



2016 SPRING REZ RECYCLER

2016 PBPN EARTH DAY A SUCCESS!!

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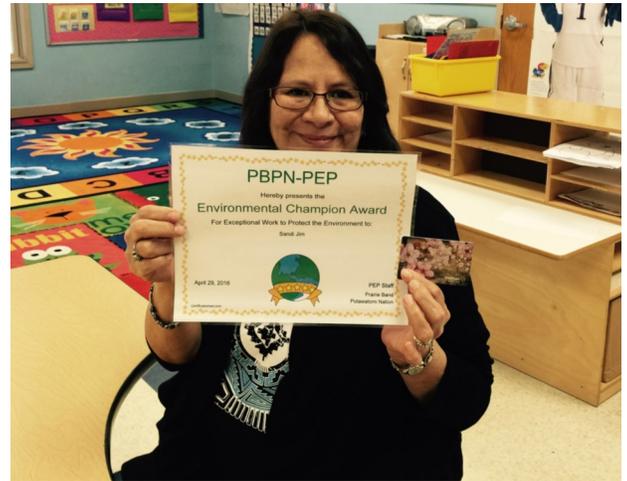
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This year's Earth Day Community Clean-up was a huge success. We had 14 teams participate with approximately 115 participants overall. This year's teams picked up 4,109 lbs. of trash from the reservation roads and dumpsters. The winning team was the Health Center's "Happy Helpers" team, picking up an incredible 1,017 lbs. of trash along their route. The 2nd place team was the Building Maintenance team, picking up a total of 617 lbs. of trash.

Tossing out litter is illegal on public roads, but sometimes litter is transported by rain runoff into ditches and streams, and eventually into the river where it is harmful to the animals and environment. That is why it is very important to make sure recyclables are properly recycled and trash is properly disposed of in containers.

The trash that was picked up this year by the Earth Day volunteers means less trash going into our streams and rivers. On average, the PBPN community produces approximately 2,762 tons of solid waste per year. That is approximately 4,410, 000 lbs. of solid waster per year. Each week the PBPN community produces approximately 53 tons of solid waster per week, or 106,213 lbs. of solid waster per week. These amounts are also increasing each year.

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.



2016 PBPN Environmental Champion—Sandi Jim



Childcare is proud of the trash they picked up.



The Planning and Environmental Protection staff would like to thank all of the volunteers who participated in this year's Earth Day Community Clean-up cleaning up our community and reservation roads.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!

Right: 2016 PBPN Earth Day Community Cleanup Winning Team, "The Happy Helpers"



Far right: 2016 PBPN Earth Day Community Cleanup 2nd place team, "Building Maintenance"



Environmental Pledges/Selfies



Pledge to conserve energy



Pledge to make recycling a priority



Pledge to take care of the land

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING!!! - VIRGINIA

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It is considered illegal dumping when any junk, garbage or debris is left on public property—including roadsides, parking lots, and creeks. Accumulation of rotten, decaying garbage attracts rats and other disease-carrying creatures. Dumping waste puts people's health at risk and can harm the environment. Illegal dumping can be associated with other forms of illegal activity. If tolerated, it sends a message to violators that it is allowable to dump garbage in your neighborhood or community.

If you witness this type of activity, please report it by calling **785.966.2946**. And take a tag number, a photo or any other evidence

possible to submit to the law. Your support and action is necessary if we are to maintain a clean environment for all to enjoy on the reservation. This includes any misuse of public dumpster sites; throwing/dropping items on the ground, off-Reservation resident use, and dumping when containers are full. The Jackson County Transfer Station located on 166th Road accepts household waste at a very reasonable cost from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday.

Illegal and LAZY use of dumpster. Do not use when full.



Recent illegal dumping in Big Soldier Creek



WHY FLUSHING WIPES IS SUCH A BAD IDEA

You've probably seen wipes that say they are flushable? Baby wipes, adult wipes, every other kind of wipes are technically flushable, only because you CAN flush them. They might even be biodegradable over time. But they won't biodegrade in the few minutes from the time you flush them and when they get to a lift station pump. We are finding large wads of the

wipes wrapped around lift station pump shafts, causing them to seize up at times. This can and has caused damage to the pumps. The pump then must be removed from the lift station and sent out to have bearings replaced and the pump aligned before it can be put back in to service. The typical rebuild of a sewer pump is \$1,500 and \$3,000 each time. If the

wipes make it past the lift station pumps they end up at the treatment facility, where they collect and clog things up. Clogged or malfunctioning lines can create problems for you when sewage backs up in your home or yard. Help us and help yourself and throw those wipes in the garbage can and not in the toilet. We're not saying don't use them, just don't flush them.

KEEPING WATERWAYS CLEAN—VERNA POTTS

The PEP Solid Waste staff are always hard at work keeping our lands clean and beautiful!!! The Tribal Water Pollution Control Program would like to take this opportunity to send a 'THANK YOU' to the Solid Waste Staff- Craig Wahwahsuck (Solid Waste/Wastewater Coordinator), Kyle Miller (Environmental Specialist), Bill Wilbur (Solid Waste Assistant/Equipment Operator), and Thomas Jim Jr.

(Waste Disposal Driver/Equipment Operator). The guys are constantly busy keeping homes, ditches and bridges clean of trash. The PBPN Road & Bridge Dept. and other community members are watchful and diligent in reporting of illegal dumping. And the Solid Waste staff quickly took action and cleaned up the bridges. Community efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreci-

ated. Please take the time to thank them for their continued efforts in keeping our reservation beautiful and clean.



UPDATES FROM THE AIR PROGRAM—BILLIE TOLEDO

The ambient air monitor (BAM-1020) is currently out of service due to a flow error. The Environmental Technician is addressing issues and diagnostics with EPA and Met One Instruments. In addition, the Environmental Technician completed "Fundamentals of Air Monitoring" recently to enhance capacity building for ambient air monitoring. Ambient air monitoring on the reservation is a crucial component because it provides valuable data that allows us to notify the community and decision makers of potential air quality threats.

Radon measurement is still being conducted through the Division of Planning and Environmental Protection. To date over 10 homes/buildings have been tested with 2 homes having readings over EPA Standard of 4 picoCuries. Nationally 1

in 15 homes and in Kansas 1 in 4 homes are estimated to have elevated radon levels. In comparison of Kansas averages and recent testing our local community is falling into the 1 in 4 category. It takes approximately five minutes for monitor placement with 10 days of testing.

Indoor air quality is a rising issue with approximately 90% of our time spent indoors. Often time's people don't realize they have an indoor air quality issue but polluted air can have major effects on your health. Have you ever notice a disturbing smell and then covered the smell with a scented spray? If so, there could be a pollutant or air quality issue in your home. For example, often times mold creates a musty smell, even though it is not yet visible, so people might light a candle, place potpour



The PBPN Ambient Air Monitor

ri, or spray household air fresheners. However, these products are contributing to air pollution. The Division of Planning and Environmental Protection would like to assist the community by providing basic indoor air quality home assessments. To learn more call 785-966-2946.

Little Environmental Heroes



Dasno Mills showing off her recycling skills.



Boys and Girls Club members take pride in recycling



The Planning and Environmental Department staff would like to extend a great big thank you to the following business organizations who donated prizes and contributed to making the 2016 PBPN Earth Day celebration a success. Thanks for your support!

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| Denison State Bank | Lasting Impressions | Begin Agains Gun and Pawn |
| Taco Bell | Pizza Hut | Sutherland Lumber Tallgrass |
| Holton Tire and Service | Skinner Garden Store, Inc. | Dairy Queen |
| Mercer Funeral Home | Country Greenhouse | Picker's Paradise |
| Holton Farm and Home | Eubanks Custom Woodworks | Farmertown |
| Wal-Mart | O'Reilly's Auto Parts | Burger King |
| | Heaven Scent Flowers and Gifts | |





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Division of PEP coordinated with the Language Department in March to conduct a youth hiking activity; integrating language, culture and environmental knowledge.

Reminders from the Solid Waste/ Recycling Program

- ◆ Bins need to be located at the end of the driveway. Unless homeowner/head of household is 62+ years and/or disabled.
- ◆ No glass in recycling bins. Glass will not be picked up during recycling route but can be recycled at the Solid Waste Center on 9835 142nd Road.
- ◆ Due to 2016 Policy a change recycling is mandatory. Please contact our office for a copy of the updated Policy.

POLICY UPDATE: Mandatory Recycling-Waste Reduction Participation

Customer disposal fees are proportional to disposal costs assessed to the PBPB, therefore all customers are required to participate in the curbside recycling program. Failure to participate, will be reflected in annual fee review and recommendation to PBPB Tribal Council.

Planning and Environmental Protection's Community Services and Fees

All fees are non-refundable unless services were not fulfilled and application is pending. Homeowner/head of household 62+ years qualify for fee exemption.

- ◆ Curbside Disposal & Recycling: \$15.00 per month for curbside disposal, recycling is free
- ◆ Public Trailer Application: \$80.00 fee covers disposal costs per application request
- ◆ Request for Assistance: \$20.00 fee covers disposal costs per application request
- ◆ Sanitation Services: \$80.00 per disposal request
- ◆ Tire Disposal: \$2.50 per tire

**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

Important Service Updates – Holiday Schedule Changes

Please be aware of the following schedule changes for curbside collection services:

Monday, May 30, 2016 CURBSIDE RECYCLING ROUTE will be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Monday, July 4, 2016 CURBSIDE RECYCLING ROUTE will be rescheduled to Tuesday, July 5, 2016