



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Summer 2014

Tribal Council Secretary Jim Potter dies in motorcycle accident

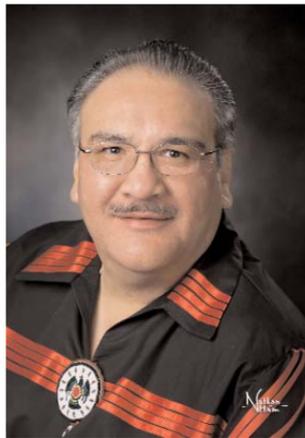
James M. "Wabaunsee" Potter, 56, passed away June 11 as the result of a motorcycle accident after he hit a deer.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, the accident occurred about a half mile north of 142nd Road on K Road on the reservation.

Potter was secretary of the Tribal Council at the time of his death and had served as an elected official for the Nation for 16 years. His other work for the PBPN included being on the Board of Directors for Prairie Band, LLC and he had been a member of the Tribal Health Board and pow-wow committee for many years.

At the national level he had served on the Executive Board of the National Congress of American Indians for eight years.

In Jackson County he was past president of the Jackson County Economic Development Corporation and



had been on the Jackson County Tourism Council. He was also active with the Banner Creek Science Center near Holton and was the President of the Mayetta Businessman's Association and a member of the Mayetta Masonic Lodge.

He resided on the reservation and lived near Delia and was a member of the Drum Religion.

For the full obituary, see page 31 inside this issue.

Tribal Council invited to hear First Lady's address in Topeka

Tribal Council was invited to attend the public address by Michelle Obama in Topeka on May 16 at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka. The First Lady spoke to selected high

school graduates of USD # 501 school district in Topeka and on the eve of the 60th anniversary of the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education ruling.

**Election
ballots were mailed June 11**

Twenty candidates file for Tribal Council/Gaming Commission/ Ethics Commission Election

Twenty candidates have filed for four seats in the 2014 Tribal Council/Gaming Commission/Ethics Commission Election that will be held on July 26. Seven people filed for Tribal Chairperson, five for Tribal Secretary, three for Tribal Council Person #1 and five for Gaming Commissioner #3. There were no filings for any of the six seats available on the Ethics Commission.

Those running for Tribal Chairperson are William L. Evans, Adrian "Gubba" Hale, Liana Onnen, Mamie Wahwassuck Rupnicki, Noah Wahquahboshkuk, Arlene Shipshee Wahwasuck and Badger Wahwasuck.

Persons running for Tribal Secretary include Camilla Wishkeno Chouteau, Joe "Chago" Hale Jr, Anita G. Pahnahmie Evans, James Potter "Wabaunsee", and Lorrie Wahwassuck-Melchior.

Tribal Council Person #1 candidates are Gilreath (Gil) Aitkens, Warren A. Wahweotten Jr. and Lisa M. Wamego.

Candidates for Gaming Commissioner #3 are Calvin Evans, Becky (Shopteese-Thomas) Harman, Rey Kitchkumme, Aaron D. Mzhickteno and Jancita Warrington.

Candidates filed from April 16 to April 30 in the Member Services Department where Election board members Sara Gartenmayer (chairperson), Arlene Lingo and Sherri Landis processed candidate applica-

tions and filing fees.

Candidates had until May 8 to withdraw and no candidates withdrew.

Ballots were mailed to registered voters on June 11 and they must be returned in the pre-addressed return envelope per the instructions. Ballots must be returned to the Mayetta Post Office by 9 a.m. on July 26 and will be counted in an open meeting of the tribal membership (only) at the Bingo Hall that day. The Election Board will issue the unofficial election results immediately following the conclusion of the tabulation that is done electronically and verified by election clerks. Any protests must be filed within three business days following the election.

If no candidate wins by a majority vote plus one, a run-off election will follow four weeks after the initial election on August 23. The two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the first election will face each other in a run-off in order to determine a winner.

The official certified election results will be posted at appropriate tribal offices and distributed to appropriate media at the conclusion of the election process.

Display tables in the Government Center and at the Health Center have also been set up where candidates can place information about their platforms.

Voters Guide inside!
**See pages 11-20 for photos and profiles submitted
by the
candidates and other election highlights.
Photos and profiles also online
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Message to the Nation from Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Chairperson

Summer is here and as usual the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has been busy preparing for the annual General Council meeting coming up in July and representing the Nation at several activities and events.

In related news, on April 4 some of our Elders and I attended a meeting with the curators of the University of Kansas Spencer Art Museum in Lawrence, Kansas to discuss some historical film footage in their possession about the Potawatomi people. As you know, since the Native American Grave and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) became a federal law in the early 1990s, museums and other repositories must return all artifacts and other items back to the tribes and we were happy to meet with them. We reviewed the items presented and plan to work accordingly with them in the future.

Additionally, in April I was also honored to speak at the Vocational Rehabilitation Quarterly meeting held at the casino on April 16 about my knowledge of health care systems and the working relationship between Native American clinics and other federal programs like Medicare. It was rewarding to see the room full of vocational rehabilitation providers and several others who are working together to help Indian people move forward.

The next day, on April 17, I emceed the 1st Quarter Charitable Contributions Ceremony at the casino where \$76,425 was distributed to 25 organizations. Several members of the Tribal Council attended the event along with the Charitable Contributions Committee that is composed of six PBP members who do an excellent job each quarter selecting worthy organizations for the awards.

On April 21 I participated in a Purple Heart ceremony in Holton with other We-Ta-Se veterans. Holton has been designated a "Purple Heart City" and Jackson County a "Purple Heart County" and the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 was asked to provide the color guard and give the 21-gun salute. The ceremony was held on the front steps of the Jackson County Courthouse and several of our Potawatomi veterans, families and friends were there.

In related news, Tribal Council and I met with representatives from the Veterans Administration (VA) in Council chambers on May 7 to discuss entering into a relationship with them that will provide a home-loan program for veterans who live on trust land.

On May 9 I attended Haskell Indian Nations University's commencement in Lawrence, Kan. which is always a wonderful time. It is always heartwarming to see several of our PBP students graduating each year and it is also fun to renew friendships with old friends at the alumni gathering held there.

Looking ahead, we will anxiously be awaiting the outcome of the 2014 Tribal Council/Gaming Commission/Ethics Commission Election on July 26 or the potential run-off election that might occur on Aug. 23.

In addition, many PBP are looking forward to the Gathering that is being hosted by the Gun Lake tribe in Michigan this year from Aug. 4-9.

We hope you will continue to check our Nation's tribal website for other upcoming

activities and events that are taking place this summer.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Ortiz
(Mon-wah)



Charitable Contributions 1st quarter 2014 awards announced



From left to right: Sarah Terwelp, Katy Price, Chairman Steve Ortiz and Cathy Gragg. The three women represented the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) organization that received a \$10,000 donation at the Charitable Contributions ceremony on April 17 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. A total of \$76,425 was awarded to 25 organizations first quarter. For the full story go to www.pbpindiantribe.com/news-and-press.

Calendar of Events

- July 4 PBP Government Closed
Fourth of July holiday
- July 19 General Council Meeting
- July 26 Tribal Council/
Gaming/Ethics
Commission Election
- Aug. 4-9 Potawatomi Gathering
Gun Lake
(Allegan County, MI)
- Aug. 23 Election Run-off
(if needed)
- Sept. 1 PBP Government Closed
Labor Day holiday
- Sept. 26 PBP Government Closed
*American Indian Day
holiday*

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2014 Potawatomi News schedule

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Message to the Nation from Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council Treasurer

As your Tribal Council Treasurer, I am dedicated to my duties of giving an accurate account of the Nation's receipts and disbursements by thoroughly reviewing the expenditures for the Nation. In addition, I meet regularly with tribal members about their concerns. This quarter we have many projects in motion that are helping us to grow our businesses, to diversify our revenues, and to provide jobs to the community. Tribal Council and I are presently in discussions with PBPB management and with the general membership on how we should move forward. Along that line, we have also had constructive discussions on enrollment in the scheduled town halls meetings that have occurred.

During the second quarter, I have been participating in the Potawatomi language classes and learning to speak more words in Potawatomi. Additionally, I also helped work on the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house that will be used as a place where the PBPB immersion language classes and other Language Department activities will be held. Topeka Habitat for Humanity is using volunteers from the PBPB community to help build the house in a collaborative effort between the two organizations.

In May I attended Haskell's graduation and was invited to hear First Lady Michelle Obama's speech at the U.S.D. #501 graduation event that also celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education ruling in Topeka on May 16. Additionally, in my role as the PBPB cultural preservation officer, I also traveled to the KU Spencer art museum in May to view Potawatomi artifacts that are in the museum's inventory. Museum curators are interested in working with us on returning historical materials back to the Nation. While on campus, I was also able to view a photo collection of Potawatomi Indians at the KU research facility. Anyone can view these photos and request copies of them. The PBPB Firekeepers Elder Center has framed copies from this collection and has them on display in the center's lobby.

In other news, the 2nd annual Walk for Hope was held at Gage Park in Topeka on May 17. This is the second year that the Nation has partnered with radio station Big 94.5 Country to fundraise for St. Jude Children's Hospital. The PBPB participated by We-ta-se posting colors and involving the PBPB language department in the opening ceremonies. There was also an art exhibit generated from the Tribal Victims Service's healing through art program and the Walk for Hope logo design was created by two young tribal members who

were proud to see their artwork printed on the event t-shirts worn by event participants.

Another youth program I was involved in this spring was being a coach in a YWCA Girls on the Run program that concluded on May 24. Eight young girls from the PBPB community trained for 12-weeks to run in a 5K race. It was enlightening to see the girls cheer each other on during the race and work hard to finish the whole 3.1 miles. They all ran the race strong and with the help of family members or a coach they all reached the finish line. Staff from the Diabetes Prevention Program also assisted in the program that taught the girls self-confidence and how to stay physically active.

Now it is summer and the PBPB Education Department has begun the first session of the youth summer job program. This is a great way to introduce students into the workforce and into our Tribal government operations. Hired youth will have opportunities to see which career fields they might be interested in pursuing and they will also be exposed to speakers who are scheduled to come in weekly to discuss their various professions. We are working on a new partnership with Westar Energy and hoping to generate interest in the electric energy industry for high school students. Westar has a program called Electrify Your Future that is designed to explain their internship/job shadow programs. It is our hope that this new workforce opportunity will help our youth get hired into this field of work in the future.

I am excited to enter into new partnerships that the Nation can engage in that involve new programs for our youth. We are creating more opportunities for them to succeed in their careers and in life. We are working to make the next best generation of leaders. Lastly, the summer is packed with great events to spend time with family and friends. Wishing everyone a great summer and please remember to vote in upcoming Tribal elections.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Tribal Council Treasurer.



Prairie Band selected for next phase of Cobell Land Buy-Back program



In the photo (left to right) is Steve Duryea, Tribal Realty Specialist, Marzha Fritzler, Attorney's office, Joyce Guerrero, Tribal Council Vice Chairperson, Suzanne Heck, News Editor, Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council Treasurer, and Tom Wabnum, Tribal Council Member, listening to a White House Office of Communications news media teleconference on May 16 in Tribal Council chambers. The teleconference announced the next steps to be implemented in the Cobell Settlement Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was selected as one of the 21 American Indian communities where land consolidation activities like planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, appraisals or acquisitions will take place through the end of 2015. Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn told the *Potawatomi News* that one of the reasons the Prairie Band was selected was for its interest and readiness to help with the Land Buy-Back program.

(Photo by Linda Yazzie)

Big turnout for Second Estate and Will Planning Workshop series

Over thirty elders took part in the second Estate Planning and Will Workshop series that was held last spring and coordinated through Tribal Council Treasurer Hattie Mitchell's office. The workshops are designed to help tribal elders get their affairs in order when leaving their property and assets to others.

The three-part workshop revolved around gathering information on how to complete a will and draft advanced directive health care documents. The process also

involved filling out questionnaires and holding individual meetings with representatives from Kansas Legal Services and the Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Horton, Kan. At the final workshop on March 20, attorneys were available to process the legal documents at the Bingo Hall.

As part of the workshop series, Tom Wabnum, Tribal Council member, also provided information on how to attain land records that pertain to the Prairie Band Reservation through the BIA.



(Left) Jackie Mitchell and Tim Ramirez (in photo, left) visiting with representatives from Kansas Legal Services at the final Estate and Will Planning Workshop held on March 20 at the Bingo Hall. During the day wills were legally drafted. The couple had previously attended two workshops prior to the final legal consultation.

Firekeeper Golf Course Named Golfweek's Best Course to Play in Kansas

Firekeeper Golf Course was named Golfweek's Best Course You Can Play in Kansas for the third consecutive year. Each year Golfweek magazine publishes "Golfweek's Best Course You Can Play," and lists the top-ranked courses in each of the 50 states. The number of courses on the list varies by state. There are four other Kansas courses on this year's list with Firekeeper listed at the top.

Firekeeper is open to the public. Additionally, it hosts professional lessons through the Firekeeper Golf Academy under the direction of Josh Nahm.

The golf course also offers Stay & Play packages and has opened the Prairie Meadows Lodge, a four-bedroom, four-bath-room golf cabin that can be rented.



More televisions were installed inside the golf clubhouse last winter.



The parking lot has been extended by 65 new parking spaces for golfers. PBPN Construction/Maintenance assisted with paving the lot.



www.firekeepergolf.com
www.pbpgaming.com

LPGA Symetra Tour announces formation of Potawatomi Cup to be awarded at PBC&R Charity Classic Sept. 7

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, April 21, 2014 – The Symetra Tour, the Road to the LPGA, is excited to unveil the Potawatomi Cup, which will award Symetra Tour players bonuses based on performance at the four Potawatomi Nation casino sponsored events. A total of \$40,000 will be awarded, with \$8,500 available each week, and an additional \$5,000 going to the Potawatomi Cup winner.

"All four Potawatomi Nation casinos have banded together to provide a significant cash incentive for our players trying to reach the LPGA Tour," said Chief Business Officer Mike Nichols. "We are grateful for the support of our casino partners, having grown from one tournament three years ago to four casino sponsored tournaments this year. Our Symetra Tour events help these casinos by generating publicity, community goodwill with a charitable component at an incredible value."

The incentive based points system will award the top 5 players a cash bonus at each of the following events: Firekeepers Hotel and Casino Classic in Battle Creek, Michigan from June 6-8, the Four Winds Invitational in South Bend, Indiana from June 20-22, Island Resort Championship in Harris, Michigan from June 27-29 and the Prairie Band Casino and Resort Charity Classic in Mayetta, Kansas from September 5-7. The Firekeepers Hotel and Casino Classic and the Prairie Band Casino and Resort Charity Classic are both first-year events in 2014.

Bonus money will be unofficial for the purposes of the Volvik Race for the Card money list. The Potawatomi Cup will be awarded at the Prairie Band Casino and Resort Charity Classic on Sunday, September 7th.

About the Symetra Tour

The Symetra Tour, the official Road to the LPGA, is entering its 34th competitive season in 2014. With the support of its umbrella sponsor, Symetra, the Tour's mission is to prepare the world's best young women professional golfers for a successful career on the LPGA Tour. The top-10 money winners each season earn memberships on the LPGA Tour for the following season. With more than 500 alumnae moving on to the LPGA, former Symetra Tour players have won a total of 379 LPGA titles, including 43 major championships. Symetra Tour events have contributed more than \$5 million to charitable organizations throughout the nation since 1989. Follow the Symetra Tour on the web at <http://www.symetratour.com/>, [Facebook.com/RoadtotheLPGA](https://www.facebook.com/RoadtotheLPGA), [Twitter.com/Road2LPGA](https://twitter.com/Road2LPGA), and [YouTube.com/Road2LPGA](https://www.youtube.com/Road2LPGA).

LPGA Symetra Tour & PBC&R Charity Classic at Firekeeper Golf Course Sept. 5-7
Women golfers from more than 30 countries!
Charities are PBPN Boys & Girls Club and Folds of Honor Foundation

Dominic Ortiz to be keynote speaker at Kansas Society of CPAs Accounting Scholars Leadership workshop



Dominic Ortiz has been selected as the keynote speaker for the Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop to be held on July 10 in Kansas City. The workshop is being sponsored by the Kansas Society of CPAs (KSCPA).

In addition, Ortiz recently blogged an article called A Look Inside the Business of American Indian Gaming that appeared on the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) Insights webpage last April. In the article he wrote that presently Indian gaming generates \$26.2 billion annually in the U.S. and that there are 237 tribes in 28 states that now have gaming. For the full version of the blog go to www.blog.aicpa.org.

Ortiz is an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi and the chief financial officer/director of finance for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. He has worked for the casino for ten years.

Prairie Band Casino & Resort events

Men Strip
July 3

Tasting & Toasting Dinners
July 18, Aug. 15 and Sept. 19

Branson in concert
The Osmond Brothers
July 31

Yakov Smirnoff
September 25

For more details visit
www.pbpgaming.com

Prairie Band, LLC making economic progress

By Burton Warrington, President and CEO

As Prairie Band, LLC nears its three year anniversary on July, I would like to say it is my honor and privilege to serve as the company's inaugural President and CEO and I would like to provide a brief update to the PBPB citizenship.

I am often asked in the community what the "LLC" is. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council has enacted a wide-ranging 28 Title Tribal Code which serves as the enacted laws of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB). Specifically, Title 25 is the Limited Liability Code which governs how wholly owned Tribal limited liability companies are formed, how they are organized and sets general parameters on how they operate. Prairie Band, Limited Liability Company (LLC) was organized under Title 25 of the Tribal Code in March of 2010 and became active in July of 2011.

Prairie Band, LLC operates as a holding (parent) company, which means the majority of its activity occurs through its subsidiary companies (companies owned and controlled by at least 51% by Prairie Band, LLC). Prairie Band, LLC currently owns 100% of five subsidiary companies and holds various non-controlling interests in other companies. The five wholly owned subsidiary companies of Prairie Band, LLC are: 1) Mayetta Oil Company, 2) Prairie Band Health Services, 3) Prairie Band Construction, 4) Potawatomi Retail and 5) Prairie Band Capital.

Organizationally, the Company operates and interacts with the owner (the PBPB) pursuant to Articles of Organization, an Implementation Plan, and an Operating Agreement approved by the PBPB Tribal Council. The Prairie Band, LLC Board of Directors are responsible for setting the Company's strategy, oversight of the CEO, oversight of the Company's operations, and reporting to the Tribal Council. Prairie

Band, LLC Board of Directors include: Warren "Junior" Wahweotten, Jim Potter, Chris Courtwright, Lance Morgan, and Mark Kern. The primary business strategy of Prairie Band, LLC is to maximize the competitive business advantages a tribal corporate body has including the: tribal regulatory environment, the company's sovereign immunity, the company's tax immunities, and the company's status as a minority owned entity.

Every year the Prairie Band, LLC Board of Directors engage a third party auditing firm to conduct a financial audit of Prairie Band, LLC. Following Prairie Band, LLC's operating agreement the annual audit and associated financial reports are presented to

agreement the company is allowed to reinvest operating profits for the first five years of operation. Thereafter, pursuant to a dividend plan approved by the Tribal Council, a portion of the profits from the company will be distributed to the PBPB as the owner and remaining profits will continue to be reinvested into further growth of the company. Considering the vast majority of startup companies experience losses in their early years, Prairie Band, LLC takes great pride in the fact that each of the first three years of operation we have made positive financial gains.

Many community members have noticed increased activity on the northeastern portion of the Reservation at 190th Rd and Hwy 75. Last summer Prairie Band, LLC established a permanent headquarters at 190th Rd and Hwy 75 by renovating the old casino training center. Additionally, a drive thru smoke shop was opened last August to service the northern market of the reservation until a full C-Store could be opened. In early 2014 the C-store formerly known as Kathy's General Store was acquired by Prairie Band, LLC. Over the spring we have been busy creating a master plan for the 190th site including our headquarters, a trading post with a Potawatomi Welcome Center, leasable commercial / retail space, and the infrastructure necessary to support the development area. Opening of the trading post is scheduled for late summer / early fall.

On behalf of all of us at Prairie Band, LLC we say iwgiwien for taking the time to learn more about the LLC and we look forward to releasing the 2013 Annual Report in July. For further information on the LLC including job openings please visit our website at www.prairiebandllc.com.



Above is an architect's rendering of a new building for Prairie Band, LLC headquarters that will also include a convenience store/trading post, and a Potawatomi Welcome Center. It will be located on U.S. Highway 75 and 190th Road where Kathy's General Store was previously located. Plans are for the store to be open late this summer or early fall. Other retail and commercial space will also be made available.

the PBPB Tribal Council who represent the owner. Additionally, Prairie Band, LLC prepares an annual report which is made available to tribal citizens. If you would like a copy of Prairie Band, LLC's annual reports please contact us at www.prairiebandllc.com or (785) 364-2328.

Under the Prairie Band, LLC operating



Prairie Band, LLC headquarters are presently housed in a building that also includes the Potawatomi Drive-thru Smokeshop that is located at 190th and U.S. Highway 75. The building was originally a training center for casino employees and was renovated last year by Prairie Band, LLC. It sits directly south of where the new headquarters will be located.

For a copy of the Prairie Band, LLC
2013 Annual Report
call (785) 364-2328
or visit
www.prairiebandllc.com

TO REGISTER FOR THE
2014 Pottawatomi Gathering
GO TO:
www.potawatominations.com
hosted
by the Gun Lake Band Tribe
Allegan County, Michigan
August 4-9

Language Conference is August 4-6

Breast Cancer Awareness Training highlights personal stories

A Breast Cancer Awareness Training was held March 27 at the Bingo Hall where personal stories about the impact of the disease of cancer and educational presentations were offered.

The training was given by Trish Long and Lety Sarmiento from the University of Kansas Medical Center who coordinated the training with Nancy Henry and Iva Rank from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center.

Personal stories from Kitty Shopteese, a breast cancer survivor, and Tom

Wabnum, who lost a loved one to breast cancer, were also a part of the training. Shopteese offered tips on prosthetics and how to deal with a medical regimen and Wabnum discussed how to live more fully through good nutrition and exercise as ways to stave off the disease.

An educational display and a questionnaire survey were also components of the awareness training that was partially sponsored by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure/Greater Kansas City Foundation.



Lety Sarmiento, Research Assistant at the University of Kansas, gave tips on preventing cancer.



(Left to right) Nancy Henry, Trish Long, and Iva Rank, were instrumental in organizing the Breast Cancer Awareness training that was held at the Bingo Hall on March 27. Long is with the Kansas Healthy Rural Breast Health Initiative and Henry and Rank are from the Prairie Band Health Center.



Kitty Shopteese gave her personal story about being a cancer survivor. Kitty lives on the PBP reservation.



(Left to right) Verna Simon won a juice blender as a door prize that Tom Wabnum donated for the event. Wabnum also spoke during the training and is on the Tribal Council.



Community Health Assessment Team (CHAT) works hard for Healthy Kansas Tribes 2020 Initiative

Prairie Band employees and tribal leaders all pitched in to do their part in seeing that over 285 community health assessment study surveys were completed from April 24-28 as part of a wider Kansas health study. The purpose of the project was to gauge overarching health issues and concerns that particularly pertain to tribal communities in the state of Kansas.

A PBPN team was formed last fall during the Healthy Kansas Tribes 2020 Summit that was held between State leaders and health officials and representatives from tribal communities who met at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

The purpose of the conference was to kick off an information dialogue between Kansans to learn what health issues are important to tribal people.

Since last fall, the PBPN team has met periodically about how to administer the surveys to the community. In April the surveys were administered by the team and filled out at the Bingo Hall and at other events on the reservation.

There were also raffles for several prizes like a television and I-Pad computer equipment that were used as incentives to get people to fill out the surveys.



(Above) Eddie Joe Mitchell was the grand prize winner of a 43-inch flat screen television.

(Below, left to right) Bill Thorne, Hope Adame, and Anna Boswell, who were on the CHAT team showing, T-shirts that were given to registered participants.



(Left) People filling out the surveys at the Bingo Hall. Subjects had to register in person and show their CDIB cards.



Girls on the Run program promotes inner strength



(Left to right) Pana LeClere, Pisi LeClere, Auti Wabaunsee, Halina Williamson, Melinda Williamson, Gloria Organista, Braelynne Nelson, and Hattie Mitchell during one of the exercise sessions on May 15 at Prairie Peoples Park. Not pictured is Mimi Tye and Arianna Otero who also participated in the program.

Eight girls in grades 3-6 got together for 12 weeks to participate in an after-school program that was sponsored by the Diabetes Program, Tribal Treasurer's office, and the Topeka YWCA. The girls met twice a week at the Boys & Girls Club or Prairie Peoples Park to practice exercise drills and to learn how to gain confidence and maintain healthy relationships. The girls concluded the program by participating in a 5k-run in Topeka where they joined several other young girls from various clubs and organizations from Topeka and all of the girls finished.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Topeka Habitat for Humanity form innovative partnership to build language house

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) together with Topeka Habitat for Humanity (THFH) has begun an innovative partnership to build a home that will be used as a PBPB language house on the reservation.

The house frame was built by Shawnee Heights High School students in Topeka under the direction of a Topeka Habitat for Humanity construction team and was brought to 712 NW 158 Road on the reservation and placed on a newly poured 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.

"We are very excited to work with the Prairie Band Nation," said Michelle De La Isla, Executive Director of THFH. "Partnerships like these are designed to serve families and to offer support to communities."

Volunteers from the PBPB and THFH began working on the house May 28 to clear debris and to begin painting and making improvements. Two more work sessions were held in June that were scheduled through the PBPB Human Resources Department. Plans are for the home to be completed by late summer depending on weather conditions and for use by the Language Department this fall.



A view of the new home which will have a basement and 1,064 square feet of space. The interior is being specifically designed to add classrooms and larger spaces for traditional gatherings and meals.



(Left to right) is Zac Weichert, construction manager for Topeka Habitat, with PBPB volunteers Cecil Mercer, Frank Zeller and Dawn LeClere. The crew was working inside the house on the main floor when this photo was taken.

The Topeka Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Prairie Band Potawatomi employees overwhelmingly volunteered to join in the effort to help build a home where the language program can continue to teach the language and culture.



(Left to right) Nikki MacMillan, volunteer coordinator for Topeka Habitat, with an unidentified volunteer and Anna Boswell, Hattie Mitchell, Kelly Hopkins and Karen Kats from the PBPB.

Judicial Court news

(Photo right) Mendy Thompson was sworn in to the Healing to Wellness Court on May 20 by District Court Judge Terry Barr. The purpose of the Healing to Wellness Court is to assist alcohol and drug offenders through addressing cultural and traditional values.



Maria Fairman is the new Healing to Wellness Coordinator

(Above) The Judicial Center staff (left to right) Maria Fairman, Maria Patterson, Corrine Lange, and Miyah Danielson who are photographed with District Court Judge Terry Barr.

Kansas House of Representatives recognizes Royal Valley Singers & Dancers



Rep. Ponka-We Victors was at the Boys & Girls Club on May 30 to give an official certificate of recognition to the Royal Valley Singers & Dancers that was signed by the Kansas House of Representatives. The document recognized the group for winning seven victories in a row at the regional Battle of the Plains Native American Dance competitions in Oklahoma. The presentation was made at the Boys & Girls Club in front of other children who are attending summer camp.

(Above) Rep. Ponka-We Victors (left) with Anita Evans who sponsors the Singers & Dancers.



Care-bear drive gives to children in need



Tribal Police Dispatcher Jayne Wooten (center front) donated almost a 100 stuffed bears through a care- bear drive that was sponsored by the Tribal Victim Services (TVS) Department. The TVS collected the bears for use by the Tribal Police Department, Fire Department and Social Services and Child Welfare programs to help children who might experience some form of trauma in the future. Flanking Wooten in the photo is Samantha Wahwassuck (L) and Shirley Rice (R). Back row (L to R) is Daniel Goombi, Rebekah Jones, Kent Miller and John Calvert. Calvert is with the Tribal Police Department and the others are on the TVS staff.

Washington official visits Tribal Council and Tribal Victim Services

Bea Hanson, Acting Director of the U.S. Department of Justice Office (DOJ) on Violence Against Women, made a special stop to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) on May 20 to meet with Tribal Council and the Tribal Victim Services (TVS) staff.

The purpose of the visit was to meet with Tribal Council and to personally acknowledge the excellent work that the TVS staff is doing. She also said that the professional and passionate work that the tribe is exhibiting in the area of preventing domestic violence is amazing and that the coordinated work at the local, state and national level is clearly helping to create a model that she hopes other communities will follow.



(Above, front row, L to R) Joyce Guerrero, Bea Hanson and Tom Wabnum. Back row (L to R) Terry McDaniel, Shirley Rice, Kent Miller, Samantha Wahwassuck, Rebekah Jones and Daniel Goombi. With Hanson is Guerrero and Wabnum who are on Tribal Council and the others are staff members of the Tribal Victim Services program.

2014 Indian Country Conference on July 16-17 Prairie Band Casino & Resort

PBPB's TVS Daniel Goombi & Lt. Matt Simpson speakers

Conference free but must register

Contact hbuller@kletc.org or fax (620) 694-1420 by July 1

Some lodging scholarships at casino available for those in need.

Tribal Victim Services sponsors Take Back the Night in honor of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month



Take Back the Night walkers began their trek under the arch in Prairie Peoples Park on April 11. Participants who registered received special event shirts and learned about sexual assault awareness and the PBP Tribal Victim Services program.



Samantha Wahwassuck, Tribal Victim Services Specialist, spoke to the crowd about the program that is dedicated to providing education and services for victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

It was a beautiful evening for the 2014 Take Back the Night walk held April 11 in Prairie Peoples Park. The event was sponsored by the Tribal Victim Services program in honor of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Participants who registered received special event shirts and then convened under the arch for the walk at 7:30 p.m. Walkers followed the paved pedestrian trail that leads north on M Road and west to Buffalo Drive near L Road.

The Tribal Victim Services program is administered by a staff of six that is housed in the Health Center. The program serves enrolled members of federally recognized tribes who are victims of family violence or sexual assault. In the past two years the program has received state and national recognition for their Healing to Arts and SAFES-TAR programs.



(Above, L to R) is Austin Hester, Tyler Shobney and Ronny Hester who assisted the Take Back the Night event by offering their services as part of the Tribal Police Department. Shobney is a police officer and the other two are part of the youth volunteer Police Explorer program.

Elders treated to an afternoon of relaxation in honor of Older Americans Month



Michelle Torres, Caregiver Coordinator, organized Spa Day and is seen above running the registration table. With her (standing) is LaVerne Hale, Activities Director for the Elder Center.

Thirty elders were pampered to neck massages and got their hair cut and nails done by volunteers on May 7 at the Elder Center.



Gea Aitkens (far left) and Sogi LeClere provided nail services to 23 elders. Another nail volunteer, not pictured, was Misti Kendrick.

Special shout-outs to Shirley Rice and Jeanette LittleSun and the many others who helped make Spa Day special.



Tribal member Laura Abeyta gave 16 neck massages. Abeyta volunteered her time to help make the day a success.



Ramona Cole had her nails painted gold and purple in honor of Haskell. Cole and her husband, Larry, live in Texas and were back visiting family and friends in May. Larry is a DJ and provided background music during the day of fun.



LaVerne Hale (left) and Billy Matchie getting haircuts.



Hair stylists Joanna Mitchell and Danielle Wahwassuck had a long waiting line and gave 22 haircuts between them.

Other senior moments



Members of the community came together at the Firekeepers Elder Center on April 15 to help plan for the creation of elements that will be used in a diorama to represent the Nation and its traditional way of living. Once completed the project will be displayed at the Kansas Discovery Center in Topeka. The project is a collaboration between Tribal Council, Tribal Victim Services, and the Firekeepers Elder Center. Kent Miller, who heads the healing through arts program sponsored by Tribal Victim Services, is leading the project with Shirley Rice.

Take a Ride on the Rez bus trips

For the last two months Firekeepers Elder Center has been sponsoring sight-seeing bus trips for elders around the reservation. Stops at historical landmarks and to some of the old home places have been popular this spring.

The purpose of the trips is to share personal stories and to swap some tribal history with each other.

Dates and times for the trips (that vary) are available on the Firekeepers Elder Center monthly activity calendar that can be found under Community Services on the tribal website.

Survey says.....



An afternoon activity called Family Feud was offered at the Firekeepers Elder Center on May 17. Patterned after the television show Family Feud teams of five each competed against each other to answer questions. Gubba Hale was the game's host which was also sponsored by the Caregiver program. Refreshments were also served.

Elder Center lunch and activity calendars @ www.pbpindiantribe.com/community-services.aspx

Prairie Band wins trophies at Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair



1st Place: 3rd-5th grade (small group, spoken language) for Country Mouse City Mouse presentation. Left to right: Preston Torres, Mae Joslin and Halina Williamson.



Preston Torres took first place in the 6th-8th grade (individual spoken language) for his "Dreams" presentation.



Jaiden Wamego took 2nd place in 6th-8th grade (individual power point) for his "How to be a Good Leader" presentation.

Students from the youth language class took home first and second place trophies in the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair (ONAYLF) held at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman, Oklahoma April 7-8. The students competed against other youth from several tribal language groups in a variety of categories. The ONAYLF has been attracting students

from all over Oklahoma and nearby states for over 12 years. For two days students learning their Native languages and their teachers come together to give spoken language, poetry, and song performance, and to exhibit books, films, and poster art.

Jessica Youngbird, Language Department instructor wrote in a PBPB group email:

"We are super proud to have gotten the opportunity to have worked with such a great group of kids. We want to send out a big thank you to the parents and community members for all their support. We look forward to next year's competition and representing the Prairie Band Potawatomi again."

2nd annual Language Department presentation draws large crowd

It was a big night for the Language Department on May 6 when students young and old gave performances at the 2nd annual language department presentation held at the casino this year.

Winners from the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair gave their winning skits and adult classes sang some Beatles songs in Potawatomi. Students from

the youth classes also performed and joined the adults on stage for the final number that included a sing-a-long with the audience.

The presentation was organized by the Language Department staff that includes Dawn LeClere, Jessica Youngbird, Cindy LeClere, Jayme Thomas, Lyman Shipshee, Jan Hubbard and Billy Matchie.

(Right) Youth smiled for the camera as they anxiously awaited their turn on the stage.



The adult class also gave a performance at this year's presentation. Adult classes are held on Monday evenings at the Firekeepers Elder Center and are open to the public. To view all the language classes look for the monthly calendar at:

www.pbpindiantribe/language.aspx



All the language classes ended the evening singing Beatles songs in Potawatomi on stage.



Over 150 people attended the performance that was held in the casino's entertainment complex this year. Several family members and friends came out to see their favorite pupil in action.

8
week
sessions

Language Department (located in the basement of the Firekeepers Elder Center)

**Adult Language classes
Mondays- 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Phone: (785) 966-2138**

Open
to the
public

Voters Guide 2014

Tribal Council/Gaming Commission/Ethics Commission Election

This voter guide includes the photographs and profiles of candidates who are running in the Tribal Council/ Gaming Commission/Ethics Commission Election to be held on July 26, 2014. There are three (3) members of the Tribal Council: Chairperson (1), Secretary (1), and Council Person #1 (1) that will be elected. The term of office for each position is for four (4) years). There is one (1) member of the Gaming Commission: Gaming Commissioner #3 that will be elected. The term of office for that position is four (4) years. No candidates filed for any of the six members of the Ethics Commission. Candidates listed provided their own profile for the News.

Election Calendar

- April 16-30 -Declaration of Candidacy Filing Date (4 p.m.)
- May 8 -Deadline to withdraw candidacy (4 p.m.)
- May 21, -Last day(4 p.m.) members 18 years of age or older can register to receive a ballot for this election
- June 11 -Ballots mailed to registered voters only
- July 26 -Last day for ballots to be received at Mayetta Post Office (9 a.m.). Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting for tribal members that will be held in the Rock/Community bldg
- July 30 Protests of the election results filed until 4 p.m.

If needed, Run-Off Elections will take place for those not winning by majority vote four (4) weeks on Aug. 23 following the election.

Just so you know

- The Tribal Council/Gaming Commission Ethics Commission Election day falls on a Saturday
- Candidates must win by a 50 percent plus 1 majority vote or a run-off election will be held
- Oath of Office of newly elected officials is scheduled by Tribal Council not later than 14 business days after announcement of election results
- Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Election Ordinance of the PBPB

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Election Board
 Sara Gartenmayer, chairperson
 Arlene Lingo
 Sherri Landis

Pikitchwano

Tribal Council Candidates

Chairperson



William L. Evans

I am William L. Evans and would like to introduce myself to the people. My parents are Mando and Anita Evans and my great-grandmother was the late Minnie Evans. I have a fiancé and her name is Ashley. We share a home together and have two beautiful children. The reservation has always been my home; I take pride in this community. We are a prideful people and we have something unique here. I am a firm believer in our way of life and am a member of the drum religion.

This way of life is very important to our people. Listening to the men talk through the years has instilled traditional values that I believe are very significant. They are the leaders that I watched and learned from. Our way of life has molded me into the man I am today.

I have two children, my son Naseka is almost 4 years old and my daughter Sa-Nas-Si-Quah is 18 months. I personally believe that the future of our tribe begins with our children. Our children today are going to be our leaders tomorrow. We need to invest in our children to ensure our way of life continues. Education creates endless opportunities that our children deserve. Education is the key to success.

I have three main goals if I am elected Tribal Chairperson: One is to ensure the safety of our tribe which requires us to discuss the blood quantum options; Two, is collaborating with casino management with Tribal Council and; Three is providing more businesses.

We have come to a point in time where we must face a difficult decision in regards to blood quantum. The time is now to start taking steps to protect our

future. I never want to see the day we no longer carry on a way of life. I never want to see the day we no longer have enough people to be federally recognized as a tribe. If we don't address this situation now we are not fighting for our people. A true leader not only thinks of the present but the future.

Opening a casino on the reservation was the first step in our tribe's self-sufficiency and economic development. The tribe has thrived for years from casino profits. The casino market has changed and more competition has presented itself. I believe that in collaboration of casino management and Tribal Council, our goals are achievable. We are all on the same team with the same goal in mind.

Developing businesses on the reservation is an area our tribe needs to explore and expand on. New businesses create new jobs which create a new source of income. Not every tribal business is going to produce a multi-million dollar profit but every penny adds up.

I am asking you to elect me as our next Tribal Chairperson of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. This is a very important position that affects all Tribal members, on and off the reservation. The Tribal Chairperson requires more than leadership characteristics, it also requires integrity. The decisions made by the Chairperson should include input from Council members as well as ALL tribal members. Tribal Council was put in place to represent the people, not to rule them. If we continue to elect the same type of leader we will have the same type of results. Together, we are all one people and the decisions being made need to be in the best interest of the people. Together, as the people, we need to make a change! Together, we can do it! Elect me, William L. Evans, as your next Tribal Chairperson.



Adrian "Gubba" Hale

Hello fellow Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members. My name is Adrian "Gubba" Hale, I am the son of the late Joseph W. Hale Sr. and Laverne Hale. I reside on the PBPN Reservation with my wife Keirsten (Matchie) Hale and my two children. Currently, I am employed at the Fire Keeper's Elder Center and have worked there for 14 years. I'm a dedicated member of the Big Drum way of life. I am an active community member that is committed to helping pass our culture down to the youth of our tribe. I am currently a senior at Washburn University pursuing a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice Degree.

I have decided to run for Tribal Chairman because I feel that our tribe needs leaders that are invested and involved in the community and the people as a whole. I feel that everyone from the elders to our youth, need a voice in what we do as a tribe, a voice that will not only be heard but understood. I feel that leadership is based on inspiration and not intimidation. I want to inspire our people and if we are all inspired together that will enable our tribe to expand and move forward with full potential.

Accountability, efficiency, and sustainability is needed for our tribe to have the ability to move forward and continue. I feel that our tribe has a solid foundation which is needed, however, I feel that this foundation can use enhancements in certain areas that will better our tribe, our members, and our future. The daily functions of our tribe is what is here and now and that is where I want my focus to

be. I feel that if I focus on the present that it will help our tribe be as efficient as possible for the future.

Accountability is something that I feel strongly needs to be addressed from the top down. As leaders of our tribe we would need to be accountable for our everyday actions, be able to show that we are accountable, and be able to take responsibility for our actions. By being accountable our work ethic would be at its best and make our tribe run more efficiently. By being accountable and efficient we will move forward and the future will be strong.

The sustainability of our tribe is also something that can be enhanced. Finding other sources of revenue for our tribe, sources that have a strong future, and that are reliable is something that is needed. We may not always be able to depend on casino revenues, therefore, we need to use this revenue wisely and invest it in the future.

I am passionate about ensuring that our tribe and our people have a strong future not only for this generation but for future generations. I would like your support in my endeavor for the Tribal Chairman position so that I may lead our tribe and our people to a strong future. Thank you and may you all be blessed.



Chairperson (continued)



Liana Onnen

My name is Liana Onnen and my Potawatomi name is Nah-kwa-kish-ko-kwe. I was born in Topeka, Kansas and have also lived on the reservation and in Kansas City, Kansas. I graduated from Sumner Academy of Arts and Sciences High School, attended Haskell Indian Junior College and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in English with a writing emphasis from Washburn University in Topeka where I currently live with my husband and two young sons. My great-grandfather was Patrick Matchie, his daughter, Mary Ann Matchie Mzhickteno was my great-grandmother, her daughter, Pauline Mzhickteno Persinger was my grandmother and Carol DeWitt is my mother.

I have worked for the Nation for nearly twelve years and I have gained valuable knowledge and experience working for the Nation in Housing, Human Resources and Administration. My most valuable experience was being the General Manager of Tribal Operations, a position I held for nearly four years. While working for the tribe, I was able to graduate from Washburn in 2009 thanks to funding from the Nation's Education Department and the Whaley Scholarship from Washburn University's English Department.

My work for the Nation in leadership positions such as Director of Housing & Resources and General Manager of Tribal Operations has given me the knowledge and experience to be qualified for the position of Tribal Chairperson. I take my role as a leader seriously and believe good leadership starts at the top. To lead effectively, one must lead by example, be fair and open-minded and to always be willing to listen to the people. You must also have the ability to take that input, combine it with knowledge and experience to make solid, sound decisions. Leaders must also have the strength and ability to put aside personal feelings and issues to prioritize and make decisions that are best for the whole and not the individual. Good leaders should be representative of our tribal values and the entire tribal membership, not just a few of our members. We are nearly 5,000 members strong and each of us makes the tribe a success as it is now and will be in the future. Through the years, I have learned about tribal government, the importance of maintaining and expanding our sovereignty, fostering positive government-to-government relationships at the local, state and federal government levels. Additionally, protecting and preserving all facets of the Potawatomi culture, preserving and increasing our land base and providing support and services to our people specifi-

cally our elders, children and veterans is extremely important. We have a responsibility to our people, to care for them and to improve their quality of life. Federal grants, contracts and coordination with Federal agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Department of Justice, to name a few, empower us and provide us with additional resources needed to meet the goal of providing opportunities and assistance to tribal members. Maintaining positive relationships with these entities is crucial to maintaining financial support in supplementing tribal revenues in order to meet the needs of our members.

There is no doubt we have challenges ahead of us. This will always be. I welcome challenges because it brings out the best in me and I believe it can bring out the best in all of us. We must think about our economic future and continue to support diversifying our economic ventures. We must always be mindful of our obligation to preserve our culture and our language as these are the things that define us as Potawatomi people. We must continue to provide for our elders, our children, our veterans and strive to maintain, improve and expand services whenever we can. We must support the programs which provide services to our members and the employees who make those programs possible. This is who we are and we must maintain that identity and those ideals.

We are a fortunate tribe with many blessings and opportunities because of the leaders who have come before us, who pushed for what they believed was best for our tribe, who established our government and Constitution, who served before there was a casino and who led the way to the establishment of our casino. We have an obligation to protect what they have provided and what they sacrificed to get us where we are today. We are one of the most successful tribes in this country. We have a reputation for doing things right, for being innovators in Indian Country.

I have always believed in our tribe and I always will. I have the experience, knowledge, and understanding through a perspective of common sense and impartiality to represent and lead this Nation. I am not afraid of hard work and I know firsthand that perseverance pays off as demonstrated by my obtaining a college degree, working full time, and raising a family. I will not make promises about what I will do for you beyond promising that I will work hard to be a good and positive representative for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I humbly and respectfully ask for your vote for the position of Tribal Chairperson. If you have questions or would like to contact me you can do so at voteliana@gmail.com or visit my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/voteliana. Thank you.



Mamie Wahwassuck Rupnicki

I am running for the position of Tribal-chairwoman. I had been sick for a while for three long years but now I have gotten my strength back and I believe I can fulfill all the duties that a chair person has to do. I have a Master's Degree in Business Administration and also a minor in business law. I know it's been awhile since I held this position but I believe I have the working knowledge of the many pitfalls that may come. I know we have to have a positive outlook on matters that befall the Nation.

The state of Kansas has been nipping at the heels of the Nation and all we have is the casino. We need to look at other businesses to fund our government and our people. I found myself wondering why we sit on the old post of the casino. We haven't found the vision or the future of building the Nation to where it should be. We haven't looked forward to what we can be. What are we

waiting for, the Great White Father in DC to say you can do it? We all know time will swallow us as nation as we sit by and do nothing. We definitely need to keep our people close and we need to have confidence in our tribal leaders once again and ourselves in order to accomplish doing anything. I don't make promises I cannot keep. I do not make grandiose promises I cannot fulfill. But, I will say this... I will to the best of my ability to help make this Nation strong.

Living here on the senior site I see many things as I go around the rez. I see many, many things that are not right and we need to take pride on where we live.

I said previously I would greatly appreciate your vote or if you choose to vote for another candidate that is fine too as long as you vote. Whomever you vote for makes sure you want them for the next four years. Thank you whomever you vote for, just keep me in mind, I will do my hardest to work for you, the people, who put me in office.

Chairperson (continued)



Noah Wahquahboshkuk

It's that time again for our Prairie Band Potawatomi people to take part in our elections. Your decision will determine who will represent our tribal government as we proceed to advance and grow as a nation. These elected leaders will represent us, make great impacts in our everyday lives, be our voices and also affect the livelihood of our future generations.

There is a wide gamut of opportunities that will be and are available to our people that take careful visioning, cautious preparation and dedication to successfully implement these ventures.

Current issues that need to be kept in mind are land issues, energy development, water rights and resource development, hunting and fishing rights, and unemployment.

I don't want to make empty promises; I would rather offer useful ideas. I would like to see a focus on concepts of tribal benefits when it comes to tribal fuel, improved services, more amenities for our youth and adults, an increase in the utilization of our potential renewable energies and less dependence on outside companies. These things are obtainable but it's through our member's participation to bring these thoughts to fruition.

We tend to focus on the here and now and respond with knee-jerk reactions to what we see at the moment. By taking the time to develop ideas and to think about the future we can minimize hasty decisions and thus prepare ourselves for the future possibilities.

We define who we are and we decide where we want to go in our lives. Let's invest in our future and direct our tribe in a direction that will define us as a people and what we stand for.

I would appreciate your vote in this election and thank you for your time.



Arlene Shipshee Wahwasuck

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Objective

Opportunity to serve the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) as Tribal Council Chairperson. I am a strong advocate of quality health care for the members of the PBPB. If selected as the Chairperson I plan to donate my salary to increase health care services to tribal members residing in Shawnee County of Kansas and other health care needs of the PBPB members. I would advocate for a government by the members of the PBPB.

Relevant Experience

I have not let my mind stagnate since retirement. I am computer literate. I planned and implemented a successful Bed and Breakfast business in my home for 10 years. I currently, serve as Vice-Chairperson of District 13, Kansas State Nurses Association and Chairperson of the Native American Cancer Research Corporation with headquarters in Denver, CO. I serve as a member of the Community Advisory Board of the America Indian Health Research & Education Alliance at the University of Kansas Medical Center. I maintain a license to practice nursing in the State of Kansas. In 2007 I was appointed by the Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to serve on the Directors Consumer Liaison Group (DCLG) of the NCI. I was a member of this group from 2007-2011. Group members of the DCLG advised, consulted with, and made recommendations to the NCI Director, from the perspective and viewpoint of cancer consumer advocates on a wide variety of issues, programs and research priorities. I remain well prepared to lead the PBPB Tribal Council and advocate for changes the PBPB members may express. I attend and participate in PBPB General Council meetings on a regular basis. I keep abreast of the activities of our governing body through my regular attendance.

Hobbies

Bingo, bowling, sewing and reading.

Religion

Active member of the Kennekuk Indian Church, Kickapoo Reservation, Horton, Kansas.

Other

I have been advised not to donate my salary for the worthy cause of improving available health care for our tribal members of Shawnee County and to meet other health care needs of our tribal members. I do not see this as a sign of weakness or buying votes. I see my generous gesture as meeting some of the unmet health care needs of PBPB members so they may improve or maintain the precious gift of health.

Francis Wahwasuck is my deceased husband's name. I carry his name proudly.

Thank you for your vote for me to serve as Chairperson of the PBPB.

Qualifications

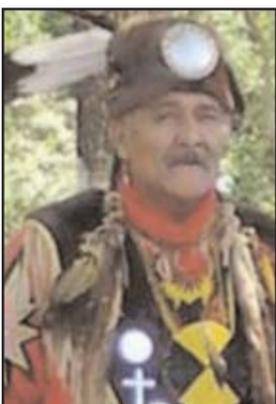
Retired as Captain, United States Public Health Services (USPHS), Nurse Officer in February 1999. A Captain is required to demonstrate the expertise of leadership in a variety of settings. The past 10 years of service were dedicated to policy and health care advocacy at the Indian Health Service (IHS) Area Offices in Nashville, Tennessee and Sacramento, California. The last 2 years of service were spent at the Holton IHS Clinic as Administrative Assistant and Public Health Nurse. All aspects of staffing, supervision of staff, evaluation of staff performance, budgets, personnel conflicts, collaboration with staff and other resources for delivery of high quality health care were experienced in these positions.

After retirement I successfully led the PBPB Health Committee to develop plans and implemented those plans for the current PBPB Health Clinic now on the PBPB Reservation.

I currently serve the PBPB as Chairperson of the Education Committee, member of the PBPB Social Services Board of Commissioners and was a recent volunteer elder representative on the PBPB Healing to Wellness Court Team.

Education

Completed an undergraduate degree in Nursing at Washburn University of Topeka and a Masters degree in nursing with a concentration in Community Health at the University of Kansas. Attend continuing education classes to keep abreast of legislation affecting nursing and healthcare services and current healthcare practices.



Badger Wahwasuck

Once again it is election time...my name is Badger Wahwasuck, and I have put my name in for the position of Tribal Chair.

I do not claim a religious affiliation for political purposes as I would be working for all denominations of tribal members.

I make no promises of what will be done, any accomplishments that get done will be on the vote of the six members. So choose your council members carefully.

My main concern is the welfare of our Nation that is not totally dependent on the Casino. The elders of our nation, and the young members who will have to live with what we make out of our resources. I do believe that we need to develop business and employment here for tribal

members.

I raised my family in Arizona and Nevada before I returned home, but now my grandchildren call this their home. Your grandkids and mine deserve the best future we can provide for them...

I am not running to be a leader, but to be your public servant and I expect help from the people, to attend Tribal Council (TC) meetings to see how your TC votes.

I am not asking you to vote for me, just asking you to vote. It is your vote that will take us down a new improved road or will keep us on the same road that only sees the Casino. The Casino should be our tool for growth and a better future, not our sole lifeline...VOTE! VOTE!

Secretary



Camilla Wishkeno Chouteau

On April 23, 2014 I declared my candidacy for the position as Secretary for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Tribal Council. The qualifications I bring to the elected position are my work experience within our tribal government, management, federal and state programs and higher education. In addition, I have previously worked for the highly profiled Salvation Army of Tulsa, Okla. and I presently work for the Topeka School District #501.

I am a graduate of the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan. and hold a Master's of Social Work degree (2007) and a Bachelor's of Social Work Degree (1985) with the major field of study in Administration. In addition, I attended Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan. part-time.

My tribal government experience includes having served on the Tribal Council when the tribe purchased 326 acres for the Oketchshawno property which is where present day buildings like the Boys & Girls Club, Tribal Fire Department, Early Childhood Education Center and a housing complex are located. Additionally, while I was on Tribal Council the governing body purchased 500 acres of trust property. I was also appointed by the General Council to serve on the

PBP Health Center/Clinic Committee that planned for the construction of the beautiful Health Center that was built in 2005-2006. Presently, I serve as a board member on the Education Committee and am a member of the Social Services Board of Commission.

My secretarial experience consists of being elected to our Nation's first Constitutional Drafting Committee. I was also appointed by the Prairie Band Potawatomi General Council to serve on the Social Services Board of Commission (2011) where I was elected secretary. In 2012 I was elected as the secretary of the Shawnee County Allied Tribes, Inc. in Topeka, Kan.

I pledge to our PBPN membership the following positive visionary goals: Secure and protect our casino and the other Nation's enterprises; purchase more land; create new jobs; propose a long term plan to insure our Nation's energy/water resource needs, and report to duty at the tribal government center along with attendance at scheduled Tribal Council meetings. Today, our Nation is being faced with the challenges of other Kansas casinos operating and being developed and I will work with our Tribal Council to be cognizant of profitable business enterprises and continue to strengthen our economy.

I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming July 26, 2014 election.



Anita G. Pahmahmie Evans

My name is Anita G. Pahmahmie Evans. (Kee-Wah-Chee of the Thunder Clan). I am a candidate for Position of Secretary for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

My parents were the late Josie Wamego Pahmahmie and Richard "Dick" Pahmahmie. My maternal grandparents were Florence and Henry Wamego, and my paternal grandparents were Dolly and Thomas Pahmahmie Sr. I am a lifelong resident of the Prairie Band Potawatomi community / reservation and a member of the drum religion. I am married to Mando Evans (33 years) and we have two sons-William and Evan. I have 4 grandchildren.

I am a retired school teacher of 32 years. I currently work for the Boys/Girls Club of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation teaching kids literature for the Kidz Literature Grant. I also serve as the Title VII Indian Education Director for U.S.D. #337 of Mayetta/Hoyt, which is the local school district for our area. I have 19 years experience writing and administering the grant for our school district. I am familiar with preparing budgets and reading them. Recently, I was awarded the "Distinguished Alumni Award" from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas. I was very honored to accept this prestigious award for all I have accomplished in my professional career.

As a resident of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation, I have witnessed economic progress throughout my 55 years. Progress in the past 20 years has provided a better life for our people. Improvements in roads and housing along with the addition of tribal departments, medical facilities, a court system, casino, a golf course, and a gas station are some examples of economic progress. I wish for the economic improvement to continue and to flourish for our tribe for now and for our future.

As a former educator, I want to express the importance of maintaining and preserving our culture. I am a strong advocate for language preservation. Language is the key to our past and future. Teaching our language to all members is vital for its survival.

Housing is another detrimental issue for our tribe. Although housing has certainly been improved, there are still tribal families and elders in need. I would like to seek some possible solutions to this issue if elected.

Per capita is based on casino revenue. I would believe this to be a major concern among our enrolled members. This would be another issue to be addressed through proper collaboration with casino management.

I have a vested interest in our tribal government. If elected, I WILL work for the best interest of all tribally enrolled members. I possess a good work ethic as indicated by my many years of teaching. I am a team member and I would work well as an elected member of our tribal council. Please allow me the opportunity to serve you to the best of my ability.

I challenge you as voters to help make a difference in our tribal government. Please take the time to cast your ballot. Vote-Anita G. Pahmahmie Evans as your next Secretary for our Nation. Thank you.

Education:

- 1980-Bachelor of Science in Education Degree. Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas
- 30+ hours credit Washburn University/Friends University towards Masters Degree

Professional Experience:

- o 32 years teaching in the State of Kansas (Physical Education, Health, French)
- o 27 years coaching high school sports in the State of Kansas
- o 19 years Title VII Indian Education Director for U.S.D. #337-wrote and implemented all aspects of the grant each year
- o 7 years-Native American Culture/Craft Specialist-Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Boys/Girls Club
- o Designed and Implemented Summer Youth Work Program-Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation-1998
- o Implemented Potawatomi Language through the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Language Department into the schools and at PBPN Boys/Girls Club-19 years
- o Taught French I and French II at Haskell Indian Nations University through the Upward Bound Program-2009
- o Served as Director, Asst. Director, and Recreation Specialist for the Impact Aid Summer Enrichment Program for local school district-13 years
- o Sponsor of Royal Valley Native American Singers/Dancers-19 years Awards:
- o 1997-Native American Educator of the Year-Kansas Association for Native American Education
- o 2002-National Indian Teacher of the Year-National Indian Education Association (NIEA)
- o 2010-Port Jervis High School Hall of Fame Inductee-Port Jervis, New York
- o 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award Emporia State University-Emporia, Kansas

Community Service:

- o Chairperson-Prairie Band Potawatomi Head Start Policy Council-3 years
- o Member-Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Language Preservation Grant Committee-4 years
- o Member-U.S.D. #337 School to Work Committee-1 year
- o Member-Impact Aid Committee-U.S.D. #337-19 years
- o Member-PBPN-Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee-3 years
- o Head Coach-Pee Wee Baseball League-3 years
- o Head Coach-YMCA Basketball-4 years

Secretary (continued)



Joe Hale Jr. "Chago"

My name is Joe Hale Jr. "Chago" and I am the son of LaVerne Hale and the late Joe Hale Sr. I am seeking your vote for our upcoming election. Please elect me to have a strong voice for the people.

Thank you.



Lorrie Wahwassuck-Melchior

My name is Lorrie Wahwassuck-Melchior. I am a candidate for PBPB Secretary. My parents are John "Jonnieboy/Doc" and Roberta Wahwassuck and I have two daughters. I was born in Topeka, KS and was raised and grew up on the reservation. When I turned 23 years of age I decided to join the Army National Guard and it was a great experience. I worked as a 62-B which is a Heavy Equipment Repairman. I have also worked for the tribe for 10 years.

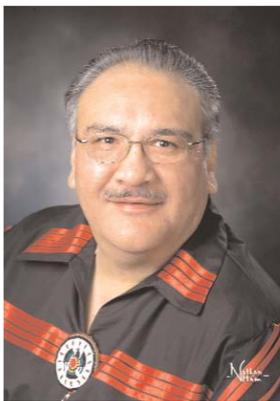
I started at the Bingo Hall, when it was open, as a cook and then as a paper clerk. Next, I moved up to the Building Maintenance Department. I worked there for six years working in HVAC (heating and air conditioning) and received a certificate and a class B with passenger license. I enjoyed working there and it was a great experience working with the community.

I have worked at the PBPB Casino as a second job, while attending WTI (HVAC) and working at Building Maintenance as a Players Club representative. I really enjoyed helping out the many different patrons there. It was interesting. I also worked as a Steward.

I am presently working with the We-Ta-Se Department and have been an American Legion Post #410 member for the past ten years. I am the Service Officer for the post and I also serve as the Adjutant for our 1st District of Kansas American Legion. The 1st District represents the American Legion Posts in our area and will help out the posts when asked and needed.

I would love the opportunity to serve our community and tribal members in the best way possible. I hope to stay and live in this community for years to come and would like to help preserve our community and reservation. I like helping people and try to do the best I can when I can.

Thank you for reading my biography and I hope to be your next Secretary.



James M. "Wabaunsee" Potter



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Tribal Council Person #1



Gilreath (Gil) Aitkens

My name is Gilreath (Gil) Aitkens (Min na tha qua). I am 56 years of age and have been an enrolled member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for 54 years.

My parents were Mary 'Iyotch' Shipshee and Nelson 'Pandy' Jessepe (Mjissepe). My paternal grandparents were Dewey/Minnie Wahwasuck Jessepe. My maternal grandparents were Joseph 'Ponice'/Mary Green Shipshee. I am half Kansas Kickapoo and a landowner of trust lands. I have three children who are all enrolled Prairie Band. I have five brothers and one sister who all live on or around the Potawatomi rez. My older brother passed on but members of his family also live on or around the reservation.

I recently retired after 29 plus years of working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. My career included working at the: Horton Agency, Horton, Kan; Haskell Health Center, Lawrence, Kan; Palm Springs, Calif.; Ft. Yuma Agency, Yuma, Ariz. and Anadarko Agency, Anadarko, Okla. My specialized areas are the trust services area which included real estate, natural resources, probates and collection of trust funds programs. I am knowledgeable of the regulations/policy to complete/review lease contracts, complete lease compliance and review environmental requirements for major federal actions.

While employed at the Indian Health Service at Haskell Indian Nations health center I participated in self-help programs. I completed the 12-step program for Adult Children of Alcoholics. The steps help me today mentally/physically/spiritually to continue on toward a healthy lifestyle. In Palm Springs, Calif. I worked for and with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. Thanks to the Agua Caliente Tribe I gained valuable knowledge in the area of long term business and developmental leasing. After three years I returned to the Horton Agency which gave me the opportunity to serve my Tribe; along with the surrounding tribes and to spend time with my family, especially my mother and father. I worked for nine years at the Horton Agency (BIA). After nine years I accepted the Realty Officer position at the Ft. Yuma Agency in Ft. Yuma, Ariz. It was there I managed the realty program serving the Quechan and Cocopah Tribes. I oversaw the rights-of-way, probate, acquisition and disposal of lands and the leasing activity for the unitized small allotments of land for farming purposes. I expanded my knowledge in the area of produce farming, unitization of lands for

leasing, management and maintenance of irrigation structure(s). My last career move was to Anadarko Agency in Anadarko, Okla. It was there I become the Deputy Superintendent of Trust Services and I gained extensive knowledge in all Indian trust and Indian services including the following programs: real estate services, collections of trust funds and tribal services, probates, natural resources and environmental services. I also oversaw each program. I increased my knowledge of tribal government constitutions and crucial issues facing each tribe's unique situation. I assisted all clients/tribes with issues/concerns on a daily basis. In working with the numerous tribes I became knowledgeable in area of the government to government relationships expected from both parties. After a total of 29 plus years of civil service I retired and moved to the PBP reservation - home.

I earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan. I earned an Associates of Business degree from Haskell Indian Junior College. I spent my high school years at Powhattan High School in Powhattan, Kan.

I have vast knowledge in contracts, personnel, human resources, customer service and trust related issues. I possess knowledge of federal policy, regulations and know how to utilize in the decision making processes needed to serve on the Nation's Tribal Council. I am familiar with issues facing tribes on the local and national level.

I currently support and contribute to our economic progress on the reservation by serving on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Board. This Board contributes to the generation of continued positive revenues from our casino property. In this position my major duty is to protect and preserve our revenues. Additionally, we meet and plan cooperatively with the Gaming Commissioners, Tribal Council, our economic development program and casino management.

I have experience working with the programs contracted under Public Law 93-638 (contracting of government programs). I have knowledge to review programs for accountability, can develop and implement internal controls for programs at risk. I previously served on the Nation's health board which initiated the contracting process for our current health center utilized today.

I am a member of the Native American Church. I also served as the Vice President of the Board for the Brown Co. Native American Church for over six years. I would appreciate your consideration to serve as your Council person for our great nation. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to e-mail me at gaitkens@yahoo.com.



Warren A. Wahweotten Jr

Greetings to one and all, I hope this message finds you in good health and happy spirits. Kosnan has blessed us with another day of life and for that I am grateful.

I appreciate the support that the membership has provided me during my tenure as an elected official for the Potawatomi people. I hold the position with upmost respect and I perform the job to the best of my ability. I have a proven strong work ethic as seen through my attendance while in office. I also bring a balance to the Council table with my traditional teachings and understanding while at the same time

keeping an open mind to all aspects of the government's operation.

One of the Nation's goals is to acquire the land base back within and around the reservation. During my tenure in office the Nation has purchased 43 tracts of land, which includes one business. As of March 31, 2014 the PBP land base include 633 tracts of land encompassing 32,595 acres. As mentioned in my previous writings, the Tribal Council not only serves the great people of this Nation but we also represent the tribe at national, regional, and local levels. A major milestone in this relationship building process is that the Jackson County officials no longer appeal the tribes land into trust applications within the reservation. The appeals were halted in May 2013. Since then 12 applications encompassing 940 acres have been completed, with another 12 applications encompassing 3,075 acres to be completed in the next few months. That would leave only 2 off-reservation applications pending with the BIA. Halting the appeals has shortened the approval timeframe from approximately 10 years to 3 years, which is beneficial for the tribe as a whole.

To name some of my accomplishments during my tenure on the Council is playing a key role in the decision-making process of helping the Nation become debt free and

saving the tribe hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest fees. I also served on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation board when it recorded the highest gaming revenues for the tribe. Additionally, I was the primary liaison for the development of the Firekeeper golf course which has been the number one rated course to play in Kansas for three years. Firekeeper has also contributed to increased cash revenues for the hotel, the tribe's food outlets and on the casino gaming floor. These activities are indicators of success, and took the cooperation between General and Tribal Council to make it possible.

I firmly believe the Nation is headed in the right direction economically and socially. In my many discussions with tribal officials and economic advisors across the country, others view the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe as being innovative and successful in recent years. With the development of the Prairie Band LLC, the Nation has just touched the surface of what the Corporation is capable of. The Prairie Band LLC continues to promote the nation's economic growth, stability, and welfare.

We will continue to focus on providing tribal members the opportunity for personal development through education, employment, health care, and the many other programs and departments which make up our great nation. I will continue to support our heritage and culture because it is who we are and it provides the basis of our true identity.

I remain approachable, supportive and I am honored to be part of such a great people and to serve as a Council person. I would appreciate your support and vote in the upcoming election. If re-elected I will continue to work for the people in my individual capacity and continue to work with the council as a team.

Blessings to all,

Igwien,

Warren "Junior" Wahweotten
phone: 785.966.4013

Tribal Council Person #1 (continued)



Lisa M. Wamego

My name is Lisa "Ship she kweh" Wamego. I'm running for Tribal Council Member and ask for your vote in the upcoming election. I'm the daughter of Algernon and Alberta Wamego and have three sons Tug, Eric and Derek as well as five beautiful grandchildren. I raised my three sons while working full-time and attending college working toward a Bachelor's of Administration degree.

I have dedicated myself to becoming a strong leader in every position I've held. I worked my way up in the casino financial structure to my current job as Casino Controller and gained 18 years of leadership experience. As Casino Controller, I am responsible for safeguarding the cash flow of our casino. I manage a team of 33 employees. Working for the Nation has been one of the most reward-

ing experiences of my life because I was able to see our casino grow and the Nation achieve greater self-determination. I will use my strong work ethic to make sound decisions for the well being all of the members of our Nation. I bring you work experience and a desire to improve the lives of all our tribal members. My past financial background and ability to manage many employees will allow me to contribute to the tribal structure. I bring innovative ideas to improve services to our people with a more efficient financial approach for tribal programs and will demand a strong work ethic throughout the Nation's departments. This will require me to be at work every day and I make that promise to dedicate myself to the Nation.

I grew up and have lived in our community for most of my life, seeing the good and the challenging times. I ask for your vote and I will do my best to ensure good times in the future for our proud Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Me gwett.

Exert your right to vote!

Gaming Commission

Gaming Commissioner #3



Calvin Evans

My name is Calvin Evans and I am a candidate for Gaming Commissioner #3. For those of you that don't know me my parents were Lyman "Lefty" Evans and Jeannie Evans.

My grandparents were the late Bill and Minnie Evans. I was born and raised on the Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) reservation and have lived here all my life. I believe my past experience as a former Gaming Commissioner will be a valuable asset in

keeping our casino number one in the state of Kansas.

I am presently employed as a gaming inspector for the PBP Gaming Commission. I enjoy working in the gaming industry and enjoy my job. I served as a Gaming Commissioner for eighteen years beginning in the late 1990s when the casino first opened. I was very instrumental in helping to get our casino open. I was one of five Gaming Commissioners who performed all the background checks, gaming licenses, etc. for all the employees and vendors at the casino. When the casino first opened there were five gaming commissioners who oversaw the casino but two of those positions have been eliminated by a Tribal Council decision.

For those who are not familiar with the duties of a Gaming Commissioner let me provide a brief outline of what they do. The 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) authorized gaming on Indian reservations. In 1995 the Kansas Legislature approved a compact with the four tribes in Kansas. This agreement authorized Class III gaming on the Kansas reservations. This compact must abide

by the IGRA rules and the PBP Gaming Commission is the body responsible for regulating and monitoring our casino to ensure that we are kept in compliance with federal and tribal laws and also kept in compliance with the compact between the tribe and the state.

The PBP Commission must see that all internal controls are followed in the day-to-day operation of the casino. The Gaming Commission is a separate division of the tribe and operates on its own annual budget. The Commission has its own employees such as gaming inspectors, accountants etc. to protect the assets of the tribe. Commissioners must ensure that financial records are accurate, and any transactions are in accordance with the tribe's regulations.

The Prairie Band Casino & Resort is the main source of the tribe's income. This income provides jobs for many people and also funds the day-to-day operation of the tribe. The role of a Gaming Commissioner is not easy but strict guidelines have to be followed so the casino can operate on a daily basis. Gaming Commissioners are not managers but regulators of the casino and ensures that all regulations and guidelines are followed. The Commission must also see that the casino provides a fair gaming experience to the public so machines must be monitored. These are some of the daily responsibilities of a Gaming Commissioner. I am not just looking for a job but care about our assets. This is a big commitment and a commissioner must be on call at all times.

I was one of the first Gaming Commissioners to be elected and have worked for the PBP as a commissioner for eighteen years. I have the experience that is required to fill this position. I have also attended several trainings and consider myself well qualified for this position. I would appreciate your vote.

Gaming Commissioner #3 (continued)



Becky (Shopteese-Thomas) Harman

I am Becky "KaPashkMoQuah" Harman (Shopteese-Thomas) and I am a candidate for Gaming Commissioner. I had the pleasure of meeting several of you during my 2013 candidacy for Gaming Commissioner. However, knowing that we may not have had the opportunity of meeting yet, please allow me to re-introduce myself once again. I'm the daughter of Lythia (Thomas) and the late Larry Shopteese, Sr. My maternal grandparents were Minnie (Soldier)

and Hollis Thomas, and my paternal grandparents were Rebecca (Mattwaoshshe) and Simon Shopteese. I reside in Hoyt, Kan. with my husband, Jeremy, and our three children. I have lived and grown up around the Topeka, Kan. and the Prairie Band Potawatomi and Kickapoo reservations communities. I have been raised in our traditional ways of life. I cherish and respect the simple things in life that we have been gifted with. I enjoy spending time with my family and supporting my children in their schooling and extracurricular activities, beading and sewing, reading, drawing, gardening, mushroom hunting, and dancing at powwows.

I have always had a desire to help people which is a passion that I picked up from my mother as she worked for many years as a nurse. In fulfilling this desire, I initially set out in life seeking the career of a physician. I attended the University of Kansas (KU), majoring in Biology/Pre-med, from 1998-2000. My freshman year at KU, I applied to the highly competitive Indian Health Service scholarship program and was highly ranked through their selection criteria to be given priority consideration for a scholarship. My career path, however, was redirected after I began working during the summers as a waitress at the Sac and Fox Casino. Since then, I have gained 13+ years of hands-on experience within the

gaming industry. I have held the positions of casino cage cashier, slot attendant, and slot technician within our own Prairie Band casino. I have also received manufacturer's trainings and certifications of a Gaming Agent and an Associate Technician through IGT (International Gaming Technology). I'm currently employed with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission as a Tribal Gaming Inspector, a privilege that I have held for eight years. As a Tribal Gaming Inspector, it is my vital duty to preserve and protect our casino by ensuring that regulations are followed and to report any violations and/or possible criminal activity to the PBP Gaming Commission. This is a responsibility that I take much pride in; therefore, I try to be thorough, accurate, and possess a good understanding of the various regulations (i.e. our Gaming Compact with the State of Kansas, our tribal Law and Order Code Title 12, and our PBP Gaming Commission Minimum Internal Control Standards) and the many departments within the casino that I work with. In doing so, I have received a letter of recognition from our PBP Gaming Commission to express the appreciation of the (then) Director of the Kansas State Gaming Agency, John McElroy, for my thorough compilation of documents and reports for an investigation.

My time in the gaming industry has been very rewarding, and, I have not forgotten about nor neglected my desire to help people throughout that time. I feel that, through my gaming experiences, I have helped play a role in the success of our casino. But my continued sense of duty to our people makes me feel that there is more that I can do. Our casino has brought many good things for all of us, and I want to do my part to see to it that that continues on for our future generations. Now I seek your support and vote for the position of Gaming Commissioner so that I may take the next step in fulfilling this sense of duty and desire to help all of our people.



Rey Kitchkumme

"Responsibility, Experience and Loyalty"
These are Qualities Elected Officials should impart
when representing
the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, our Gaming
Enterprise and its Tribal Members.

These are the principles I have always brought to the table as an elected official of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP). On April 16, 2014, I declared my candidacy for re-election as a PBP Tribal Gaming Commissioner. I bring ten years' experience as a former elected Tribal Council Member and four years of familiarity as your current Tribal Gaming Commissioner.

In the course of four years the Tribal Gaming Commission has gone through some positive changes in our fiscal responsibilities without sacrificing our regulatory oversight and authority. We have reorganized several administrative positions and consolidated this work load to existing staff members. In 2011, we reduced the number of Commissioners from five to three. Our Tribal Council agreed with this decision by submitting the change in our Law & Order Code to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) and in early 2012 the change was sanctioned. This consolidation has saved the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation approximately \$240,000 in salary and benefits.

The PBP Tribal Gaming Commission receives a required Title 12 (Sec 12-3-21) independent annual financial audit. Reports and numerous accounts are analyzed and invoices examined by an independent auditing firm. All balance sheet items are tested (testing is a procedure performed by an external auditor in

order to assess the accuracy of various financial statement assertions), bank balances are confirmed directly with our bank, payroll is tested and recalculated, purchasing card purchases are examined, revenues and expenses are analyzed. Year after year, the Tribal Gaming Commission receives positive opinions as well as report testing for adequacy of our internal controls. It takes a mindful team of individuals for such an accomplishment.

In addition, I am the Human Resource (HR) Liaison to the Commission. Several years ago the Commission decided not to rehire the office manager position. When I began my term I agreed to carry out these duties. Not only is the Commission saving money by not rehiring this position, it also allows a Commissioner the additional responsibility of undertaking HR functions. This works out well as the Commission takes full responsibility for the operations of our offices and its staff. As with all Councils, Commissions, Boards or Executive Managers a team approach serves well.

To carry out external official duties it necessitates good character and open-mindedness. This Commission does well in participating in ongoing 4-Tribe Commissioner meetings and has a fairly good relationship with the Kansas State Gaming Agency. The projects we work on together clearly benefit each tribe in Kansas and I am honored to be a part of these hard working individuals.

I can truly say we have a good team of Commissioners representing you. Why change what is ultimately functioning well!

I appreciate your vote of confidence and for every election you have supported me in throughout the years!

Gaming Commissioner #3 (continued)



Aaron D Mzhickteno

My name is Aaron Mzhickteno. I am running for Gaming Commissioner and I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I attended Topeka High School. While there, I began working part time at Nation Station. After graduating in 2007 I attended Emporia State University seeking a degree in business. I continued my employment part time at Nation Station while attending college. In 2009 I began working in the casino at the Players Club. I learned a great deal about the gaming

industry from that experience. Additionally I was selected to participate in the intern program which gave me additional insight into the day to day operations of the casino. I am currently working full time as a slot attendant. I have a proven record of low absenteeism and take pride in my work. I was given the prestigious award of employee of the month in August 2013, which further demonstrates my ability to work hard and do the job the best I can. If selected as your Gaming Commissioner, I will strive to continue working hard for you to ensure gaming revenues are safeguarded for generations to come. Thank you for your consideration.



Jancita Warrington

Bozoh. My name is Jancita Warrington. I grew up in Wisconsin, located in the traditional Potawatomi area known as Skunk Hill and that is where my family continues to reside today. My mother is Becky Warrington (Young) and my father the late Royal E. Warrington. My grandmother is Dorothy Young and my Misho the late Frank Young.

Academically, I have a Bachelor's Degree from Haskell Indian Nations University and a dual Master's Degree in Tribal Law and Policy and Cultural Preservation Management from the University of Kansas. I recently finished a two-year term on the Tribal Council and currently serve Indian Country as a Tribal Consultant. In 2012 I was selected by the National Center for American Indian Economic Development as a 40 under 40 recipient. This honor is given to 40 recipients under the age of 40 who have provided exceptional knowledge, leadership, dedication and commitment to serving Indian Country.

I have always maintained a strong commitment to serving Indian Country and ideally our Potawatomi Nation. I studied the Tribal Gaming industry in graduate school and have taken a strong interest in the Nation's position of being a leader of the industry. While on Tribal Council I served as the voting member for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA). In doing so I gained a valuable experience by attending various meetings and forums closely following current literature and trends of successful Tribal Gaming. NIGA remains an important resource for our Nation as it continues to operate as a clearinghouse of educational, legislative and public policy resource for both tribes and policymakers regarding Indian gaming issues and tribal community development. This includes trends and facts on tribal gaming, statistics on economic impacts of Indian gaming, gaming proceeds, Indian community development, regulations and state involvement through compacting.

The primary purpose of the Potawatomi Tribal Gaming Commission is to provide effective regulation at our gaming entity, while assuring proper compliance with the provisions set forth in: the Nation's Tribal-State Gaming compact, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and Title 12 of the Nation's Potawatomi Tribal Law and Order Code. The Tribal Gaming Commission's regulatory responsibility is of vital importance to the Nation as we made the decision to self-manage our Casino. I feel the Tribal Gaming Commissioner's primary responsibility to the Nation is to provide the leadership needed to support self-regulation, thus ensuring assets and revenues generated by the Tribe's gaming operations to be protected and invested with maximum benefit to the Tribal community. I also feel a primary responsibility of our Gaming Commissioners is to closely monitor current gaming literature and educate themselves on such issues. This knowledge is a key factor necessary to make informed decisions and recommendations for our Nation's gaming entity regarding future opportunities in the industry. Our Nation needs superior leadership and vigilance within the Tribal Gaming Commission's structure to ensure our operations remain well regulated and capable of promoting superior economic development. This will ensure adequate funding needed for vital Tribal government programs and services will continue to provide long-term benefits to our community and Nation.

The Nation has previously invested in me by providing the educational resources I needed to attend graduate school, and I would like to give back to the Nation by fulfilling my responsibility by serving as a Tribal Gaming Commissioner. I feel both my educational proficiencies and experience in Indian Country at large have provided a dynamic experience to draw from that has well prepared me to take responsibility for this role in our Nation's future. Therefore, I respectfully ask for your trust and confidence with your vote in July's election.

Migwetch for your time and consideration.

Workers who serve the PBPN during election time



Elizabeth Gaona is the Member Services Administrative Assistant.



Paul Vega is the Member Services Coordinator.



Election Board members are Sherri Landis, Sara Gartenmayer (chairperson) and Arlene Lingo.

Community comes out in force for EPA Clean-Up Day contest

More than 100 volunteers took part in the Community Clean-Up Day on the reservation April 25 collectively gathering 3,986 pounds of trash.

Volunteers, who had previously formed teams by departments, met at the Division of Planning and EPA office building before fanning out across the reservation to pick up trash along roadways in two-mile stretches. Volunteers were given gloves and trash bags and then drove to their assigned sites.

As an incentive, the Division of Planning and EPA made the clean up a contest between the teams. The team who picked up the most trash that was measured in pound weight was rewarded with a pizza party a week later.

The Trash Compactors, comprised of Tribal Council members and staff from tribal operations, were the winning team. Second place went to Road& Bridge/Fire Department and Police/Tribal Court took third.

All volunteers received an Earth Day t-shirt for their efforts.



(Left) Paula Moore was also part of the winning team and Gaynell Jessepe who was not photographed.

(Below) The team on 158 Road.



Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

16th Annual Earth Day

held
April 27
at Prairie Peoples Park

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Department of Planning & Environment would like to express their gratitude to businesses that contributed to the 16th Annual Earth Day Celebration that was held at Prairie People's Park :



Shaina White is photographed displaying this year's Earth Day t-shirts that were given to registrants during Earth Day held April 27 at Prairie Peoples Park. Community clean-up volunteers also received shirts during Clean Up Day at the reservation on April 25.

- Country Greenhouse-Holton
- Holton Farm & Home
- Skinner Garden Store, Inc
- Jackson's Nursery
- Calderwood's Grocery Inc.
- Mayetta Outlet & Whistle Stop
- Prairie Band Casino & Resort
- Mercer Funeral Home
- Koger's Variety
- Holton Tire
- Holton Sonic
- Expressions Flower & Gifts
- Holton Taco Bell
- Walmart-North Topeka
- Roach Hardware Inc.-North Topeka
- Heaven Scent Flower & Gifts
- Sutherlands-North Topeka
- Vanderbilt's
- Latane Donelin



The
Division of
Planning &
EPA
thanks
everyone
for
keeping the
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beautiful!



(Above) are the winners of the Community Clean-Up Day contest who named themselves-the Trash Compactors (a.k.a. the Tribal Council team). (Left to right) Tina Mitchell, Junior Wahweotten, Linda Yazzie, Leslie Marshno, Paula Moore and Jim Potter. (Inset photo) Hattie Mitchell (left) and Peggy Houston.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
Tribal Council	617
Road & Bridge/Fire Dept.	609
Police/Tribal Court	502
Child Care	436
Tribal Victim Services & Boys/Girls Club	436
EPA	381
Casino	219
Social Services	200
Diabetes Program	171
Education/Child Support	169
Human Resource	130
Prairie Band, LLC	116
Total	3,986



In the photograph (above) are some young boys wearing ribbon shirts that community volunteers make for the children each year. Boys receive shirts and the girls are given shawls.



A proud Shanehse Williams holding his graduation certificate. With him is equally proud mom Shawna Williams who works in Finance and is a PBPN.

**More outside fun
occurred
at the
Early Childhood
Education Center
end of year
pow-wow
held
May 15**

G.R.E.A.T. graduation for Middle School curriculum at Royal Valley



Sixth grade students from Royal Valley Middle School (RVMS) received a certificate of appreciation for completing a program called the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) curricula on May 13. Officers from the PBPB Tribal Police Department were on hand, along with RVMS staff, to hand out the certificates at the ceremony.

Tribal Police Officer John Calvert, who also serves as Royal Valley's Student Resource Officer, taught the program at the school last semester that is dedicated to teaching students and their family members to learn life skills to help them avoid delinquent and violent behavior problems in the future. The course was taught in the classroom and involved using a work book and also holding interactive sessions. Teachers also helped teach the program.

G.R.E.A.T. is a nationwide teaching program. This is the second year for the program that also involves an elementary school curriculum that Officer Calvert taught first semester in Hoyt.

**It's tornado season!
Look for emergency safety tips
at
www.pbpindiantribe.com**

Meet Police Officer Benjamin Thursby



Benjamin Thursby is a new law enforcement officer with the Tribal Police Department and came on duty to the reservation on May 12. Prior to that, he spent 14 weeks in training at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson. His work experience includes five years as an Operations Technician for the Kansas Army National Guard and he has a total of eight years in the Kansas Guard as an Infantryman where he holds the rank of Sergeant. He resides in Topeka.

A message from Police Chief Shawn Walker

It has been a fun couple of months as we have been getting ready for the summer and pow-wow.

Tribal Officer Benjamin Thursby has completed the Kansas Law Enforcement Training to become a State of Kansas certified police officer. We added a new officer to the department, her name is Danielle Wolf. She is a State of Kansas certified police officer and holds a Master's degree from Emporia State University.

Officer John Calvert completed another G.R.E.A.T. class for Royal Valley Middle School in May. He is doing a great job with our students while also serving as School Resource Officer for the Royal Valley School District.

We have finished the restructure of the department and have things aiming in a good direction. The restructure will allow more officers to be out during a shift and will focus our officer to times or days where there is a higher demand for them.

We have also made some changes in technology which is allowing for greater accountability of the Nation's property. We also added the "DigiTicket" system, which has improved our tracking of traffic stops and the ability to gather statistics for grant reports.

We have been working hard on educating personnel in the following units: Basic Crime Prevention, Kansas Finding Words, Forensic Interviewing of Children, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Department Firearms Training, Records Management and Dispatch Training.

In community involvement we participated in the Community Clean Up event, assisted We-Ta-Se by honoring the Tribal veterans around the Reservation on May 25th and helping with the Habitat for Humanity project for the Language Department.

We at the department would like to thank the community for allowing us to serve you and to continue to provide law enforcement services for the Nation.

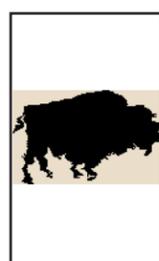
Sprucing up the Rez



(Above) The News photographed this crew of Road & Bridge workers on P Road on May 14. (Left to right) Chago Hale, Tanner Shobney, Lucas Kitchkommie and Ronny Hester. Hester heads the asphalt program for Road & Bridge.



(Left, and below) The long winter and brutal weather conditions left some reservation roads with deep potholes and in poor shape. In these photos the crew is seen removing debris and filling the holes.



(Above) New warning signs were placed on the reservation last spring near the bison pens along 150 Road and 158 Road where the bison are located.

We-Ta-Se honor Purple Heart veterans in Holton ceremony

Members from We-Ta-Se participated in a ceremony that honored the city of Holton as a “Purple Heart City” and Jackson County as a “Purple Heart County” on April 21.

The designations were given as part of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a fraternal organization that promotes recognition of the military decoration.

Over 100 people attended the ceremony that was held on the steps of the Jackson County Courthouse.

According to Jim Potts, We-Ta-Se Commander, there are eight PBPB members listed as Purple Heart recipients. He also said that during the ceremony there was a “last roll call” that was read of more than 45 soldiers from the region who were wounded or killed in the line of duty.



We-Ta-Se members provided the color guard and also gave a 21 gun salute at the Purple Heart ceremony. Left to right, Lorrie Wahwasuck-Melchior, Robert Jackson, Jim Potts (partially hidden), Glenn Levier, Chuck Jacobson, and Tim Ramirez. Not pictured is Steve Ortiz, Frank Shopteese and B.J. Darnall who also participated in the ceremony on behalf of We-Ta-Se.

Right: In the forefront is Milton LaClair who attended the Purple Heart ceremony. LaClair served in World War II and was only 19 years old when he fought on Omaha Beach in France. When he turned 20 years old he was sent back to the front where his right leg was blown off. He spent two years in a military hospital. His heroic efforts in combat were rewarded with the Purple Heart. Later on, he returned to the reservation where he still resides and was a leader in the Gaming Commission for many years.



Joseph Jessepe, who served in Vietnam is also a Purple Heart recipient. The photograph (seen above) was taken by the News during a We-Ta-Se veterans ceremony in 2011.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Purple Heart recipients

- Milton LaClair
- Joseph Hale, Sr.
- Leroy Mzhickteno
- Elwin Shopteese
- Marvin Mzhickteno
- Joseph Jessepe
- Larry Mitchell
- Tom Ramirez

Source: We-Ta-Se Department

Prairie Band Potawatomi Killed in Action

- Frank Cadue
- Victor Hale
- Martin Jim Jr.
- William Lasley
- Floyd C. Nevins
- Vernon L. Mzhickteno
- Francis Shopteese
- Lyman Tapsee
- LaVerne Thomas
- Paul G. Wamego

Source: We-Ta-Se Department

About the Purple Heart Award

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy for meritorious service and courage.

The Purple Heart is the nation’s oldest military medal and was first created by General George Washington in 1782. Known as the Badge of Military Merit it was later developed with a new design by General MacArthur in 1932.



Left: Emery Hale looks on during the Purple Heart event wearing a new We-Ta-Se vest. The vests are made of buffalo hide and have the We-Ta-Se seal embossed on the back. Hale is a lifetime We-Ta-Se veteran and served in the Army in the Korean war. He has also been active in We-Ta-Se activities and events through the years.

Special thanks to Anna Boswell and Jim Potts for contributing to this page.

Do you have a
PBPN veteran in your family
who is a Purple Heart
recipient?

We-Ta-Se staff is looking to update their
Purple Heart list.

Tribal members are urged to contact
Jim Potts, Commander
or
Lorrie Wahwassuck-Melchior, Liaison
at
15434 K Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
Phone: 785.966.2580



We-Ta-Se
honored
Potawatomi veterans
on
May 25 by visiting
PBPN cemeteries
&
performed at
Great Overland Station
May 26



We-Ta-Se acquired new display cases and have added several military artifacts and other We-Ta-Se memorabilia in them during the past year. The museum is located across the hall from the We-Ta-Se offices that are located in the We-Ta-Se building at 15434 K Road.

In focus with Human Resources

PBPN job listings
at
www.pbpindiantribe.com/employment.aspx



At left, is Employee Recruitment Specialist Robert Jackson visiting with Tosha Wilson in front of the Human Resources exhibit at the Education College and Career Fair held March 28 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

Did
you
know
that
the PBPN
government
has
nearly
300
employees?



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 PBPN, 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>



Above, Allison Garcia, Lauren Purtee, and Cherie Jim, from the Human Resources Department, helped to coordinate the chicken contest that involved physical exercises using a rubber chicken and competing between teams. In the photo (right), is Kelly Hopkins (left), Paula Hopkins and Marzha Fritzier completing one of the exercises.

**Chicken Run contest
gets employees outside
and moving!**

**Groups from departments
competed for a free chicken
dinner!**



Event held May 19 at the Government Center

**Employee meetings
for life insurance benefits**



An open enrollment period for life insurance was sponsored by the Human Resources Department in May. Term life insurance is part of the benefit package that is offered to Prairie Band Potawatomi employees.

Education Department stays busy with activities and events

College and Career Fair

A College and Career Fair was held March 28 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort where recruiters from educational institutions and businesses had exhibits and display tables on hand for attendees.

The event was sponsored by the Prairie Band Department of Education and also included workshops related to getting a job given by Bryan Coomer, Career Services Manager for Bryan University in Springfield, Missouri.



Bryan Coomer, Career Services Manager for Bryan University gave workshops on finding a job during the fair.

Some of the businesses and organizations that were at the fair included the Prairie Band Casino & Resort, Sac and Fox Casino, Goodyear, Topeka Police Department, Alorica, and the PBPN Human Resources and Tribal Youth Outreach Program. Some educational organizations that were there were the American Indian Health Research & Education Alliance, Haskell Indian Nations University, Kickapoo Nations School, Rasmussen College, University of Phoenix, Baker University, Friends University, Fresh Start Learning, Highland University, WTI and Bryan University.

The PBPN Department of Education is staffed by three employees and is housed in the lower level of the Government Center. To learn more about the department and what they offer go to <http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/education.aspx>.



At right, is Jason (Naseka) Hale sharing a laugh with Raeven Wishteyah and an unidentified student from Kickapoo Nations School who were at the College and Career fair. Hale is a research associate at the University of Kansas Medical Center and was also representing the American Indian Health Research & Education Alliance.

Student Recognition Night

April 16 at the Bingo Hall



On the far left, is Stephanie Jim with Kristina Matsapto from the Education staff registering people during the banquet.



Proud parents John and Jona Rupnicki were at the banquet to support their children Kaylyn and Doran Rupnicki and all the other graduates.



Posters made by graduates and their families has been a tradition at the Student Awards banquet.



There were 30 seniors and 34 8th graders and their families who were recognized and treated to a potluck chicken dinner.

Summer Youth Program underway

Forty youth workers will be working in a two (2) month work program in various departments and places on the reservation this summer. The first session is from June 2-June 27 and the second session will be held June 30-July 25, 2014. Due to popular demand, workers are allowed to work only one session.

Education Department announces partnership with Bryan University

Submitted by Kristen Aitkins, Education Director

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Education Department is pleased to announce a new partnership with Bryan University (BU). Tribal members are eligible to receive a tuition rate of \$80/quarter credit hour and course work can be completed at the Topeka location or online.

This is the third partnership the department has entered. Tribal members wishing to enroll in Technical, Associate, Bachelor, or Master level degree programs now have several options.

Bryan University approached the Nation with the partnership proposal as a way to increase enrollment of PBPN tribal members. BU is committed to assisting tribal members who are interested in programs offered and can provide information and facility tours to interested tribal members contacting the admissions department. Bryan University also works closely with students on all aspects of the financial aid process.

Bryan University offers programs in allied health, business, information technology, health and

wellness, business, criminal justice, and HVAC/R technology. In addition to offering programs at the diploma and Academic Associate's degree level, Bryan University offers Bachelor's degrees, and a Master of Business Administration degree. Bryan University is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) to award diplomas, Associate, Bachelor, and Master degrees. In addition, Bryan University is approved to offer campus-based, hybrid, and fully online programs. The Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools is listed as a nationally recognized accrediting agency by the United States Department of Education and is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Bryan University is approved by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in federally-funded financial assistance programs.

For more information, tribal members may contact the admission department at 785.272.0889 or visit Bryan University webpage at www.bryanu.edu.

Education Update

Submitted by Kristen Aitkens, Director of Education

Graduation season is always a busy and exciting time of year. It's a time to reflect on past accomplishments and a time to look with hope towards the future. The Education Department is always excited to see students in all phases of their education career. We've seen students graduate from Head Start, 4th Grade, 8th Grade, High School and beyond. This year staff attended several graduation ceremonies in the local area. We attended Head Start, several high school graduations, Friends University Commencement and two hooding ceremonies at The University of Kansas. We want to extend our Congratulations to all of our graduates!

With the spring semester over the summer season is a great time to enjoy, but the fall semester

will be here before you know it. For first year college freshman, scholarship applications can be overwhelming, but we encourage all of you to take your time and read applications thoroughly. The most important tip we can give to anyone is **DON'T WAIT TOO LATE!** Most deadlines occur in early spring; however, the deadline for tribal funding is **JULY 1st**.

Renewal applications for our current undergraduates were mailed out in April. If you haven't received your packet you may call and request one or visit our website. Packets can be downloaded, faxed, emailed or put in the mail box. Be sure to request your packet early as it does take some time to complete.

The application deadline is July 1 each year for students applying for fall funding. The policy does allow for late applications, but those applicants will not be eligible for full funding if any at all. The goal

of the PBPB Education Department is to fund as many students as allowable by our budget, and those applicants who have all information submitted on or before July 1 will receive first priority. Any funds remaining, if any, will be distributed to late applications. This is a great way to meet our goals and to encourage students to apply early. The number of applications received each year continues to increase while our budgeted funds do not. It is always best to apply as early as possible and to look for other sources of funds. Our website lists a variety of scholarship websites for students to view.

Anyone needing applications or more information about any education program may contact our office toll free at 877-715-6789 or visit our website at www.pbpnation.org/Education. Congratulations again to our graduates and have a great summer!

This and that

Early Childhood Education Center Health Fair



Dental Clinic staff participated in the Early Childhood Education Center Health Fair that took place on April 11. In the photo, above, passing out a treat to a child is Gayle Lambrecht with Allison Catron. Each year the Dental Clinic participates in the Health Fair that provides wellness and health screening checks for Headstart and other young children before they enter school in the fall.

The Early Childhood Education Center hosted a Love & Logic training and dinner on May 21. The training taught parenting techniques and how to raise children using love and respect.

Diabetes Program newsletters and weekly activity schedule online at

www.pbpindiantribe.com/health-and-wellness.aspx

Join this summer's Diabetes Self Management classes

Different topics every week

Tuesdays

July 1-Aug. 26
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Classes held in the Government Center

Call Kathy Sterbenz, R.N. at 785.966.8271 for details

Did you know you can exercise at the Health Clinic's Wellness Center?

open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

(Please fill out waiver in Diabetes Program office)

Call for details at 785.966.8272

Gardening Workshop a hit!



Despite it being a very cold day the PBPB Gardening Workshop drew a large crowd of potential gardeners at the Bingo Hall on April 29.

During the workshop attendees picked up several packets of seeds and some transplants and learned about methods of insect control, growing tips for tomatoes and onions and the traditional Indian corn and beans. Gooseberry and blackberry plants were also available for purchase. The workshop was sponsored by the PBPB Diabetes Return to a Healthy Past program, the Division of Planning and Environmental Protection, Haskell Indian Nations University and the K-State Research & Extension program.

New hires in Social Services

Heather Davis (MS, MSW, LSCSW) was hired as the new Social Services Director on June 2.

Krista Catron (PBPB) has begun working as a Social Worker for the Child & Family Services.

Shirley Trull (PBPB) is the new Finance Officer in the Department.

Andrew Inskip is the new Independent Living Program Coordinator.

In turn with Forrest Cox

Forrest Cox (PBPB) recently completed an internship at the White House in Washington, D.C. and was interviewed by the *Potawatomi News* about his experience.

Q: What was the title of your internship with the White House and how long did you work there?

A: I participated in the White House Internship Program for the Spring 2014 term, where I was assigned to the National Economic Council (N.E.C.).

Q: What did you do?

A: As an intern for the N.E.C. I supported the ladders of opportunity portfolio. This portfolio includes anti-poverty/social safety net policy work in urban and rural areas, as well as in Indian Country. Most of my work included planning and organizing meetings in order to develop and further perspectives and understanding of issues; as well as conducting background research and develop analysis on issues.

Q: What is your academic background and what schools have you attended?

A: I attended the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy. In May of 2013 I graduated with a B.A. in Public Policy and minored in Native American Studies.

Q: What is your dream career job?

A: My dream job is to be in a position where I can help others and communities develop to become stronger and more resilient, whether it be at the Federal or Tribal level.

Q: What was the best thing about your internship at the White House?

A: The best moments of the internship within the N.E.C. are when you are able to see the policy process in real time. My most memorable experience was attending the White House Council on Native American Affairs meeting during a conversation between department Secretaries that solely focused on the problems and solutions for Indian Country. Not only were department Secretaries focused on Indian Country- they were gaining a better understanding of American Indian issues and Tribal sovereignty while energizing each other to help support solutions across the Federal government.

Additionally, we work closely with other interns. Building friendships with these great peers is a must as collaboration often happens. In those opportunities to collaborate you are able to dive into topics you do not normally attune to. For example, I never thought I would be learning about the retirement industry!

Beyond meetings and work, hearing from folks such as Cecilia Muñoz, Director of the Domestic Policy Council, Jeff Zients, Director of the NEC, through our speaker series, or even President Obama, is helpful in understanding the inter-workings of policy process, but it is also humbling to hear their visions, passions, and experiences as they were once in shoes similar to ours when just starting out.

Q: What is your advice for how young Native American men and women who live in rural communities should prepare themselves for working at the Federal level in Washington, D.C.?

A: My advice would be to read everything you can in the news as an opportunity to stay up today on national and local issues, but also to learn. In the internships I have had so far, and especially at the White House, there have been many moments where news articles that I read maybe three or four months ago all of a sudden become my greatest asset when facing a task involving something very unfamiliar.

Additionally, when in an internship in D.C. you have to come in with a mindset of learning how an organization works and take every opportunity to learn from folks you interact with - as they are happy to provide you with a wealth of knowledge and insight to how organizations within the Federal government work - because Federal government organizations are complex systems.

Q: During your White House internship who was the most influential or important person that you met, and why?

A: During the internship we were able to hear from all sorts of staff within the NEC, the National Security Council, senior staff, and even the President. All these talks provide great insight into the complexities of the White House decision-making process, but also their motivations and backgrounds that led them to the White House. So, it is hard to pick one person as the most influential or important as every interaction has so much value! All the staff was wonderful, and seeing how dedicated and hard everyone worked there was absolutely inspiring.



Kassie James selected American College Fund Student of the Year



James with her daughters at Haskell.

PBPB member Kassie James was selected as the American Indian College Fund Student of the Year last spring. James was selected for the honor along with Haskell Indian Nations University student Bobby Crow Feather (Standing Rock Sioux) who was selected as a Coca-Cola First Generation Scholar. Both recipients were honored at the American Indian College Fund/Coca Cola First Generation Scholars Annual Banquet in Billings, Montana on March 16.

James pursued a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Indigenous and American Indian Studies and is planning to pursue an advanced degree in Social Work.

**Congratulations to Gabrielle Marin
Walter Payton College Prep High School
(Chicago, IL)**

Parents: Evelyn Marin & David Marin



**Congratulations to Aschely Levier
Tohatchi High School
(Tohatchi, NM)**

**Love,
Mom, Dad, Sisters & Lil Brother
so proud.**



**Congratulations to Taylor Fae Potts
Royal Valley High School**

**From:
Verna Potts & Family**



**Congratulations to Marcus Catron (left)
Rossville High School &
Emily Catron (right)
Kansas State University**

**Proud parents:
Hope Adame & Rodney Catron**

**Congratulations to Andres (Cruz) Hernandez
Minco High School
(Minco, Oklahoma)**

**Proud parents: Mom,
Dad, Frank, Maria &
Emilio**



**Happy Belated Birthday to Robbie Lange
on June 10**

Robbie has spent the summer as an intern with the Koyotes Arena Football Team in Topeka. He attends Loras College in Iowa and is majoring in Business Management with a sports emphasis.



**Congratulations
Tug!
University of Kansas
School of Law**

**Love,
your Family**



**Congratulations
to
Austin Hester (left)
Rossville High School
and
Angie Hester (right)
Bachelor's of Business
Management
Friends University**



**Angel
Wahquahboshkuk
Royal Valley High
School**

**Parent: April
Wahquahboshkuk**

**Congratulations
Eric Otero
on
receiving your
Bachelor's of Science
in
Business Administration
from
Friends University
spring, 2014**

**Love,
from your Family**



**Alonzo Barraza
graduated
from
Hayden Catholic High School
Topeka, Kansas**

**Barbara (Bobbie) Guerrero
and Gilberto Barraza**

**We are so proud of you, son.
Love,
your Mom and Family**



**Congratulations
to
Kaylyn Rupnicki
Royal Valley High School**

From: Verna Potts & Family



**Congratulations
Rory Lange
on
graduating from
Royal Valley High
School
Good luck joining
U.S. Marine Corps
Band**

**Love Mom & Dad &
Brothers**



**Happy
Graduation
Mjek-e-no Hubbard
Never give up and
best of luck.**

**From,
your
Family**

**Congratulations
to
Lindsay (Osmi) Parker**

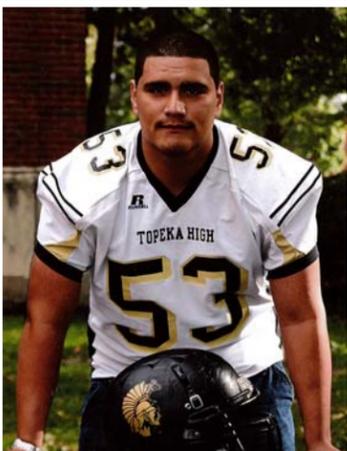
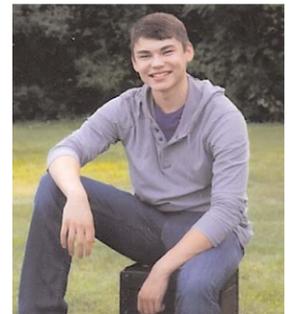
**Horton High School
Horton, Kansas**

**Parents: Marlo (wassee) Coversup &
Marty Coversup & Grandparents**



**Congratulations
J.J. Goins
on
graduating from
L'Ance Creuse High School North
(Chesterfield Township, Mich.)**

**We are so proud of you!
Parents: Jeff & Melissa Goins
& Family**



**Congratulations
Derek Thomas Gomez
(Pe-ne-shi)
Topeka High School**

**Parents: Juan & Deborah
Gomez**



**Congratulations
Amber Renee Dugan (left) &
Joseph Galvan (right)
Topeka West High School
Class of 2014.**

**Parent: Nicki Dominguez-Dugan
&
Parent: Kristina Galvan**



**Congratulations
to
Battice (left)
and
Mariah (right)
Mahkuk
Love you both and
so proud.
Roberta Thomas
and
Robert Mahkuk**



Scott Aikin appointed to position with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Tribal member Scott Aikin has been appointed as the national Native American Liaison for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Aikin has more than twenty years of experience in helping the Federal Government carry out its trust responsibilities toward tribes across the United States. Aikin will work with the Department of Interior and the Service's leadership to ensure that the agency's actions and authorities are implemented in ways that respect and acknowledge tribal sovereignty.

Jael Kay Dahlsten competes in National American Miss Iowa Pageant

Jael Kay Dahlsten, 17, was chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss Iowa Pageant that was held May 2-4 in Waterloo, Iowa. Dahlsten participated in the teen age division and chose acting as the talent portion of the contest.



Dahlsten attends South Central Calhoun High School in Lake City, Iowa and is involved in speech and track. She is a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation member and her parents are Steve and Lynn Dahlsten. She also has two brothers and one sister.

Daniel Martinez completes citizens academy



On the far left, is Daniel Martinez with members of the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department after receiving a certificate for completing the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department Citizens Academy. Martinez, along with 16 other citizens, attended the academy for three months which taught them about law enforcement and becoming good citizens. Martinez is a tribal member and lives in Topeka.

PBPN's Keesis Potts & Chance Ogden "go hard" with the Ogden's Outlaws Wrestling Club



Fireworks stand fundraiser
Boyett Auto Service-Holton
Late June to July 4

Above, are wrestlers from the Ogden's Outlaws Wrestling Club. Back row (left to right): is Assistant Coach Charles Bradford, Nate Buchtel, Alex Cavanaugh, Cole Broadford, Jake Patterson, Chance Ogden, and Assistant Coach Matt Swenson. Second row (left to right) Keesis Potts, Assistant Coach Austin Ogden, Coach Jason Ogden, and Coach Justin Ogden. Front row (left to right) Daigan Kruger and Kai Allen. The club has over 60 members and meets at Royal Valley High School twice a week.



Happy Belated Birthday to Bear & Angelina

Happy Birthday to Desiree July 10

Happy 1st Birthday to Alyssa July 16

Love, Mom, Dad, & Family

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

These are the photographs and letters donated to the Kansas State Historical Society by Joe Hale. These photos and letters contain interesting information about several individual tribal members in our nation of the Prairie Band that I believe many who enjoy history would truly love to read.

One letter was written in 1896 to Colonel Henry J. Aten, the very man who had created the original allotment map and enrollment of the Prairie Band. This letter was written to arrest my great grandfather, Chief Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk, who was the Holyman of the Potawatomis, and also his brother, Chief Wahquaboshkuk. This letter is very interesting to read, but also very sad and a little disturbing.

The second letter was written on the back of a photograph in the year 1921 by a photographer, Jesse Nausbaum. This letter contains fascinating information that I believe many would also like to read. It even talks about the famous Apache Geronimo, who had wanted to meet the Potawatomi Holyman, my great-grandfather Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk. This letter also contains information on the Hale's descendant, Chief Kack Kack's burial, and a very famous Indian photographer and anthropologist, Allanson Skinner.

These photos and letters were originally donated by Joe Hale, who I was good friends with before his passing. I think it is important to share some of the history with some of the members of the Prairie Band.

Here are the links:

<http://www.kansasmemory.org/item/305687>

<http://www.kansasmemory.org/item/305687/text>

<http://www.kansasmemory.org/item/218762>

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<http://www.kansasmemory.org/item/305685>

Gary Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk

Jailhouse Rock!



It was a great Christmas present for Micki Martinez when Elvis showed up to serenade her at the Tribal Police Department where she works. Elvis was accompanied by her son, Daniel, who is in the photograph wearing the police hat. Elvis has always been Micki's favorite recording artist and he also made a stop at the Government Center to visit with Tribal Council that day.

Ttiwenmo eginigyán
(happy day you were born)

Happy Belated 3rd Birthday
on Feb. 23
to
Julian "Shenweshkwa" Otero



Love,
Dad, Mom, and all
your Family

Correction: In the last issue of the News the incorrect age was given. The News regrets the error.



Happy naming
for
Sas-mo-kweh
(Sofia Otero)
Love,
from your Family



Happy 1st Birthday
to
Austin Aaron Tuckwin
on
March 22, 2013
Love,
Parents Bailee Crawford-Tuckwin
& Aaron Dirks
& the rest of your Family

A Big Rock Chalk
Birthday
to
Paula Moore
on
July 10
From,
Sara LaClair

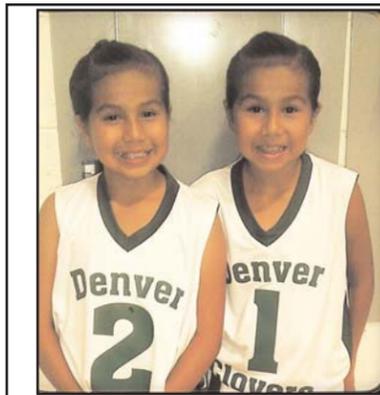


Happy 2nd Birthday
Kaiden Lee!
on
July 13, 2014

Love you bunches,
Gramma Brenda



A Big Rock Chalk
Happy Birthday
Memory
to
Chagabee
Floyd
LaClair
on
July 12
Miss ya dearly...
Love,
your wife, Sara



Happy Birthday Twins!

Ap-ta-gish-ko-kwe
&
Nao-kwe-gish-ko-kwe
on
June 14

Love,
your
Family

Happy Birthday to All
Love,
Grandma Paula & Family



Gracie Jeanne, 2
June 28



Carter Lee, 4
July 15



Ryleigh Rain, 3
June 8

Happy 14th Birthday Meskasikwe
on Aug. 7
Love you,
Mom, Shanokwe, Nagmo & Wabmimi

Ganittek
(those who are born)



Welcome
to this world!

Lincoln Anthony Day
on
December 12, 2013



Parents: Valerie
Wakolee-Day &
Taylor Day

and proud Grandparent and Great-grandparent

Welcome
Charlie Wayne Sommer



Born:
May 11, 2014
Weight:
7 pounds, 5 ounces
Height:
19.5 inches

Parents:
Auston Sommer &
Emily Catron
&
proud Grandparents
&
Great-grandparents

Introducing
Harper "Msewi" Maxine Goslin

Born:
Jan. 25, 2014
Weight:
6 pounds, 13 ounces
Height:
20 inches

Parents: Dax Goslin
& Allison Catron
&
proud
Grandparents
&
Great-grandparents



Kambottek (those who died)



**Phyllis Delores
(Wah-wa-sah) Kaufholtz**

Phyllis Delores (Wah-wa-sah) Kaufholtz, 80, of Manhattan, formerly of Mayetta, passed away Tuesday, May 6 at Via Christi Village, in Manhattan.

Phyllis was born in Mayetta, on October 25, 1933, the daughter of the late Catherine C. (LaClair) and John M. Lewis. She attended school in Wahpeton, ND and also at Manhattan High School. Phyllis was married to Reece Fairchild in July of 1949, they divorced in later years. She was also married to Gerald Kaufholz in 1980 in Westmoreland, KS. They also were divorced later.

In 1948 she worked in a factory in South Carolina and Georgia, and then later in Florida as a waitress. From 1989 until 1993 she worked as a cook at the Greyhound Bus Center and for a number of years for the Manhattan Senior Citizens Center. Phyllis was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2468 and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Phyllis is survived by two sons, Douglas R. Fairchild, of Manhattan; Delmar T. Fairchild, of Manhattan; three daughters, Donna J. Hensley, of Mayetta; Delores K. Mulanax of Saint George; Denise R. Fairchild, of Manhattan, a sister, Peggy A. Miller, of Fort Myers, FL; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandson and many nieces and nephews.

Those that preceded her in death were her parents; husband, Reece Fairchild; brothers-Mervin James Lewis, James Mervin Lewis, Raymond Edward Lewis, Larry Gene Lewis, Delmar Wayne Lewis, John Harold Lewis Jr., sister, Geraldine Lewis; son, Dusti D. Fairchild; twin grandchildren, Marquita Cain Hensley and Marita Glenn Hensley; and a great-great grandson, Dominik James Fox.

Memorial donations to the Via Christi Village, 2800 Willow Grove Rd., Manhattan, Kansas. 66502.

(Courtesy of Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan, Kan.)

**Edward "Ed" Ray (NockquagieShuck)
Wahweotten**



MAYETTA- Edward "Ed" Ray (NockquagieShuck) Wahweotten, 73, of Mayetta, KS passed away May 2, 2014 at Plaza West Regional Health Center in Topeka. He was born September 20, 1940 on the Potawatomi Reservation, the son of Ray and Elsie (Wahwassuck) Wahweotten.

Ed attended Mayetta Grade School and Pawnee Boarding School. He was an artist and worked construction. Ed was affiliated with the Native American Church and was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include 4 sisters, Mary Brown (Richard) of Mayetta, Inez Dodds of Mayetta, Cheryl Walker of Mayetta and Lorene Wahweotten of Denver, CO; 3 brothers, Ron Wahweotten (LaVeda) of Hoyt, Larry Wahweotten (Sondra) of Augusta, KS and Orville Rice, Jr. (Betty) of Topeka; an adopted sister, Lorene Hale-Thomas (Fred) of Horton and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 4 adopted brothers, Joe, Victor, Cecil and Phillip Hale.

Funeral services will be 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in the Wahwassuck Cemetery. A potluck dinner will follow the burial at the Bingo Hall in Mayetta. Family will greet friends from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

**Tamara Wahweotten Green
Ta-Wa-Kwe**

(April 10, 1966 - June 4, 2014)

MAYETTA – Tamara Wahweotten Green, Ta-Wa-Kwe, 48, of Mayetta, died Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at her home.

She was born April 10, 1966 at Holton, the daughter of Warren and Wynona Harrison Wahweotten. She graduated from Lawrence High School in 1984.

Tamara was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Drum Religion.

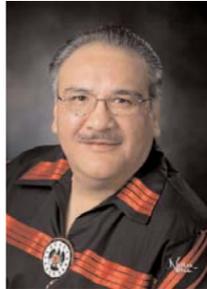
Survivors include her parents, Warren and Wynona Wahweotten, three sons, Damian Johnson, Eythan Johnson, and Daniel Simon, Jr. and Kek; one daughter, Rudi Lake and husband Michael; two brothers, Michael A. Wahweotten, and Warren Wahweotten, Jr. and wife Gina; three grandsons and one granddaughter, all of Mayetta.

Drum services will be Saturday evening, June 7th at the Dance Ground west of Mayetta. Burial will be Sunday afternoon in the Shipshee Cemetery. Tamara will lie in state from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Saturday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt.

(Courtesy of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hoyt, Kan.)

James M. "Wabaunsee" Potter

MAYETTA- James McKinley "Wabaunsee" Potter, 56 of Mayetta, KS passed away June 11, 2014 at a result of a motorcycle accident. He was born January 14, 1958 in Topeka the son of John William and Rema Julia (Wahweotten) Potter.



Jim graduated from Royal Valley High School in 1976 and attended college in Emporia and Hutchinson. He had lived in Mayetta for 10 years and Delia for 7 years. Previously he lived in Topeka working as a parts manager for Price Equipment and later at Florence Crittenton Girls Home.

Jim was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, serving on Tribal Council for 16 years. He served as Treasurer for 12 years and 4 years as Secretary. He served 8 years on the Executive Board of National Congress of American Indians. Jim was past president of Jackson County Economic Development Corporation and the Jackson County Tourism Council. He was a member of Mayetta Masonic Lodge, Banner Creek Science Center and served on the Tribal Health Board. He was presently serving as President of Mayetta Businessman's Association and served on the Pow-wow Committee.

He married Patricia Miller on June 6, 1992 in Topeka. She survives of the home. Other survivors include his adopted mother, Mary LeClere of Mayetta, KS; 2 sons, Robert Lara and Richard Clark both of Topeka, KS; adopted daughter, January Bird of Winnebago, NE; 2 sisters, Shirley Potts of Sabetha, KS and Leona Briscoe of Dallas, TX and an adopted granddaughter, September Thomas.

Drum services will be Monday evening, June 16, 2014 at the Danceground Building west of Mayetta. Burial will be Tuesday afternoon, June 17, 2014 at the Danceground Cemetery. Jim will lie in state at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton until 3:00 p.m. Monday. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

*In memory
of
Frank G. Shopteese*



(Dec. 8, 1934-May 23, 2013)

*Time has passed and many memories have come to mind
and have been shared.*

We are here and he has gone to another place. His life was long and full.

*We miss his laugh, his smile, his stories, his proud
beliefs and teachings.*

*His legacy lives on in all of us, and for that we are grateful.
From your loving family and many lifetime friends.*

*(Family note: Frank's ashes were placed in Shipshee cemetery last May, along with his
daughter Robyn Marie Shopteese who preceded him in death in 1972. There was a cere-
mony and drumming by the Standing Bear Brotherhood.)*

Snaps of graduates by Kristen Aitkens

Friends University began a partnership in 2010 with the Department of Education where working people can attend school on the reservation in the evenings. Congratulations to six recent graduates who got their college degrees.



Left to right: Chris Mzhickteno, Angie Hester, Rockell Otero, Eric Otero and Nathan Hale. Not pictured is Evan Evans.



Keirsten Hale



Krista Catron



Lindsay Houston

Special thanks to the Department of Education for providing these miscellaneous photos of graduates.



Tug Wamego



Sophie Wamego



Kaylynn Hopkins

Staging for the 2014 Prairie Band Potawatomi pow-wow



A new speaker system and stage doors were added to the pow-wow arena to get ready for this year's pow-wow. The speaker system is considered state-of-the-art and the stage doors were added for security and weather-proof measures for the audio boards and other technical equipment that is used during pow-wows. PBPNC Construction/ Maintenance teams and other PBPNC departments did the majority of the installation and work at the pow-wow grounds that seems to get better every year.



Inside the arena stage are Construction/Maintenance Director Carl Matousek (left) with IT Manager Ben Joslin who were deciding where to place the equipment and wiring for the new sound system.

Special thanks to Construction/Maintenance, IT Department, Road & Bridge, Pow-wow Committee, Tribal Council and Tribal Operations for making a great place to pow-wow!



Maintenance crews pouring concrete and mounting the piers for the speaker system.

At right, Anthony Levier (back to camera) and Tom Jim working on the arena.



New rails were installed in the center and along the sides of the steps that were built last year and are located on the east side of the arena.



Look for Pow-wow highlights online at www.pbpindiantribe.com or in the fall issue of the *Potawatomi News*

8th Annual Comedy & Talent Show

Sept. 4 and 5
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Bingo Hall

For details call Julia Lewis, 785.966.2182

- * Ages 12 years & older
- * Must be dependable
- * Bring your own equipment
- * Perform both nights
- * Winners receive cash
- * Door prizes for attendees