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Prairie Band of Potawatomi News

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A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Tribal Council Election Results:

Gary E. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman; James Potter, Treasurer; Jackie Mitchell, and Roy Ogden, Council Members voted to four year terms in a record voter turn-out



Gary E. Mitchell



James Potter



Jackie Mitchell



Roy Ogden

Tribal Council Election Results on 7-19-00

VICE-CHAIRPERSON		COUNCIL PERSON	
Laura Abeyta	150	Larry Berryhill	40
Dale Delg	100	Marilyn Brewer	106
Larry DuBoise	28	James Jackson	163
Juanita Jessepe	168	Roland Matchie	66
Gary E. Mitchell	223	Mayme Mattwaoshshe	183
Vestina Nonken	138	Jackie Mitchell	197
Thomas Shane	47	Lysette Morris	82
John T. Shopteese	81	Roy Ogden	219
		Carrie O'Toole	162
		Benny Potts	102
TREASURER			
Lilybell Hall	126	Betty Rice	159
Steve McDonald	161	Ralph Tecumseh	158
Jim Potter	428	Ron Wahweotten	85
James Whitepigeon	228	Roger Young	118

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REVIEW PROCESS TIMETABLE

The new Constitution will be soon ready for review by all tribal members for their input; please plan on attending one of the proposed Educational/Informational Meetings.

PHASE	OBJECTIVE	TIME PERIOD
Phase 1 Education and Information Workshops	new government structure and provide copy of new draft constitution	Dec. 12 Employee Meetings (times to be announced) Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Office Building Dec. 14, 7 p.m. in Topeka at ____ Dec. ____ in Wisconsin at ____
Phase 2 Hearings	To receive comments on the new draft constitution	January-February, 2001
Phase 3 Incorporation of Comments	To revise new draft constitution by incorporating significant recommendations received during hearings	March, 2001
Phase 4 Final Review	To distribute revised new draft constitution and receive additional comments	April, 2001
Phase 5 General Council Review/Referendum	To obtain approval of new draft constitution and request Secretary of Interior to call special election to adopt new constitution	May, 2001
Phase 6 Secretarial Election To present overview of	To officially approve new constitution	Subject to approval of Secretary

Potawatomi Gathering 2000



Photo by Gary E. Mitchell

Saturday Night Dancers at the 2000 Potawatomi Gathering in Carter, Wisconsin
Hosted by the Forest County Potawatomi

Over 1,124 Potawatomis from all over the United States attend the well-organized Potawatomi Gathering in Carter, Wisconsin

By Gary E. Mitchell

By all standards, this year's Gathering in Wisconsin was a huge success. The four day event had a large agenda with cultural events such as evening Pow-Wows, group-sharing on language, history and contributions of elders to the Potawatomi life-style. Rain couldn't put a damper on the jam-packed days. There was something for everyone to do. For example, on the first day, the host, Forest County Potawatomi, put on a best-ball golf tournament in a near-by town. So many entered the tournament that it had to run two days. While the Prairie Band couldn't find the right ingredient to win any of the trophies there was no price tag on the fun that was had on that golf course on that day. The laughing at the bad shots in the water or into the trees made everyone's day. Some of our Potawa-

tomi had never played the game before but left many wanting to pursue the sport at a later date. There was no Tiger Woods or Notah Begays on the course on that particular day but there was some Tugger Woods and Notah Jacksons having some fun. It wasn't limited to the players, Maynard Potts, 85 years old, watched everyone tee off on the first hole and said he wished he could have went out and watched the whole tournament. Even though Maynard couldn't go out and watch these aspiring golf pros, he could watch the evening Pow-Wows. These were the highlight of each day. Dancers filled the huge tent put up by the host tribe, drum groups dotted the middle area and spectators watched on the fringes. During each performance, one of the tribes would have a give-away. Generosity is a basic tenet of the Potawatomi culture—no matter what band. On Friday evening, the Pow-Wow ended early so the participants could attend a concert held in another big tent. The performers were Bill Miller, Red Thunder and Indigeneous. And if the events of the day were-

n't enough, a couple of near-by casinos offered a slight chance to win some walking around money. On Saturday afternoon, a bingo session for the elders did make some Prairie Band's pockets heavier. During the first three days, the tribal councils had meetings to discuss education issues, Repatriation concerns, tribal recognition, and a preliminary report on Skunk Hill logging exploitation. These were informative sessions and signaled better cooperation between the tribes present.



Above is a picture of Billy Daniels who gave daily invocations in the Potawatomi language—something needed and enjoyed by all. Next year: Canada in August

PER CAPITA NEWS

Greetings to all Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Members! We hope that this newsletter finds all of our members and their families in good health. The Per Capita Department is progressing into the millennium quite well. The last few distributions have gone along very well, and of course we are hoping that future payments go as well, also. (It seems to be easier, if our members keep their files updated.) Our next prospective distribution date is set for December 15th, 2000. The amount is currently unknown. If there's any address changes or even a question on what our department shows as your current address please do not hesitate to call or write our office. The toll free number to Per Capita is (866) 277-3722, and our mailing address is:

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Attn: Per Capita Office
16281 Q Rd.
Mayetta, KS 66509

We do ask that you call or send any address/name changes before November 15th to assure that all distributions are sent to the right place. Once again, mark your calendars, because the next prospective mailing date is set for December 15th, 2000.

Our office is currently seeking information regarding 69 tribal members who are either missing or need to update their address. Some of these members could possibly be deceased or have a name change as the names come from old enrollment records. Others simply have not updated their address and may not be aware of the Per Capita payments that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation disburses to its members. Please call the toll free number shown above if you have any information at all about any of the members on the following list. Any information called in is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your time.
Jayme Randall & Susie Morgan
Per Capita Representatives

Per Capita Department
2000 MISSING PERSONS/OUTDATED ADDRESSES LIST

- ALBERS, MICHELLE M.
ARNOLD, JOSEPHINE L.
BATTESE, FRANCIS G.
BATTISTA, DANIEL WAYNE
CHENAULT, EARL LAVERNA
COOPER, MELISSA JO
CRAYTON, RAYMOND HARRISON
DAMETZ, MICHAEL DEAN
DAUBON, DAVID WAYNE
DAUBON, RONALD LOUIS
DWYER, NDONESS MARIE
FERRELL, CLINTON W.
FRANZ, JACK
GARCIA, BARBARA ANN
GONZALES, LUIS HAROLD
HARRISON, ROBERT W.
HARRISON, WILLIAM SCOTT
HART, RONALD JAMES
HAWKINS, DESIREE ANN
HENRY, DARREN LOGAN
JACKSON, PATRICIA ANN
JACOBSON, ERNEST J.
JACOBSON, RONALD EUGENE
- JENKINS, TESSA G.
JENSEN, AARON ROSS
JENSEN, ADELE DORIS
JENSEN, GLEN MORRIS
JENSEN, RACHELLE JAY
JOPLIN, SARAH ELIZABETH
JOPLIN, SHELBY LEIGH
JOPLIN, SUSAN ELIZABETH
JORISSEN, CATHLEEN BEVERLY
KABANCE, GAIL KATHY
KOST, JOSEPH ALAN
KOURTIS, ANNA
LACKEY, ALAN SHANE
LACKEY, TRAVIS PAXICO
MAYBEE, GEORGE A.
MOE, ROBERT GUY
MYERS, STEVEN
NASH, TERRI JEAN
PARMER, ANNA MARIE
PARMER, EUGENE ALEXANDER III
REED, CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL
RICE, LAHOMA JO
RICE, RAMONA EVELYN

FROM THE ELECTION GIRLS

First, we wish to extend a special thanks to those that assisted with the election: Arlene Lingo, Marilyn Wakolee, Marty Hamlin, Dolly Richards, Joe Mendez, TJ Kitchkummie, Paul G. Tuckwin, Calvin Evans, Glenn Levier, Grace Wahwassuck, and Chief of Police Jim Battese. The election counting process began at 10 a.m. sharp, commencing at 5:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF DATES

- October 13th, 2000---Election Notices were Mailed.
November 9th-----Declaration of Candidacy Deadline
January 4th, 2001----Registration Deadline (18 years and older)
January 11th-----Mail Ballots to Registered Voters.
February 23-----Gaming Commission Election Day

We'd like to share some of the Tribal Council Election statistics with you so you can see how important voting is and to stress a few points here. It's great when you vote, but you must be sure to follow the clear directions. They're as clear as we could possibly make them but you have to take your time in filling them out. **Remember, if you don't vote, you can't complain!**

1,937.....Ballots Mailed Out to Registered Voters

994.....Ballots were Received Back into Election Office

Less 29.....Disqualified for the Following Reasons:

From the Election Girls (cont.)

- 1 - Not a Registered Voter
- 5 - No Voter Certificate
- 15- No Voter Certificate in with Ballot
- 1 - Voter Certificate in With Ballot
- 1 - Voter Certificate Not Filled Out
- 3 - Three Ballots in One Envelope
- 1 - Ballot Not in Ballot Envelope
- 2 - Two Ballots in One Envelope

Less 7 - Received After Election Day

958 Officially Qualified to Vote in Tribal Council Election (51%)

FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS
FROM PER CAPITA

1. Why can't I change the address for my spouse, sibling, cousin, etc?

Only the adult in question may change his or her address. This protects all adult members from potential fraud attempts, errors, etc. The only exception to this is if the adult has a conservator or someone else appointed to handle his or her financial affairs, and we have the paperwork on file naming the said person.

2. Who is allowed to change the address of or information on my child?

Only the custodian on file may give and receive information for minors. This may be done in writing or by phone. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. may NOT change any information unless we have that person listed as the custodian with proper documentation on file. Please call if you have special circumstances you would like us to consider or to make us aware of.

3. How do I get listed as the custodian for my child?

Proof must be submitted that you are now the custodian of the minor. Acceptable forms include court documentation, recent medical or school records showing you to be the person responsible for the minor, a recent copy of your rental lease naming the minor as a person residing at your residence, etc. Call if you need a more complete list of acceptable proof. After acceptable proof is received in this office, a Custodian's Application for Minor's Funds will be mailed to you, or you may fill one out in person. Because this form must be notarized, we do need the original on file before changing the custodian. Notaries are on staff at the Government Center.

4. I heard a rumor that payments are now going to go out monthly. Is that true?

These rumors are just that - rumors. Per Capita payments are not going out monthly, increasing by leaps and bounds, etc. Payments are currently scheduled to go out twice a year on June 15 and December 15 until Tribal Council decides otherwise.

Per Capita Missing Persons
(continued)

- RICE, WAUHILLAU SUE
ROBERTSON, JR., TERRY DEAN
SANCHEZ-DAY, ANTHONY JOSEPH
SHEGONEE, MARCUS SHAMAR
SHEPARD, CAROLE LEIGH
SHEPARD, CHARLES
SHEPARD, JUDY ANN
SHEPARD, TAMMY LYNN
SHEPARD-MATT, MICHELLE RAE
SHEPPARD, MARCIA ROSE
STEWART, VALERIE AILEEN
STONE, VICTORIA LYNN
WAGNER, EVELYN R.
WAHWAUSSUCK, JEANNIE R.
WAHWAUSSUCK, JUANITA A.
WALKER, BRUCE
WAPSKINEH, ANITA
WHITE, KAREN MARIE

November 7th—VOTE

Get out and vote—remember that a vote for **Gore** is a vote for continued sovereignty support. Polls show that the race is tight. Indian vote could be the deciding factor. If you need a ride, contact the Government Center (966-4000), and we'll make sure you get to your voting location! Support Indian Country!!!

5. How much are the payments going to be?

We do not know more than 7 to 10 days ahead of time the amount of the payment, as this must be calculated based on net casino profits, enrolled eligible members, and other factors. Please resist calling earlier than that as this slows down the amount of work we are able to do preparing for the disbursement. You can reasonably expect payments to be around the same amount as past amounts, give or take a little, as again they are based upon casino revenues.

6. In what form and way can I receive my payment?

We can only mail out the checks at this time. We do NOT send money orders, direct deposits, electronic transfers, etc. And you cannot pick up your check on the mailing date. THEY MUST BE MAILED. Alternate arraignments can be made for a date after the mailing date if necessary. Call if you have a unique situation. The checks are only good for 90 days after issue, so you may want to keep that in mind.

7. Can I get an advance on my per capita check?

No, we cannot do cash advances or loan money to you against your payments. We also do not recommend that you include these payments as income on loan applications as these payments are not guaranteed. Enrolled tribal members cannot hold the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation liable for personal loans.

8. I changed my address, so why did my check get mailed to my old address?

We will accept a change of address up to one month before the distribution date, (May 15 and November 15). Any changes that come in after those dates will have to wait until after the payments are mailed. We will redirect the payments after they are returned to this office by the post office. You may write to us or leave a voice mail message if you cannot call during business hours of Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm CST. We also recommend that if you move often to have your payment sent to a trusted friend or family member or get a post office box number. We do not like having to place stops on payments sent to the wrong address because this costs the tribe \$12.00 for every stop placed. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP US CURRENT ON YOUR ADDRESS. All future stop payment charges will be deducted from the amount you will receive on a reissued check.

You will still be responsible for the full amount of the payment on your taxes.

9. How much tax will I owe on my and/or my child's payments?

These payments are taxable revenue. You will need to discuss with your tax preparer your concerns regarding these payments. There are no exact answers as everyone's tax situation is unique. We can refer your tax preparer to specific tax codes if he or she isn't familiar with Indian Gaming Revenue tax regulations. We will try our best to help answer any general questions you have regarding these payments. However, we are not tax experts and cannot give you specific tax advice.

10. How can I report a non-custodial parent who is still receiving his or her child's per capita payment?

Please call or write to us if you are aware of this occurring. We do our best to investigate all claims made regarding fraud of a child's payment. Please be aware that we do require some proof of this. We will need some direction from you on whom to contact during our investigation such as a social worker, courtroom, or foster parent. We also want to prevent parents from using this as a form of manipulative harassment against each other. Our goal is to protect the interests of the child, as our children are our future.

11. Can you send an income verification statement to an agency for me?

Yes, we will gladly send another agency or person an income statement verifying your payments. We do require a signed release from you before sending out that information.

We do have a release form here at the office if you need one that we can either fax, mail, or you can fill one out in person during normal business hours.

12. Now that the Casino is paid off, will Per Capita payment amounts increase?

No, there will not be a significant increase in payments because of the debt being retired, nor a significant decrease in payments due to the expansion of the Casino. Per Capita payments come out of a separate fund.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR ADDRESS
UPDATED AT ALL TIMES.
EVEN A PHONE CALL TO ONE OF THE
THREE DEPTS. (ELECTION, ENROLLMENT, OR PER CAPITA) WILL
BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES, please use this form to notify us immediately.

NAME _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAYTIME PHONE# _____

SIGNATURE _____
Signature Required for Address Change

Date of Birth _____ Enrollment# _____

To ensure prompt updates, please forward this form to the following Return Address :

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
ELECTION BOARD
P.O. Box 213
Mayetta, KS 66509

MEET THE NEW TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Three new Tribal Council Members were sworn into office in July 2000. Since many of you live so far away, we'd like to officially introduce to them. *Gary E. Mitchell took the office of Vice Chairperson; James M. Potter returned to the office of Treasurer; Jackie E. Mitchell and Roy Ogden are new Council Members.* Since being sworn into office, these new Council Members have been bombarded with hot issues/full platter of chaos—what an initiation.

The three new members were asked to write an article which will be verbatim so they can get off the ground on a positive note where communication is concerned (no canned questions). So here they are:

Vice-Chairman Report

By Gary E. Mitchell

I'm grateful for the support in the recent tribal election. A person can't take anything for granted in tribal politics, and I told my friends and relatives—"either people will vote for me or they won't."

I feel uncomfortable putting up posters and making wild promises to win favor or votes. That seems to run against everything Indian, but it may be a sign of the times in our modern days.



Gary E. Mitchell

Yet, this doesn't mean that I don't have convictions and a legislative agenda for the next four years. Keep in mind, that full tribal council support is needed to achieve anything worthwhile. It sure would be a lot easier to not write anything. People hesitate to do that because they are afraid to be held accountable in the future, but that isn't where I'm coming from, so I will lay out my beliefs on paper.

My main goal is to strengthen the communication in our tribe by pushing for a staff of two on our tribal paper. The paper has been well-received by many tribal members. I want to see our members informed of all the issues facing the tribe and how our tribal government is handling these problems. Besides, I enjoy writing the story of the Potawatomi people and their accomplishments.

I've attended so many General Council meetings in my day, and one thing that stands out is the lack of information so if we can provide this in the tribal paper then just maybe the meetings will go a little smoother. The media staff can also promote the tribe locally and nationally. One of our past publications—"Chapters in Time"—won an advertising award. I want to update that and improve it. We sent this out or gave it out at tribal events, to local and national congressional people.

Our web-site (www.pbpindiantribe@aol.com) also needs an update. The last time I checked, we had over 11,000 visitors to the site.

The newspaper, informational brochures and the web-site will only help convey to the tribal members and the public what the tribal government is trying to accomplish.

Another aspect that I hope to take part in is the continued economic development of our tribal roads and buildings.

A recent article said that tribes with thriving economies are likely to be those with stable business laws, non-political, fair-minded court systems and constitutions that match the traditional tribal culture. I would like to see the Potawatomi become an economic anchor in the region such those tribes mentioned in that article. I want to look into what other tribes have done to succeed and try and see if it can be done here. I think it is important to have feasibility studies done before we embark on any economic venture.

One thing we've lacked on the reservation is a place for our youth. I would like to see the Oketchoshawno Center renovated with an addition on the east side or another building altogether.

This building has been used by the Senior Citizen Program since 1977, but this program will move in a brand new state-of-the-art building soon. The tribal government has addressed part of the needs of the seniors and now it is time for our youth.

I would like to see our tribal roads brought up to a higher standard. I was here when we would get stuck in the middle of the main road on a rainy night and our buildings and offices were over-run by fleas. Meetings were held on folding tables and lay-offs was the norm every year. I believe the Potawatomi deserve better than that. Our window of economic opportunity may be limited so let's plan wisely and move ahead in deliberate manner.

Over the years, I've given numerous presentations about our history and will continue to do this in my official capacity.

Our work-force is growing everyday with both Indian and non-Indian, and the educational process must include them along with people off the reservation. We need to develop a history department where research on our tribe can be conducted and copies of all Potawatomi source documents can be stored for future reference. This would only help future generations.

It will be important to listen to the concerns of the people both at the General Council meetings and on a daily basis. During the first 12 or so weeks, we have had supper meetings and many people have attended and given valuable input in how the tribe should be operated. I have also talked to young people and it's good to hear of their concerns and hopes for the future. The parents have to speak up for their children and participate in local events to show their care.

I will do my best to make informed but not hasty decisions. As a leader of this tribe, I can't expect to make the right decision every time or to please everyone. That's not possible. I expect criticism because it comes with the territory but it is possible to work out differences. I do promise I will treat everyone as I would want to be treated myself. I will be fair in my decision making.

Although I have an extensive educational background, I don't know everything, so I will depend on the advisors we have on staff or the committees we have in place. They work in those certain fields everyday, but this doesn't mean I won't read or research these topics so I can make an informed decision, too.

I will be available, as before to give invitations at our local events and to help in our religious functions. I believe in our culture and religion. It isn't a thing of the past but a real part of our lives today.

I promise to be a visible leader in this tribe for the next four years. Thank you for your support. My telephone number at work is 785-966-4048 or my email is mitchellge@aol.com

State/Tribal Tax Issue

Written by David Prager

I have been asked to write an article about the state and tribal tax issues that affect the Nation's reservation. It is difficult to summarize these issues in the space of a newspaper article. The ability of the State and the Nation to impose their taxes on the reservation depends upon the particular facts and law and the particular circumstances.

State Fuel Taxes and the Nation Station. The Nation sued Kansas in federal court in 1999 to prevent state fuel taxes from being imposed on its Nation Station. The Nation Station is selling 1.5 million gallons of gasoline per year. With a state fuel tax rate of 22 cents per gallon, this means that this state tax issue is worth about \$330,000 per year to the Nation. The Nation is arguing that it has imposed its own tribal tax on the Station (16 cents/gal.) and that the additional imposition of the state tax would destroy the Nation Station's business and impair the Nation's sovereign right to impose its own tribal taxes.

There are two principal tests under federal law for invalidating state attempts to tax or regulate reservation activity. The Infringement Test can prohibit state action that interferes with the internal affairs of Indian tribes. The Balancing Test asks whether the tribal and federal interests outweigh the state interests. The tribal interest is strongest for on-reservation economic activity in which the Nation has a significant interest. The tribal interest in preventing the state tax is also stronger when the tribal government taxes the activity and provides tribal government services for the activity. When Kansas was admitted as a state in 1861, federal law stated that the Nation's sovereign rights can not be impaired. Under this federal law, the Nation is also arguing that the state fuel taxes impair its sovereign, self-government right of tribal taxation in violation of the conditions under which Kansas was admitted to the union.

Marketing the Exemption. In May of 2000 the 10th Circuit Federal Appeals Court held against the other three tribes in Kansas in another state fuel tax case. (*Sac & Fox et al. v. Pierce*) The court held that these tribes appeared to be "marketing an exemption" from the Kansas fuel tax to non-Indian customers who would not buy their fuel if not for the exemption. A tribe markets an exemption when it avoids the state tax and then sells cheap tax-free gas to non-Indians who seek to avoid the costs of fuel taxes. Under these circumstances, the federal courts since 1980 have not respected tribal sovereignty and have allowed state taxation on reservations. The recent *Sac and Fox* decision was consistent with this view. At some point, it is possible the *Sac and Fox* tribes may be required to collect the state tax and their prices would then have to increase.

Gas Prices at the Nation Station. Some have said that the Nation Station's gas prices are too high. The Nation Station sells gas at "competitive prices" and attempts to price its gas to match the lowest cost retailers in Jackson County. Its prices are not high in comparison to the average prices in Jackson County. Unlike the other three tribes, the Nation Station has generally set its gas prices within 2 cents of the average gas prices in northeast Kansas and the Station pays tribal fuel taxes of 16 cents/gal.

There are good reasons why the Nation Station should not sell gas far below average prices. For one, selling cheap gas would expose the Station to the *Sac and Fox* argument that it is "marketing the exemption" and a court could then possibly require state taxes to be paid on its gas sales. Because the Station is not marketing tax free gas to non-Indians at prices far below average prices, it should be able to avoid the negative ruling that the other tribes sustained in *Sac and Fox*. If the courts were to ultimately allow state fuel taxes to be imposed on the Nation Station, the Nation would lose \$240,000 of

tribal tax revenue per year. (The resulting double taxation from both state and tribal taxes would destroy the Station's business and make collection of the tribal tax impossible.)

Another reason for not selling cheap gas at the Nation Station is that the majority of its customers are non-Indians. If the Nation is going to subsidize a low-cost product at tribal expense, it should occur under circumstances that give a more direct benefit to tribal members. Selling cheap gas at the Nation Station would in large part subsidize gas purchases by non-Indian customers at tribal expense.

Cigarette Taxes. The Kansas revenue department has also stepped up its efforts to collect state cigarette taxes for cigarettes sold on the reservation. This has had a very negative impact on the Nation's Gift Shop at the casino. The Tribal Council has decided to stock Native American brands of cigarettes at the Gift Shop and the Nation Station. These Indian cigarettes are manufactured by Indian tribes and are not subject to state cigarette taxes.

Like motor fuel, the Nation opposes the imposition of state cigarette taxes for cigarettes sold on the reservation. The Nation imposes a tribal cigarette tax which would also be impaired by having a state tax imposed.

The Nation Station and the Gift Shop are some of the Nation's first significant non-gaming businesses. They are under attack by the state revenue department and they need your support. By buying products at the Nation Station and Gift Shop, you support their business, their tribal employees and the Nation's efforts to economically develop the reservation. Your dollars paid for goods at these tribal businesses also stay in the reservation economy. Please support the Nation Station and the Gift Shop by buying their products.

Tribal Taxation on the Reservation. The Nation has enacted tribal taxes for sales of motor fuel, cigarettes, retail products and admissions to entertainment events. These and other tribal taxes can help to support and provide a long-term source of funding for tribal government. Tribal taxes imposed on non-Indian activity on the reservation also help to support the cost of tribal government services that benefit non-Indians. The Nation amended its tribal tax code in May and will in the near future intensify its tribal tax collection efforts for non-tribal businesses. The 10th Circuit Federal Court held in the *Atkinson* case in May that Indian tribes can impose tribal taxes on non-Indians, and hopefully this decision will be affirmed on appeal.

The federal courts have in some cases prohibited state taxation where the Indian tribe has imposed its own tribal taxes. On the other hand, the lack of a tribal tax has been used by the States to justify the imposition of state taxes on reservations. Therefore, the imposition of tribal taxes is important in order to preserve and defend the sovereign right of Indian tribes to impose their own taxes and to not be subjected to the burdens of state taxation.

Sovereignty and the National Picture. Many other tribes are in conflict with other states over attempts to impose state taxes on reservations. We recently met in Tulsa in mid-October, and the tax officials of many tribes acted to form the National Intertribal Tax Alliance ("NITA"). The plan is for NITA to educate the tribes, the states and the U.S. Government about these important state and tribal tax issues. A long-term goal, as always, is to support and protect tribal sovereignty and to prevent the impairment of sovereign Indian rights from state intrusion.

The Nation Welcomes Jackie E. Mitchell, Tribal Council Member

As the one of the new recently voted in Tribal Council Members, I would like to thank everyone for their votes and words of support. I pledge to do the very best job that I can. I have the deepest commitment to our community and to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Tribal Government is a right and privilege to our people and I will do my best to be an excellent spokesperson for this nation. Decisions made by the Tribal Council impact the tribal government now

and in the future. Everything that we do impacts the future of our people and our grandchildren and great grandchildren and their great grandchildren. My priority is that we make decisions that are in the best interest of our people. I have sworn in the oath of office to do my very best and be fair and equitable to all.

I have lived on the reservation all of my life and am married to Tim Ramirez, PBP Road and Bridge Program Director. Our family consists of Clint who was loved by all and is sadly missed after he left us on September 10, 1999, our daughter, Angie, son-in-law, Troy; and our beautiful

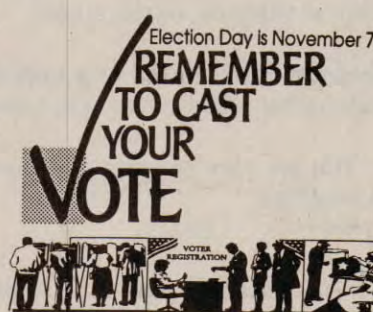
grandchildren Keh dem ko and Kish no quah.

Although the first few weeks of the new administration have involved some difficult issues, the Tribal Council continues to work together to meet the daily issues and long-range concerns of the membership.

I am very excited about the upcoming four years. I look forward to serving the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members. I will be available at any time for tribal members to voice their comments and suggestions at 785 966 4016 or email at mjackie@holtonks.net.

Presenting New Tribal Council Member, Roy Ogden

I sure appreciate all of your votes that put me in this very important position as Tribal Council Member. I intend on "being myself," and that is sensitive to the needs of every tribal member. I believe communication is a key issue today, so please feel free to call me. My name is Roy Ogden and you can reach me at 785-966-4022 (locally) or at 877-71506789 (toll free). For those that prefer to write me a letter, please address that to Roy Ogden, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Government Center, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509-9093.



PBP NATION HONORS OUTSTANDING CASINO TRIBAL MEMBER EMPLOYEES

"This has not been a given, as it has been long hours, hard work along with the excellent opportunities for personal growth and promotions within the company."

By Doris A. Potts

Three Harrah's Prairie Band Casino tribal members are being spotlighted in this article, emphasizing and encouraging the potential for personal career enhancement in the Indian gaming market. These Casino employees are proof that hard work and commitment does have its rewards in the long run.

Warren Wahweotten, Jr. is the first person being highlighted. Eight years ago, prior to working for the Tribe, Jr. was a construction worker. His gaming career has been a long struggle from the old Bingo Hall to the new Bingo/Casino Hall in various jobs such as serving as a Security Guard, Clean-Up Person, Pull Tab Supervisor, and Lead Cashier.

In conversing with Jr., he said, *"This has not been a given, as it has been long hours, hard work along with the excellent opportunities for personal growth and promotions within the company."* When he was hired by Harrah's PB Casino, he was promoted to Dual Rate Supervisor right out of Dealer School. He has since advanced to Table Games Supervisor, Table Games Senior Supervisor, and finally to Table Games Manager effective September 5th, pending regulatory approval.

Delving into what has aided in landing Jr. in his current position, contributing factors cited were his communicational skills, astute observations, excellent guest service—all critical factors to being an effective Harrah's Manager. Jr. was among the first group to complete ACE Track II in 1999. Jr.'s next goal is to return to school, striving to get a Business Administration degree with the help of Harrah's and the Tribe's great educational assistance programs.

Julia Masquat is the second tribal member being spotlighted because of her dedication to the Indian gaming endeavor, serving from day one at the old, old Bingo Hall (gym) back at K Road. She contin-

ued her gaming career at Harrah's PB Casino, serving as Gold Card Representative, Gold Card Supervisor, and now serves as a Cashier Shift Manager.

Julie has taken all of the training required for front line and leadership employees. Her documented commendations include: conscientious efforts on reducing turnovers in the cashier department, Spotlight of Success for Guest Service, and good attendance.

Julia said she would like the younger generation to know that working at Harrah's PB Casino is a fun place to work. It's a big responsibility to work here because there is no such as thing as holidays. "I know we have a lot of smart kids out there, but our Indian culture just doesn't teach customer-service tactics and attendance as a responsibility. We're, actually, kind of soft with our young ones as they grown up. Working for the Tribe is great but there are more opportunities out there. And if we want our young ones to be running our casino in the near future, we have to encourage them to join our team now."

In closing, Julie felt that working relationships would improve greatly if Tribal Council and Gaming Commissioners made a point of making weekly visits to the Casino. They could visit with the employees, personally thanking them in appreciation of the great service provided by them. Employee recognition serves as an effective motivational tool (a win-win situation). After all, Harrah's, all across the Nation, are known for their excellent customer service.

Gilbert Vega is the last person to be highlighted, bringing to Harrah's PB Casino an extended knowledge of the field of electronics. Gilbert completed the electronics program through Haskell Indian Nation University, did a 3-year stint in the Army, and then worked for Dictaphone for fourteen years. While here at Harrah's, he has completed all phases of the ACE Tracks I, II, III programs. He recently completed Auto Cad, a drafting program through Kaw Area Vo-Tech School. Last year, Gilbert was a Finalist for Harrah's PB Casino Chairman's Award 1999 for Outstanding Team Performance.

Gilbert has held the following positions while at Harrah's: Slot Technician, Slot Floor Supervisor, and Slot Performance Supervisor. Asked what he sees himself as in the future, he confidently responded with "Performance Manager." He noted that since being here at Harrah's, he has seen management improvements occur. Gilbert said, "Tribal members should be proud to work at a company owned by them."



Warren Wahweotten, Jr.



Julia Masquat



Gilbert "Bert" Vega

Wow! Is this a business man or what? This is a shot of Bert at the age of 5 (1963); you do the figuring.

Harrah's PB Potawatomi Casino Employs 4 Tribal Members On Summer Intern Program

By Doris A Potts

In a continuing effort to increase tribal member representatives on Harrah's management team, Harrah's has employed three recent college graduates and a senior to work on a 10-week Summer Internship, a paid program that could develop into full-time positions. The four tribal members are: Joshua Arce, Roman Harjo, Amanda Nioce, and Eugene Thomas.

The interns began work in June. Each intern was allowed to select in 2-week stints several management areas in which to work. It was a hands-on training so that the intern became familiar with all aspects of those specific work areas they chose.

Joshua Arce, son of Venida Chenault, is a 2000 Kansas University graduate with a BA in Social Work. Roman Harjo, son of Linda Yazzie, an upcoming senior at Haskell Indian Nations University, is majoring in their new 4-year Business Administration program. Amanda Nioce, daughter of Lyle and Barb Nioce, is a 2000 Washburn University graduate with a BA in Accounting. And, Eugene Thomas, son of Mary Mitchell, is a 2000 Haskell Indian Nations University graduate with a BS in Business Administration, graduating with 3.4 GPA (Academic Achievement Award).

All completed the ACE Track II Program. Eugene Thomas took a full-time job as a Slot Attendant. Amanda and Joshua continued their training into the ACE Track III Program with hopes of landing dream jobs there at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino. Potawatomi Nation is very proud of these graduates and will continue to seek out these dedicated and upcoming future managers that will be leading our Nation in our most profitable enterprise, the PB Potawatomi Casino - Harrahs!

All about internal power

Internal Power is Key to Control Addictive Behavior

By Doris A. Potts

There were a group of us sitting around in a meeting room, enjoying birthday cake and all the niceties entailing that affair. One of those people happened to be a gaming employee and we were tossing questions at him about the horror stories at the Casino Hall, wondering if there was truth to some of them. I, personally, didn't want to hear that some of those stories were true because I happen to have that personal interest at stake. The truth is that most of those horror stories are true. They are too numerous to mention and are "unmentionables."

At this point of the ball game, I am not saying that all gambling is bad and that we should quickly abandon this business venture. My Nation has come too far and progressing all too well to change my mindset at midstream. Gambling is not a new social pastime as it has been around for centuries. And there is the fact that everything in moderation can be a relaxing social activity.

The point is that, yes, there are addictive behaviors that are sometimes uncontrollable for some of us whether they be gambling, drugs, alcohol, smoking, gossiping, lying overeating, etc. It is a known fact that the person can not and will not be helped to overcome the addiction unless they personally have that desire and determination (strong will) to stop or control that addictive behavior themselves. It is within their mind and spirit that they have to reach to pull out that strength. Easier said than done, right.

Gamblers Anonymous uses the following list of 20 questions that has been developed over a 41-year period to help individuals determine if they have a gambling problem. Take a few moments to take the test to determine how you stand, realizing that **only you have the power of control**. Honesty is a key factor in obtaining correct results.

Keep turning that dollar over (recycling) it, but do it with control. Know when to quit and do it!

1. Did you ever lose time from work or school due to gambling?
yes _____ no _____
2. Has gambling ever made your home life unhappy?
yes _____ no _____

3. Did gambling affect your reputation?
yes _____ no _____
4. Have you ever felt remorse after gambling?
yes _____ no _____
5. Did you ever gamble to get money with which to pay debts or otherwise solve difficulties?
yes _____ no _____
6. Did gambling cause a decrease in your ambition?
yes _____ no _____
7. After losing did you feel you must return as soon as possible and win back your losses?
yes _____ no _____
8. After a win did you have a strong urge to return and win more?
yes _____ no _____
9. Did you often gamble until your last dollar was gone?
yes _____ no _____
10. Did you ever borrow to finance your gambling?
yes _____ no _____
11. Have you ever sold anything to finance gambling?
yes _____ no _____
12. Were you reluctant to use "gambling money" for normal expenditures?
yes _____ no _____
13. Did gambling make you careless of the welfare of yourself and your family?
yes _____ no _____
14. Did you ever gamble longer than you had planned?
yes _____ no _____
15. Have you ever gambled to escape worry or trouble?
yes _____ no _____
16. Have you ever committed, or considered committing, an illegal act to finance gambling?
yes _____ no _____
17. Did gambling cause you to have difficulty sleep-

Harrah's Prairie Band Casino November Events

- 1st- Sr. Slot Society \$500.00 Wednesday's weekly drawing (Note: every Wednesday)
- 3rd- The Green Pepper Band 8 pm until 1 am
- 4th- The Green Pepper Band 8 pm until 1 am
- 7th- 3 Car Poker Drawing 7 pm (Note: every Tuesday)
- 10th- 40 Rider Blue 8 pm until 1 am
- 11th- Walker Tours (40 people) lunch coupons, arrive at 11:30 am
40 Rider Blues 8 pm until 1 am
- 16th- Gambler's Tours & Charter (59 people) 6 hr trip, arrive 10 am, lunch coupons
- 17th & 18th- The Big Woody Blues Revue 8 pm until 1 am
- 20th- Total Rewards 2nd Round Drawing

December Events

- 1st & 2nd- The Shake 8 pm until 1 am
- 5th- 3 Car Poker Drawing 7 pm (Note: every Tuesday during month of Dec.
- 6th- Sr. Slot Society \$500 Weekly Drawing (Note: every Wednesday)
- 8th & 9th- Easy Pieces 8 pm until 1 am
- 15th- Daren Kirk & Randy Perry 8 pm until 1 am
- 16th- The Buzz 8 pm until 1 am
- 17th- Total Rewards Grand Prize Drawing
NATIONAL DRAWING
- 22nd & 23rd- The Green Pepper Band 8 pm until 1 am
- 28th- 3 Car Poker Car #3 Giveaway Drawing 7 pm
- 29th & 30th- The Benders 8 pm until 1 am
- 31st- Property New Year's Eve
OPEN TO PUBLIC

- ing?
yes _____ no _____
18. Do arguments, disappointments or frustrations create within you an urge to gamble?
yes _____ no _____
19. Did you ever have an urge to celebrate any good fortune by a few hours of gambling?
yes _____ no _____
20. Have you ever considered self-destruction as a result of your gambling?

Letters, faxes, and e-mail

Per Capita Response

I would like to extend my appreciation for the per capita account money I have received. With blessings I feel, the money has helped tremendously. It seems like a lot of us try to stay above the water, but with the way "the real world operates," challenges, problems, and crisis, it is a blessing to receive support.

My family had a great time at the Pow-Wow 9-10 June, (Mayetta). I just admire the dancers and love seeing my Indian culture. When my Grandmother was here she used to dance with the women and she looked so proud, I'd feel honor to be at her side.

I request please pass on my "Thank you for your support." I am not sure how this money comes about, but I am grateful and want to express this to all.

"May the Sun Shine on your face and the Wind blow through your hair."

Sincerely, Kathleen M. (Desautels) Baker

History Letter

I always read my wife's "News," especially the history page. I just finished a good book "The Potawatomi - Keepers of the Fire." Debbie had no idea of the terrific history of her tribe nor did her family. They thought they were from Kansas.

The Potawatomi were responsible for the greatest defeat of the US Army by Indians in history—3 times worse than Custer.

I think that is something that should be held up as a shining moment in your tribe's history Sgd: Butch Gordo. My wife is Deborah J. Smith (Gordo)

A excerpt from 1 of 6 highlighted and sent in by Butch, "St. Clair's defeat was the greatest Indian victory over an American military force in all of American history. The United States suffered 647 men killed and hundreds wounded. The number of women and children is unknown. The Potawatomi and their allies lost about 150 warriors." Edmunds, Russell

History Project

I am located in Talihina, Oklahoma. As part of an assignment in my Cultural Class, I am researching information on the Potawatomi Tribe. Any information that you can send would be appreciated. My mother's name is Alvena Mae Belair. My maternal grandmother Susie LeClair Belair. My maternal grandfather—Mitchell Belair.

Again, any literature that would benefit this assignment and myself would be appreciated. If you have an extra copy of the latest newspaper that you could send me would be great!

Thanks, Tammy Gamino

Information Request

Hi, could you send me another copy of your last Prairie Band Newsletter. My copy that was sent me got miss-placed and lost (article on Denison State Bank Loans interested me). Would sure appreciate it. Really appreciate getting the newsletter as it is very informative and please keep up the good work.

Thanks, Ophelia J. Nicholson (Mattwaoshe)

History Stance

Mr. Mitchell,

It's probably been 2 years since I received your wonderful pieces, "Stories of the Potawatomi People" and "The Prairie Band Potawatomi." Not only were they very interesting and helpful, they helped lead me on a path that has changed my life!

A while ago, I started on some materials about the Potawatomi for the children I work with in a Montessori school in Evanston. While we did units on Native Americans, we had never done anything on the Potawatomi who had lived here, and so I started to fill the gap, doing research

and writing books that were met with much enthusiasm among my 1st and 3rd graders and other teachers. They convinced me to start my own not-for-profit (called "The Midwest Institute for Native American Studies") and seeking funding so I could do more research and make more materials to sell to other Montessori schools. Soon, I'll adapt the curriculum for use by public and other private school systems, and eventually, I'll expand my scope to create works on other Great Lakes Tribes as well.

Over the past year, I've received almost \$20,000 in funding from foundations and individuals, enough for me to quit a part-time position as Director of Marketing for the school in which I teach to devote more time to the project and enough to get the talented Candi Wesaw from Grand Rapids started on the illustrations for the books. Along the way, I've gained the support of Pokagan Vice-Chairman John Warren and the Midwest Montessori Teacher Training Center and have wooed to my Board Pokagan Casey Church, Gun Lake Frank Sprague and Oklahoma Osage Maria Tallchief, in addition to other Chicago-area Anglos.

I know you're probably preparing for the Gathering, so I'll cut this short—If you happen to run into Candi or Casey (although I doubt he'll make it since he just moved south), please free to ask them about MINAS. I'd love to schedule a time to speak with about my plans and hopes, as we are seeking the verbal and/or financial support of all the Potawatomi bands. I'm sure you're very busy in your position on the Council, but if you ever have the time, please mail me back and let me know when I can call you to talk more. I'd also be happy to send you our Executive Summary if you'd like to look it over before we talk.

I pray my materials and curriculum will help to dispel some misinformation and allow students in ancestral Potawatomi lands gain understanding and respect for your culture and traditions. I also hope they can be of use in educating your next generations, as well!

I appreciate your time thus far in reading this and I thank you for your informative books that helped me along this path. Have a safe journey and a great time at the Gathering. I hope to speak with you soon!

Wawana, Linda Bechtle, MINAS Executive Dir.

Wants Information

Please send me some free brochures on the Prairie Band Potawatomi of Kansas.

Sincerely, Billy Jacobs, Leakesville, MS

Mad in Crandon, Wisconsin

My name is Loyal Shegonee...I'm the son of Gilbert Shegonee, a tribal member who passed away in December of 1975...

I'm writing to make known a problem that has affected my family and myself. I want to express my disgust, disappointment, frustration, and anger at the harsh, callous, thoughtless, inconsiderate treatment shown to my sister, Verna Shegonee by the individual managing or working at the Trust Fund Management Office, at the Horton Agency in Kansas. My sister, myself and other members of my family had originally contacted her office in regard to the distribution of the land lease checks which are usually mailed out in February of each year...my sister, a 60 year old Elder, disabled, trying to function on a severely fixed income and in constant, dire need of financial assistance, had first called her office in early February to inquire as to when the checks were to be sent...the answer was, "They're being typed up and will be sent out this Friday."

The checks never were sent out...they still aren't being sent out! After repeated weekly calls, my sister was given the same old stories and lies...the same old misleading, inaccurate, uncalled for misinformation. These weekly calls started in February, continued in March, then

April and, all of May. Will this farce continue through June, then July? All we're asking for now is the truth, plain and simple...is that so damn hard or is it asking too much? We're all grown up...we're all adults...we can handle bad news...we've had to handle hard situations all our lives...most assuredly, we're not meek little Indians sneaking out of the woods...but speaking to her is like speaking to a tree stump...it's like listening to a wind up doll...all their answers are limited to two or three responses...they're pre-programmed! We get the same outcome and results, absolutely nothing! We don't necessarily need that, "Paternal attitude," shown to us...that "I know what's best for you! Crap! All my life, everywhere I've ever been, dealing with every agency, organization, committee and all Indian centers and tribal offices, it's all come down to the one thing...

That damn annoying attitude..."First, I take care of my friends and family, then the tribal members, then perhaps you if I like your looks and you're quiet and polite!" It was always, "I'm in charge here, can't you see my office, phone and computer (aren't you impressed?), you better accept how I handle your problems and how I answer your questions!?"

It's the year 2000! It's the new Millennium! Isn't it time we as a people, a tribe, a nation, got rid of and replaced old fashioned, backwards, aggravating way of doing business? Should important positions be filled with qualifications rather than by winning a popularity contest? (tribal elections). How many times does a person have to be given the same old crap? By the same old lying, grinning fool at the desk? Stop lying, treat us with respect! You aren't in office to anger people but to help them! But what have we gotten? What do we come away with? What are we left holding? Only the impressions that the office manager impressed on us...the impression that the office is run by a backward, ignorant, unqualified, slow, lying individual! A thoughtless, self-centered, uncaring, disrespectful person! In other words, all the qualifications not needed when dealing with your people, your tribal membership and above all, your elders! It's shameful and disgusting to mislead and raise the hopes of the elderly! To show them disrespect! To break their trust!

Whether you agree with me or disagree with my assessment of this situation, I don't really care! I do believe however, that my opinions should be heard and made known...perhaps it may help stop any other abuses of the trust and respect of the tribal elders or any tribal members by the person in charge of other tribal programs...

The two most practiced expressions I've encountered over the years..."They're only Indians," and my favorite, "Out of sight, out of mind!"...these two beliefs, which are still practiced and perpetuated, leads to abuse, disrespect and making older people feel like "outsiders" and hopeless and useless! That no one really cares or pays them any attention...that is a very sad and pathetic way of dealing with people.

But the actions of the Trust Fund Management Office towards me and my family, many of whom are elders and especially toward my sister,angers, aggravates and irritates me beyond belief! I'm very disgusted by the treatment we've received and continue to receive!

I know that our hands are tied and there's nothing that can be done. But perhaps by letting people read who we as a family really feel can make some kind of difference and help relieve some of the pent up anger we've been keeping bottled up these past few months...I ask that you run this letter in the editorial section of your newspaper...I know you could never read my handwriting and as you can see my typing sucks, so excuse the errors...if you have any questions, answers or comments, please drop me a line...I'd be most happy to hear from you, and I am, most assuredly and sincerely,

Loyal R. Shegonee, Crandon, Wisconsin

Enrollment Amendment—A Heated Concern

By Doris Potts

With the recent constitutional amendments easily passing comes all of the questions embarking on such a drastic change. The major issue that should be pressing for all tribal members is the enrollment issue. A person applying for enrollment now must possess 1/4 degree Prairie Band Potawatomi blood to qualify for membership. That is devastating to say the least.

We have voted to diminish our own existence as an Indigenous Nation. In briefer terms, we have voted for genocide, the cultural/racial destruction of our Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation. This constitutional change is so devastating to me, personally, because I can cite my own personal situation as an example of how hard it has hit home.

I am a full-blood Indian with 1/2 of that being Prairie Band Potawatomi. I am very proud of that fact. My grandson, whom I've adopted as my own son, is now 1/4 degree Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indian blood so his Indian bloodline ends with him. His children will not be eligible to enroll unless he searches thoroughly for a companion who possesses a minimum 1/4 degree of Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indian blood. Once these children grow up, how many can we expect to look for such ideal mate just so our Prairie Band Potawatomi bloodline can continue?

Even though I am very proud of my full-blood Indian status, it has no gratification or guarantees hypothetically for the future of my great grandchildren. Reality has hit hard in this situation. I have only one bright side to look at in this situation. And that is the fact that we do have the option to re-vote on this enrollment issue again. It is not set in stone, but it will be a slow process of change again. We can also view it in terms of buying ourselves time on this fast-paced increase in enrollment.

That brings to mind the other side of the coin-per se. Many people may have voted for this enrollment issue just to stop the money-hungry group of people (due to per capita checks) from applying for tribal enrollment. These are the ones that never wanted to be tribal members until there was money involved. Our Constitution Committee has discussed this particular issue at length, hoping to come to a viable solution that would weed out those types of people. How does a person prove that they are seriously interested in being an honorable member of their Tribe/Nation?

That question can has many controversial answers. We felt that we should iron out this issue at a Special General Council Meeting because it does, in fact, affect our future generations from here to however long it takes to amend it again. Our enrollment will cease to increase immediately because, historically, we have had amendments to our Constitution happen every several years.

I wanted to do a statistical analysis type of report for this article but is not yet available. But in talking with Enrollment Consultant, James Mills of DCI, Inc., he confirms that we see enrollment changes immediately with this enrollment amendment. There will many trying to apply from hereon that will not be eligible for enrollment. Our bloodlines are already quite mixed as we currently exist.

As concerned tribal family members, I challenge you to take a serious look at the impact this has on your personal family. How far will your current bloodline continue, ensuring that your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc are eligible to become Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members? Or do you care about them?

I voted against this amendment and you can be sure that I will be an advocate to change this because this isn't all about money. There is some validity to the fact that some of us struggle hard to maintain our Indian identity in sincere and meaningful ways. Sure, we all appreciate the per capita but which ones only became members to get that per capita. That is the struggle that the Constitution Committee has tossed around! We need your help and input in unraveling these critical issues.

What we have done in this amendment is play right into the government's hands. Historically, they have always wanted to do away with Indians and this is one sure way of doing just that. But this way, we are doing away with ourselves, which is irony in itself.

Announcements

Ashenee Emeray Pheasant was born February 21, 2000 at 8:52 pm., 6 lb 4 ounces and 20 inches long. Proud parents are Stephanie Lewis (Prairie Band Potawatomi) and Jamie Pheasant (Eastern Band Cherokee) from Huntsville, Ala. Grandparents are Leonard & Wanda Lewis-Soliday, Hollytree, Ala. Mary and Joseph Tsotadd, Jr. of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Wilma French & James Pheasant, Sr. of Cherokee, N.C.

Donald Shane, Mayetta, KS; has been named recipient of the R. F. Sayre & Associates Scholarship given by the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at South Dakota State University for the 2000-2001 school year. Shane will be an engineering major at SDSU this fall. The son of Tom Shane of Mayetta, he is a 1986 graduate of Farragut Community School in Iowa. This scholarship was established by the Sioux Falls engineering and surveying firm R.F. Sayre and Associates Inc. In recognition of and appreciation for the education its founder and his associates received from SDSU and to encourage and support SDSU civil engineering students. Firm founder was Richard F. Sayre, a Madison native and 1956 SDSU graduate. Recipients of R.F. Sayre and Associates Scholarships are fifth semester civil engineering majors with grade point averages not exceeding 2.95 who demonstrate an above-average record of service to the community, church and University.

IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR ITEMS YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE TRIBAL NEWSPAPER. STOP BY OR PHONE SO THAT WE CAN HAVE YOUR INPUT AS THIS IS YOUR NEWSPAPER.

Twins' Home will become tribal office

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is purchasing Murray home.

By Jonna Lorenz
The Capital Journal
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The longtime home of the Murray twins in west Topeka will be the site of a tribal office and day care for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

John Barrett, tribal chairman for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Okla said the sale of the 17-acre plot west of Menninger is expected to be closed soon. The sale price of \$395,000 for the land and building was determined at an auction last month.

Bob and Vera and Al and Verna Murray—

twins who married twins—lived together in the home for more than 40 years.

There are about 3,000 members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Kansas. The regional tribal center now is operated out of the Topeka home of the regional council director, Mary Ellen Clinton.

"We'll have a base of operations to provide services," said Barrett said of the Murray Hill site. "It will be the start of providing a number of services to our members there."

The tribe will provide services, including helping tribal members get house mortgages and educational scholarships, providing language-preservation services, and helping tribal members locate health resources, Barrett said. Citizen Potawatomi Nation provides about 300 educational scholarships each year worth more than \$1 million to its members, Barrett said.

The day-care center will employ about five people and serve enrolled members of any

American Indian tribe. It will be subsidized by the tribe and the federal government.

Barrett said he hopes to have the day-care center running within a year. It will be operated in the existing building, but some expansion and remodeling is necessary to meet state and federal regulations.

Murray Hill was part of 36 sections of land in Kansas that Citizen Potawatomi Nation sold before buying its reservation in Oklahoma, Barrett said.

"There is some historical significance to it. It was part of our lands when we were in Kansas," Barrett said. "It's a beautiful spot. It's in town, but it's remote."

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is separate from the Prairie Band Potawatomi of Mayetta.

"We had someone call us up and ask us if we were trying to build a casino. Under no circumstances," Barrett said. "That's not what that site is about."

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Individual Development Accounts & A Tribal Community Development Fund

By
Veronica N. Zerrer

A Community Development Corporation (CDC) exists to promote and undertake Economic, and Community Development activities within an identified service area. Often a CDC arises because financial institutions have underserved a population or community. Different from a bank, a CDC is an element of infrastructure that the tribe may wish to consider for future development. Such a corporation can apply for, and accept, grants and low interest financing arrangements that banks, and credit unions cannot take advantage of. For example, grant dollars for houses can be obtained through a CDC grant application to HUD that the Housing Authority cannot take advantage of - nor that the tribal government can compete for. Money in the form of grants and low interest loans can be obtained through the Department of Commerce's Community Development Financial Institution Fund program.

An Individual Development Account (IDA) through a conventional bank in the state of Kansas is currently unauthorized by state banking law. However, if the tribe were to develop its own CDC, such an institution could offer these accounts to tribal members. A CDC would not be fettered by Kansas's banking law but would rather be governed by tribal Codes. The way an IDA works is that personal savings are matched dollar for dollar (or two dollars for one - depending upon the number of philanthropy's participating). IDAs can only be used for one of three things, Mortgage or home improvement, Post-Secondary education or training, and micro-enterprise development (your own home based business). Deposits made in the IDA are much like the savings you contribute to your retirement account - those funds are tax deferred until you use them. IDAs are, at present, still in the developmental stage with only 72 sites nationwide serving as a test bed for the project run through the Corporation for Enterprise Development in San Francisco California. Deposits in a designated IDA depend upon four inter-related factors: What the investment and capital needs are of the community and individuals in the service area; What Tribal policy is regarding the practice of IDAs; Community Practices (saving and spending habits both public and private); and the level of financial institution support (in this case how much money can a CDC contribute to Individual Account holders).

At the present time the Tribe has no mechanism for funneling resources into a Corporation that can sponsor projects. Because of the wealth building potential that a CDC promises safeguards against politicizing the Corporation must be in place in order for it to receive grant funds and fund investment projects. The accounting term is "arms length". While Tribal Council can have representation on a CDCs Board of Directors the CDC Board would be a totally independent body from the Tribal Council. Ideally it should have members with Banking experience. It can be either for profit or not for profit. The rules governing a Community Based Development organization are found in 24 CFR Chapter IX §1003.204. Professional staff would also be needed to run the Corporation - offering more employment opportunity to Tribal Members.

WE-TA-SE POST # 410

Submitted by Roy A. Hale

We-Ta-Se will sponsor the 3rd Annual Vet's Pow Wow on November; see our ad in this paper!

Don't miss purchasing some tickets that will be sold for raffle prizes. These attractive prizes will be on display during the

Law Enforcement News

Hunter Safety Education

By Rebecca Jones

Officer Terry Scott has scheduled a Hunter Safety Education Course to be held November 4 & 5, 2000, in the Old Community Building basement. Participants must attend all sessions on both days and successfully pass a written test. This Hunter Safety Course meets all state of Kansas requirements. If you are interested or know someone who is, please call 966-3024.

According to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Law & Order Code Section 18, those persons wishing to be licensed to hunt on the reservation born after July 1, 1977, must take and pass a certified Hunter Safety Education Course. The state of Kansas requires that those persons born after July 1, 1957, successfully complete a certified Hunter Safety Education Course to hunt on all lands not governed by the Potawatomi Nation. This course meets those requirements.

Tribal Members, their spouses, children or parents of tribal members (with proof of membership and hunter safety certification if born after July 1, 1977) may come by the Tribal Police Department, Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm for their 2000 Hunting and Fishing license. Wildlife Conservation Officer Terry Scott is available on Saturdays to issue licenses as well, but call before you come as he may be out in the field or responding to a call. Officer Scott is available to answer your hunting and fishing questions Tuesday-Saturday, 8am-3:30pm at the Tribal Police Department or 966-3024.

K-9 Unit

We have added another officer, Jeff Diehl, to our K-9 unit. Officer Diehl has recently gotten a new partner, Sandor. K-9 Officer Sandor is a Belgian Malinois and began his duties October 10, 2000. You may remember in the August RezGazette, we reported on K-9 Officer Iko. Iko did not pass his tests to be a police dog and Sandor is his replacement.

Staffing

Currently we have 10 full-time officers and two positions open. This staffing level allows us to have two to three officers out on

Pow Wow and winners will be drawn during the Pow Wow. Winners need not be present to win.

Prizes include: Pendleton jacket (XXL), several blankets, Las Vegas trip for 2 or \$1,000 cash (courtesy of Harrah's HR and Marketing Depts.)

Chub Masquat is now home from Bethany Medical Hospital after having a foot removal surgery. Stop by and say hello to him as he is in great spirits and always cheery.

the road 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Our communications center is fully staffed with five full time dispatchers, one of which is the lead dispatcher. The communications center provides dispatching for the police, fire and EMS units. In the near future, our dispatchers will be trained in Emergency Medical Dispatching to provide the best possible service to residents of the reservation. If you are interested in applying for one of the remaining officer positions, please contact the Tribal Police department A.S.A.P. to obtain an application and background workbook. We will be filling these positions soon.

Child Passenger Safety Project

In April 2000, Rebekah Jones, attended a course to be certified as a Child Safety Seat Technician. This was an intensive four-day course on child passenger safety issues. The Child Passenger Safety Technician certification allows her to teach an 8-hour course on the proper selection, use and installation of Child Safety Seats in vehicles. In August, she was contacted by NEK-CAP Head-start program to instruct five 8-hour classes for all of their drivers. Everyone who took that class said they never realized how much is involved in properly and safely selecting and installing a child safety seat. Rebekah is interested in doing similar trainings on the reservation. If you are interested in this training, please contact Rebekah at the Tribal Police Department. Rebekah is also available to help you install your car seat correctly or answer questions you may have about selecting a car seat, proper fit or installation. If you are outside the northeast Kansas area, she will be happy to put you in contact with someone in your area with the same training and certification that could conduct a similar training or inspection.

Our Child Passenger Safety Seat project is a success. To date we have given 26 seats to 19 different tribal member families in the area as well as provided education regarding child passenger safety to another 3 families. Harrah's H.O.P.E. recently donated \$500 toward the purchase of car seats for tribal members and State Farm Insurance Community Services Program has donated

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

December 14th, 2000 9:30 am to
12:00 noon

Presented by the Kansas Small
Business Development Center

Mr. Les Streit Washburn University Office

*Sponsored by the Prairie Band Potawatomi
Tribal Grants Office

The Seminar will take place in the Sen Wigwam (the Stone House) Old Community Center next door to the Tribal Government Center. Please bring your ideas, plans, and financial needs with you to this informative seminar. We'll have a banker present to talk about financial needs.

We'll provide the coffee, and donuts. Lunch is on your own. Please register using the form listed below. Class size is limited to the first 20 registrants. Send this form to the Tribal Government Center or email, mail, or fax to:

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Grants Office

Attention: Veronica "Roni" Zerrer
16281 Q Road
Mayetta, KS 66509

Email: rzerrer@mail.holton.k12.ks.us

Fax: (785) 966-4002
(785) 966-4075

From the Education Department...

Submitted by Sharon McClane

Recently, we moved to new offices in the basement of our Government Center—our address is 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, Kansas 66509. Telephone numbers are the same: Sharon McClane, Edu-

12 seats to our project. If you or someone you know needs a car seat, please have them stop by or call the Tribal Police Department at (785) 966-3024.

On August 8, 2000, Veronica Zerrer and Rebekah Jones conducted seat belt surveys at several locations throughout the reservation. Of the people surveyed, only 37% were wearing seatbelts. If the casino traffic isn't included, that number drops to 27%. The state of Kansas averages 57%. What's even more shocking is only 25% of our children were in a car seat during this survey. The state of Kansas averages about 75%. So why are we so different? Is it that much trouble for us to take that extra 15 seconds to buckle up or that extra 30 seconds to put our kid in a car seat? Is it really that much trouble when it could save the life of your child?

Crash Facts

- Car wrecks are the leading cause of death to persons aged 5 to 27. Are you willing to bet tomorrow it won't be your kid?
- 3 out of 4 crashes occur within 25 miles of home. That's why it's so important to buckle up every time. Who knows which trip to the clinic or grocery store or school will be the one you are involved in a crash?
- There is a 100% probability you and your children will be in a crash at some point during your lifetimes.
- Nationally, 7 kids die each day from a motor vehicle crash. Are you willing to bet tomorrow it won't be your kid?
- In 1998, 5,929 kids under age 4 were involved in a crash in Kansas. Seven children died, 36 were disabled, 185 had non-incapacitating injuries and 276 possibly were injured. Are you willing to bet tomorrow it won't be your kid?
- When used properly Lap/Shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front seat passengers by 45% and reduce the risk of moderate to critical injury by 50%. It is estimated the seat belt has saved 697 Kansans lives since 1982. How many could have been saved had they been wearing their seat belt?
- Child Safety Seats, when used properly, are 71% effective in preventing fatalities, 67% effective in reducing the need for hospitalization and 50% effective in preventing injuries. It is estimated 9 out of 10 seats are

Tribal Motor Vehicle Department

Submitted by: Micki Martinez, Motor Vehicle Manager

Stolen!!!

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal tag belonging to Vestina Nonken was stolen during the weekend of October 21, 2000, from her residence. If you have any information please contact the Tribal Police Department at 785-966-3024.

Our Tribal Tag issue is still in the hands of the courts. We are waiting for a favorable ruling. Tribal member, Vestina Nonken, continues to operate her vehicle with our Tribal tag (a replacement issue) on and off the reservation.

We have our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation commemorative tags available. If you would like to purchase a tag, please remit check or money order payable to: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in the amount of \$25.00 for tribal members and \$50.00 for non-tribal members.

With winter season quickly approaching, please drive safely and watch out for deer and other animals. I have bought some deer whistlers (\$5.00 at Wal-Mart) and they seem to be doing a great job. I have come upon some animals while driving at night and they do run the opposite direction.

If you have any questions, please call the Motor Vehicle Department 785-966-3939.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Seeking Family History Information

I am searching for the meaning of my Indian name. I am named Kat-we. I would also like any/all information about the clan I belong to. I am a descendent of Nes-Se-Kah who had a daughter named Note-No-Que, who had a daughter named Mary Rice who had a son named Richard Rice who had a son named Eddie Rice (Shum-Na) who had a daughter Mickey Rice (that's me). If you know of my family history or have any helpful information, please contact me c/o the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Newspaper 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509. Thanks in advance. Mickey Jean Martinez

cation Administrator—(785) 966-2960; Frances Wabaunsee, Job Skills Coordinator—(785) 966-2884. At the current time, we are using the Government Center's main fax number (785) 966-4002. The Education Department will have a new fax number in the near future—we will publish that in the newspaper's next issue. E-mail addresses: s mcclane@hotmail.com and wabaunseefrances@hotmail.com.

We have a computer lab at our new

location with 12 computers. Classes will be offered at different skill levels and are scheduled to begin after November 1st. A grand opening for our computer lab will be November 13th, 3:00—6:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Frances Wabaunsee.

Applications for the 2001-2002 school year will be available after January 1st. Deadline for Spring Semester 2001 funding was November 1st.

used incorrectly. Please have your seat inspected to make sure your child is riding as safely as possible.

As always, Rebekah Jones is at the Tribal Police Department to answer your car seat/seat belt questions, help you install your car seat or even give you a car seat. She is available Monday - Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm. Just call 966-3024.



**BE SURE TO VISIT THE
GIFT SHOP AT THE
CASINO
AS TRIBAL MEMBER
DISCOUNT
IS NOW 25%. STOCK UP
WHILE THE SELECTION IS
GREAT!**

Social Services Program

Written By Eric Sanderson

It has been just over a year since I wrote an article for the paper announcing the new program for the Tribe. It is safe to say that things have changed, changed for the better. The staff continues to grow as new funding sources are secured. The single office has expanded across the hall in the Wa-Te-Sa building and both have furniture much like that found in the Government Center. It makes the work environment very pleasant and we hope that all feel comfortable to come with concerns or just to visit.

Most of the efforts in the program have been focused on getting the child welfare program built upon a solid base. Through negotiations with the Social and Rehabilitation Services, the Tribe has built a very good government-to-government working relationship with the State. The Secretary of SRS, Janet Schalansky has been very open to working with our program and respecting the sovereignty of the Tribe in dealing with PBP children. Along the same lines, the District County Courts have been cooperative in transferring any case that the Tribe has requested. To date almost all cases that had been in the State court have been transferred to Tribal Court. The few remaining cases require services that are not yet in place and therefore would not be appropriate to transfer.

The two staff that provide a majority of the work in this area are Betty Rice and Jackie Kern. Jackie is the family support worker and has been working a year. Betty was hired in September and is quickly learning about all the cases. The Tribe is very fortunate to have both of these tribal members resign from jobs in Topeka to work in a very demanding and often thankless area.

Another program that is just beginning is the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. The Tribe was awarded a \$1.2 million grant over a five-year period to provide VR services to Tribal members with disabilities. James Wabaunsee (Nah-bi/Nabby)

PRAIRIE BAND GIFT SHOP

By Cindy LeClere

We have some good news and some not so good news to report. The good news: we have a lot of new items-- just in time for the holidays. We have Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas gift items, new Pendleton coats & blankets, and a brand new selection of Black Hills gold jewelry. We have mocasins, beadwork, and silver & turquoise jewelry. The great news is that it is now **25% off** to tribal members, tribal employees and Harrah's employees. Avoid the Christmas rush! Stop and shop while you're in the neighborhood.

Now, for the not-so-good news: On August 2, we were informed by our wholesale tobacco distributor that they were ordered by the Kansas Department of Revenue to remit sales tax on all cigarettes sold to retailers or individuals on Reservations or Indian

lands, and the Kansas State Tax Stamp must be affixed to every pack of cigarettes sold to us.

There is a law, K.S.A. 79-3310 that was quoted to our distributors addressing this. Our distributors informed us that they could not sell to us without the tax or tax stamp, so we quit purchasing cigarettes from them. Because of our tax-exempt status, we are not required to pay this tax. We received our last order of cigarettes on August 3, 2000.

On October 17, the Tribal Council made a decision not to pay the Kansas State Tax for the cigarettes. We are looking into alternatives to the situation and we plan on maintaining the 2 vending machines that are located in the Casino, but we will not be selling cigarettes in the Gift Shop until this issue is resolved. Until then, we will keep selling from available stock; we want to thank all who continue to support us during this trying time. Your patronage is appreciated.

STOP BY AND VISIT THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT CENTER WHEN NEAR MAYETTA. THE BUILDING IS NOW FULL OF TRIBAL EMPLOYEES. THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE IS DOWNSTAIRS IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER. YOU WILL ALSO FIND EDUCATION, HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND LAND MANAGEMENT DOWNSTAIRS.

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Submitted by Brenda Nozachkum, Director

The CHR Program now has a staff of five. Robyn Edwards was hired May 1, 2000 as secretary. Jason Hale started October 2, 2000 as Transporter. Joe Jessepe is still in the capacity of Transporter. Mary Lewis is the CHR, and I, Brenda Nozachkum, am the CHR Director.

The Transporters are able to transport enrolled Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members who reside within our Jackson County service area o health-related appointments, as well as those within Brown County. Tribal members in these areas are I.H.S. contract health eligible.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Service Area is Jackson County. In order to receive services, an individual must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe. Services include: home visits, blood pressure screenings, delivery of medications from I.H.S., transportation to health-related appointments, and referrals through Holton Indian Health Service. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m., phone# 785-966-2221, fax# 35-966-4122.

Our Annual Health Fair was held on September 1, 2000. We had 55 sign-ins and numerous people who went through for health information pamphlets. I would like to extend a "thank you" to all the tribal programs that participated along with outside agencies for helping to make our Health Fair a success.

Holton Indian Health Service has now received their flu shot vaccines. It is highly recommended for those with chronic illnesses to get their flu shot.

Source: EPA "Puzzled About Recycling's Value? Look Beyond the Bin"

MAKE YOUR OWN REDUCTION DEDUCTIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Gifts that help others make a difference:

Clothe or string shopping bags
Compost bin
Lunch box/bag
Party dishes that are durable and reusable
Push mower
Rechargeable alkaline batteries/charger
Recycling bins
Refillable pen & pencil set
Reusable storage containers
Stationary made from recycled paper

Gifts that save water and energy:

Compact fluorescent light bulbs
Insulated bed pads for waterbeds
Waterheater blanket
Water-saving faucets & showerheads

Living gifts:

House plants
Potted evergreens
Seeds for spring planting
Your time-for childcare, cooking a meal, etc.

More reduction deductions:

Make edible ornaments & write holiday greetings on cookies
Place gifts in decorative tins, baskets, or bags
Reuse greeting card picture for a post card or gift tag
Reuse wrapping paper, boxes, ribbons, & bows
Use old jewelry to make new jewelry, art, & decorations

These steps brought to you by...

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Environmental Planning & Protection, Division of Solid Waste.

Source: CHAPTER 1: PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT

YOUR TOWN—DESIGNING ITS FUTURE

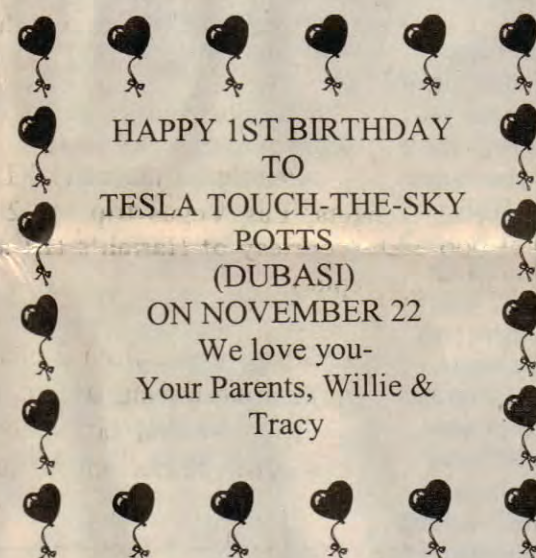
By Doris A. Potts

It's 4 am and here I am in Nebraska City, NE (can't sleep) attending a "Your Town - Designing Its Future," an ongoing participatory workshop developed by K-State faculty that teaches community leaders and rural development practitioners how to build their own communities. Strange how I landed in such a gorgeous place, the Arbor Day Farm—Lied Conference Center. Actually, I volunteered for the assignment since Tribal Council's busy schedules wouldn't allow for their time away from office.

Having just witnessed campaign releases from new Tribal Council Member candidates during the recent election, one of the driving platforms was increased economic development for our community. This workshop focused on that subject matter extensively. Workshop participants were all saying the same thing, "We want to build our community, how we want it—not have some outsider come in and tell us how our community should take form, what businesses we should build in our community, etc."

Interesting facts from the workshop was that most communities share the same problems when considering growth of a community: no long term planning, no communication, committees not working together, no vision, the community may have a low self esteem, some communities have outlived their usefulness, global economic social forces beyond our control, and "just cause something looks nice, that doesn't mean it'll survive."

On the bright side of the story, it was stated that, "Communities who are able to take advantage of these opportunities will find that local leadership is the key to their success. Leadership is the key ingredient to change in communities. Effective community leadership occurs when problems are well understood and an organized response is planned and implemented.



Recycling involves three steps:

- Collecting recyclable materials.
- Using recovered materials as feedstock in the manufacture of new products.
- Purchasing the recycled products for use again.

What is a recycled product?

- A product made in whole or in part from secondary material recovered from converting or from post-consumer sources
- A commodity that has been rebuilt or remanufactured, such as a rebuilt engine or a remanufactured laser toner cartridge

The materials collected in recycling programs are not "garbage" or "waste"...they are valuable commodities.

Why should government agencies buy recycled products?

- Creates new markets
- Reduces the disposal of recyclables
- Convinces manufacturers to use more recycled materials
- Conserves resources and energy
- Creates jobs and economic development opportunities
- Satisfies legislative mandates
- Sets an example for the private sector
- Provides a proactive rather than reactive approach to the waste management problem
- Enhances organization's image
- Saves money

THE BENEFITS OF RECYCLING

- Recycling protects and expands U.S. manufacturing jobs and increases U.S. competitiveness.
- Recycling reduces the need for landfilling and incineration.
- Recycling prevents pollution caused by the manufacturing of products from virgin materials.
- Recycling saves energy.
- Recycling decreases emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change.
- Recycling conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals.
- Recycling helps sustain the environment for future generations.

Your Town (cont.)

Key tasks suggested for leadership in community development included: 1) Understanding the social, political, and economic "givens." 2) Understanding the people involved, especially oneself. 3) Building teams. 4) Nurturing effective and humane organizations, interorganizational networks, and communities. 5) Creating and communicating meaning. 6) Making and implementing policy decisions. 7) Resolving conflicts. 8) Putting it all together.

All workshop participants role-played through the entire Design Process steps that included: Defining the problem, Conducting inventory, Analyzing the information, Setting goals & objectives, Developing solutions, Evaluating and refining solutions, Implementing solution, and finally Conducting a post-implementation evaluation.

Latane Donelin, Director of the PBP Planning and Environmental Protection Department for the past 2 1/2 years, was there representing our Nation's efforts. She has been actively involved with the K-State Project for 2 years. Latane, with her unconditional dedication to our Nation, strongly advocates what we as indigenous people strive for—demanding the preservation of our natural and cultural resources through environmentally safe practices when embarking upon economic development practices. K-State recently conducted a Land Use Study for the Nation that they won a national award for. Our Tribal Council will soon be given one of the plaques that were awarded to K-State.

This Land Use Study empowers our Nation because some of the groundwork required for economic development is already completed. It is now up to our leaders to look seriously at that already-completed study and proceed with economic development planning (No need to re-invent the wheel). One of the presenters used the term "local champions" and described that as someone that will take over a project and make sure the project is done. Tribal Council can be viewed as our "local champions" as they're expected to lead us into growth and expansion in our economic development endeavors.

Workshop participants were encouraged to go home and brush off those comprehensive land use studies and move forward with the economic development planning for their communities.

By Roy Spoonhunter Jr.

By tribal resolution, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council, have adopted Solid Waste, Building, and Sanitation codes for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. The adoption of such codes will support the enhancement, beautification, and health of the reservation. The Solid Waste codes will also limit the dumping that has occurred on the reservation. We are maintaining an inventory of all of the identified dumpsites and will be working on a plan to clean them accordingly.

We have applied for a grant, through EPA Region 7, to assist in the area of recycling. The grant will be active for 2001 implementation and will help improve on the current recycling program. We will be able to develop a site plan for a field office, which will be located, south of 150th road on the eastside of L road. The field office will serve as a drop-off site for recycling, and construction/demolition debris. It will be accessible to community residents.

In November, the Solid Waste Program will coordinate a community-wide collection of unwanted material.

Residents of the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation who have the capability (truck, trailer, etc.) to haul their accepted material to the determined site, can contact us at (785) 966-2946, to schedule a day for delivery. Reservation residents who do not have the capability to perform this procedure, should work on getting their material ready for collection. We would like to ask that interested residents do schedule this activity, so that we can better service all who are interested.

As the Solid Waste Department continues to develop and broaden its responsibilities, two additional staff members were recently hired. Vincent Hernandez and Sheldon (Abtakee) Thompson are now an integral part of the Solid Waste Program. The entire Program appreciates the increased awareness and support of proper waste disposal procedures on the reservation. With the input from tribal employees and reservation residents we have been able to identify some illegal dump sites, and other violations that have occurred in/around reservation creeks and timber areas. Once again, the community cooperation is much appreciated!

Rez Boyz Racing



BY REBEKAH JONES
& TRACY ROGERS

Saturday, June 24th, 2000, #86M made its debut at Thunderhill Speedway in Mayetta, Kansas. Sam Potts (owner) and Willie Potts (driver) were excited to finally get the car out on the track after months of preparation.

The debut was not trouble free. Willie had to hunt down a wheel stud for a rear tire. They had even contemplated on taking one off of the trailer (rez-ology). Willie saved the day, though, when he retrieved one from another crew and one crisis was taken care of.

Sam, Willie and countless others have worked on this car for over a year but no one ever bothered to figure out how to put the seatbelts on. When the time arrived for Hot Laps (the pre-race time when the driver can take the car onto the track to see how it's running) no one was quite sure how Willie was supposed to get strapped in! There are five different belts to keep him in the car. Another driver had to come over and

help him buckle up. By then the hot laps were over. Oh well, live and learn.

The fast-orange Street Stock Car held its own in the heat race, qualifying for the Feature. After careful study and some deliberation of the heat race, it was decided that the car would be faster and the rear tire would quit rubbing and making that smoke if some weight were taken off the back. So the crew removed about 210 pounds of weights. It worked.

#86M finished the Feature 14th out of 23 with only minor scrapes (picked up some yellow paint somewhere). There was a moment of tension and terror, though. As Willie came off the track there was a huge plume of white smoke from under the hood. Everyone was sure the engine was blown but, after the smoke cleared, Willie fired it up and drove it back to the pit area. It was only a radiator hose; now to find a hose clamp. Festus to the rescue! He used some wire out of his pickup to rig a clamp (rez-ology).

Rez Boyz Racing would like to thank everyone involved in

getting #86M race ready. A special Migwetch to Saturday's pit crew: Festus Eakin, Henry & Andrew Pahmahmie, Stan Murk & Bob Rogers. Migwetch also to Rusty Potts, Lester Arnold, Chad Wanatee, Brian and Danny Mahkuk, Troy McKinney, Ken Coover, Rey Kitchumme, and Ron Bryant for their hard work and/or generous donations. Many others donated their time, sweat and money to this race car. Migwetch to these people as well – you know who you are.

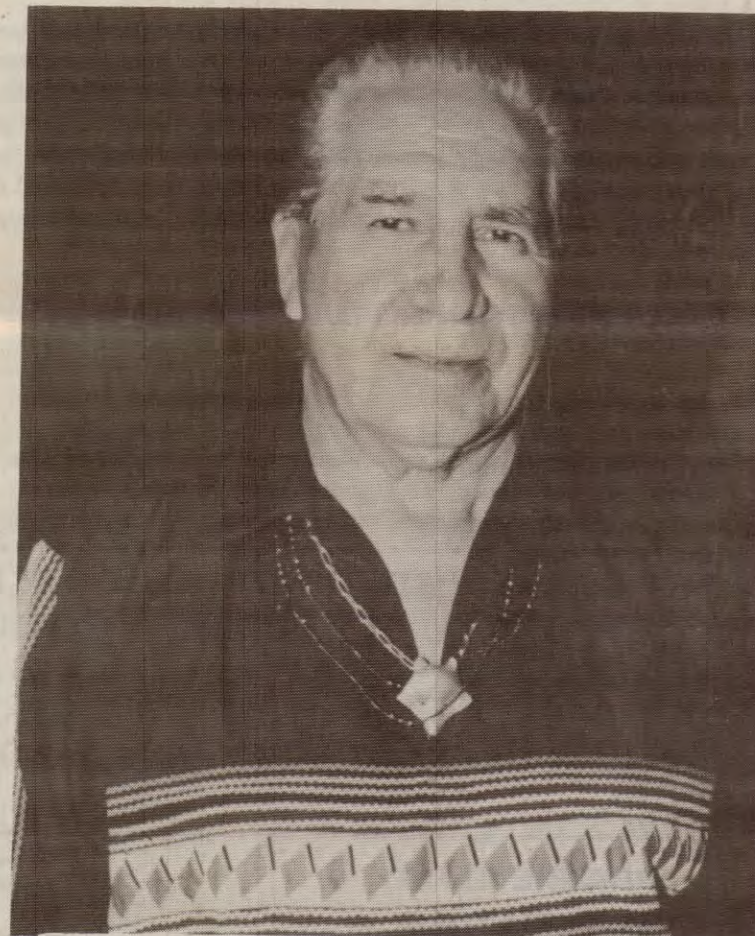
For more information about #86M or to donate to this local racing team contact:

Sam Potts
16057 N Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
(785) 966-3117 after 5:00 p.m.
Hope to see you at the races!!!!
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BILL JIM, JR. PLACES 1ST IN NAT'L BACKHOE COMPETITION

Expertise rubs off and filters down through the ranks. PBPB Road & Bridge Department was well represented in the National Tribal Equipment Operator's Rodeo in October 2000 as Bill Jim, Jr. took the #1 honors in The Backhoe Competition (Operator's Division) against twenty-seven other competitors throughout Indian Country USA. Bill has gained his backhoe experience on-the-job for the past 3 years as an operator for the PBP Nation. This is an honor that was bestowed upon Bill's supervisor, Tim Ramirez, last year in the Supervisor's division.



Oren Lyons

By Gary E. Mitchell

World renowned speaker on tribal ways and culture, Oren Lyons was in Lawrence, Kansas and shared his views with the people assembled there. He talked of the need to be respectful to the earth and each other because that is where our inner peace comes from.

Lyons warned, "Our traditional leaders and people are thinning out. The can hold nations together. It used to be the traditional people who were in charge of the lands, not anymore. Now it is important for Indian people to defend their borders, politically, geographically and economically. This is important since the spigot in Washington, D.C. can be turned off at any time."

His message centered around the need for discipline and respect for all our resources. "It's up to you." Lyons also related how Indian tribes are in hard times because of casinos. Tribes are taking chances for money. In his tribes oral stories dating back to 1799—the following things will destroy a nation: 1) strong drink; 2) the Bible; 3) the fiddle (because you will dance to some else's tune); and 4) a deck of cards. His tribe took this warning to heart and maintained their traditions and kept away from gambling.

"We have to assess ourselves. Look at our territories and land. Think about our treaties. Treaties are so strong. They are powerful instruments of the law. It is easier to change the treaties than the people. All of our histories have been terrible." Lyon commented during the session.

And despite this history, Indian people have to maintain their integrity and maintain traditions. "We have to remind ourselves how important this is," said Lyons.

All of his past teachers said the same thing, "Try hard, do what's right."

I do not see a delegation for the four-footed. I see no seat for the eagles. We forget and we consider ourselves superior, but we are after all a mere part of the Creation. It is our responsibility, since we have been given the minds to take care of these things. The elements and the animals, and the birds, they live in a state of grace. They are absolute, they can do no wrong. It is only we, the two-legged, that can do this. And when we do this to our brothers, to our own brothers, then we do the worst in the eyes of the Creator.



Photo by Micki Martinez

Marjorie Pahmahmie

Congratulations! The 2000 Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Annual Fried Bread "Queen" is Marjorie Keesis Pahmahmie, tribal member from rural Horton, Kansas. Marjorie, her husband, John, their children and grandchildren own and operate Pahmahmie's Fried Bread Concession Stand.

The other prize winners are as follows: second place: Goffy Wabaunsee-Wahweotten; third place: Laverne Hale; fourth place: Angela Herrera; and fifth place: Lynn McKinney. The Fried Bread Contest received 18 delicious entries from contestants on day two of our Pow Wow Celebration



Tribal Member, Francis Jensen, shown playing one of the many flutes he handcrafted, a hobby he enjoys in his spare hours. He says although this is not a cultural practice of the Potawatomi people, he was inspired to do this from watching the flute player, Curtis Pequano, perform. He sells these from his home (785)-364-2377 or samples can be seen at the Casino Gift Shop. They have a beautiful, calming sound effect.

Taken from an excerpt of A Speech to the United Nations Given by Oren Lyons as printed in *Native Wisdom* edited by Joseph Bruchac

Power is not manifested in the human being. True power is in the Creator. If we continue to ignore the messages by which we exist and we continue to destroy the source of our lives then our children will suffer...I must warn you that the Creator made us all equal with one another. And not only human beings, but all life is equal. The equality of our life is what you must understand and the principles by which you must continue on behalf of the future of this world. Economics and technology may assist you, but they will also destroy you if you do not use the principles of equality. Profit and loss will mean nothing to your future generations...

TRIBAL TEENAGER PUBLISHED IN NATIONAL PUBLICATION

FOREVER CHANGED

By JoLynn Shopteese

Every morning when I wake up, I peel back the blankets that keep my body warmth hostage and look around my room. I see cherished family photos, my favorite mahogany dresser and of course my love beads that hang from the windows. I can't imagine my life without a loving family surrounding me or a roof shielding me from the night.



JoLynn Shopteese

This past July, I went on a mission trip to Monterrey, Mexico, with my youth group. I sat on a bus for two days, not knowing what to expect. My friends on the bus described all the bugs that had infested the orphanages we were to work at for the next week. They told me how dirty everything would be and how dangerous the streets were. Secretly, I was hoping the bus would turn around somehow. But it did not. The first night we arrived, a man said, "We have come here to change Mexico, but instead, Mexico will change us."

Each morning during the hour-and-a-half bus ride to the orphanage, I would think of how little I had slept the night before, how tired I was, and how there was no air conditioning on the bus. But, as soon as the orphanage came into view, all those feelings melted away. The children would run up to the gates, scream, and jump up and down because we had finally arrived. The first day I walked cautiously inside the metal gates. I saw one girl with a huge smile on her face. When I walked over to her, she gave me a hug. I looked around at all the other children. All were smiling. All were laughing. They were not upset, nor complaining about their lives and living conditions.

I met a little girl at the orphanage named Erica. She had short black hair and big scar beneath her nose. I picked her up and swung her around. She squealed with laughter. Every day when we arrived, she always ran up to me, gave me a hug and kissed my cheeks. I began looking forward to this. The whole time, I was thinking, "Who would give such a wonderful child up? I saw other children in the orphanage. They did not fight over the toys we brought them. Instead they shared them because they wanted everyone to experience the joy of the new toys. On the last day, the kids were singing songs to us. Rose, the lady in charge, told us that one of the children wanted to share her story with us. To my amazement, Erica went up to speak. She smiled at me and began her story: "I am so happy to be here in the orphanage." Happy, I thought. Who would be happy in an orphanage? "When I was in my house," she continued, "my parents used to beat me. They threw me against the wall and hurt me."

When she was done, I ran over to tell her how proud I was of her. I looked down and saw the scar near her nose. Now I knew how she got it. The day we left is a day I'll never forget. Everyone was crying. I held Erica for fifteen minutes, too scared to put her down. I kissed her scar, hoping, once more, to erase her memories. I told her I loved her. She stopped crying and smiled. When our time with the children was done, they waved once again through the gates. This time it was good-bye.

When I came home, I looked in my room while unpacking. I looked at all my clothes hanging in my closet on multicolored hangers. The visions of Erica's closet with two shirts in it flashed before my eyes. She tried to give me one of her stuffed animals in return for my friendship. I told her I did not need one. She said she didn't either because had two. Erica is only seven. It will take me a long time to learn what she already knows.

JoLynn Shopteese is in her first year at Bethel College in Minneapolis and is one of her many ambitions is to further her writing and media interests. She is one of three daughters of Joanne and John L. Shopteese of Savage, MN. The national publication is Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul III. This series of books have sold over eight million copies. They give teens valuable guidance, helping them discover where they fit in, and how to handle all the decisions and emotions that adults take for granted. JoLynn Michelle Shopteese story had such a dramatic impact that it was rated among the top percentile of thousands and thousands of story submissions to the editors for their latest edition of Chicken Soup For The Teenage Soul III. This publication was released April 27 and is available at bookstores everywhere.



Floyd Westerman Visits Potawatomi Reservation

By Gary E. Mitchell

Signs on Highway 75 that denotes the Potawatomi Reservation brought a visit from a nationally known Indian activist, singer, actor, and producer-director, Floyd "Red Crow" Westerman.

Westerman, 63, was on his way to a high school commencement in North Dakota and decided to stop and visit the Potawatomi present at the Government Center. He is actively involved in promoting documentaries on Indian History.

A tape shown by Westerman showed the consequences of early day biological warfare. This is where white soldiers would give Indians blankets during peace negotiations. The catch was that the blankets were often infested with diseases such as small-pox. In most historical accounts this had more negative results to Indians than any shooting war.

The title of the film is called "The Immaculate Deception" but don't plan to find it on the best-selling list or film credits. The film described the systematic taking of the Indian lands.

Nowadays, Westerman is more in producing and writing stories than in acting. Of course, he is known nationally for appearing in the film "Dances with Wolves."

His presence was known long before this film, a film that pioneered a better picture of early day Indian people and promoted actual Indians in films, because Westerman had a promising singing career going and was a long time Indian activist. In fact, he asserts that it was the American Indian Movement in the 1970s that brought sovereignty to national attention.

Today, Westerman is still promoting those same concepts through the film medium. "It's time for the Holocaust story to be told—to give the Indian point of view." The message he has told for the last 30 years—biological warfare, the crippling effect of Christianity and how reservations are no more than concentration camps—is not accepted by white Americans, but yet still has to be told.

There is denial on some reservations about his message. A denial that includes not rocking the boat. Westerman says some have lost their names, identity, language and have blended in well with the dominant culture, so acculturation did work in some locales.



Photo by Gary E. Mitchell

Floyd "Red Crow" Westerman

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Annual School Awards

By Gary E. Mitchell

A Flag Song sung by Joe Hale, Sr. and a group of youth singers started off the Annual School Awards on April 16 and this good beginning set the tone for the rest of the evening. A large group of parents, educators and concerned community members enjoyed a well-organized event where various Indian Education groups on the reservation honored the accomplishments of 8th and high school graduates.

Juanita Jessepe, Johnson O'Malley Coordinator, stated how the event came about because of a collaborative effort from many active Indian Education committee members on the reservation. The Indian education programs include: The Education Department, JOM, Title IX, and the Youth Program.



Dominic Ortiz

Tribal employees donated \$1,000 to offset award cost. Graduates received many nice gifts as a result of this generosity.

Dominic Ortiz, the keynote speaker of the evening, described his own academic journey first through Haskell Indian Nations University and on up to his last semester at Kansas University. "Get involved when you go to school," he said.

Ortiz followed his own advice, getting involved in cross-country and dabbling in business organizations. As a result, Ortiz formed his business of selling Indian jewelry both nationally and internationally. He traveled to many conferences and in one instance won a five day trip to Anaheim, California, where he jokingly said he gave a five minute speech to get five days rest.

That led to bigger speaking engagements, including introducing the President of the United States at an Economic Development Conference in ——. This too, was a direct result of getting involved. Ortiz told the youth "the wars are not over. Many of you have a chance to do something. Go out and be the educators, the politicians and make a difference."

Ortiz concluded his speech by telling the youth "If you dream it, you can achieve it."

During the course of the evening, Rey Kitchkumme, tribal council member and master of ceremonies told the crowd to draw that map to success. He said it's never too late to accomplish a dream. He cited the example of how his mother completed her GED at the age of 71.

Alberta Marshno won a special award for her years of service to the JOM program. "She worked hard for the kids, when the tribe had little financial resources," said Laverne Hale. Another award went to Ruby Shuckohosee for years of service to the preservation of the Potawatomi language.

The evening concluded with the "All Girls Band" performing a classical piece from Mozart. The band included Maya Danielson, Hattie Mitchell, Nezzat LeClere, Kristina Trossel, Stephanie Greemore, and Michelle Throssel.



Joe Hale and a group of youth singers
Top left: Alberta Marshno receiving an award
Bottom left: All Girls Band from the Rez

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Celebration was held June 9-11

The 2000 Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow Wow Celebration was held June 9 – 11, at Prairie People's Park, west of Mayetta, Kansas. This year's Pow Wow Celebration was attended by 40 Tribes, from throughout Indian Country.

During the three day event, our 2000 Pow Wow Committee honored Mr. Maynard Potts, World War II, Veteran, and at the same time honored Mrs. Margaret Shobney as Senior Citizen. Mr. Potts served with the United States Army and during his active duty saw action in the Philippines conflict. Mrs. Shobney has been an outstanding supporter of the annual Potawatomi Gathering and has attended each event, since its inception.

The Pow Wow Celebration's Head Staff was as follows: Host Drum Group, Little Soldier Singers, Mayetta, Kansas, Invited Northern Drum, Tha Tribe, Lawrence, Kansas, Invited Southern Drum, Bad Moon Rising, Master of Ceremonies, Dean Whitebreast, Montoor, Iowa, Area Director(s), Joe Hale, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Perkins Whitetail, Cheyenne, We Ta Se Color Guard, Blake Garrison, Head Man Dancer, Jody Little Axe, Head Lady Dancer, William Evans, Head Teen Male Dancer, Amber Tecumseh, Head Teen Female Dancer, and 2000 Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Princess, Racheol Deo.

Dancers and spectators enjoyed the pleasant listening of American Indian music by six other visiting Drum Groups, which are as follows: Ge monen wek Singers, Topeka, Kansas, Thunder Horse, Stilwell, Oklahoma, Little Eagle, Tama, Iowa, Pawnee Yellow Horse, Pawnee, Oklahoma, Big Soldier Creek, Holton, Kansas, and Standing Eagle, Macy, Nebraska.

Prairie People's Park, received a maintenance touch up on vendor area relocations, road ways, parking lot, and side walks. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Land Management, Road/Bridge and Maintenance Programs installed a new paved seating area and drop off ramp for Senior Citizens and disabled spectators. The tremendous work efforts were greatly appreciated by all our Community.

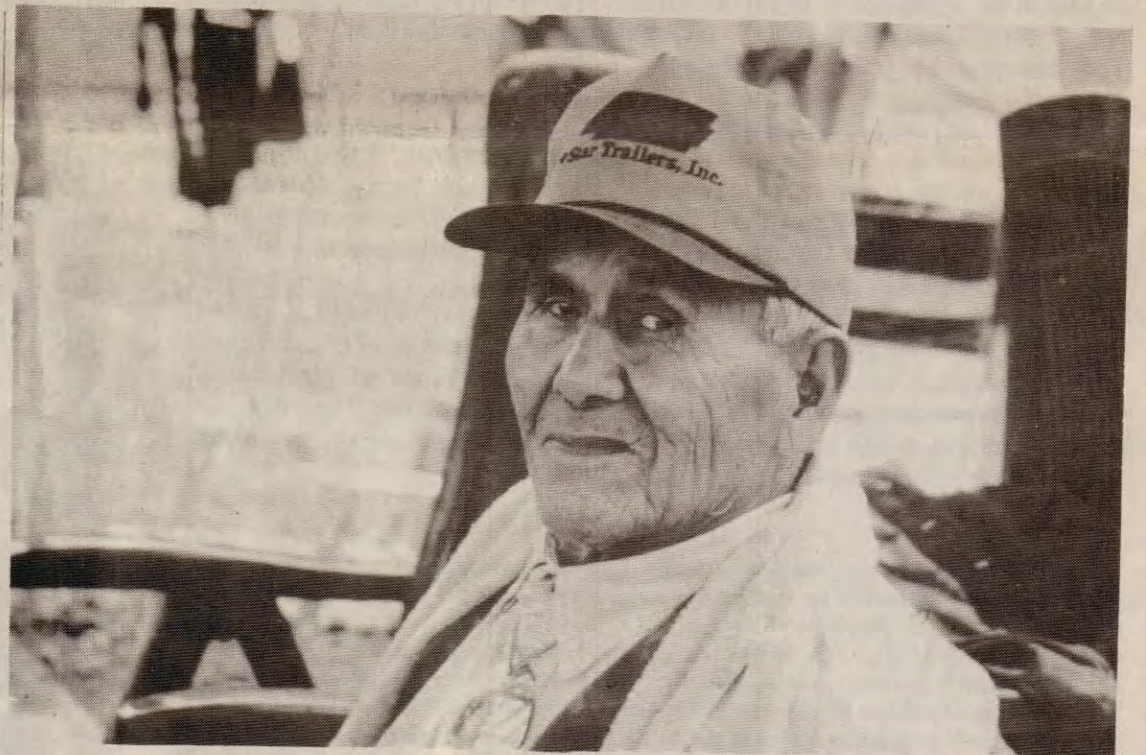
The Contest Dance categories received 147 contestants. Other contests were a Fried Bread and Forty Nine competitions. A total of 65 Volunteers and fourteen Sponsors made our 2000 Pow Wow Celebration a huge success.

Article by: 2000 Pow Wow Celebration Committee



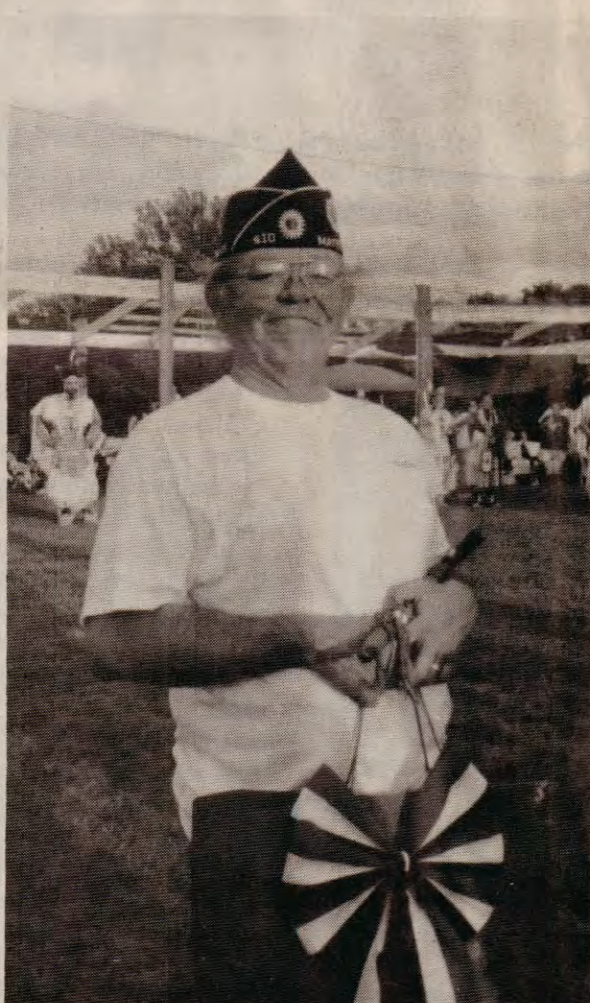
Above: We-Ta-Se Post #410 start the Pow Wow festivities.

Below: Head Man Dancer, Blake Garrison, and Head Lady Dancer, Joanne Littleaxe.



Above: Honorary Elder, Maynard Potts enjoying the Pow Wow.

Below: Three Princesses pictured Racheal Deo, Tara Mitchell, and Robin Deo—pure beauty.



Above right: Phil Tatum, Tribal Employee, receives special honors during Pow Wow. See Thank You notice from Phil in this paper.

Above left: Cindy LeClere, another hard-core Pow Wow Vet. She's seen a lot of them.



Joe Hale and the Little Soldier Singers

Photo by Gary E. Mitchell

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THE JOURNEY OF INDIAN YOUTH

By Doris A. Potts

Reservation youth are always anticipating what will be coming up next that's fun and exciting—something they could all relate to. That's exactly what was in store for them on October 23, a school in-service day-- and a day of no school for them as they attended workshops all day with facilitators presenting varying topics such as: Rites of Passage, Alcohol and Drug, Sexual Health, Domestic Violence, Spirituality, and Relationships.

Presenters were: Faye Heller, Certified Sex Therapist from Menninger Clinic, Gary Mitchell, Vice Chairman PBPB, Shirley Rice, Director Battered Women's Task Force in Topeka, KS, Juanita Jessepe, JOM Director, Arlene Wahwassuck, former Indian Health Service Administrator, and Brian Frejo, DJ, Concerts, & Production.

All of the presentations were very informative for the youth as witnessed and attended by numerous adults from the community. Brian Frejo, an inspirational/motivational speaker, captivated the audience, young and old alike, with his presentations. He opened by telling the kids all of the projects he was currently involved in—movies, disc jockeying, concerts, sports, productions. Wow, a

fine agenda filled with fun and excitement. Of course, he got there by not ever being involved in drugs or drinking. As a child, he had already seen the devastation of that and its impact on his family member's lives.

"I made a choice when I was young. You have to do this. Decide what it is that makes you happy doing. It has to be something that makes you happy. It is much easier to achieve that goal when you are happy in doing it. Understand that you will run into obstacles but keep going—don't give up!"

He said we each have the power to control our future by setting goals through our dreams. It is good to dream—even daydream. Make those dreams become realities. Set goals. When you leave this room today, write down a list of goals. Hang that list in your room and look at it everyday. When you have accomplished that goal, cross it out. Keep doing this."

Demonstrating what can be accomplished through hard work and goals, Brian and his C4G (Created for Greatness) turned a typical Monday evening into a night of dancing, loud music, motivational talks, concerts and this was all for a mixed crowd of youth and "oldies." Yeah! We hung in there and a few of "them" even clicked their heels. Woops, I mean they hip hopped.

WE-TA-SE Pow Wow PRINCESS CONTEST

2000-2001

Applications can be picked up at the Tribal Government Center's front desk.

It is a request for very general information, so don't let it scare you out from entering.

Potawatomi Names to Remember in Future Football

By Doris A. Potts

Traveling east of the Kickapoo Reservation (past Horton), you soon come upon the small town of Everest where a few of our Potawatomi children attend middle school. Grandmother, Arlene Wahwassuck, invited our newspaper to come take pictures as a form of encouragement to the youngsters who are completing their football season. As it turns out, there appears to be the whole town there and everyone in attendance is a parent/grandparent of these football players.

Peggy (Wabaunsee) Jessepe started this event to honor the Indian students completing the football season. As time went on, the event snowballed into honoring the whole football team. Greg and Lindsay (team manager) Wabaunsee, both tribal members, are the children of Peggy and the late Richard Wabaunsee. Remember, Charles Nez in his Rossville "All-State Football Player" in his Dawg Days? Yeah, Greg is his first cousin. Football greatness continues!

Greg is kicking his football career off on a positive note as he was honored for scoring the most points (52), Certification of Participation, Offensive Player of the Year, and Most Valuable Player of the Year.

Caleb Wahwassuck was given a Certification of Participation and Lineman of the Year. Lindsay Wabaunsee was the team manager. Sog-Nosh Johnson, son of Tammy Wahweotten, was also one of those honored football players. Congratulations to those students!



Pictured left to right—Sog Nosh Johnson, Caleb Wahwassuck, Greg Wabaunsee, and Lindsay Wabaunsee.

If you want to do something for and with your youth programs, contact the C4G—



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Brian Frejo



To the right is Brian Frejo—Actor, DJ, Motivational Speaker, etc.



Above and below are scenes from the Journey of the Youth Dinner and Dance.



Sonny & Cher entertained at the Halloween Party with an all time favorite "I Got You Babe..." as performed by Marquis & Auntie Den. Actually, they were the lip sync contest winners with their show, a duo delight!



OCTOBER 2000 GENERAL COUNCIL SUMMARY

By Doris A. Potts

PBPN October 22, 2000 General Council Meeting opened with the invocation given by Jim McKinney quite appropriately remarking "Guide us in our deliberations..." All in all, the day went quite smooth—I'd like to present summary of the important issues that were discussed that day for you Tribal members that can't make it to the meetings. (During the day, it was suggested that a stipend be given to out-of-state tribal members attending General Council Meetings; there was no follow up on that suggestion though. *Note: There have been incentive gifts given at the last 2 meetings—nice General Council handbags, and PBPN dark blue sweatshirts this last time! Personally speaking, I like to attend just because I want to know what my Nation is doing!)

Cindy LeClere made an important point (like the late President Kennedy)—you're always wanting, wanting the Tribe to do something for you. What have you done, lately, for your Tribe as a tribal member. That's not exact wording but her message was clear. We all have responsibilities as tribal members to our Nation too. It's a two-way road to progress for each and every tribal member. We must work together if we are to succeed!

Kicking off the meeting, agenda changes were made so that all financial reports would be given consecutively. Vice Chair Gary Mitchell gave opening remarks discussing the current issues we are faced with: Cross Deputization, Jail issue, EMS, economic development is continuously being done. The Wisconsin tribal members are requesting that the Tribal Council make a visit to them to hear their issues. Mitchell went on to tell how important he viewed communication—all communication efforts, keeping tribal members informed on important issues via tribal newspaper, visibility at social events on the Reservation, open-door policy, etc.

Per Treasurer Potter, the big announcement was that as of 09-30-00, the Casino is debt-free. It is now completely paid for, 2 1/2 years ahead of schedule, saving big bucks in interest. He is still working on a minor's trust fund for their per capitas. For your information, since we began getting per capita payments, our enrollment has went from 4,142 to the now 4,948—amazing jump in enrollment.

Tribal Member Mildred Rohr gave the names of Robert Upton, Investor and Gregory Finn as professionals that she would like for Tribal Council to invite in to talk about investments. PBP Nation Attorney Prager gave an update on the tax issue. Please read his report in this paper. It is rather difficult to comprehend, *but as I view it*, the bottom line is, as usual—the dollar. Who is going to get the tax dollar, the State or the Nation/Tribe? We must stand together on this tax issue.

Once again, it was asked when the Treasurer/Nation will be getting a budget out to Tribal Members prior to these General Council Meetings so that educated questions can be asked about these budgets. VC Mitchell responded with "Reports will be put together after this—right after this meeting."

Fiery tribal member, Denise Nicholson, demanded "We want a per capita right now." Throughout the morning, she readdressed this issue along with rate of our leaders' salaries. Jackie Mitchell stated that she would like to answer this woman's concerns which she did in a lengthy response. In conclusion, she said she would conduct a study comparing other Tribal Council's salaries.

Throughout this intense per capita discussion, a vote was taken to increase per capitas to 48% from the current 24%. Laura Abeyta, tribal member, responded with what an increase such as that would do to our Nation. In essence, we are a big business now and we don't just blow the money as fast and frivolously as possible. We have to think like a big business—with growth, development, and longevity in mind.

Tribal members voiced their displeasure with the Housing Loan Program (a pilot program). Some felt it was unattainable for them, it should be a 30 year loan instead of 20 years, we should be telling Denison Bank our needs—not what Denison Bank demands. It was suggested that we talk with more loan institutions.

Moving along, Mildred Rohr said that we need a detailed audit (not a compliance audit). What we have just been going through in these past few months, we need to take away all suspicions from the Tribal Council up there. A motion was made to have a 3-year complete audit of tribal operations. Mamie Rupnicki seconded this motion. That was unanimously favored.

Cindy LeClerre announced that tribal member's discount (for all time from now on) is 25%, an additional 15% savings, at the Gift Shop. Lela Shegonee

gave a lengthy discussion on tribal member's discounts at other reservations.

Mildred Rohr made a motion to hire Thomas Wabnum, tribal member and BIA Financial Analyst on the federal level, to come in as a consultant to work on our budgetary process, setting up tribal budget. BIA would be paying his salary since he is a government employee; we'd be covering per diem, travel, etc. He has sent a proposal that Tribal Council has for review. That motion passed unanimously.

Ryan Ross, Management Committee Member, gave the Casino Report. This was a detailed and lengthy PowerPoint Presentation. Details of that report should be obtained from either Tribal Council Secretary Ortiz or Ryan Ross.

A motion was made by Doris Potts to give Ryan Ross a bonus or increase in salary for the work he has been single-handedly doing for the Nation. The original intent has always been to have 2 employees in management positions, overseeing our interest at the Casino. Ryan has been alone in his efforts for 1 1/2 years now. Suggestions were taken from the floor of how we should reward his work. Outcome resulted in an agreement to pay his monthly school loan for a year (\$1,400 x 12 = \$16,800.00) That vote went unanimously.

Thomas Cleavenger, Gaming Commissioners Auditor, gave Gaming Commission Report. No discussion there.

Rey Kitchkumme gave Skunk Hill update. Committee is in a state of flux—need to regroup as the very important burial grounds issue is at stake.

Nominations were taken from the floor to serve on the Gathering Committee; 2001 Gathering will be in Canada. Joy Yoshida, Mike Shobney, Camilla Chouteau, Micki Martinez, Laverne Hale, Trilby Wahwassuck, Marilyn Brewer, Tim Ramirez, and Dale Delg.

Camilla Chouteau gave the Pow Wow report; no discussion.

Betty Rice gave the Housing Report followed by little discussion.

The last issue that was addressed was nominations taken from the floor for the vacant position of Tribal Chairperson. The following persons were nominated: Badger Wahwassuck, Bob Cadue, Joe Hale, Sr., Venida Chenault, Mayme Mattwaoshshe, Vestina Durham, and James Jackson.

Tribal Council will be taking these nominations into consideration and final selection will be made from those names. Meeting adjourned approximately at 4:30—sorry, too rung out to get exact time.

COUNTDOWN TO CLEMENCY

Indigenous Rights Activist, Leonard Peltier, is currently facing what may be his only chance for freedom for years to come. Leonard Peltier has been unjustly imprisoned for over 24 years. Amnesty International considers him to be a political prisoner who should be immediately and unconditionally released. Despite the fact that formerly withheld evidence forced the US prosecutor to admit that he could not prove who was actually guilty of the crime he was convicted of, Leonard Peltier's court appeals are exhausted and his chances for parole are very slim. His only remaining avenue for release lies in the hands of President Clinton through a grant of Executive clemency. **Time is running out!**

As part of our emergency effort to gain Leonard Peltier's long overdue freedom, we are organizing a major event in New York City on Sunday, December 10, which is Human Rights Day. This will be a time for us to send a positive and united message of support for Leonard Peltier's freedom, as a gesture of truth and reconciliation for all Indigenous Peoples.

We will gather in Union Square at 12:00 noon and we will walk to the United Nations (Dag Hammarskjold Plaza) where a candlelight vigil and program of speakers, cultural activities, and traditional music will be presented from 2pm-4pm. The walk will be led by members of the Pine Ridge Lakota Nation and members of Leonard Peltier's family. Come show your solidarity by representing your Native Nation, church, organization, union, or just yourself. The event will be peaceful. No alcohol or drugs. For updates contact the New York City Hotline: 212-539-6027. To find out how you can help make this a successful event, contact the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee: 785-842-5774. Thank you. In Solidarity, the LPDC

Rupnicki resigns

Tribal Chair answered charges during meeting set for ouster

By SANDRA M. SIEBERT
Holton Recorder 10-09-00

Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Chairman Mamie Rupnicki handed in her resignation Saturday morning in front of about 200 people gathered at the tribe's bingo hall on Q Road west of Mayetta.

Rupnicki had been given the choice of resigning by Saturday, or having the tribal council take a vote to remove her from office.

The council read the charges against Rupnicki, and she responded, at least in part, to all of them, said Badger Wahwassuck, a Potawatomi member who attended Saturday's meeting (open only to tribal members) and who has served as spokesman for petitioners.

According to Wahwassuck, after the charges were read and Rupnicki spoke for about 45 minutes, she said "You're bound and determined, so I'll save you the trouble," then turned in her resignation.

The tribal council voted 5-0 to accept her resignation. Tribal Council Vice Chairman Gary Mitchell, who conducted the meeting, did not vote, Wahwassuck said.

Less than two weeks ago, the tribal council adopted a resolution calling for Rupnicki's resignation. If she did not resign by

Oct. 7, the resolution said, the council would remove her from office. The tribe's constitution allows the council to remove an officer who is found guilty of misconduct or wrongdoing.

Charges leveled against Rupnicki included abuse of authority, unauthorized use of travel privileges, blocking a constitutional process with a frivolous lawsuit, using her position to benefit her family, misuse of a tribal credit card, and showing disrespect toward tribal members.

In August, a petition containing 357 signatures of tribal members called for a recall election of the general membership to determine whether Rupnicki should remain in office. She filed suit in tribal court against the tribe's election board, which is responsible for verifying the signatures on the petition. The tribal court judge banned the election board from doing so (a decision that has been appealed in the tribe's appellate court).

In accordance with the tribe's constitution, the petition sponsor set a date for the recall election, which was again blocked by the tribal court judge. During an informational meeting held instead, a majority of tribal members present gave a vote of "no confidence" in Rupnicki as chairman.

Less than two weeks later, the tribal council decided to move forward with removing Rupnicki from office.

No one has yet been appointed to take her place.

The publicity regarding Mrs. Rupnicki's recall and removal over the past few weeks is a poor reflection on our tribal government. We want to put this matter behind us and get back to running our tribal government.

To recap the events of these past several weeks, on August 14, a petition for the recall of Mrs. Rupnicki was delivered to the Nation's election board. It is the position of many tribal members that it was the people who voted her in and that is should be the people who vote her out. The recall process has been delayed by legal tactics which have only served to frustrate the tribal Constitution and the will of the people. All of our elected officials are sworn to uphold the tribal Constitution. We have to abide by the wishes of the people and it was the will of the people to recall the tribal chair. Every legal

road block has been employed to stop the recall process.

On Sept. 27, the Tribal Council approved a resolution for the removal of Mrs. Rupnicki at a meeting to be held on Oct. 7. The reason for removal is misconduct reflecting on the dignity and integrity of the tribal government.

The misconduct includes the acceleration of family law proceedings in tribal court in a case involving her son, actions taken by her to improperly impede the tribal Constitution's recall procedures and to intimidate public servants from carrying out their official constitutional functions, violation of her oath to uphold the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Constitution by acting to frustrate and delay the General Council's right to cause a recall meeting, incurring unauthorized traveling expenses, walking out of the middle of a meeting with Jackson County on July 5, 1999, the constant use of profanity and the intimidation and abuse of tribal employees.

Recent articles in the press have not accurately stated the Tribal Council's basis for misconduct and removal. News reports have contained a statement that Mrs. Rupnicki has engaged in "questionable negotiations with Harrah's — for personal gain."

This allegation (by a tribal member) was merely included in the removal notice with several other examples of misconduct by Mrs. Rupnicki that have been alleged by tribal members and brought to the attention of the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council itself has not alleged any wrongdoing by Harrah's Kansas Casino Corporation or other Harrah's entities. Our attention at this time is on other removal issues and the allegation of personal gain with respect to Harrah's is not currently one of the charges that are the basis for misconduct and removal.

Now the challenge of recovering faith in our tribal government and in the tribal and in the tribal court system lies directly on the shoulders of the present tribal government. This can be done if we treat people fairly, respect our tribal members and get back to the original purpose of our government to do what is best for our people.

Gary Mitchell, Vice-Chairman
Prairie Band Potawatomi
Tribal Council



CONGRATULATIONS

50+ YEARS OF WEDDED BLISS!!! How'd you ever do it? **Marge and "JP" Pahmahmie** were honored by their 4 children (pictured above from left to right—Janell Cadue, "Jim P.", Henrietta Brown, and Darlene Shuckahosee) with a 50th wedding anniversary feast held at the new Kickapoo Community Building on May 27th, 2000.

Marge said the original date was May 30th, taking place at the Potawatomi Methodist Church here on the Rez. Recalling the event, Marge said it was on a Wednesday afternoon with a Women's Club event happening simultaneously, making it a high turnout of women there. Maynard and Coralene Potts were their witnesses, another couple of endurance.

TRIBAL MEMBERS OBITUARIES/
DEATH NOTICES

It was suggested that we list the deceased tribal member's names. Complete obituary will be printed when we have that available. If unavailable, information we do have will be printed. If you have a copy of a family member's obituary and would like it printed in future papers, we welcome you to send them to the tribal newspaper and we'll obligingly include them.

Georgie Lundin

DELIA-Georgie M. Lundin, 71, Delia, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000 at Topeka hospital.

Mr. Lundin worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for 12 years. He later worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. for 31 years. He also worked for Perry State Park for two years. He was an Army veteran.

He was born Jan. 22, 1928, on the Potawatomi Indian Reservation near Mayetta, the son of Marlin and Nora Hainline Lundin.

Mr. Lundin was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a life member of Jimmie Lillard Post No. 31 of the American Legion in Ross-ville.

He married Phyllis Cox. She died in 1961. He married Marcella Seele, on Oct. 31, 1964. She survives.

Other survivors include four daughters, June Kraft, Rose Hill, Debra Ledeboer, Maple Hill, Pamela Wehrli, Rossville, and Cheryl Caraway, Delia; two brothers, Darrell Lundin, Mayetta, and Ralph Lundin, St. Marys; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Piper-Verschelden Funeral Home in St. Marys. Burial will be in the Delia Cemetery. Post No. 31 of the American Legion will conduct military honors at the graveside. Mr. Lundin will lie in state after 5 p.m. today at the funeral home, where visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Georgie M. Lundin Memorial Fund and sent in care of the funeral home.

Nettie Wishkeno

Nettie "Ko Si Kwe" Wishkeno, 76, Topeka, died Thursday, Jan.20, 2000, at a Topeka hospital.

Mrs. Wishkeno was a vocational teacher at Boy's School in Topeka for 26 years, and she was a home health aide for the Shawnee County Home Health Agency until she retired.

She was born June 8, 1923, on the Kickapoo Reser- vation in Horton, the daughter of Jesse and Dora Williams Keesis. She graduated from Chilocco In- dian Schol in Chilocco, Okla. She moved to Topeka in 1951.

Mrs. Wishkeno was a member of the prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, and the Drum Religion.

She married Wesley Wishkeno on December 15,1945, in Topeka. He survives.

Other survivors include five daughters, Camilla Chouteau, Audrey Simon and Nancy Llamas, all in Topeka, Gloria Holder, Moore, Okla., and Berna- dine Wishkeno, Albuquerque, N.M., a son, Lance Wishkeno, Topeka; two sisters, Coralene Potts, Ma- yetta, and Marjorie Pahmahmie, Horton; a brother, Jesse Keesis Jr. Shenandoah, Iowa; six grandchil- dren; and three great-grandchildren.

A wake service will be today at the Dance Grounds west of Mayetta. Burial will be in Wishkeno Cem- etery west of the Prairie Band Casino.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Po- tawatomi Senior Citizens and sent in care of the Tribal Government Center in Mayetta.

Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of ar- rangements.

Cecelia Mitchell

MAYETTA-Cecelia Mitchell, 74, Mayetta, died Thursday, Feb. 3,2000 at a Topeka nursing home.

Miss Mitchell was a nurse aide at Memorial Hos- pital in Topeka for 37 years. She later worked at Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center for several years. She retired in 1992.

She was born April 4, 1925, on the Potawatomi Indian Reservation near Mayetta, the daughter of Joe and Angeline Battese Mitchell. She graduated from Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma in 1944.

Miss Mitchell was a member of the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Tribe and Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church west of Mayetta.

Survivors include a brother, Andrew Mitchell, Mayetta; and sister, Zelda Martinez, Topeka.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Burial will be in Shipshee Cemetery. A ro- sary will be recited at 7 p.m. today at Sister Theresa Hall next to the church. Miss Mitchell will lie in state from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Francis Hospital Dialysis Department, or the charity of the donor's choice, and sent in care of the funeral home.

Cassandra Rae Lewis

Cassandra Rae Lewis of Shawnee died Sunday. She was 20.

She was born Feb. 14, 1980, in Shawnee. She was the daughter of Donald Joseph Lewis and Melvealene (Johnson) Cadue.

Lewis was a graduate of Meeker High School and attended Seminole State College for one and a half years. She was a waitress for the Santa Fe Steak House.

She was a member of the Kickapoo Friends Church. She lived in the Shawnee area all her life. She was preceded in death by her grandmother.

Survivors include her father and stepmother, Don- ald and Mary Lewis of Shawnee; mother and stepfa- ther, Melvealene and Kenneth Cadue of Horton Kan; one brother, Christopher Lewis of Shawnee; two sisters, Melissa Lewis of Lawrence, Kan., and Candace Lewis of Shawnee; three half sisters, Whit- ney Cadue, Brittany Cadue and Courtni Cadue, two nieces and nephew and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Kickapoo Friends Center with Rev. Brad Wood of- ficiating. Burial will be at Mission Cemetery, under the direction of Gaskill-Owens Funeral Chapel.

Shopteese

Delilah Maude Shopteese, 66, Mayetta, died Sun- day April 2, 2000 at Onaga Hospital.

Mrs. Shopteese was a nurse and had worked at Lawrence Memorial Hospital for almost 20 years and Hospital for almost 20 years and Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center for 10 years.

She was born January 7, 1934, near Horton, the daughter of George and Agnes Nahgonbe Allen Sr. She graduated from Chilocco Indian School. She also attended Haskell College, at Lawrence, and worked as an intern at San Carlos, Ariz.

Mrs. Shopteese was a member of Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Tribe, Drum Religion and the Na- tive American Church.

She married Joe McIntosh. They were divorced. She married Virgil Shopteese Sr. He died May 31, 1985. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Mavis Shopteese in 1964.

Survivors include seven daughters, Toni Marie Al- len, Bartlesville, Okla., Joe Ellen McIntosh, Laury Dee Hernandez, Virgie Lee Shopteese, Linda K. Shopteese and Tracy Lynn Shopteese, all of Topeka, and Renee Roy Shopteese, Mayetta; one son, Virgil "Wamp" Shopteese, Jr., Mayetta; one sister, Louella Monroe, address unknown; one brother, George Allen, Jr., Oskaloosa; 22 grandchil- dren; and one great-grandson.

Drum Services will be Thursday evening at the Dance Grounds, west of Mayetta. There also will be burial in Dance Ground Cemetery. Mrs. Shopteese will lie I state until 3 p.m. Thursday at Mercer Fu- neral Home.

Puckkee

Gayle Leann Puckkee "Gonzalez," 46, died April 6, 2000 at Lake Mead Hospital.

She was born Sept. 9, 1953 in Kansas. She was the daughter of Homer Hutchinson and Mary Ear- wood.

She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic church. She was also a homemaker.

She also had lived in Las Vegas coming from Kansas.

Survivors besides her parents are daughters, Lacey Gonzalez and Amanda Popp; two brothers, Jimmie Puckkee, and Robert Earwood; one sister, Barbara Guerrero; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held in Desert Memorial Chapel, April 14, 2000, in Paradise Memorial Gardens.

Lundin

Darrel W. Lundin, 64, of Mayetta, died Friday evening, April 14, 2000 in the emergency room of a Topeka hospital.

Mr. Lundin was employed by the Jackson County Highway Department for 36 years prior to his retire- ment. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

He was born on March 1, 1936, in Holton the son of marlin Lundin and Nora Hainline. He was mar- ried to Mary Simecka on Jan. 16, 1960, in Delia. She survives. Other survivors include one daughter, Lori Anne Hinterweger of Rossville; a brother, Ralph Lundin of St. Marys, and two grandsons.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dale and Georgie Lundin.

Mr. Lundin was cremated. Graveside services and inurnment will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, April 26, 2000, at Mount Calvary Cemetery in St. Marys.

Margaret Shobney

DELIA-Margaret E. "Whep-Co" Shobney, 76, Delia, died Wednesday, July 5, 2000, at her home.

She was born Sept. 3, 1923, on the Potawatomi Indian Reservation, the daughter of George and Annie Nocktonick Matsapto. She was a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribe and the Indian Drum Religion.

She married Donald Shobney in May 1945 in Hol- ton. He preceded her in death May 4, 1984.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Shobney and John Shobney, both of Delia; two daughters, Carol Heimiller, Topeka, and Mary Rogers, Delia; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Drum Services will be this evening at the Dance Grounds on the Potawatomi Indian Reservation. Burial will be in the Matsapto Family Burial Ground on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Shobney will lie in state after noon today at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton and after 4 p.m. today at the Dance Grounds on the Potawatomi Indian Reservation.

Christina Kitchkommie Fitzherbert

PORTLAND, Maine-Christina Ann Kitchkom- mie-Fibzherbert, 30, formerly of Topeka, died Sun- day, July 9, 2000 at her home following a long ill- ness.

She was born Feb. 24, 1970, in Topeka, the daughter of David and Carol Kitchkommie. She graduated from Capital City High School in Topeka. She moved to Main three years ago.

Other survivors include four sons, Ezra Fitzher- bert, Elwin Fitzherbert, Easton Fitzherbert and Kea- ton Fitzherbert, all of Maine; a daughter Edikah Fitzherbert, Main; her mother, Carol Kitchkommie, Topeka; her father, David Kitchkommie, Oklahoma; two sisters, Deanne Kitchkommie, Oklahoma; and brothers Anthony Dean Kabance, Topeka, and David Kitchkommie, Lawrence.

Mrs. Kitchkommie-Fitzherbert was cremated. Me- morial services were Thursday in Maine. Later, me-

morial services will be at noon Saturday at the Carol Kitchkommie residence, 904 S.W. 33rd, in Topeka. Graveside inurnment services will be at a later date at the Shipshee Cemetery in Mayetta.

Luther Wahwasuck

KINCHELOE, Mich.-Luther C. Wahwasuck, 83, Kincheloe, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2000, at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Mr. Wahwasuck was the tribal vice chairman of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribe in Kansas for 12 years. He had been a typographer in Denver and he served in the Pacific Theater in the Army during World War II.

He was born Feb. 16, 1917, in Mayetta, Kan. He had lived in Oklahoma City, Denver, and Wichita, Kan., before he moved to Michigan.

Mr. Wahwasuck was a member of the Denver Ty- pographical Union No. 49, a charter member and past commander of Post No. 410 of the American Legion, and Kitchta on the Bear Drum.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Cecelia Wahwasuck, o March 16, 1992.

Survivors include a son, Douglas C. Wahwasuck, Mayetta; two daughters, Donna K. Wahwasuck, Se- attle, and Phyllis W. Thomas, Kincheloe; a brother, Badger Roy Wahwasuck, address unavailable; three sisters, Velma Wahwasuck, Adelaide Rhodes and Ruby Shuckahosee; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great- grandchildren.

Traditional services will be Tuesday evening at the Dance Grounds in Mayetta. Burial will be in the Wahwaksumm Cemetery on Wednesday.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie is in charge of arrangements.

Lewis

Joseph Lemont Lewis, 64, Topeka died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2000, at Stormont-Vail Regional Health Care Center in Topeka.

He was born Feb. 8, 1936 on the Potawatomi In- dian Reservation near Mayetta, the son of Frank and Martha Mckinney Lewis. He was a 1955 graduate of Manhattan High School and the Haskell Indian Nations College in Lawrence.

He was a member of the Prairie Band of Potawa- tomi Tribe, Assumption Catholic Church in Topeka, and Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church on the Potawatomi Reservation, the Warriors Society, and was a former member of the National Guard.

He was the plant manager for Wilbert Vault Com- pany, both in Manhattan and Garden City, and worked for Armco Steel Corp. in Topeka when he retired.

He married Constance L. Magnatuck on Sept. 30, 1958 in Manhattan. She preceded him in death on Feb. 5, 1996.

Survivors include son, Ben Jessepe, Topeka; daughters, Annisa Jessepe, Topeka, and Laura Lightner, Kansas City, Kan.; three stepsons, Charles Lewis, Kansas City, Mo.; Joseph Jessepe and LeRoy Jessepe, both of Mayetta; two stepdaughters, Theresa Murray, Poplar, Mont., Imelda Masqua, Mayetta; a sister, Delphine Lewis, Topeka; brothers, Gerald Lewis and Lyman Shipshee, both of Mayetta, Melvin Lewis, Roger Lewis, and Kevin Aitkens, all of Topeka, and Jeffrey Lewis, Mary- land; 29 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, Sept. 11, 2000 at Our Lady of the Snows Church, west of Mayetta.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Shawnee County Allied Tribes, sent in care of Mer- cer Funeral Home in Holton.

Hale

Cecelia J. Hale, 65, of Horton, died Monday, Sept. 11, 2000, at the Hiawatha Community Hospital.

She was born June 24, 1935 in Mayetta the daugh- ter of Louis and Pearl Herrick Hale Sr.

She was a medical clerk for the Kickapoo Health Center. She was also a former employee at the Kickapoo national School in Powhattan as a secre- tary and Horton Community Hospital.

She was a member of the Kickapoo and Potawa- tomi tribes. She was a member of the Kickapoo Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors are four sisters, Joraine Tuckwin and Anita Hale, both of Horton; Julie Deener, McHenry, Ill, and Linda Hale, Racine, Wis.; two brothers, Louis Hale Jr., Dallas, and Texas, and Alan Hale, Helton; and several nieces and nephews.

Drum services were held Wednesday, Sept. 13 at the Kickapoo Community Building west of Horton. Brrial was today at Kabeah Cemetery on the Kick- apoo Reservation west of Horton.

Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Steward

Sandra Jo Steward, 50, Mayetta, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2000, at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka.

She was born August 23, 1950 in Holton, the daughter of Rowlin and Goldie Hunter Steward. She attended Sunnybrook and Mayetta Grade Schools.

She worked at Alamo Group and the Jackson County Training Center in both Holton.

Miss Steward was a member of the Mayetta United Methodist Church where was a candle lighter.

She was preceded in death by brother, Ronnie Dale Steward.

If you would like complete obituaries printed for the following tribal members in its entirety, please send it to our office. It will be printed in the next issue which is January 2001.

Vernon E. Dyer, 63 years of age
Date of Birth: November 26, 1936
Date of Death: January 08, 2000

Dawn Elaine Kitchkommie, 30 years of age
Date of Birth: July 30, 1970
Date of Death: January 27, 2000

Eugene Smith, 68 years of age
Date of Birth: February 02, 1931
Date of Death: February 10, 2000

IN MEMORY OF
SHERRY MAE MARSHNO SILVER-
SMITH
"Cot-wah"

Born
May 10, 1956 Claremore, Oklahoma
Died
June 24, 2000 Topeka, Kansas
Drum Services
Tuesday evening, June 27, 2000
Danceground

Burial
Wednesday afternoon, June 28, 2000
Danceground Cemetery

MERCER FUNERAL HOME

In Memory of
LORENZO DEAN MATWAOSHSHE

Born
February 21, 1916 Mayetta, Kansas
Died
August 27, 2000 Holton, Kansas
Mass Of Christian Burial
Thursday, August 10, 2000 - 10:00 A.M.
Our Lady Of The Snows Catholic Church

Celebrant
Fr. Ron Cornish

Music
Joan Hood

Pallbearers
Francis Skenadore Larry Valdez
Brian Mattwaoshshe Carlos Valdez
Cheyenne Valdez Will Wabaunsee

Honorary Pallbearer Walter Cooper

Interment
Shipshee Cemetery

MERCER FUNERAL HOME

IN MEMORY OF
ELIZABETH "LIZ" MARTINEZ

Born
July 11, 1981
Houston, Texas

Died
September 21, 2000
Potawatomi Reservation
Mayetta, Kansas

TRIBUTE TO LIZ

With the family's permission, a tribute to a Liz is being embarked upon. A young 19 year old PBP tribal member, Elizabeth (Kiawe) Lynn Martinez-Asselin, was recently killed in a vehicle accident on the reservation, leaving with the family a darling 3 year old son, Xaiver Micheal Martinez. This young lady stems from a big family but that wasn't the real reason this funeral had such a high turnout. It was because this girl left had made such a positive impact on the community during her short stay here with family members.

She came back to the Reservation only 7 months ago to live around "her people." She was viewed as a beautiful person, everyone loved her, she always had a smile for everyone, she made you feel good when you visited with her, she wanted to know all about her people's ways (values, traditions, language, family members, etc.) She was so happy to be alive. That was ultimately the mes- sage that she conveyed to those whom she met, whether briefly or on personal terms.

At the funeral, amidst much tribal turmoil, this was like a reminder how precious and beautiful life should be carried out, because it can last for 100 years or be over so quickly. I am sure that everyone there was forced to stop and reflect just how precious every day of living is. Do you live it in hate? Or do you, like Liz did, love life and make the most of every moment?

Personally, I skid in my moccasins and began to knock on that little door of my inner soul, my spirituality. That is sometimes difficult in today's world with all of its frivoli- ties. We're faced with dilemmas beyond our control but the trick is how we handle those trying times. Liz spent her brief time here making friends and making new ad- acquaintances love her. It's as though she was given to us briefly just to show us something—the value of life and how you live it.

In our selfishness, we don't want to part with our loved ones but we have to stop and remember the valuable les- sons they gave us while with us. Liz was blessed with the gift of making every one she met feel good about them- selves. She was loved by all and will be missed....

Ma Dos

William Joseph Jackson, 60 years of age
Date of Birth: January 12, 1940
Date of Death: February 14, 2000

Julie R. Levier, 83 years of age
Date of Birth: December 31, 1916
Date of Death: February 23, 2000

Robin Meridia Bernabe, 33 years of age
Date of Birth: January 08, 1966
Date of Death: April 17, 2000

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PROCESS FOR DENTAL CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE REFERRAL

Submitted by David Cornelli

It has come to my attention that there is confusion on the mechanism to receive dental care through Contract Health Service funds at the Holton Indian Health Service (IHS) Clinic. I want to outline the mechanism in order to clarify it for the patients of the Holton IHS Clinic.

When a patient wants to seek dental care from a local dentist they need to contact Paula Moore in the business office at Holton IHS clinic (785) 364-2176. The patient needs to let Paula know if the appointment is for a toothache or a routine exam. Paula will review the patient's record to see if it is up to date. The patient may be required to update their Holton medical record.

The patient will also need to let Paula know which dentist they want to see. Be aware that when the new contract was established approximately two years ago some of the former contract dentists did not want to continue as contractors. Paula has a list of dentists that have completed the necessary paperwork to serve as contractors for the Holton IHS clinic. The patient then makes their appointment with the dentist and Paul contacts Haskell Health

Center dental program in order to submit the appropriate paperwork for payment.

Patients seeking routine care will get their exam completed by the local dentist. After the dentist completes the exam, they will submit a treatment plan to Haskell Health Center dental clinic for review. *Funding will allow for the approval of routine cleaning, fillings, and extractions. There is not enough funding for more complex treatment. Therefore, if the patient needs complex services that Haskell Health Center dental program provides, they will be referred to Haskell Health Center for reevaluation. Examples of these more complex services are root canal treatment, full dentures, and partial dentures.

If a patient elects to get their dental exam and routine care at Haskell Health Center they will need to make an appointment at Haskell Health Center dental clinic through the usual mechanism. If after an exam and completion of routine care, a contract dentist refers the patient for evaluation of more complex services to Haskell Health Center dental clinic they will not be required to get an exam appointment through the usual mechanism.

If there are ever any questions, you may contact Cindy Thomas, Dr. Mike Kincaid, or myself at Haskell Health Center dental clinic, (785) 832-4802. Terry Haney, DDS, Chief, Haskell Dental Clinic.

Members at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino on Saturday, January 20, 2001. There will be a sit down dinner at 6:00 p.m., and entertainment to follow. This weekend was chosen because it coincides with the General Council meeting scheduled for January 20, 2001.

Some new changes that you may notice at the casino are a reorganized pub with more table games, and a stage area for live entertainment primarily on Friday and Saturday nights. You may also encounter some new faces which include Steve McDonald, an experienced businessman, who was recently selected as General Manager - Associate. This is a nine-twelve month internship where Steve will work on special projects in key business areas before moving into a permanent managerial position.

Steve is a tribal member and an avid golfer. Thomas Ramirez and Douglas Boetcher were also recently chosen for the positions of Director of Operations (Food/Beverage & Hotel), and Security Chief, respectively.

The Tribal Council continues to maintain its informed position regarding casino operations. The Council has met with the Tribal Gaming Commission, Harrah's Management, and the Management Committee at various times during the course of the third quarter. The Tribal Council is also in the process of filling the vacancy for a Tribal Representative on the Management Committee, and should do so by the end of October.

The casino continues to enjoy positive free-cash flows, reduced long-term debt, and positive operating margins. The casino hopes to continue such success, and overcome the challenges presented by a typically slower fourth quarter.

Aaniin, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

This is a letter of gratitude to the Nishnabek of the Prairie Band Nation. Three years ago the Getchi Manitou guided me to become an employee of the Prairie Band. These last three years have been the most fulfilling of my life. For 30 years I worked in the "chimook's" corporate world where the motivation was authority, job title and compensation and that was the value of one's worth.

What a different world when I came to work for you. Here, a person's job title does not define their authority; it defines their responsibility to the Tribe. Profit is not the goal of the Tribe, rather the welfare of the Tribal members and the continuance of the culture and heritage of the Potawatomi Nation. How that person contributes to that goal is the measure of their worth.

First, let me begin by thanking you for welcoming me, my brother and sisters and our family to your community. We have been invited to your homes, events, ceremonies and Pow Wows. Instead of "who are they?", it has always been "welcome, glad you could come!". Our Mother was a product of the Indian boarding school system of the 20's & 30's and while she didn't raise us to deny our Ojibwa heritage, we weren't necessarily encouraged to demonstrate it either. You have helped to reunite us with our ancestors' ways and given us encouragement to take pride in it.

Next, thank you for the opportunity to participate in the growth and development of your Tribe. In three years I have seen the opening of the casino; the paving of the first road in 150 years; three major bridge construction projects; the completion of the government center, law enforcement center, gas/convenience store and the Elder Center. I, too have

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to say Thank You for your time and effort to the people who send me Potawatomi News, checks, ballots and anything else. It is appreciated here in Belgium. It's nice to see the Tribe progressing. Everybody keep up the good work!! Your Potawatomi Representative in Belgium, Charles T. Nez

Ho Ni Kon (Charles)

It's good to hear from our family/friend across the big waters. All of your friends wish to say A BIG HELLO and remember where we live. From the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

grown, learning the importance of Tribal sovereignty, the complexities of federal regulations and its effect on Tribal government. It has been an exciting challenge to be a small part of the process.

Finally and most important to me, thank you to the We-Ta-Se, the Circle of the Potawatomi Warriors. As a Viet Nam veteran, I learned within 48 hours after returning stateside you did not advertise where you just came from. I put my service and sacrifices in the back of my mind and tucked them away. Thirty-some-odd years later, after beginning work for the Tribe, some of the We-Ta-Se members asked me to join your American Legion post. Here was a place where it was okay to be proud you served your country. What a concept from someone raised in the "chimook" world!! It was truly an honor to accept their invitation to join the Circle.

With the encouragement and support I received from the members of We-Ta-Se, primarily Joe Hale, Sr., I submitted paperwork to the Army asking for my Purple Heart for being wounded in Viet Nam which I had never received. Surprisingly, the Army responded quickly that yes, I should have received it 30 years ago and my award would be coming soon. The proudest moment and the highest honor of my life was when a US senator pinned that medal on my chest in the lobby of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation government center with the Tribal Council, Gaming Commission, my co-workers, friends and my family in attendance; knowing that standing tall, straight and in rank behind me was the We-Ta-Se honor guard with all their colors and the Eagle Staff. Veterans of WW II, Korea, Viet Nam and Desert Storm; men for whom I hold the highest esteem.....No higher honor could a warrior receive.

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Ogima, Red Lake Ojibwa Nation
Phill Tatum, BPPN Finance Department

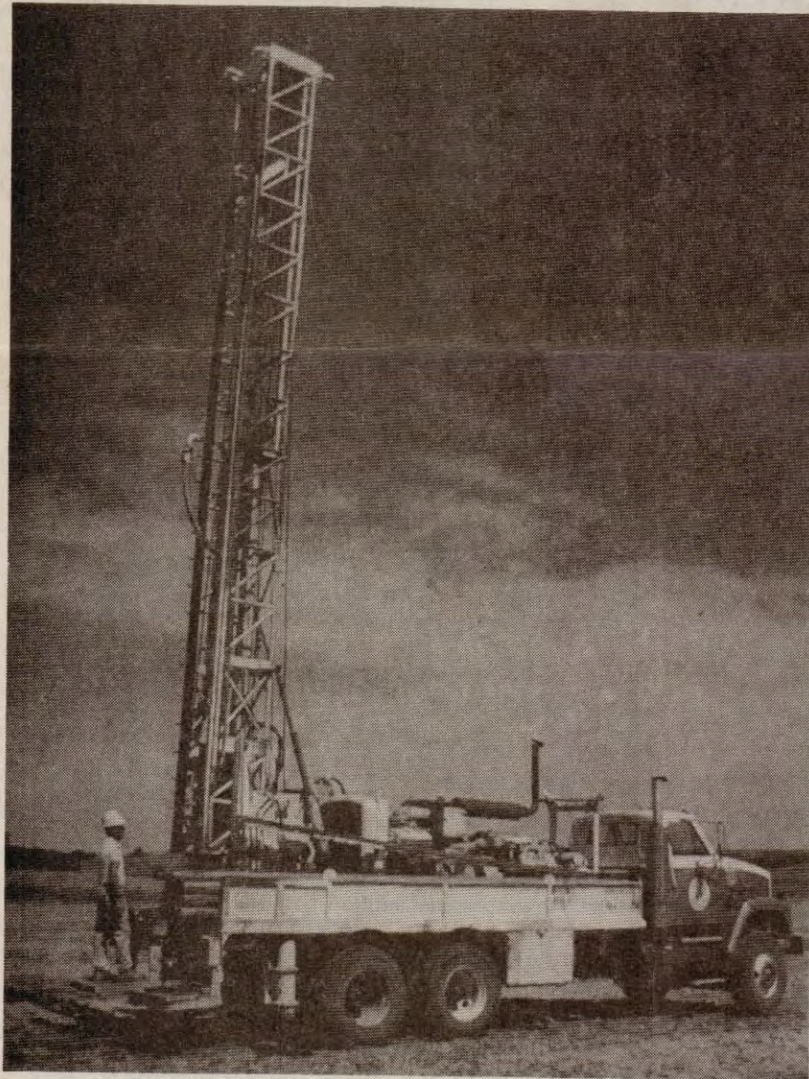
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The search for mbish on the Potawatomi Reservation

By Greg Wold

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, in its desire to have a source for mbish (water) with which to supply the Reservation or supplement the rural water district, began some time ago to discuss with different Federal Agencies the possibility of exploration. (During this period of drought, it has been an important reminder that we should value the water that we do have in order for us to have sources of good, clean, safe drinking water.) The BIA supplied the funding while the Bureau of Reclamation and the USGS provided the technical expertise for the project. Dialogue was begun between the cooperating agencies and the Tribe with guidance from the Tribal Council. Meetings were held to discuss the best possible suitable locations. After some agonizing, it was decided that the best locations would be on those lands either declared Recent Purchases or as Tribally owned due to the difficulties of gaining permission on allotted lands. It would also allow the Tribe to administer the

use of the water rather than the BIA. Strader Drilling of Holton was the company contracted to perform the drilling. On Monday, September 18, we began the process of drilling test wells West of 134th and I Road. Three holes were drilled in a fairly short amount of time with none being more than 60 feet deep. The geology in the valley proved not to be favorable with very little or no gravel found. When you are searching for a quantity of water, it is necessary to locate a gravel bed of significant depth. At the end of the first day, late in the evening, we decided to move over to the other side of the Reservation on Q Road between 150th and 158th Road. The following morning, we began the process again and at about 88 feet, we began to hit gravel. This well was drilled to 137 feet and cased with 2" PVC pipe. We then moved 50' east of the first well and again hit gravel. It too was cased and capped and another well was drilled west of the first well. Because of the shallower nature of the gravel bed found at this site, we determined that we were running out of the buried glacial valley and that our search needed to continue to the east. We plugged this well and the following morning, we moved 380'

to the east. We began to hit pea gravel at a shallow depth and, as we held our breaths, continued on through this substantial gravel bed in this very old glacial valley. This was finally the ideal geology that we were looking for. This well was cased with 5" PVC pipe because we felt that it would be the well to draw samples from and the one on which to conduct the pump tests. Three additional 2" wells were drilled in the vicinity to use as monitoring wells. The final well was put in on Friday evening, the 22nd of September, and samples were drawn to send off to the lab for analysis. Pump testing was conducted over the weekend of the 23rd, 24th, and 25th and the preliminary results are encouraging with the rate of 100 gallons per minute achieved. The reason we could only pump that amount was that the pump we had was only rated to 100 gpm. Had we had a larger pump, it might well have been able to sustain 300 gpm. We were able to tell from the other observation wells that the entire area lies within the same glacial valley and probably contains lots of old water and that the system recharges with water from a large area. Please see the attached pictures and stay tuned for more updates!

WE TA SE Post 410

3rd Annual POW WOW
Saturday, November 18, 2000
Fair Building in Holton, KS

Grand Entries at 1:00 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Gourd Dance at 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Supper at 5:00 p.m.

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