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Prairie Band of Potawatomi News

A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Constitutional Changes all pass on March 29, 2000

By Gary E. Mitchell

A Secretarial Election conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs was conducted on May 29, 2000. Out of 632 Prairie Band tribal members who registered, only 299 actually voted. In the normal election, the Tribe has over 1,900 registered voters, but tribal members were required by law (Part 81 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations) to register to vote in this special secretarial election. The last constitutional change to the Tribal Constitution was held in 1985.

In total there were 13 amendments to the Constitution adopted in 1977. All voting was done by absentee ballots. The proposed constitution is now ratified and becomes effective immediately since at least thirty percent (30%) of the registered voters cast ballots in this election.

Voters officially made a name change to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation from the previous Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians by a vote of 251-46. The criteria for enrollment now reads "All persons whose membership applications are received by the Nation's enrollment office after the adoption of this amendment who possess at least one-fourth (1/4) degree Prairie Band Potawatomi Indian blood" and passed by a close vote of 169-129. The results were:

- Section A (Name change): 251-46
- Section B (Change to Preamble): 263-35
- Section C (Territory and Jurisdiction): 247-35
- Section D (Land): 257-30
- Section E (Membership): 169-129
- Section F (Governing Body): 212-85
- Section G (Enumerated powers of Tribal Council): 230-67
- Section H (Officers of the Tribal Council): 247-51
- Section I (Meetings): 228-68
- Section J (Vacancies and Removal): 255-43
- Section K (Bylaws): 250-47
- Section L (Bylaws): 249-45
- Section M (Editorial changes): 256-36

Official results are posted at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Horton Field Office, Prairie Band Tribal Government Center, and the O'Ketch' Show-O-Now Center at the Senior Citizen Center on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation, and now the process calls for Area Office approval.

26 Tribal Members Declare Candidacy for Four Council Positions (Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Vice-Chairperson (One Position)

Laura Abeyta
Dale Delg
Larry DuBoise
Juanita Jessepe
Gary E. Mitchell
Vestina Nonken
Thomas Shane
John T. Shopteese

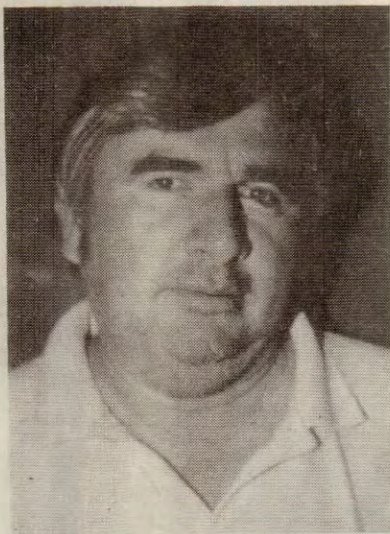
Treasurer (One Position)

Lily B. Hall
Steve McDonald
James Potter
James Whitepigeon

Council Person (Two Positions Open)

Larry Berryhill
Marilyn Brewer
James Jackson
Roland Matchie
Mayme Mattwaoshshe
Jackie Mitchell
Lysette Morris
Roy Ogden
Carrie O'Toole
Benny Potts
Betty Rice
Ralph V. Tecumseh
Ron Wahweotten, Sr.
Roger Young

Gaming Commission Election Results in—Evans and Vega Win Four Year Terms.



Calvin Evans



Ruthie Vega

GAMING COMMISSION ELECTION RESULTS

by James Jackson

Incumbent Calvin Evans successfully retained his position as a member of the Gaming Commission in a close race as the ballots were opened Friday February 25, 2000. Friday's election remained a mystery until the final votes were counted. Ruth Vega was successful in her bid for the other position open on the Gaming Commission. The eight candidates are all to be congratulated as they vied for the two positions. The candidates final votes are listed below. The election came down to a three way race between Laura Abeyta, Calvin Evans, and Ruth Vega as the last one hundred ballots were opened Friday at the old Community Building. 891 ballots were recorded by the Election Board, with 21 votes being disqualified due to various reasons such as no voter's certificate, etc. Calvin and Ruth wish to thank all the members for their support. Calvin and Ruth will each serve four year terms on the Gaming Commission. Ruth and Calvin were sworn into office following a three day protest period as required by the Election Ordinance.

GAMING COMMISSION ELECTION RESULTS

February 25, 2000

Ruth "Ruthie" Vega (<i>Winner</i>).....	299
Calvin Evans (<i>Winner</i>).....	274
Laura Abeyta.....	250
Doris A. Potts (Ma-Dos).....	230
Shawnna Wabaunsee.....	227
Marty M. Greemore.....	215
Sharon Jean Anderson.....	137
Roland Matchie.....	126

TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION 2000

Election Board Announcement

Election Board Members: Rosemary Wahweotten, Voncile Mitchell, June Barber

We, at the Election Office (785-966-3910), are gearing up for the upcoming Tribal Council Election on July 19, 2000. In doing so, we would like to remind you of these important dates:

Dates to mark on your calendars are as follows:

Declaration of Candidacy Deadline.....April 4, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. (date past)
(Allow eight weeks for background checks on candidates)

Cut-Off Date for Registration for this Election....June 2, 2000
(Must be 18 year old tribal member)

Mail Ballots to Registered Voters.....June 6, 2000

Deadline to get your Ballot mailed in and be counted....July 19, 2000
(9:00 am at Mayetta Post Office)

Tribal Council Election Day..... July 19, 2000

To date, we have 1,932 registered voters eligible to vote in this election, and 1424 who are not registered. This is the highest number that we have ever had with voter concentration coming from the local Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri areas.

In the past Gaming Commission election we worked from 10:00 am to 9pm to complete the election tallying. We will need election workers for this next election. So if you are interested in assisting the election staff, please come in to see us, or give us a call at 966-3910. We are presently working on ways to speed up the election day tally process.

We also would like to remind tribal members, especially our ladies, if you have a "name change" please notify the Tribal Enrollment office at 966-3914. In the past election, there were four people who had different last names of what was recorded on our official voters registration list. Please change your name accordingly with Tribal Enrollment Office.

We have given each candidate the opportunity to introduce themselves in the tribal newspaper, so hopefully this will be helpful to tribal members who are not familiar with the candidates.

Voting is your right as a tribal member and should be taken seriously. Please remember to read your voting instructions carefully and get your ballot in on time and be counted.



Photo by Gary E. Mitchell

Susan Masten, President of the National Congress of American Indians and Tribal Secretary, Steve Ortiz. Masten visited the Potawatomi Reservation in the early part of the year. She urged all tribal members to register and vote in the Presidential election in November. She said, "These are dangerous times for tribes. There are those in the federal government and in the Congress aggressively looking for ways to eliminate our tribal sovereignty."

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(PHOTOS AND ARTICLES SUBMITTED BY CANDIDATES)



LAURA ABEYTA
VICE-CHAIR CANDIDATE



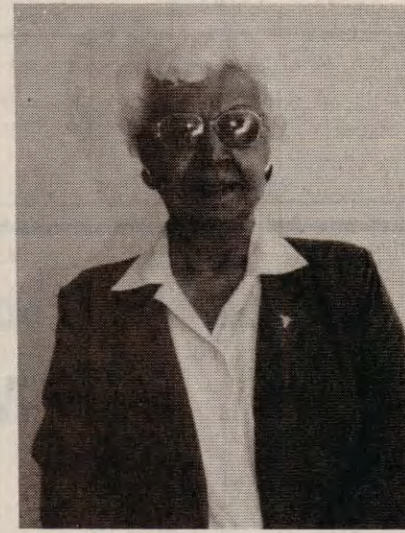
DALE DELG
VICE-CHAIR CANDIDATE



JUANITA JESSEPE
VICE-CHAIR CANDIDATE



GARY E. MITCHELL
VICE-CHAIR CANDIDATE



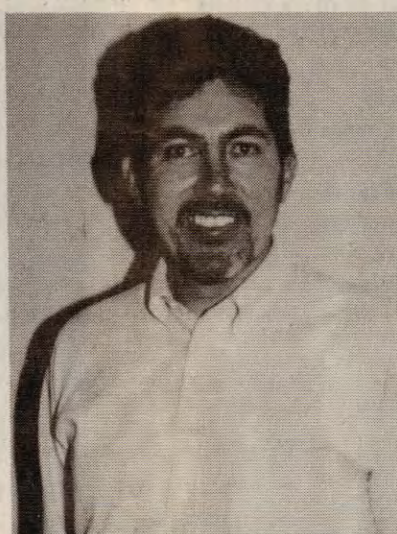
VESTINA NONKEN
VICE-CHAIR CANDIDATE



THOMAS SHANE
VICE-CHAIR CANDIDATE



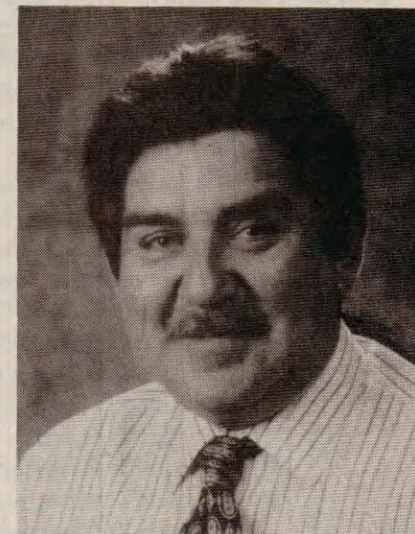
JOHN T. SHOPTEESE
VICE-CHAIR CANDIDATE



STEVE MCDONALD
TREASURER CANDIDATE



MAYME MATTWAOSHSHE
COUNCILPERSON CANDIDATE



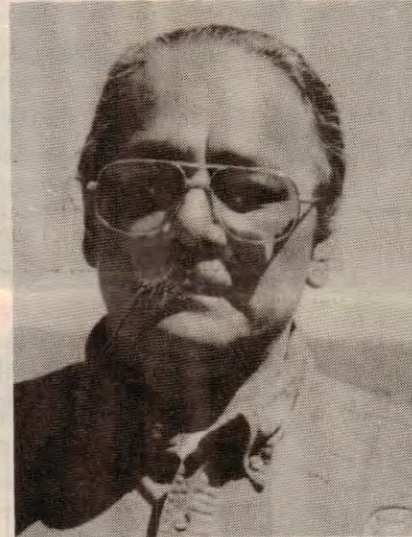
JAMES JACKSON
COUNCILPERSON CANDIDATE



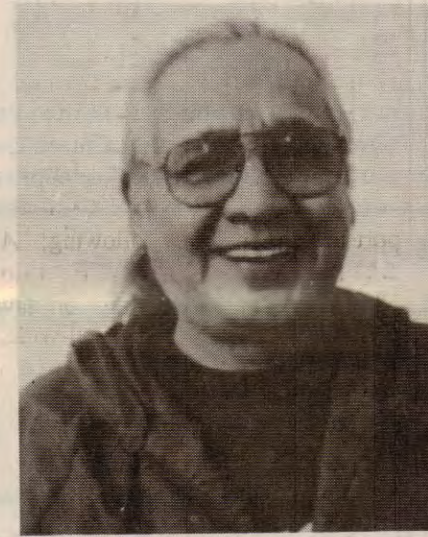
JACKIE MITCHELL
COUNCIL PERSON CANDIDATE



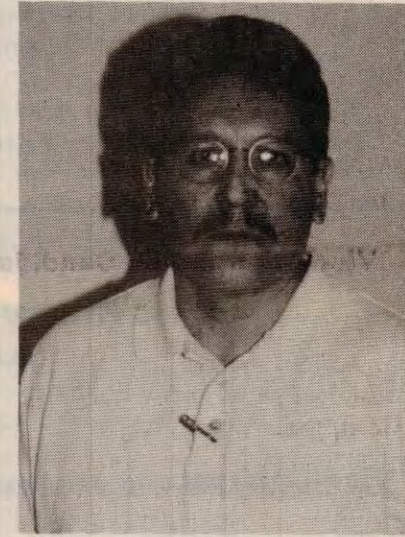
CARRIE O'TOOLE
COUNCILPERSON CANDIDATE



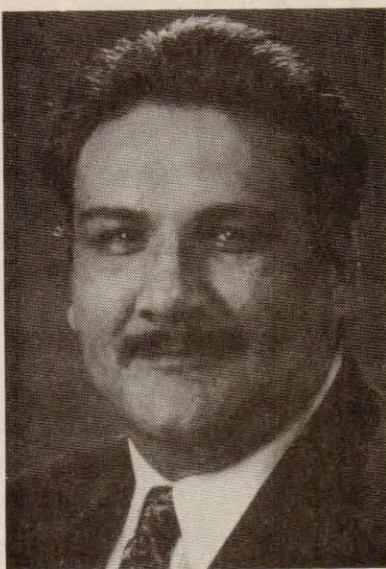
BENNY POTTS
COUNCILPERSON CANDIDATE



RALPH TECUMSEH
COUNCILPERSON CANDIDATE



ROGER L. YOUNG
COUNCILPERSON CANDIDATE



James M. Potter
Treasurer Candidate

FROM THE DESK OF JAMES POTTER, PBP TREASURER

GREETINGS TO ALL

I sincerely hope and pray this newsletter finds each and every one of our members in good health and spirit.

TRIBAL ELECTIONS RAPIDLY APPROACHING

As you all know, April the 4th at 4:00 p.m. was the deadline for filing of candidacy for those pursuing one of the four positions coming up for election on the Tribal Council. The newsletters staff informed all the Tribal Council and election candidates, this edition of the newsletter would be a special edition in which the candidates running for office would have an opportunity to express their views, interests and to basically let the membership know who is running for office. I express my appreciation to the staff for this opportunity to let the people know the candidates. As you will grasp this is the perfect opportunity for the candidates to, "blow their own horn", so to speak. This is an activity I do not relish nor that I readily undertake. Through prodding and prompting from my friend's, family, my wife Pat, and the fact that I feel it is important for the members to know the candidates, did I undertake this task.

One fact I do know is, there is no I in government. All of the great strides our Nation has taken have been accomplished by a composite of many different sources and the tireless efforts of many, which no one person can take credit for. This hasn't been the accomplishment of our present Tribal leaders, but our past leaders as well, the past and present administration and employees and you the people of our Tribal Nation which cause us to be where we are today. I take great pride in these accomplishments as I hope all of you do.

Many would look at the opportunity of gaining an elected position on our Tribal Council or the Gaming Commission as a Job opportunity. Although, to refer to holding an elected position within our government as a job is not the most accurate description. The responsibilities of the position consume and absorb a person to the point that it becomes your life. Not only the life of the individual, but also the lives of those most closely associated to you. My personal experience is, if it had not been for the support of my companion, my children, family and friends, it would have been most difficult to bear the responsibilities of this position for the last four years.

GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION

I encourage all of our adult members to exercise your right, under the Constitution, to participate in our Governmental process of choosing our elected officials, by voting. Under our present Constitution this is one of the most effective means, we have as members to determine the direction of our Nation. Get in touch with the candidates, ask them questions that concern you, get to know these individuals and their backgrounds. When it comes time to mark your ballot you will then have a better idea and hopefully a plan for where you want the future for our people to lie.

In closing I say only this, M'gwetch

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Planning for our futures... LTC.

by REY KITCHKUMME

Tribal Council Member

On March 2nd, I presented a proposal to council members outlining a plan for further investigation into several options for the provision of long term care (LTC) services. Our goal is to provide long term care service to any member (regardless) of age or area of residence who requires LTC assistance whether they live on or off the reservation.

Long Term Care is considered assistance for people requiring help performing at least two activities of daily living (ADL's) because of a physical or mental impairment. Activities of Daily Living are considered bathing, walking, eating and preparing meals, toileting, dressing, and transferring (moving oneself from a chair to a wheelchair or to a walker, care, etc.) This help can be provided either at home by a certified assistant or at places like nursing homes or assisted living facilities for those people requiring more intensive daily care.

The result of this project, depending upon council's approval, will be the development of a comprehensive strategy to care for our elders and other members who are in need of these services. We'll investigate many options for providing this care but first we'll look to other tribes to determine how LTC services are delivered to their members. We will also investigate:

- the types of insurance available for members outside Northeast Kansas;
- the feasibility of building a facility (nursing home, assisted living, etc.) and home care agency on the reservation and the types of government funding available to supplement our costs;
- the feasibility of operating the home care agency and living facilities as profit ventures to increase revenue to the tribe and provide additional jobs and training for tribal members. This would be accomplished by providing services at full market value to the general population.

There is a lot of work to do on this project but, initially it shows great promise as another device that will provide assurances to our members that they can receive the type of care they need when it is necessary. We plan on working to consistently improve our community's quality of life.

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Vice-Chairperson Candidate Laura A. Abeyta

Bozho! Springtime, election time! A time for change, renewal, and growth. So...How do I start another one of these "campaign" letters? Let me tell you what I'd like to see happen, in 250 words or less.

Years back, we couldn't get a quorum to the meetings, to make decisions. That's 65 people! Now, with over 200 in regular attendance, we spend our time trying to clarify the General Councils' rights. The Constitution, originally interpreted that they couldn't do business without us (General Council), now has been determined to say that they need not listen to our votes. With the recent Constitutional changes, the rights of the people will be further eroded. Council members should be looking after the people's interests. Issue: **Tribal Council Accountability, and the Powers of the General Council**

I polled several Council administrations, regarding separating business, and government. Individually, they agreed it made sense, and should be done. The creation of a business entity is a way of empowering the people. It promotes continuity. We use this springboard called gaming, and achieve economic independence. Issue: **Separation of Business/Government**

A better system of legislation, with notice, and hearings. The creation of an "Elder's Council" that will give the Tribal Council the benefit of their knowledge. Better communication system. Controls in place that would prevent misuse of power or assets. Issue: **Building a Strong Foundation Based on Educated Decisions and the People's Involvement**

This position as an obligation of service, not an opportunity for domination. What are your issues?

With love and respect,
Laura Abeyta

Vice-Chairperson Candidate Dale Delg

I would appreciate your serious consideration of my candidacy for Tribal Vice-Chairperson when you vote in the upcoming election. My parents are Sal and Mary Wishkeno Delg and we lived on the reservation until the flood of 1952 then moved to California. I served in the Air Force, a Viet Nam veteran, and continue to serve my Country as a member of We Ta Se Post #410 American Legion, an all-Indian group. After being honorable discharged from the military service, I attended college, graduating with a B.A. in Business Administration in 1972.

I was hired to develop and direct a new Human Resource department for our Nation. Since then, we have quadrupled our work force, developed a full-benefit package with competitive starting wages while striving to maintain Indian Preference along with fair employment hiring practices.

My goals and objectives as Vice-Chairperson will be to maintain and build upon our unique culture, tradition, language, sovereignty, and history. I want a healthy societal environment and economy that maintains an honorable respect for each other's way of worship, living, work and play. Everyone is unique and that is to be respected.

For all of the above, I want to be part of our leadership as elected Vice-Chairperson. Please make it a priority to register and vote. It's our future! I gwi en!

Hello Fellow Tribal Members!

My name is Lily Masqua Hall (Redlightning). I am your candidate for Treasurer in our July 2000 election. For those of you who don't know me, my father was Sylvester Masqua (Kickapoo-deceased). Dad's parents were Dudley and Alice Ross Masqua. My mother is Geraldine Shopteese Masqua (Prairie Band of Potawatomi). Mom's parents were Francis Shopteese and Josephine Thomas.

I am married to Robert A. Hall, a maintenance supervisor at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino and I have three children; Martin (Joe) Redlightning is a first year college student, Terry Joe Redlightning, is an Operations Specialist aboard the USS CV-64 Constellation, US Navy and my daughter Heather Ann Redlightning is a high school senior.

I earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Legal Assistance from Washburn University in 1981, a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration Degree from The University of South Dakota in 1992 and I am in the process of completing my remaining two classes for my Master of Political Science Degree Majoring in Public Administration from The University of South Dakota.

My background includes work as a Paralegal, Bookkeeper, Accounts Payable Clerk, Business Manager, Financial Aid Officer, Bingo Manager and Finance Manager. My record proves that I am a diligent and hard worker. Our Gaming Commission Audit for 1999 received the highest opinion. We were 100% accountable. I want to dedicate my work and educational experience to our people. Our tribal and gaming affairs need to be 100% accountable to you-the people.

For a copy of my current Resume, please write me at P.O. Box 24, Mayetta, KS 66509. I would appreciate your vote in July.

Lilybell Ann Masqua Hall

Vice-Chairperson Candidate Profiles

CANDIDATE FOR VICE CHAIRPERSON, LARRY DuBOISE

My name is Larry DuBoise, (Wethethaka), and my wife is Dine'; we have a son and daughter. I am a great-grandson of O'ketcheshawno and my parents are Larry and Adeline DuBoise. My family practices and believe in our Bodewadomi and Dine' religious traditions. My hobbies include: hunting, fishing, reading, attending pow wows, listening to classical music, and hearing good jokes.

I am running for Vice Chairperson. I humbly ask for your vote. As Vice Chair, I will work with you and for you to diversify our Nation's economic development, thus providing opportunity for our Nation to grow. I will listen to your voice and respect your opinion.

My background is in telecommunications and I realize there are several different avenues that can be taken from providing cell service to reselling dial tone. There is a niche for the Potawatomi Nation to take on this endeavor, and I will work with you to find it. This is only one of my many ideas. I have seen many of you voice your thoughts and ideas, which may have been beneficial to the Nation, but you may not have received a response. If elected, I will take the time to listen to you and give you a response.

I graduated from Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, specializing in Architectural Drafting. I am certified by Lucent Technologies and Mississippi State in Fiber Optic Installation and Testing. I, also, hold a public broadcasting license from the FCC.

Again, as an elected official, I will work with the INTEGRITY AND HONOR TO SERVE YOU, the tribal members.

Vice-Chairperson Candidate Juanita Jessepe

"Without our elders and young ones, we would know nothing of our past - and hold nothing for the future! I was raised with strong Indian Values, and adamantly defend the preservation of our Potawatomi Territory, Culture and Traditions."

The working framework between the voters and elected officials must be structured on a solid foundation built *By the People, For the People!* I need your support to help enact the following: **A PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE:** to provide Notice of Public Hearings on laws and proposed amendments tribal-wide; And **STANDING COMMITTEES** comprised of voting members in three major areas: The PBP Constitution & Law & Order Codes, PBP Land Use Plan, Tribal Economic Development Plan, and Tribal Audits and Internal Controls.

I have over 20 years experience working in the Human Services field as a, Director of Social Services, Family Counselor, Indian Child Welfare Specialist and Indian Civil Rights Advocate. I served a (4) year term on the Kansas Committee of the United States Civil Rights Commission, and (4) years as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Secretary. During my secretarial term, I drafted the *Tribal Council Policies & Procedures*, and the *Drug-Free Workplace Policies & Procedures*. Currently, I am employed as the tribal JOM Coordinator and am in the process of developing the *Young Eagles Reading Lab*, *100 Books Club*, *Peer Tutoring Program* and the *"Zuck-Wees & Shish-sha" Society* as incentives for young Indian People to develop early reading and leadership skills.

Tribal Council members are entrusted to protect our tribal assets and resources: Our elders, our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, our unborn children and our tribal lands. I need your support to continue working for the People.

Vice-Chairperson Candidate Gary E. Mitchell

I bring experience and education to the Vice-Chair position. I have served on the Tribal Council for 6 1/2 years as elected Treasurer and interim Chairman and 3 1/2 years as Gaming Commission Chairman.

My education includes a BA in Political Science from Washburn University in Topeka and a Masters in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in History from Baker University.

My strong suit is writing. I have written a history of the Potawatomi Tribe that can be seen on the tribal website I helped develop: www.pbpindiantribe@aol.com.

My goals as Vice-Chair, if elected, is to be a visible leader and to develop the communication department of the tribe. I would like to see the tribal paper expanded to six issues a year and this can only be done by a proper staffing. It's time to treat the newspaper as important business aspect of this tribe. Communication is essential and important. I would also like to see brochures, and booklets that encompass history, culture and current politics. In fact, I want to write a legislative history of this tribe for the benefit of all tribal members.

One thing we lack in our tribe is a cultural preservation department. A museum of tribal writings, artifacts, pictures and maps would only improve the learning for everyone. I would be a strong advocate for this to happen in the next four years.

I sincerely appreciate your vote in July. Please call me at 785-966-4048 for more information or visit the website and past tribal newspapers for articles I have written for the benefit of this tribe. Thank you.

VESTINA NONKEN CANDIDATE FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON

My name is Vestina (Nioce) Walker Nonken and I have 1 son, Cecil Walker, Jr. My parents were the late Joseph (Sock) and Alice Lasley Nioce. I was born on the Potawatomi reservation and have spent my entire life on the Potawatomi reservation. I seek your support for candidacy for Vice-Chair. My long work history with the Tribe is evidence of my dedication, having worked in thirteen capacities throughout the years.

As Vice-Chair I sit on many Tribal Council-appointed boards in voting positions. One of those key appointments is serving as Personnel Officer, and serving as liaison on some of our many programs.

Highlights during my Tribal Council terms include:

- Prairie Band Potawatomi was awarded our Constitution in 1970s'
- Elected to Tribal Secretary, 4- year term
- Instrumental in obtaining the Kansas State Income Tax exemption
- Successful in obtaining Personal Property Tax exemption status
- Received 1st Community Development Block Grant
- In 1997, opened successful Casino.

On-Going Projects Generated as a Result of Gaming:

- From 9-96 to present, land purchases of 3,874 acres
- Per capitas
- More education money
- Continued our Gift Shop in Casino
- Opened Nation Station
- Planning Housing Project and erecting a Senior Citizen building
- Currently employ 260 employees
- Regained management of Bingo Operation
- Summer Youth Employment

Our strategic goal is economic self-sufficiency and independence. We want to accumulate enough capital to generate income that will keep the Tribe from having to depend on non-Indians for jobs or financing. We will be able to sustain ourselves because the whole Tribe works together to accomplish our goals.

STEVE McDONALD, TRIBAL COUNCIL TREASURER CANDIDATE

Steve McDonald is a 15-year member of the PGA, Professional Golfers Association of America. He spent ten years in Florida building and developing golf course communities. Steve worked for one of the largest builders in the world, Taylor Woodrow of London, England. He assisted in the business development of Addison Reserve, a \$500 million housing community in Boca Raton, FL. as Head Golf Professional.

Taylor Woodrow then promoted Steve to General Manager of The Legacy Club at Alaqu Lakes in Orlando, Fla. where he supervised the entire facility. Of his many responsibilities he wrote, reported and administrated an annual \$3.5 million operational budget.

Currently an Economic Development Representative with the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, Steve manages two executive programs, "Kansas Match" and the "First Stop Clearinghouse," programs designed to educate and equip business entrepreneurs for success.

Steve supports long-term strategic economic growth and is a proponent for self-determination. He believes entrepreneurial ship interwoven with the preservation of our culture is an attainable goal. "We are blueprinted with certain assets and qualities namely, strength, intelligence, patients, humor with resilient family and cultural values."

Steve is proud of his heritage (John Shipshee, M-Sho), professional, business and personal accomplishments.

Educated at Haskell, KU and Washburn University in Education and Business Administration. Steve was appointed, in 1990 by Governor Joan Finney to the Kansas State Sports Hall of Fame, Board of Trustees.

As Treasurer, Steve would bring challenging initiatives along with a track record of integrity, professionalism, business/government management experience and objectivity to the Tribal Council.

Vice Chairperson Candidate Tom Shane

Tom Shane is the son of Sophie (Keesis) Shane. He was born April 20, 1940 in Horton, KS. He moved with his family to Iowa in 1949 where he resided until moving back to Kansas 2 years ago.

He worked for EATON Corporation as a quality control tech. for twenty-three years. He also served on the Imogene City Council for 2 terms. He is now employed with Harrah's Prairie Band Casino as a security officer.

Tom has 6 children and fifteen grandchildren. He is married to Ronda (Johnson) Shane. She is 1/3 Blackfoot/Cherokee Indian. She is employed at Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Topeka.

"It would be an honor and privilege to serve the Potawatomi people. I will work hard for all of our people."

Some of the things I would like to see happen are:

- More conservative spending
- Better educational programs for our children
- Our Senior Citizen's needs met to a fuller extent
- More thorough involvement of the General Council so they will have more and better knowledge of what is going on

JOHN T. SHOPTEESE (WASHAAH) VICE-CHAIRPERSON CANDIDATE

"POTAWATOMI FIRST"
PRIORITIES FOR ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY: Health Care, Education, Economic Development, Gaming, Communication, & Electronic Super Highway

As we begin the year 2000, we enter this new millennium confronting many problems that continue to plague Indian Country nationally. We must focus on **Potawatomi First** in our community. Economic development means employment for our people. In hiring employees for our operations, our priority should be to hire **Potawatomi First**, then consideration for other tribal members who qualify under Indian Preference and then from the private sector for the best qualified applicants. **Potawatomi First** in Tribal Economical Development; **Potawatomi First** in Education Programs; **Potawatomi First** in Health Care; **Potawatomi First** in Housing and Employment.

As your Vice-Chairman, I will be relentless in moving on these issues and focus on the benefits and opportunities available to achieve a greater balance on distribution in the best interest of our Nation and compliance with our Constitution. All this will require your support and continued input in our overall needs to accomplish our tribal economic goals. Our first priority is for our people, **Potawatomi First**. With your help and informational resources, we can accomplish self-sufficiency and this should be our first priority with the advent of our gaming programs and self-focus on the best interest of our Nation. Executive Councils cannot do this alone; your help and support is very critical in meeting our needs and together we can accomplish the best goals and objectives to attain total self-governance and success for our Nation. I look forward to working with you in achieving a long-term plan to best serve our people and create a lasting program for posterity and the future of our children and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation - **Potawatomi First!**

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Treasurer Candidate Profiles

Tribal Treasurer Candidate James Potter

I send warm greetings and my best wishes to each and everyone of our Tribal membership. Due to my long employment history with the Tribe's Administration and assuming the responsibilities of the position I presently hold has enhanced my experience and qualifications for the position of Treasurer. I am grateful for this fact and consider this to be one of my strongest assets. My 13 years of experience in working with Native American Organizations and Government (locally and nationally) has given me knowledge of legislation affecting the livelihood of our elders, our children and our Nation. Eight (8) years of business and accounting experience in the private sector is practical knowledge I can apply to the Administrative Branch of our Government and to the Economic growth of our community.

Look to the explosive growth and the rapid acceleration of our community's economy and reflect on what efforts have been made to keep pace with such a large scale of advancement for our people. This has been difficult to keep pace with, but we have done just that. It is easy to look back, see what has been done and where we have come from. It isn't as easy to look to the future and mold it to be what we want it to be. I don't believe in destiny being an arbitrary occurrence of events. We can make our own futures outcome become what we want it to be with preparation and planning. I hope you share the following hopes for our Nations future that I have.

- Plan, build and continue development of Economic Opportunity for the Nation.
- Continue to maintain the Fiscal Integrity of the Tribal Government.
- Continue to develop and expand comprehensive services for our Nations Membership.
- Enhance delivery of services for all of the Nations Membership.
- Enhance communications between the Government, its Membership and the surrounding communities.
- Continue positive relationship between Local, Federal, State and Tribal Government.

James M. Potter If you will put your X in the box next to my name in our election together WE can continue to plan, build and develop economic opportunity and enrich the lives of the people of our Nation. M'gwetch, P. B. Potawatomi Name: Wabaunsee - Thunder Clan. Mother's Maiden Name: Rema Wahweotten (Keo-ko-mo-quah)

Tribal Councilperson Candidate Mayme (Hubbard) Mattwaoshshe

My name is Mayme (Hubbard) Mattwaoshshe, and I am an incumbent member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council. In August, 1994, I was appointed as a Tribal Council member to fill a vacant position, and in 1996 was elected to serve the Tribe.

With the help of Tribal members and employees, I have been instrumental in helping our Nation's growth during my tenure. Some of the agencies and people who have helped strengthened our Tribe's economic development include the First Responders, EMT's, Law Enforcement, renovation of homes and buildings, the Gift Shop, the Casino, and our many Tribal members and employees.

My experience includes 30 years of working in Indian Programs, and serving as a representative at local, regional, and national levels. I presently serve on the Tribe's Budget Committee, Building Committee, and Casino Management Committee. I am also a Bingo Liaison, and the agent for insurance coverage and claims for both the Tribal government and our Casino. I feel that my efforts, and those efforts of our Tribal members, have helped to insure the best interests of the Tribe. As our insurance agent, I have also helped obtain valuable insurance coverage for property and assets of the Tribe, and our Casino.

My value system consists of making fair and equitable decisions on issues presented to the Tribal Council, pursuing change as an opportunity to secure a better future for our Tribe, and being a team player.

I am proud to serve as a Tribal Council member and would be happy to serve another term. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully, Mayme Mattwaoshshe

JAMES WHITEPIGEON TREASURER CANDIDATE

My name is James Whitepigeon. I intend to use my experience and education to further the existing and new business ventures of the tribe. My education has a strong emphasis in accounting and public administration.

My thirty-five years of experience as an accountant in public and private sectors prepared me to seek this important position. My current position as budget officer for the City of Battle Creek has given me the necessary government experience to prepare and report all the necessary financial information for the tribe. Budgets are very important in any business today. My use and understanding of computer systems has given me the knowledge to create all important financial reports quickly and simple enough for the non accountant to understand. My business experience will be useful on all the tribe's new business ventures.

My education includes an Associates Degree in Accounting from Davenport College, Grand Rapids, MI, a Bachelor Degree in Business and Accounting from Quinas College (1976), Grand Rapids, MI, and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University (1987), Kalamazoo, MI.

My father and mother were Levi Whitepigeon and Ellen (Moore) Whitepigeon. My mother lived on the tribe's reservation many years ago. This is the very important link to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Indians. I served in the U.S. Navy. I look forward to coming to Kansas and will be dedicated in helping the Tribe.

I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election.

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Council Person Candidate Roland J. Matchie

Hello, my name is Roland Matchie, and I am a candidate for the office of Council Person on the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribal Council.

My parents are Pete and Blanche (Masquat) Matchie. My elders are Frank and Susie (Puckee) Masquat and John and Hattie (Lasley) Matchie.

Education:

High School graduate;
Graduate in the mechanical field;
Graduate of the religious field;
Graduate of the plumbing trade;
Trained in the field of heating and air;
Trained in the carpentry trades;
Trained in the heavy equipment field;
Trained in the electrical field;
Certified wastewater tech.;
Certified drinking water tech.

Experience:

Ordained Minister;
Former member of the PBP Tribal Council;
Certified Small Engine Mechanic;
Past Deputy of Jackson County Sheriff's Dept.;
Former member of Operating Engineers Local 101;
Taught heavy equipment operation;
Taught small engine mechanics;
Taught Automotive Mechanics;
Former Roads and Bridge Supervisor for Tribe;
Former Housing Inspector for HUD;
Licensed Plumber;
Past community development coordinator for Tribe;
Built houses, all phases, concrete, framing, plumbing, elec., etc.;
Have owned my own plumbing shop; automotive salvage yard, carpentry business
Owned a small engine sales and service;

Concerns:

Housing for the elders, housing for the families, education, health, jobs, listening and reacting to concerns, helping our people that don't live on the reservation, all the programs on the reservation. Soon to be state run casinos, what to do? My concern is that we carry on our traditional way of life without any outside control. My wish is to be able to serve you, the people, to the best of my ability, without any personal gain for myself.

Thank you,
Roland Matchie

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Larry Berryhill (Mik seni) Council Person Candidate

My name is Larry Berryhill (Mik seni). I am 4/4 American Indian, half Prairie Band Potawatomi and one-half Creek. I was born, raised, and went to school near Rocky Ford on the Potawatomi Reservation. I attended Haskell Institute for two years, continuing on and graduating KC MO NE High School. I served 4 years in the US Army in Germany.

I went on relocation to California through the BIA for more schooling. I worked for Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and served on the Indian Center of San Jose, Inc. for 10 years.

I think there is a lack of communication between the Tribal Council and the General Council members. If I am elected to serve on the Potawatomi Tribal Council I will be able to help bridge this gap. I am interested in helping tribal members meet their needs and reach their goals.

We need to concentrate on health, education and welfare of our tribal members, starting with our senior citizens all the way down to our new born babies. We need to spend wisely the revenue generated through the Casino.

Tribal Councilperson Candidate: Jackie Mitchell

My name is Jackie Mitchell and I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming tribal election. My educational experience includes a Masters of Education from the University of Kansas in Early Childhood-Special Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Washburn University. I have worked in the field of Education for the past 22 years. During the last seven years, I have worked for the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe as Director of Early Childhood Programs and have developed the program into a high quality system of care for the children and families of the Reservation. I am a lifelong resident of the Reservation and wife, mother and grandmother to a very special family.

I feel that with my experience and education, I have the necessary qualifications to make informed decisions about the future of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. It is essential that the Tribal Council be composed of members that are qualified, informed and responsive to the needs of our people. It is important that the Council work together and make decisions that are based on what is good for all members of our tribe.

If elected my priorities for our tribe would include additional housing for tribal members, economic development and programs to improve the quality of life for all members. I feel that previous councils and the elders have laid the foundation and groundwork for our tribe and if elected I will strive to make decisions that will insure that the continued prosperity of our people.

RALPH "PORKY" TECUMSEH FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL PERSON

I am Ralph "Porky" Tecumseh and I am campaigning for the position of Tribal Council Person. Having lived on the Potawatomi reservation most of my life, I have seen many changes and improvements. I would like to see them continue.

Having served for ten years on previous Tribal Councils, I have acquired the leadership skills necessary to fill this position. Our bingo operation was put into effect and groundwork started for our Gaming Compact during that time. While in office, I was approachable and willing to speak with anyone who had questions or concerns.

I have also served (and will continue) on various social events committees that benefit our Potawatomi community. Recently, I was elected to the position of Vice-Commander of American Post #410 - WETASE here on the Reservation. For nine years, I have proudly served and actively participated, representing our tribal veterans at various functions.

Currently I am employed with Harrah's Prairie Band Casino as a slot technician.

I would like to continue promoting Potawatomi growth, economically, physically and spiritually. Our community needs strong leadership.

MARILYN M. BREWER TRIBAL COUNCIL PERSON CANDIDATE

Greetings! My name is Marilyn M Brewer and I have declared my candidacy for Tribal Councilperson.

I started working as the Tribal Court Clerk in April of 1993, and was responsible for getting the Court up and running. The Codes were already in place and there had been hearings in the courtroom, but I was given the responsibility of setting up the court office, ordering supplies, furniture, and getting the building ready to function as a courthouse. I worked alone until March of 1998 when we hired another person to assist in the office.

I know I have good leadership qualities and have those skills it takes to develop policy that will enhance the lives and general welfare of our people. I have helped develop proposals that would affect people's lives and give them opportunities to help themselves. I am steady, reliable, dependable and have been involved with community affairs and events. I am a parent and know the struggles that we as parents face everyday in raising our children. I realize the importance and responsibility of the Tribal Council and being able to commit to the responsibility of this office, understanding and realizing that this is not a nine to five job. I know I can give 150 percent or more to this commitment!

My maiden name is Kitchkumme. My mother is Agnes Wabski Kitchkumme and my father was Joseph Kitchkumme and both born and raised on this reservation. I was also born on this Reservation and my grandmother, Ship-she-quah was an original allottee. I have two sons, Rich, age 21 and Chris, age 37.

CARRIE O'TOOLE COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATE

Hello, my name is Carrie Wabaunsee O'Toole. I am running for a Tribal Council Member position. I am the eldest daughter of Will and Drusa Wabaunsee. I was raised in the Hoyt community and graduated from Royal Valley High School. I attended Emporia State University. I recently earned my certification of Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B).

I would like to serve our tribe and help give direction to our future. I have worked for the tribe at Head Start as a nutrition aide, Tribal Bingo with several different positions, Housing Authority as an occupancy specialist, as an administrative assistant for the chairwoman and presently as the receptionist in the Tribal Government Center. I also work part time at our casino. In working with the different programs, I have seen some wonderful and exciting changes along with the pains of growing as a tribe. I see a need for better communication and more economic development.

I am married to Jim O'Toole and we have four children: Kateri, Chris, Kavan and Lara. As a mother, I see a need to educate our members as leaders for our tribe, our programs, and our future. If we do not educate our tribal members, we are losing a great asset of the tribe.

I need your help in making a difference for our tribe. Please feel free to call me at 785 966-2255. Thank you for your time.

Tribal Council Person Candidate Benny Potts

Hello. My name is Benny J. Potts. I am the grandson of the late Joe Bill and Rosan Potts. I am a life-long resident of the reservation. I am married and have 4 children. I am a veteran of the U.S.M.C., having served 6 years (2 yrs. active duty and 4 yrs. inactive duty). I presently work for the Tribe as head of security for our Bingo Operation.

I served on the Tribal Council from 1994 to 1998. I was involved in the negotiation and realization of our casino. My job responsibility during my term on the Tribal Council was managing the Lands Program. I took care of leases, appraised and recommended lands for the Tribal Council to purchase for the Tribe. Another of my duties was the Graves and Repatriation Program; I ensured that our sacred items were reclaimed for the Tribe or removed from public view. Any time the resting place of our ancestors may have been disturbed, I was there to ensure they were treated with respect and dignity.

I believe the leadership of the Prairie Band Potawatomi must be the voice of the people. Every member must be treated with respect and listened to. I listen to the voices of our elders to bring back the traditional form of government wherein the General Council chooses the direction of our Tribe. This is the leadership I want to bring back, one that is rich in our culture and built on our traditions.

Thank you for your vote.

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Tribal Councilperson Candidate Betty J. Rice

I am a full-blooded Prairie Band Potawatomi, born and lived on the reservation until age 13. At this age I entered the greater outside world by attending Pawnee Boarding School and then on to Haskell for high school. At age forty, I began study toward a degree in Social Work at Washburn University and graduated in 1986, at age 47.

Between the two ages of entering higher education, I have experienced and accumulated a variety of experiences, which have enabled me to successfully live and work in our diverse world with many populations. I have experienced being a wife, motherhood (mother of five), grandparent status (grandparent of eight), great-grandparent status (one great grandson), aunt to many, counselor & friend to many. I have been in the human service field for 20+ years, (13+ years as a social worker) in different settings.

In April 1999, I received the Outstanding Volunteer Contributor Award from Battered Women Task Force for 20 years of volunteer service. Currently, I am employed at Kansas Children's Service League as Coordinator of the Kinship Program and I supervise Parent Adolescent Mediation. I teach Common Sense Parenting Classes two times a week.

I am active in volunteer work in the community with the desire to make a difference in my grandchildren and your grandchildren's world. I live and teach the values of my grandparents, or as much as I can remember: "treat others as you want to be treated."

I wish to be involved in our tribal government to remind all of us to remember the human component. I will speak for the young ones, the frail elders and those that have wandered away.

Sincerely, Tou Ze Quah

Tribal Councilperson Candidate ROGER YOUNG

Bozho - Friends, relatives and fellow Potawatomis! It gives me pleasure to announce my candidacy for Council Person in this year's Tribal Council Election.

My name is Roger Young. I live and work in the city of Sabetha. I am married and my wife's name is Janice; we have 3 wonderful children. I am a high school graduate and have earned an Applied Science Degree from Highland College. I also trained in mechanical and architectural drafting at the Northeast Kansas Area Vo-Tech in Atchison, KS.

For the last twelve years, I've been a cad operator for a company called Extru-Tech, Inc. The company builds and designs extrusion equipment.

What will I bring to the table? Loyalty, discipline, dedication, honesty, a high standard of ethics, and last but not least, common sense!

I look forward to working with and for the warm and wonderful people you are. I will honor the Council Person position and consider it a privilege to serve.

I believe one of the most important ideals of government is to listen and consider the ideas, suggestions, and concerns of the people, and then act upon them in a consistent manner. In order to continue to be successful as a Nation, we must teach or be taught to be assertive and build self-esteem in our youth and elders.

If you care to contact me, please don't hesitate, (785) 284-3572. I'd appreciate your vote in July.

LYSETTE MORRIS COUNCIL PERSON CANDIDATE

Aho Nikon! My Potawatomi name is "Kimi, my English name is Lysette Morris. I'm descendent of Henry Clay Bear Neghombé of the Bear Clan. My mother was born here; her name is Thamar Williams.

I'm currently an active member of our Judicial Committee here on the reservation. I have recently received my diploma in Wildlife/Forestry Conservation. I'm am also a single parent raising my granddaughter which is making me more aware of their special needs and how we need to stress education and cultural awareness to them. Our elder's needs are also a concern to me and how we need to put more emphasis on them.

I recently returned from Washington D.C. where I attended an Impact Aid Conference, dealing with funding towards educational needs for our youth grades kindergarten through twelve. While I was there, I met with the staff of Senator Ryan, Senator Roberts, and Senator Brownback. They were very interested and concerned with our educational needs here on the reservation. They offered to be in touch with me on more of these matters that we discussed there.

I also would like to maximize our effectiveness of today's technology dealing with communication presently available to us, and extend more data about current events pertaining to those of us here on the reservation and elsewhere. Such as pow wows, annual events and spiritual messages.

I know that I will be an asset to our Tribal Council if given the opportunity and will continue to persevere through our endeavors. Honor, love and respect to all.

Notes of Thanks

I would like to thank the people that supported me during the Gaming Commission Elections in February. Your support was appreciated very much.

If you have any questions feel free to call me at 785-966-4057, as I will try to answer them the best way I can. Thank you, Calvin Evans

I would like to give a big "Thank You" to everyone who voted for me in the Gaming Commission election and to congratulate our newly elected commissioners, Calvin and Ruth. "Congratulations!"

Sincerely, Sharon J. Anderson

Ronald Wahweotten COUNCIL PERSON CANDIDATE

I am married and have lived with politics since 1984-- her name is LaVeda Wahweotten. The other side of my knowledge and cultural inheritance comes from my parents, Elsie Wahwassuck VanHorn and Ray Wahweotten. I was drilled on being a team member by serving in the United States Marine Corp. and respect opinions of other people.

It seems like I have worked all of my life. I pride myself on joining the working world from the time I was 17 and have been employed on the outside since. I am now self employed as a commercial and residential painter.

I come from a long, extended family and respect my position not only as a father and husband, but I also cherish my role as a grandfather. It has been in my upbringing to reach out and be fair to everyone, especially the young people.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi waited years for good fortune to come to our front door so let's not let it leave out the back door. It is time to move forward with the limited riches that we have been allowed from the Tribe's gaming revenues. This could be accomplished in many ways that can be beneficial to all Tribal members.

If I am elected to serve on the Tribal Council as a voting member, the people of the Prairie Band Potawatomi can expect a voice that will speak for all the membership. If not elected, please be advised that you have not heard the last of Ron Wahweotten. Until next time...

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Tribal Council Person Candidate James Jackson

Hello Tribal Members, the year of elections is here already and its time for you to select four candidates to represent you on the Tribal Council. I was given that opportunity four years ago and now once again I ask for your support for another four year term. I won't sit here and make you a lot of promises because I believe actions speak louder than words and that's what I will bring to the table.

I will speak up for all tribal members in the next four years. I want to see our infrastructure developed further. We have made a good start but there is much more to do yet. I have worked with the architects and builders on our current projects and that is time consuming but worth it to see the improvements. That's what the General Council has asked the Council to accomplish.

Other projects I have worked on include developing the per capita ordinance, which is required by federal law; newspaper co-editor; ball-field improvements; gas station development; coordinate the building of the Elder Center, Government Center, Tribal Police Station, and future housing for tribal members. We are in the process of developing a road plan for black-top improvements for the reservation this year.

I serve on several committees such as the Min-Sosi Committee and I am the head of the Building Committee in charge of the economic development projects on the reservation. I'm a firm believer in improving the quality of life for all our people. The per-capita payments and new projects will help fulfill that goal.

I ask for your consideration for another four year term. I will serve this tribe to the best of my ability. Thank you for your time and for reading this article.



(Late Submission) LARRY G. DUBOISE
VICE-CHAIRPERSON CANDIDATE

Prairie Band Potawatomi Youth Program

The PBP Youth Program has been in operation since September of 1998. We have grown from 16 youth to over 100 that have participated in one or more events. Some of the activities the youth are involved in are Craft Classes, Shirley Wakole helps with our crafts classes. The youth are learning how to make beaded key chains, god's eyes, dream catchers, picture frames, and loom work. The youth will be working on shawls and outfits in the near future. If you are interested in participating or want to share your talents with our youth, please don't hesitate to call or stop by. They are on Monday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the new youth office located in the gym. We have a Drum Group that meet on different nights of the week, if you would like the time and date, please call the Youth Office. The drum group will be making drumsticks. They will be performing on April 16th, 2000 at the Awards Banquet. Joe Hale is also doing a great job in getting the drum group ready for the some up-coming Pow wows. On Monday nights there is Ala-teen for youth ages 12 and older. Ala-teen meetings will be at the housing authority at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for more info you can contact Beverly Fox at the Alcohol and Drug Program or Paula Hopkins at the Tribal Office.

The youth put on their "1st Annual Adult Volleyball Tournament." We had 9 teams participating, with 7 teams from the reservation, 1 from Horton and 1 from Topeka. The "Lewis Team" (from Topeka) taking first with no losses, then the "Old School" (from the rez) taking 2nd, losing only 1 game, then "Horton" Team taking 3rd. This was a fun day for everyone. We are also starting an adult co-ed volleyball league on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. So come out and support our youth and watch our elders play ball. The Youth Program will be having a concession stand at each of these games.

We have many fundraisers for the Youth, which are a good success. We would like to thank the community for helping the youth raise money for their trips. Some of the trips that the Youth attended were Magic Forest in Topeka, Movies, Haskell Basketball Games. We also took a trip to Kansas City to a puppet show with the Native American Health Collation. Also EPA invited us to go along with them to Nebraska to watch the crane migration, along Platte River. The Jr. Youth group goes to the YMCA for Fabulous Friday's. Some of the fundraiser which were held was a he/she basketball game, concession for men's fast pitch games, lasagna dinner, concession at the volleyball tournament, 50/50 drawings and Carnations for Valentines Day.

In January we hired two youth mentors for the high school, we would like to welcome Dan Dyer (Potawatomi) and Barbara Cornelius (Navajo). Barb and Dan have been working with the high school students and attending the Native American Club meetings. Dan and Barb had spoke at the community meeting in Hoyt. They also attended a trip with the youth to the State Capital Building. This was an exciting trip, they went to the top of the capital and looked around. Again, we would like to welcome Dan and Barb.

During spring break the youth program put on a 2 day basketball clinic for the youth ages 10 to 18. We would like to thank our Special Guest Robert Bedeau for coaching the Basketball Clinic. Also a big THANKS goes to "Goffy" for providing us with lunch for the 2 day event.

These are just to name a few of the different activities which we have been doing in the past few months. If you would like more information about the Youth Program, or if you would like to volunteer some of your time with our Youth, Please call us at (785) 966-3031.

We have monthly calendars, if interested please call and leave your name, phone number and address and we will get you on our mailing list.

All youth are welcome!!

Youth Staff



MY HERO IS A REAL NISH NAH BEH

Story and article by Doris Potts

For some of us, our heroes aren't always cowboys...far from it. For 14-year old Hattie Mitchell, PB Potawatomi tribal member and student at Royal Valley High School, Hoyt, KS, she did her school hero article, proclaiming her hero as the legendary Leonard Peltier, the symbol of the Indigenous people's resistance. Who can say it better than the source themselves, so here is her Hero Statement:

Leonard Peltier is a hero to me because he represents the American Indian Movement. He's a leader and is a man of principal. He was accused of killing two FBI agents, brought to court and found guilty, and sent to prison for two life terms. I believe that the cops fabricated the evidence, threatened the witnesses, and didn't say the whole truth—just to protect themselves and the law. I'm not the only person who believes this; there are people who spoke out against this and they sent most of them to jail.

They won't give him a fair trial, because they don't want to know they're wrong. The other AIM leaders did nothing to help him; they got all the publicity and money. But people like Leonard Peltier, a soldier, didn't get the publicity and credit for the work he's done. AIM leaders didn't even come to his trial, but when one of their people were at court, they went over there and brought money to get them out of there. They did no such thing to help Leonard Peltier.

The reason Leonard was at the shoot out was because they called him over there to help them, but the cops trapped them and took in Leonard and two other guys. They said he did it to save themselves. The one that really shot the FBI agents admitted it but Leonard didn't let him so he got the blame.

Beside Leonard's picture, Hattie defines a hero as, "A hero is a person who does something that is right, sometimes for someone else or for themselves, even if they don't want to. They can do something big or something little that may change their life or may not." Hattie is well familiar with the many stories surrounding Leonard's sacrifices—his martyrdom for the Indigenous people.

Leonard did not brush this youngster's support aside lightly. In his Nish nah beh way, he returned her support by doing a portrait of Hattie (collector's items). When he gave her the portrait, he told her that he would give her the portrait if she promised to stay in school. If hard times were to fall upon her wherein she could not continue due to lack of funds, she is to sell the portrait to continue her education. She made this promise.

This is only one of the many ways that Leonard gives to the outside world from within his closed-wall world of 24 years. It's time for more Nish nah behs, as Hattie so unselfishly did, to stand proud of what Leonard stood for so many years ago. He was always there when the Nish nah behs needed his support!

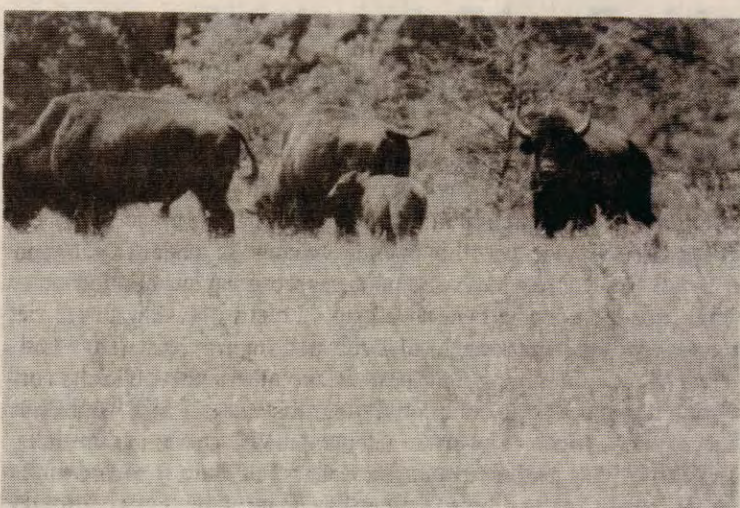
Your support can be in small ways such as contacting the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee in Lawrence, KS and asking, "What can I do to help Leonard?"

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BUFFALO REPORT

Things are going real good with our Buffalo Program; we have a healthy herd. With the onset of springtime, it is now calving season. This year, we expect to see more than 10 calves that will be more than the last year.

There was a sorry note last year – “Mr. Majestic” died of natural causes. He was one of the original 3 we started with twenty years ago. He was a big 2,000 pounder and a beautiful sight to see. He brought us much pride, caring for him. It was our intent to let him live his years out. He may have lain where he took his last breath for some days. The buffalo crew buried him where he died. They hit a rock ledge in digging the grave after covering him up. They stood up the big rock from the ledge. It looks like a big natural tombstone to mark his spot in time.

Work on the 180-acre addition is progressing to the east of the 240-acre existing pasture. The road that separates this addition will remain open. A bridge was built for a underpass for the herd to pass to and from. The N Road was upgraded from dirt to gravel for public viewing of the tribe's buffalo herd.

Our tribe belongs to Intertribal Bison Cooperative in Rapid City, SD. Some 52 tribes belong, representing 8,000 head of Indian lands. We attend their workshops and receive federal dollars for herd management.

The Fence Crew, who cares for the buffalo herd, have been busy finishing a dual fence project on the high hills west side of Big Soldier for Tribal & Allotment/BIA.

The harvest of buffalo is successful, maintaining the herd at carrying capacity. With the first batch in 1994 from Badlands, we got some older females. Two died this winter of natural causes.

We have provided meat for those requested by Dance Grounds tribal members, for funerals & wakes, Pow Wows, fund-raisers, and community events. A freezer is kept stocked with roasts, stewing meats, and patties. Many tribal members are Haskell alumni; our most recent harvest is going to their alumni dinner at Graduation time. Chairperson Ruppnick is President of the Board of Regents and will be able to provide them with this from our herd, a tribute to a very worthy cause.

The Buffalo Program brings pride to this Reservation and to the Crew that care for them.

KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION

By Doris Potts

KANAE held their annual conference at the Lawrence Holidome, Lawrence, KS on March 5-7. KANAE was established as a result of Public Law 100-297 enacted on April 28, 1988 with the goal of developing recommendations for the improvement of educational programs to make the programs more relevant to the needs of Indians. This Association is charged with making recommendations at the state level, directing those recommendations to the White House.

KANAE, at the Kansas level, has a Board of Directors comprised of fourteen persons: 1 representative from each of the 4 Kansas Tribes (Iowa, Kickapoo, Prairie Band Potawatomi, and Sac & Fox), 4 representatives from the Kansas City, Lawrence, Topeka, & Wichita areas; 1 representative from Kansas State Department of Education and Haskell Indian Nations University; 2 Indian education advocates; and 2 members-at-large. Sharon McClane, Director for PB Potawatomi Education Department, has been serving as the PB Potawatomi representative.

This year's workshop focus was geared toward making educators more aware of cultural differences when dealing with Native American youth. Approximately one hundred forty educators from all of the above-listed areas were involved in this 2-day workshop. Setting the scene for this educational/cultural awareness workshop was the Pow Wow held on the eve of the workshop. A sweat lodge was also held in the evenings for participants to relax and enjoy an evening of prayer.

Just to mention some of the topics covered in the workshops: Four Directions, Working with Parents, Indigenous Science, Infusing Model, Social Justice, Cultural Literacy Needs, Tribal Leader's Summit on Indian Education, Disability Issues Facing Indian Education, Student Leader's Panel, KU-INSP, HINU Teacher Education Program, Explaining Educational Standards to Parents, Eliminating Racism in the Classroom, Tribal Language Preservation, Integrating Culture into History Curriculum, and Designing Culture-Based Curriculum.

Against Sharon McClane's objections, we at the press, requested permission to mention that her son, Willie McClane, was bestowed the honor of KANAE's Native American College Student of the Year. Nominations for the awards are solicited from the general membership of KANAE and voted on by the 14-member Board of Directors. John Rundle, Assistant Superintendent of USD #337, nominated Willie. There were a total of 6 nominations for College Student of the Year.

His nomination read, “Willie McClane is a classic example of how determination and hard work can lead to success. After graduating from Royal Valley High School, Willie spent 2 years at Highland Community College on a football scholarship. He then transferred to Emporia State University and entered teacher education (first in math) then settling on Health and Physical Education. This spring semester, he is doing his student teaching and will receive his secondary education degree in May 2000. The past 6 semesters Willie has maintained a 3.25 GPA and worked a large number of hours in a part-time job to help pay for his education. Couple that determination and strong work ethic with Willie's infectious smile and friendly personality, and you have the ingredients for an excellent addition to the teaching profession. Willie is an excellent role model for other Native American students who might consider pursuing a college degree.” **CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE, WILLIE!**

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI SENIOR CENTER

by Nona Wahweotten

The anticipated completion date of August 2000 of the new Senior Center is very exciting. Everyday we keep looking down the hill and can almost count the number of walls going up. For years, the Senior Site has been located adjacent to the O Ketch Show O Now gym with only a kitchen and dining area that housed only a pool table and television. Soon, we will have our own building. Opening of the new site will benefit both the elders and youth, as O Ketch Show O Now will be turned over to the Youth Program who is in desperate need of space. Looking down there today, they are starting on the roof!

The Senior Citizen Program is requesting pictures of family elders along with detailed, pertinent information about the subject picture. We are in the process of starting a collection. The pictures and information will become property of Senior Center and will remain in our possession. Please send to: Nona Wahweotten, Senior Center Director, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509. Also, anytime you have something you want to share with the elders, please write us and we'll ensure they get the information. (Phone# 785-966-2771 and Fax# 785-966-2345)

Our deepest condolences to the families of recently deceased tribal elders: Elizabeth Hale, Julia Levier, Nettie Wishkeno, Gary Patterson, and Louie Oliver (Wabnum). They will be sadly missed.

If you are interested in being on our Birthday Calendar, please send your name and birthdate to Nona Wahweotten. To be eligible, you must be reaching the great age of 50 and older. Following are the April, May, and June birthdays:

Senior Citizen Staff: Wynona Wahweotten, Senior Site Director; Eileen (Tutti) Kern, Meal Site Assistant; Warren Wahweotten, Transportation/Building Maintenance; Goffy Wabaunsee, Head Cook; and Michelle Claborn, Kitchen Assistant.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Social Services Program And Indian Child Welfare Program

Submitted by H. Yolanda Riddle

Things have been flowing in the Social Services department located in the We-Ta-Se building on “K” road. Prairie Band Potawatomi Social Service staff has been working hard to offer quality case management services to Native families.

Our service area extends from the reservation to surrounding counties including Shawnee and Brown County. With a staff of 4 individual's we keep very busy in the Prairie Band Potawatomi community. Lately, our staff has been receiving some specialized training in various areas that will help us in the quality of services we deliver to community members.

February 15, Eric Sanderson, Director and H. Yolanda Riddle, social worker, attended 8 hours of Child Abuse Investigation training, hosted by Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police.

February 22-24 H. Yolanda Riddle and Jackie Kern, family support worker, attended Case Management training.

February 29-March 4, Eric Sanderson, Director and Jackie Kern, family support worker, attended “Stepping Stones to Increase Employment of American Indian Women with Disabilities.”

March 14-16 Eric Sanderson, Director, attended American Indian and Alaskan Native conference hosted by Social Security Administration and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration Grant Writing Workshop.

March 15-17, H. Yolanda Riddle, social worker and Jackie Kern, family support worker attended, “Foster Parent Trainers, Extending Our Families Through Unity” by the Native American Children and Family Services Training Institute.

The trainings that the workers have attended have been well received by its participants. I would like to share with you a little more about the foster care training. The Native American Children and Family Services Training Institute out of North Dakota put on this training. This was an exciting training because the curriculum that was presented was designed to benefit Native children, families and Native American foster parents. The twenty hours of training was designed to help future facilitators learn the curriculum so that it may be presented back to future foster parents. Which brings me to the next exciting stage which is implementing the training here in the Prairie Band Potawatomi community so that we can have our own Native foster care parents! If you are interested in participating in this future training please call Social Services toll free @ 1-(888) 966-2932.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Social Services would also like to congratulate Ruth Vega to her new elected position of Gammig Commissioner!!! Ruth was the former coordinator for Community Service Program which helps with food certificates for those under the age of 62, and food, utilities and medical bill assistance for those over 62 or who are disabled.

Myra Matchie is currently helping out the Community Service Program by filling in this vacancy until a formal selection is made. We are very thankful for Myra who stepped right in to help the community where she was much needed.

Prairie Band Gift Shop News

It has been busy here at the Gift Shop the last couple of months. In January, we acquired an additional 6' of retail space, adding more office space in our storeroom. Many thanks to the tribal maintenance crew for building shelves and volunteering their assistance as needed.

This month, we were closed for 3 days so we could update our computer system. We purchased a new software system that will be faster, more efficient, and capable of handling our daily workload. We also had inventory going on at the same time. It was a big job, but all of our staff worked very hard to get it done.

In January, the managers were invited to the Russ Berrie Showroom in Newark, NJ. We had the opportunity to meet Russ Berrie and their feature artist, Doug Harris. We feature a lot of the hot-selling Russ items in the Gift Shop. We also attended a private showing of Pendleton fashions in Nebraska City. We have a lot of nice merchandise coming in for spring and fall.

We have a lot of moccasins in right now. If you need baby moccasins this spring, you should be getting them now. We apologize to those people who are requesting special orders for crafts such as beads and fringe; we don't have the space to showcase a sizable craft supply. We try to have some beads on hand, so please keep checking with us. We will try to get what you need.

If you have been in the Gift Shop in the last few days, you may have noticed an increase in prices. This is due to the 5% tribal sales tax that we are paying to the Tribe. Although we have been paying this tax since May 1999, the tax was not shown. It was included in the price of the item. Basically, we were paying the tax for the consumer. The 5% sales tax is paid by all tribal enterprises.

If you are interested in finding out more about tribal taxes, I urge you to talk to Jim Potter, Tax Commissioner.

Congratulations to Naomi Masquat and Dave Cadue on their new arrival, Jewel Eileen Cadue, (11-05-99) and to Kyla and Melvin Lewis on their new daughter, Avery Leona Lewis. Kyla is a former Cashier at the Gift Shop. We wish you all the best.

Gift Shop Staff:

Karen Thomas, Manager
Cindy LeClere, Manager
Joy Yoshida, Assistant Manager
Brenda McClure, Lead Cashier
Gina Wahweotten, Lead Cashier
Dave Cadue, Cashier
Naomi Masquat, Cashier

TRIBAL DISTRICT COURT NEWS

By: Administrative Judge Dennis L. Reiling

Tribal Court has recently hired additional staff. Joseph “Chago” Hale, Jr. was hired in January 2000 as the Deputy Clerk. He handles all traffic and criminal matters processed through the court. Chago will be attending Tribal Probation Officer Training in August so that he can oversee and follow up with respondents/defendants placed on probation or respondents/defendants doing community service ordered by the Court.

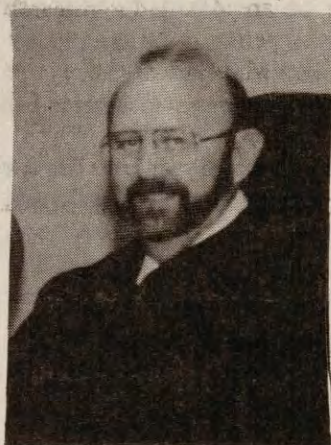
In an attempt to address the overwhelming need to have on staff someone who can answer legal questions, give legal advice and appear in court with litigants, Tribal Court has contracted Matt Patterson to join the court staff as a legal advocate. He will be responsible for assisting pro se litigants in tribal court with pleadings and to guide them through litigation.

Too frequently, tribal members appearing in non-Tribal courts have contacted our court staff for advice or explanation of legal paperwork presented to them. Mr. Patterson is now available to assist tribal members or answer their questions regarding any legal issues they may have outside of our Tribal Court.

Mr. Patterson will be graduating from Washburn University School of Law in May 2000. He has extensive experience with all aspects of criminal law, civil procedures, as well as dealing with pro se litigants. He is available for appointments or by phone at Tribal Court on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 1:30 pm. If you would like to meet with Mr. Patterson or speak with him by phone, please contact the Court @ 785/966-2242 to schedule an appointment.

Tribal District Court's civil docket is held every month on the fourth Friday. The civil docket has an average of six cases heard on those scheduled days.

Traffic court is every Thursday night at 5:00 pm and has an average of four traffic appearances including pleas and sentencing.



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Verle Creek, Tribal Police Officer showing community members how Remco, K-9 Officer detects drugs in tires

Submitted by: Rebecca Jones

Here at the Tribal Police Department we have been busy. So far this year we have worked over 300 incidents of which over 60 were criminal offenses. These offenses include drunk driving, thefts, burglaries, assaults, drug possession and manufacturing-- just to name a few. In addition to our normal patrol and caseloads, our officers have attended training in the past few months on Child Abuse Investigations, Instructing Defensive Driving Courses, a presentation by Gary Mitchell regarding the history and culture of the Prairie Band people. We just had another officer, Tim Morse, graduate from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) in Hutchinson, Kansas. We are very proud of Tim; one of his instructors at KLETC stated Tim was the best he had seen in a long time with the investigative portion of the training.

Everyone here at the Tribal Police Department would like to thank Harrah's Casino

for the Safety Appreciation Dinner they sponsored Thursday, March 9th, in recognition of the Police, Fire, and Road & Bridge Departments. The dinner was wonderful and all that attended enjoyed themselves. Thank you again.

Tribal Police participated in the Safety Fair, March 11th at the gym/meal site. Corporal Creek and K-9 Officer Remco did 2 demonstrations. The first demonstration highlighted Remco's ability to detect drugs. The second demonstration featured Randy Smith, Potawatomi Firefighter, in the "Bite Suit" and Remco. Cpl. Creek instructed Remco to attack Randy as if he were a suspect that was trying to flee from or attack Cpl. Creek. Also at the Safety Fair, Officer Michael Boswell conducted a Child ID program where he fingerprinted over 20 children. The parents of these children will now have a permanent record of their child's fingerprints for identification purposes. Trooper Tim McCool, Kansas Highway Patrol, joined us administering

in child safety seat checks and safety seat installations. We had a wealth of information from the Kansas Safety Belt Office and Child Safety Seat loaners available. Lt. Joe Morris even entered the Chili Cook-Off (Potawatomi Fire Battalion Chief Brian Jones couldn't eat Lt. Morris' chili. He said it was too hot.) Everyone that participated had a good time and we look forward to next year's Safety Fair.

We have a few new people on staff at the Tribal Police Department. Lucretia Miller and Courtney Mabrey are new in our Dispatch Center. Ricky Burns is our new Animal Control Ordinance Enforcement person and Carol Arnold has accepted the position as Secretary to the Chief filling the position left vacant by Micki Martinez who was selected as the new Manager of Motor Vehicles for the tribe. Micki will be missed by all of us at the Tribal Police and we wish her well in her new position.

We still have Child Safety Seats for loan to or for tribal members.

Anyone interested should stop by the Tribal Police Department, 16344 Q Road, across from the new Government Center or you can call 966-3024. Speak with Rebekah Jones, Monday-Friday, 8am - 4pm.

Wildlife Conservation Officer Terry Scott is planning Hunter Safety Courses on the reservation if there is sufficient interest. According to tribal law, anyone born after July 1, 1977, is required to take and pass a certified hunter safety course before they can lawfully hunt on the reservation. This course is recognized by the State, which will permit the applicant to obtain a Kansas hunting license if so desired. These courses will be limited to those persons over 12 years old. If you are interested in a Hunter Safety Course, please call the Tribal Police Department as soon as possible so that we may determine need and demand. Officer Scott is available to answer your hunting and fishing questions Tuesday-Saturday, 8am-3:30pm at the Tribal Police Department or 966-3024.

Doing D.C.

By Veronica N. Zerrer

When members of the Tribal Council took me along on a mission to Washington D.C. February 26 - 29 I wondered why I was going - and what was I going for? Yet after the trip I came back to work convinced that missions to Washington are in the best interest of the tribe and grant development, and that other programs should be included on these efforts. There is no substitute for personally meeting people who by their votes, their policy decisions, and their influence control both the flow of Federal dollars to Indian Country, and who by their action or inaction can enhance or harm Tribal business and development opportunities. Traveling to Washington is not about shopping, or restaurants, or cavorting about the town - It is the hardest work imaginable - it is relationship building with lawmakers and policy makers. It is communicating how certain legislation will affect the tribe and convincing lawmakers that they should vote in accordance with Tribal desires and demands. It is providing them a Tribal perspective on budget decisions. Official travel packs a dozen meetings into a short day. For example on Monday we started at 8:00 a.m. and finally finished at 8:00 p.m. that evening. Indeed, the only touring I was able to squeeze in was a walk around the White House late Sunday afternoon after the Strategic planning session with the Tribal Council.

Consider yourself and your own job. If a co-worker is considering changing how they do their job, and it will affect you in some manner, what are you going to tell him or her? Chances are you will tell them that that it will work, not work, or how to modify it - in essence to influence the final outcome. But, if you communicate nothing, if the

co-worker doesn't even know you are concerned - then you are forced to accept the decision and all the changes. But if your co-worker views you as a partner in the development of a product or service, and they respect your decisions and insight, you can communicate your feelings and what you believe will happen if a change is made. In short: influence based upon respect for your opinion.

The Federal officials I met in Washington at the Department of Education Interior and Health and Human Services, will recall my face, and the cordiality of our meeting, instead of just a name and voice over the telephone. Will that translate into increased Federal dollars? Perhaps - perhaps not - the grants still need to be written. But it shows that the tribe cares enough about Federal support to invest - and that's the key term - **invest**; invest in time, travel, study, and the belief that long term gains will be made by the tribe.

Building rapport with the legislative assistants (LA) is just as important as it is with the lawmakers. Very often it is the LA that prepares a lawmakers position paper on any given issue. Establish a workable relationship with them and you have influence: They will listen to you - because they know you. I met Janet Erickson, a legislative assistant to Senator Inouye of Hawaii. Janet prepares much of the Senator's legislation on Native American issues and can influence how he votes on an issue.

Official travel benefits the tribe and reinforces relationships between the tribe and policy makers. Would the tribe had been successful in keeping out of state interests from opening other casinos in Kansas without the relationships the Tribal Council built over the years with the Kansas Congressional delegation? You decide.

Education Department /Job Skills Program

By Sharon McClane

Now is the time to submit your applications, if you are interested in attending a higher education program or vocational training. The application deadline for fall semester is July 1st. In addition to completing the attached Higher Education Grant, Adult Education or Vocational Education Applications, the following will have to be submitted:

1. Letter stating why you need the grant and how it will be used
2. CDIB
3. Letter of admission
4. Transcripts
5. Verification of Application for Federal Student Aid
6. Completion of Financial Aid Package Form

Available at the PBP Education Department is information on various grants that Native Americans are eligible for. If any assistance or further information is needed you may contact the PBP Education Department.

Frances Wabaunsee, the PBP Job Skills Coordinator is currently training to become a certified Microsoft Trainer. Due to the electrical output in the current Job Skill site, We-Ta-Se Building, the computer lab will not be set-up until the Education Department is moved to our new site in the new Government Center. For the time being, a one-on-one instruction can be set up to meet those training needs. Services that are available through the Job Skills Program are job readiness skills, referral resources to other Tribal Programs, GED preparation, assistance with resumes, and assisting with job leads. If you need other assistance in other areas, feel free to stop by the office and we will help in any way we can or direct you to the appropriate service.

For any additional information or questions contact Sharon McClane, Education Administrator @ 15434 K Road, Mayetta, KS 66509; (785)966-2960; fax (785)966-2956 or Frances Wabaunsee, Job Skills Coordinator @ above address and fax; phone (785)966-2884, E-mail wabaunseefrances@hotmail.com.



Photo by Doris Potts

Cecily Wabaunsee, Judy Jackson, Hedy Noland, Brenda Pahmahmie, Jackie Mitchell

(front row) Maria Fairman, Miguel Ortiz



Photo by Doris Potts

(Back row) Sandi Jim, Hope Adame, Sheila Lefebvre, Sam Mitchell, Jubby Masquat, Saga Fairman, Renee Villines

(Front Row) Amy Pruyser, Maxine Ramirez, Mary Tiscarenio

Enrollment

By Joe Hale

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Enrollment department has received several requests for relinquishments from people who are enrolled with other tribes and who want to become members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

When we receive an application for enrollment, along with a relinquishment for, we are obligated to research such application to see if that person has shared in any monies or land while enrolled with that particular tribe. If that person has received any services, the application for enrollment will be rejected as stated in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Constitution and enrollment ordinance.

Tribal Firehouse Report

Hello again from the Firehouse! We are so pleased and proud to announce that we have received the Ok from the Tribal Council to implement our ambulance transport program. This program will provide advanced life support care 24 hours per day seven days a week. We anticipate that the ambulances will be ready to respond by April 15, 2000.

Did you get a chance to visit our booth at the Health and Safety Fair? The Special Assistant to the Fire Chief, Dan McKinney and Mary LeClere spearheaded the organization of the fair, which was held March 11, 2000. We had a great time visiting with everyone and we received a lot of positive comments. The firefighters raised \$146.00 for the head start program by holding a chili cook-off. "B" shift (Raymond Nioce, Brian Hoffman, Chad Edwards and Josh Oxley) had the winning chili. Now Chief Feiner owes the winning team a free dinner out.

As the weather starts warming up, we will start restocking our freezer with tasty treats. Please stop by and enjoy!

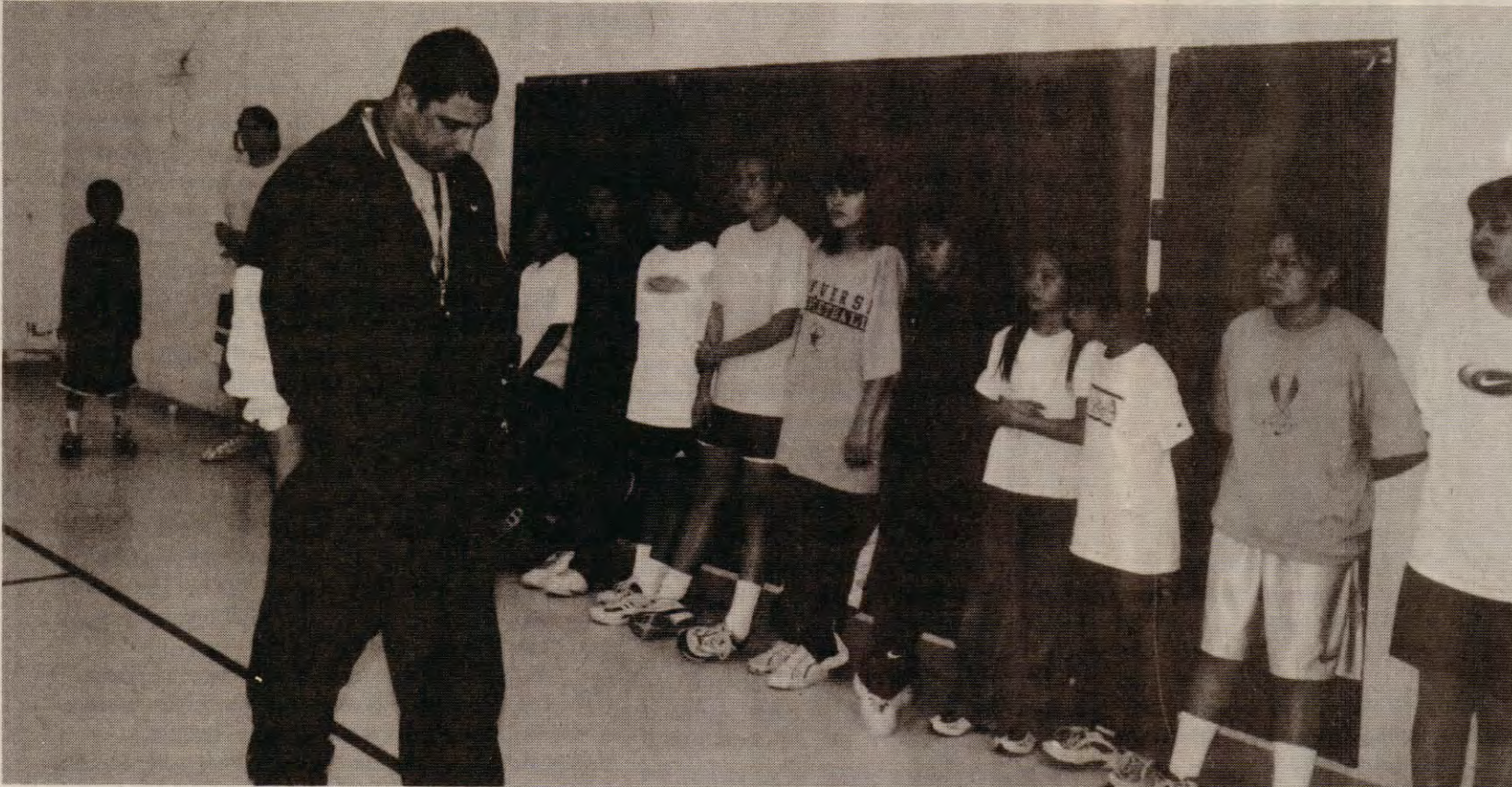
Remember to check those smoke detector batteries!

Prairie Band Potawatomi Early Childhood Education Center

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Early Childhood Education Center has just been awarded accreditation by the National Association for Education of Young Children. This is evidence that the center DEMONSTRATES SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CRITERIA FOR HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS in the community. We are very pleased to share this wonderful news with all of you.

The heart of NAEYC accreditation focuses on the child's experience. The process carefully considers all aspects of a program including health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications, and physical environment. The greatest emphasis is on the children's relationships with the staff and how the program helps each child grow and learn intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally. Research supports the value of accreditation for children. Children's language and social skills especially benefit from the better quality found in NAEYC-accredited programs. These are critical areas for children's success in school as well as in life.

(Other staff members not pictured: Vicki Wahquaboshkuk, Norma Shipshee, Carrie Hastings, Nina Reed, Robyn Wright, Tina Levier, Zahwee Masquat and Nicole Mahkuk



Spring Break, A Fun-Filled Success for PBP Youth Program

By Doris Potts

"Awesome!" Or whatever the youth now say is how one would describe the week of March 20 - 24 as the Youth Program staff coordinated a week filled with recreation and activities. Dumps, Mi ges, and Cheryl have earned those extra brownie points and worlds of thanks during Spring Break week as they had activities organized so that the youth wouldn't find themselves bored.

Kicking off the week began on Friday, March 17th when 9 of the older kids headed up to Grand Island, NE to witness the Migration of Cranes. This viewing consists of a sixty-mile stretch of land where around 500-600,000 cranes migrate. From hearsay, it is one of the most beautiful sights one will see around this area. Greg Wold organized this weekend trip, involving the Youth Program as an educational/outdoor outing. Mother Nature had her plans too as she blessed them with 5-6" of snow right on top of their tents. After that, our group was ready to head home to nestle in the warmth of their own feather beds.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, 22nd & 23rd, Robb Bedeau, Program Director (& former semi-pro BB player) of the K.C. Three Spirited Walk Project, came in for a Basketball Clinic for anyone that had that spark of interest. On both days, there were 25-35 kids involved in the BB Clinic. He had the kids sweating it out both days from 9 - 3, proper dribbling, shooting, passing, etc. Whew! That even sounds tiring! But fun... don't you miss playing basketball? Yeah!

He has a serious interest in focusing youth's attention on positives in life to distract them from the world of alcohol/substance abuse. He gave them a motivational talk on setting goals, maintaining that each child has the power to succeed in reaching any goal they set as long as they stay clean.

Having recently attended a Substance Abuse workshop with Robb, I even took it upon myself to coin some of his phrases in regard to putting more positive emphasis on Youth Programs. I recall him saying in that Workshop that kids are nowadays are very smart and they see all that is going on around

them. They see the adults when we have all of these fancy Casinos to entertain ourselves in. We have to put them in nice, positive surroundings so that they can feel good about themselves too! Because, the kids are saying, "Hey what about us? When do we get a beautiful building like you?" Those thoughts stuck in my mind! I felt guilty...

Our local caterer, Goffy, provided the kids with some of her infamous fried bread and mexican delights on both days of the BB Clinic. That's a special treat in itself!

On Friday, the 24th, the kids winded down a little with art and craft projects, creating drum sticks, dream catchers, key chains, and picture frames.

On Saturday night, the kids had an all-nighter stay at Magic Forest, a private party filled with games, recreation, and pizza. This is a lock-up stay for safety purposes at an indoor magical, gigantic playground. To fund this party, the kids baked and sold lasagne and cookies on Thursday, selling to all of the reservation office staff. Yep, those are Goffy's future competitors; you're forewarned, Goffy.

Story goes that most of the kids

made it all night at the Magical Forest, but boy were they ever tired on Sunday--long naps were taken most of the day. That's all in a day's work for the Youth Program staff. The kids can definitely dig it!

On Sunday, the older group had the concession rights at a trio men's fastpitch out on the reservation. That was a windy debut for those three men's teams: the Potawatomi, Kickapoos and a Lawrence Indian team. That was quite a week for all of the youth!!!

The Youth Program staff had these closing comments, *"We encourage and warmly welcome any/all (grand)parents, the Executive Director, and Tribal Council Members to participate/chaperone in any/all of the activities, enjoying time with the youth. And we appreciate this precious time that you allow your child(ren) to spend with us!"*

Howard Ranier, Taos Pueblo

By Gary E. Mitchell

Howard Ranier has given presentations for 25 years and finds his greatest challenge is that some people listen but many are not willing to change.

In a nutshell, Ranier said it is time for Indian people to be heard and seen—in high school, in college and in non-Indian communities. In his words: "Show them how good you are."

In his travels across Indian country, Ranier said the biggest problem on reservations is getting people to believe in themselves, in God and their potential.

"If we would allow people to let past mistakes go," Ranier offered "we could get on with life. It's time to start."

With this as background, Ranier delivered a memorable presentation to a large group of Potawatomi tribal members, local school staff and other interested individuals.

He asked in his opening remarks: "What is the future of Potawatomi children? Answering his own question he said: "The early years are marked by eagerness. Children are eager to learn. 'choose me, choose me.' Optimism will get them through middle school and then in high school, a different attitude starts: 'I dare you to teach me.'"

Some students don't like to study, some think teachers are boring, making them learn what they don't want to. At home children are saturated with television and find teachers aren't entertainers like they've become accustomed to.

Others feel like they have the weight of the world on their shoulder when they go into the higher grades, according to Ranier. They quit trying, lose hope and want out.

Subsequently, there are two types of people—happy and unhappy people. "It's hard to tell a kid to be happy when a parent or teacher aren't happy," said Ranier. They may feel life is hard there is one traumatic thing after the other some don't like their jobs or worse yet, don't like themselves and have nothing to look forward to.

Ranier said everyone isn't like this type

I firmly believe there is an urgency to hear this message. It is time for change (personal changes affect others overnight). There is hope on the horizon. Indians are giving up on hope. I want to make a difference.

though. Others are optimistic. The flame won't burn out. They feel like they are loved and doing something. Ranier said these are pro-active people and aren't waiting for a train to hit them. In fact, they choose to be happy and these are the type of people needed in Indian communities, if there is to be a better future.

Ranier said three things must change: 1) mind set. How do you change that? Plant hope, give children more attention. Kids respond to more attention. If other kids are giving them that attention—maybe bad will go with that. 2) Choices. By giving children them choices, they feel free. There is opportunity for choices. 3) PSD. Positive self-discovery. "I feel worthy."

In life and in the classroom, there are doubters, skeptics, complainers/whiners so there is a lot of negativity to work with. This won't work. Ranier asserts that children need a vision. Something to open their eyes. Show them something good is going to happen. They will soon see "they are good."

Adults have to show kids how creative they are and to give them direction. There isn't somebody around the corner that will waive a magic wand on them.

What's happening today is we have children with destroyed spirits, Ranier observed. They are volcanoes ready to erupt. Where, he questioned, did they get the lava. Everyday experiences and that lava is getting hotter everyday.

Home is where the spirit or will starts to develop. Peers affect each other and that is a great impact on spirit. Kids all know the four letter words, but there are others, too. Words such as care and love. Part of love is time which equals power. If kids don't get attention at home, they will find it elsewhere.

Kids are afraid to raise their hands because they are afraid to be made fun of if they make

a mistake or say the wrong thing. Which is another reason for kids to have unfulfilled dreams.

As an alternative, Ranier urged the group to get close to God. The further you are away or closer to him can affect the spirit. Your prayers will count in the future.

"When we lose prayer in our home, our schools and our gatherings, we are dead," said Ranier. Children will be stronger if they listen to this advice.

Also, the past is the past. You can't do anything about it. All it does is harbor resentments and is wasted energy. He advises to let it go. That is only way to be free.

Since young people have experienced enough lows, it is time for parents to give them more time, love and attention. Be concerned, advises Ranier. By revealing our feelings to each other, this builds relationships, allows for healing and makes it possible for a transformation to take place.

His advice for all Indian communities is to have hope. Hope is the way. When you have hope, you have power. "We have to control ourselves. Pains, addictions and anger can control you. If not, someone or something will control you."

"Don't act like an Indian—be an Indian. Quit whining and go after your dreams. Leave a legacy. People will remember you or forget you. That is up to you." said Ranier.

"It nice to keep these good feelings, but tomorrow you must face yourself, meet pain head-on and doubters head-on. Just go around them or they will stop you and don't spend time trying to convince them." Ranier concluded. "It's more important to help other along the way. After all there are enough people sitting around not doing anything."

Steve McDonald, Golf Mentor

PBP tribal member Steve McDonald, a 15-year member of the PGA (Professional Golfers Association of America), will be conducting free golf clinics throughout this spring and summer. Steve will provide the clubs and balls. The first clinic will be held April 29 at 11 a.m. at the Cluster ball fields behind the fire station.

Steve is a former Haskell Nations, Kansas University and Washburn University student. He majored in Physical Education/Recreation with a minor in Business Administration. At Haskell, he lettered in four sports: football, baseball, basketball and golf. While attending Washburn for two years, he played as the number one man and led the golf team to the NAIA District Championships and a national NAIA championship team berth. He was the team's MVP. He became a professional in 1983 and started his apprenticeship at the Topeka Country Club where he was an assistant professional for three years. He became a Class A Member of the PGA in 1985, and shortly thereafter won the Midwest Section PGA's Match Play Championship and played on the PGA's Winter CPS Tour, Golden State Tour and several events on what is now the PGA Buy.Com Tour.

In 1990 Steve was appointed by Governor Joan Finney to the Kansas State Sports Hall of Fame, Board of Trustees.

In 1991 Steve moved to South Florida and worked for world-renowned golf instructor Jimmy Ballard, whose students include two-time US Open Champion and current Ryder Cup captain, Curtis Strange; PGA Champion and Ryder Cup Team Member, Hal Sutton; and Senior PGA Tour star Jim Colbert to name a few. While mentoring under Ballard, Steve refined his teaching skills as he worked with hundreds of students from all over the world, both men and women touring professionals, professional sports figures, and amateur golfers of all levels.

Steve then had the opportunity to build and develop high-end golf course communities as he went to work for one of the largest builders in the world, Taylor Woodrow of London, England. Together with Taylor Woodrow and a team of South Florida homebuilders, Steve assisted in the development of Addison Reserve in Boca Raton, Fl. where he was named Head Golf Professional. Addison Reserve, a 27-hole Arthur Hill masterpiece, is nestled among a \$500 million, 653-acre housing community. Members of Addison Reserve include baseball legends Cal Ripkin Jr. and Paul O'Neil.

After serving three years as Head Golf Professional at Addison Reserve, Taylor Woodrow asked him to help with the development of another golf course community. This one, a 793-acre beauty, The Legacy Club at Alauqua Lakes in Orlando, Fl., Steve was promoted to General Manager of the entire facility where he supervised membership, human resources, food and beverage, golf course maintenance, golf services, golf instruction and general administration. He was named a Board Member of The Legacy Club, Inc. and was responsible for writing and administrating an annual \$3.5 million operational budget. The Legacy Club, an 18-hole Tom Fazio design, received recognition when it became only the 11th course in the world to receive International Audubon Signature Status. With concerted effort, Steve was instrumental in reaching this goal.

Steve recently moved back to Topeka to be closer to his children and people. Currently, he is an Economic Development Representative in the Business Development Division of the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing where he assists hundreds of Kansans start and expand new business. A supporter of economic growth, proponent for self-determination, and long-term business development, Steve believes entrepreneurialship interwoven with the preservation of our culture is a feasible goal for the future.

Additionally, Steve is consulting with the Topeka Parks and Recreation Department on a project sponsored by the World Golf Foundation, called The First Tee. The goal of the First Tee program is to build golf facilities in challenged communities to provide, empower and introduce the game of golf to young people who might not normally have the opportunity to learn the game, its values and life skills. Steve would love to see the vision of First Tee become a reality here on our land. "We are equipped with the resources, knowledge, and experience to develop many special opportunities for ourselves; this could be one of them."

Steve says, "The World Golf Foundation and the First Tee Program are supported by all of the major international golf organizations and professional tours. The Shell Oil Company provides financial support and plays a lead role in charitable initiatives aimed at introducing golf to young people, and through the golf experience promote scholastic achievement, community service and those values intrinsic to the game of golf."

"The PGA Tour, Augusta National Golf Club, LPGA Tour, USGA and the PGA of America are the oversight committee and direct fundraising, budget and program functions of the First Tee."

While the Oversight Committee gives direction to the First Tee, there are many other organizations, public and private, that respect what golf can teach young people. In a variety of ways, these supporting organizations are making possible the creation of The First Tee facilities. Two of those are the Tiger Woods Foundation and the National Minority Golf Foundation. Steve is looking forward to giving back to the game that has given so much to him.

Come out April 29 and learn the game of a lifetime!

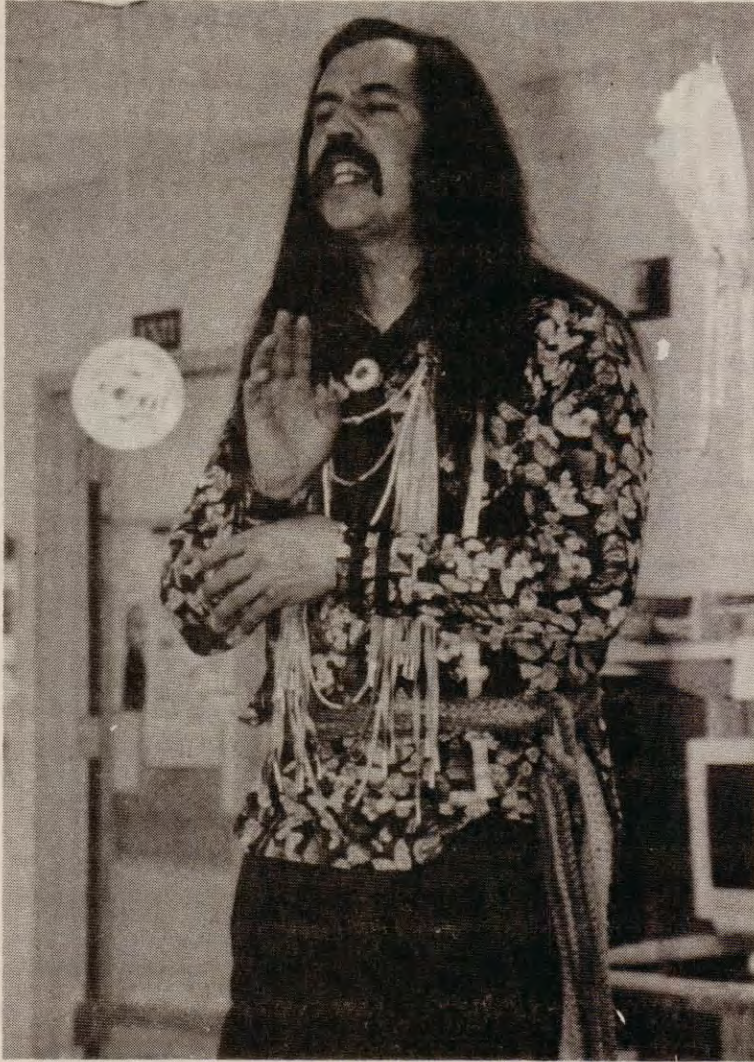
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS TO SERVE AS A SITE ON CATHOLIC JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, here on the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Reservation, has been chosen as a site on the Jubilee Pilgrimage for the Catholic Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas. Also, the year 2000 celebrates 150 years of the catholic family in Kansas. The Potawatomi people were among the first to be served by the Catholic Church in Kansas. The Pilgrimage will trace the beginning of the archdiocese back to the conversion of many of the Potawatomi Tribe by early Jesuit missionaries.

On Sunday, November 19th, 2000, there are plans for a mass and potluck meal. There is a plan to have a display of the history of Our Lady of the Snows and the Potawatomi people. If you have any photographs or news about Our Lady of the Snows, we would appreciate it if you would be willing to share them. A copy could be made or items could be loaned for that day.

Please contact Babe Bell at 9752, 152nd Lane, Mayetta, KS 66509 or Laura Thackery, 111 N.W. Hardt #9, Topeka, KS 66608 (785-234-8164) or Steve Ortiz at the Tribal Government Center.

Ken Edwards—Story-Teller



By Gary E. Mitchell

make up songs or change them and went into his own rendition of Old McDonald had a Farm, 12 Days of Christmas, and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.

On his reservation, Edwards dad recounted how the river was once so thick with salmon that a person couldn't see the river. Progress soon dictated the building of a dam and now this scenario is no longer possible.

In his region, there are many Bigfoot stories and Edwards said they grow to be 20 foot tall. The young ones are 8-9' tall and are the ones that are seen near camps and civilization. The parents tell them to stay away, but like children do at times—they don't listen. An interesting part of the story is that the Bigfoot talks both Indian and English.

Edwards told of a Bigfoot story that happened a hundred years ago. A woman helped a Bigfoot with a broken leg. Once recovered the Bigfoot told her in appreciation if she peeled the bark off a tree in

the woods he would leave gifts for her one year later. If there were no gifts, then it meant he

had died, but the gift were there and this continued for several years after and then they stopped. She knew he had died. The woman had a potlatch for the Bigfoot which involved a feast and the giving away of many gifts in his honor.

These are type of tribal stories Edwards told during his presentation. A humorous tribal story involved the first encounters with the white civilization. An Indian woman was picking berries when a French trader appeared. He had a wooly face and in his custom took off his hat showing a bald head. The Indian people called the white people "e sop e" meaning in a loose translation: the man with his head up-side down.

On a more serious note, Edwards told about his brother, Larry, who many considered slow, but who helped change perceptions about "special people" in his school. Larry who was 6'3 and 245 pounds played football and became accepted for his athletic ability. One day, he invited his teammates to a special ed class that he attended.

Under normal circumstances, they would never have gone to the classroom, but soon developed a new found respect for people with a special condition. This story underscores how average people can effect change in a community.

Edwards had a captive audience in the preschoolers and many left with an appreciation of their new story-telling friend from Washington state.

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Photos by Gary Mitchell

Above: Ken Edwards
Right: The captive audience

Learning To Hear The Stories

By Gary E. Mitchell

A workshop on a hill-side called Kansas University addressed the growing influence of oral history and oral literacy.

"Learning to Hear the Stories": A Workshop on Oral History and Tradition was a day-long discussion on oral tradition in our cultures.

Interviews of older people is a method of creating primary source material for future generations was a general theme of the workshop but to not overlook modern events.

One portion of the agenda was devoted to Indian oral history entitled "Reclaiming Traditions."

Leonard Bruguier, Don Fixico, James Stevens, University discussed how Indians are an oral society. The panel was moderated by Bud Hirsch of the University of Kansas.

"Indians are taught to listen," said Bruguier, a Yankton Sioux and a Assistant Professor of History at the University of South Dakota. Bruguier advised the group to be cautionary in the interview approach; use the same procedures; never race; and look for depth. And to use humility in any interview and be objective.

"Forget time, go visit and drink some coffee," with the elders who Bruguier called cultural resources. He said writers such as Niedart did the world a service when he wrote the book "Black Elk Speak." Today, many young people can still learn from his teachings.

Stevens who has a Master in Fine Arts from Brown University and currently a Professor of English at Haskell Indian Nations University spoke of a dilemma facing many Indians today.

"Who is going to write down the stories, who decides what is written down and who keeps them" were some questions he posed to the group. The questions weren't designed for an immediate answer but something to think about. He also asked if the story is allowed to change and who decides what is authentic or

not.

A modern day problem is who is allowed to read or write the stories. Do you have to have a certain amount of blood such as 1/8 or 1/4 to write about Indians.

Don Fixico, Director of the Indigenous Nations Studies Program and Professor of History at the University of Kansas said "We can learn from stories and when the story is told it is re-awakened."

Fixico states: "A story has five parts a)time b) place; c) character; d) history as it applies to an event and e) what is the purpose of the story. Many stories have lessons in morality and bits of history, too.

Hirsch concluded with the following observations. "There are many stories to tell, not just the past. Stories are living things, they grow and are dynamic. Writing is where the truth is conveyed. It can freeze words into time."

He advised the group to incorporate oral history into their writings...to use the agency of the written word to convey oral history. But to use caution because now the story is yours now—you are responsible to convey it right.

Ten Step Program for Doing Oral History

- 1) Identify your informant or interviewee/speaker
- 2) Develop an initial chronology based on information you already have, listing some important historical events you would link to the speaker. This will help you to establish a framework for dialog.
- 3) Do research on the relevant historical periods and events to familiarize yourself.
- 4) Keep a journal with your ongoing thoughts about ideas that come to you or reflections during/after the process.
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- 6) Draw up a list of questions you want to ask. Suggested categories: early life; growing up in a different place/country/time period; leaving a place; education/job; family/career; religion/church; Depression; World Wars/Korean War/Vietnam War; City life/Rural Life; North/South/West/Midwest.
- 7) Set up meeting times. Several are better than one. You may have to "just talk" for your first meeting, without recorder. Strategies: sometimes you have to let things flow; don't be too dependent upon your prepared questions. Get back to them if you can, but without being mechanical. The more interviews you do, the easier it will be. When you begin taping, ask the interviewee—Do I have your permission to tape this interview (legal protection). It is also important to tell the person being interviewed what the tape will be used for (an example: for a class, to be deposited in an archive, and so forth) and under certain conditions. You will also need to give the interviewee a permission form to sign.
- 8) Transcribe the interview exactly. Remain faithful to the speech and voice of your speaker. One critic suggests that it generally takes you eight hours to transcribe each hour of a tape. This is the most difficult part of the job!
- 9) Read the interview carefully, type it up, proofread multiple times, but do not edit.
- 10) Prepare a two-three biographical note that describes the importance of this person in the community/family, etc. along with the most important aspects of the life history of that person. This precedes and is attached to the typed interview and completes your "Oral History Project." You might want to select a title that fits the speaker.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE SPORTS AMBASSADOR: KEE WAH PARKER



Photo Submitted

Left to right: Linda Graves, First Lady of Kansas, Princess Washines, Kee Wah Parker and Susan Masten, President of the National Congress of American Indians

By Doris A. Potts

Rising-superstar basketball player, 15-year old Kee Wah Parker (Rebecca), daughter of Frank and Nora Parker has been nominated for an incredible opportunity to represent the United States in international BB competition. People-to-People Sports Ambassadors combines competitive basketball with educational goals, selecting students based on academics and athletics.

With much encouragement from both parents, Kee Wah has been bouncing a basketball since she began walking as a toddler. Kee Wah, of Horton, KS. is currently a freshman student at Sherman Indian High School at Riverside, CA. She is a Prairie Band of Potawatomi tribal member and currently serving as Kickapoo Pow Wow Princess as she is also of Kickapoo descent as many of us are.

Her family is very proud of her accomplishments but they are so numerous that mother, Nora, isn't even able to remember them all. In a phone interview, she says, "Wait, let me get Kish, Kee Wah's sister, cause she knows about all of her awards." She disappears from the phone line and I'm waiting, waiting, waiting...

Kish comes on the phone line, rambling the awards as though they are her own awards (4.0 grade point average, Rookie of the Year, Freshman of the Year, All-League First Team, MVP of the Divisional Tournament in which they won their Division, finished 9th in California State Cross Country, Head Lady Dancer of their school pow wow.) Wow! That is one proud sister. She sounds more like her Agent—future dreams! Just to mention a few of Kee Wah's records: averages 20 points a game, 10 rebounds, 8 assists, at mid season had 4 triple-doubles (sound familiar – not hardly!)

Having seen Kee Wah play basketball as a jr. high student, she impressed me as already at the "college level" with her graceful yet aggressive abilities. So all of this exciting news comes as no surprise. Of course, having a bright head on top of that athletic ability is even more of an opportunity as brains will carry a person into endless career opportunities later in one's life. We, at the Potawatomi Tribal Government Center extend our deepest congratulations to an outstanding and representative Potawatomi youth.

The family will be involved in fund-raising events to subsidize this expensive trip to Australia and New Zealand that will take place in July. Look for flyers, announcing fun-filled activities that will be sponsored by Frank and Nora. On April 5th and 12th, the family will have Concession at Kickapoo Bingo, beginning at 4:30 pm. Also, if you'd like to help in any way, feel free to contact Nora Parker at the Kickapoo Tribal Office at 785-486-2627.

Tribal Member appointed to Jackson County Tourism Council

Sharon J. Anderson, a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation and a resident of the Mayetta area, was appointed to be the tribal affiliation representative for the Jackson County Tourism Council (JCTC) recently.

The JCTC was formed and is funded by a three percent county wide transient guest (bed) tax. Ten members from throughout Jackson County serve on the Tourism Council. The objective of the JCTC is "to promote tourism and conventions in Jackson County." Through these activities the Tourism Council assists local visitor-related firms to increase and diversify their business base. Through further development of the visitor industry in our county, the Jackson County tax base is enlarged and diversified. Importantly, improved and more plentiful attractions and events add significantly to our quality of life.

The Jackson County Tourism Council played the lead role in developing the "1999 Recreation and Entertainment Guide to the Jackson County Area." Plans are currently underway for the Year 2000 edition of the guide. Another Tourism Council project is the "Visit Jackson County" billboard north of U.S. highway and 150th Rd.

We-Ta-Se Post 410

Pancake Day, a fund-raiser event, is scheduled for April 8, 2000 sponsored by American Legion Post #410. Free-will offering will be requested featuring breakfast from 7:00 am to 11:00 am at the Senior Citizen meal site on the reservation. Come on out and fill your tummies.

Post 410, We-Ta-Se, Honor Guard will attend the 2000 Armed Forces Veteran's Parade, Great Bend, KS on May 20, 2000. The parade is in conjunction with the American Legion State Convention. We-Ta-Se won first place in Topeka in 1995 in the Marching Unit category. They will decorate their van for vehicle entry.

Memorial Day is approaching soon and cemeteries will be decorated for our veterans and loved ones. Veteran tombstones are available (free for the asking). If you are interested in a tombstone, Post 410 needs the following information: 1) DD-214, (Armed Forces Service Record, 2) social security number 3) date of birth, and 4) date of death.

Post 410 will process paperwork for ordering size and style. Normal delivery takes about two months. Call Post 410 (785-966-2580), 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday for further information.

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In the Limelight With Powerful Diversity Gift

By Doris A. Potts

Local tribal members, Louie & Josh Aitkens were honored March 15th with a dedication ceremony orchestrated by their relative, Lyman Shipshee at the U.S. Postal Distribution Center, Topeka. Louie, a Sign Painter, and Josh, his son, were given special recognition for the gift they created with their Cos Non-given art talent, a mural entitled, Human Emotion Magnate 2000, or H.E.M. 2000. Unveiling of this mural of the eagle dancer came with a compassionate and from-the-heart story by Lyman Shipshee.

Lyman Shipshee, a U.S. Postal worker for the past 11 years, light-heartedly said it all started with him suggesting the post office knock out a piece of the wall so that he could have a bay window.

In case you haven't visited that post office workroom, there are no windows in that structure. That is one way of staying focused on your job and for security measures. There definitely would not be a wall knocked out, but there was talk of painting a picture on the wall.

Lyman said after that response, the project just kind of took a "snowball" effect. He talked with his brother about doing

the artwork. Louie agreed to do it, and that was out of the kindness of his heart; no shon-yah involved. In the Indian way, his rewards will be greater than money could ever be. That statement leads into the effect this project took on.

Since this was Lyman's work area and his brother would be doing the work, he went with the Indian theme. He thought it would be a good idea, and it would look good up there. He thought it might open the door for more murals, repre-



Above: Louie and Josh Aitkens, standing in front of the Eagle Dancer Mural located at the U.S. Postal Distribution Center in Topeka

Left: Lyman Shipshee, a U.S. Postal worker, and tribal member, for the last 11 years



senting their postal work-force diversity. Try as you may, negatives crept into the picture as this idea unintentionally provoked controversy. Comments such as "Why are

they letting them put a freaking (watered-down version) Indian up there? What's next? Are they going to put Aunt Jemima and Sambo up there? Where are the murals for the rest of us?" But, most comments were of a positive nature.

In Lyman's presentation, he discussed perception. We all perceive things differently, depending on who we are. Our perceptions are subject to change, which in turn changes us and the way we think. His brother questioned why he

wanted to make a "big deal" out of this mural. He explained that is the way the Post Office does things - good public relations. That was Lyman's perception to begin with.

His thinking started to change with every comment he heard about "my/our mural." To him, this painting, in some mysterious way had acquired power and purpose. Now it needed a title. What came about was Human Emotion Magnate 2000, H.E.M. 2000 as Post Offices like abbreviations. Lyman stated that since the beginning of the painting of this mural, a new understanding had (almost in some mysterious way) begun to take place.

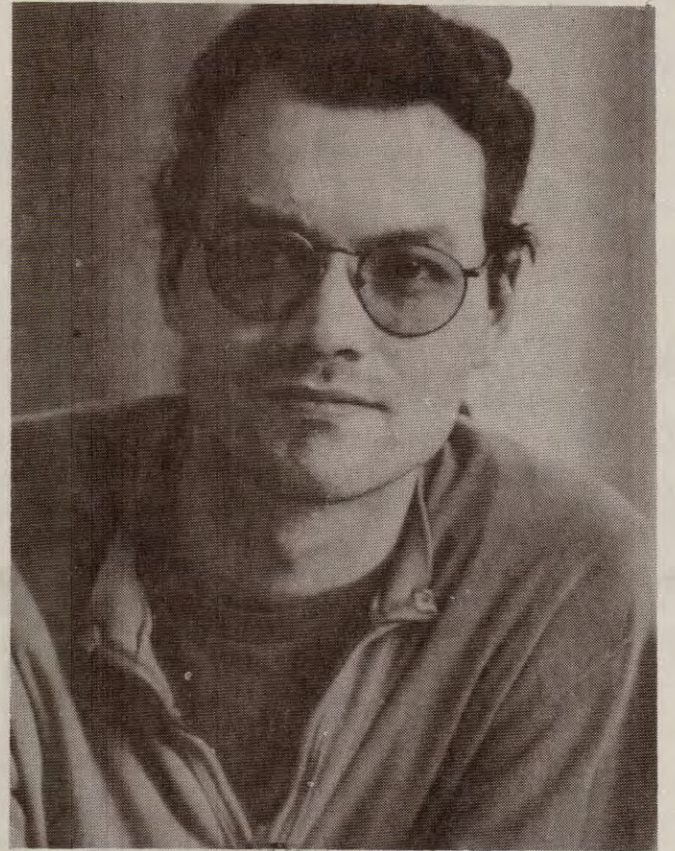
Lyman went on to say, "If you think what I'm talking about is weird, wait until you hear this. Somewhere down the road, I was appointed (by H.E.M.) to be this mural's curator. I defended it. This depiction is in no way pornographic. He is not freaking and he is not from India. And I don't know what is to be painted next.

The dancer is honoring the eagle through the use of eagle feathers - through his movement to a special song. The eagle plays an important part in native culture throughout America. The eagle is seen as a sacred bird; it flies closest to our Creator."

Continuing on, Lyman said, "So for myself, the perception I had about 'our' mural has changed. I have changed. I use the word 'our' as in 'yours.' For by looking at H.E.M. is to allow H.E.M. into 'your' life. I am now under the impression that this project is not only a big thing but a powerful thing—well worth a big deal."

"In closing, I'd like to leave you all with this: In recognizing and celebrating differences in all of us, keep an open mind. Allow your soul to grow and change. And may we all go through life in a good way. Thank you. Me gwetch."

POET WRITES FOR HIS AUDIENCE, NOT THE CRITICS



Dan Dyer

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Daniel Dyer doesn't care if his poetry makes an "impact" in the world of literature. But he does want his poems to reach an audience.

"I try to write for the average Joe Schmoe, not literary people," the Haskell Indian Nations University student, said.

Dyer has lived a hard-edged life and his poetry reflects that. He writes about the expiration of dreams, universal suffering, smoking and drinking, how the past affects the present and the confines of the city.

"I just spew out how I am and I feel, and people can reject or accept that," he said. "Just getting to their ears is enough for me."

Dyer said he has been fascinated with the power of words from an early age. He began writing poetry while attending high school in Wichita.

"I had nothing to do with fiction. It was too bland. I could do what I wanted with poetry," he said, explaining he didn't have to pay attention to paragraph indentations or punctuations with verse.

After high school, Dyer enrolled at Kansas University and admits that he failed out. He decided to hit the road - literally - and began hitchhiking and hopping trains around the country.

After three years, he settled in Boulder, Colo., where he first worked at a soy foods business and then at a bakery. Always environmentally minded, he next became a partner in a recycling company.

Dyer returned to Lawrence in 1998, to be near his father, who was ill. Between his first and current stays in Lawrence, Dyer wrote and compiled his poetry in notebooks.

"I had a lot of time to reflect on where I was going, and where I wanted to go, and where I thought the world should go," he said.

Dyer ended up enrolling at Haskell, where he was listed on the President's List in the fall of 1998 and where he found mentors in poetry instructors James Stevens and Denise Low. His poetry has been published in the East-West Review.

"Before (my poetry) was a private thing, and I became more comfortable with (sharing) it," he said. "Denise and James (convinced me) I wasn't a hack... and that I can reach my audience."

His poem "Renewal" expresses his desire to change the direction of his life.

"When I came back into school, I felt stronger and as if I could play a part as a role model for my people," he said. "This (poem) was my 'No, I won't be the typical guy....I will generate something in the world that is good.'"

Dyer will finish the spring semester at Haskell and then probably transfer to KU.

"I want to go into ecology and go back to work for my tribe," he said. "The health of our people and our land is of major interest to me."

Defining himself through words
Here is an excerpt from
"Renewal," by Daniel Dyer:

I am the new Indian
I am the one who will
lead,
not others but myself
across chasms of culture.

I am the new Warrior
My lance does not pierce
the
hearts of men
instead parts the
veil of ignorance
cast over eyes by
politics
policy....



Pvt. Vincil Banks

"Pam Wadum," a Prairie Band of Potawatomi tribal member, graduated March 10th from the Marine Corp (MCRD) in San Diego, California. Pvt. Banks graduated from Sherman Indian High School, Riverside, California in December 1999 and moving right into the military service. Pvt. Banks is the son of Narcissus (Doc) and Eleanor Banks of Whiting, Kansas. Paternal grandmother is Melvine Banks; maternal grandparents are Jim and Donnie Keo and the great grandfather is the late Louis "Wabnum" Oliver.

From the staff:

In this issue we had a great response from tribal members on what they do in life. We are looking for more stories like these so the rest of the tribal members can benefit from those everyday contributions. Send in your articles. We can do reprints or write the article for you. Please call or write for more information. Our next issue will go out in July after the elections.



Robin Deo



Racheal Deo

PRINCESSES ON THE GO

Local royalty Indian princesses, Robin Allison Deo, 1999-2000 Shawnee Lake Allied Tribes Princess, and Racheal Lynn Deo, 1999-2000 Prairie Band Potawatomi Princess, are upholding their duties honorably, maintaining very busy schedules during their reign. Both sisters are active in dancing, all sports, many school-related activities, and attending pow wows.

To date, the girl's activities have included: Veteran's Pow Wow, The Miracle of Lights Parade on Kansas Avenue, baking Christmas pumpkin bread & the giving of cards to local elders, Tribal Government Building Grand Opening Ceremony, and the Haskell "Welcome Back" Pow Wow.

They also participated in the Native American Dance performance with the Royal Valley High School Band at the Wichita Convention Center. This performance was given a Certificate of Outstanding Performance Award. Racheal has been selected to contend for the 2000 Miss Teen of Kansas Scholarship & Recognition Program for her academic achievements.

Tina Catron and Vincent Deo are the proud parents. Ron and Laveda Wahweotten are the very proud grandparents of this outstanding sister team!

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PERSONAL CARE TO ELDERLY AND LOW-INCOME HAS REWARDS FOR TRIBAL MEMBER TIMS



Barbara Tims in Center

Hard work and perseverance has its rewards as proven recently by Barbara Potts Tims, daughter of Maynard and Coralene Potts, Mayetta, KS. Barbara Tims has been employed with Indian Health Service for thirteen years now in the data entry, supply, and contract health departments in Oklahoma City, Billings, and now Albuquerque (Ute Mountain, Towaoc, CO) Area Indian Health Services.

Barbara's rewards began coming together in August 1999 when she was awarded the **Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service Customer Service Award 1998** which was presented to her in Albuquerque on September 6, 1999 by Jim Toya, Area Director. This award was presented to Barbara for her caring, personal, and effective approach to helping patients obtain entitled benefits from social programs.

On September 8th, Barbara was chosen to receive a **Public Service Award from the Social Security Administration** for the outstanding service to the Ute Mountain tribal members in filing for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits. Her efforts reduced service delivery barriers for elderly and disabled tribal members. To top that off, she received the **Service Unit Award**, recognizing her for saving the Ute Mountain Clinic over \$300,000.00 in high-cost cases by assisting patients get on alternate resources such as Medicare and Medicaid. Barbara proudly stated, "All three awards are linked together, with one helping Ute tribal members, elderly and low-income patients apply for alternate resources."

By helping patients apply for and receive Medicare and Medicaid, has

also helped our clinic in receiving monies from Medicaid. I've helped a lot of elderly people apply for Social Security and SSI. A lot of the elderly were living on approximately \$100-200 a month because they were told they were ineligible for benefits. I've acted as an advocate for the elderly either by representing them or actually taking and sitting in on their interviews, so they wouldn't be told they were ineligible again. So many of the Ute Tribe elderly are now getting the income they need and deserve from Social Security Administration."

Barb said she has enjoyed the most challenging, contract health, because she is able to "help patients and make life a little better, health and wealth wise."

TRIBAL MEMBER WALKER SWEEPS THE AWARDS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA'S TOP 100 COMPANIES



Cecil Walker

CW Construction Services & Materials, Inc., a Florida corporation owned by a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal member, Cecil Walker, son of current Tribal Vice-Chairperson, Vestina Nonken, was recently *selected in the top 100 companies for working families in central Florida.*

CW Construction finished third between #2 ranked Walt Disney and #4 American Automobile Association. In addition, CW Construction *won the prestigious "Small Wonder Award,"* an honor bestowed upon smaller businesses who have gone above and beyond the norm in making their company 'pro family.'

Cecil Walker, a true leader and visionary, took his twenty plus years in national and international construction along with the experience of working away from home for months at a time

and designed his firm with the family in mind. His founding principles were to develop a better family-oriented work environment for the staff and himself. The challenge was to create an effective and productive business while at the same time re-establish a special culture, mirrored from his family and Potawatomi upbringing that recognizes and respects the value of each team member.

Cecil Walker has built a strong corporation that competes with the best in the country, building multi-million dollar construction facilities. Yet, he remains true to his Potawatomi upbringing philosophy with emphasis on internal policies that promote and improve the quality of life of company employees, spouses, and their children. The long-term payoff is the fulfillment of the corporate family life and the pride to develop a consistent, high-quality construction building product on time and within budget constraints.

SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH
Registration begins @ 8:00 a.m.
Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.
Prairie Band Potawatomi Bingo Hall
On 162nd & Q Road
Lunch will be Provided.

Potawatomi carving out a niche in country music



Robert Hall Forsyth

Photo submitted

assembled a support team featuring Utah's top recording and performing musicians. Each musician's personal touch, weaved around Robert's intricate vocal presence, gives each song its life-blood.

I recently asked Robert to select a few of his favorite songs off the CD. In true humble country fashion Robert replied, "Because each song represents an important time in my life, I don't really have one or two favorites."

Robert is currently receiving management and marketing help from his life long friend, former NFL defensive end for the Buffalo Bills, Michael Hamby. His CD has found its way into the hands of some of the top-recording company executives across the country, and is currently in rotation on radio stations across Utah and Arkansas. With his unwavering faith and belief in his abilities, it won't be long until Robert's ultimate dream, a major recording contract, becomes a reality.

Copies of the CD, "Robert Hall" can be ordered directly from Robert by contacting him at: Robert Hall, 132 Point Dr. #8207, Draper, UT 84020. A portion of the proceeds of every CD sold to a Potawatomi Indian will be generously donated to the new senior citizen's center currently being built on the reservation. Please identify yourself as a Potawatomi Indian, so Robert can keep track of all donations.

Robert's songs are the end result of his soul searching, his 39 years of life, reaching deep into his heart, and thereby placing his pen to paper, along with his deepest feelings to create musical stories that can uplift and inspire us all to soar to greater heights with the freedom, grace and power of an eagle.

My name is Robert Hall Forsyth, Jr. I am a Potawatomi Indian. I just released my 1st CD entitled, "Robert Hall." The Salt Lake Tribune recently did an article on me and my music career. I would like to share this story with the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indian Tribe in an upcoming edition of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indian news.

Robert Hall: A Prayer and a Song

Seldom in today's fast-paced, deadline-oriented, music recording industry, does a CD emerge from the masses that is capable of creating an energetic buzz throughout the industry.

That CD is the debut, high-energy, emotionally-charged release simply entitled, "Robert Hall."

The CD features eleven electrifying songs totaling forty-three minutes of pure country music magic, taking the listener on an emotional ride across the scenic oasis of a life journey that has had its share of joy,

heartbreak, and dreams fulfilled with each and every listening.

Robert Hall's realization of his dreams and prayers began at the early age of seven when he relocated to Utah from his birthplace in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At the age of eight, when most of us were still wrestling with our belief in Santa Claus and the tooth fairy, Robert picked up his first guitar and so began his transformation into musical stardom.

It has been Robert Hall's dream to record a music CD ever since he was a young child strumming his first guitar, which lends credibility to one of Robert's strongest beliefs, "If you can dream it, with work you can make it a reality."

Each song featured on the CD is a synopsis of a portion of Robert's real life experiences. The songwriting, all of which was completed at the end of 1998, was done by Robert himself.

As his dream began to take shape, Robert

'Be diligent in your studies and honest in your education,' speaker urges

Haskell students welcomed back at convocation



Haskell Indian Nations University's Spring Convocation speaker, the Rev. Jim McKinney, Holton, addresses students Tuesday in the Haskell Auditorium. McKinney's son, Smokey McKinney, is an instructor at Haskell (Melissa Lacey/Journal-World Photo).

As Haskell Indian Nations University students return to campus, a tribal elder asks them to make their education thrive.

By Chris Koger
Lawrence World Journal

The Rev. Jim McKinney stood before Haskell Indian Nations University students Tuesday afternoon at the university's convocation, his long, graying hair in braids.

McKinney, of Holton, described himself as a testament to the increasing opportunities available to American Indian students.

As a youth, he told Haskell students, he attended a government boarding school in North Dakota, forbidden to grow his hair long or speak the language of his Potawatomi Tribe. He now teaches students the language in schools at Hoyt and Mayetta, where

he was born.

"Much is to be attained through education," said McKinney, whose education originally ended in the eighth grade, but continued after 21 years in the U.S. Air Force when he earned two master's degrees at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kan.

Now a United Methodist minister, McKinney encouraged students gathered at the Haskell Auditorium to write, learn and take advantage of their professor's knowledge, but to give their brains a break when needed.

"Be diligent in your studies and honest in your education," said McKinney, the father of Haskell American Indian Studies Instructor Smokey McKinney.

Both McKinneys have worked to revive the Potawatomi language to tribal members.

"To me, it's of vital importance

"We can accomplish that which may surprise even ourselves."

-The Rev. Jim McKinney on the importance of good education

high, and he used several parables to explain that students hold the key to making their education "Live or die."

"We can accomplish that which may surprise even ourselves," Jim McKinney said.

Haskell administrative officer Marvin Buzzard welcomed students back to classes.

"We hope you have a productive, happy and successful semester," Buzzard said.

Haskell classes began a week ago.

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A long over-due transformation of a place

Casino Gambling has given the tribe an opportunity to correct and address some historical infrastructure problems

By Gary E. Mitchell

A few months back, in a General Council meeting, the Prairie Band of Potawatomi membership voted to approve a pie-chart allocation of the casino revenues, which included 43% for economic development.

This mandate ensures that the opportunity now exists for much needed improvement on the reservation.

An Economic Development committee composed of James Jackson, Jim Potter, Mayme Mattwaoshshe, Jon Boursaw, Calvin Evans, Gary Mitchell and Paul Fender, Construction Advisor are actively involved in planning and in the implementation of this plan.

The goal of the committee is to identify and assess the needs of capital expenditures; coordinate, design construction; and evaluate and plan for the needs of the Potawatomi community.

The following article will outline the progress of the committee.

Types of Infrastructures

For years, the Potawatomi had poor roads, telephone service, water and electric service. Gaming has proffered economic prosperity and has given the tribe the freedom to chart its own economic course. Some facts:

A recent study divided technology infrastructure into two main categories: basic and advanced. Basic technology infrastructure includes those services that are considered essential for everyday economic activities and to maintain an average standard of living. This includes telephones, roads, water and sewer systems, basic educational facilities and the like.

Advanced technology infrastructure includes services that might be considered optional or unnecessary for conducting business and living comfortable by a significant segment of the

population.

The advanced technology infrastructure needs are under study. This includes getting a cellular phone system in place, pagers, internet access and the development of distance learning programs.

In the Indian community these are considered luxuries but in the future they will become a central requirement for conducting business.

Some of the basic technology infrastructure projects include: Improved buildings, road improvements and more housing.

Improved Buildings

A new tribal government building was completed during 1999 at a cost of \$1.5 million. This project was paid for solely with revenues from the tribe's casino. The new building is located next to the old bingo hall just west of Mayetta and houses the tribal government offices.

This includes a conference room and offices for the tribal council, gaming commission, election, enrollment, per-capita departments, finance office, grant writer, information technology. Land offices, Executive Director and the tribal attorney.

The building has a total of 36,600 square feet of floor space. The upper level contains 15,300 square feet of space.

In the future additional offices in the basement will house the Human Resources, Education Office, Johnson O'Malley Program Coordinator, Employee Assistance Program Coordinator and the Motor Vehicle Manager.

The new government center is now available for present and future generations of tribal leaders. More importantly, the tribe will no longer have to settle for less in the governmental scheme of things.

In recent years, the tribe has built a new childhood education center costing \$718,000 with a



Above: The new Government Center that serves current tribal leaders as well as future leaders of the tribe. It is located next to the tribally-run bingo hall.

HUD grant. During the year 2000, casino revenues will fund an addition for the center. This allows for renovation work, classroom expansion and additional office space.

During 1999, the revenues helped build a \$1.2 million dollar convenience store-gas station, located next to the casino. More importantly, no federal funding was used for the convenience store.

The convenience store offers reservation residents an opportunity to buy a tank of gas or a loaf of bread locally. Before, this simple notion required a 36-50 mile round-trip drive into the local towns.

Casino revenues will also help erect a new \$1.2 million dollar Senior Citizen building. This will be completed during this year called the Millennium.

Other plans include a small expansion for the Commodity Program so fresh produce can be stored there. Additionally, a new fire station is under study. This new \$1.1 million dollar building will have five new bays to house fire protection equipment and a new ambulance service.

In the near future, there is some serious planning and ongoing research into keeping our senior citizens closer to home by building a nursing home/assisted living center. This project will be located next to the new Senior Citizen Building. Some facts gathered so far:

Although there is no precise definition, according to the February issue of *The States Regional News of Interest to AARP Members*, assisted living generally means long-term housing with private rooms, meals, social activities and regular help with functions such as bathing and taking medications that residents can no longer perform for themselves.

Assisted living occupies an important niche in the continuum of care between total independence in one's own home and the other extreme of full dependence and round-the-clock medical support in a nursing home.

Paid for primarily by residents and their families, assisted living can be expensive, averaging about \$2,000 a month and often climbing considerably higher. Yet it is the fastest-growing type of housing for older Ameri-

cans—increasing at an estimated 15 percent to 20 percent a year.

Nursing homes, on the other hand are expensive that require 24-hour-a-day health care services. This is usually paid for with Medicaid. This is a joint federal-state program of medical assistance for low-income people of all ages. A gaming revenue subsidized operation will make this project affordable for tribal members.

A community meeting on January 18th and 19th on the reservation, hosted by the Rural Institute on Disabilities from the University of Montana, had many participants agreeing on the need for such a facility. The group did not like the current option of having to go off-reservation to live in a nursing home.

Further research and a feasibility study will answer some of the questions on this serious undertaking. The goal is to not experiment with pursuits, but to do thorough research, noting every aspect, including how it could fail and how it could succeed.

Contracting out this service to a national chain is a possibility. Why? To ensure the operation is run professionally; to make certain there is a return on the Potawatomi investment and to make sure all regulations are complied with. But, all of this is still in the planning stages.

The Economic Development Committee and the Tribal Council do know that keeping our human resources on the reservation is a top priority.

Strengthening current services is certainly in line with meeting that concern. Services, whether tribal or non-tribal, such as Independent Living Services, Home Health Care, Elder Services, Blind Services and other elder related services will help keep Potawatomi Senior Citizens at home as long as possible.

Road Improvements

While the pavement of Road 158 did not involve casino money, it showed the importance of governmental cooperation. It, in fact, was a cooperative project of Jackson County, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Housing and Urban Development grants and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe.

The \$2.8 million road improvement project included

grading and surfacing of nine miles of roadway from highway 75 to "K" road and south on "K" that was completed in three phases. Most importantly and good news for reservation residents, the road will last for up to 20 years.

In the year 2000, the Tribe will develop seven more miles of roadway that connect to Road 158 and this will involve casino money and part of the 43% allocation for economic development.

The composition calls for a 24' roadway with 6" asphalt pavement and striping; storm drainage improvements to include corrugated metal pipe for driveway and entrances; reinforced concrete pipe for all cross road drainage; temporary seeding; grading to allow for a 4-6' flat bottom drainage ditch with maximum 3:1 back slopes; signage; and guard rails where necessary.

In some locations, new 4" water lines will be installed and new phone lines will be relocated at minimal cost, if any cost to the Tribe. In the five year Tribal Road Development Plan many more miles of roads will be improved. Federal road dollars will also be utilized where available.

These improvements will signify a new era where tribal members can actually look forward to owning a car to its full life expectancy. Above all, these road improvements will benefit both Indian and non-Indians who live within the boundaries of the Potawatomi reservation.

Housing

Housing is a vital component of the tribal economic plan. The tribe has plans to build affordable new housing for young adults and Senior Citizens in the near future. The focus is now on how to make the project feasible and affordable—both of the unit's sale price and the buyer's monthly mortgage payment.

Over-all, the Indian population is young. As of July 1, 1998, approximately 38% of American Indian, Eskimo, and Alut resident population was under the age of 20, compared to 28.7% for the U.S. resident population.

Many young people and elders have no other place to live but with the extended family which is why there are several families living in the same house on the reservation.

Statistics bear this out. The National American Indian Housing Council estimates U.S. reservations need 200,000 houses to alleviate overcrowding and replace inadequate dwellings.

Outside funding is almost nonexistent on reservations. A recent article, "Housing supply causes reservations" that appeared in the Lawrence Journal

World, February 7, points out a few problems for Indian reservations.

Most, if not all, reservations are generally made up of trust land controlled by the federal government or family allotments, which can have dozens or even hundreds of owners. The article goes on to say, such allotments create so much red tape and uncertainty for lending institutions that conventional mortgages are rarely granted.

Between 1992 and 1996, just 90 conventional loans were made in Indian country, and half of those came from a tribally owned bank, according to Christopher Bosen, executive director of the National American Indian Housing Council in Washington.

Over the years on the Potawatomi reservation this is true but another factor comes into play: a high accounts receivables from the 96 homeowners in a HUD subsidized housing plan has curtailed new funding from that agency.

Now the tribe has to come up with a viable plan to address this old problem along with developing a long-range plan to meet the needs of the "new homeless."

The tribe is tentatively planning for 24 new homes and 40 duplexes for non-seniors. The need is based on statistics of the Potawatomi Housing Authority which show over 70 people on the waiting list for mutual help and low rent units.

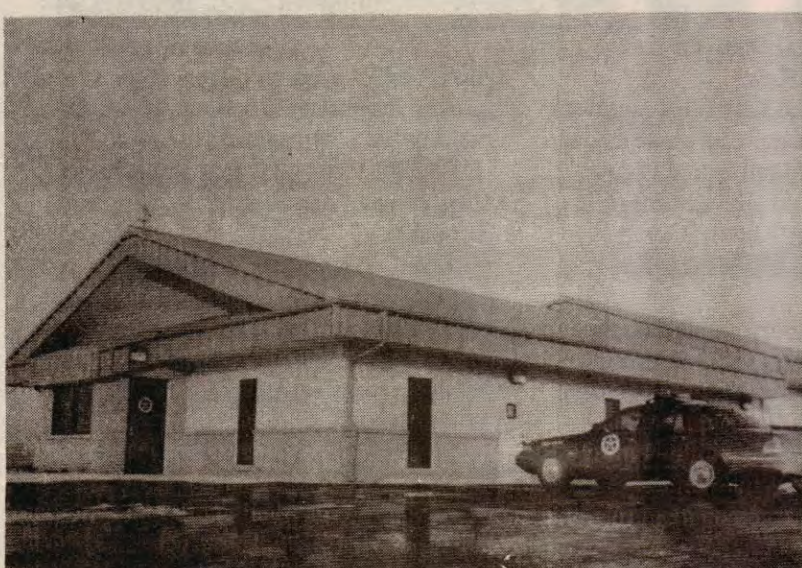
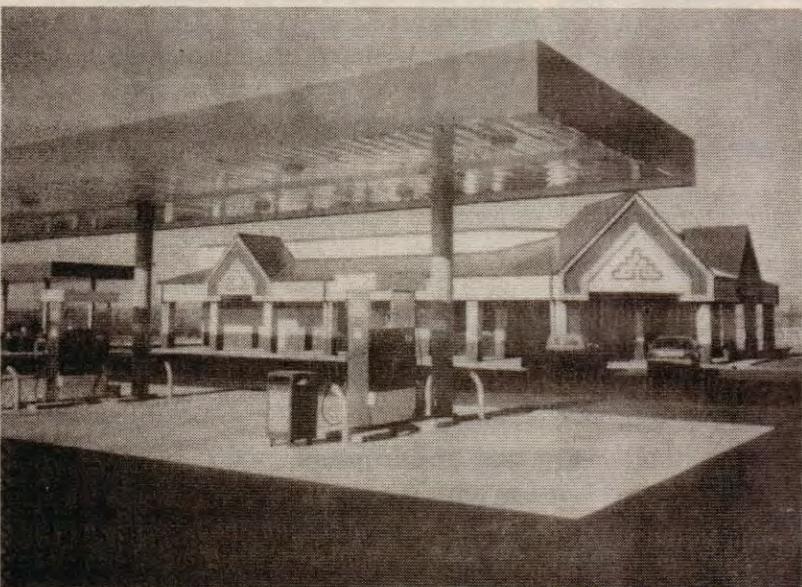
Additionally, several more senior citizen duplexes units will be built near the new building. Recent home fires left two senior citizens homeless and highlighted an area that is lacking on the reservation—adequate housing and the new units will help this situation.

Future Plans

By addressing these basic infrastructure needs, the Potawatomi hope to attract economic development projects in the future. But for the interim, the priority is meeting basic needs for shelter, road improvements, etc. before investing in advanced technology infrastructure.

While these may be considered ambitious projects and a giant step toward immediate improvement, the fact remains the tribe has a challenge ahead of them to correct years of neglect to its office situation and infrastructure on the reservation.

This economic transformation is only a small chapter in a political and cultural drama being played out all over the country for gaming tribes, but for the Potawatomi it is a dramatic change—a direct result of an insightful vote of a General Council that wants improvement.



Left: Convenience Store/gas station called "The Nations Station"
Bottom Left: The new Tribal Police Station, located near the Government Center.

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Mayetta Named for Daughter of Strong-Willed Woman Who Founded City

Settlers Made Special Victims of Nearby Potawatomi Indians, Robbing Them Often

Editors note: This is a reprint of April 24, 1954 Topeka State Journal article by Bob Rotter. It is printed as written and gives the modern day reader an idea of what Potawatomi Indians had to endure during those days. It also tells the history of the local town.

Promoters trying to get in on the ground floor of the development of Mayetta learned the hard way a woman sharply with figures can readily outwit almost any man.

Mrs. E.E. Lunger did just that. She not only learned how to develop the town by plying the promoters with questions, but she beat T.J. Whelan to the punch on locating the town-site.

When it came to transacting the business concerning Mayetta, her husband sat back and watched. She did it all. And there weren't any slick deals put over by promoters. The eastern businessman hungrily licked their chops—but stayed out of town.

Mr. Lunger also stood her ground when it came to naming the town. The government post office department, rather than incur the wrath of a woman, acceded to her wishes.

These are, but a few of the twists of fate that lend spice to Mayetta's early history.

The town was founded December 1, 1886.

However, Dudley Lunger, a 66-year veteran of the town and a grandson of Mrs. Lunger, says a new survey was made in the Spring of 1887 and that is the official survey and plat of the town, despite historical references to the earlier date.

Tracks of the Rock Island railroad were moving rapidly south toward Topeka in 1886. Whelan was dickering with the railroad to locate a town on the tracks north of the present site.

Promoters were trying to get their fingers in the pot. Mrs. Lunger and her husband owned a full quarter along the tracks. It occurred to her part of that land might make a good town-site.

She acted fast. She attempted to work out a deal with Whelan that the main street of the town would run down the half-section line between their properties. He didn't go along.

So Mrs. Lunger backed up a block and a half, laid out the main street and then set up the town.

Sixteen lots were sold immediately. Mrs. Lunger offered a free lot to the first firm which could set a building in the town.

S.R. Jones, Sr. began moving a building into the town from a nearby area. Albert and Sheridan Elliott had the same idea. The Elliotts won. Their building was located on the site of the present Mayetta Lumber Co.

Meanwhile, Whelan still refused to go along with using part of his adjacent land to add to the city. So Mrs. Lunger blocked off one street with a house. That effectively stopped northward advance of the city.

The original town was laid out in sort an odd-shaped rectangle extending back from the railroad tracks. But Lunger's second addition to the original town was quickly made and the resulting plat looked something like a triangle.

Naming the town was a story of a woman's determination, too. Dudley Lunger tells this story.

In 1887, Mr and Mrs. Lunger decided to visit some friends in Greenwood county near Eureka. They took along their son and daughter, May Etta. While there, she contracted typhoid fever. Trying to return home with sick child, the family camped a little north and east of Burlington.

During the night, the little girl died. The son drove a wagon back to Burlington, secured a

rough casket and the family buried the child in a cemetery, a few miles away.

Back at her home near the town, Mrs. Lunger decided it would be a nice memorial to her daughter to name the town with a composite of the daughter's two names. Thus, Mayetta.

But the conductor of the first Rock Island train thru Mayetta had other ideas. Dudley Lunger doesn't remember the exact name, but he does recall the conductor began calling the town by another girl's name. The train crew picked it up.

Mrs. Lunger continued to call the town Mayetta and even went so far as to give the railroad 10 acres of land for the town, despite the agreement. Mrs. Lunger stood her ground. Then came the government with its post office.

Mrs. Lunger expressed herself a little more firmly— in a woman's fashion. That settled it. The government named the post office Mayetta. The name stuck.

The Potawatomi Indian reservation has a special significance to Mayetta because of the proximity. The east side of the reservation is about a half mile west of Mayetta's city limits.

The town soon became a trading center and still is— for the Indians who took land on the reservation under their allotments.

Many of the early townspeople learned to speak and read the Indian tongue in order to be able to trade with them. Today, Albert Jones, owner of the Jones grocery store, can still talk with the older Indians.

Driving Indians from the railroad—and often robbing them in the process— to the reservation made the livery business lucrative in Mayetta. There were three livery barns in the town at one time and competition was fierce.

It even got to the point a thug from Topeka was hired to start a fire in one of the barns.

Althou selling liquor to Indians was illegal, liverymen made a good sideline of it. And that made more trouble for the town constable.

A wagon had a special purpose occasionally. An Indian—male or female—would pass out on a downtown street. Someone would hustle up a wagon, drag the drunk Indian into the wagon, drive a block or two to the town jail and roll the witless native behind bars.

Today, the jail still stands, unused, with steel doors drifting open.

Some lurid stories are told by old-timers about the wagon trips to jail.

Another highlight in the early history of Mayetta is the shooting of Ed Davis, a young livery driver, in what Lunger calls a faked holdup.

Davis, 27 at the time, was driving and Indian to the reservation. Previously, he had made arrangements with Eli Isaacs to rob the Indian at a secluded spot a mile and a half from the city.

While the present growth around the scene doesn't suggest its appearance in those days, it is easy to see how a holdup would be possible.

The arrangement between the holdup artist and Davis was common practice among some liverymen in those days, Lunger recalls.

But for some unknown reason, Isaacs got excited. He shot Davis in the back and raced away. About another mile away, while riding hard, Isaacs' gun went off, sending a bullet into his leg.

The horseman-robber managed to get back into the city. He used the tale that he had been shot when two men attempted a holdup with him.

Davis was rushed back to the city and held on to life for a day or so. However, he died within a week. No record is given for what happened to

the Indian.

A short time later, Isaacs died, too, of blood poisoning. On his deathbed, he admitted being the hired thug who came up from Topeka to set fire to one of the competing livery barns and several other misdeeds.

The original agency house for the Indians was located about 10 miles west and a little south of Mayetta. But it was moved to its present location just west of the town on US-75 about 1913.

The Indians and their trade is the reason Mayetta once had a large number of business houses. About 1911, a bad fire destroyed the south side of the block-long main street and was rebuilt with modern brick buildings.

Ceremonial dances still attract tourists from all over the country and that pleases the Indians, Lunger says. At a corn dance over the Easter weekend, a carload of Indians showed up. It stayed all day.

But the thing that pleased the Indians most was that the tourists ate with the Indians.

The first school was founded in 1886 and that precipitated a fight. Some persons wanted it left at the old site about a mile south of town. Others wanted it about a mile north of Mayetta.

Mrs. Lunger finally gave the land on which the third grade school building still stands. The existing building was constructed in 1910.

Eight years later, the rural high school district was formed and the building completed in 1920. Several additions have been made to the building since then.

The first bank, Mayetta State bank, was chartered in 1901 and stood on the site of the first lumberyard. In 1908 it was replaced by the First National bank.

In 1910, the Exchange State bank was chartered and had a building at the opposite end of the block. This bank went out of business in 1930.

There is considerable history connected with the lumberyard in Mayetta. Today it stands on the site of the first building in the town.

It was started in 1887, almost at the same time the town was founded. Originally, it was located across the street. J.B. Porter was the founder and operator of it until 1892.

In that year, he sold it to Jess R. Lasswell. Lasswell moved it, enlarged it and got into the banking, hardware and drygoods businesses.

In 1919 it became the Canfield Lumber Co., but there were two other owners in the meantime, Charley Bilderback and R.L. Miller. In 1942, it was sold to a Holton owner.

And like most small towns, it had a paper or two. News from which Dudley Lunger's father promoted as a civic gesture. It ran for a year shortly after the town was founded.

Then in the 'teens, the Mayetta Herald operated for several years. At one time, Dudley Lunger was its editor. He was also postmaster at Mayetta for a number of years.

The news contained in the earlier paper sometimes pithy. "Albert Schutz is the only farmer we have noticed who ventures to town wearing white duck pants." No explanation.

Lunger still lives and farms the original home of his grandmother about a half mile from the town. He can show the site of the original sod house where his grandparents first lived. Part of his home is the original home of his grandmother after she and her husband erected a frame building.



Photo submitted

Witch e way and Kack Kack



From a L. Shipshee painting

Potawatomi Chief Shabona



Photo submitted

Jess Hale, Mose Williams, Wau ban see, Alfreda Hale



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Benny Cadue, Mary Witch e wah (Wapp), Za wa ke ge, Lyman Tapsee A Potawatomi killed in France, 1919) and Commodore Catt

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Early Childhood Education Center

By Jackie Mitchell

The biggest news at the Ben-no-iteh Wigwam is that we are now officially NAEYC accredited. This is evidence that the center provides high quality programs.

The Spring Health Fair will be April 28 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This health fair is a time for families that live on or near the Potawatomi Reservation to check on their health and development of their child/children. Agencies who work with 0-5 year olds will be available for health screens including development, hearing, vision, dental, undressed physicals, height, weight, immunizations, blood pressure, motor development, thinking skills, and self help skills. There will be a resource room available for parent information, handouts and For more information or to sign up for an appointment, call the center at 966-2707.

Plans are still underway to add an additional classroom and training room to the building. This additional classroom will enable the center to have room for the kindergarten/ afterschool classroom and Early Head Start office and socialization area. The training room will be an area for staff inservice and a meeting room. This room will also be available for parent meetings and Traditional Parenting classes.

The center is at full capacity and the addition will help our center serve more children. There are 32 in Head Start/Childcare, 14 in Early Childhood-Special Education, 12 in Early Head Start, 5 in Kindergarten/After school, 27 in Infant and Toddler Child Care and 1 in the Part C Infant/Toddler program. There are 23 staff members. One staff is on maternity leave.

Special events this spring included a trip to

magic forrest in Topeka that was attended by children, staff, and parents. A fun day was had by all involved. Ken Edwards, a storyteller, presented two sessions at the center on March 6. The children were treated to a session during the day and the parents and community enjoyed an evening session. He was an excellent and funny storyteller.

Special Thanks to the Fire Station for their donation of money raised at the safety fair. The center is preparing for an on-site federal review of our Head Start and Early Head Start during the first week of April. The next newsletter will contain a report of their findings. We are very excited about their validating the strengths of our programming.

To Residents of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation,

By Naseka Hale, Reservation Census Crew Leader

April 1, 2000 has been designated as the official Census Day for all of the United States. The Census is an official count of population and housing in the United States. On this day, a snapshot will be taken of how many people are living in this country. This count is very important, it determines the number of representatives each state sends to the United States House of Representatives. Census data is also important in determining the amount of money distributed to state, counties, cities, and towns. Local Governments use the data to fund highways, transportation systems, schools, police & fire precincts and other public services.

It is very important for all the Reservation Residents to respond and answer the census questions. Native Americans were by far the most undercounted race in the Nation the last census. We must let people know that we are here and do exist. Many programs for the Reservation Indian community could be helped or started with the data you provide. All information is confidential and the people conducting the interviews have taken an oath to assure confidentiality. Our own Prairie Band Potawatomi People are the ones who will be knocking at your door over the next few weeks, so please take the time to answer their questions. Lets be heard and let people know that we are still here!

Considering Homeownership?

By REY KITCHKUMME
Tribal Council Member

Unless you are currently a homeowner, most likely you and your loved ones have discussed at length what joy it would be to own a home. I vividly remember these conversations as if it were yesterday, *"We could do this with the house and do that to the yard"*. Sound familiar? I hope so. If you haven't thought of being a homeowner before, now is the time to start considering it!

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is offering to its enrolled members an opportunity to apply for a loan through its newly established Property Loan Program with Dennison State Bank.

This program will enable you to apply for a loan in an amount up to \$125,000 maximum. Your current income level and debt responsibility will determine the maximum amount for which you qualify. Other requirements are as follows: the property can only be purchased in Jackson County, Kansas; the purchase must be of a new home (not improvements or refinancing on an existing owned home); or, the construction of a new home on land not to exceed 80 acres.

If you are a first time homebuyer you will be required to attend a 3-hour Homeowners Workshop. There are many advantages to owning a home as well as responsibilities of ongoing costs such as monthly mortgage payments, property tax if applicable, homeowner's insurance, electricity, gas, water, and maintenance. This workshop will provide more insight into making such an important decision.

Now you may be thinking about your credit history and qualifications for a loan. Well, don't fret; it doesn't get any easier than this. Yes, Tribal Council has even made it simpler than a conventional loan program. That's right, all that will be looked for on your credit report is current status on your bill payments. We are not requiring that your debts be paid in full but, rather paid current. So, get those bills current and enjoy this sweet deal!

If you are ready to buy and/or want to live near the heart of your Nation here are the next steps to take:

- Pick up an application from Don Fate at Denison State Bank, 421 New York, on the square in Holton, Kansas or by appointment at the Hoyt Branch Office on Hwy 214. Mr. Fate can be reached at (785)364-3131.
- After being informed of the loan amount you are qualified to receive find a property that will suit your personal needs and financial requirements. You will be required to include miscellaneous fees i.e., appraisal fee, survey, title insurance, prepayment of property taxes, pre-paid homeowners insurance, recording and transfer fees, etc.

If you are considering acquiring property on the reservation, you may want to contact my department. Currently, we purchase home sites with land ranging anywhere from 5 to 520 acres. After the land acquisition is complete, these tracts will be separated by 5 acres with improvements (house and out buildings). Additional acreage remains a tribal tract. The house, out buildings and five acres will be put into the property loan program to be sold to an enrolled tribal member at appraised value. Enrolled members may request a copy of our list. Upon request, my department will also provide a list of properties available through homeowners or real estate agencies.

Since our property loan program can be utilized anywhere in Jackson County, we will also provide a list of real estate agencies serving the communities within county boundaries.

Please contact Rey Kitchkumme at (785) 966-4020 for additional information.

PBP NATION ROAD & BRIDGE

This round, we would like to submit to the newspaper as to the "going ons" at the Road & Bridge. It's the time of year when most of the ducks have gone back to their nesting grounds and the red bud trees ought to be showing up in their glory. Spring is here.

It has been a light winter as far as snow amounts. The grader plows were not used to bust drifts like the big snow of March 98. We were more ready to handle opening the roads and will be better equipped when Old Man Winter comes blowing again.

The R & B Department is gearing up for a busy season with the rewards being the finished product of more quality transportation infrastructure.

We will work with Mother Nature on the following FY 2000 construction projects:

- 4th cluster road work PT# 19 142 & N
- PBP B #5 G. Don's low water bridge, south branch Soldier Creek 150 & I.4, 50'er
- PBP B#6 FAS Route 719, 182 & K tributary to Crow Creek, a tribal project on a county maintenance road for reservation safe travel
- PBP B#7 ½ mile south of 150 & P by Herby Edwards, 28'er tributary to Little Soldier. This road has a lot more traffic coming off of 158 going to the Casino.
- BIA B# 212 Crow Creek at 166 & I - This BIA bridge is federally funded to address access to this part of the reservation. The bridge was built in 1912 and the intersection is a flood plain during the wet season.
- BIA B#214 Little Soldier @ 174 Road last upgraded in 1960, a narrow bridge with unsafe load limits will be replaced - higher out of the floor plain.
- Clearing of right-of-way of Phase II of the 158 Project. This will allow for utility upgrade to triple phase to increase capacity of electricity on the hill. This is needed with the Senior Site being built. That project used up all available power that existed and will no longer hinder future development.
- Maintain 118 miles of roads, 73.6 being gravel, 10.2 of blacktop, and the balance in dirt roads to provide access to allotments and tribal lands
- Maintain and upgrade drainage culverts, signage and mowing right-of-way for sight safety
- This year, we will undertake a long range transportation plan using modern technology devices such as GIS (global position system) and average daily traffic counts matched up with bus routes, housing and economic regions.

Thanks to the Tribal Council for funding the reservation capitol improvements and our all of our program's operating budget. With proper funding, it makes up for those years of being under funded. It's still a catch-up game but we're gaining ground.

I heard in a Director's Meeting on how people always hear the bad news and need to hear the good news. I hear a lot of good comments on our department. I hear the Tribe (with Allotments and recent land purchases) now own over 50% of the reservation. Now, that's good news! It's history how a tribal member lost his allotment due to not able to pay their taxes while fighting in WWI. I hope that is a piece of land owned by PBP again.

Potawatomi Senior Citizen Birthdays

April	Marge Abney (2) Andy Mitchell (6) Maxine Rameriz (9) Velma Wahwassuck-Mahto (17) Jim Mulanax (26)
May	Linda Tecumseh (1) Jane Puckkee (4) Sarah Patterson (14) James (Mas) Hale (16) Mary Ann Simon (16) Myra Matchie (16) Rose (Teno) Masquat (17) Pete Aitkens (19) Mamie Rupnicki (21)
June	Arlene Lingo (1) John Matchie (7) Mayme Mattwaosheshe (9) Milton LaClair (14) Joy Yoshida (14) Louie Aitkens (17) Oscar Marshno (18) Coraline Potts (23)

Beginning April 2, a Sacred Walk will begin in Los Angeles, California and culminate in ceremonies at the White House on July 10, 2000. The unique 100 Eagle-Feather Hoop of Nations will be walked from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., in order to bring attention to the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse, addiction recovery, and the elimination of domestic violence in American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

All people (red, yellow, black, and white) are invited and encouraged to participate throughout the journey. The Walk's purpose is to boost the Wellbriety movement in Indian country, as well as encourage sobriety and wellness in all families in our Nation. It is meant to unify peoples and nations by ceremonially "wiping away the tears" and the disharmony between peoples that has existed in the past 400 years in this country.

The Walk will pass through Phoenix, Arizona; Albuquerque, New Mexico, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee; and Cherokee, North Carolina. It concludes 3,800 miles and 109 days later at a White House presentation and ceremony on July 10, 2000. Over 1,000 people have expressed a commitment to walk at least one segment of the Journey.

Although there are numerous sponsoring organizations and agencies, including CSAP's American Indian Initiative, the Walk is being organized by Don Coyhis of White Bison, Inc., and American Indian non-profit organization committed to providing programs and tools for Native people's sobriety, wellness, and healing from social ills. White Bison utilizes in their work the Sacred Eagle Feather Hoop that will be the centerpiece of the Walk. There will be approximately 8 conferences held in cities along the path of the Sacred Hoop Journey. These conferences, as well as the Walk itself, will encourage and support the development of safe, healthy, alcohol-and drug-free American Indian families and communities on and off reservations.

For more information look up <http://www.whitebison.org>

ROYAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB POW WOW -2000 CONTEST WINNERS

JR. BOYS TRADITIONAL

- *1-Keth Wahweotten-Prairie Band Potawatomi
- 2-Jake Bread-Kiowa/Cherokee

JR. BOYS GRASS

- *1-William Evans-Prairie Band Potawatomi
- 2-Chant Brave-Lakota
- 3-Philip Wahwasuc-/Kickapoo

JR. BOYS FANCY

- 1-Ethan Mireles-Navajo

TEEN BOYS TRADITIONAL

- 1-Eric Hicks-Creek/Crow/ Onodaga

TEEN BOYS GRASS

- 1-Steven Byington-Delaware/Choctaw
- *2-Andrew Pahmahmie- Prairie Band Potawatomi

ADULT MEN TRADITIONAL

- 1-Tribby Wahwasuck-Prairie Band Potawatomi
- 2-Ira Toshavik-Caddo/Comanche/Eskimo
- 3-Badger Wahwasuck-Prairie Band Potawatomi

ADULT MEN GRASS

- 1-Kenneth Coriz-Santa Domingo/Navajo
- 2-Maurice Monteau-Dakota
- 3-Brady Tapedo-Kiowa

ADULT MEN -FANCY

- 1-Wayne Silas Jr.-Oneida/Menominee
- 2-Douglas Scholfield-Wintun
- 3-Walter Ahhaitty-Kiowa/Comanche

*Royal Valley Students

JR. GIRLS TRADITIONAL

- *1-Sydney Jessepe-Prairie Band Potawatomi
- Cheyenne

- 2- Leah Ahtone Phengo-Kiowa/Comanche

- *3- Erin Pahmahmie-Prairie Band Potawatomi

JR. GIRLS JINGLE

- *1-Tara Mitchell-Prairie Band Potawatomi
- *2-Ramona Jackson-Prairie Band Potawatomi
- *3-Stephanie McClure-Prairie Band Potawatomi

JR. GIRLS FANCY

- 1-Landri James-Ponca
 - 2-Kara Hicks-Creek/Crow
 - *3-Krista Catron-Potawatomi
- ### TEEN GIRLS TRADITIONAL
- 1-Michelle Rice-Pawnee
 - 2-Ida Knife Chief-Pawnee/Comanche

TEEN GIRLS JINGLE

- 1-Jessica Youngbird-Three Affiliated Tribes
- 2-Desiree Mejia-Kickapoo/Sioux/Sac-& Fox
- *3-Ashley Whitetail-Cheyenne/Arapaho

TEEN GIRLS FANCY

- *1-Amber Tecumseh-Potawatomi
 - *2-Josie Pahmahmie-Prairie Band Potawatomi
- ### ADULT WOMEN TRADITIONAL
- 1-Delores Goodeagle-Osage/Sac & Fox
 - 2-Jancita Warrington-Menominee/Potawatomi
 - 3-Karen Wahwasuck-Potawatomi

ADULT WOMEN JINGLE

- 1-Tanski Clairmont-Sioux
- 2-Shelly Eagleman Bointy-Dakota/Ottawa
- 3-Amy Bearskin-Winnebag

ADULT WOMEN FANCY

- 1-Grace Pushetonequa-Meskwaki
- 2-Delonda Pushetonequa-Meskwaki
- 3-April Perez-Kickapoo/Sioux/Sac & Fox