washburn University in August, 2005 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. I also have received certificates of completion in military schools and received training for leadership and managerial skills which I continue to use today.

My enlistment into the military began in 1980 with the Kansas National Guard in Holton, Kan. until 1993 when I decided to extend into active service. During my active duty status, I was stationed

## Tony Wahweotten

To members of the Nation,

I began to work when I was young, mowing yards, shoveling snow and helping my dad paint on weekends. Starting to work at an early age helped me to create a strong work ethic. I graduated from Royal Valley in 1984. At that time, I went to work for the U.S.D.A. as a Field Office Engineering Technician for six years where I learned survey and design techniques. My father and I created 1st Nation Painting which was founded in 1996. This is a successful sub-contracting business which operates in approximately a 100-mile radius of the reservation. In addition, I have been taught great respect for all of our resources through hunting, fishing and gathering from our lands. I have over 15 years of experience sitting on committees and working for our tribe. My business knowledge and life experience makes me a very capable chairperson for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

In addition, I have served on our tribal zoning committee for the past twelve years. I was nominated and voted to serve as chairman for the last two terms on the tribal zoning committee. I was asked to participate and soon after was elected as a board member to the land management committee where I have served for the last four years, at times as acting Chair.

I have lived both on the reservation and off the reservation in the surrounding areas of Mayetta, Hoyt and Topeka all of my life. Raised by a strong family, I acquired the knowledge needed to function well in both our traditional and contemporary worlds. I am invested and active in both. I am a healthy, non-smoking full-blooded Prairie Band Potawatomi.

My father is Ronald Wahweotten, son of Ray Wahweotten and Elsie Wahwahsuck-Wahweotten. My mother is LaVeda Wahweotten, daughter of Charles Thomas and Lillian Shoptese-Thomas. I'm married to Angela Greemore-Wahweotten and we share two beautiful children, Brennah and Zach. I also have a wonderful daughter, Chaumin. We have been in our current residence in Mayetta for 14 years.

Worked with banking and financial institutions doing business with the PBPB. Also attended financial planning sessions offered by these institutions.

Worked with both Skyline and Liberty Alliances on the Shabeynay project

Worked with tribal lobbyist at the State level and Washington D.C level

Developing a working relationship with the Regional Federal director appointed by the president on sharing grant information to Tribes through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which Indian Health Services and childcare services area part of.

**Knowledge:** Over the past eight years developed a working knowledge of the following agreements and relationships

Knowledgeable of PBPB agreement with Liberty Alliances concerning the Shabeynay project.

Understanding of the line of credit the PBPB has with banking institution and its ramifications to the Nation.

Understanding of the Self-Governance Agreement the PBPB has with Indian Health Service concerning health-care and dental.

Understanding of the Older Americans Act, USDA Commodities Program, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services concerning Early Head Start, Head Start and Childcare Development Fund Grant.

Understanding of National Indian Gaming Commission rules on Class II and Class III gaming. Also and understanding of Johnson Act as it relates to gaming machines being transported and the issues that may arise. An understanding of the on-going issues of the N.I.G.C. issues concerning class II gaming machines which could impact Shabeynay.

Understanding of Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, HUD programs and Raymond James Home funding program used by the PBPB. Also experience with tribal national programs for under and over income members needing a home loan or improvement grant.

Experience of working with Harrah's Entertainment on casino operational costs management, casino hold percent and profitability, marketing programs, cost/benefit return analysis of marketing programs and cost / return analysis for reaching out to new customers, customer satisfaction analysis, Customer amenities issues, employee issues and potential union organizing issues.

### Cooperation:

Eight years of understanding how cooperation is important between the chair and Tribal Council to fulfill the requests of the General Council that pass by majority vote.

Work to cooperate with tribal program directors and employees to bring costs under control. Over the past nine years the Tribal Councils focused on infrastructure development and now we need to focus on maintenance of the infrastructure that was built.

Cooperate in determining at what levels tribal programs will be funded at with income available.

Cooperation will be needed to develop a program to employ more tribal members and train them.

Cooperation between the chair and Tribal Council to ensure our heritages of religions, language and customs are preserved per the Constitution.

Cooperation to ensure our healthcare is adequate to provide emergency services, routine health and dental care, and adequate law enforcement. Perhaps casino management should provide security for the gaming operation and use tribal police on an as needed basis in the casino operation.

Cooperation with the PBPB Gaming Commission, PBPB Casino Board, and Tribal Council so as not interrupt the operation of the casino and keep the casino in compliance with National Indian Gaming Commission rules for Class III gaming and Kansas Gaming Compact. Also cooperation with PBPB Gaming Commission, PBPB Casino Board, and Tribal Council to operate Class II gaming in Illinois.

### Short Term Goals to work with Tribal Council on:

Increase the PBPB tribal government cash reserves and increase the casino cash reserves that were depleted by transition costs and purchase of Shabeynay land.

Revisit the salary pay range for tribal government pay grades 1 thru 6.

Maintain a working and positive relationship with the DeKalb County Commissioners.

Increasing capacity at the Childcare Center to handle another 70 to 90 children that are on the waiting list.

Completion of paving the road to the Snows Church which was on the original road plan approved by Tribal Council but not completed as of yet.

Work to seek investors for funding the Shabeynay gaming project so the PBPB does not have to take on additional debt.

Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)

with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. Upon leaving active duty, I had a six-year break in service and re-enlisted in the Kansas Army National Guard with Alpha Company 2/137<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion in Lawrence, Kan. In September, 2005, I received my mobilization orders for active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom receiving training in Fort Sill, Okla., the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif. and additional training in Richmond Va. before departing for Kuwait and then on into Iraq for a one-year deployment. During my tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom and throughout my military career I have received 16 separate and distinct commendations and/or awards which involved leadership ability and the ability to teach and train others in these same abilities. I have also been fortunate enough to be named as an honorary police officer in one of the Iraqi cities along with other members of our team.

I am currently serving the end of my 18<sup>th</sup> year as a sergeant with the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Headquarters/Operations Center. I am a life member of We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 and the local V.F.W. post located in Lawrence, Kan.

As your tribal chairperson, I will do everything within my ability to work with other tribal council and tribal members on issues that really matter in our government system. I will also address the issues that we, as a sovereign nation, need to address so that we can continue pursuing our path of independence and self sufficiency. I will listen to those who bring up important issues that affect the tribe as a whole and, to the best of my ability, set forth to address those important issues. I will not make promises that can't be kept on issues but I will represent the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation with dignity, pride and keep the utmost respect for our people in a fair and uniform manner. Leadership is what the tribe is looking for in our next chairperson and I will do my best to perform the duties as your leader. As a candidate for chairperson, your vote would be greatly appreciated in our upcoming special election to fill this vacancy. Thank you and I hope to see a good voter turnout, so please get out there and cast your vote. May the Creator bless and care for you and your families.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonny J. Shoptese (Wah-Sah-Toe)

Since 1996, 1st Nation Painting, Inc. has completed contracts on the Elder Center, the PBPB Childcare and Head Start, the Government Center, the Fire Station, the Tribal Court, the Bingo Hall, the Community building, and the Casino (existing and the new expansion) just to name a few of our projects with the Nation in the last eight years. My business management skills, time management abilities, and self-sufficiency have been developed through many years of hard work. Once elected into the office of chairperson on our Tribal Council, my wife, Angela, and staff will continue to run our business. I will surrender the duties I currently perform in my company.

My interest in running for Tribal Council has come from being involved with the Nation in various business endeavors, meetings, committee work, my own personal experience and my belief that Indian Country is in a time of change that will affect our future well-being. I have earned a reputation for being fair, honest, having solid ethical standards and being able to make sound decisions quickly.

We need a strong communicator, a person with proven people skills and values based in honor, ethics and morals. I fit those criteria.

With your support, I will do my best in representing our Nation. My e-mail address is rawahoo@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Tony Wahweotten





## FIRE DEPARTMENT BRIEF



FOR THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN  
JULY 13, 2007 - AUGUST 14, 2007  
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED  
TO THE FOLLOWING ALARMS:

On 8-12-07 at 10:00 a.m. units responded to 10405 S Rd. for a structure fire at that location. Units provided manpower and apparatus for a mutual-aid response with Hoyt Fire Department.

On 8-17-07 at 11:39 p.m. units responded to 11200 198<sup>th</sup> Rd. for a hay bale fire. Units arrived to find approximately 120 large round bales fully involved. Fire was contained to area of origin. All hay bales were consumed by the fire. Estimated loss of \$6,000. Cause of the fire was determined to be arson. If anyone has information regarding this fire you may contact the Jackson County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or WE-TIP at 1-800-47-ARSON, you might be eligible for a cash reward.

On 8-18-07 at 4:23 p.m. units responded to 16185 O Rd. for a grass fire in a wooded area. Cause of the fire was from a lightning strike. Fire was contained and extinguished. No property loss reported.

On 8-21-07 at 4:00 p.m. units responded to the intersection of 158<sup>th</sup> Rd. and C Rd. for a motor vehicle accident. Units arrived to find a one vehicle roll-over accident. The driver of the vehicle was transported to a local area hospital.

On 8-28-07 at 12:18 a.m. units responded to 16087 L.4 Ln. for a dumpster fire. Units arrived on scene to find two of the three dumpsters for the cluster fully involved. Fire was extinguished using a water foam solution. Fire was contained to the dumpsters.

On 8-31-07 at 3:03 p.m. units responded to 12200 M Rd. for an out of control burn. Units arrived to find 20 acres of wheat stubble burning. Automatic mutual aid was received from area departments. Fire was contained to affected area and extinguished without further fire spread. No property loss reported.

On 9-8-07 at 9:18 a.m. units responded to the intersection of 174<sup>th</sup> Rd. and O Rd. for a motor vehicle accident. Units arrived to find three un-restrained occupants who had been involved in a roll over accident. Occupants were transported to a local area hospital.

On 9-12-07 at 1:40 p.m. units responded to D and 118<sup>th</sup> Rd. for a structure fire. Units provided automatic mutual aid with the Delia Fire Department. Delia Fire initial engine company advised they had found a fully involved shed on fire. The structure had already partially collapsed. Incoming units provided exposure protection and water supply for Delia Fire. The fire was contained to the structure of origin. The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Fire Marshall's Office.

### Public Assist:

On 7-14-07 at 9:43 a.m. units responded to a lockout situation at 8750 Buffalo Dr. to assist homeowner who was locked out of residence.

On 8-30-07 at 7:00 p.m. units responded to a lockout situation at 16087 L.4 Ln. from owner's vehicle.

### Calls to Prairie Band Casino & Resort:

Fire Alarm - 5  
Standby Event - 5  
EMS Calls - 21

### Other Alarms:

EMS Calls - 33  
Medical Assists - 156  
Lifeline Alarms - 2  
Good-Intent Call - 38  
Standby Alarm - 0  
Fire Alarms - 0

### Special Training:

**KANSAS FIRE SERVICE TRAINING** Members of the department attended fire service training

provided by the University of Kansas Fire Training Institute. Courses offered for the fire departments were: Fire Officer II course - This course is the second step in officer training following the Officer I course. Teaching students to be prepared to assume the responsibilities of the company officer. KU also offered the Instructor I course, designed to teach students how to be a successful and motivational teacher of firefighting skills to members of the fire service.



The above photo shows a live house burn at McCauley's on 158 Rd. taken May 13, 2006.

Each shift has been conducting live burn training in acquired structures on the reservation. Live fire training conducted in suitable buildings available for demolition provides the realism missing in other types of training. The sights, sounds and sensations the trainee experiences are real. While this level of realism provides excellent training, it obviously carries with it most of the hazards of interior firefighting at an actual emergency.



Several members of the department have been deployed to several active wild land fires around the nation this summer. Crews have been sent to Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and Florida.

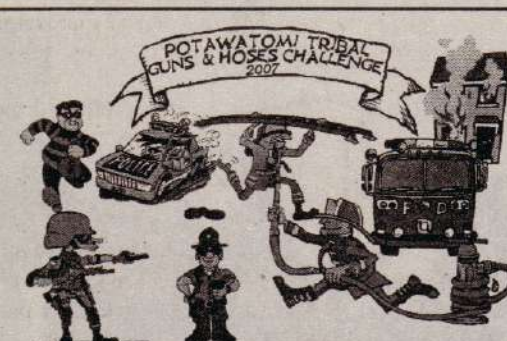


"Practice Your Escape Plan!" is the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2007, October 7-13.

It's not enough to have a home fire escape plan. To escape safely, you've got to make sure that everyone in the home has practiced the plan. According to a National Fire Protection Association poll, the majority of Americans have a fire escape plan, but most haven't practiced it. From October 7-13, fire safety advocates will be spreading the word that when it comes to escape plans, practice is key. We've got lots of information to help you teach others how to escape safely in the event of a home fire. So take the time during fire prevention week to practice your family's fire escape plan. We want those we love to be prepared!

Don't forget to practice your escape plan this October, during Fire Prevention Week! Have a safe and enjoyable fall season!

From the PTFD



### Potawatomi Fire & Police Department's Tribal Guns and Hoses Challenge

Put your skills to the test  
Now forming teams!

Registration: noon  
Challenge: 1-5 p.m.

- obstacle course
- tug of war
- other fun activities

• EMS and Law Enforcement pros will also be on hand for questions about their professions

Call

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785.966.2164

or

Rebekah Jones, Police Dept.  
785.966.3024

## Welcome once again to the happenings of the Language Department

By Sydney VanZile

We have been busy the last couple of months with attending the Potawatomi Language Conference and the Gathering. We are also in the last month of our administration for Native American Language Grant (ANA).

The Language Conference was hosted by Forest County Potawatomi with Mike Alloway as the coordinator. He did an excellent job in organizing and getting input from all the bands or individuals in showcasing their programs or individual work and what they are accomplishing. Hannahville has accomplished a lot with computer technology and language in their tribal school. It was fun playing their games and seeing the outcome. Forest County has also developed an animated interactive video with the language and is in the final completion stages of completion. Our department provided an update on our ANA grant and the Bay Mills speakers were there to show an example of immersion methodology and to answer any questions. Overall, there was a nice variety of workshops for everyone to enjoy.

While attending the Gathering, there was a language tent provided by Forest County for all of the bands to share their language accomplishments with others. We had a game that we played matching pictures with pre-recorded language descriptions of the pictures. It was enjoyed by all.

Included are some pictures from the conference and Gathering. We have also included a picture from our last immersion session with two of our instructors, Rhonda Hopkins and Patricia Osawamick. They have provided immeasurable help in our revitalization effort.

### Photos from the Language Conference and Gathering



Above (standing): Language instructor.



Above: Tribal members at the Gathering.



Left: Immersion instructors (l-r): Rhonda Hopkins and Patricia Osawamick completed their immersion component September 9.

Not in the photo, Barbara Nolan and John Paul Montano were scheduled to finalize the instructor training component and the immersion component the last weekend of September. The classes were provided by Bay Mills Community College November 15, 2005 through September 30, 2007.

## Childcare celebrates Grandparents Day



Hedy Noland, above, has her hands full feeding two of the infants at lunch time at the Child Care Center on September 7; a luncheon for the grandparents was also scheduled at the Center.

## Red Ribbon Week: October 22-26 PBPB: Red Ribbon week activities

**What is Red Ribbon Week?** It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs.

**Why?** Red Ribbon Campaign was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying red ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a drug-free America.

**Who?** National Family Partnership is the sponsor of the National Red Ribbon Week Celebration.



**Monday, Oct. 22:** "Hand in hand, let's take a stand." Drug and Alcohol Program will hand out goodie bags at Child Care Center. Red hand handouts (make wall of hands poster in clinic).

**Tuesday, Oct. 23:** "Put a cap on drugs." Everyone wear a red hat or crazy hat.

**Wednesday, Oct. 24:** "Turn your back on drugs." Everyone wear your clothes backwards.

**Thursday, Oct. 25:** "Sock it drugs" and "Give drugs the slip." Everyone wear crazy socks. Everyone wear slippers.

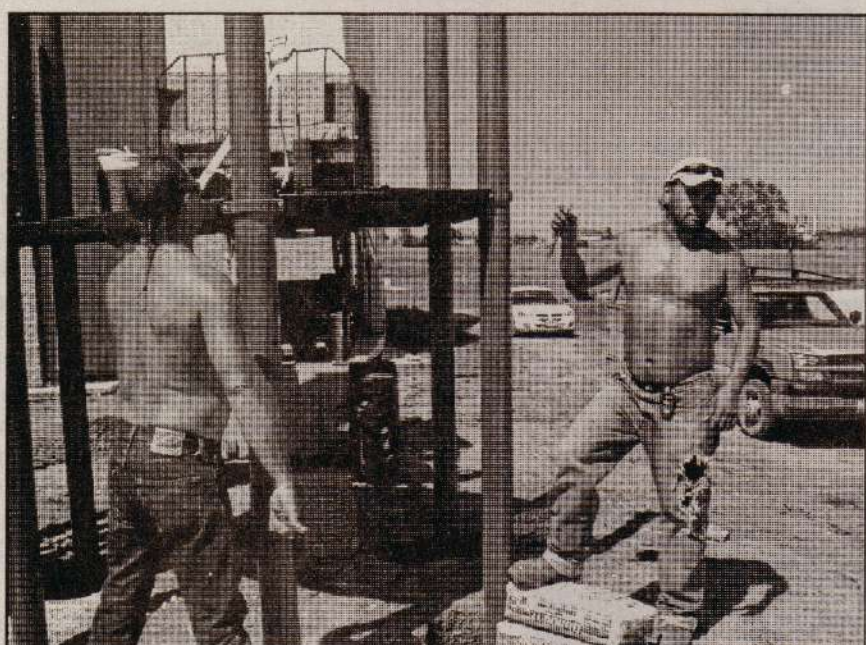
**Friday, Oct. 26:** "Red day." Everyone wear red clothes.





## Department & Program News

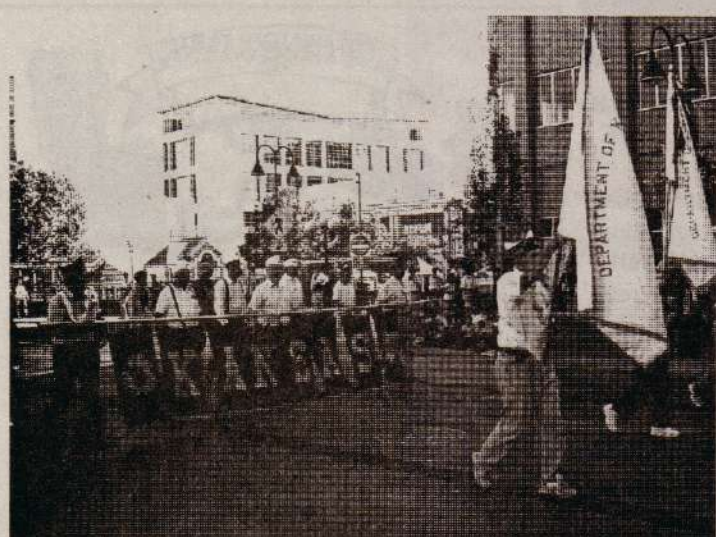
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Above seen putting up some new playground equipment behind the Boys & Girls Club are Maintenance Department workers Terry Fox (left) and Dustin Francis (right). They were working one day last August in 90-degree-plus heat when this photo was taken.



Kathy Slimmer, a social worker for the PBPB, and Myron Dunavan, a rehabilitation intake specialist for Lindhal & Santner, Inc., Topeka, conversed with each other at the PBPB's 3rd quarter vocational rehabilitation program meeting held August 16 at the casino. Meetings are held quarterly so that various social service agencies and members of the PBPB Social Service Department can get together to collaborate on improving programs in vocational rehabilitation.



The photo above shows Frank Shopteese, on the end far right, carrying the Kansas banner in the 89th American Legion National convention parade held in Reno, Nev. last month. Frank was one of the delegates from Kansas who got to see the President of the United States address the National convention on Aug. 29th. There were 10,000 American Legion members who attended the convention from Aug 22-30 2007.

Photo submitted by Frank Shopteese



Mayetta, KS

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Nov. 11 Veterans Memorial Wall  
Observance, Prairie Peoples Park  
Nov. 17-18 10th Annual Veterans Pow wow



Above is the We-Ta-Se Color Guard before the Grand Entry at the Shawnee County Allied Tribes Pow-wow held over Labor Day weekend at Lake Shawnee.

Photo submitted by Frank Shopteese

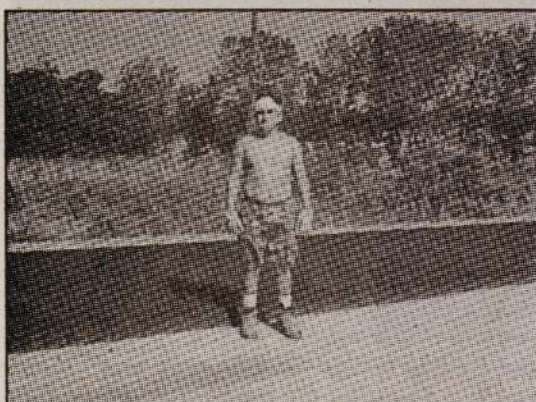


### News from the PBPB Road & Bridge Department

Submitted by Tim Ramirez, Director

The first ducks flying south in V formation I saw were the weekend of the Sac & Fox Pow-wow. The hot summer days are all but gone, cool mornings are here. There are three big projects to wrap up in this year's construction season, the overlay of 158 Rd, the I Rd project from 158 Rd to Snows Church, and the completion of the Pedestrian Bike Trail from the 2nd Cluster to the old ball park on 150 Rd.

The overlay funding for 158 Rd will come from the BIA Indian Reservation Roads fair share funding distribution formula generated by the Nation's Road Inventory. This was a BIA project built in 1997 the first blacktop road on the reservation, from US 75 Highway to K Rd, and south past the K Rd Complex for 1.2 miles for a total length of 8 miles. This will extend the life of the main road another eight to 10 years, it will be a 1 & 1/2" leveling coarse and a 1 & 1/2" final lift of asphalt, striping and shoulder rock. This will be put up for bid within the next month.



Above (left) is the late Tony Mahkuk standing on the original overlay of 158 Road and (right) shows workers in 1997 on the road with the camera facing west near the K Road intersection.

Photos submitted by Charlie Seymour



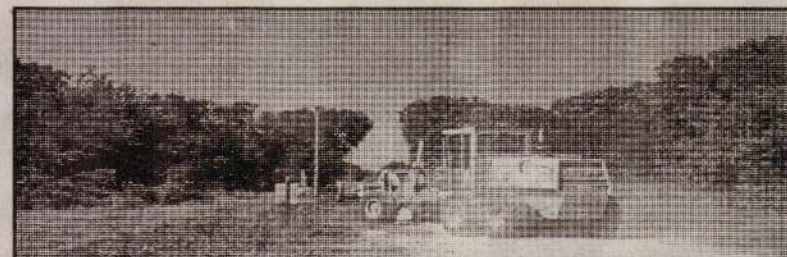
Left: The pedestrian bike trail under construction next to M Road. This photo was taken across the front entrance to Prairie People's Park facing north.

The Pedestrian Bike Trail is funded through a Kansas Department of Transportation Grant, at 85% and PBPB at 15% match, total cost is \$380,000.00. Right of Way and utilities relocation has set this project way behind schedule. A special agreement was signed between the BIA Regional Office and K-DOT for the BIA to oversee the project and all the pedestrian bridges in Prairie Peoples Park, big fill areas, and drainage tubes throughout the project are done. The stretches between these construction stations are the final part now being done. A 6 inch base of AB-3 aggregate will be put down next. The 3 foot of asphalt surface portion has already been put up for bid and

a company was chosen to perform the job. If all the activities go right it looks like by November 1st.

The Reservation Road Maintenance of 119 miles of roads still goes on during this, we have our heaven on earth right here to take care of for all our tribal members, access to the many U.S.A. Trust Allotments, Tribal Tracts and provide safe travel, farm to market for the Land program and Emergency Services.

In closing I was requested to submit testimony to a Senate Hearing in D. C. June 7 on the tribal point of view of the importance of road maintenance in the testimony. Of the many important items listed the one that hit home was traffic deaths, the names and location were listed, and of these 20 were within our boundaries, an additional 20 names died in close proximity to the reservation. These names going way back were compiled by the PBPB R&B crew and some seniors, yours and my relations.



Left: Hardy Eteeyan driving a bulldozer and clearing debris on I Rd.

Right: Road work being done on I Rd with the camera facing north.



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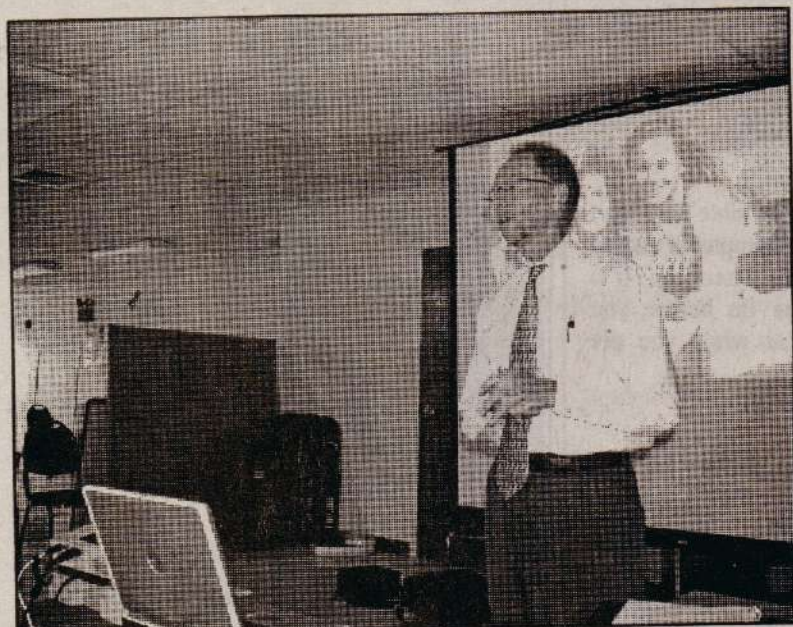
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A workshop called Credit & Debt Management was given to employees on September 13 by Keating & Associates who provide financial and insurance services to the PBP. In the photo above is Ancel Sapp, a senior advisor with Keating & Associates, who discussed credit reports and how to manage money. A morning workshop was held at the Firekeepers Elder Center and a repeat afternoon session was held at the Bingo Hall so that employees who work on the east side of the reservation could more conveniently attend. The workshop was sponsored by Human Resources.



Lori Wahwassuck is seen above being outfitted for her future duty as a member of the We-Ta-Se Color Guard. Lori is a veteran of the National Guard and is also an employee in the PBP Maintenance Department. She is the second woman to serve as a member of the Color Guard.



Mary Shopteese and Angela Emert both earned certified pharmacy technician credentials in May that designates them as being nationally recognized in the field. Angela has been working at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center since 2005 and Mary began working there in May, 2006.



Above: Putting together a puzzle looked like a relaxing way to spend an afternoon at the Elder Center not long ago. Right: Alvina LaClair (l) and Laveda Wahweotten (r) holding up some clothing that Laveda made. Laveda is well known in the community for her craftsmanship as a seamstress and has outfitted many Potawatomi with their Indian regalia.

## An afternoon at the Firekeepers Elder Center



Above is Shirley Munoz who was visiting from Sun City, Ariz. and was at the Elder Center that day. She is standing in front of a painting (top shelf) that she created and donated to the Elder Center. Shirley used to reside on the Potawatomi reservation.



Doneka Eteeyan holding her daughter before the little girl participated in the fashion show held last August at the Pathways to our Future Childhood Education Conference. Doneka is a receptionist at the Government Center.



## Proposed Amendments to the Nation's Constitution in Summary



Submitted by Angie Wahweotten

After eight (8) years, effective August 1, 2007, the six amendments to the Nation's Constitution have been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (B.I.A.).

This lengthy bureaucratic approval process, in itself, is one of the issues that have been addressed, which you will find in proposed Amendment F. In Amendment F, the Secretary of Interior is removed from our amendment process.

The Secretary of Interior will, also, be addressed by omission in Amendment D. This is mentioned because if Amendments D and F are both passed the Secretary of Interior would be completely removed from our Constitution. Removing the Secretary of Interior from our Constitution completely is different than removing the Secretary from part of our Constitution. If we remove the Secretary completely from our Constitution, we jeopardize our sovereignty.

You may ask, what happens now? The next step in this process is for the B.I.A. to conduct a Secretarial Election. A secretarial election is an issue put before tribal members to vote on. You will only be allowed a vote to accept or reject each of the six amendments if you REGISTER FOR THIS ELECTION using the VOTER REGISTRATION FORM with the B. I.A. or the PBP Election's Department. You will receive a letter and a voter registration form in the mail, soon, with complete instructions. It does not matter if you are currently registered to vote with the Nation, you MUST register for this election in order to vote on the proposed amendments.

The letter and voter registration form for the Secretarial Election may come to you while you still have your ballot for the Per Cap referendum and Chairperson.

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endum and Chairperson. Please be careful to keep these items separate!

The amendments are meant to improve the function of governing our Nation and to help our government be more reflective of Prairie Band Potawatomi people. Register and vote. Your voice through your vote is important! Following are summaries of the proposed amendments.

### AMENDMENT A

#### ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

The proposed amendment defines and creates an election process where a candidate must receive the support of at least fifty percent (50%) plus one vote of those voting or there shall be a run-off election for that position between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

This is intended to ensure candidates elected receive the support of the people.

### AMENDMENT B

#### ARTICLE VIII - ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICIALS.

A process for resolving allegations of misconduct by elected officials is created.

### AMENDMENT C

#### ARTICLE VI - DISPUTE RESOLUTION SYSTEM

Amendment C establishes a separate and independent judicial system from Tribal Council. It includes a District Court, a Court of Appeals, an Employment Disputes Tribunal and a mediating branch known as Peacemakers Cir-

cle.

### AMENDMENT D

#### ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING BODY

This amendment defines the responsibilities of both the General Council and the Tribal Council.

General Council is given the direct responsibility for oversight and regulation of the Nation's government through the ability to: expend available funds or incur debts, review, audit, and investigate allegations of misconduct by government officials in the absence of a duly constituted Ethics Commission.

Tribal Council's powers would include the responsibility for lawmaking and the Enumerated powers as approved Aug. 1, 2007. The two main differences between the current enumerated powers and the proposed enumerated powers of Tribal Council are:

1) (d) To advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates of Federal project for the benefit of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation prior to the submission of such estimates to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress; This enumerated power does not exist in the proposed amendment, thereby removing the Secretary of Interior by omission. And,

2) (i) To expend from available funds or incur debts of not more than \$500,000.00 (adjusted for inflation from the date of adoption), except in the event of an emergency when waiting until the next General Council meeting for approval may threaten the health and welfare of the Nation. This power is reflective of the ability of General Council to expend available funds or incur debts.

### AMENDMENT E

#### ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

This amendment adds the quarterly meetings requested by General Council as opposed to the annual meeting currently provided for in our Constitution.

It, also, creates a Tribal Council monthly meeting on the third Saturday of the month. This is intended to help general membership be able to attend Tribal Council meetings and be aware of current events in a timely manner.

Special Meetings, Meeting Accessibility, Quorums for General and Tribal Councils and vote requirements are addressed as well.

### AMENDMENT F

#### ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

Amendment F will replace the current article if approved. This piece removes the Secretary of Interior from our amendment process. An amendment will be brought to the Nation either by a petition signed by three hundred (300) eligible voters or upon request by a majority vote of the Tribal Council.

Next, would be an Amendment Meeting of the General Council. Once a proposed amendment is discussed and a majority of those present at the Amendment Meeting vote in favor of the proposed amendment, it would be mailed out to all eligible voters within thirty (30) days. An amendment would be considered approved if a majority voted in favor of the amendment(s).

Should an amendment fail, it could not be brought up again for six (6) months.







## September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

For more information:  
National Cancer Institute  
U.S. National Institutes of Health  
www.cancer.gov

See the online booklet "What You Need To Know About™ Prostate Cancer" to learn about prostate cancer symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and questions to ask the doctor.

## Outreach/Educator Needed

The Four Tribes Women's Wellness Coalition has a position open for an Outreach/Educator working with Native American women in Northeast Kansas. The primary focus of our organization is the education, early detection, and prevention of breast and cervical cancer. This is a part-time position with the ability to become full-time.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent, have a positive and outgoing personality, must have public speaking abilities and be able to present educational materials to groups and/or in an individual setting. Experience in Human Services is beneficial.

Please contact and send resume to:  
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Horton, KS 66439  
or call  
785-486-2996



September  
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## The flu: know the basics

Submitted by Mina Neuburger, RN CHN  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center

Influenza (commonly called the "flu") is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. The information below describes common flu symptoms, how to protect yourself and those close to you from getting the flu, and what to do if you get sick with flu-like symptoms.

### People may have different reactions to the flu

The flu can cause mild to severe illness and at times can lead to death. Although most healthy people recover from the flu without complications, some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk for serious complications from the flu.

### Be aware of common flu symptoms

Influenza usually starts suddenly and may include the following symptoms:

- Fever (usually high)
- Headache
- Tiredness (can be extreme)
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches
- Diarrhea and vomiting (more common among children than adults)

Having these symptoms does not always mean that you have the flu. Many different illnesses, including the common cold, can have similar symptoms.

### Know the risks from the flu

In some people, the flu can cause serious complications, including bacterial pneumonia, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes. Children and adults may develop sinus problems and ear infections.

### Know how the flu spreads

The flu usually spreads from person to person in respiratory droplets when people who are infected cough or sneeze. People occasionally may become infected by touching something with influenza virus on it and then touching their mouth, nose, or eyes.

Healthy adults may be able to infect others **one day** before getting symptoms and up to **five days** after getting sick. Therefore, it is possible to give someone the flu before you know you are sick as well as while you are sick.

### Protection against the flu

The single best way to protect yourself and others against influenza is to get a flu vaccination each year. Two kinds of flu vaccine are available in the United States:

- **The "flu shot"** - an inactivated vaccine (containing killed virus) that is given with a needle, usually in the arm. The flu shot is approved for use in people older than 6 months, including healthy people with chronic medical conditions.
- **The nasal-spray flu vaccine**—a vaccine made with live, weakened flu viruses that do not cause the flu (sometimes called LAIV for "live attenuated influenza vaccine"). LAIV is approved for use in healthy people 5 years to 49 years of age who are not pregnant.

October or November is the best time to get vaccinated, but you can still get vaccinated in December or later. Flu season can begin as early as October and last as late as springtime.

### Habits for good health

These steps may help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses such as the flu:

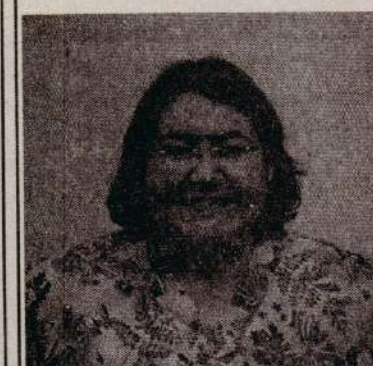
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze—throw away the tissue away after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If you are not near water, use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- If you get the flu, stay home from work, school, and social gatherings. In this way you will help prevent others from catching your illness.
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs often spread this way.

## New faces at PBPB Health Center



Barbara Bowman, Ph.D. is the clinical psychologist on staff in Social Services.

Jim Simonson, RPH is the second pharmacist on staff.



Delores Maines, Clinical Medical Assistant at the Health Center.

Jessica Youngbird, RN recently joined the nursing staff at the Health Center.



## Recipe Corner

By Mary Young

B-r-r-r, it's cold here (it's 63 degrees) since the cold front moved in and Kansas was so used to the 80s and 90s temperature readings. The drop in temperature was just a surprise, even if the calendar reads September! Football and tummy warmers coming up! For starters, try the following recipes.

### Spoon Bread or Creole Corn Bread

Submitted by Kira Young

(A recipe passed down to her from her grandmother, Mildred Hilborn)

- 1 c. white cornmeal
- 3 c. milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 3 eggs

1 pot cooked black eyed peas

Wisk 1 cup white cornmeal with 2 cups milk in a pot stirring frequently over medium high heat until it becomes the consistency of cooked oatmeal. Remove from heat. Add 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp. baking powder and 1 cup milk. Wisk until smooth. Add 3 slightly beaten egg yolks until smooth. Beat the 3 egg whites in a separate bowl with an electric hand mixer until stiff peaks form. Fold the egg whites into the corn meal mixture. Pour into a 2 quart buttered baking dish and bake at 300 degrees for about an hour until dry in the middle.

Spoon bread on a plate with a little butter on top. Then put black eyed peas that have been cooked with bacon until tender on top of the corn bread. Great northern or pinto beans can be substituted for black eyed peas. The recipe is like a corn bread soufflé.

### Asparagus and Eggs

Submitted by Mary Young

- 6 asparagus spears
- 2 eggs

- 1 garlic clove
- 1 tbs. olive oil
- Parmesan cheese
- salt and pepper (optional)

Chop garlic clove and sauté in olive oil as asparagus spears are boiling or steaming. Remove asparagus and cover with foil. Place eggs in pan with garlic and cover until done. Slide the eggs over asparagus and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

### Rice Pudding

Submitted by Elizabeth Young

Boil your water for the rice with raisins. Add the rice. When the rice is done, add milk with cinnamon and sugar. Tastes good at breakfast or after a meal.

### Hamburger and Hominy Soup

Submitted by Mary Young

- 1 lb. hamburger (lean)
- 2 cans hominy
- 1 small onion



Brown hamburger with onion. Add water (depends how soupy you desire), hamburger and hominy. Seasonings can vary according to your taste buds: salt, pepper, green chili, and/or cumin.

### Cantaloupe Crush Smoothie

Submitted by Pamela J. Ahmsaty

- 1/2 cantaloupe
- 1 cup of fat free milk
- 1 1/2 cups ice
- 1-2 teaspoons sugar (or the equivalent in artificial sweetener)

Cut cantaloupe flesh into small cubes. Place cantaloupe cubes into blender container along with milk and ice. Blend all ingredients until smooth. Sweeten to taste.

### Carmel Apple Salad

Submitted by Diane Amour

- 5 or 6 Granny Smith apples cut into cubes
- 12 oz. Cool Whip or whipped cream
- 3 oz. sugar free butterscotch pudding
- 20 oz. can of crushed pineapple

Mix whipped cream and pudding, add pineapple and apples.

## We laugh at the following but read further: obesity is not a joke—stop weight gain

You know it's time to lose weight when:

(The following was received in the News office; author unknown)

- You can't see your moccasin strings anymore.
- When you can't fit your choker cause you don't have a neck.
- When you eat Indian tacos like potato chips.
- When you can't feel the mosquito bites.
- When people mistake you for a tip when you wear white t-shirts.
- When it's necessary to lift up your stomach to show off your new beaded belt buckle.

## Did you know?

## Medical conditions associated with obesity

Courtesy of the American Obesity Association

According to the American Obesity Association, "Obesity is an independent risk factor or an aggravating agent for more than 30 medical conditions including:

- Arthritis**
  - Osteoarthritis of knee and hip
  - Rheumatoid arthritis
  - Birth defects
- Cancers**
  - Breast cancer in women
  - Breast cancer in men
  - Cancers of the esophagus and gastric cardia
  - Colorectal cancer
  - Endometrial cancer
  - Renal cell cancer
  - Cardiovascular disease
  - Carpal tunnel syndrome
  - Chronic venous insufficiency
  - Daytime sleepiness
  - Deep vein thrombosis
- End stage renal disease**
- Gallbladder disease**
- Gout**
- Heart disorders**
- Hypertension**
- Impaired Immune response**
- Impaired respiratory function**
- Infections following wounds**
- Infertility**
- Liver disease**
- Low back pain obstetric and gynecological complications**
- Pain**
- Sever acute biliary and alcoholic pancreatitis**
- Sleep apnea**
- Stroke**
- Surgical complications**
- Traumatic injuries to teeth**
- Type 2 diabetes (NIDDM)**
- Urinary stress incontinence**

## 2nd Annual Working Together for Balance Conference

### Mail registrations by October 31, 2007 to:

Steve Corbett  
PBPB Health Center  
P. O. Box 249  
Mayetta, KS 66509  
or call  
785-966-8271 Fax: 785-966-8393

### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal affiliation (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda and forms can be picked up at the health centers by October 12. Conference: November 17.





## Education and Youth News

### Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Fellow at Sequoyah Research Center graduates

Roy Boney, Jr., Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Fellow at the Sequoyah Research Center (SRC) 2005-2007, received his master's degree in art from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in May.

Boney had an impressive list of professional accomplishments during his tenure as a fellow at SRC. Among them was the selection of "Our Father," his caricature of Andrew Jackson, as the Best of the Show at the 35th annual Trail of Tears juried art show. He also completed an animated film "On a Spring Day," about Cherokee removal, with dialog in Cherokee and English subtitles. The film was shown at the International Festival of Short Films on Culture in Jaipur, India earlier this year. Boney is now completing a Muscogee (Creek) language animation film about Muscogee (Creek) removal titled "Incident at Rock Roe," scheduled for completion at the end of August. After graduation, Boney returned to Oklahoma where he works for the Cherokee Nation and teaches part time at Northeastern Oklahoma State University at Tahlequah.

The Sequoyah Research Center is located at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock and is dedicated to preserving and disseminating the written words of Native peoples. The Center provides research materials and is one of the world's largest repositories of Native thought.

**Wow! The Boys & Girls Club golf fundraiser raised over \$43,000 this year**  
**They would also like to thank all of their sponsors for their support!**

### 2007 Boys & Girls Club Golf Tournament Results

#### 1st Flight

- 1st Place Team: Kendall Construction - J.O. Hartman, Lee Williams, Mac McFarland, Pam Smith  
2nd Place Team: Bank of America - Dave Mathewson, Wes Blanton, Matt Linski, Cindy Perry  
3rd Place Team: WIBW - Mike Turner, Todd Burnett, Brandon Sorenson, Candice Sorenson

#### 2nd Flight

- 1st Place Team: Kendall Construction - H. Craig, Steve Carney, Rick Kendall, Nancy Streeter  
2nd Place Team: Liberty Alliance - Gary Mitchell, Francis Shopteese, Ryan Dyer, Jackie Mitchell  
3rd Place Team: PB Casino - Bob Bergquist, Lance Hendrickson, Chad Holtzman, Denise Marshall

#### 3rd Flight

- 1st Place Team: PBPB - Jim Darnall, BJ Darnall, Chris DeCoteau, Suzi Heck  
2nd Place Team: PB Casino - Frank Tecumseh, Mark Adame, Roman Harjo, Ruth Harjo  
3rd Place Team: Hein Law Firm - Ron Hein, David Prager, Derrick Hein, Julie Hein

- Longest Drive Men: Mac McFarland
- Longest Drive Women: Kerry Girty
- Closest to Pin Men: Brad Tindell
- Closest to Pin Women in 2 Shots: Shayla Hale
- Closest to Center Line Men: Chad Pewamo
- Closest to Center Line Women: Carol Tenpenny

## Education Department: Students share summer experiences with PBPB Study Abroad Program

### Danielle Ramirez studies in Mexico

My name is Danielle Ramirez, I am 22 years old and a senior at Bellevue University in Nebraska. I was awarded a scholarship from the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Education Department to study abroad. The country I chose was Mexico in the state of Quintana Roo. I lived in Playa del Carmen for four weeks. I chose this city because it was very close to the beautiful white sand beaches, the colorful blue ocean, very close to the ancient Mayan ruins, and not too much of a tourist city along the coast. I also went to Mexico most importantly to study Spanish and experience life in another country.

My typical week was like this: Monday through Friday I attended Spanish school from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and then walked to the beach to sun, swim and nap until I couldn't take the sun anymore. I'd then walk home to clean up and eat a meal. At night I would enjoy whatever the night would bring me, and on the weekends enjoy some of the activities that follow: visiting the ancient Mayan ruins; visiting Cozumel Island; going to salsa class, cooking class, watching movies in Spanish at school or at the theatres, and walking around the small city.

During my first week in Mexico I lived in a five-bedroom house with other foreign exchange students. My roommates were from Germany, United States, and England. Of course there were other people at my school that were also from Austria, Switzerland, and Belize. It is amazing to live in another country and meet other people from around the world. In the student house I lived within the city and it took about 20 minutes to walk to the beach and 15 minutes to walk to the school. I was fortunate to have an air conditioned bedroom in the house with days of 100 degree heat and 80 percent humidity. To eat I had to provide for myself.

After my one week of living in the big house I moved in with a host family because I was hearing more German than Spanish at the other place. My host family was really nice and made me feel real comfortable and a part of their family. They lived a little more out of the city and into a more quiet area. The family consisted of a mother and her two teenage daughters and two dogs. Unfortunately

their house was not air conditioned but the food they made was excellent. I got in a lot more exercise living farther away from the school and beach at this house but I didn't mind because exercise never hurt anyone. With all the walking I did around the city I got a super tan.

One of my most memorable experiences was my road trip to Chichenitza in the state of Yucatan. Chichenitza is now one of the Seven Wonders of the World and I got to see it. The pyramids are amazing and the area has the best preserved ancient ball playing arena. On my way there I was the only American with three girls from Germany, three couples from Italy, and two Mexican citizens. It was amazing to be with such a diverse group of people and not hear any English. I also saw the ancient ruins of Tulum that lies along the gorgeous beach and the island of Cozumel.

This was the best experience of my life! I am so grateful that I got the chance to do this. Traveling to another country shows you the differences of how your life is in America. I really appreciate my life in the U.S.A. now. We are so fortunate to have fresh drinking water from the faucets of our own homes. I have also become stronger and more independent from this trip, and I'm not as afraid of insects, because in the humid hot parts of Mexico insects are there no matter where you go and a lot bigger. For instance, in my host family house we had lizards that lived throughout the house and would crawl by your feet once in awhile or climb on the walls and ceilings by your head. To my host mother this was normal because she grew up in a house in the jungle.

It is interesting to see what is normal for different people, because that is their way of life. I'll never forget the amazing birds that also made such interesting humming noises that are not like birds chirping. Plus the kissing noises of the lizards in my room, and I'll also miss walking down the city streets and as you walk by each store you can hear different music from each one. I could of stayed in a hotel and had the luxury of air conditioning, but that is not experiencing what life is really like in Mexico. That's what studying abroad is about, getting out there and trying something new! Plus my Spanish has improved drastically.

### Gloria Starkey studies in Africa

My name is Gloria Starkey and I am currently a senior at Washburn University in Topeka, majoring in psychology. This last spring while meeting with one of my psychology professors I became interested in a study abroad opportunity. Psychology professor and animal behaviorist Dr. Joanne Altman was planning to lead ten individuals on a trip to the Montane cloud forests and jungles of Rwanda, Africa to study primate behavior. My meeting with Dr. Altman regarding my work schedule and classes gave me a chance to ask her questions about the primate expedition, which in turn pushed my curiosity even further. After some serious thinking and some researching on the internet, I decided that I wanted to try to embark on the primate expedition. In the end, I was able to make the trip to Rwanda because of the study abroad program that helps tribal members with expenses for studying abroad.

Upon arrival in Rwanda, the goal of the expedition was to study African wildlife in natural habitats. The focus of the expedition was on primates, especially two of the great apes, the mountain gorilla and the chimpanzee. An amazing thirteen species of primates call Rwanda home. Although the emphasis of the course was primate behavior, I also investigated wildlife of the standard savannahs like giraffes, elephants, and impalas to name a few. This short-term course gave a hands-on look at the different aspects of animal behavior such as social structures, ecology, predation, and adaptive survival strategies in a natural habitat.

One may wonder how psychology plays into this course because people tend to view psychology as a field that seeks to understand human behavior exclusively. However, the field of psychology applies to animal behavior as well. For example, applications of psychological research to the animal behavior field contribute to the well-being of animals and conservation efforts.

Preparing for the trip to Rwanda was exciting, educational, and a little intimidating. To prepare for the trip, I learned everything I possibly could about the country as well as the entire continent of Africa. When thinking of Rwanda, one may recall the genocide of 1994 that killed at least eight hundred thousand people in just a hundred days. Rwanda's earliest inhabitants were hunter-gatherers and farmers and cattle-raisers later joined them. Rwanda later became a colony of Belgium as a result of the Berlin Conference held in 1885. The Belgians were responsible for issuing identity cards used to identify inhabitants of Rwanda as Hutu, Tutsi, or Twa. The division of these three groups of ancient inhabitants would later play a role in the genocide of Rwandan Tutsi's. In 1956, a call for total independence and an end to Belgian occupation was issued. The fight for independence and differing political views held by Hutu and Tutsi people led to organized violence between these two groups. In April, 1994 the genocide against Tutsi people began. In three months, up to a million people were killed violently and cruelly. On July 18, 1994, the Rwandan Patriotic Front declared a ceasefire.

Before visiting Rwanda, it was imperative that I know something about the country's past and how that affects Rwanda culture today. The genocide left no citizen unaffected. Today, people are overcoming the differences from the past and proudly celebrating Rwandan culture through the arts, dance, and increased education efforts. Rwanda has achieved an incredible level of safety and security in a short amount of time. The country is still facing the problems faced by almost all countries in sub-Saharan Africa such as tension, discrimination, and poverty. The current government of Rwanda has made great strides to keep the economy stable with steady growth.

A tremendous boost to the economy of Rwanda is the promotion of mountain gorilla tourism. Today there are approximately 700 mountain gorillas remaining in the world and they reside in Rwanda as well as the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda, which both border Rwanda. The future of the mountain gorilla population is uncertain and unstable. Hunting, war and political unrest, habitat loss or modification, and disease all pose a threat to the mountain gorilla population. The highlight of this summer course was by far the mountain gorilla trek. I knew the trek to find the mountain gorillas would be tedious and challenging but well worth it.

The journey began to the Volcanoes National Park located high in the Virunga mountains, where the mountain gorilla makes its home. As if the excitement of gorilla trekking was not enough, we received a very warm welcome to the Virunga mountains from local tribal dancers. As the sun set in the mountains the tribal dancers gave us a lengthy performance highlighting their many talents. The use of drums, costumes, dance, and song gave us something to talk about as we settled in for the evening to rest up for the long hike to the gorillas the next morning.

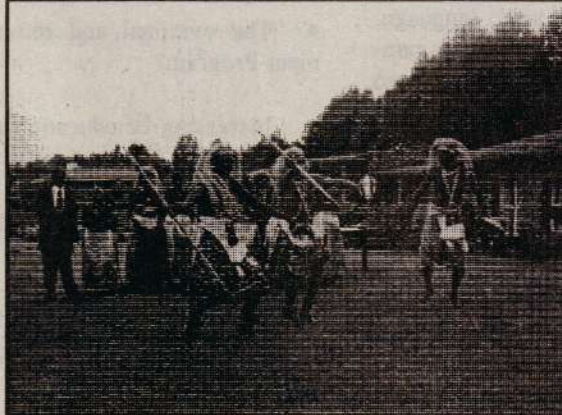
I arose at 5 a.m. to begin preparing the trek up the mountain to locate the gorilla group. As I laced up my hiking boots and packed my gear, I was praying that I was as prepared for the trek. The trek to see the mountain gorillas in the bamboo forest involves steep slopes, dense vegetation, slippery conditions, rain, and high altitude. We began the trek by walking through a local farm until we reached a wall of stones that marked the boundary between the local farms and the Volcanoes National Park. Two experienced park guides accompanied us. The park guides made getting up the slippery slopes of the mountain look easy; however, it was no walk in the park for me! Every now and then, I paused to gaze at the mist throughout the jungle.

My group trekked a family of eight mountain gorillas named the Sabinyo group. Since the Sabinyo group has exposure to humans almost daily during the trekking season, they are adapted to humans. Despite popular belief, the mountain gorilla is a gentle, peaceful creature unlike other primate species such as baboons.



Gloria Starkey

Right: Tribal dancers who live near the Virunga mountains in Africa gave a welcome dance before Gloria's trek to see the silverback gorillas.



curiosity for African culture by visiting the local craft shops, the genocide memorial and museum, and the pre-colonial King's palace. The African cuisine consisted mostly of soups, rice, and fish. As we drove to and from each national park, we passed through many local towns. By visiting this continent, I have had the chance to compare both American and Native American culture to African culture and it has been such an eye-opening experience to compare and contrast.

The visit to Rwanda has been a learning experience from start to finish. I had to obtain my first passport, endure numerous flights, convert foreign currency and even try my hand at a foreign language. All of these things contributed to my study abroad experience as well. I learned a lot about myself as well. Getting ready for the trip to Rwanda was not an easy task and at times, I became afraid of traveling so far away from home. I knew that this trip involved some risks but I knew that I needed to do this just to prove to myself that I am capable of doing things that I never imagined I could actually do. Visiting Rwanda also helped me realize simple things such as how much I like taking a hot shower and drinking clean water.

In May 2008, I will receive my B.A. in Psychology, and I am so fortunate to have had this opportunity during my collegiate career. This semester at Washburn, I will be undertaking my own independent research project and plan to involve some aspect of animal behavior in my research project. I learned many skills during the course that will aid me with my research and perhaps even in my future career.

I will forever treasure my journey to Rwanda, Africa. I appreciate the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's support of higher education and programs such as study abroad. Studying abroad has been a very rewarding experience and I encourage students who are interested to go for it, as it is such a memorable learning experience.

Although I could hear several chimps in the jungle, our group encountered only four chimps; however, we were lucky to see any at all. At Nyungwe, the track record for chimp spotting is about 70 percent sightings. We watched from the floor of the jungle as two chimps groomed each other high in the canopy.

The trip across the equator not only allowed me to study unique African animals, but it also afforded me the chance to encounter a unique African culture. We satisfied our





## Letters to the Editor/Opinions

Bozho!

I am Shaun M. Blasier V.T., a 50-year-old enrolled Prairie Band Potawatomi Indian. I enjoy our newspaper very much and look forward to receiving news from the Nation whenever I can get it. Great strides are being taken by our people and we are doing great things on the reservation and in the surrounding areas of Kansas. The "old" Elders would be proud of us as we take care of those around us.

I don't think they would approve of our quibbling about the revenue we should receive though. They did not walk the "Trail of Death" for us to act so childishly. I don't feel as if we are "owed" anything. We have what we were given by the old ones: a sense of pride in ourselves, how they helped us take back our lives and who we are as a people, our rich history (which wasn't totally squashed by a race that was stronger and very ignorant at the time). WE HAVE SURVIVED AND OVERCAME.

For many, many years we have struggled to improve our lot in life ("we" is a loose term, I was not born on the reservation). I have the pride my grandmother gave me, instilled in

me from birth. The importance of education, the ability to fight the addictions and weaknesses that are presented in daily life and the many other hazards that affect us as we grow in our changing world. I like to think we are better than the federal government, in that we will not let greed and/or corruption rule us as we have seen it happen and what our old ones tried to avoid, but couldn't.

I read the last issue of the paper and was disappointed by the lack of information about our per capita. As was said in some of the letters, I don't see much reward (except through the newspaper) because I don't live on or near the reservation. I am in Milwaukee, Wis.

By the way, OUR NATION'S NEWSPAPER IS THE GREATEST! Good Job!

This wasn't the paper's fault. I felt as if I was being treated like a child. It was uncomfortable. It reminded me of what the old elders must have felt when being talked down to by physical powers higher than themselves (the government). I know that this wasn't done purposefully by our current Tribal Council and/or administration. There was no ill intent, but I do have more questions and I think that

others do too.

This endeavor that we partook of many years ago, from the Bingo Hall to a Casino & Resort is truly amazing and we all should "break a arm" patting ourselves on our back, it was a very big group effort (considering we are spread across the United States--give a big hand to those on the reservation for taking care of all of us!!), we even made it into a major magazine and with great praises to boot. Not many other tribes could claim what our nation has accomplished. We should not lose sight of this. We also SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN OUR NATION and what we have recovered since the old ones and the Trail of Death. The hard, hurtful lessons learned and the lessons yet to be learned as we continue on with our business ventures. We must remain strong and unified as a tribe.

I was wondering why we even have to question the amount of revenue we should receive. The way I see it, we have just paid off a 10 year debt and now have more money to spend. We seem to be doing fine handling all the other affairs of the reservation with the revenue we have been getting the last 10 years. We even

managed (through some excellent management decisions) to acquire more land (Shabbona) without undue hardship on the members of the tribe. So what is the issue here? I think there is a greed thing here, but I also think we have started thinking like our federal government and it bodes ill for us if we continue. I believe the old elders would want the additional revenue to go to its members. It would greatly help the elderly, disabled and the single parents of the tribe. Especially those on fixed incomes.

There was also a comment in the newspaper about the time and cost it would be to make this decision feasible. I was reminded of our current federal government when this was said in the paper, it scared the hot air right out of me. AND IT STUNK... (just kidding: D). From what I gathered from the paper was that Harrah's received 20-40% of our revenue. Ummmm... I still don't know what the issue is about and why suddenly it is going to cost SO MUCH to enact this decision to have more of our revenue that is no longer going to Harrahs. Thanks for letting me bend your ears, hope it didn't hurt too much,

Sincerely, Ms. Shaun M Blasier, V.T.

I am in favor of the increase in the per capita payments for several reasons. I feel the revenue generated directly from the casino should go directly back to the members as a whole. Much of the membership does not live on the reservation and thus are not able to use the programs and services offered there. There also seems that a lot of money is spent to fund parties and gatherings which are continually touted in the pages of PBPB newspaper. Once again, mostly those on the reservation are the ones that get to benefit. Also, many of these parties and gatherings are held during working hours being attended by employees on the clock which means they are not doing the jobs they are hired to do. Is there accountability for these parties, ceremonies, and gatherings? If so, how much time and money is being spent?

The tribe does not need to be getting involved in any outside business ventures to try to in-

crease revenue. Before the 75 Hwy corridor is developed, shouldn't we figure out if the casino is going to even succeed? It is offensive to read about Harrah's leaving the tribe in a bad situation. It is the arrogance and greed of the Tribal Council that will lead to the casino's failure. It was hugely successful the entire time Harrah's was in charge of operations. Name recognition and being able to use the rewards and incentives available to Harrah's cardholders throughout the country is what brought people to the casino. What will draw people to our casino? I do not believe the actual revenue will ever come close to projections. Past business ventures (Nation Station, for one) are not successful and the tribe has no positive history of running a successful business. It was completely foolish to not renew contract talks with Harrah's Entertainment and I hope the membership as a whole will someday get to know exactly which way members

voted in regards to this.

Changing the revenue allocation needs to be done now while there may be money still coming in. Discontinue all charitable contributions. Spend only what is necessary for reservation infrastructure to maintain what is there now. Direct membership support services should be the main focus today and in the future. Medical care, dental care, help with burial services, and services which go directly to the entire membership is what is needed. Everything else is an extra not a necessity.

The membership started getting per capita payments about ten years ago and ten years from now they will just be a memory unless things change.

Gary E. Nelson

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August 28, 2007

A chairperson must be a representative of the Nation's members and a diplomat to the rest. We are Prairie Band before bingo and casino. Our enrollment doubled so fast that new members don't know our past or sovereignty. Now we are always thinking per capita like that's all we know. Now we are divided even more than before. Now we are talking whether your inside or out, full or mixed, who speaks and doesn't, who lived here and who didn't. Regardless of opinions it's the Nation's land that we are trying to protect because without it we would be just one of them.

The federal government has never taken care of every tribal member but allowing Nations to have casinos, our Nation has carelessly committed to that responsibility. That is the hand you are dealt. The federal government has never solved their problems with us but we accepted those services through 638 contracting. Because of inadequate federal budgets, don't let them walk away free.

Your nature must protect the land, language, people and tradition as leaders did before gaming profits hit our pockets. So with a task so diverse to plot a course we will help you pray for unity.

As Tribal Chairperson would you support:

- Updating the Constitution constantly to reflect required changes that strengthens the community, county, state and federal relations without sacrificing our tribal sovereignty?
- Amending the Constitution to allow only 1 term of 4 years for tenure of office instead of the current 2 terms of 4 years?
- Amending the Constitution to insert the quarterly meetings as law?
- Amending the Constitution to have a primary election and then a runoff of the 2 highest voted candidates?
- Withdrawing the Tribal Council Resolution PBP No. 2007-047, Civil Procedure, Title 4, As amended, Section 4-13-1. Tortious Interference with a Business or Governmental Relationship?

- The separation of powers between the Tribal Council, Administration and the Courts with the General Council (GC) being the governing body?

- The executive director specifically and program directors in general by having them be totally responsible and accountable for enforcing the everyday administrative duties, policies and job duties for each employee instead of this being a GC issue?

- Seeking line item veto power for your position because without it, you can be seen as ineffective by only conducting meetings and voting in case of a tie?

- The creation and enforcement of an ethics policy overseen by a mixture of tribal members and professional business non-tribal members?

- Reform all tribal programs current policies by having public consultations in creating policy and procedures to promote fairness and equality?

- The overhaul and reform of our Enrollment Program?

- Increasing of education and resources into our Language Department?

- Presenting an annual tribal budget at the last quarterly GC meeting?

- An annual financial audit being finalized and presented by the first quarterly GC meeting?

- A tribal member hiring policy based on qualifications, education and experience?

- The required participation in all local federal servicing organizations supporting the reservation that an adequate budget is proposed and supported by the PBPB instead of spending our own money on federal responsibilities?

- The required participation in all local state servicing organizations supporting our reservation that an adequate budget is proposed and supported by the PBPB?

- To re-acquire the Shabbona land title since the Department of Interior offered to help for free?

- The promoting and educating of the PBPB individual Indians' land and money business, as it requires in our Constitution? (Article II - Land, paragraph B. Section 2, and subsection a, and paragraph C).

- As constitutionally required, to allocate funds for more tribal land acquisition?

- More communications to the tribal public by any resources available to you?

- Reporting on fellow tribal councilpersons that commit constitutional, ethical or moral turpitude violations?

Good Luck with any of these questions that you may have to answer. Remember, there are talented and educated tribal members in all fields to ask for their help. We are different than county, state and federal government. We have treaties, sovereignty, language and tradition, executive orders, Indian law, federal trust responsibilities, federal statutes, Supreme Court decisions and a tribal constitution that make us different from the others.

The last bit of advice that I can give you is to learn as much as you can about the 10-year-old Cobell v Kempthorne lawsuit. This lawsuit is about the individual Indian account holders, the money generated from their lands for over 120 years and how the Department of Interior cannot account for their money because of a centuries old broken federal system. There are over 2,000 PBPB account holders. It also involves trust responsibilities that derive from treaty rights and the slow deterioration of them by our own protector, the federal government.

The most important advice that I can give you is to always speak to the people from your heart and listen to what they have to say and if you don't, they will know.

Thomas M. Wabnum



## About letters to the editor

The *Prairie Band Potawatomi News* (News) welcomes letters to the editor because they serve as a forum to represent a voice of and to the membership. As a reader of the *News*, you know that letters to the editor are one of the most read columns in the *News* and in most newspapers. The *News* has always encouraged members to send in their views and opinions.

The following are some basic tips:

- Keep your letter brief and focused. (150-200 word range)
- Focus on making one or two basic points. Because the letter will be printed in the opinion section of the *News*, make it your opinion and not a synopsis of an event.
- Make your letter more personal; remember, you want the reader to read your letter and not put it down because it was too dry.
- Remember to cite any specific type of information you use, i.e., facts and figures.
- Be sure to include your contact information so the *News* can contact you to verify the letter's authenticity.
- The *News* does not print anonymous letters, they must be signed with your contact information.
- The *News* does not use "yellow journalism" which is according to the *Associated Press (AP) Stylebook*: "The use of cheaply sensational methods to attract or influence readers. The term comes from the "Yellow Kid," a comic strip, in the *New York World* in 1895."
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- The *News* follows the *Associated Press (AP) style*.

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## Enibowat (Weddings)



L to r: Kathleen and Marty Gentile and Phyllis Dunn.

On April 13 the late Walter W. Dunn & Phyllis (Pahmahmie) Dunn announced the wedding day of their daughter Kathleen Josie Dunn (Me-non-quah) to Martin Gentile III at the Elks Lodge in Port Jervis, N.Y. Kathleen is the granddaughter of the late Josie Wamego Pahmahmie and the late Richard Pahmahmie. Kathleen works as a youth advocate in Orange County N.Y. where she has been employed for 11 years. Martin Gentile works as a water plant operator in Matamoras, Pa. The couple resides in Cuddebackville, N.Y.



Wedding wishes to  
Jesse Potts & Sarah Kelly  
married on August 31, 2007

*We wish them well as they begin their life's journey together.*

-Sam & Beka and the boys

## Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (Happy day you were born)



Happy Birthday  
Roy Hale  
on  
October 19



Happy 21st  
Birthday  
Charles  
Ortega  
(son of Shirley  
Jacobson &  
Roger Ortega)

Meet us at the PBCR,  
Love, Nanny & Uncle

Happy Birthday  
DoneKa Eteeyan  
on October 9

### Happy Birthday, Baby



Clint  
Bek Shkah  
(Patch) Potts  
turned  
5 years old  
on Sept. 5  
We love you!



Happy  
4th  
Birthday  
Sah Bi Potts  
September 10  
Love,  
Mom & dad  
Nom Ki Wash  
&  
Keesis



Happy Birthday Greetings  
to  
Cousin John Eteeyan, Sr.  
Love,  
The LaClair Family

Ganifék  
(Those who are born)



Announcing a  
new arrival who is a  
bundle of joy & gift  
from God,  
KeyShawn Louis  
Anthony Kiyukan

Born: July 3, 2007  
parents: Julia  
Kiyukan & Louis  
Anthony Gangone

We love you!  
Great-grandma,  
Julia Lewis  
Grandma,  
Dorothy  
Kiyukan-Lewis  
brothers, TyShawn  
& DayShawn

Charles  
Jacobson  
B: 10/13/08  
D: 9/14/06



My dad!  
Gone but  
not forgotten.  
Missed by  
your Judy  
& Eldon  
Darnell

The family of  
Barbara Tims  
congratulates her  
on 20 years of  
service to the  
government on  
October 27.  
"We are proud of  
you mom and  
grandma!"

Welcome home from your duty in Iraq!

Ashley McClammy  
&  
Shawn Walker



Belated congratulations  
to fellow Potawatomi's Gino  
Vicchiullo and Jacob Davidson who  
were selected to play in the  
Jackson County All-Star Game on  
July 28 in Ozawie, Kan.



Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary  
for the P.B.P.N. love birds  
Ralph and Linda Tecumseh  
on October 15, 2007  
Card shower so please send your greetings to  
8362 158 Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509



From the Floyd  
Cha-Ga-Be LaClair family

I want to thank the Firekeepers Elder  
Center for sponsoring a raffle to help  
me with expenses in making it possible  
for me to attend the Grand National  
Senior Olympics Tournament in  
Louisville, Ky. I averaged 191, short  
9 pins per game to qualify for the final  
eight. Again, thank you for your sup-  
port. Without it I would not have been  
able to participate.

-Emery Hale

Thank you to the PBPNS EMS crew  
and my many friends at the Elder  
Center for helping me during my time  
of need.

- Delores Porter



## Area Churches

By Mary Young

### Baptist

#### Bethany Baptist Church

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

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

#### Prairie Band Baptist Outreach

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

### Catholic

#### Our Lady of the Snows Parish

5971 - 166th Rd, Mayetta, KS

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

For additional information go to tribal website  
home page and click on Our Lady of Snows  
icon.

### Methodist

#### Pottawatomie United Methodist

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

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

### Pentecostal

#### Lakeview Faith Chapel

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

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

#### Potawatomi Pentecostal Church

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

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

## The Bible Says

By Pastor Terry Paine

II Timothy 3:1-5 - "This know also, that in the  
last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lov-  
ers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blas-  
phemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. With-  
out natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, inconti-  
nent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors,  
heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of  
God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power  
thereof: from such turn away."

The Bible tells us that we are living in "Perilous  
Times." I don't think anyone would argue with the fact that  
it's a vile and wicked world we live in. But these end times  
we find ourselves in, are also the most exciting times we  
could live in, as we watch Bible prophecy fulfilled before  
our very eyes.

If you are a Christian, you need not be afraid.  
In fact, you should be excited, as we are one day closer to  
the Lord's return. As Christians, our hope should not be in  
this world or the world system. No, our hope should rest  
with Jesus and His righteousness and the fact that our  
"eternity" is secure because we have accepted Jesus' sacri-  
fice on the cross. Philippians 3:20 & 21 says, "For our  
conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also  
we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall  
change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his  
glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able  
even to subdue all things unto himself."

If you are a Christian, it will be a glorious day  
when you see your Saviour face to face.

I Thessalonians 4:17 says, "Then we which are  
alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in  
the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we  
ever be with the Lord."

We will never again leave Jesus' presence! But  
as happy as that makes us, as Christians it also brings a  
very sad thought of those we know and love that have  
never accepted Christ as their Saviour. For those left be-  
hind at the rapture, it will be too late for them to call upon  
Jesus name for salvation. The Bible tells us that those left  
behind will believe a terrible lie. II Thessalonians 2:10-12  
"... because they received not the love of the truth, that  
they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send  
them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That  
they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but  
had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Beloved, maybe there's someone reading this  
today that has never prayed and asked Jesus to forgive  
them of their sins and to save them from damnation. If  
that is you today, I have wonderful news that you can still  
accept Christ today - it is not too late! Romans 10:13 "For  
whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be  
saved." God is not a respecter of persons, you are as im-  
portant to Him as Billy Graham, the President of the U.S.,  
or anyone else! He died for you! He loves you! He can and  
will forgive you of ALL your sins.

Why not pray today and KNOW that you have a  
home in heaven. Then and only then can you have true  
peace in these perilous times that we live in. KNOW Jesus  
KNOW Peace! NO Jesus, NO Peace. Trust Jesus Today!



Congratulations Sogi on  
receiving your Bachelors of  
Business in Human Relations  
from Friends University!  
We're proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom, dad, Osh & Roy,  
the boys and sister

To the Land Department:  
I would like to add a  
sincere thank you for  
their support of the  
Boys & Girls Club  
at the hay auction  
this past weekend.  
Coleen Thomas

## Kamboftek (Those who died)

### Warren L. "Jackie Matt" Mattwaoshe



Warren L. "Jackie Matt" Mattwaoshe, 74, died Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at  
his home. He was born August 11, 1933 in Mayetta, KS the son of Andrew and Stella M.  
Whitfish Mattwaoshe.

He attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence. He served in the United States Army  
from 1957 to 1966. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He received a Vietnam Service  
Medal and he was qualified as a Sharpshooter. After serving for the military, he worked  
for the Lincoln Mercury Dealership in Muskogee, OK. He had lived in Muskogee, OK for  
28 years and lived in Mayetta for the last 14 years.

He was a member of the Drum Religion, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a life mem-  
ber of the Disabled American Veterans.

He married Erma Lynn Abbott on June 5, 1982 in Topeka, KS. She survives. Other survi-  
vors include a step-son Michael Duayne Dison of Topeka, KS, 3 sisters Clarice Broxterman of  
Topeka, KS, Ramona Micco of Lawrence, KS, Kathleen Nemeth of Manhattan, KS and three step  
grandsons.

Drum services will be Thursday evening, September 20, 2007 at the Danceground Build-  
ing in Mayetta. Burial will be in the Potts Cemetery Friday afternoon. He will lie in state at Mercer  
Funeral Home in Holton until 3:00 p.m. Thursday. Online condolences are available www.  
mercervfuneralhomes.com.

(Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home 9/18/07)

### Marsha Wabaunsee Ferrari

Marsha Wabaunsee Ferrari, 55, Mayetta, died Sept. 9, 2007, at a Topeka hospital. She was born  
April 7, 1952, in Mayetta, the daughter of Lou and Freda Nozhackum Wabaunsee. She lived all of  
her life in the Mayetta and Delia communities. Mrs. Ferrari worked at Wabaunsee Drywall with  
her father. She was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church and a member of Prairie  
Band Potawatomi Nation. She was married to John P. Ferrari Jr. He died March 5, 2006. She also  
was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Allen, on May 23, 2005; and two brothers, Richard Wa-  
baunsee and Fred Lew Wabaunsee. Survivors include her father, Lou Wabaunsee, Mayetta; three  
sons, Henry Allen, Mayetta, Steven Allen, Yuma, Ariz., and Charles T. Nez, Hoyt; four sisters,  
Monnie Wabaunsee and Frances Wabaunsee, both of Mayetta, Winifred Wahweonten, in Michigan,  
and Louie Dominguez, Wichita; a brother, Ralph Wabnum, Topeka; five grandchildren; and many  
adopted grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Sept. 13 at Our Lady of  
the Snows Catholic Church west of Mayetta. Burial will be in Shipshewer Cemetery. A rosary will be  
recited at 7 p.m. Sept. 12 at Our Lady of the Snows. Memorial contributions may be made to Our  
Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton,  
KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to www.mercervfuneralhomes.com

(Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home and Holton Recorder 9/12/07)





**Boys & Girls Club  
American Indian Day  
Pow-wow  
Saturday, Sept. 29**

**Prairie Peoples Park  
Grand Entries: 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.**

- Dancers in regalia paid each session
- Craft vendors welcome-\$25 set up
- Special contests
- 2 mile fun run walk-10 a.m.
- Iron 5 basketball tourney

**For pow-wow information call:  
Boys & Girls Club, 785.966.3031**

**Tony Orlando**  
in concert for two performances  
October 13, 7 p.m. & 10 p.m.  
Prairie Band Casino & Resort  
Tickets on sale [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or sold in  
PBCR Buffalo Grill

Register now  
Hunter Safety Education Course  
October 1-4, 2007  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

PBP Tribal Police Department  
16344 Q Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509  
Call Herb Nance, 785.966.3024  
or email: [hnnance@pbpnation.org](mailto:hnnance@pbpnation.org)

Persons wishing to obtain hunting license born after July 1, 1977, or a state hunting license if born after January 1, 1957, are required to take and pass an approved Hunter Safety Education Course. This course meets these requirements.

- must be at least 12 years old
- must attend all sessions-no exceptions
- to proceed with course there must be 10 preregistered for course/meals not provided but participants welcome to use microwave and refrigerator

Call 785.966.8305  
to learn more  
about the  
Caregiver Support Group

## Potawatomi Fire Keepers Elder Center

## October 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti & Parmesan Meatballs Steamed Squash Garlic Toast - Toss Salad	Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Waldorf Salad - Roll	Turkey Sandwich Wild Rice Soup Sliced Peaches Broccoli Carrot Salad	Oven Baked Chicken Grilled New Potatoes Brussels Sprouts 4589	Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas and Carrots Tossed Garden Salad Fruit Cocktail - Biscuit
Closed Employee Appreciation Day	Chili & Biscuit Dogs Green Beans Spinach Salad Mandarin Oranges	Meatloaf Potato & Gravy Corn Succotash Fruit Salad - Roll	Club Sandwich Potato Salad - Chips Pork & Beans Pineapple Cottage Delight	Fried Catfish Cornbread Stuffing Baked Yam - Brussels Sea Food Salad
Salisbury Steak Potato & Gravy Green Beans Toss Salad - Roll	Chicken Noodle Soup & Egg Salad Sandwich Pickled Beets Citrus Fruit Medley	Sweet & Sour Pork Pork Fried Rice Egg Roll - Broccoli Cantaloupe Slices - Roll	Birthday Potluck Fried Chicken Pasta Salad - Baked Beans Corn Coblet - Biscuits	Beef Shepherd Pie Mashed with Potato Mixed Vegetable Tossed Salad - Biscuit
Brunch - Bacon Quiche Hashbrowns & Gravy Breaded Grilled Zucchini Grapefruit - Biscuit	Beef Vegetable Soup Grilled Cheese Garbanzo Bean Salad Honeydew Mellon -	Pork Chops Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans & Tomato Ambrosia Salad - Roll	Philly Steak Sandwich Cream Pea Soup Tossed Garden Salad Banana - Crackers	Lemon Baked Fish Fillet Sour Creamed Potatoes Steamed Spinach Cole Slaw - Roll
Beef Goulash Mixed Vegetables Deviled Spinach Salad Cottage Cheese-Garlic Bread	Chicken Cacciatore Baked Potato Broccoli Casserole Buttered Apples - Roll	Northern Ham & Beans Brown Rice Steamed Carrots Chefs Salad - Cornbread	<b>Lunch Hours 11:30-12:30 Menu Subject to Change.</b>  Native Seniors 50+ Free Adult \$3.50 Child \$2.50	

**Mayetta Pioneer Day  
October 6  
7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
Community-wide celebration  
Games, contests, food concessions, live entertainment

**Agenda:**  
7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: Biscuit & sausage gravy at Mayetta Methodist Church  
9:00 a.m.: Sign up for all events in front of City Hall  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Flea market & concessions open  
9:00 a.m.: Raffle items on display in gazebo & raffle ticket donations taken  
10:00 a.m.: Pumpkin dessert contest-adults (all entries in City Hall by 10:00 a.m.)  
10:00 a.m.: Snakes & ladders for children  
10:15 a.m.: Dart game for children  
10:30 a.m.: Pumpkin dessert winners announced  
10:30 a.m.: Pancake race for adults  
11:00 a.m.: Pumpkin desserts auction  
11:30 a.m.: Twinkie eating contest (various age groups)  
12:00 noon: B.J. Forgy & Red River Special Machine  
12:00 noon: Face painting by Laura Wilson  
2:00 p.m.: Parade-Grand Marshals: Jim & Pat Potter; Senior Grand Marshals: Bud & Shirley Stauffer; Senior Queen: Mary Lundin; PBP Elder Queen: Vestina Nonken; We-Ta-Se Post 410 Color Guard  
3:00 p.m.: Pedal tractor pull by David Schmalsteig  
4:30 p.m.: Raffle winners announced (please be present)

Sponsored by: Mayetta Pioneer Day Association, Inc. and Prairie Band Potawatomi.  
For information: Judy Darnell: 785-966-2710; Michelle Ensley: 785-966-2587; and Gladys Schlodder: 785-966-2592. Parade: Deb Cormier: 785-986-6672.

**Working Together for  
Balance Conference  
November 17  
Prairie Band  
Casino & Resort**

A cooperative effort of  
Citizen Potawatomi Tribe  
Haskell Health Center  
Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska  
Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri

More information to follow

**Calling  
all people 35 years + up  
with CDIB cards**

**Enter the community  
Talent Show**  
Money prizes for 1st through 3rd place!

**Try outs: Nov. 1 and 2, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.**  
at Meadow Lane Community Center  
(10-minute acts/bring own set up)

**Show: November 15 & 16, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Rock (Community) Bldg. \$3 per person  
•10 contestants- Nov. 15  
•5 finalists and 3 winners selected-Nov. 16

For details call Carol DeWitt-785.966.0255 or  
Julia Lewis-785.966.2182

## PBPN Elected Official Accountability Program - Providing a Positive Solution for General Council Discussion on a Fair Measurement Tool

Submitted by Tracy Stanhoff

With the upcoming tribal member vote on the new Prairie Band Potawatomi Constitutional amendments and reflective of my time as Tribal Chair, a few of us tribal members have come up with an Accountability Program for our Elected Officials that will neither punish them or be too difficult to implement.

The great benefit to us tribal members is that it will provide us with information on what, where and when the tribe's elected officials are conducting business on our Tribe's behalf.

We have submitted this Accountability Program and outline as an item for discussion at the October 20, 2007 General Council meeting. We are hoping that Tribal Council will not dismiss this idea as something that is negative and not include it on the agenda for mail out.

This is not negative, to the contrary, we believe this accountability process will help alleviate rumor and anger regarding our elected officials and their time and budget usage in office. An elected official could also use this report to really highlight what they are doing for the tribe - a great win-win situation.

Additionally, in the upcoming vote on Constitutional amendments we are going to vote on the establishment of an ethics commission. If this ethics commission comes into place, then we need a fair and accurate tool for measuring ethical behavior in office.

A great concern of ours is that ethics commission members could have differing opinions on what is ethics - possibly turning serving your tribe into an eternal witch hunt for no good reason at all.

Even if we do not vote in an ethics commission, this tool can be utilized by all of us in the tribe to learn more about what our elected officials are actually doing.

This Accountability Program will provide a measurement process where non-biased and fair discussion could start.

discretion when listing names of tribal members coming in meetings for special requests.

2. Institute a process for having each elected official do a quarterly report for distribution at each General Council meeting consisting of an actual calendar outlining their appointments and an activities report highlighting their accomplishments.
3. Institute a line item report for quarterly distribution at each General Council meeting detailing the budget usage and justification for usage by each elected official.
4. Have each elected official provide tribal members quarterly and distributed at each General Council meeting a forecast of their next quarter's activities for General Council review.

The on-going calendar should be in a format that all tribal members can obtain from the Secretary's office - any day of the month to oversee where the elected official is spending their time. The quarterly calendars/accomplishment/budget usage and justification/and next quarterly forecast reports should also be in electronic format for distribution to any tribal member who makes a request.

Handout samples of these reports will be provided as suggestions. When I was in office my Legislative Assistant documented each and every day my appointments, formal calls and travel. There are simple Microsoft Office tools that can be utilized by the tribal secretaries to keep these items up to date.

In the future these calendars and reports could be posted on a password protected, tribal member only access website. Many other governments do similar programs due to the need to comply with public information laws. Many tribal governments have now invested in doing the same with the only change being that only Tribal members can access this information.

This should be a great program. Positive change can be made.

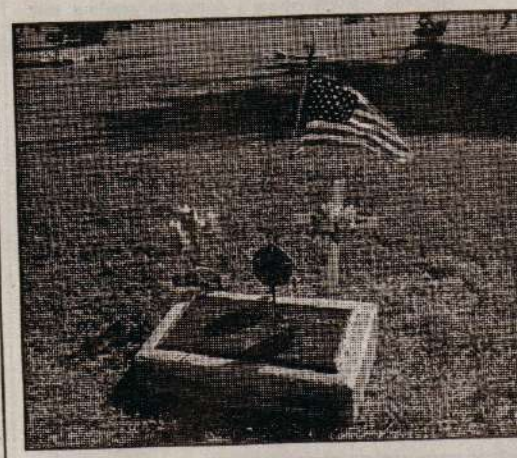
I additionally would like to thank the large numbers of tribal members who have contacted me since my stepping down as Tribal Chair with their kind words and support. If you want to chat - give me a call anytime at 714-898-6364 or email me at [tracy@adproweb.com](mailto:tracy@adproweb.com).

## Roy Hale goes the extra mile to take care of cemeteries on the reservation and wants to make sure the Prairie Band Potawatomi people are remembered



ABOVE: Roy scraping concrete out of a wheelbarrow held by Francis Shopteese. The two veterans were making a concrete base that Roy designed that provides the foundation for a bronze marker of a deceased veteran.

BELOW: An example of how the markers look after Roy finishes them. This marker is located in Shipshew Cemetery that is located at the intersection of 142 and K Road in Mayetta, Kan.



For many years now Roy Hale has been taking care of cemeteries on the reservation and making grave markers for We-Ta-Se veterans out of the garage of his home.

His routine is to receive the bronze markers from the funeral home, create a concrete base, and then mount the markers on the foundation. He then allows a few days for the marker to dry and then takes it to the cemetery and sets the monument on the grave.

Roy said that he has completed well over fifty markers in his time and that a few of them were even made to sit upright.

We-Ta-Se buys the concrete for Roy and sometimes provides manpower to help him get the job done but, for the most part, Roy has done the work himself.

In addition to what he has accomplished for the We-Ta-Se veterans, he is also the primary caretaker at all the reservation cemeteries like Shipshew Cemetery, for example. You can often find him picking up debris or marking grave sites for families of the deceased who will call on him for help.

Roy has also been working with Delores Abrams to try and organize a unified list of Prairie Band Potawatomi who are deceased. With the Nation's support, the two have been researching church and obituary records in newspapers and at funeral homes to find and mark where Prairie Band Potawatomi people are buried. He also said that one of his goals is to have a cemetery directory at every reservation cemetery.

"It's important for us to have a record," he said, "so that future generations will remember us."



ABOVE: Francis is seen placing the bronze marker into the wet concrete base for final drying while Roy looks on.