



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Summer 2015

Prairie Band Casino & Resort to expand

Expansion of the casino is in the works that will include a bingo hall and more gaming floor space for slot machines. Outside improvements will include repaving the parking lots located on the west side in front of the casino.

The General Council voted to approve the expansion on April 18 at their last quarterly meeting.

The bingo hall will be state-of-the-art and constructed as an attachment to the casino's front side that faces north. It will seat 367 players and have electronic handheld games and pull tabs. Food and beverages will also be available and there will be merchandise for sale.

An extension of the existing gaming floor is also proposed. The gaming floor will be extended to include 200 additional slot machines.

In addition, a large section of the casino's existing customer parking area will be repaved.

Projected costs for the expansion are \$9.47 million.



The Prairie Band Casino & Resort Entertainment Board of Directors are (left to right) Joshua Arce (member), Jona Rupnicki (president), Ed Collazo (vice president), Denise Marshall (secretary) and Corey Mzhickteno (treasurer). Joyce Guerrero is Tribal Council's liaison for the Board.

(Photo courtesy of Harrington Photography)

Hope Adame honored as National Head Start Administrator of the Year



Several people traveled to Washington, D.C. in March to witness former Early Childhood Education Center Director Hope Adame, fourth from left, receive the honor of National Head Start Administrator of the Year. Among them were Adame's family, coworkers, and friends who made the trip on her behalf.

In the photo, from left to right, is Jackie Mitchell, Justine Berryhill, Rod Catron, Hope Adame, Juliet Carlisle, Lavera Bell, Lisa Wamego, Maggie Catron, Maria Fairman, Vicki Wahquahboshkuk, and Nikki Jackson.

(Special thanks to Lisa Wamego for submitting the photo to the News)

Three candidates file for Ethics Commission Election

Three candidates have filed for three of the six seats in the Ethics Commission Election that will be held July 25. Candidates filed from April 16 until April 30.

Mamie Rupnicki has filed for chairperson, Rencie Eteeyan for vice-chairperson, and Kassie James for secretary. There were no candidates for Commissioner #1, #2 or #3.

Ballots were mailed on June 10 and 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 25 and will be counted in an open meeting of the tribal membership.

The Election Committee is Sara Gartenmayer, chairperson, Arlene Lingo and Sherri Landis.

See candidate photos and profiles inside.

**Election ballots were mailed June 10
and must be returned by July 25 at 9 a.m.
to Mayetta Post Office.**

**Ballots will be counted in an open meeting
of the membership to be held at the Bingo Hall.**

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Message to the Nation from Liana Onnen, Tribal Council Chairperson

Bosho, nishnabek. As I write this during the first week in June, the reservation in Kansas has received about four to five inches of rain in the past 24 hours, depending on your location. Not to mention the rain that fell before all week long. And that is on top of another 10 to 12 inches of rain that are estimated to have fallen during May. It is pow wow weekend and there is potentially more rain in the forecast. Many creeks and streams have spilled over their banks and roads across the reservation are flooded or washed out and are partially or totally closed. Did I mention it is pow wow weekend?

With the pow wow on the horizon, it might seem like a good time to get mired down in worry or blame. What will we do? Why didn't they do something different? Who should have done this? Who should have done that? Will we be able to have the pow wow? Will people be able to get around? With those questions in mind, I know that we are lucky because the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation community is resilient and resourceful. We have some of the best employees taking care of the situation, and have an understanding community composed of people who are a part of the solution and not part of the problem. The Prairie Band Potawatomi have always found a way. We survive and we rise every time. We survive not just because of the people on our home reservation, but also all the Potawatomi across the country that work at the federal government and in successful, prominent business positions. We are a people together, united in many more ways than we realize, despite the distances that may separate us, because our culture and the lessons of our culture are deeply ingrained in each of us, whether we see that or not.

It is these traits found in the Potawatomi people that make my job great. Every day I get to interact with tribal members and work for the progress of our tribe and our people. Your Tribal Council is continuing to tackle the issues that face us as a Nation, representing the people, and moving us forward in a positive way. In May, Tribal Council met off-site to identify priorities for the Nation and to determine the projects that we, as a Council, would like to accomplish in the next three to five years. We will be finalizing and implementing that plan in the coming weeks. It was a good session and I think we learned that we share many of the same priorities and understand their importance as it pertains to the Nation.

We are moving forward with offers in the Land-Buy-Back Program and the Enrollment Town Hall Meetings remain a priority. Please remember, the Enrollment Town Hall Meetings are being held to get YOUR input on how we will shape our future as a people. If you are able to attend these meetings please be sure to come. There is one on June 27 and there will be another one planned for the fall. These meetings will determine the enrollment criteria change options which could be placed on a constitutional amendment referendum ballot next year.

Some of the other working meetings that I attended with other Council members included: Enrollment Town Hall preparation; Social Services Advisory Board; Quarterly All-Employee Meeting; Indian Health Services-Office of Environmental Health (IHS-OEH); Jackson County Commissioners; U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger and Kickapoo Nation Tribal Council; Local U.S.D.A. regarding Conservation Reserve Program; meeting with officials regarding the Shabehnay Reservation in Illinois; Prairie Band, LLC Board and staff; Prairie Band Casino & Resort Entertainment Corporation and staff regarding the casino expansion project.

Other meetings and events attended by Tribal Council members and me included:

Take Back the Night sponsored by the Tribal Victim Services Department; Charitable Contributions Committee awards presentation; Signing ceremony for Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide homeownership opportunities to our Native Veterans, and the 2015 Haskell Commencement ceremony which had one of its largest graduating classes in history. As your chairperson, I was also pleased to provide opening remarks at several events including conventions at our Casino, charitable events like the Native American Mental Health Alliance Walk, and other ceremonies and openings where I highlighted the PBPN's contributions to the community that are hopefully making a difference in the lives of everyday people.

In addition, it was an honor to represent the Nation by providing testimony to the House Appropriations Subcommittee in Washington, D.C. to request increasing funding amounts to address our tribal needs and that of all federally recognized tribes. We must consistently remind the federal government of its trust obligations and do all that we can to ensure they meet those obligations. I also attended my first National Indian Gaming Association Convention and Trade Show in San Diego. It was a particular honor to attend a luncheon to witness my predecessor, Chairman Steve Ortiz, receiving the Chairman's Leadership Award for his service and achievements during his tenure. Additionally, I also attended a luncheon with Kansas Senator Jerry Moran who was recently seated on the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and seems to be communicating with the PBPN regularly on issues he feels are important to us and Indian Country. Later in the month, I was able to travel back to D.C. along with Vice-Chairperson, Joyce Guerrero and Council Member, Thomas Wabnum to meet with officials at the Department of the Interior for a discussion about the land-into-trust process and our Shabehnay Reservation. On a related note, tribal members and all Native Americans should keep track of their representatives in Washington, D.C. as there have recently been heated hearings that question the authority of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for tribes. This is an alarming discussion which could impact all of Indian Country negatively if tribes do not voice their opinions and concerns. We will be watching these developments closely and hope you will too.

I look forward to the next three months and the positive changes that are coming our way. When the storms come, when the challenges come, they bring with them blessings and strengths that we may not always recognize when they are in our midst. But when the storms pass, when the challenge has been met, we will find ourselves stronger and wiser than we were before. So we must never let the challenge of the hour, the day, the week or even the challenge of our lives set us on a course of dissension and discord. We must rise to those challenges and listen to one another to find the solutions to those problems together. I have learned from my mother, from my Potawatomi family, that when times are the worst, when we are at our lowest, we will stick together, we will support one another and all the petty differences that may have divided us must be set aside to get through the tough times. I was taught that when one of us fails, we all fail and when one of us succeeds, we all succeed. We cannot be like the crabs in a bucket, crawling over one another in a selfish quest to be on top. We must raise one another up.

Before I close, I must recognize the efforts of Peggy Houston, General Manager of Tribal Operations. For the past two years, Peggy has worked for the Nation and has met many challenges in that position. She will soon be taking another journey and we all wish her well, wherever she may go next. Best wishes, Peggy and thank you for your service to the Nation!

Calendar of Events

- July 3** PBP Government Closed
Independence holiday
- July 18** General Council Meeting
- July 25** Ethics Commission Election
- August 13-16** Potawatomi Gathering
Forest County Potawatomi
- Sept. 7** PBP Government Closed
Labor Day



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Tribal Council hosts legislators at pow wow



Tribal Council invited county and state legislators to the pow wow for a tour and took them to lunch on June 6. (L to R, front row) Liana Onnen, Camilla Chouteau, Janet Zwonitzer, and Carrie O'Toole. Back row (L to R) William Elmer, Rob Ladner, and Richard Carlson. Zwonitzer, Elmer and Ladner are on the Jackson County Commission and Carlson works for the State of Kansas in the Department of Revenue.

Tribal Council Treasurer information

Questions about your Minor's Trust account?

A representative from Providence First Trust Company (PBPN financial provider for minor's trust fund) will be available on Sat. July 18 (General Council Day) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Government Center (south conference room)

Contact:
Treasurer Hattie Mitchell
785.966.4004
or
Administrative Assistant Josette Berryhill
785.966.4005

Calling all teens and parents!

Come have some snacks and learn in a fun and interactive way how to budget your money and take control of your finances at a Financial Education session Friday, July 17 (time and location to be announced)

Instructor from Providence First Trust Company
Contact:
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785.966.4004
or
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In collaboration with:
Treasurer/Finance. Boys & Girls Club. Education Dept

Come on in to the Prairie Band One Stop Convenience Store



The Prairie Band One Stop Convenience store is a new business of Prairie Band, LLC. The store has to-go breakfast items and other snacks, native cigarettes, Native American gifts and gas. It is located at 190th Road and U.S. Highway 75.



These employees are ready to serve and are, left to right, Peggy McDaniel, Rob Darling and Tyler Levier. McDaniel and Darling are cashiers and Levier is the store's general manager.

2015 Gathering
Forest County Potawatomi
Crandon, Wisconsin
August 13-17

Language Conference
August 10-13

For details call LaVerne Hale
at
785.966.0041

Agent Orange Meeting



Tom Wabnum spoke at an Agent Orange Town Hall meeting on March 8 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. The meetings have been held at the casino for the last two years and Wabnum has been active in promoting the meetings. He is a military veteran and serves on the Tribal Council.

(Submitted photo)

Charitable Contributions ceremony held



Above, at the podium, is Father Chris Rossman from Our Lady of the Snows Church that received an \$8,000 donation to help with their 100 year celebration held May 31.

Charitable Contributions donations

- Lawrence Memorial Hospital \$ 3,000
- Museum of the Kansas National Guard \$ 300
- National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) \$ 5,000
- Military Officers Association \$ 2,000
- Topeka Blues Society \$ 5,000
- Wakonda Indian Festival \$ 1,500
- Washburn University Foundation \$10,000
- Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race \$ 3,000
- Sunflower State Games \$ 2,500
- Easter Seals Capper Foundation \$ 3,525
- Kansas Senior Olympics \$ 5,000
- OLD Fiesta Mexicana \$ 5,000
- Friends University \$ 1,500
- YWCA \$ 2,500
- American Heart Association \$ 5,000
- The Arthritis Association \$10,000
- American Indian Health Research & Education Alliance \$ 2,000
- Our Lady of Snows Church \$ 8,000

Total: \$75,225.00

Former Chairperson Steve Ortiz receives Chairman’s Leadership Award at National Indian Gaming Association Convention

Steve Ortiz, former PBPB chairperson, was honored with the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Chairman’s Leadership Award on March 31 in San Diego.

Ortiz was given his award and a blanket from NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr. who highlighted his achievements as the former chairman of the PBPB and influence in the National Indian Gaming industry.

Ortiz was an elected official in the PBPB for approximately 15 years and served his last seven years as chairperson until 2014.

Others at the NIGA awards luncheon included Carrie O’Toole and Liana Onnen from the PBPB Tribal Council and members of Ortiz’s family. Several other northeast Kansas tribal leaders and staff from the Prairie Band Casino & Resort also attended the week long convention that included informational sessions and exhibits.



Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr. and Steve Ortiz during the leadership awards ceremony.



U.S. Sen. (Kansas) Jerry Moran (far left) spoke at the convention and was photographed with Carrie O’Toole, Liana Onnen and Ernie Stevens Jr. Onnen and O’Toole are on the PBPB Tribal Council.

Prairie Band Casino & Resort hold 17th Annual Awards Banquet



Once a year tribal and casino leaders come together to celebrate and award the work of over 700 employees who work at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort with a banquet. Attending this year’s banquet, front row, left to right, is Camilla Chouteau, Jona Rupnicki and Denise Marshall. On the back row, left to right, is Joyce Guerrero, Hattie Mitchell, Joshua Arce, Larry Mzhickteno and Carrie O’Toole. Guerrero, Mitchell, Chouteau and O’Toole are on the Tribal Council and Rupnicki, Marshall and Arce serve on the Entertainment Board. Mzhickteno is a Gaming Commissioner.

(Submitted photo)



Joyce Guerrero gave remarks at the banquet that honored casino employees for 2014. Guerrero is vice chairperson of the Tribal Council and acts as the liaison for the Entertainment Board.

Congratulations to this year’s casino winners!
Employees of the Year
Jerry Gearhart (Players Club Supervisor)
Dan Gartner (Heavy Duty Cleaner)
Manager of the Year
Randy Valdez (Slots Shift Manager)
Supervisor of the Year
Dustin Haverkamp (Employment Supervisor)

Prairie Band Casino & Resort hosts Keepers of the Fire BBQ Contest and Festival June 5



The event was held in the RV Park behind the casino and was free and open to the public.



Casino staff Roman Harjo (left) and Bert Bertino worked the BBQ contest and festival.



From left to right: Josette Berryhill, Justine Berryhill and Charles Wakole sampled BBQ at the contest. A kids zone and other activities were also part of the festival and fun.

Prairie Band Potawatomi and Department of Veterans Affairs hold signing ceremony for Native American Direct Home Loan Program



Prairie Band tribal leaders and Veterans Administration (VA) dignitaries signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that will allow Native American veterans and their spouses to apply for a Native American Direct Loan on trust land. Signing the MOU and sitting are Mike Frueh, director of the Veterans Affairs Home Loan Program, and Liana Onnen, PBP chairperson. Potawatomi veterans also witnessed the signing.

On May 5 leaders of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation (PBP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) so eligible Native American veterans and their spouses will have the opportunity to use their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) home loan benefit on federal trust land.

The signing ceremony began at 10 a.m. with a Veterans Benefits Fair that followed at the Bingo Hall.

Liana Onnen, PBP chairperson, said, "The Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation looks forward to our partnership with Veterans Affairs to provide direct loans to our eligible Native American veterans through the Native American Direct Loan (NADL) Program. The signing of this intergovernmental document exemplifies the commitment of both organizations to provide adequate housing opportunities for our Native Veterans."

By statute, before the VA may make a loan to a Native American veteran desiring to build or renovate a home on tribal land, the veteran's tribal sovereign governing body must enter into a MOU with VA. Native American veterans eligible for VA home loan benefits and whose sovereign governments have signed a MOU may then apply directly

to the VA for a 30-year fixed rate to purchase, build, or improve a home located on federal trust land. They may also refinance a direct loan already made under this program to lower their interest rate.

Native Americans traditionally have had the highest rate of enlistment in the armed forces. This agreement opens the door for Prairie Band of Potawatomi veterans to use their richly deserved benefit of home ownership on Indian Country. The Native American Direct Loan (NADL) is a low cost, low fixed interest rate home loan. The lender is the VA.

VA regional office representatives who work on the Native American Direct Loan Program were present to answer questions. Future questions can be made by calling 800.827.0611 ext: 3716 or by visiting www.benefits.va.gov/stpaul/regional_loan_center.asp for more information about the NADL.

Other information about health and other VA benefits were available at the fair from staff with the Kansas VA Health Care System, Topeka Regional Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Paul Regional Loan Center, VA Central Office, Washington, D.C. and the PBP.



Land Buy-Back Program news

Staff who are working on the Land Buy-Back program for the PBP have been busy the last two months implementing and processing the paperwork on behalf of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to tribal members who have been made offers to sell their fractionated portions of land on the PBP reservation that will be placed into trust.

Marzha Fritzler, Steve Duryea and Kim Walker, who are on the staff for the PBP, along with Tribal Council Member Tom Wabnum, have been holding informational sessions and meetings at the Elders

Center, Bingo Hall, and at Prairie Band Casino & Resort to inform members about the process. Meetings have also been held in Wisconsin where the second largest concentration of PBP members reside. Offers closed on June 8.

The Land Buy-Back Program was created to implement the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided \$1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian Country.

The PBP were one of the first tribes selected by the BIA to implement the program.

Wade Pahmahmie named Director of Finance

The Finance Department operates under the direction of the Tribal Council Treasurer's office.



Wade Pahmahmie has been named Director of Finance for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP). Before taking the position, he was acting interim director and was also the assistant controller in the department.

Prior to that, Pahmahmie worked in Finance serving as a contract specialist from 2000 until 2006 and then as an accountant II for six years. He has also been recognized by his peers as Employee of the Month in 2001 and Employee of the Quarter in 2009.

Pahmahmie holds a double major in business finance and business management from Washburn University. He is a tribal member and resides on the PBP reservation.

The Finance Department is supervised by the Office of the Tribal Council Treasurer and is staffed by fifteen employees who work in various areas including accounting, grants, procurement/purchasing, and per capita. The department is located on the upper level of the Government Center.



Flying the flag for the PBPN



Tribal Council members Tom Wabnum, Joyce Guerrero, and Liana Onnen were in Washington, D.C. on business on May 14 and had this photo taken in the Bureau of Indian Affairs corridor of tribal flags. The photo, right, shows Councilperson Wabnum displaying the PBPN flag.

Town Hall Enrollment Meeting

June 27
10 a.m.
to
2 p.m.

Bingo Hall



Chairperson Liana Onnen gave welcome remarks at the 37th annual AFL/CIO Community Service Conference on May 28 at the casino. Several conferences and events are scheduled at the casino throughout the year.



Chief of Police Shawn Walker and Chairperson Onnen speak at Kansas Fraternal Order of Police Conference at casino

Shawn Walker and Liana Onnen gave opening remarks at the The Kansas Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) annual conference held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort June 5-7.

The group included approximately

100 delegates that represented 35 lodges from Kansas communities and 3,500 law enforcement officers.

Walker is a former member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

It was a chilly day for the National Alliance of Mental Health (NAMI) Walk held in Topeka on May 2. Liana Onnen, chairperson, gave remarks on behalf of the PBPN who gave a \$5,000 Charitable Contribution donation to the organization last quarter.



Secretary of the Department of Interior Sally Jewell gives keynote address at Haskell commencement: Arlene Wahwasuck Outstanding Alumni of Year



Haskell President Chenault with Secretary of the DOI Sally Jewell.



Arlene Wahwasuck was named Outstanding Alumni.



Left to right: PBPN Chairperson Liana Onnen, Jerry Tuckwin (PBPN), president of the Haskell Foundation, and Russell Bradley (Kickapoo), Haskell Board of Regents president.



Left to right: Ernie Stevens Jr., chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, A.C. Green (Iron Man), retired professional basketball player with the L.A. Lakers, Carrie O'Toole, PBPN Tribal Council member and Haskell Board of Regents member, and Mark Dodd, Tribal Liaison for the State of Kansas.

Several members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation participated in commencement ceremonies on May 8 at Haskell Indian Nations University's (HINU) Coffin Sports Complex in Lawrence, Kansas. Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Department of Interior, gave the keynote address and Dr. Venida Chenault, president of HINU and a PBPN member, presented diplomas to over 200 graduates. In addition, PBPN's Arlene Wahwasuck was also honored as Outstanding Alumni of the Year.

Wahwasuck was honored during a reception on Thursday, May 7 at Haskell which was a part of Haskell's

Commencement weekend.

After graduating from Haskell in 1951, Wahwasuck completed an undergraduate degree in nursing at Washburn and a master's degree in community health at the University of Kansas.

Professionally she remained in nursing and retired as a Captain in the U.S. Public Health Services Nurse officer program in 1999. Since that time, she has remained active in Indian health issues and concerns and was an active committee member in the development of the Potawatomi Health Center that is located on the PBPN reservation.

Josh Arce, CIO of Haskell, with Sec. Jewell at a media conference.



Guidance tips for “Best if Used By” for U.S.D.A. commodity food

Submitted by Tracy Potts

Many USDA commodity foods display a 'Best If Used By' date. This is not a food safety date. It means that the manufacturer recommends using the product by this date for the best flavor or quality. At some point after the 'Best If Used By' date, the product may change very gradually in taste, color, texture, or nutrient content, but the product may be wholesome and safe long after that date.

If you have reason to question the quality or safety of your food, examine the can or package for any signs of spoilage, such as, bulging cans or cans that spurt liquid when opened, rust, leakage from the package, broken seals or torn packages, insect infestation, and/or foul odor. If any of these conditions are present, do not eat the food. When in doubt, throw it out. Destroy the food so it will not accidentally be eaten. If there are no visible signs of spoilage, open the can or package and smell the product. If you do not see or smell any signs of spoilage and the can or package is not damaged (dented, torn, or leaking), you must use your best judgment regarding the quality of the food and whether or not to eat it.

A number of factors can shorten the useful life of a food product such as improper handling and

inappropriate storage conditions. The overall quality and nutritional value of the product may begin to decline over a period of time, but this does not mean the food is not safe to eat. The decision to eat the food must be made after carefully considering how the product was stored and handled and the condition of the package. With the exception of infant formula, there is no single date that indicates when a product must be used, and after which it cannot be used.

There are several things you can do to make sure your foods are at their peak quality:

- Store dry foods in a cool (preferable less than 70 degrees) dry place. Store food off the floor.
- Store opened flour, pasta, and dry cereal products in air tight containers or resealable plastic bags.
- Although you can store flour and cornmeal at room temperature in an air tight container for up to six months, you can extend its life even further by storing it in the refrigerator or freezer. Warning: Stockpiling these products in your pantry will attract unwanted pests!
- Store chilled foods in the refrigerator. Set

your refrigerator temperature at 39 degrees to help keep food safe. Always wrap food tightly.

- Keep frozen foods frozen until ready to use. Always wrap food tightly to avoid freezer burn. Do not pack your freezer too tightly - leave room for air to circulate.
- Date the food package when you receive it. Always use oldest commodities first. Organize your pantry and cupboards so that the oldest commodities are near the front.

There are several food safety applications available for Apple and Android devices. Check out the new USDA 'Foodkeeper' app. With this application, you can find specific storage timelines for the refrigerator, freezer, and pantry, depending on the nature of the product. 'Ask Karen' is another free app that provides information about preventing food borne illness, safe food handling and storage, and safe preparation of meat, poultry and egg products.



The Potawatomi Nation has been operating a food distribution program since the early 1980s. There is a monthly commodity program calendar that can be accessed on the tribal website at www.pbpindiantribe.com/community-services.aspx under the food distribution program. The food distribution building is located at 15189 K Road, Mayetta, KS and is staffed by two individuals. For hours call 785.966.2178.

**Thinking of buying your own home?
The Housing Department is sponsoring Homebuyer Workshops in conjunction with its National Housing Program on
Thursday, Aug. 20
Thursday, Nov. 19
Bingo Hall, 6-8 p.m.**



A reminder to Potawatomi Food Distribution Program participants: You may refuse any commodities you do not want or cannot use. Help reduce food waste! Before ordering your commodities, first go through your pantry and take stock of what you have. Then order only what your household can use within a month or two.



A photograph of Prairie Village senior housing that is located in Prairie Village on K Road. The building includes 15 2-bedroom units that also includes on-site laundry facilities and a common area where meetings are held.

PBPN Food Distribution Program

For more information go to:
www.pbpindiantribe.com/community-services.aspx

- Eligibility requirements
- How to apply
- Monthly PBPN food distribution calendar

National Housing Programs

- Renovation & Repair
- Down Payment
- Rental Assistance

For applications, FAQs, guidelines and pamphlets go to
www.pbpindiantribe.com/nationalprograms.aspx

Take Back the Night event calls attention to stopping sexual assault

April was National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and in honor of it the Tribal Victim Services Department hosted the 4th annual Take Back the Night Awareness event April 7 at Prairie Peoples Park.

The evening kicked off with a presentation about the problem of sexual assault in Native American communities. Statistics show that one in three native women are victims of sexual assault and the purpose of Take Back the Night was to high-

light programs available to the Prairie Band Potawatomi community like the Tribal Victim Services Department and SAFESTAR volunteer community assistance program.

In addition, Liana Onnen, PBPN chairperson, read a Tribal Council Resolution that declared tribal support and she also spoke about the importance of using Tribal Victim Services and other support groups. The evening concluded with a community round dance.



(LEFT) A project table full of paper doll native shirts and drawing utensils allowed people to write messages about stopping sexual violence that were then hung on a clothesline. (BELOW LEFT) The Round Dance. (DIRECTLY BELOW) One of the paper native shirts that was drawn by a participant at the event.



Holding the microphone is Liana Onnen, PBPN chairperson, who gave remarks about the importance of stopping sexual assaults and recognizing the good work that the Tribal Victim Services (TVS) Department is doing. To her left, is Shirley Rice and Daniel Goombi from TVS, and to her right, is Keirsten Hale and Iva Rank who are volunteers with the SAFESTAR program, that also assists sexual assault victims in the community.

Early Childhood Education Center sponsors Health Fair



A face painting booth was part of the fun at the Early Childhood Education Center's Health Fair that was held April 10. The fair was intended to provide health assessments and information for children who are planning to enroll in Headstart or kindergarten next year.

Gardening Workshop



Approximately 50 future gardeners attended a presentation by Eddie Joe Mitchell about how to grow a garden on April 27 at the Bingo Hall. Topics on composting, using rain barrels, container growing and building raised beds were discussed at the workshop. Mitchell, who is on the staff of the Diabetes Prevention Program, is a lifelong reservation resident and provided good tips on growing produce and plants. In addition, he had raspberry plants and heirloom seeds to give away.



Sports physicals for youth to be offered at the Potawatomi Health Center

Sports physicals for the 2015-16 school year will be offered at the Potawatomi Health Center on the morning of July 14 (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) or the afternoon of July 15 (12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

Youth (under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian) who are already patients at the Health Center may schedule an appointment by calling 785.966.8201 or 8211.

Youth who qualify for service but are not current patients will have to schedule a visit on another day.

A form must be filled out in advance of the appointment that can be accessed through the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) at www.kshsaa.org/public/pdf/form-ppe.pdf.

Ammi Ramirez-Williams sees weight loss success

By Melinda Williamson

Ammi Ramirez-Williams joined the Diabetes Prevention Program in August of 2014 with the hopes of losing weight and getting her lifestyle on track. She went through the 16-week Lifestyle Balance classes designed to teach about nutrition, physical activity and how to successfully change your lifestyle.

In the first class session, Kathy Sterbenz, the Diabetes Nurse Educator, calculated Ammi's daily calorie and fat gram goals and gave her a goal to lose 7% of her body weight. She was provided with a calorie counting book that showed her how many calories, fat, sugar, protein was in the foods that she was eating and she was asked to write down everything she was eating on a daily basis.

"I started following this task religiously!" Ammi said. "I was shocked by how many fat, calories, and sugar were in the foods that I was eating every day!"

She began cutting back on fast food and now only goes out occasionally for a special treat.

Additionally, Ammi said, "Cereal was a huge problem for me, I loved sugary cereals like Fruit Loops and Fruity Pebbles but they contained so much sugar I completely cut them out and started eating Kellogg's Special K cereal which had more fiber and less sugar. Now I eat Bran Flakes with cinnamon and a little sugar. I

also love to drink whole milk but now I only drink 1%."

Soda was a big problem for Ammi but she also cut that out and now just drinks the water in the Nalgene bottle that she got for attending classes. After she got her nutrition under control, she began increasing her physical activity by adding exercise into her daily schedule. She tries to walk her dogs every day and has also begun going to the gym with her husband where they do cardio and weight lifting exercises together.

"The incentives that I got from the Diabetes Prevention Program really helped me a lot," Ammi said, "and the meals that they prepared for us helped me get out of my comfort zone and into trying new foods that I had never eaten before. In the beginning I remember Kathy encouraging me to make small changes and that they would add up. And I started doing just that, and they do! I originally weighed 245.4 pounds and am now down to 221.6. I have made it past my goal to lose 7% and I am not done!"

Next fall, a new round of Diabetes Prevention Program classes will begin and as Ammi's testimony suggests, the program does work. Let the Diabetes Program help you start making the changes that you need to your lifestyle! For more information call Melinda Williamson at 785-966-8271.



Ammi Ramirez-Williams has lost 25 pounds so far in the Diabetes Prevention Program.

Yoga for Every Body classes offered by Diabetes Prevention Program



Yoga was offered for the first time as an organized class last spring through the Diabetes program at the Rock Building. Instructor for the course was Cat McMahon who has been teaching yoga for over 20 years. The class taught Iyengar yoga techniques designed to teach proper body alignment to aid proper posture as a preventive measure to avoiding injury and pain. Yoga mats and other props were also provided for each session and were taught on Tuesdays after the work day.

Join the next 16-week session of the Diabetes Prevention Program (topics vary and individuals don't have to attend each class)

July 22 - November 19

Wednesdays - 5 to 6 p.m.

Thursdays - noon to 1 p.m.

For program schedule call Kathy Sterbenz, RN 785-966-8207

Classes held at the Health Center

Peacemakers Circle logo contest

Attention all artistic and creative minds! The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Peacemakers Circle is looking for a new logo design to represent the face of the Peacemakers!

What is the Peacemakers Circle? As stated in the Constitution of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, our Judicial Council is required to include a separate mediating branch that is utilized to resolve and mediate disputes in a non-adversarial way through healing and harmonious ways, by applying traditional, cultural and restorative methods.

Keeping these elements in mind, the Peacemakers are searching for a contemporary logo that incorporates these indigenous philosophies and principles.

Prizes will be awarded! Please call 785-966-2242 for any questions about submitting a logo.

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

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 tribal enrollment identification, 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>



Every drop counts!

A Community Blood Drive was held on May 15 where volunteers donated 19 units of blood.

The drive was held at the Potawatomi Health Center and co-sponsored by the Community Blood Center.

It's a GREAT day to be a Panther



There were 44 fourth grade students from Royal Valley Middle School that received a certificate of appreciation for completing a program called the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) curricula on May 5. Representatives from the PBPB Tribal Police Department, the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Royal Valley School District and the PBPB Tribal Council were on hand to offer congratulations during the ceremony. Special guest was WIBW-TV news reporter and anchor Sarah Plake.

Tribal Police Officer John Calvert, who also serves as Royal Valley's Student Resource Officer, teaches the program at the elementary and middle schools that is dedi-

cated to teaching students and their family members to learn life skills that will help them to avoid delinquent and violent behavior problems in the future. The course is taught in the classroom and involves using a work book and interactive sessions. Teachers within the school system are also involved in the program.

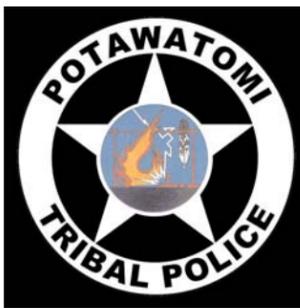
G.R.E.A.T. is a nationwide teaching program that was introduced three years ago at Royal Valley. The elementary school is located in Hoyt, Kan.



Tribal Police Department hold open house



A large crowd attended the Tribal Police Department open house on June 4 at its headquarters on Q Road. Lunch was served and there were tours of the facility and face painting for the kids.



Storm Spotters presentation offers informative tips on keeping safe in bad weather



Chad Omitt with the U.S. National Weather Service in Topeka, gave an informative presentation on how to spot storms at the Bingo Hall on April 28.

The presentation was sponsored by the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department and approximately 40 people attended from various departments and programs including Road & Bridge and Construction Maintenance.

Omott discussed the nature of clouds and what to look for when spotting hazardous weather conditions. He said that the months of May and June are when most tornadoes occur and that tracking stormy weather patterns from the West coast in California to the east

are good indicators of when storms will be likely in the Midwest.

Omott further stated that the greatest danger in a tornado is not the tornado itself but the debris that is carried within it that causes the most damage. He suggested that structures made out of concrete are the safest, like basements and safe rooms and warned that wood structures or trailers are the easiest to destroy.

Omott also gave a lot of tips on how to report severe weather situations and that there are advance storm spotting presentations available through the national weather service where he works.

Here's what information is needed when reporting severe weather

- your name and if you have had storm-spotter training
- where you are located-city, county and what direction you are looking (north, south, east, west)
- when or what time it was that you observed the event and how long it persisted
- what are conditions like- (tornado, downburst (wind),hail, etc.)

To: Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department, Tribal Police Department, and Social Services

From: The McKinney family: Dan, Ellen, Mona, Phil, James, Sam, Troy and Daniel III, all their children and the grandbabies

We wish to thank everyone who helped us in any way you could when we had our house fire. Special thanks to my son David Tims who discovered the fire, got everyone up and out, my daughter Rachael for all she has done, Terry McDaniel and Karen Kats and Officer Holte who still comes by and checks up on us. We will survive.

Thank you,

The McKinneys
5118 198 Rd
Soldier, KS 66540
785.305.1426

Education Department hosts College & Career Fair April 2



Stephanie Jim and Kristen Aitkens from the Education Department staff.



In the photo above are four PBPN students who attended a training on how to apply for scholarships that was taught by Hilary Aubey, director of the Topeka Educational Center at Friends University. Friends University has a partnership with the Education Department and offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The youth are, left to right, Jalen LeClere, Trent Blalock, Mettina Hale and Sierra Pahmahmie.

A College & Career Fair was held on April 2 at the casino and in the photo above Kristina Matsapto (far left) handed out door prizes for the day and emceed the fair. With her are Drusa Wabaunsee (center) and Elizabeth Wabaunsee Tye who were door prize winners. Colleges and businesses had exhibits including Rasmussen College, Westar Energy, Big Heart Pet Foods, and Bryan University, to name a few.



Student Recognition Banquet celebrates senior and 8th grade graduates on April 15 at the Bingo Hall

photo left: Brennah Wahweotten & Hannah Wahwassuck, Royal Valley seniors

Summer Youth Work Program to begin second session

The second session of the Summer Youth Work Program begins June 29 to July 24. PBPN teenagers or those who have recently graduated applied for the program that places youth workers in various departments and programs around the reservation. Youth must be in school and are allowed to work 30 hours a week for a wage of \$7.25 per hour.

The first session was held June 1-June 26 and youth were required to go through an application process with the Education Department. Kristina Matsapto, JOM coordinator, administered the program.

College internships



Prairie Band Casino & Resort interns Tim Rhodd and Kassie James were honored with Pendleton blankets at the 2015 Awards Banquet held on March 24. Also pictured is Josh Arce (left) and Jona Rupnicki (right) who are on the Casino Entertainment Board. Other summer interns not pictured were Alexandria Haggerty and Martin Doxtator. (Submitted photo)

March Student Spotlight on Abby Boeckman

Editor's Note: This is a monthly series called Student Spotlight generated by the Education Department that is highlighting a student who is in their programs.

"The Education Department would like to recognize Abby Boeckman for her various accomplishments in academics, athletics and other organizational achievements. She was nominated by her mother Tina Wahweotten. Congratulations Abby and keep up the hard work."

-Stephanie Jim, Student Services

- Academic excellence to 6th grade
- Athlete in softball and basketball-12 MVP titles
- Distinguished Achievement Award-American Legion Post #44
- People to People Student Ambassador to Europe
- Civil Air Patrol Cadet program (Auxiliary of the Air Force) Senior Airman.



**Come to
23rd Annual Mayetta Pioneer Days
Sept. 12, 2015
(downtown Mayetta)
PBPN Elder queen, games, contests, and
good eats**

Voters Guide 2015 Ethics Commission Election

This voter guide includes the photographs and profiles of candidates who are running in the Ethics Commission Election to be held on July 25, 2015. Three (3) members of the Ethics Commission including will be elected for Chairperson (1), Vice-Chairperson (1), and Secretary (1). No candidates filed for Commissioner #1(1), Commissioner #2 (1), and Commissioner #3 (1). Candidates listed provided their own profile for the News.

www.pbpindiantribe.com/elections.aspx

Election Calendar

- April 10 -Election Notice mailed
- April 16-30 -Declaration of candidacy filing date (4 p.m.)
- May 8 -Deadline to withdraw candidacy (4 p.m.)
- May 22 -Last day (4 p.m.) members 18 years of age or older can register to receive a ballot for this election
- June 10 -Ballots mailed to registered voters only
- July 25 -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 at the Bingo Hall
- July 31 -Protest to election must be filed by 4 p.m.

Just so you know

- The 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 no later than 14 business days after announcement of election results
- Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Election Ordinance of the PBPN

**Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Election Board
P.O. Box 128
Mayetta, Kansas 66509**

- Arlene Lingo
- Sherri Landis
- Sara Gartenmayer, chairperson

**For election information
call
Member Services
at 785.966.3934 or 785.966.3910**



Above (left to right) Sara Gartenmayer, Arlene Lingo, and Sherri Landis.

Photo by Linda Yazzie

Ethics Commission Candidates

Chairperson



Mamie Wahwassuck Rupnicki

No profile submitted

Vice-Chairperson



Rencie Eteeyan

No profile submitted

Secretary



Kassie James

Greetings! I'm Kassie James; the daughter of Robin Shuckahosee and Lydia Goslin. My maternal grandparents are Mace Goslin and Anita Wabaunsee. My paternal grandparents are Isaac Shuckahosee Jr. and Jane Pelkey.

I will begin by providing some basic information about myself. I've spent a majority of the 26 years of my life close to Mayetta. In 2008, I met my husband, Jaken at Haskell. We were married two days after I graduated from Haskell with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration on May 13, 2012. We have three children: Joseph, 5; Ruby, 3; and Lily, 1. Although my husband has strong ties to the Dine Nation, the PBP reservation is our home! The rez is where my kids will spend their childhood, and where my husband and I plan to grow old. Next to my family, the land, community, and our culture mean the utmost to me. Together these three components define us as Prairie Bands' from Mayetta, Kansas. The perpetuation of our tribe through the rebuilding of our land, people, and traditions is what I feel most passionate about.

I was both inspired and empowered to be an advocate for Indian people as a result of the formal education I received at Haskell Indian Nations University. My dedication to academic excellence resulted in being chosen as a Coca-Cola First Generation Scholar through the American Indian College Fund. Although scholarships helped us financially, it was still necessary to have an earned income. To help meet my family's

financial obligations I worked as a hairstylist in a corporate salon in Lawrence throughout my undergraduate studies. In addition to working and attending college, I served as Vice President of the Little Nations Academic Center Parent Club through the Student Senate. Last spring, I received a bachelor degree in Indigenous American Indian Studies with an emphasis in Social Welfare, one week after I gave birth to my youngest daughter, Lily. In that same week, I accepted the position as a summer intern at Prairie Band Casino & Resort. At the conclusion of the intern program, I transferred to the Gift Shop as an attendant; where I worked for an additional nine months.

I'm finishing my first year of graduate school at Washburn University and am pursuing an advanced degree in clinical social work. My anticipated graduation date is spring 2017.

I strive to be an active member of the community and serve on the Bennotteh-Wigwam Policy Council, in representation of the parents in the early Head Start program. Most recently, I've accepted the summer intern position through the American Indian Health Education Research Alliance (AIHERA). The AIHERA internship will provide me with an opportunity to conduct hands on research in Indian Country. The research will eventually lead to the implementation of programs that will intervene in health disparities felt by Indian people. I believe that my formal education coupled with my passion to help create a stronger, healthier Indian Country makes me a valuable asset to our tribe. I appreciate your time and consideration when reviewing my candidacy for Secretary.

No candidates filed for Ethics Commissioner Position #1, Position #2 or Position #3

Road & Bridge comes to the rescue for the News

By Suzanne Heck

It was quite a reporting adventure for the *News* when editor Suzanne Heck attempted to make it to a photo shoot on May 5 with Veterans Administration officials and veteran Rey Kitchkumme out on his home site. Kitchkumme, who is building a home on the reservation through a new Native American Direct Loan (NADL) program, wanted to



L to R: Will McClammy, Tribal Outreach Coordinator-VA Eastern Health Care, Topeka, Rey Kitchkumme, PBPB Tribal Veteran, Mike Frueh, Native American Direct Loan Director, Washington, D.C. and Rudy Kopfler, Director of the VA Eastern Health Care Center, Topeka. The four men were visiting the land site where Kitchkumme is planning to build a home.

(Special thanks to Marzha Fritzler who also helped rescue the News by taking the photo above)

show the dignitaries where his home was going to be built.

Earlier that day, the group had participated in a signing ceremony with leaders from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation at the Bingo Hall that is allowing Native American veterans, like Kitchkumme, to build homes on trust land. The group then headed out to



The car stuck in the mud and the Road & Bridge crew sizing up the situation.

where Kitchkumme is going to build his home.

Heck was late for the shoot and told the group to go back for the next event at the Bingo Hall and that she would just turn around and be right there. On her turn around, however, her car got stuck in the mud and there she sat.

Being on the rez, however, she knew exactly what to do and called Road & Bridge for help. She also called Chairperson Onnen to say she was going to be late and then just waited it out on the prairie taking in the beautiful view.

Sure enough, within minutes she saw a red Road & Bridge truck coming up the freshly graveled road that Road & Bridge crews had recently built for the future home and when it stopped, out popped

Tanner Shobney and Evan Evans to help the editor “damsel in distress”.

After examining the situation, the two young men got in front of the car, told Heck to get in, start the car, and to throw it in reverse. Both men, shoving with all the muscle power and grit they had, were able to physically move the car back on the gravel road to get it out of the mud.

Later on, when Heck made it back to the Bingo Hall for the Veteran’s Benefits Fair, someone asked her how she knew to call Road & Bridge. She



L to R: Tanner Shobney and Evan Evans from Road & Bridge were photographed while trying to get the car out of the mud.

said that in all of her thirteen years working for the PBPB that she’s always felt safe when motoring on the rez because she knows she can count on Road & Bridge. Further, she said that their dedication to helping others is outstanding as young Shobney and Evans showed.

And being the *News* and seeing a good story, a few photos of the adventure were taken.

Early Childhood Education Center host graduation and pow wow at the Bingo Hall



We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 posted colors at the annual Early Childhood Education Center pow wow that was held indoors at the Bingo Hall this year. At left, are the Little Soldier Singers who also performed that day.



A large crowd attended the child care pow wow held May 14 to watch Head Start children graduate from their classes and to celebrate with a pow wow.



Children lined up to receive their graduation certificates from their Head Start instructors while proud parents took photographs of their little ones.



Photo right: Kimberly Goombi (left) and Maria Fairman are on the Policy Council for the Childcare Center and were recognized for their work during the pow wow.



We-Ta-Se honored Potawatomi and other veterans throughout the Memorial Day weekend

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 17 and collectively gathered 5,037 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 over 30 miles. Volunteers were given t-shirts, 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 Tribal Victim Services Department was the winning team. Second place went to Road & Bridge who received a pie and coffee party.

It should also be mentioned that elders at the Elder Center also picked up around 20 pounds of trash around their center and Head Start students were also out and about on their playground near Ben-no-tteh Wigwam picking up trash that day.



The Finance Department had a team and picked up 277 pounds of trash.

BELOW: A team on K Road north of 158 Road.



ABOVE: The Division of Planning & Environmental Protection staff are front row (left to right) Virginia LeClere, Craig Wahwahsuck, and Kalonie Hulbutta. Back row (left to right) Billy Toledo, Bill Wilbur, Charles Wakole, Verna Potts and Kyle Miller.

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

Bee the change!



The EPA Department is located in the We-Ta-Se building located at 15434 K Road, Mayetta, KS 66509.

BELOW: Kathy Sterbenz and Matt Waits from the Diabetes Program were volunteers.



Reduce, recycle, reuse



Anthony Bertino and Camilla Chouteau. Bertino is the Director of Marketing for the casino and Chouteau is Tribal Council Secretary.

Asthma screening offered for children at Boys & Girls Club

Did you know that one out of 10 children suffer from asthma and that people can be screened for the disease particularly at an early age?

The PBPN Division of Planning & Environmental Protection and other health groups sponsored a free asthma screening for children at the Boys & Girls Club on June 3. The screening also included learning

about asthma through fun games and prizes for participants.

The event was conducted in collaboration with Children's Mercy Hospital, Topeka Allergy & Asthma Clinic, Asthma Ready Communities, the U.S. E.P.A., PBPN Health Clinic, the PBPN Boys & Girls Club, and Tribal Victim Services Department.

17th Annual Earth Day

held
April 19
in Prairie Peoples
Park



It was a fight to the finish line for Matthew Buskirk (left) and Don Don LeClere during the Predictor walk. Buskirk won with a finish time of 34 minutes, 21 seconds versus LeClere's 34 minutes, 55 seconds.



Aislan Levier won the language contest that was held on Earth Day and also took home a medal.

Thank you message from EPA

The 17th Annual Earth Day celebration that was held on April 19, 2015 was a success. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Division of Planning and Environmental Protection would like to thank the community's participation, the local vendors for their yummy treats and, of course, the fellow PBPN departments for their voice during the planning stage and their informational booths.

We would also like to thank the individuals and local businesses listed below that made donations to the Earth Day drawings that were held throughout the day:

- Denison State Bank of Holton, KS
- Latane Donelin
- Taco Bell of Holton, KS
- Koger Variety of Holton, KS
- Holton Farm and Home
- Holton Tire Service
- Expressions Flowers & Gifts of Holton, KS
- Pickers Paradise of Holton, KS
- Country Greenhouse of Holton, KS
- Calderwood's Grocery Inc. of Hoyt, KS
- Sutherlands of Topeka, KS
- Orscheln Farm & Home of Topeka, KS
- Vanderbilts of Topeka, KS
- Mercer Funeral Home of Holton, KS
- Heaven Scent Flower & Gifts of Topeka, KS
- Skinner Garden Store Inc. of Topeka, KS

We look forward to celebrating next year's Earth Day with the community. Have a wonderful year.





Hunter Safety Education Course provides instruction and a look at the new Firing Range located on the reservation. Individuals were able to experience the range with the help of Rick Burns and Herb Nance who work for Tribal Police.



ABOVE: Herb Nance from the Tribal Police Department taught a Hunter Safety Education Course from March 25-28 at the Tribal Police Department headquarters and out at the newly renovated Firing Range. The class is available to students who are 11 years and older. Nance and Rick Burns have taught the course for several years.



ABOVE: The shooting range is freshly graveled and includes several concrete firing point pads. There is a pistol range and a rifle range that have separate site distances and are both surrounded by bermed hills. The PBPB Road & Bridge Department and Construction/Maintenance crews helped renovate the range.

Active Shooter Workshop held at casino



ABOVE: Tribal Chief of Police Shawn Walker was one of the presenters during a workshop at the casino on March 30 that was designed to enhance awareness of, and response to, a possible active shooter event.

BELOW: Over 175 people attended the event that included corporate and facility security professionals. The workshop was held in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security and Staci Hartner, Security Manager at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

(Submitted photos)



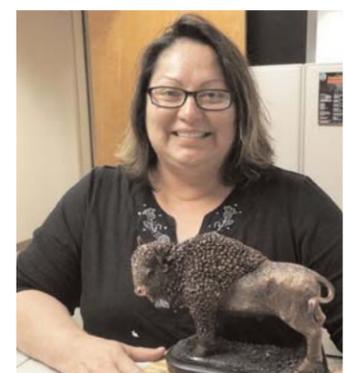
Employees honored for outstanding work



Don Don LeClere



Matt Simpson



Verna Potts

Three employees were recognized at the All-Employee Meeting held April 24 at the Bingo Hall.

Don Don LeClere, who has worked for the Nation for over 20 years, received Employee of the Year and **Matt Simpson** and **Verna Potts** both received Employee of the Quarter for fall and winter quarters respectively.

The employees selected received a paid day-off work and a Walmart gift certificate and trophies in honor of their work.

Don Don LeClere resides on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation and works in the Construction/Maintenance department's landscape program. Co-worker Ernie Coleman nominated LeClere for

the award and wrote that Don Don is a great role model for others and never complains about the many tasks that are sometimes given to him at the last minute.

Matt Simpson has been with the Tribal Police Department since 2011 and graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. He also has a bachelor of science degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology from Washburn University.

Simpson has been active as a mentor in the youth volunteer Police Explorer program and has previous work experience as a School Resource Officer.

Verna Potts works in the Division of Planning and

Environmental Protection Office and serves as a lead planner and coordinator for the division's water program. Potts was nominated by Virginia "Osh" LeClere who is the director of the EPA division. She wrote that Verna works tirelessly with state, federal and tribal agencies and is building an extensive network of resources for the Nation's water program. LeClere also wrote that Verna is a true scholar and takes extra time to research and educate herself about current environmental news events that are happening and that she was recently selected to serve on the National Tribal Toxics Council where she will represent the PBPB and Region 7 which includes several states in the Midwest.

Our Lady of the Snows celebrates 100 year anniversary

Our Lady of the Snows Parish, that is located on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation, celebrated its 100 year anniversary May 31.

The church was officially opened in 1915 and built on ground donated by Mitchell Battese. Work began on the church in 1912 and various Indian families and other members of the community helped construct the church that was finished in 1915.

Inside the church, there is an alter that is still in use today that was imported from Italy. In addition, there are several stained glass windows that were brought in from St. Joseph's Church in Hoyt, Kansas after that church closed in 1924. In addition, a large bell was also donated that sits outside near the front entrance of the church.

Our Lady of the Snows Church history is unique in that worship in the church includes Indian hymns and other traditionally native elements that have been added to normal Catholic services. For many years the Jesuits from

St. Mary's Seminary in St. Mary's, Kansas usually conducted Mass until they left the area in 1965. Following that, Our Lady of the Snows was closed for 20 years but reopened in 1986 with the help from the Archdiocesan Ministry to Native Americans and the will of the people.

Another building near the church was built in 1952 and is named after Sister Therese Klepac who served the church for many years. The hall is used as a social gathering place for meals and other events.

Today there is a large congregation of individuals who hold Mass every Sunday and practice Catholic life. In 2012 church members held a major event that celebrated the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), a Mohawk-Algonquin sister who became the first indigenous saint to ever be recognized by the Pope.

Our Lady of the Snows Church is located at 5971 166th Road, Mayetta.



Let's go to the hop: Caregiver Support Program honors 50th anniversary of Older Americans Month

There was lots of rock and roll dancing at a sock hop sponsored by the Caregiver Support program to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of Older Americans Month on May 27 at the Firekeepers Elder Center.

Volunteers from Social Services, the Diabetes Prevention program and the Language Department also helped make the event a success.

Popcorn and cokes were served and several dancers and spectators turned out for the fun and music that was provided by Larry and Mona Cole from Texas who were back for a visit.

Elder Center lunch & activity calendars at
www.pbpindiantribe.com/community-services.aspx



Felt poodle skirts were worn by dancers that were made prior to the hop as one of the activities at the Center.



Dave and Laura Abeyta cut a rug.



Julia Lewis had a sharp outfit on and some cool eye wear too.



Clockwise: Richard Adame, Norma Adame, Deb Wakole, Melinda Williamson, Julia Lewis and Carol Dewitt.



Left to right: Sara Gartenmayer, Arlene Lingo and Alvina LaClair.



Language kids were in on the action at the hop.



Myself

I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know.
I want to be able as days go by.
Always to look myself straight in the eye.
I don't want to stand with the setting sun,
And hate myself for things I've done.

I don't want to keep on a closet shelf,
A lot of secrets about myself,
And fool myself, as I come and go,
Into thinking that nobody else will know
The kind of man I really am;
I don't want to dress myself in sham.

I want to go out with my head erect,
I want to deserve all men's respect.
But here in the struggle for fame and wealth,
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.

I can never hide myself from me,
I know what others may never see;
I know what others may never know;
I can never fool myself, and so.
Whatever happens I want to be,
Self-respecting and conscience free.

-Edger A. Guest



Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk-Kansas Memory

Editor's Note: The two historical narratives that appear below are reprinted as is and were submitted by PBPN member Gary Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk and taken from the Kansas Historical Society website webpage (www.kansasmemory.org).

The letter on the left is from L.F. Pearson, a U.S. Indian Agent, who wrote a letter to Col. Henry J. Aten, allotting agent in 1896. The letter discusses the activities of Prairie Band Potawatomi Chief Wish kee gee amtyk and also includes several other Prairie Band Potawatomi people that have been bolded for reader convenience. The narrative on the right was written by Jesse Nusbaum to an unidentified source and also contains information about Potawatomi history.

Col. Henry J. Aten

January 19, 1896

Dear Sir,

I have received your concern and also wish to subdue the influence of the indians of the Prairie band who has antagonized our determination of bringing tranquility to the frontier of the Kansas plains.

In doing so I believe that it is imperative to bring attention on the leading insurgent of the indians who exerts such a strong unfavorable influence upon many members of the tribe from which he belongs and continues his inherent barbarism that is injurious to our government and the prosperity of these people. I have been informed by the indians the identity of the culprit as being a one **Wish kee gee amtyk** the leading medicine man among the Pottawatomies.

It was determined by J.A. Scott that the indian above mentioned is called by whites, **Captain John Buckshot** or simply **Captain John**. It is also said he is a chief of the Pottawatomies of the Prairie band, but is rumored by those within the tribe with no logic that he is pronounced more a unique holyman of unbelievable capabilities. He is praised like no other indian I have ever witnessed. All Pottawatomies trust and reverence for him is so profound that the uncivilized portion of a considerable number of the tribe continue to believe and follow his ignorant superstitions. This making him a threat to our cause.

To my knowledge he is the brother of a one **Wak waboshkok** and they together are the sons of a one **Chief Shaumquesteh**, an influential chief of the tribe who is said to have been a son of **Sen noge wone**. It is known **Shaumquesteh** had grown angry in years past in disputes over land granted. This anger appears to have been inherited by his sons who now cause trouble.

I was informed **Wish kee gee amtyk** was entitled land on Mill Creek were he was known to have lived and led one hundred and fifty men women and children of the Prairie band.

It is of the utmost importance that a one **Wish kee gee amtyk** who continues his teachings and influence of encouraging the faith and ways of ancient days be paralyzed. As the Prairie band our the heart and spirited of the Pottawatomies, it is he who influences even that of the most influential chiefs and headmen of the indians who respect him to a great extent and there fore question their own decisions. He has been the inception of disobedience towards government, the agency, boarding schools, and has condemned the missionaries for a great many years past preaching his heathen ways.

His element of traditionals still clings to preserving to ancient barbarism and will not cultivate the soil or place their children in school, despising the principles of civilization.

We must bring the indians of the Prairie band to the realization of the errors of his ways so that he may not infect the more industrious and intelligent portion of the tribe. He is a obstinate spirit that is determined to continue with resistance and hostility and must be removed or punished.

I respectfully request to withholding or relinquishing any or all allotments and annuities to the indian above mentioned to produce an effect making he and family the power of example.

It is said by those that will speak that he maybe camped on Cross Creek but is known to make retreat to his northern brethren for heathen practices of superstition, of rising dead ancestors to help bring power back to their people. These rubish acts create more infection towards our cause of bringing prosperity and civilization for their advancement.

In seeking his whereabouts I have been informed he carries a high status from years past also as a decorated brave who is possibly marauding with a comparative few that maybe hostile if confronted. He is a wanderer who seeks solitude in the wild conjuring spirits.

The unintelligent among them continue to speak of him with foolishness as if he was a ghost with the capability of disappearing implying that there maybe difficulties in locating his whereabouts. His conduct for disobedience and malice towards government is tangible and must be ceased.

Very Respectfully -

L.F. Pearson
United States Indian agent.
Confidential"

"Back to New Mexico I quickly stoped in Mayetta Kansas to take chance at obtaining a photograph of an unusual Indian man believed by some to possess psychic supernatural powers, as told to me by Mr. Frank Rinehart who had wished to photograph the subject himself, but could not, due to the subject **Wis Ki ge amatyuk** being imprisoned in Fort Riley at the time of the delegation in Omaha when he first had heard of this individual 1898. Rumors of his unusual, and unexplainable gifts have traveled among many indians. Mr. Rinehart tells me his interest and inspiration of photographing this individual only came to him after meeting the infamous Apache Geronimo in Omaha, who had openly expressed feelings of meeting this psychic man from which at the time Mr. Rinehart knew nothing about. Mr. Rinehart states from what he could remember, although Geronimo was surrounded by so many indians, and peoples, it was odd that this indian psychic created such intrigue, and curiosity to the old warrior of the Apaches who had seemed to have heard rumors of his magic. To Mr. Rineharts understanding no introduction ever took place. **Wis-Ki ge amatyuk** himself was also a prisoner of war for disruption towards the government. My subject is known to not be a willing informant. In this year 1921 Allanson Skinner has helped me locate him, as he has successfully obtained information from him for his research on the Greatlakes and Prairie indian ceremonies, and ritualistic objects, and views of these people known as the Pottawatomie of which **Wis Ki ge amatyuk** was a full blooded member. He has received much of his knowledge of the underwater panther and the horned serpent from the old Holyman. Through my interpreter **Mr. William Hale** I was able to receive introduction. He was a mysterious individual. Even in his old condition, I took caution. I felt him to be very unpredictable. He said nothing to me directly, and made no eye contact, only to my interpreter, who tells me the old Holyman wants one silver doller for his photograph to be taken, which I gladly rewarded for his time and information. **Mr. Hale**, a member of the Pottawatomie people tells me that my subject was inprisoned for many years, and then states to me: "Everybody knows him, he is the Balance man, can bring good and bad medicine, everyone goes to him, he is something big in tribe, he do not like the whites to much, they take his family." **Mr William Hale** continues on that the last time he had seen him perform a large ceremony for the tribe as a whole, was many years ago at the funeral of his best friend **Chief Kack Kack**, who together had taken many scalps fighting side by side in several battles. He was chief of ceremonies conducting the old rituals of burial for his long time tribesman. **Mr Hale** says he has two sons, and a wife who had married another during his imprisonment, all of which still live upon the reserve Before my departure from the old Holyman I gave him three more silver dollers. This would be the only time during my visit he would ever make full eye contact with me.

Jesse Nusbaum

Member news

Josette Wahwasuck completes Native American leadership training

Josette Wahwasuck recently completed a four-month Leadership Training for Entrepreneurial/Small Business/Economic Development training course with the California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. (CIMC) in Sacramento.

During her training, Wahwasuck developed a business plan called Thundering Moccasin Native American Arts & Crafts.

Wahwasuck was selected through a competitive application process and was mentored by individuals who are experts in their respective fields and contributions to Native entrepreneurship.

The training program was made possible with funding by the U.S. Department of Labor as part of the CIMC Workforce Development Program.

More than 350 Native Americans have completed the training program in the past fifteen years.

Wahwasuck lives in Redding, California and is a PBPN member.



Tavia Joy Tsotaddle (in front) with Jennifer Javenkoski after receiving 3rd place in graphic design for a community service project from Gordon Cooper Technical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Tavia is the daughter of Christa M. Tsotaddle and Les Wapskineh and her grandparents are Micheal A. and Lea M. Tsotaddle. Great-grandparents are Mavis (McKinney) Tsotaddle and the late Joseph "Chiliboy" Tsotaddle.

Jennifer is a member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma.



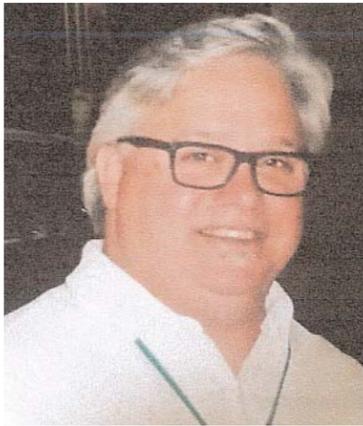
Craig Treinen inducted into Kansas Music Hall of Fame

Craig Treinen was inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame on March 7. He is the director of jazz studies at Washburn University in Topeka and plays the saxophone.

After receiving his award he said, "It's very special to be recognized for your music, here in Kansas."

Treinen has degrees from Washburn University and Kansas State University and spent eight years in the military.

He played saxophone in



the Air Force's Strategic Air Command Band based in Omaha and performed as the musical director, staff arranger and lead alto saxophonist with the Heartland of American Band the Notables jazz ensemble.

In addition, Treinen served as the educational director and scholarship director for the Topeka Jazz Workshop and has performed with famous singers including Lee Greenwood, Shirley Jones, Crystal Gale and John Denver, to name a few.



Courtney N. McClammy was promoted to Staff Sgt for the 190th Air Refueling Wing, Kansas Air National Guard in April. Her family is very proud of her.

Keirsten Hale appointed to State Independent Living Council

Keirsten Hale was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Heather Davis on the Kansas Statewide Independent Living Council. Hale earned her bachelor's degree from Washburn University and her master's degree from the University of Kansas. She is currently the vocation rehabilitation manager for the PBPN.

The Kansas Statewide Independent Living Council develops a state plan through external input, advocates for the accomplishment of the state plan objectives and monitors, reviews and evaluates the implementation of the plan. The council works to be a statewide catalyst for independent living.

There are 17 members on the board, with the governor appointing 15. Membership includes individuals with disabilities, private business representatives and organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities. All members serve a three-year term.

Congratulations Graduates



Thank you to the Education Department for all your help. Our degrees would not have been possible without you and thanks to everyone who attended our ceremony.

From,
Enequina and Vincil Banks

Congratulations to Jeremy 'Ni-auk-say' Niocce on receiving a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas December, 2014

Parents: Marvin & Becky Niocce

(in photo with Jeremy is Gabriella, wife, and son, Nico 'Sock-gwe-nah-gah-ba')



Congratulations Lerain Lee Biggoose on graduating from Lawrence High School Lawrence, Kan.

"The family is proud of you."

Grandparent: Jeanette Little Sun





Brennah Wahweotten
Royal Valley High School
Hoyt, Kan.
Parents:
Tony & Angie Wahweotten

"We're very proud of you and wish you well."

-Mom, Dad, and Zach



Congratulations to Sylvana Levier (Jessepe) on graduating magna cum laude from Haskell Indian Nations University.
Parents: John & Jackie Levier
Grandparents: Rose & Ron Jessepe, Joe & Mary Jessepe, and Mike & Dolly Richard



Congratulations to Jessica Childers Burghart on graduating with a Master's degree in Business Administration from Friends University last spring. She also graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University in 2013.

Parents, Ione and David Childers, and son, Joseph Burghart are very proud of her.



Charles H. Perry, son of Jeanie Hawley, graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University with a Liberal Arts degree this spring and plans to intern in California this summer with First Nations Experience (FNX) media to cover environmental issues in Indian Country. The internship was worked in conjunction with Vision Maker Media that helped place him with funding through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. FNX media is the first American Indian channel in the United States.

Perry was editor of Haskell's student newspaper *The Indian Leader* last year and plans to attend the University of Kansas this fall.

Marcus T. Kitchkommie
Preston High School
Preston, Oklahoma
Parent:
Dawn Tynor



Congratulations to Christa Tsoaddle on being accepted into the Master of Jurisprudence in Indian Law program at the University of Tulsa in 2016. Christa plans to complete a Master's degree in Public Administration in December.

Parents: Micheal and Lea Tsoaddle



Coral Cheyenne Bowron graduated Summa Cum Laude B.S. Textile & Apparel Studies Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, Mich.
Coral plans to attend the University of Illinois to pursue a graduate degree in costume technology
Great-great-granddaughter of Samuel Blandin



Special thanks to the parents and families of graduates who submitted photos and information to the News.



Congratulations Bri! Washburn Rural High School Topeka, Kan.
Parents: Roger & Nancy Henry
Grandparents: Howard & Melvne Oliver

"We are all very proud of you."
From,
Misti and Taylor and Family



Timothy Michael Chandler graduated with honors from Hiawatha High School Hiawatha, Kan.
Parent: Doris A. Shopteese
Aunts & Uncles: Doris Pelkey (Sozie) James F. Shopteese and the late Vernon E. Shopteese (Namen)

Congratulations Robbie Lange on graduating from Loras College Dubuque, Iowa Bachelor's of Arts/Sports Management emphasis degree Proud parents: Robbie and Corie Lange



Congratulations Trent Blalock Royal Valley High School Hoyt, Kan.

"We are so proud of your accomplishment!"
Love,
Mom & Brothers

Congratulations Mariah Archer on graduating from North Kitsap High School Poulsbo, Wash. and Olympia College Bremerton, Wash.
From: Dad (Kevin Aitkens)

Congratulations to Danielle Huettl Wabeno High School Wabeno, Wis.

Parents: Dan Huettl and Denise Huettl



Ttiwenmo eginigyèn
(happy day you were born)



Happy 2nd Birthday Senachwine

We love you so much!

Love, Mom, Daddy, & Kayla



Send your good news to the Potawatomi News!



A Happy 13th Birthday Shout Out to Jose on July 28

We love you so much and are very proud of the young man you are becoming.

From: Mom, Dad, Zawzee, Jr, & Nico



Happy Birthday Rose! 6 years old on July 9

Love, Mom & Dad



In memory of "Chagabe" Floyd H. LaClair

Happy Birthday!

Love, Sara & Family

Those who love us don't go away. They walk beside us everyday.



Zawzee, Jose, Vincil Jr. and Nico Banks want to send Mom & Dad Happy Birthday wishes on July 25 and Aug. 2.

Kanibwettek
(the one's that stood up together)



Congratulations to Ron and Laveda Wahweotten on their 50 year anniversary May 8, 1965

Love, from your Family

Happy 2nd Birthday to Monte "Oshketah" Littleaxe

From, Debonin, Mom & Dad, Bub, Shug, Gramma Dumps & Family



Ganiftek
(those who are born)



Welcome to this world! Troy Leland Masquat

Born: March 9, 2015 Weight: 6 lbs 3 oz.

Parents: Joy Matchie Robert Masquat



Introducing Constance Marian Lange Born: May 4, 2015 Weight: 8 lbs 2 oz. Height: 19.5 inches

Parents: Robbie Lange & Nicolette Reuter Paternal Grandparents: Rob & Corie Lange Maternal Grandparents: Kevin & Kathy Reuter



Jose, Zawzee and Vincil Jr. would like to announce their little brother Nico Jovan Banks Born: March 6, 2015 Weight: 8 lbs 4 oz. Length: 20 inches



Kambottek (those who died)

Raphael "Roman" Wahwassuck III (Quap quap)



Harrisonville, MO- Raphael "Roman" Wahwassuck III (Quap quap), 34, passed away May 22, 2015 in Harrisonville, MO. He was born July 30, 1980 in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, the son of Raphael Wahwassuck II and Manuela Hensley.

Raphael was a 1999 graduate from Waynesville High School in Waynesville, MO. He spent most of his life in Waynesville, MO and later moved to Harrisonville, MO. He worked for Wal-Mart in Harrisonville.

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

Survivors include his father, Raphael Wahwassuck II of Harrisonville, MO; his mother, Manuela Gervasio of Las Vegas, NV; his grandfather, Raphael Wahwassuck of Waynesville, MO; his 3 daughters, Jade Kwinn, Jasmine Kwinn and Emerald Kwinn all of Monroe, NY and a sister, Ishara Wahwassuck of Urich, MO.

Drum Services will be Wednesday evening, May 27, 2015 at the Danceground Building west of Mayetta. Burial will be Thursday afternoon in Prairie Peoples Cemetery. Raphael will lie in state at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton beginning Tuesday. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

Peter Joseph Lewis

Peter Joseph Lewis passed away Nov. 26, 2014 at his home. He was born September 4, 1932 in Soldier, Kansas the son of David and Minnie Lewis. He attended Marty Indian School in Wagoner, S.D. He served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955. On March 21, 1955 he married Margree (Toney). Mr. Lewis did construction work early in his life, then Boeing Company in Seattle, WA, and later AMACO in Indiana. After retiring, they spent 27 years in Alabama and recently moved to Shawnee. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and attending pow-wows. He was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter: Cassandra Lewis, 3 brothers: Frances, Bill and David Lewis, and 2 sisters: Mary Cell and Rosalee Lewis.

Survived by: Wife: Margree Lewis of the home, 5 Children: Donald Lewis and wife Mary Jo of Padon, Patty Lewis of Indianapolis, IN, Marsha Pavelka and husband Raymond of Valparasio, IN, Richard Lewis and wife Kimberly of Shawnee, Wanda Crowe and husband Larry of Cherokee, N.C., 13 Grandchildren, 26 Great-Grandchildren, 1 Sister: Julia Lewis of Mayetta, KS, and numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 on Sunday at Walker Funeral Service. Services will be 1:00 P.M. Monday, December 1, 2014 at Walker Funeral Service Chapel with Rev. Richard Zimmer officiating. Burial will follow at Tecumseh Cemetery.

(Courtesy of Walker Funeral Home, Shawnee, Okla.)

Harvey Louis Wapskineh

Harvey Louis Wapskineh, 73, of Shawnee, died Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at his home.

Wake services will be at 8:00 p.m. Thursday at First Indian Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2015 at First Indian Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Wakolee Cemetery.

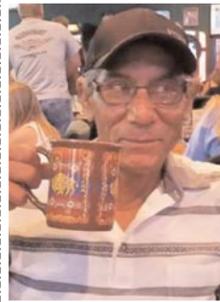
Harvey Louis Wapskineh was born May 23, 1941 in Shawnee, Oklahoma to Willie Joe and Lorene (Forman) Wapskineh. He worked various jobs during his life including welding. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe and enjoyed pow-wows and beading.

Preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Willard "Dunny" Wapskineh. Survived by: Nieces and Nephews: Cara Mack, Verna Wakolee, Arthus Wapskineh, Lance Wapskineh, Dina Jarjo, and Ronnie Wapskineh; and several other family members and friends.

(Courtesy of Walkers Funeral Home, Shawnee, Okla.)



Ralph "Ka-note-ko" Wabnum



MAYETTA, Kansas - Ralph "Ka-note-ko" "Popo" Wabnum, 67, of Mayetta, KS passed away April 26, 2015 at his home. He was born July 12, 1947 in Topeka. His parents were Lou and Freda (Nozhackum) Wabaunsee.

Ralph graduated from St. Paul Indian Mission in 1965 at Marty, SD. He was an alumnus of Wichita State University. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he was honorably discharged in 1973 after having served in the United State Army.

Ralph was a Frame Attendant for Southwestern Bell, retiring after 30 years of service. He was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, We ta se Post 410 and he belonged to the Communications Workers of America Local 6401. He was a carpenter, gardener, softball and pool player, bowler, photographer, an astute bird watcher and a dedicated dog lover who enjoyed reading.

He married Kathryn Wolf on November 29, 1976 in Miami, OK. She survives of the home. Other survivors include 2 daughters, Crystal Wabnum of Lawrence, KS and Beth Wabnum of Sabetha, KS; 2 sons, Justin Wabnum of Dallas, TX and Ronald Wabnum of Topeka, KS; 4 sisters, Monnie Wabaunsee, Winifred Wahweotten and Frances Wabaunsee all of Mayetta, Lois Dominguez of Wichita, KS and Marquette Thorpe of Tahlequah, OK; a brother, Ronald Lynch of Mayetta, KS; 7 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lou and Freda Wabaunsee; his sisters, Marsha Ferrari and Louella Wabaunsee, and 2 brothers, Richard and Fred Lew Wabaunsee.

All services will take place on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. A Rosary will be recited beginning at 6:30 PM, Wednesday at Sister Theresa Klepac Hall located at Our Lady of Snows with a visitation to follow. Burial will be in the Shisheep Cemetery at a later date.

To leave a message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

Marshall Thomas Wabnum (Nso Wah Quet)

Marshall Thomas Wabnum (Nso Wah Quet), age 36, died May 25, 2015. He is survived by his father, Thomas Wabnum, of Mayetta, KS; brother, Rondell Vigil and Rema Vigil of Dulce, NM, and Anjanette Cook of Northeast, MD; his nephews, Jeremiah Vigil, Melaki McLemore, Gabriel and Broden Jens Cook; and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Freda. Marshall was a graduate of Menaul School in 1997 and attended CNM. He was a gifted athlete and an outstanding bowler. Marshall loved to be around his family and friends. He was a very giving person. Services will be Friday, May 29, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at FRENCH - Lomas.

(Courtesy of French Funeral Home, Albuquerque, NM)



In memory

of

Barbara Moore (Feb. 6, 1935-April 18, 2015)

and

Michael J. Moore (Nov. 22, 1959-May 1, 2015)

Kambottek (those who died)



Lester "Kit-tam-wa" Arnold

MAYETTA- Lester "Kit-tam-wa" Arnold, 82, of Mayetta, KS passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. He was born March 22, 1933 in Holton, Kansas, the son of William and Leona (Pahmahmie) Arnold.

Lester attended Nieve Country School in Jackson County and later earned his G.E.D. He served in the United States Army from 1953 - 1955 during the Korean Conflict.

Lester was a self-employed painter since 1979 and had previously worked for Goodyear Rubber and Tire Company.

He was a member of the Potawatomi United Methodist Church, Wa-te-se American Legion Post #410 and Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Lester married Wanda C. Fitzsimmons in May 8, 1965 in Topeka. She preceded him in death on March 24, 1987. He was also preceded in death by a son, Joseph Arnold July 18, 2006 and a brother, Albert Arnold.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Laura Schreiber (Steve) of Mayetta and Elaine Dreasher (Rick) of Hoyt; 4 sisters, Josephine "Irene" Fleming of Topeka, Corine Samqua of Topeka, June Bosworth of Ohio and Geneva Curran of Holton; a brother, Robert Arnold of Topeka and 4 grandchildren, Curtis Dreasher, Justen Dreasher Jamie Arnold and Kurtis Ramage.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial with military honors will follow in the Holton Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 6-8:00 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Potawatomi United Methodist Church c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

Roy T. Ogden



MAYETTA- Roy Therman Ogden, 76, of Mayetta, KS passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Stormont Vail Hospital. He was born October 21, 1938 in Mayetta, the son of Rusty and Clara (Tapsee) Ogden.

Roy graduated from Mayetta High School in 1957. After high school he proudly served in the United States Army. Roy worked for and later retired from DuPont. He was a bus driver for USD 337. He also worked for Jackson County Road and Bridge crew. He was a Jackson County Commissioner, later served on Tribal Council. He was a member of Land Management Board. He was a lifetime member of American Legion We-te-se Post # 410. Roy coached many children in baseball and softball and enjoyed watching his grandchildren in all sports and activities.

Roy married Shirley L. Marshall on August 3, 1964 in Lawrence, KS. She survives of the home. Other survivors include 2 daughters, Royce Ogden (Chad) of Mayetta, KS and Laura Ward (Jim) of Topeka, KS; 3 sons, Jarrod Ogden (Jolene) of Mayetta, KS, Justin Ogden (Mary) of Mayetta, KS and Jason Ogden (Vanessa) of Hoyt, KS; 3 sisters, Mildred Rohr of White Cloud, KS, Cass Marlow of Capay, CA and Irene Henninger of White Cloud, KS; his brother, Larry Ogden (Carolyn) of Bonner Springs, KS and his 19 grandchildren and one great grandchild on the way.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Cora Humm and 3 brothers, Louis, Herman and Lyman Ogden.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2015 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial with military honors will be in the Mayetta Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Family requests casual dress. Memorials may be given to the Roy Ogden Memorial Fund to be designated at a later date c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

Mildred Rohr

Mildred "Millie" Rohr, 83, of White Cloud, died Monday morning, March 30, 2015, at Hiawatha Community Hospital.

Millie was born at Mayetta in Jackson County, December 15, 1931, one of nine children born to Rufus and Clara Tapsee Ogden. She worked in food service most of her working life. After she became disabled and unable to work, she returned home to north-east Kansas, settling in White Cloud about 15 years ago.

She was a tribal member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Millie was always working with her hands. She enjoyed making Indian dolls, doing beadwork, had a green thumb when it came to working with plants; and enjoyed doing crafts. She was very interested in and kept current on tribal affairs.

Millie was preceded in death by her parents; a sister Cora; three brothers: Lyman, Roy, and Louis Ogden.

Survivors include three children: William Joseph Ogden of Forrest City, MO, Lisa Ann Elizondo of Livermore, CA, Felicia Ann Schworer of Omaha, NE; two sisters: Cass Marlow of California, Irene Henninger of White Cloud; two brothers: Larry Ogden of Independence, MO, Herman Ogden of White Cloud; and 5 grandchildren.

Cremation is planned with no services planned at this time.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Millie Rohr Memorial Fund which may be sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.

A special message may be sent to the family at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com.

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



**Cynthia Lee Bodah
(Wabmimikwe')**

Cynthia Lee Bodah (Wabmimikwe') born November 21, 1964 was laid to rest on Jan. 7, 2015. Cynthia is the daughter of Leroy Bodah (Nashkowashshe) (deceased) and Beverly Bodah. The Granddaughter of Josephine Whitefish Bodah (bodah), and the Great Granddaughter of Paul Whitefish. She leaves behind a Mother, Beverly Bodah, a brother, Charles Goldsmith, and two sisters, Jamie Goldsmith and Sandra Bodah (Nashkowashshekwe'). She will be missed dearly but we take great comfort knowing she is with family and will watch over us. Rest in peace our beloved daughter, sister, friend. Until we meet again."

(Submitted by the family)

Prairie Band Potawatomi 2015 pow wow snaps

Despite heavy rainfall the pow wow was held June 5-7 in Prairie Peoples Park. Friday night's Grand Entry was limited to the paved outskirts of the arena to allow the dance ground to dry and special equipment was also used to help dry it out. On Saturday Grand Entry was delayed until 3 p.m. and the competitions went straight through to catch up for the lost time. Judging was completed late in the day on Sunday which turned out to be a warm but beautiful day. Overall there were 11 drum groups that performed and approximately 400 dancers that registered. Below are some photos that were taken by the *News*.

