



# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

## A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Fall 2014

### Here are your winners of the Tribal Council/Gaming Commission Election

Liana Onnen, Camilla "Wishkeno" Chouteau, Warren "Junior" Wahweotten, and Rey Kitchkumme won seats in the 2014 Tribal Council Gaming/Commission election.

Wahweotten won his position outright in the first election that was held on July 26 but due to no majority-plus-one-vote winner for the Chairperson, Secretary and Gaming Commissioner #3 a Run-off election was held on Aug. 23 that declared Onnen, Chouteau and Kitchkumme the winners.

The ballot count in the first election showed Wahweotten won Council Person # 1 with 441 (50.63%) votes over

Gilreath Aitkens who received 231 (26.52%) and Lisa M. Wamego who received 199 (22.85%) votes.

The other vote counts in the first election for Secretary recorded the highest vote counts for Camilla "Wishkeno" Chouteau with 268 or (33.71%) and



**Liana Onnen**  
Chairperson



**Camilla "Wishkeno"**  
Chouteau  
Secretary



**Warren "Junior"**  
Wahweotten  
Council Person #1



**Rey Kitchkumme**  
Gaming  
Commissioner #3

Anita G. Pahmahmie Evans who received 219 or (27.55%). Other Secretary candidates who lost included Joe Hale Jr. "Chago" with 144 (18.11%) and Lorrie Wahwassuck-Melchior who had 164 (20.64%) of the vote. The Run-off, held four weeks later, had a total



vote count for Chouteau at 467 (56.54%) and Evans with 359 (43.46%) votes.

For Gaming Commissioner #3 on the first round, the highest number of votes went to Calvin Evans 197 (22.51%) and Rey Kitchkumme 367

(41.94%). That shut out Becky (Shopteese-Thomas) Harman who had 92 (10.51%) votes, Aaron D. Mzhickteno 46 or (5.26%) and Jancita Warrington with 173 (19.77%) total votes. In the Run-off vote the counts were Kitchkumme winning by 551 (66.63%) over Evans with 276 (33.37%).

No formal protests were filed during the elections.

A swearing-in ceremony for Wahweotten was held on July 31, for Onnen and Kitchkumme on August 28 and Chouteau on Sept. 8.

Election board members are Sara Gartenmayer, chairperson, Arlene Lingo and Sherri Landis. Member Services Coordinator Paul Vega and Administrative Assistant

Elizabeth Gaona also assisted in the overall election process.

Tribal Council offices are located on the upper level of the Government Center.

### Tribal Council travels to Illinois to pay tribute to Chief Shabbona

Tribal Council members and representatives from the PBPB Language Department traveled to Illinois July 12 to help dedicate a new historical marker on Chief Shabbona that is located at the Chief Shabbona Forest Preserve south of Shabbona.

Shabbona (Ottawa) was an Indian leader who married into the Potawatomi tribe in southern DeKalb County in the early 19th century. Many Prairie Band Potawatomi are the direct descendants of the Potawatomi who lived in the area for hundreds of years until they were relocated by the U.S. government and many still feel a spiritual connection to the land.

According to an article in *MidWeek News* (DeKalb, Ill.), Joyce Guerrero, Vice Chairperson, spoke during the ceremony and said that she was impressed with the respectful way the land has been kept up.

Other Council members that attended to honor Chief Shabbona were Tom Wabnum,

Hattie Mitchell and Carrie O'Toole. Billy Matchie and Lyman Shipshee from the Language Department also attended the event and officially blessed the site. Other Prairie Band Potawatomi members were also there to pay their respects and to honor the Chief.

More than 100 people came to the ceremony that dedicated the new sign. Members of the DeKalb County board, the DeKalb County Historical and Geneological Society and others from the Shabbona community attended and some of them had been involved in constructing the new sign and ensuring that the historical significance of Chief Shabbona be preserved. The new sign replaces one that had been in the park for years but was taken down after it became dilapidated.

The sign is located about halfway down Park Road which is a half-mile from the forest preserve's shelter area.

Left to right:  
Tom Wabnum,  
Hattie Mitchell,  
Joyce Guerrero and  
Carrie O'Toole in front of a new historical sign about Chief Shabbona.



### Chenault inaugurated as president of Haskell

Dr. Venida Chenault, a tribal member, was inaugurated as the seventh president of Haskell Indian Nations University on Sept. 17.

The inauguration kicked off the 130-year anniversary of the school and several members of the Tribal Council and PBPB community attended the event.

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**Tribal Council leaders Steve Ortiz and Jim Potter (deceased) both brought significant national recognition to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation during their long tenures of service on the Tribal Council**

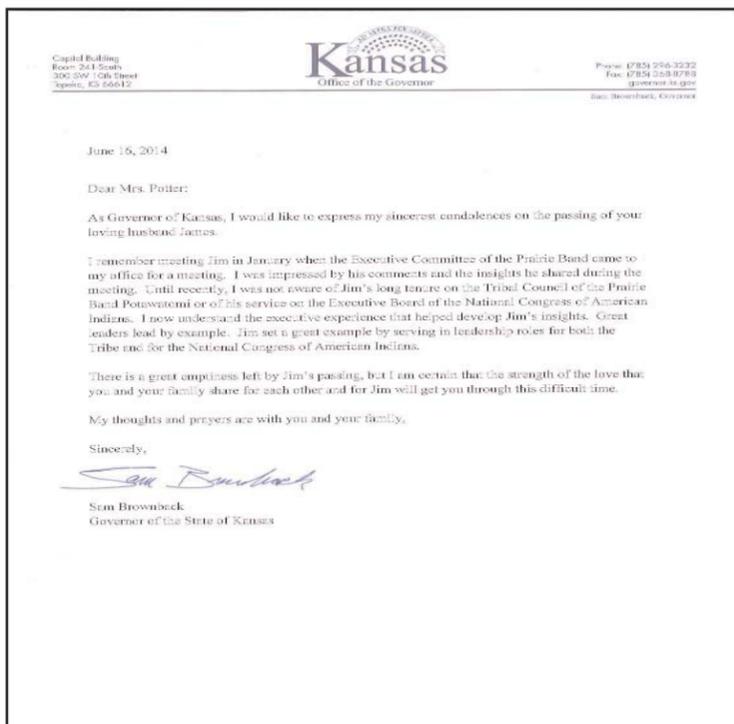
*Ortiz was one of twelve selected to meet with President Obama in 2011*



In 2011 Tribal Chairperson Steve Ortiz was one of twelve tribal leaders (out of 565 tribes) selected to meet with President Obama (far left) at the White House during the third annual White House Tribal Nations Conference. Ortiz, (far right) met with the group on Dec. 2 and other cabinet members at the meeting included Ken Salazar (Department of Interior), Kathleen Sebelius (Secretary of Health and Human Services), Arne Duncan (Secretary of Education) and Thomas Perrelli (Associate Attorney General).

*(White House photo)*

**Sam Brownback, Governor of Kansas, wrote the letter below to Patty Potter about her husband Tribal Council Secretary Jim Potter upon learning about his death**



**Farewell to the Nation from Steve Ortiz**



Dear Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Members,

Thank you for allowing me to serve on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council for the past 15 years. The experience of being on the Tribal Council has been a rewarding experience. During these years I was able to learn how government agencies and the United States Congress deliver services and funding to the Federally Recognized Tribes. I used this knowledge and the contacts I developed in Washington, D.C. to make our federal partners aware of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and its ability to receive grants and account for the funds the PBPB received. I also made it a point during these years, for both the Democratic and Republican parties, to understand the needs of Indian Country. I am extremely grateful that I was asked to serve on committees for the National Indian Gaming Commission, Secretary of Interior, Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Oklahoma City Inter-Tribal Health Board. These committees taught me it is important to have your Tribe at the table when decisions are being made that affect all of Indian Country. I am also extremely thankful I was selected along with 11 other tribal leaders to meet with President Barack Obama at the White House, to discuss with him the needs of healthcare, education, environment and Tribal sovereignty in Indian Country. I am also grateful for the experience I had learning about Tribal sovereignty and through witnessing how our PBPB court system experienced trials in Shawnee County Court, Federal Court, the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. My observances and involvement with these judicial experiences through the years proved invaluable to my understanding of how they affect Indian Country.

Over the past nine months I have undergone a total right knee replacement, neck surgery, and received a total left knee replacement. These surgeries have reminded me that I need to consider what is best for my physical well-being. Therefore, I chose not to run for office in order to restore my physical health. So again, I say thank you to all of our PBPB membership for allowing me to serve as your chairperson.

Lastly, I extend my deepest condolences to the family of James "Jimmy" Potter on his untimely accidental death. I served with Jim over the past 15 years and as young men we hunted together on the PBPB reservation. Farewell good friend. Megwich,

Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)  
Tribal Chairman

**A message from the family of Jim Potter**



The family of Jim Potter would like to express our deepest gratitude for everyone who touched us in some way during and after the loss of our loved one.

We'd like to thank all of our family and close friends for all the love and support given. To those who provided us with prayers, food, cards, monetary donations, flowers, phone calls and for holding each of us when we could barely stand. Thank you.

Thank you to all who helped with Jim's services at the Dance Grounds. Another thank you to Chris and Tracy Mercer for all they did for us. Thank you to all the people who came from all over the U.S. and the surrounding areas to attend Jim's services.

A huge thank you to the person who found my husband and notified the authorities. Thank you to our Tribal Police Department and to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department who showed respect and dignity to my husband after he was found. Our family was given nothing but support and compassion. We also appreciated the tribal police escort to Jim's final resting place. Our family is very loved and blessed to have all of you in our lives.

Thank you all!

Patty, Robert, Rick, January, September, Leona and Shirley

## Message to the Nation from Liana Onnen, Tribal Council Chairperson

Hello to the Potawatomi Nation!

Let me begin by saying thank you to all who participated in the election, from the candidates who put themselves out there to serve this Nation, to those who used their vote as their voice, to the Election Board, staff and volunteers who make the actual election happen. It is a long process and the interest and participation in this election was outstanding. I also thank those of you who cast your ballots with my name and want to assure you that I am already working hard and will continue to work hard to demonstrate that I am worthy of the honor of this position.

The first two weeks in office have passed quickly and have been very busy. I have had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with several tribal members as well as attending meetings with representatives from the Department of the Interior to go over the process for the Land Buy Back Program for Tribal Nations, which was established in the Cobell Settlement Agreement. The purpose of this program is to provide an option for resolving the fractionated interest in tribal land bases across Indian Country, which is a result of the allotment policy of the United States. I encourage all members to learn about whether they have an interest in any allotment land and, if so, to take the steps necessary to educate themselves about that interest and this Land Buy Back Program opportunity. It will be a one-time opportunity and it is anticipated that the offers will be made in the spring of 2015.

In addition to the Land Buy Back Program, Tribal Council is ready to begin working to approve the Tribal Government's 2015 Budget. The Treasurer's Office, Finance Staff and Program Directors have all worked hard to get budgets prepared for presentation to the Budget Committee and then, individually, to Tribal Council. The process is lengthy and detailed, but it is a matter of the highest importance and worthy of the work and attention paid to it. The last step before final

approval will be holding more budget meetings between the Budget Committee and Tribal Council in order to make the best budget determinations.

There are a number of other Tribal Council matters pending that pertain to our Prairie Band LLC, the Entertainment Corporation, the Shabehnay Reservation, Tribal Codes, and potential tribal enrollment changes that may occur in the future. I will also be attending the 2014 National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention at the end of October. Additionally, I am learning and getting educated about tribal member concerns and the needs of the community and am motivated and excited to be working as your Tribal Chairperson. We have a bright and prosperous future ahead for our Potawatomi people and I want you to know that I am here for you, always, should you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Liana Onnen, Tribal Chairperson



## Message to the Nation from Joyce Guerrero, Tribal Council Vice Chairperson

Greetings! The summer is ending and the election season is over for this year! Tribal Council welcomes two new additional members with Liana Onnen as the new chairperson and Camilla Chouteau as the new secretary. Junior Wahweotten won his seat back as a Tribal Council member. It is a relief and so nice to have a full council once again. It has been a challenging summer for Tribal Council in conducting business despite the vacancies and doing necessary travel and complying with the required quorum for meetings.

I have taken on the chairperson duties for over six months while the former chairperson was on leave and then we had the unfortunate passing of Jim Potter that left the secretary position suddenly empty in June prior to the election. Council Member Carrie O' Toole stepped in for the extra duties of acting as secretary while we waited for the election to vote in the new positions to the council. Thank you to the rest of Tribal Council and all of our employees for their patience and cooperation while Tribal Council worked on conducting the Nation's business in keeping up with our continual projects and a full slate of summer meetings and events.

In other news, we are preparing final documents for the land into trust application for the Illinois land. We hope to submit that application in September to the regional office in Minneapolis. This project has a long history and has been started and restarted several times. Court decisions, waiting for opinions from government officials, and stalled bureaucracy have frequently occurred and various tribal councils, both past and present, have had to deal with these problems. There has been much research and good work done by past tribal councils. As a group, all of them have agreed that the land is Prairie Band Potawatomi land and our present Tribal Council has approved moving forward with the application process in an attempt to make certain that no one can dispute the land is ours in the future.

The Shabbona community has continued to reach out to the Prairie Band Potawatomi and in July we were invited to help dedicate a new historical marker on Chief Shabbona that is located at the Chief Shabbona Forest Preserve in Shabbona, Ill. Some of the Tribal Council and staff from the Language department traveled there and were welcomed by over 100 people who came to the dedication ceremony. During our trip, Tribal Council also met with the local city and county officials to update them about our commitment in pursuing this project. We also visited our properties and the local museums. It was all very positive and so encouraging to see the high level of support we received which will be important as the application process moves along.

Last July's General Council meeting did not have a quorum so we had an informational meeting. One item that was planned for that meeting (if quorum had been made) was a presentation about a proposed casino expansion by the casino executive team and the entertainment board. Hopefully, it will be offered at a later meeting.

Other events I was involved in were giving welcoming remarks at the opening ceremony of the two-day Indian Country Conference held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort that was sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's offices in the Districts of Kansas, Nebraska, and

Northern Iowa. The conference focused on protecting and empowering families and was well attended by law enforcement personnel, victim advocates, and other tribal law and social service representatives. I also attended a Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) presentation at the Potawatomi Health Center on an uncompensated care waiver that is being offered to tribal health groups.

In addition, Tribal Council is continuing to meet with Jackson County Commissioners to share information and to discuss future endeavors. We have also met with various candidates who are running for legislative offices at the local, state, and federal level and have used these meetings to educate candidates on what issues are important to the PBPN and Indian Country. What we have found is that some of the candidates, although very interested in getting tribal support, are not well informed on Indian issues.

The PBPN has also been proactive in its involvement in the Land Buy-Back program and we were selected as one of 21 tribes to participate in the first phase of the new program. This is a voluntary program and if you are a landowner who received a letter about owning a fractionated portion of a tract on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation, the land buy-back program should be of interest to you. Tribal Council can provide representatives from that program who can help explain the process and answer any questions that you may have. More information will also be forthcoming in the next few months.

Joyce Guerrero  
Vice Chairperson



**Cobell update taken off their website  
[www.indiantrust.com](http://www.indiantrust.com)  
Important Update  
(as of August 30, 2014):**

The Department of Interior has provided the data needed for the Trust Administration Class distribution. GCG is currently validating this data. Once the data has been reviewed, Class Counsel will seek the final approval needed from the Court to commence distribution. GCG is prepared to commence sending out checks within three weeks as long as the Court gives final approval for the Trust Administration Class distribution. We will update the website when the first checks have been mailed. (Please note that checks may take 5-7 days to reach Class Members once they have been mailed.)

## Message to the Nation from Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council Treasurer



During this quarter, the PBPB departments are planning and submitting their budgets for the upcoming year. As a member of the Budget Committee, I am working closely with department directors to forecast the needs of the Nation while making the best use of the Nation's resources. Since we are conducting regular quarterly reviews by examining each department's current year actual to budget reports, it is improving our budget process while still holding a high level of service for the Nation. Also, the finance team completed a six sigma method training that taught workers how to become more effective and efficient that was held inhouse at the Government Center. This year we were able to move the external audit completion up by a month, which allowed us to meet the other external reporting deadlines for the Nation.

During the first week of August, I attended the Potawatomi Gathering hosted by the Gun Lake Band Tribe in Allegan County, Michigan. Their hospitality was wonderful and the grounds where most of the activities took place were beautiful. I attended the language conference just before the Gathering started and while there I met other Potawatomi language groups and was able to learn about each of their tribal group efforts in preseving the language. The All-Council meeting was also a part of the Gathering and is where leaders from each band come together to discuss their tribal projects. This allows the Potawatomi tribes to learn from each other and offers opportunities to work together. One project that was created from last year's All-Council meeting, was the formation of the Potawatomi Cup which became a part of the LPGA Symetra Tour that was recently held at our Firekeeper golf course September 3-7. The event brought 144 women golfers who competed in the Prairie Band Charity Classic and for \$18,000 in prize money alone for the Potawatomi Cup. I was able to meet with the players and it was great to get to know them during the tournament that is designed for amateur women golfers who are trying to get a bid for the LPGA. On the last day of the tournament I helped present the awards at the final ceremony along with other Tribal Council members.

Additionally in August, I traveled to Shawnee, Oklahoma to visit the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN). The visit gave me a better idea of what projects they are involved in and also gave me some ideas of how we can improve our economic development efforts. CPN Chairperson Rocky Barrett met with me and Council Person Thomas Wabnum and took us on a very informative tour of their facilities and operations. I am grateful that we are able to share the vision and goals of each of the Potawatomi tribes with their Potawatomi leaders.

Also during my trip to Oklahoma, I attended the Tribal Housing conference that was held by The Learning Center which covered topics like low income housing tax credits that could be used for housing projects on our reservation. The Nation has done a couple of these tax credit projects in the past and we are looking to do more in the future in order to meet the housing needs of our tribe.

Tribal Council has also been involved in the Cobell Settlement Agreements and we were pleased to have been selected by the Department of the Interior as one of 21 tribes for the initial implementation of a Land-Buy-Back program that will provide an option for fractionated landowners who want to voluntarily sell their land portion back to the PBPB in trust. The Department of Interior tribal advisors gave a presentation about the Land-Buy-Back program that was held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort on Sept. 5. It was extremely helpful in inform-

ing members about how the program will work.

In relation to that, Tribal Council and I have sponsored two sets of estate planning and will workshops that have allowed tribal members the ability to get their wills and other important legal documents in order. Since both workshops have been a success, I am hopeful that future workshops can be offered in Wisconsin and in other states that have high numbers of tribal members. Land interests (particularly fractionated) on the reservation are a major concern to members when they are formalizing their legal documents and wills so the Land-Buy-Back program being offered by the Department of Interior is timely. Members who were not at the Sept. 5 meeting can still get the information that was tailored for the tribal membership at [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com). Members must log in using their enrollment number to the Tribal Members Login section (on bottom left of homepage). Once they are on the page they should look for the Land-Buy-Back folder.

Since the estate planning and will workshops have been so well received I am planning to make it an entry in the "Honoring Nations" awards program that is given by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development that showcases model programs for other Nations.

In August, I also received notification from the Jayhawk Boy Scouts of America organization that I have been selected for the Topeka's "20 under 40" honor. This is allowing me another opportunity to represent the Nation alongside other community leaders in the city of Topeka. I hope to continue to represent the Nation well.

In June there was also a town hall tribal meeting to discuss enrollment changes and we are still in the process of discussing the matter with tribal members. Some of that information from the enrollment meeting is on the tribal website and located in the Tribal Member Login section.

Additionally, on September 6 as Treasurer of the PBPB, I had a meeting about the PBPB Minors Trust. During the meeting I met with parents to listen to their concerns and to answer their questions. The personal contact is allowing Tribal Council and administrators the ability to improve on the plan we have set forth for the benefit of the Nation's minors. As I mentioned in the previous General Council meeting, we have started the request for proposal process that will allow financial institutions to bid for services to the Nation. I will share information when we are closing in on a decision for the trustee for the PBPB Minors Trust. Until then, please contact me if you have any questions.

In closing, I would like to extend thanks to those who have shared their condolences for the passing of Tribal Council Secretary Jim Potter. He worked doing what he loved which was helping the Nation grow and to make a better world for Tribal members. Please keep his family in your prayers. Moving forth, the elections are over and I would like to welcome the new Tribal Council Chairperson and Secretary, and our new Gaming Commissioner. Let us work together to make a better future for the Nation.

Hattie Mitchell  
Tribal Council Treasurer

### Calendar of Events

<p><b>Sept. 26</b></p> <p><b>PBP Government Closed</b> <b>Native American Day &amp; We-Ta-Se pow wow</b></p>		<p><b>Nov. 28</b></p> <p><b>PBP Government Closed</b> <b>Native American Heritage Day</b></p>
<p><b>Oct. 18</b></p> <p><b>General Council Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Dec. 24</b></p>	<p><b>PBP Government Closed</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b></p>
<p><b>Nov. 11</b></p> <p><b>PBP Government Closed</b> <b>Veterans Day</b></p>	<p><b>Dec. 25</b></p>	<p><b>PBP Government Closed</b> <b>Christmas</b></p>
<p><b>Nov. 27</b></p> <p><b>PBP Government Closed</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b></p>		

### Hattie Mitchell to be keynote speaker

Hattie Mitchell will be a keynote speaker at the 2014 Farm & Food Conference and 35th Anniversary Celebration sponsored by the Kansas Rural Center in Manhattan, Kan. on Nov. 7-8.

She will speak about the future of sustainable community food solutions and health within the Potawatomi Nation.

The purpose of the conference is to focus on the future of agriculture, food and community in Kansas and the region.

### Fall gardening workshops coming up

**Sept. 30-Harvesting**  
**Oct. 28-Soil Amendments**  
**5-6 p.m., Bingo Hall**  
**(sponsored by PBPB Diabetes Program & K-State)**

## Firekeeper Golf Course hosts PBPN Charity Classic Tournament



(Left) Olivia Jordan-Higgins, of the United Kingdom, won the Charity Classic Tournament that was held Sept. 5-7. She received \$15,000 for her win and was also honored with a Pendleton blanket from the PBPN.

### 144 women golfers from more than 30 countries



Tribal Council with Min Seo Kwak (in blanket) after she won the Potawatomi Cup and a check for \$18,000 during the Symetra Tour held at Firekeeper Golf Course on Sept. 7. Council members, left to right, are Liana Onnen, Carrie O'Toole, and Hattie Mitchell who also honored Kwak with a Pendleton blanket. The Potawatomi Cup was sponsored by four Potawatomi Nations including the Firekeeper Casino, Four Winds Casino, Island Resort Casino and the PBC&R.

for details about the tour go to the news section at [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com)



A junior clinic was held on Sept. 2 for youth from the Boys & Girls Club as part of the Prairie Band Casino Charity Classic that was also the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Symetra Tour held at Firekeeper Golf Course. Part of the charitable proceeds from the tour went to the Club. Golfers Jackie Stoelting and Calle Nielson were instructors for the clinic.



Tim Kramer, Director of Tournaments for the LPGA Symetra Tour (left) with Steve E. Ortiz, Assistant General Manager for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort during the tour.

### Firekeeper Golf hosts AdamsGolf Pro Tour in July



(Above) For the second year in a row Firekeeper Golf played host to the AdamsGolf Pro Tour Series that was held from July 15-18. (At right) is Cole Howard from Fort Worth, Texas who didn't make the final cut but helped out as a caddy during the tournament.



(Above) Junior Wahweotten tries his hand at the putting contest while DonDon LeClere (left) and Curtis Draesher look on. (Photo right) is Nathan Hale (left) with Daniel Goombi who were working at the event. Hale is the Boys & Girls Club Director and Goombi works as a Tribal Victim Services Specialist for the PBPN.

### Boys & Girls Club golf tournament fundraiser held Aug. 20



## Prairie Band LLC update

Contractors are still remodeling a convenience store, that was formerly known as Kathy's General Store, that is located on U.S. Highway 75 and 190th Road and now owned by Prairie Band LLC.

Prairie Band LLC President and Chief Executive Officer Burton Warrington has not given an exact date of when the business will open but he told the *News* that there may be a tribal welcome center included as

part of the convenience store.

Additionally, there are two other buildings at the corner. The southernmost building presently houses Prairie Band LLC's headquarters and the Potawatomi Smoke Shop and a building on the northern edge may become a flea market or antique store in the future.

Prairie Band LLC website  
[www.prairiebandllc.com](http://www.prairiebandllc.com)



Above is an architect's rendering of the new building for Prairie Band LLC that will include a convenience store and possibly a Potawatomi Welcome Center. It is located on U.S. Highway 75 and 190th Road where Kathy's General Store was previously located.

## Prairie Band participate in 2014 Indian Country Conference held at the casino

Leaders and staff from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation gave presentations and were heavily involved with the Indian Country Conference held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort on July 16-17. Topics focused on protecting and empowering families in Indian Country and ranged from issues like date rape and elder abuse.

Barry Grissom, U.S. Attorney for the District of Kansas, spoke at the conference and said, "One in four Native American women will be raped in their lifetime and we can't continue to let this happen." Grissom also discussed how important the annual Indian Country Conference is to him and how he plans to continue it as long as he is in office.

Sessions on how to treat victims of family violence or sexual assault and the elderly through collaborating with agencies at the local, state and federal level were also held throughout the two-day session. Another highlight of the conference was learning how to utilize new protective laws like the 2013 Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act and the 2010 Tribal Law and Order Code.

The conference was sponsored by the U.S. Attorneys' offices in the Districts of Kansas, Nebraska and Northern Iowa, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Office for Victims of Crime (DOJ), the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Victim Services program and the Kansas Law Enforcement Training program.



ABOVE: Daniel Goombi, Tribal Victim Services Specialist (center) with John Calvert (left) and Terry Clark (right), who are with the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department, gave a presentation on tips for victim advocates and law enforcement in collaborating together when responding to emergency or abusive situations.



LEFT: Vivien Olsen, PBPN tribal attorney, with Barry Grissom, U.S. Attorney for the District of Kansas. Olsen was a speaker at the conference.



LEFT: Speakers who opened the conference included (left to right) Alfred Urbina, Chief Prosecutor of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, Cordelia Clapp, RN, BSN, from the Pawnee Nation, Joyce Guerrero, Vice Chairperson of the PBPN, Robert Stuart, First Assistant for U.S. Attorney's Office District of Nebraska, and Thomas Beall, First Assistant for U.S. Attorney's Office District of Kansas.

"One in four Native American women will be raped in their lifetime and we can't continue to let this happen."

-Barry Grissom  
U.S. Attorney-Kansas

### Native American health care leaders meet with State over KanCare options



(At left) is Amy Swanson and Dr. Susan Mosier from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment who presented a plan generated by the State that will allow supplemental payments to Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribal health facilities that operate under ISDEAA 638 authority. The plan is to pay for uncompensated care provided to uninsured individuals. The presentation was given to tribal representatives on July 30 at the Health Center. PBPN Tribal Council members, Health Center Administrator Bill Thorne, PBPN Attorney Vivien Olsen, and Elliott Milhollin, attorney with Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker from Washington, D.C., attended the meeting on behalf of the PBPN.

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# 2014 Healthy Kansas Tribes 2020 Summit meeting

The 2014 Healthy Kansas Tribes 2020 Summit meeting was held Aug. 19 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort that brought Kansas tribal leaders and various state, regional, and federal officials together to hear what health issues are important to tribal people who belong to one of the four tribes in Kansas.

The first Healthy Kansas Tribes 2020 Summit was held last year with the purpose of organizing ways to survey what health issues or concerns are important to the tribes. Community health assessment teams (CHAT) were organized during that time and from there representatives from three of the four tribes administered health surveys on their reservations. Reports on the survey results were given during the morning and the afternoon was devoted to planning the next phase of the health improvement plan.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is facilitating the health project and KDHE Secretary Dr.

Robert Moser was a primary speaker throughout the day. Emcees were Chris Howell, Executive Director of the Kansas Native American Affairs Office, and Dr. Dee Ann DeRoin, a medical expert in the health care field. In addition, PBP Tribal Council Member Carrie O'Toole gave opening remarks and Tribal Council chairpersons from the four tribes were also introduced and spoke to the audience.

Other notables at the summit included: Tom Anderson, Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board, Director, Oklahoma Area Tribal Epidemiology Center; Kevin Meeks, Director, Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service; Laura Howard, J.D. Regional Administrator, Region VII, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and Adele Sink, Regional Outreach Specialist, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region VII.



Carrie O'Toole, Tribal Council Member gave the welcome during the summit meeting that was held at the casino.



(LEFT) Hope Adame and Erin Hubbard, who are on the PBP CHAT team, gave a report on how the PBP community health assessment team conducted its survey of tribal members on health issues last spring. Adame is director of the childcare center and Hubbard is a tribal grantwriter.

RIGHT(left to right) Michelle Torres, Melinda Williamson and Sandi Shopteese were photographed listening to the reports from the tribes that were given during the first half of the meeting. The second half of the meeting was devoted to breaking into sessions and planning for next year's 2015 community health assessment plan.



### PBP Participants for the Kansas Tribal Health Summit

- Hope Adame
- Elaine Mzhickteno Barr
- Justine Berryhill
- Anna Boswell
- Chris Brewer
- Heather Davis
- Joyce Guerrero
- Nathan Hale
- Peggy Houston
- Erin Hubbard
- Rebekah Jones
- Hattie Mitchell
- Steve R. Ortiz
- Carrie O'Toole
- Tracy Potts
- Sandi Shopteese
- Bill Thorne
- Michelle Torres
- Thomas Wabnum
- Warren "Junior" Wahweotten
- Suzy Wilbur
- Melinda Williamson
- Lance Wishkeno

## Cobell: Land Buy-Back program tribal experts answer questions at casino

A presentation was held on Sept. 5 at the casino by Anthony Rodman, senior advisor-tribal relations, who offered information and answered questions before a large crowd about the land buy-back process that is available to landowners who have fractionated interests in several tracts of land on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation.

Rodman stressed that this is a separate program from the earlier Cobell Settlement program and that fractionated landowners will be contacted soon by mail and offered a Purchase Offer Package that will explain the program, and provide a summary sheet that gives owners a monetary amount that has been appraised previously by land-buy-back appraisers at fair-market values for your share of the land. A deed is also a part of the Purchase Offer Package and willing sellers will be given 45 days to consider the offer. Rodman also stressed that this is a voluntary program for willing sellers and no one is being forced to sell their portion of land.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was selected as one of 21 American Indian communities for the initial phase of the Land-Buy-Back Program where land consolidation activities like planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, and land appraisals are now taking place and into 2015. Rodman said that eventually other tribes will be contacted as the Land-Buy-Back Program progresses until the overall \$1.9 billion budget allotted for the program is exhausted.

The program is a way that land owners can sell their fractionated portion of land that will keep the land in trust. PBP Tribal Council member Tom Wabnum stressed to the audience that there is not much that land owners can do with their allotted land inheritances and that the program is a way for land to go back into trust land on the reservation.

For questions about the process call Steve Duryea, Tribal Realty Specialist at 785.966.3928 or Marzha Fritzler in the Tribal Attorney's office at 785.966.3060.



Rodman addressing the crowd during the presentation.

For a power point of the Land-Buy-Back presentation given at the casino Sept. 5 go to [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com) Tribal Member Login (last listing on left side) and look for the Land-Buy-Back Program folder

# Summer Explorer Police Academy locks in fun adventure

This summer seven teenagers went through the Tribal Police Department's Explorer Program during two weeks in July. Students were taught about law enforcement and had fun with tribal police officers John Calvert and Matt Simpson who instructed the course.

Assistant Chief of Police Wade Schneider, who also participated in the program, wrote on the Police Department's Facebook page that explorers were taught many aspects of law enforcement including learning how to handcuff people during arrests, car stops and how to conduct investigations at the scene of an accident or crime. In addition, explorers also participated in some family group activities like watching movies and dining together.

This is the second time the course has been taught. Last fall, thirteen students graduated from the program that teaches teens to become responsible citizens in their community and what it takes to become a police officer.



Explorer camp participants this summer were: Front row (left to right) Lexi Proffitt, Brooke House, and Brett House. Back row (left to right) Officer John Calvert, Keesis Potts, and Lakota Knoxsah.

After graduating from the program explorers received a police explorer uniform that they can wear when they participate in community events and help the police out.

The police explorer program is a national program that has graduated over 33,000 teens from the program.



Wade Schneider showing how to investigate the scene of a crime or accident in one of the mock drills.

# Summer youth workers electrify their future with visit to Westar Jeffrey Energy Center

In July, 16 summer youth workers took a field trip to Westar's Jeffrey Energy Center (JEC) in St. Marys, Kan. to learn about careers in the electric energy industry. While there students got to see demonstrations of what linemen, power plant operators and instrument and control technicians do and to also learn about corporate office positions and how electric energy is produced.



A lineman demonstration showed students what it takes to climb one of the electric poles and how to be safe.

High school students in this summer's youth worker program were the beneficiaries of the new workforce development program called Electrify Your Future-PBP Nation. The program was created through a partnership between the Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) Nation and Westar's JEC. The program was also offered to PBP students in the first youth worker session last June.

Tribal Council Treasurer Hattie Mitchell was instrumental in organizing the partnership with Westar. "Electrify Your Future is a great addition to the Summer Youth Work program," she said. "Our youth are showing an interest in entering the electric utility industry and we look forward to their continuing to optimize their future with Westar."

In addition to Mitchell, Kristina Matsapto and Stephanie Jim from the PBP Education Department and Joseph Matsapto, a PBP parent, helped guide the students on the tour along with several JEC employees.



PBP summer youth workers stop for a pose with the Westar Energy and PBP Education staff.



Westar Jeffrey Center Human Resources Director Patrick Woods with Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council Treasurer, at the Electrify Your Future field trip.

The PBP Education Department & Westar Energy are sponsoring an **Electrify Your Future Career Seminar** Sept. 30, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Education Center 16281 Q Rd Mayetta, Kan. (enter lower level west side doors of Government Center)

**\$200 Reward for earning your college degree(s)**  
PBP members who graduated from June 1, 2012 and August 1, 2014 with a Bachelor, Master, or Doctoral degree are eligible for a \$200 graduation incentive. Multiple degrees earned between this period will be accepted and an incentive reward is offered for each degree.  
Tribal members must submit a copy of their diploma **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2014.**  
Please send: •Name •Tribal enrollment card •Address •Diploma  
Mail to: Education Department, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509

### Vocational Rehabilitation quarterly meeting draws State and tribal workers together



Myron Dunavan (standing) was the keynote speaker at the quarterly Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) meeting held July 16 at the casino and was photographed visiting with Keirsten Hale (left) and Rhonda Puckkee (right). Dunavan is an Intake Specialist for the Rehabilitation Services for the Department of Children and Families (DCF) which is affiliated with the Kansas Rehabilitation Services. Hale and Puckkee work for the PBPV VR program.

### Meet the Vocational Rehabilitation program's new staff



New staff in the Vocational Rehabilitation program are Keirsten Hale (LMSW) manager, Sarah Cowan, counselor, and Rhonda Puckkee, assistant.

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program has a new staff and some new program plans that they are hoping to implement soon. The VR program is a branch of the Social Services department and is located in the east wing of the Health Center.

Keirsten Hale (LMSW) is the new manager along with VR counselor Sarah Cowan and VR Assistant Rhonda Puckkee.

The VR program is under the umbrella of the Social Services Department and is an employment program that helps individuals that have permanent physical, intellectual, or mental disabilities find work. To be eligible for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPV) program persons must be an enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe, live with the PBPV service area, use the VR services to prepare for, secure, retain or regain employment and be able to benefit from the employment preparation of using VR services.

The program works like this: You can contact the VR office to set up an intake interview. The intake interviewer will gather information and give you an application to fill out to see if you are eligible for the program. Items like medical records and a list of your previous educational and work background are some of the items needed to assess what direction to take.

Participants in the program also need to be committed to the process by showing professionalism in being work ready and keeping all appointments in advance. An Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) will then be determined and VR services will then assist you in looking for employment options. Those that become employed need to stay with the program for at least 90 days and must keep the lines of communication open with the VR staff.

#### Three questions to ask a person to see if they qualify for VR services

- 1) Is the disability a long term or permanent condition that impacts a person's ability to keep or get a job?
- 2) Is the person interested in pursuing employment?
- 3) Are the functional limitations a person experiences related to the disability?



#### Correction

In an article about new hires in Social Services that appeared in the Summer 2014 issue of the *Potawatomi News*, Andrew Inskeep was misidentified as the new Indecent Living Program Coordinator. Inskeep is the Independent Living Program Coordinator. The *News* regrets the error.

### Heather Davis hired as new Social Services Director



Heather Davis has been hired as the new Social Services Director for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPV) and began her position June 2.

Davis brings over 19 years of experience in the Social Services profession having previously worked in child welfare at the management level and also in the community mental health field where she worked with children and adults. Before she took the position with the PBPV, she supervised case managers and program coordinators for the homeless outreach program at Valeo Behavioral Health Center in Topeka.

Her educational background includes being a licensed clinical social worker and she holds a master's of social work degree from Washburn and a master's degree in Family Life Education from Kansas State University.

Davis told the *News* that she was looking forward to working with the PBPV community and that one of her goals is to help grow the Social Services Department through enhancing the high quality of work presently being done in the department. Other goals that Davis has for the department are to increase outreach efforts to the community and to further develop collaborative efforts between the Nation's other departments and programs.

Programs in Social Services include Family & Child Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Community Health Representatives, and Adult Social Services. The department is located in the east wing of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center located at 11400 E. 158th Road.

# Get out the Native vote!

Native Americans are one of the most unregistered group of voters in the United States and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) would like to see that changed. Since NCAI began in 1944 they have urged Native Americans to vote and have mounted a Nativevote.org campaign since the Internet has come on the horizon and is making it easier for Native Americans to vote.

At the tribal level, the PBPB Tribal Council, employees and volunteers are echoing that call and want to urge PBPB members to vote in the upcoming **Nov. 4 election**.

The voting landscape in the last five years has changed with the advent of over 20 states whose legislations have put into place new restriction laws on voters that make it harder to vote. One of those states is Kansas that is now requiring voters to prove who they are at the polls by having to show photo identification. Kansas tribal members who have tribal identification cards with photos on them can use those tribal IDs at the polls.

Voters must register prior to the **Nov. 4** election and **Oct. 14** is the last day to register. People must register at the county seat where they live. They should go to the Elections office or contact the Elections Clerk within their county.

## Helpful websites on voting

**National Congress of American Indians**  
www.Nativevote.org

**Kansas Office of the Secretary of State**  
www.kssos.org

**Jackson County, KS**  
www.ks-jackson.manatron.com

**Pottawatomie County, KS**  
www.pottcounty.org/clerk/2010/Election.html

**Shawnee County, KS**  
www.snco.us/election/

## Hattie Mitchell honored with Topeka's Top "20 Under 40" award

Tribal Council Treasurer Hattie Mitchell has been selected as one of Topeka's top "20 under 40" recipients this year.

Celebrating its fifth anniversary, Topeka's Top "20 Under 40" award honors members of the Topeka/Shawnee County community for their commitment and contributions both professionally and

personally. Each spring, members of the greater Topeka community are invited to submit nominations for the "20 Under 40" award and then nominees are sent an invitation to formally apply for the honor. After the application deadline closes, a selection committee of more than 20 Topeka community leaders spend countless hours reviewing every submission.

This year, the program received more than 200 nominations and over 100 applications, including two letters of recommendation per submission - a new requirement for applicants in 2014.

Mitchell will be honored at a banquet on Nov. 13 at the Ramada Inn in Topeka. To purchase tickets call 785.354.8541.

## Mark your calendar for Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5-11

**Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department Open House  
Oct. 11, 11 a.m.- 3p.m.**

The Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department will be celebrating Fire Prevention Week from October 5 - 11. This year the department will be sharing the life saving message, that Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Week, to remind local residents about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home and testing them monthly.

"In a fire, seconds count," said Captain Eric Ganson. "Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out."

To promote Fire Prevention Week the fire department will be hosting several activities including: Fire Safety Talks in the Royal Valley School District and PBPB Headstart Program, fire extinguisher demonstrations at the PBPB Government Center and Prairie Band Casino & Resort, and ending the week with an Open House at the fire station on Saturday, October 11 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Open House will be full of educational family-oriented activities, displays, fun activities for kids, face painting, inflatable, live fire demonstrations, and emergency vehicles on static display.

The fire department will be serving lunch to the community from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. So come to the open house on Saturday, October 11 to visit and see members of the fire department in action. It will be fun for the whole family.

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**Honored Veteran  
Tom Rameriz Deceased**  
**Master of Ceremonies  
Jason Hale**  
**Honored Veteran  
Jim Potts**  
**Arena Director  
Roger Lewis**  
**Head Man Dancer  
Shane Negonsott**  
**Head Lady Dancer  
Tara Mitchell**  
**Head Boy Dancer  
Wyatt Boswell**  
**Head Girl Dancer  
Madison Boswell**

**Invited Drum  
Whistling Wind**      **Host Drum  
Little Soldier**      **Invited Drum  
Buffalo Eagles**

**Grand Entries at 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM**      **Traditional Supper at 5:00 PM**  
Supper and Concession Provided by Potts Lady's  
**2014/2015 We-Ta-Se Princess Announcement**  
**All Dancers in Regalia who Registered by 3:00 pm will be paid**  
Special Dances & Contests in both Afternoon & Evening Sessions  
Tiny Tots, Spot Dance,

**Raffles: \$1000 - 100 gal. Gas - 50 Gal Gas - Pendleton Blanket**  
Vendor Welcome 1st Come Basis—No Food Vendors!  
For more information call the We-Ta-Se (785) 966-2580

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

# Employee Disputes Tribunal Magistrates sworn in on July 28



**Wade Schneider**



**Verna Simon**



**Micki Martinez**



**Lance Wishkeno**



**Lorrie Wahwassuk-Melchior**

Five employees of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation were sworn in to the Employment Disputes Tribunal on Aug. 25 by Vice Chairperson Joyce Guerrero. The purpose of the Tribunal is to provide employ-

ees of the Nation with a forum for employment dispute appeals. It is a part of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Judicial Council and is designed to act as an independent and unbiased body. Details are outlined in the PBPN Law

& Order Codes under Title 22-4. Magistrates will serve for four years. Two of the magistrates were selected through an employee vote and two were appointed by Tribal Council. The fifth magistrate was select-

ed by the newly-appointed magistrates. Magistrates are: Wade Schneider, Assistant Chief of Police (chair), Verna Simon, PBP Health Center Executive Administrative Assistant, Micki Martinez,

Motor Vehicle Division coordinator, Lance Wishkeno, Lieutenant for the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department, and Lorrie Wahwassuk-Melchior, Liaison for We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410.

## Charitable Contributions Committee attends Court Appointed Special Advocates(CASA) breakfast



ABOVE: Mitch Holthus, an announcer and the voice of the Kansas City Chiefs, gave the keynote address at the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) organization donor breakfast on Aug. 5. Members of the Charitable Contributions Committee attended the breakfast and are in the photo seated in the forefront. Last spring CASA was given a \$10,000 donation from the PBPN. Inset photo: Mitch Holthus

Ruth Vega-Harjo new Charitable Contributions Committee member



Ruth Vega-Harjo has been selected to serve on the Charitable Contributions Committee and began her duties last summer. Vega-Harjo works for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

### Charitable Contributions Committee

- LaVera Bell, chair
- Mary Carr
- Betty Rice
- John Tuckwin
- Ruth Vega-Harjo
- Wanda Treinen, coordinator

Magistrates of the Employment Disputes Tribunal would like to thank those who selected them to serve the Nation!

## Peacemakers meet with State of Kansas Native American Executive Director



Front row (left to right) Chris Brewer, Marie Clement, and Corrine Lange. Back row (left to right) Terry Barr, Chris Howell, Sandi Shopteese and Jeannie Howley.

Chris Howell, Executive Director for the Kansas Native American Affairs Office, visited the Judicial Center on July 24 and met with members of the Peacemakers Circle to learn more about their positions in the PBPN Judicial Council.

Howell and the group also discussed mediation efforts and ways to work and learn from each other.

For a brochure about the Peacemakers go to: [www.pbpindiantribe.com/upload/pdf/Peacemakers.pdf](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/upload/pdf/Peacemakers.pdf).

## Introducing new staff in Family & Child Services



Tammy Sweeney is an Indian Child Welfare Association (ICWA) social worker and has over 25 years of experience working in the Social Services field. She is a long time resident of Jackson County and is a familiar face to the PBPN community.

The mission of the Family & Child Services program is to see that every child and family has the potential to success, regardless of their circumstances.

A variety of programs are offered and offices are located in the Social Services Department that is housed in the Prairie Band Health Center.

For more information or to receive a brochure contact:

**Sandi Shopteese, MBA, manager**  
at  
**785.966.8334**  
or  
**SandiShopteese@pbpnation.org.**



Krista Catron is a PBPN and recently graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University. She began working in Social Services last June for the foster care program that assists children in need of out of home placement.

### Matthew Waits: New Diabetes Program Lifestyle Coach



Matthew Waits (Cherokee Nation) has been hired as the new Lifestyle Coach in the Diabetes Program.

His educational background includes graduating from Washburn University with a degree in Sports Management and from Haskell Indian Nations University where he holds an Associates Degree in Health and Exercise Science.

He has also completed internships as a Senior Strength and Conditioning Coach and Assistant Softball Coach at Haskell and in softball at the University of Kansas.

In his new position he is providing individualized lifestyle coaching sessions to people who are in the Diabetes program and he is also interested in offering his services to other community members.

Waits believes that lifestyle coaching includes a wide range of health-related topics from weight loss to nutritional and physical activity guidance. If you are interested in setting up an appointment with him, please contact him at [mattheww@pbpnation.org](mailto:mattheww@pbpnation.org).

### Return to a Healthy Past community garden update by Eddie Joe Mitchell

The community garden behind the clinic has been producing, tomatoes, hot peppers, water melons, cantaloupes and squash. There are still some left and please pick only the ripe ones.

One note of caution, however, is that melons and cantaloupes will not ripen like a tomato will after being picked. If you pick vegetables make sure you do not kill the vines by pulling on them or stepping on them. Please be considerate of others.

We will try to till as many gardens this fall as possible. Please remove all corn stalks, weeds, tomato cages etc. from the gardens first. It is too time consuming to pull weeds out of the tiller. That time could be spent getting other gardens ready. This year we tilled 52 gardens.

Last month we sent out an all-users email asking about interest in composting, rain barrels and raised bed gardens and we are in the process of assisting those who responded so we can order the materials.

We plan to have our harvest feast this fall and are in need of volunteers to help us set up, serve and clean up afterwards. As in the past, main dishes for the feast are provided but we request side dishes and desserts. Since we are conscious of diabetes we encourage low calorie desserts.

The Diabetes program is also looking for someone to teach a canning class. If interested in this or anything concerning our program contact eddie joe at 966-8243 or [eddiejoe@pbpnation.org](mailto:eddiejoe@pbpnation.org)

### Vivien Olsen running for Kansas House of Representatives

Vivien Olsen, who is in-house counsel and has provided legal services to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) for over 7 years, is running for the Kansas House of Representatives in the 61st District.

The 61st District includes most of Pottawatomie and Jackson counties where the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation is located.

Olsen is a long-time resident of St. Marys, Kansas and is an advocate for small rural communities and quality rural public education. She wants to provide opportunities for families, individuals, and businesses of the 61st District to grow, develop and prosper, and if elected, plans to help small communities and the services they depend on to remain sustainable and viable.

Before coming to the PBPN, Olsen was employed in the private practice of law in Pottawatomie County, Kansas. She has experience in adult and juvenile criminal cases, child dependency, municipal, probate and other cases and is well versed in tribal court systems and law.

Her public service includes serving as past Chair of the Kansas Bar Association Indian Law Section, Charter member of the Kansas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, past Chair of the St. Mary's Housing Authority, member at large of the Girl Scouts of America, and she is a member of the Supreme Court Task Force on Permanency Planning.

Olsen graduated from Kansas State University and Washburn University School of Law and is a single mother who has two grown boys and is

a caregiver for her elderly mother.

Olsen is on the Democratic ticket and will face Republican Becky Hutchins of Holton in the Nov. 4 general election.



## Prairie Band to participate in National Take Back Drug Day

Submitted by Mike Carpenter, pharmacist

On September 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Prairie Band Potawatomi Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its ninth opportunity in four years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal to the Police department at 16344 Q Rd., Mayetta, Kan. The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous with no questions asked.

Last April, Americans turned in 390 tons (over 780,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at nearly 6,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,400 of its state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its eight previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 4.1 million pounds-more than 2,100 tons of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines-flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash-both pose potential safety and health hazards.

So check your medications now and plan to participate in the National Take Back program. Also remember that the **Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center Pharmacy** will take back all medications no longer wanted for safe disposal. This free service is available to the entire community year around. So please help your community be safe and healthy by using these opportunities.

### Be safe and smart!

Unused or expired prescription medications can be dangerous. Bring them to the PBP Health Clinic Pharmacy for proper disposal.

- Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, over dose, and abuse.
- Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.
- The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.
- The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends - and the home medicine cabinet.
- Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment disposal.

### Flu shot time

- Health Center Nursing staff can provide shots during patient visits beginning Oct. 1
- Community Health Nurse will email schedule for employees and for tribal members in the community at designated times.

### Got needles or lancets?

Let the pharmacy at the Prairie Band Health Center safely dispose of your used needles and lancets.

Please bring used "Sharps" containers to the PBP Health Clinic Pharmacy for safe and proper disposal.

New "Sharps" containers are available for pickup at the PBP Health Center Pharmacy.

These special containers are compliments of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) grant.

We also have for your safety, "Sharps" containers placed inside many buildings on the reservation.

### Non-Indian Governmental employees now served at the PBP Health Center

The Prairie Band Health Center is now providing services for Non-Indian government employees. Services are limited to medical (including lab and x-ray) only, and not any dental, purchased care or on-site prescriptions. Necessary prescriptions can be e-scripted to employees own pharmacies. All medical visits to see a medical provider require a \$25 co-pay, payable at the time of the visit. To see a provider employees must bring a picture ID and their Blue Cross insurance card. For details call Health Center Administrator Bill Thorne at 785.966.8302.

### New telephone prescription refill system to be implemented at the Health Center Pharmacy

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Pharmacy is about to implement a prescription refill phone system using TeleManageRx. Patients will be able to key in their prescription number needing to be refilled and then the system will acknowledge if the prescription is refillable, and when it will be available for pickup. The patient can also call back at a later time to check on the refill completion by entering the prescription number and the system will respond with the current refilling status.

This system will also help the pharmacy staff become more efficient in expediting the refilling process. One example is when a provider authorization is required, the system will automatically send a fax request to that provider. Another example is decreasing the time spent each day transcribing the refill request that is presently used on our current traditional answering machine.

The system will be quicker and more efficient and offer multiple benefits to the patients and pharmacy staff.

### Indian Health Services changing Contract Health Services name to Purchased Referral Care

The Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service announces that as authorized under the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2014, The Indian Health Service (IHS) has changed the name of Contract Health Services (CHS) program to Purchased Referred Care (PRC) program. Within the next year, the IHS will transition into using the new name, PRC, and all IHS Federal regulations, policies and other administrative documents that contain the word, CHS, will continue to apply until an update is completed.

It should be noted that the PRC functions will remain the same, and the IHS PRC funds will continue to be used to purchase health care services and to provide referrals to individuals to obtain health care from private sector health care providers when those services are not available with the Indian Health System (IHS/Tribal/Urban).

### Health Center and Tribal Council proactive in preparing for potential public health emergency

According to Health Center Administrator Bill Thorne, Tribal Council recently passed a resolution that authorizes the PBP's Medical Director to declare a public health emergency in the event that may include quarantine instructions or other recommended immunizations or treatments to forestall an infectious outbreak on the Reservation. Such a declaration would follow proper communication with the State of Kansas Health Department and notification to the Tribal Council regarding the process.

## Second back up generator at Boys & Girls Club installed by PBPB Construction/Maintenance Department

By Carl Matousek  
Construction/Maintenance Director

In the event of a power outage at the Boys & Girls Club, the entire club is now ready with two back-up generators which wasn't always the case.

To provide some background, the original part of the Club (located on the west side) was built around 1972 and is energized by its own 600 amp single phase 220 VAC power provided by Kaw Valley Electric.

Around 2002 an expanded addition to the Club was built (east side) and a separate 1800 amp three phase 220 VAC electrical system was installed with energy that is provided by Kaw Valley Electric.

From 1972 to 2006 there was no back-up generation available to the Club in the event of a power failure.

In 2006 the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) had a generator installed on the new (east side) addition but it did not provide auxiliary power for the older part of the club due to the aforementioned separate power electrical room locations. The 2006 generator did provide back-up power to the newer section of the club that includes classrooms, library, craft rooms, break rooms, pool, and a lower level exercise area but that left much of the Club unavailable for use including the kitchen/dining area

and gym. The Club, due to its central location and size, has been perceived to be a family emergency shelter location but the section that people would really use in the event of an emergency situation was more likely to be the eating areas and gym.

During 2013 the Boys & Girls Club was budgeted to have the PBPB Construction/Maintenance Department build a Pantry Building near the Club's older section where the kitchen area

older section of the Club.

The type of generator that was installed is powered by propane fuel and was chosen due to cost constraints and the ability to have safe fuel storage in a confined space. In addition, the PBPB Building Maintenance staff installed a 1,000 gallon underground propane tank near the Club with proper code compliance and ensuring safeguards for fire as well.

During the installation of the generator, Building Maintenance also made extra improvements to the Club like raising the reliability of sewer lines, improving a grease trap, updating a 600 amp service panel, and securing better access to the roof for safety and security precautions. Lastly, crews provided a better water drainage system in what has historically been a problematic area at the Club.

In summary, I am proud of the PBPB Building Maintenance staff and all others who pitched in and prepared the area, excavated for drains and power lines, installed all plumbing updates, formed and poured the concrete, managed the

installation of the generator, and completed it with the help of Kelly Electric of Topeka.

Presently, we just completed a rock drainage bed and are now installing safety fences at the Club that will hopefully complete the job so that we will be ready for the next impending storm.



(Left to right) is Jim Harvey, an unidentified worker (in hard hat), Tom Jim, Gilbert Kent, and John Rupnicki preparing the foundation for the generator. Harvey, electrician for the PBPB, was connecting the anode bags for the underground propane tank.



Construction Maintenance recently installed a second-generator for the Boys & Girls Club and the staff completed the work from start to finish. The worker in the photo is Gilbert Kent who works for Construction Maintenance and was helping with the concrete foundation before the generator was placed.

is housed.

Having no back up generator was a potential problem since food would perish without power.

In 2014 the PBPB budgeted funds to have a permanent generator installed for the older part of the Club and the Building Maintenance staff did most of the work. The second generator now provides back-up power to the

**Did you know?**  
The Royal Valley Singers & Dancers and We-Ta-Se performed for a Nelson-Atkins exhibit *The Plains Indians: Artists of the Earth* Sept. 21 in Kansas City, Mo.

## Other infrastructure improvements



Road & Bridge crews were busy resurfacing the lower level parking lot at the Government Center and on several other parts of the reservation in August.

### Road & Bridge update

The Road & Bridge Department has begun asphalt restriping of some of the roads on the reservation which will not only improve day time driving but should significantly improve night time driving as well since reflective strips are being installed.

In addition, 8 miles of existing asphalt is scheduled for resurfacing.

Other roadway work planned is the patching and sealing of roads and parking lots and upgrading gravel roads. Crews also plan to trim and spray foliage around bridges to ensure better visibility and to help with water flow.



(Above) John Rupnicki (bottom left) and Anthony Levier (top) preparing the foundation for a new stairway that can be seen on the right. The stairway will allow pedestrians to go from the upper parking lot to the lower level parking lot on the west side of the Government Center.

## Hope Adame wins Head Start Administrator of the Year

Hope Adame, director of the PBPB Early Childhood Education Center, was named Administrator of the Year by the Kansas Head Start Association for its 2015 National Head Start Association Scholarship and Awards.

Adame won the award for her achievements and services that were contributed during the 2013-2014 school year. She will be recognized along with other award winners from other cities and tribes in Kansas on January 15 at the Webster Conference Center in Salina, Kansas.

The 2015 winners will continue on to the Region VII Head Start Association level where they will compete with other state association winners from Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri. Winners from Region VII will then compete with other nominees across the United States.

The Kansas Head Start Association is a non-profit organization that supports and strengthens Kansas early learning programs through advocacy, professional development and leadership.

Adame's coworkers nominated her for the award.



Adame (front and center) with some of the Childcare staff.

## Justine Berryhill selected for Brazelton Touchpoints Center Leadership Development Program

Justine Berryhill, Family Service Specialist for the Childhood Education Center, has been selected to attend the American Indian Early Childhood Community Leadership Development Program by the Brazelton Touchpoints Center this fall in Boston.

The purpose of the program is to support early to mid-career American Indian leaders in early childhood and family development.

Berryhill was selected as one of six leadership associates from across the United States.

## Early Childhood Education Center holds inservice

Around 30 workers from the Early Childhood Education Center attended a week-long inservice training at the Bingo Hall in August.

A variety of topics were discussed and some of the presenters included Tina Haefke with Love and Logic, PBPB Social Services Director Heather Davis who spoke on working with foster families, a representative from the PBPB Language Department who spoke about integrating the Potawatomi language into the center's curriculums, and Michael Rettig from Washburn University who spoke about the importance of play to children and how to promote it. Other sessions were on classroom teaching tips and working with families.

The Early Childhood Education Center is located at 15380 K Road, Mayetta, Kan. and provides services and resources that enhance children's physical and emotional well beings as well as offering an environment that develops strong cognitive skills. The educational component is designed to teach a preschool educational curriculum that is compatible to national standards. In addition, health services are provided throughout the year that include screenings, health assessments, and dental check ups.



A large crowd of childcare providers listened to Michael Rettig who spoke on the importance of playing and how to promote it at the childcare center's inservice training on Aug. 12 at the Bingo Hall.





**Early Childhood Education Center  
upcoming activities**

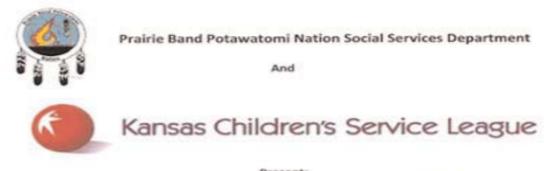
**Oct. 3**  
**All Aboard the Cavity Free Express**  
**Bingo Hall**  
**(dental education, activities, door prizes, and screens for children 2-6 years old and their families)**

**Oct. 30**  
**Halloween parade & Harvest party**  
**(Boys & Girls Club and Childcare Center)**

**Nov. 7**  
**Fall Health Fair**  
**Potawatomi Health Center (comprehensive health fair for children 0-3 years old. Light snacks, door prizes & more)**

**Other fun events for the kids**

Oct. 4-Walk a Mile in their Mocs-Prairie Peoples Park, 10 a.m.  
 Oct. 18- Splatters that Matter Art event-Bingo Hall  
 Oct. 25-Movies in the Park (time to be announced)  
 Nov. 1-Trunk or Treat in Prairie Peoples Park, 6 p.m.  
*(brought to you by the Tribal Victim Services)*



Present:

# TIPS-MAPP

Have you ever been interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent? Are you just curious what TIPS-MAPP is? If so, please call Keri Herren at 785-215-6408 to learn about the upcoming TIPS-MAPP class beginning on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Offices in Mayetta. The classes are from 6pm to 9pm on Wednesdays. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Classes will take place at:  
 Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
 11400 158th Rd.  
 Mayetta, Ks 66509

## International Association of Chiefs of Police interview tribal community for upcoming publication

Jennifer Styles and Joe LaPort from the International Association of Chiefs of Police from Alexandria, Va. interviewed 14 representatives of the community and law enforcement at the Tribal Police Department on Aug. 19 and 20 to learn how the department operates.

Research participants provided information on law enforcement and community relationships and what community policing means to them.

Reservation resident Harold Simon was one of those interviewed and said he was asked about the tribe's law enforcement practices and the department's outreach efforts. He told the *News* that he discussed how improved the tribal police department is today and that there have been vast



**Jennifer Styles is a project manager with the International Association of Chiefs of Police who conducted interviews at the police station.**

improvements during the 28 years he has lived on the reservation.

Along that line, Simon also discussed the community partnerships, like the Student Resource Officer program in the schools that the police department has been involved in for the last few years.

Insights from the interviews will be analyzed and formatted into a guidebook of promising practices that will help future tribal law enforcement leaders to develop stronger community policing programs. The book is scheduled to be published by the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services sometime next year.

## Potawatomi Police and Fire Department participate in Jackson County Sheriff's Office Kids Camp

Over 200 kids attended the 13th annual Kids Camp at Banner Creek Reservoir Aug. 7-8 that provided sports activities and other tours and presentations for the kids. This was the 13th year the camp has been held.

Volunteers from the Potawatomi Tribal Police and Fire Department assisted with the camp that is dedicated to building positive relationships between law enforcement and youth.

## A message from Police Chief Shawn Walker

It has been a continued honor to work for my Nation and to provide members with the following update about the police department.

The Police Explorers have completed a two week Explorer Academy over the summer and added five new explorers right before the start of school. Their academy training included how to conduct building searches, crime scene and other investigations and vehicle stops. Explorers have been active at the annual pow-wow and in other community programs. We are honored to have such a great group.

Another program we are working on is a partnership with the Topeka Police Department and the Nation's Social Services department in providing more support to tribal members that are homeless.

Additionally, the Tribal Police Department has been working on a communication project that began a couple of years ago to improve emergency communication within the Nation. We have received support from State agencies, other area sheriff departments and fire departments and other partners. Currently we are seeking close to \$1 million in grant funds for this project.

The Tribal Police Department was also awarded \$75,000 from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Highway Safety Grant program to support safer roads within the Nation. We also applied for a grant through the NHTSA Tribal Child Safety Seats and if that grant is awarded we will be able to purchase 300 child safety seats for families in need.

During the past year, the department has been involved in 14 events and activities. Some of them included Rez-Strong Annual Olympics, Firefly 5K Benefit Run for the Boys and Girls Club, Walk a Mile in Their Mocs, Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow-Wow, EPA Clean-up Day, and supporting We-Ta-Se's veteran honor guard during Memorial Day weekend. As a retired veteran, it was truly an honor to commemorate other veterans of our Nation that have passed away.

On behalf of the Tribal Police Department I would like to thank you all for your support as we continue forward.



**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**  
**Division of the PBPB Tribal Police**  
**16344 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509**  
**(785) 966-6673**  
**Officer Hours: 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**  
**APPOINTMENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED**

### Requirements for registering a vehicle:

- Reside within the boundaries of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation.
- Enrolled Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal member.

### What to bring:

- Vehicle being registered, so that a safety inspection can be conducted.
- Valid Kansas Driver's license with PBPB reservation address.
- PBPB photo enrollment identification card (BIA certification will not be accepted).
- Title and bill of sale, which should have the members name on both.
- Valid Proof of insurance (Policy number, expiration date and vehicle information), Insurance bill will not accepted.
- Proof of residency- utility bill, rent receipt, etc.

We receive numerous telephone calls reporting tribal members living off of the reservation and using tribal plates. When we get anonymous calls or reports from law enforcement agencies we proceed with the process of revoking the tribal plate. Information we need is the tribal plate number, vehicle description, address where the vehicle resides. Within the last few months we have revoked five (5) tribal plates because an owner does not live within the boundaries of the PBPB reservation.

This year our renew stickers are purple for domestic violence awareness. For 2016 our renew stickers will be red for Driving Under the Influence awareness. In 2012, within the State of Kansas, there was 2,603 alcohol related crashes, 1,622 alcohol related crash injuries and 98 deaths to drunk driving. In 2011, within the United States, there were 9,878 people were killed due to drunk driving. So if you drink, please think before getting behind the wheel as the Nation's safety depends on you.

**Don't drink and drive!!!**

## Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Topeka Habitat for Humanity completing partnership for language house

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) together with Topeka Habitat for Humanity (THFH) are putting on the finishing touches for a PBPB language house on the reservation.

Volunteers from the PBPB and THFH have been working on the house since last May and plans are to finish the house this fall at a time to be announced.

The house frame was built by Shawnee Heights High School students in Topeka under the direction of the Topeka Habitat for Humanity construction team and was brought to 712 NW 158 Road on the reservation and placed on a concrete foundation. A former home, that was previously located on the site and was used as the language house, had to be condemned and removed.

General Manager Peggy Houston was instrumental in getting the project off the ground and Tribal Council and Charitable Contributions has supported the project that will provide a new learning space for the language program.



A view of the new language house that has 1,064 square feet of space and was specifically designed for class rooms and larger spaces where traditional activities and events can be held. The home is located at 712 NW 158 Road.

## Human Resources update



Employees had fun coming together during a salsa contest that was held at the Government Center and Health Center on Sept. 4 and 5. There were over 30 entries and three categories of sauces to sample including mild, scorching, and set-a blaze. The employees (above) were from the Government Center and sampled the sauces before casting their votes.

### Did you know?

As a Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal member you are eligible to apply to In House Job postings? All you need to do is submit your application, a copy of your CDIB from PBPB, and any other requirements requested for the position you are applying for:

Submit to:

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Human Resources  
16281 Q Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509  
Phone: (785) 966-3060  
Toll Free: 866-694-3937  
Fax: (785) 966-3062

<http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/employment.aspx>

## PBPB Human Resources and Casino personnel become certified as Tribal Human Resources Professionals

Eight employees who work for the Prairie Band Potawatomi government and at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBC&R) are now certified as Tribal Human Resource Professionals (THRPs).

The group became certified after attending a week-long training in July that was held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. The course was offered through the Falmouth Institute and the National Native American Human Resources Association and held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

Sonya Sexton, PBPB Human Resources Director, and Adele Wahwassuck, who works in the PBC&R's Human Resources Department, worked together to have Falmouth bring the course to the casino. Eight other human resource professionals from other parts of the country also participated in the course along with the eight from the PBPB.

In order to become certified, students had to pass a rigorous exam on the last day. All eight employees from the Prairie Band passed the test and became certified.

The group is now trained in a cross-section of topics including human resource issues, laws and regulations that pertain to tribal organizations and enterprises.



A week-long training and passing a rigorous exam have made these human resource professionals top notch!



In the group photo on the front row (left to right) is Anna Boswell, Cherie Jim, and Shawna Wabaunsee. Back row (left to right) is Allison Pahmahmie-Garcia, Sonya Sexton and Adele Wahwassuck. Inset photo (left) is Robert Jackson and on the (right) is Coleeen Thomas. Wabaunsee, Wahwassuck and Thomas work for the casino and the others work for the government.

## Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation General Public Transportation Service Policy

**Telephone: 785-966-2995**

**Toll free: 866-727-8181**

**Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (excluding holidays)**

### Mission

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation General Public Transportation strives to encourage the improvement, efficiency, and use of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Public Transit system within the Reservation and Jackson County in order to enhance access of employment, health care, recreation and public services for the general public of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation and Jackson County.

### Policy

It is the policy of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Public Transit to provide the most effective, efficient, safest and uninterrupted transportation service to all the residents of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation and Jackson County.

### Services

•Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Transit provides transportation service to all residents of the Reservation/County with three (3) wheelchair lift mini vans, which provides specialized transportation needs and one back up twelve (12) passenger vehicle.

•Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Transit transports the public for medical, nutrition, recreation and employment-related activities. The vehicles are each equipped with cellular telephones for dispatching as well as providing emergency communication in inclement weather or where the need arises.

### Scheduling Information and Fares

- It is preferred all riders call at least 48 to 72 hours in advance to schedule transportation
- All riders are based on "First Come First Serve" basis
- Departure times are dependent on ridership demand and inclement weather
- All departure times are subject to change without notice.
- Local area fares are \$1.40 for ages 6 years and up each way and 70 cents for elders 60 years and up; Local destinations include the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation and within the town of Mayetta.
- Long distance fares are \$1.90 each way for ages 6 years and up each way and 90 cents for elders 60 years and up; Long distance cities are as follows: Holton, Topeka and Hoyt
- Personal attendants who ride with the passenger who needs assistance will not be charged
- On Federal holidays our offices will be closed
- During inclement weather the bus may not be operation due to hazardous road conditions.

### Ridership

1. Outside the extended area will be considered special trips on a "first come first serve" basis of availability, i.e. medical appointments to Holton or Topeka. NOTE: Last scheduled ride to Topeka or Holton will be at 3:30 p.m. If scheduled appointment runs over, passengers will be responsible for finding their own transportation. If you have questions call the transportation office at 785.966.2995 or 1.866.727.8181.
2. Outside the extended area requesting transportation to Jackson County or to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation will be based on availability and on a "first come first serve" basis.
3. All riders shall be paying customers as outlined on the route and fee schedule. Children under the age of 18, must be accompanied by an adult, unless a parent waiver is signed by the transit dispatcher, parents or consenting adult prior to scheduled ride.
4. No child under the age of 15 is permitted to ride alone or left unattended with the driver.
5. Child car seats are required for children that fall under Kansas law. PBP Transit will provide one car seat and one booster seat, however, if those are being used or are unavailable parents will be responsible for providing any additional

car seats. If needed car seats must be requested at the time of scheduling.

6. All riders shall wear a seat belt as required by law.

7. Absolutely no smoking, alcohol beverages, concealed firearms or ammunition in the vehicle.

8. No hazardous, combustible chemicals or flammable chemicals allowed at any time.

9. The driver will refuse transportation to a person who is obviously intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. After taking such an action, the driver shall notify the dispatcher of the incident.

10. The driver reserves the right to remove any passenger who presents a danger to other riders/potential riders. These include but are not limited to: intoxication, fighting, arguing, and threatening the driver or fellow passengers, use of foul language, and sexual harassment will not be tolerated and ridership may be suspended.

11. Inappropriate behavior from passengers/potential passengers to any driver or transit program employee will not be tolerated. This will include any phone contact, including screaming, cussing or rude behavior, as well as gestures by passenger/potential passengers. Persistent inappropriate and or dangerous behavior may cause ridership to be suspended

### Disciplinary Procedures

If the rider does not follow all guidelines they will receive disciplinary procedures, which may result in suspension from riding privileges. The program manager may suspend any passenger without prior warnings immediately if necessary and without giving any other notices for no call, no shows or other incidents.

**First offense** – rider will receive a verbal/written warning from the driver

**Second offense** – rider will receive a written notice from the manager stating the next offense the rider will be suspended from Transit

**Third offense** – rider will be notified by the manager that they have been suspended for a (30) thirty-day period

12. The driver is responsible for collecting fares and tickets for every passenger at the time of service.

13. Drivers are not allowed to assist the elderly and handicapped passengers so personal assistants may be necessary to accompany passengers and are their responsibility as they enter and exit the vehicle.

14. Passengers who continue to violate any policy will be subject to suspension or permanent revocation of transportation privileges.

15. Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation does not provide daily school bus service.

16. Only service animals will be permitted to ride on the bus.

Limit packages to no more than what the rider can carry and not to take up space, shopping bags should be no bigger than a luggage case.

### Pick-up and Delivery Procedures

•The driver shall greet passengers as they board.

•Pick-up service on a residential street shall be on the right hand curb in front of the passenger's residence. The driver may pull into a driveway if it is accessible for the vehicle to safely back out to oncoming traffic.

•Horn will be sounded once upon reaching pick-up point, unless passenger has appeared. If the passenger has not appeared within a 5-minute window, driver will proceed to next destination noting this as a no-show.

• In the event a passenger is a no-call, no-show, the driver will notify the dispatcher. When the dispatcher sets up transportation for a no-call, no-show passenger, the dispatcher will inform the passenger of the previous no-call, no-show and inform them that the next no-show will be deemed for suspension of ridership.

•Vehicle will not be sent back once in route on all regularly scheduled routes.

Services may be revised as warranted in order to provide the safety transportation to the general public and the department.

### Written comments may be sent to:

**Attn: Transit Coordinator, 15185 K Road, Mayetta, KS 666509 or fax to 785-966-2861 or email: CelesteW@pbpnation.org**

**Two cancels without 24 hour notice in a month's time will result in a two-week suspension.**

*(policy also online at <http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/transit.aspx>)*

## July 26: Tribal Council/Gaming Commission Election



Warren "Junior" Wahweotten with his mother, Nona Wahweotten at the election on July 26. The election was held at the Bingo Hall.



Election board members (left to right) Sherri Landis, Sara Gartenmayer and Arlene Lingo in their office that is located in the Government Center.



Tallying the final results in the first election are (left to right) Tim Sanchez, Leslie Marshno, Paul Vega and Frank Shoptese.

## July 31: Junior Wahweotten sworn in as Council Person #1



Wahweotten taking the oath of office from Vice Chairperson Joyce Guerrero.



Tribal Council members (left to right) Joyce Guerrero, Junior Wahweotten, Tom Wabnum and Carrie O'Toole.



A large crowd gathered at the Rock Building to congratulate Wahweotten. Refreshments were also served.

Over 800 mail-in votes were cast in both elections!

## August 23: Run-off Election winners were Onnen, Chouteau and Kitchkumme



(Left to right) Camilla Chouteau, Pat Keesis and Arlene Wahwasuck waiting for the results of the Run-off Election.



A happy Rey Kitchkumme was all smiles after learning he had won. With him is Num Hale and Linda Hale.



Matt Simpson, tribal police, and Arlene Lingo leaving the Mayetta Post Office with the ballot box.



New Tribal Council Chairperson Liana Onnen and her husband, Terry after learning she had won her position.

## August 28: Swearing-in ceremony for Liana Onnen and Rey Kitchkumme



Steve Ortiz, chairperson, swears in Liana Onnen as the new Tribal Council Chairperson.



On the far left, is former Chairperson Ortiz, who was also honored by Tribal Council and the Nation for his years of service on the Council.



Chairperson Ortiz swears in Rey Kitchkumme as Gaming Commissioner #3.

**September 8: Swearing-in ceremony for Camilla Chouteau**



Liana Onnen, chairperson, swears in new Tribal Council Secretary Camilla Chouteau on September 8 at the Rock Building.



Tribal Council with Secretary Chouteau (in blanket). Left to right, Hattie Mitchell, Joyce Guerrero, Liana Onnen and Junior Wahweotten. Not pictured is Tom Wabnum and Carrie O'Toole.



Chouteau gave an acceptance speech following the swearing-in ceremony where she thanked everyone for voting her into office. Refreshments were also served.

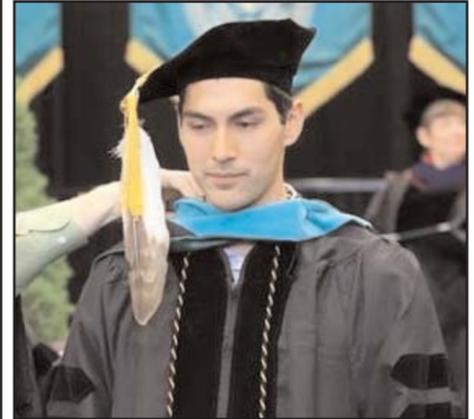
**Other news and notes**



Congratulations to Kenda L. James (in cap and gown) on graduating from Pikes Peak Community College last spring. Left to right: Riley, Chuck, and Kenda, Linda and Kevin Dizmang.



Ashley Walker, daughter of Shawn Walker, has entered the Kansas National Guard and begun Basic Training in South Carolina. She is learning wheel vehicle repair and plans to attend Kansas State University in the future.



**Congratulations  
Dr. Anthony (Pishewin) Battese  
on graduating from  
Northeastern State University  
College of Optometry  
Tahlequah, OK**

*Message*  
Way to go, doctor!

From,  
your Family

*Share your good news and remembrances in the Potawatomi News*

**Vietnam Traveling Wall comes to Topeka  
PBPN veterans Victor Hale and Martin Jim honored**



*Members of the Hale family also drummed during the opening ceremony in honor of the fallen soldiers.*

Larene Hale Thomas and Darlene We We Nes and their families remembered their loved ones by laying a Gold Wreath in honor of Vietnam veterans who were killed in action. The women placed the wreath during the opening ceremony of a Vietnam Traveling Wall exhibit that was displayed at Forbes Field in Topeka from Aug. 28-31. The two women, along with We-Ta-Se Post #410 (inset photo), and members of the Little Soldier Singers all participated in the ceremony.  
*(Special thanks to Anna Boswell)*

**Mayetta Pioneer Day  
PBP Elder Queen**



Arlene Lingo was honored as the PBP Elder queen at the 22nd Annual Mayetta Pioneer Day on Sept. 13.

**Message from  
Lorrie Melchior**



A great big THANK YOU to everyone that supported me in my run for secretary in the 2014 Tribal Elections I appreciated all of you who voted for me and it was a privilege to run.

**Message for Camilla Chouteau**

The Wishkeno family would like to congratulate our relative Camilla on being elected Tribal Secretary. We all love you and are very happy on your being selected for office. We are very proud of you.

From,  
Brother Lance, Niece Falicity, Nephew Chemako, Sisters Bernadine Wishkeno, Audrey Simon, Nancy Llamas, Nephew Shane Simon, Son Leroy Chouteau, Niece Michelle Issues & family.



(Left to right) Mae Joslin, Amiya Patterson and Haley Harman.

**Congratulations to the Royal Valley 5th grade girls Fast Pitch Baseball Team 1st place in their division at Royal Valley Middle School and undefeated for the season.**



**ALS Challenge on the Rez**



LEFT: PBPB Tribal Member Sherri Landis did her part by getting drenched in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on Aug. 22 in front of the Government Center. She also challenged members of the Tribal Council and administration to participate in the fundraising effort. Over \$100 million has been raised through social media. The person in the photo pouring the ice bucket on Landis is Harold Simon.



**Congratulations to Lance Wishkeno 1st Place Gold in Shot Put & 3rd Place Bronze in Discus Throwing at 2014 Sunflower Games Topeka, Kansas**

Former chairperson **Stephen R. Ortiz** was featured as an interesting tribal leader by the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian that can be downloaded at <http://blog.nmai.si.edu/>

**Jancita Warrington** was photographed and featured in an article called *Dignity Under a Prairie Sky* in the Kansas City Star Magazine published Aug. 10. Her brother, **Dana Warrington** was also interviewed for the article that was conducted at the Prairie Band Potawatomi pow-wow last June.

**Cindy LeClere and Dawn LeClere** were featured in their Potawatomi regalia in a photo essay on Frontier women in the 2014 fall issue of Kansas Magazine.

**Kanibwettek  
(the one's that stood up together)**



**Joe & Sas (Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mitchell)  
June 28, 2014**

*As you begin your new life, may you look forward to all of the seasons of life together. Wishing that all of your memories will be as sweet as the one from your wedding day.  
A heartfelt congratulations from your families!*



**Welcome!  
Cecilia Addie Mitchell  
born  
May 5, 2014**  
  
Weight: 8 pounds,  
7 ounces  
Length: 19 inches  
Parents: Joe & Sas  
Mitchell



**Jessica Rae Youngbird and Christopher James Mitchell have the joy of announcing their marriage on September 27th, 2014 at Our Lady of the Snows Church Mayetta, Kansas**



**Ttiwenmo eginigyán  
(happy day you were born)**

**Happy Belated Birthday**

to  
**Julia Kabance, 104 years young!**  
Aug. 10

Julia is the oldest living Prairie Band Potawatomi member and was feted with a birthday party at the Rock Building on Aug. 9. She is a We-Ta-Se veteran and lives in St. Mary's, Kan. Several members of her family hosted the party and Joyce Guerrero, vice chairperson, and other tribal members were there to help celebrate.



**Happy Birthday  
Brother  
Larry Wahweotten  
Sept. 16.  
May you be  
blessed today and  
with many more  
birthdays to come**

**Love ya, your Sis  
Cheryl Walker &  
Family**

**Happy Birthday**

to  
**Riley Hayden James**  
5 years old  
on  
**Sept. 20**  
Parents: **Chuck F. & Kenda L. James**



**Happy 90th Birthday to  
Milton LaClair  
who was honored  
with a birthday party  
on June 21 at Our Lady of the  
Snows Church.  
In the photo with  
Milton is Peggy Houston.  
(Photo by Shirley Trull)**



**Happy 10th Birthday  
Wabnum  
on  
October 13**

**Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Sis**



**Happy 2nd Birthday  
to  
Sebequah  
on  
August 31**

**Love,  
Mom  
&  
Dad**



**Happy 11th Birthday  
Auti  
on  
Sept. 30**

**Love,  
Shawna, Ty, and Shanehse**



**Kambottek (those who died)**

**Mary J. Kreipe  
"Shipshekwah"**

Marie Joan (Bourdon) Kreipe (Shipshekwah), 95, Tecumseh, passed away at her home on August 4, 2014. Marie was born May 27, 1919, in Topeka, the daughter of Anthony Cecil and Lenora Cecilia (Blandin) Bourdon. She attended Assumption Grade School and graduated in 1937 from Topeka Catholic High School. She attended St. Mary College in Leavenworth as well as Kansas State University. During her time at K-State she was a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority. On April 6, 1942, Marie married Edward V. Kreipe at Assumption Catholic Church in Topeka. Marie was a devout member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Marie was a member of many organizations including: the Daughters of Isabella, since 1940; the Topeka Kennel Club, where she was a groomer, breeder and handler and ZONTA International. She was a charter member of the Topeka Masters Swim Association. She also volunteered for over 75 year at the Red Cross. Marie was an avid swimmer, competing all over the world. She taught thousands of people how to swim. She volunteered and worked at the YWCA and the YMCA of Topeka; she trained the Tecumseh Fire Department in water rescue; she coached Seaman High School's men's and women's swim teams; she taught swimming lessons to the handicapped at the VA Medical Center and KNI, Capper Foundation and Kansas Institute for the Blind; she was a small craft instructor and merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts and she was an instructor trainer in swimming. Marie was instrumental in getting the Blaisdell Pool built. Marie was also a skilled huntress and one heck of a pistol shot. She enjoyed hockey and loved the theatre. Her biggest passion in life however, was her eight children; she was very supportive of her children's endeavors. Marie was an excellent mother and will be dearly missed. Survivors include her children, Thomas Ivan Kreipe, Houston, TX; Martha Anne (Jose) de Montao, Waldorf, MD; William Francis (Marvella) Kreipe, Tecumseh; Patricia Pete (Tom) Kelly, Denton, TX; John Andrew (Kathy) Kreipe, St. Joseph, MO; Joe Kreipe, Tecumseh; Mary Jane Pudge Wilson, Lawrence, and Liz (Cedric) Devin, Lawrence; 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Marie was preceded in death by her husband in 1983. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Parkinson support group sent to NE Kansas Parkinson Assoc., PO Box 251, Topeka KS 66601. Online condolences may be sent to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com) Marie Joan Kreipe

*(Courtesy of Kevin Brennan Funeral Home, Topeka, Kan.)*



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**Inez Sozette "Cott-wah" Dodds**

TOPEKA- Inez Sozette "Cott-wah" Dodds, 75, of Topeka, KS, formerly of Mayetta, passed away July 24, 2014 in Topeka. She was born April 7, 1939 on the Potawatomi Reservation the daughter of Ray and Elsie (Wahwassuck) Wahweotten.

Inez attended Mayetta High School and Clarks Business School. She worked for Seymore's (egg sorting company), Luce Press Clipping, Essex Wire and Goodyear Rubber & Tire Company all in Topeka. She received her Certified Nursing Assistant and had worked as a home health aide and house parent.

Inez was a member of the Peyote Religion and later Pentecostal Religion and a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

She married Irving Leroy Shopteese, Sr. in 1956, they divorced. She then married Orten L. Dodds, they later divorced.

Survivors include 2 sons, Dennis Shopteese and Irving Shopteese, Jr. both of Mayetta; a daughter, Vicki Shopteese of Topeka; 3 sisters, Mary Brown and Cheryl Walker both of Mayetta and Lorraine Wahweotten of Denver, CO; an adopted sister, Lorene Thomas of Horton; 3 brothers, Orville Rice of Topeka, Ronald Wahweotten of Hoyt and Larry Wahweotten of Augusta; 11 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Inez was preceded in death by a son, Randall Shopteese; a daughter, Linda Shopteese; a brother, Edward Wahweotten and 4 adopted brothers, Victor, Phillip, Cecil and Joe Hale.

It was Inez's wishes to be cremated. A memorial dinner was held Friday, July 25, 2014. To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

*(Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home, Holton, Kan.)*



**Brenda Gail Potts  
"Si ye mo quah"**

MAYETTA- Brenda Gail Potts "Si ye mo quah", 62, of Mayetta, KS passed away Saturday, August 2, 2014 at the Hospice House in Topeka. She was born July 10, 1952 in Topeka, KS the daughter of LaRue and JoAnn Bruhns Mzhickteno. She graduated from Highland Park High School in 1970.

Brenda worked for Jeff West Middle School as a Para Professional in Meriden where she lived for 20 years. She had lived in Mayetta since 1998. Brenda was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and had worked for the tribe both for the Housing Authority and for the Nation Station.

She was married to Lewis Creek on May 21, 1971 in Topeka. They were later divorced. She married Jim Potts on October 2, 1999 in Mayetta. He survives of the home. She is also survived by her mother, JoAnn Mzhickteno of Topeka, KS; her son, Lewis Creek of Meriden, KS; her daughters, Jancy Romesburg (Daniel) of Topeka, KS, Karen Gardner of Meriden, KS and Lucy Jauregui-Perez of Albuquerque, NM; her brothers Vernon Mzhickteno of Topeka, KS, Larry Mzhickteno (Marguerite) of Mayetta, KS and Steve Mzhickteno (Vicky) of Topeka, KS; 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 7, 2014 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in Matchie Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home. To leave a special message for the family, visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com)

*(Courtesy of Mercer Funeral Home, Holton, Kan.)*

**Claricie L. Jensen**



Claricie L. Jensen, 85, passed away on June 27, 2014.

She is survived by her daughter, Leatrice Carrillo, 4 grandchildren: Vanessa A.M. Carrillo, Jennifer M. Carrillo, Charles J. Carrillo Jr, and Laura A. Pulliam; 9 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, her sister, Rose Toledo and other family members.

She was buried on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation in Mayetta, Kansas.

*(Courtesy of the family)*



**Thank you**

*Jim Potts and family would like to extend their gratitude and thanks to the Potawatomi Fire Department and Health Center staff and to everyone else who helped his wife, Brenda.*

*Mgweitch to those who also offered their sympathy at Brenda's passing.*

**Linda Schambera**



Linda Schambera left this world to begin her spiritual journey on Monday, August 4, 2014 surrounded by family and friends in Modesto, CA. From her birth in December of 1960 to her passing she nourished people around her with love, faith and her infectious laughter. She was born in Stockton to Robert Baker and Minnie Rose Lewis and was the oldest of three children. She attended Franklin High School, Delta College and at the age of 18, she joined the army. She was a certified Clinical Medical Assistant, massage therapist and in the last years of her life she was a life and health insurance broker.

Linda had a gift of reaching people in deep, meaningful and positive ways. She was a seeker of knowledge and always saw each day as a new lesson. In 1983, she gave birth to her daughter. She met and married the love of her life in 2003. She served the community through their spiritual practice at church. She was known as an avid animal lover, activist and rescuer of all dogs or cats who wandered into her yard.

Left to honor Linda and remember her love are her husband, Tim; her daughter, Tiffany Refuerzo (Paul Carson); sister, Susan Baker; brother, Bobby Baker; two nieces, Andrea Brown and Stephanie Brown; one nephew, Harrison Baker; family from the Lewis & LaClaire clan in Kansas and many close friends.

Linda will be remembered as a bright shining light in many communities. She was a free spirit who lived her life out loud, with no apologizes and will be remembered by all.

*(Courtesy of the family)*

## Prairie Band Potawatomi Elders trip to 2014 Potawatomi Gathering

By LaVerne Hale

This year's Potawatomi Gathering trip was one of the best and many of the Elders said so.

To begin our journey on Aug. 4, we first stopped at Meskwaki Casino/Hotel and got there just in time for Bingo and a relaxing evening. On the bus we also played Bingo. We had some nice prizes and a few of the games we played were a quarter a card with the winner taking all. We also watched movies and this year travelers Ramona and Larry Cole brought their music and played it on the bus. Some of the Elders had a hard time staying in their seats because they wanted to dance. We had a lot of fun on the bus.

The next day we arrived in Michigan and headed to the Language Conference. Our bus driver had his GPS navigation guiding us and the first thing it did was take us down the back roads. So we enjoyed the scenic country on the way. He had a ladies name for the voice on the GPS that directed us. Our bus driver was Andy Brown and he was wonderful. He fit right in with our group and was very helpful. He hung out with us at the Gathering every day and fished, played horseshoes and even danced in some silly special dance they had during the pow-wow. He had a good time and we were thankful to have him and we want to request him for next year's trip.

The place where the Language Conference was held was beautiful. It was on Gun Lake at a lake front resort. We attended a couple of sessions and had a delicious lunch. The weather was nice and a couple of our brave Elders took rides in canoes while we were there.

After leaving there we went to Camp Jijak, the site of the Gathering. We were pleasantly greeted by registration workers and they took some of us on tours of the grounds in golf carts. We quickly found our big canopies that Boney Pahmahmie and his crew had set up for us and they had picked the best spot.

Following that, we all got back on the bus and headed for the casino and then to Walmart.

On Wednesday, August 6 we went sightseeing. We drove to Lake Michigan. Bus driver Andy decided to turn off his GPS lady and listen to me and my old-school Rand McNally Road Atlas. So... again we got a little lost but again...we were able to see some more scenic country. We finally found a couple of nice places to stop and to enjoy beautiful Lake Michigan. After that, we went back to the Gathering grounds and registered. Registrants received a nice back pack, Gathering t-shirt, and many other nice gifts. We also received \$60 dollars worth of "GUN BUCKS" for the food concession stands which is how they fed



everyone during the Gathering.

Thursday was the first day of Gathering activities. We made it to Camp JiJak by 9 a.m. because many Elders had signed up for 9 a.m. workshops. Workshops included hand drum making; Traditional Maple Sugaring; Building a Wood Oven; Traditional Pottery Making; Wild Rice Camp; Porcupine Quill Workshop; Anishinabe Dahmnaboo (Corn Soup Making); Black Ash Basket Workshop; and, a Sovereign Foods Tour. In addition, there were also many Talking Circles like Neshnabe Migration, Elders Perspectives, Jijak Presentation, Songs/Dance Talking Circle, Woman and Mens, and an Open Talking Circle. There were so many offerings it was hard to pick and choose. The Elders did a wonderful job of participating in most of them.

There was a lake close behind our camp and several people went fishing and canoeing, canoeing, and swimming.

We also had great participation in all of the sporting activities: The Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Sand Volleyball, Softball Tournament, Horseshoe Tournament, Golf Tournament, and even Cribbage. There was a LaCrosse Game

and the women played a stick ball game called Bishkowe.

Some of the participants were: Golf Tournament- Lyman Shipshee, Bill, Jason, & Leland Matchie, Don Don LeClere, Hattie Mitchell, Badger & Trilby Wahwassuck & Carrie & Jim O'Toole. In the Horseshoe Tournament- Don Don & Joe Wishteyah, Lyman & Leland, Lance Wishkeno & our bus driver Andy Brown, Jason & Burton Jones, Boney, Lydia Goslin & Laurie Wabnum and even Mittina Hale & Osmi (Frank Parker's granddaughter). In Sand Volleyball we had about 3 teams of Prairie Band Potawatomi including our Elders team that hung in there and won 4th place. At one time they played the PBP Boys & Girls Club Youth. The Youth won a game and then the Elders won a game and then the Elders won a tie breaker against the Youth. The Elders that played on the volleyball team were Frank Parker, Merle Jessepe, Burton Jones, Lisa Littleaxe, Carol Shopteese, Lance Wishkeno, Spencer Shopteese. We had Gubba Hale, Leland Matchie & Jason Matchie play Cribbage. There were many playing in the Softball Tournament as well. I'm sure I missed some names of our fine athletes but it was so nice to have so many Prairie Band taking part in all those activities.

Thursday afternoon there was a beautiful ceremony that honored "All Nations Veterans". Veterans introduced themselves and cited their branch of service. We were proud of our "We-ta-se" that participated.

Additionally, we also had many dancers and singers participate in the pow-wow. We had two drums represented, Little Soldier Singers, and Big Soldier Singers. Shob-was Hubbard also ran for Ms. Potawatomi Princess and was runner up. We are all proud of her. We had a "Neshnabe Bling" winner who was Tara Mitchell and showed her beautiful beadwork. I was proud to win 1st place in the Old Style Potawatomi Women's contest and Brennah Wahweotten won 2nd place. It was a good pow-wow and enjoyed by all.

This was the first time the Gun Lake Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Potawatomi had hosted a Gathering. They did an excellent job making us all feel so welcome and offering so many teachings. We presented them with one of our buffalo heads which was presented by Boney Pahmahmie, Wah Masquat, Mi-kes Potts, Joe Wishteyah, and Bill Jim, Jr. During that time Little Soldier Singers sang and we all followed the men carrying the buffalo head into the arena and making the presentation to the Gun Lake Band. It was pretty cool because the Prairie Band filled half the dance arena.

The Gathering trip was wonderful. Our group was kind and helpful to each other. We visited and laughed and got in some pretty good naps on the bus ride. I would like to extend a "thank you" to our group for making the trip easy for me to coordinate. I had so much fun.

A big thanks to Tribal Council for once again approving our trip. Thanks very much to Boney, Bill Jim, Jr., Joe Wishteyah, Wah, and Mi-kes for all their help. Thanks to Gubba Hale who was ready to transport anyone in the van and for being there to greet us when we made bus stops. Thanks to Spencer Shopteese, Jason Matchie, Shirley (LaClair) Trull, Frank Parker and any other helpers on the bus. Special thanks to Lance Wishkeno and Randy Smith for always being with us and helping everyone get on and off the bus.

We hope we can do this again next year and for many more years to come!

