



# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Summer 2013

## National Indian leaders attend Kansas ceremonial signing as guests of Prairie Band Potawatomi



Left to right (standing), Jefferson Keel, Steve Ortiz, Tom Wabnum, Ernie Stevens, Junior Wahweotten, Joyce Guerrero, Ron Hein and Julie Hein with Gov. Sam Brownback during the ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 111 that permanently designates the first Wednesday of February as Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol. The signing took place at the Capitol on May 9. Keel is president of the National Congress of American Indians and Stevens is chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association. The Heins' are with Hein Law Firm in Topeka.

Two of the biggest leaders in Indian Country were in attendance when Gov. Sam Brownback held a ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 111 on May 9 at the Capitol. The Kansas Legislature passed the bill last April which some consider the first of its kind in the Nation. The bill marks the culmination of a series of efforts between the tribes in Kansas and the State in formally recognizing government to government relationships.

Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and Ernie Stevens, Jr., chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, were brought in as special guests of the Prairie Band

Potawatomi Nation.

Keel is in his second term as president of the National Congress of American Indians, the largest and oldest tribal organization in the country that is based in Washington, D.C. He is also in his fourth term as the Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and serves on numerous national boards including the Tribal Interior Budget Committee, Tribal Law and Order Commission, and the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee.

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## Seven candidates running for Gaming Commission

Seven candidates have filed for two seats on the Gaming Commission and there were no candidate filings for any of the six seats on the Ethics Commission.

Rebecca J (Shopteese-Thomas) Harman and Gary E. Mitchell are squaring off for Position # 1 and Marlena Jessepe-Jordan, Larry Mzhicketeno, Jona (Potts) Rupnicki, Adriana Wahwasuck and Jancita Warrington are vying for Position #2.

Candidates filed for the positions in April. Profiles and photos of the candidates are listed inside this issue of the *News* and are also posted online under the elections tab.

Ballots were mailed to registered voters on June 12 and must be received in the pre-addressed return envelope that came in the mailing packet with the ballot. Ballots must be returned by 9 a.m. on July 27 which is the day of the election.

If no candidate wins by a majority vote plus one, a run-off election will

follow four weeks after the initial election which is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 24. The two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the first election will face each other in a run-off in order to determine a winner.

Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting for the tribal membership and the Election Board will issue the unofficial election results immediately following the conclusion of the tabulation that is done electronically and verified by election clerks. Any protests must be filed within three business days following the election.

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

Elections Board members are Sara Gartenmayer, Arlene Lingo, and Sherri Landis.

### Voters Guide inside

See Pages 11-14 for profiles submitted by the  
candidates and other election highlights.

Photos and profiles also online  
at

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## We-Ta-Se update



We-Ta-Se hosted the 1st District Convention at the Boys & Girls Club on April 12-13 which had over 150 people in attendance. PBPB Chairman Steve Ortiz, who is also a We-Ta-Se member, gave opening remarks at the convention and Rose Potts (PBPB) prepared the meals that were served. Bus tours of the reservation were also given with the help of staff members from the Boys & Girls Club and Early Childhood Education Center.

### Jim Potts selected Area Vice Commander East for Kansas American Legion

Jim Potts, senior liaison for We-Ta-Se, was selected as the Area Vice Commander East during the Kansas American Legion Annual Convention held May 18-20 in Topeka. Last year Potts served as the Commander of District 1 that includes several legion posts in Northeast Kansas. In his new position, he will oversee four districts as an officer of the Kansas American Legion.



The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) was awarded the Kansas American Legion Employer of the Year for Hiring Veterans and was honored during the 95th Annual State Convention in Topeka on May 18. In the photo (left to right) is Sonya Sexton, Lorrie Wahwassuck, Legion Commander Paul Sanford, PBPB Chairman Steve Ortiz, Legion Employment Chairman Tom Howard, and Jim Potts. Potts and Wahwassuck are liaisons for We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410. Sexton is the PBPB Human Resources Manager.

**We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410**  
 Jim Potts, Senior Liaison  
 Lorrie Wahwassuck, Liaison  
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 Phone: 785.966.2580

We-Ta-Se honored Potawatomi veterans on Memorial Day

## Sonya Sexton is the new Human Resources Manager

Sonya Sexton is the new Human Resources Manager for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and began her position in January.

She told the *News* that she began her career in accounting but after cross-training in human resources for a previous company where she worked, she said her passion became people instead of crunching numbers on a page. She decided to redirect her career and for the past ten years has been the vice president of human resources for a construction company in Topeka. Prior to that, she worked seven years for a heating and air conditioning company.

Sexton said she took the position with the PBPB because she liked the sense of community she saw with the tribe and that she thought it would be a

great opportunity. She said it can be challenging at times and that there is never a dull moment and that she has a great staff and is enjoying her work.

Academically she holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Kansas State University and a master's of Business Administration degree from Baker University.

Since coming on board the staff has held several workshops for employees and they have reintroduced a monthly newsletter that is now being produced.



Human Resources Department staff (left to right) Sonya Sexton, Allison Garcia, Cherie Jim, Robert Jackson and Shanna Smith.

**PBPB job listings at**  
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### Employees work together on PBPB auction/tag sale

These five employees formed a team of organizers for an auction/tag sale of old inventory that had been housed in a building the tribe owns called Area 51 that sits on U.S. Highway 75. In the photo, left to right, is Ann DeCoteau, Gilbert Kent, David Daubon, Carl Matousek and Dave Greeson. DeCoteau and Greeson are with the Finance Department and the others work in Construction/Maintenance for the PBPB. A tag sale was held on May 9 and an auction was held on May 11 with Pagel Auction. Several other PBPB employees also worked on the project for several months.

# Voters Guide 2013 Gaming/Ethics Commission Election

*This voter guide includes the photographs and profiles of candidates who are running in the Gaming/Ethics Commission Election to be held on July 27, 2013. Two (2) members of the Gaming Commission including Gaming Commission Position #1 (1) and Gaming Commission #2 (1) will be elected. The term of office for each position is for four (4) years. Six (6) members of the Ethics Commission: Chairperson (1), Vice Chairperson (1), Secretary (1), and Commissioner #1(1), Commissioner #2 (1), and Commissioner #3 (1). Candidates listed provided their own profile for the News.*

## 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 12 -Ballots mailed to registered voters only
- July 27 -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.
- Aug. 24 -Run-Off Election (if needed)

## Just so you know

- The Gaming/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

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



Above (left to right) is Steve Ortiz, Sara Gartenmayer, Tom Wabnum, Arlene Lingo, Sherri Landis, Joyce Guerrero and Jim Potter after Gartenmayer was sworn in to office as an alternate on April 22. In May she was permanently appointed to the board. The photo was taken in Tribal Council chambers.

Photo by Linda Yazzie

## Gaming Commission Position #1 (vote for one (1))



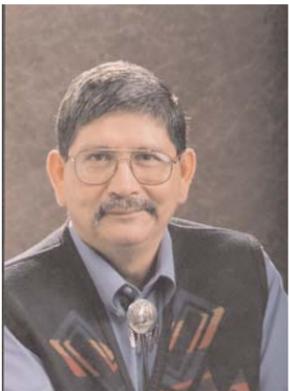
**Rebecca J  
(Shopteese-Thomas)  
Harman**

I am Rebecca "KaPashkMoQuah" (Shopteese-Thomas) Harman. I'm the daughter of Lythia (Thomas) and the late Larry Shopteese, Sr. My maternal grandparents were Minnie (Soldier) and Hollis Thomas, and my paternal grandparents were Rebecca (Mattwaoshe) and Simon Shopteese. I reside in Hoyt, Kan. with my husband, Jeremy Harman, and our three children, Hayley, Alex and Thomas. I enjoy spending time with my family and supporting my children in their extracurricular activities, beading and sewing, reading, drawing, gardening, mushroom hunting, dancing at powwows, and enjoying life.

I have learned a lot about the day-to-day casino operations with my 12 years-plus of hands-on gaming experience. I began in the gaming industry working summers as a waitress while attending the University of Kansas. Since then, I have held the positions of casino cage cashier, slot attendant, and slot technician within the casino. I'm currently employed with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission as a Tribal Gaming Inspector, a privilege that I have held for seven years. With my gaming experience, I'm already knowledgeable about our Tribal Gaming Compact with the State of Kansas, the National Indian Gaming Commission's Minimum Internal Control Standards, the PBP Law and Order Code Title 12, our PBP Gaming Commission's Minimum Internal Control Standards, and the poli-

cies and procedures of the various departments within the casino. In addition, I have received manufacturer's trainings and certifications as a Gaming Agent and an Associate Technician through International Gaming Technology (IGT). I have also received a letter of recognition from our PBP Gaming Commission to express the appreciation of the (then) Director of the Kansas State Gaming Agency, John McElroy, for my thorough compilation of documents and reports for an investigation. I have personally witnessed and taken a part in some of the many changes that our casino has gone through; which include the gaming floor/ hotel expansion and the transition of management from Harrah's Corporation to our tribe.

As a Tribal Gaming Inspector, it has been my vital duty to preserve and protect our casino by ensuring that regulations are followed and to report any violations to the PBP Gaming Commission. This is a responsibility that I take much pride in, but my sense of duty to our people makes me feel that there is more that I can do. Now I seek your support and vote for the position of gaming commissioner so that I may take the next step in fulfilling this sense of duty. Our casino has brought many good things for us, and I want to do my part to see to it that that continues on for our future generations as well.



**Gary E. Mitchell**

My name is Gary E. Mitchell. Many of you know me already but for those who don't, I will write a brief summary for you to read and to help you make a decision to vote for me or not.

I have lived on this reservation for most of my adult life and raised a family here. My wife and I have two daughters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. My educational background includes a bachelor's degree from Washburn University and a master's degree. I worked hard to get those degrees and this background has enabled me to write a history of our tribe, several tribal educational booklets, a veteran's booklet and gaming commission reports over the years. Plus, I've given many presentations about our tribe to local school and adult groups across the country.

My experience includes being on the Tribal Council for 10½ years, and I have been the chairman of the Gaming Commission for 12 years, so I understand the whole concept and dynamics of regulation, gaming and politics as a result. I have represented the Gaming Commission at national meetings, and locally. We are required to attend tribal-state quarterly meetings, meet-

ings with the other Kansas tribal gaming commissions, as well as giving verbal and written reports at our General Council meetings. My work ethic is beyond reproach and that will continue. I have done my best to be fair in all my dealings on the commission.

The Indian casino business is a heavily regulated business and the tribe has to follow the law, such as those agreed upon in the Tribal-State Compact, federal laws such as the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and tribal law. To ensure compliance with these laws is the main focus of a regulator, and this, in turn, protects the assets of the tribe. Regulation is welcomed by few and regulators aren't invited to most occasions or included in glitzy reports, yet, a gaming commissioner's role is part of the big picture and all of the parts must work together to continue as a successful operation. We have seen the beneficial results over the years with infrastructure improvements, jobs and per caps to members.

Thank you for taking time to read this and I ask for your vote in this upcoming election.

## Gaming Commission Position #2 (vote for one (1))



**Marlena  
(Jessepe)  
Jordan**

My parents are Evelyn (Jackson) Seymour and Melvin (Sonny) Jessepe. My maternal grandparents are the late Robert and Lorene (Alexander) Jackson. My paternal grandparents are the late Henry and Margaret (Wabski) Jessepe. I have been married for 16 years to Kevin Jordan and we have four children whose names are Jaime, Adria, Marlissa and Kobe. We have resided on the PBPB Reservation for 10 years.

In 2004 I earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Friends University. I am currently working on a master's degree in Liberal Arts at Baker University. While working on my degrees, raising a family, and having a full-time job, I have learned how to juggle many tasks. More importantly, it has taught me to appreciate my family and take pride in my work responsibilities.

I have been employed with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission (PBPBGC) for 10 years. As Finance Assistant I

am the timekeeper and payroll clerk for 23 employees. The PBPBGC also provides insurance benefits to all employees. I am the plan administrator between Blue Cross Blue Shield and the PBPBGC. I am also responsible for travel arrangements for all commission employees. In addition, I am a member of the Royal Valley Middle School site and the Johnson O'Malley program.

With my educational accomplishments, knowledge and work experience, I would make a responsible tribal gaming commissioner. Casino revenues have advanced our Nation and as your tribal gaming commissioner, along with other elected officials, I will safeguard this important tribal enterprise. With your vote, I can assure you I will take my duties as a tribal gaming commissioner to heart. As a tribal member, an Indian woman and a mother I will always strive in ensuring all our children have available the same opportunities I've been given.

## Gaming Commission Position #2 (vote for one (1))(cont'd)



**Larry Mzhickteno**

My name is Larry Mzhickteno. It has been my pleasure to serve you as a Gaming Commissioner these past four years. I was sworn into office on April 6, 2009. I have found this to be a humbling yet exciting experience. I remind myself every day that I work for YOU. I use this reminder to guide me in the decisions that I make to ensure those decisions are for the benefit of the tribe, and not my own desires.

I am once again asking for your vote and your trust. I wish to continue to serve all of you as a gaming commissioner. There have been a lot of changes at the Gaming Commission these past four years. In an effort to conserve funds, there has been a reduction in the administrative staff accomplished through attrition. As positions were vacated, they were not filled. We have also seen a reduction in the number of commissioners go from five to three. These reductions have allowed the Gaming Commission to reduce its budget to levels not seen since 2003. The money which makes up the Commission's budget belongs to the tribe, not just the Commission. It must be spent wisely. The Gaming Commission has been successful in continuing to provide effective gaming regulation with these reductions.

Here is a little bit about myself. I began working for the Gaming Commission in 2003 as a Gaming Inspector. I made the decision to run for gaming commissioner in 2009 and was rewarded by being voted into office. Prior to working for the Gaming Commission, I was employed by a wholesale liquor distributor in Topeka, called Famous Brands. I had worked at Famous Brands for 10 years and my last position was as the Operations Manager. I left their employ when the company was sold to Glazers Distributing and the Topeka operations were split up and moved to Wichita and Lenexa. I stayed with the company for a time to assist them with their transitions.

I encourage all eligible tribal members to make your voice heard and vote, whoever your candidate of choice may be. To have successful operations and responsible tribal government takes involvement. The most basic form of involvement is to vote. Please do so.

In closing, I believe I have demonstrated that I possess the knowledge, experience, and desire, to continue to serve you as a gaming commissioner. I will be humbled and proud to have your vote and support.



**Jona (Potts) Rupnicki**

As a former representative of the PBP Nation, I had the honor to serve on the PBP Gaming Commission from 2004-2008 during the transitional period as a Certified National Indian Gaming Commissioner. The reward of serving in that capacity is experience, gaming knowledge, integrity, and dedication to protect the assets of the PBP Nation. The ultimate and comprehensive goal is for the benefit of the Nation as well as generations to come. Once again, I would be proud to represent the PBP Nation in the capacity of gaming commissioner.

#### Related Gaming Work Experience

- Golden Eagle Casino- Human Resource Manager, 2011-Current
- Sac and Fox Casino- Director of Human Resources, 2010
- PBP Gaming Commission- Gaming Commissioner, 2004-2008
- Potawatomi Bingo-Assistant Manager, 2000-2001
- Kickapoo High Stakes Bingo, Floater-(Caller/Sales, Floor worker/Sales, Paper Room Supervisor), 1995-1996
- Potawatomi Bingo- Floater-(Caller/Sales, Floor Worker/Sales, Main Cashier/Sales, Paper Room, Attendant, Inventory Clerk, Cook), 1989-1995

#### Licenses/Certification/Boards

- National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) - Certificate of Completion, all levels of The Commissioner Certification Course
- MT325 Gaming Agent Training- IGT Technical Training Class
- Certificate of Achievement, Society Human Resource Management (SHRM)
- Native American Human Resource Association (NAHRA) Certified
- Treasurer of American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Kansas
- Category I, Gaming License

#### Education

- MSM- Masters of Science in Management, Friends University
- BS- Bachelor of Science -Organizational Management & Leadership/HR, Friends University
- AA-Associate of Arts, Highland Community College

#### Qualifications & Accomplishments

- Over (14) years in Class II & Class III combined gaming

- experience
- Served four (4) years as an elected official to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as a Gaming Commissioner
- Assisted in leading regulatory body throughout the transition between Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Harrah's Entertainment into self-management
- Over eight (8) years experience in management and supervision.
- Several years experience in training including new hire, report writing, customer service, team leadership, MOD training, and organizational development
- Own & operate business

#### Position/Prior Responsibilities

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission is charged with oversight of the tribe's gaming operations, the tribal Gaming Commission helps the tribe meet its regulatory responsibilities under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). The purpose of a tribal gaming commission is regulatory, not managerial. The Gaming Commission is also given responsibility to ensure that the Prairie Band Casino is in compliance with all applicable health, safety, and environmental laws and regulations. Some of these responsibilities include licensing of the tribe's gaming enterprise, Prairie Band Casino, gaming employees, regulatory employees and various vendors for the Prairie Band Casino. Random independent audits are conducted on the Prairie Band Casino by the Internal Audit Department and an external auditor hired by the Gaming Commission. Through the Compliance and Surveillance Department the Gaming Commission ensures that investigations are performed upon alleged and actual gaming violations that may occur at the Prairie Band Casino. As a gaming commissioner, you have the responsibility to ensure that gaming operations are conducted honestly and according to regulations. Most importantly, protecting the assets of the PBP Nation is the overall goal. Indian gaming was put in place for the benefit of the tribe and their people.

I possess integrity, intelligence and high energy, along with a diverse background and range of abilities. I believe in quality and commitment! I guarantee to you that I will serve to meet the best interests of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

I am respectfully asking for your support in this upcoming election.

## Gaming Commissioner Position #2 (vote for one (1)) (cont'd)



**Adriana Wahwasuck**

My name is Adriana Wahwasuck. I reside on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation with my four beautiful children. I currently teach at Kickapoo Nation School in Powhattan, Kan. I received my bachelor's degree from Haskell Indian Nations University, and then I attended graduate school at the University of Oregon, receiving my master's degree in Curriculum Development.

Prior to my work in the field of education, I was employed by the Gaming Commission as a Gaming Inspector. My duties include upholding the Tribal and State Gaming Compact, ensuring tribal laws pursuant to Title 12, and having a thorough understanding of the Minimum Internal Control Standards, which is an exten-

sive guideline of standards that all departments at the casino must abide by. The duties of a gaming inspector were simply to observe and report violations to the Gaming Commission for further investigation. I worked for the Gaming Commission for approximately six years, and I would once again like to be a part of this process. I have the qualifications and a strong work ethic and with that said, I would truly appreciate your support in the upcoming election.



**Jancita Warrington**

My name is Jancita Warrington. My family comes from Wisconsin traditionally located in the Skunk Hill area and that is where they continue to reside today. My mother is Becky Warrington (Young) and my father the late Royal E. Warrington. My grandmother is Dorothy Young and my Misho is the late Frank Young. I have a bachelor's degree and used my degree to teach for the Ho-Chunk Nation in Wisconsin for two years. After this experience, I returned to the University of Kansas to attain a dual master's degree in Tribal Law and Policy and Cultural Preservation Management. I recently finished a two year term on the Tribal Council and am now serving Indian Country as a Tribal Consultant. In 2012 I was selected by the National Congress of American Indians Economic Development as a 40 under 40 recipient. This honor is given to 40 recipients under the age of 40 who have provided exceptional knowledge, leadership, dedication and commitment to serving Indian Country.

I have always maintained a strong commitment to serving Indian Country, particularly with my own Nation when the opportunity presented itself. I studied the tribal gaming industry closely in graduate school and have taken a strong interest in the Nation's position of being a leader in the industry. While on Tribal Council, I served as the voting member for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA). In doing so I gained a remarkable experience through attending many workshops and forums while keeping current on the literature pertaining to the hot topic of Internet gaming in the gaming industry. NIGA operates as a clearinghouse and educational, legislative and public policy resource for tribes and policymakers on Indian gaming issues and tribal community development. This encompasses facts of tribal gaming, statistics on economic impact of Indian gaming, gaming proceeds, Indian community development, regulations and state involvement through compacting.

The primary purpose of the Tribal Gaming Commission is to provide effective regulation at our gaming entity, while assuring proper compliance with the provisions set forth in: the Nation's Tribal-State Gaming compact, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (which is responsible for issuing federal regulations), and assuring

tribal government compliance with the law, and Title 12 of the Nation's Potawatomi Tribal Law and Order Code. Cooperation with NIGC and state officials, adoption of standard industry rules and internal controls has strengthened our Nation's decision to make our casino a 100 % tribally-owned-and-operated entity. Tribal gaming commissioners' roles are vitally important to providing the leadership needed to support self-regulation, thus ensuring assets and revenues generated by the tribe's gaming operations are protected and invested with maximum benefit to the tribal community. It is the responsibility of our gaming commissioners to closely follow the literature of current gaming trends and educate themselves on such issues. This knowledge is imperative and a key factor needed to making informed decisions and recommendations when the opportunity arises for our Nation's gaming entity to take full advantage of future opportunities in the industry.

Our Nation needs superior leadership and vigilance within the tribal Gaming Commission's structure to ensure our tribal gaming operations remain well regulated and capable of promoting superior economic development. Achieving this will ensure adequate funding of vitally needed tribal governmental programs and services used for the long-term benefit of our Nation and its members. I feel my educational experiences have prepared me well to take responsibility for this role in our Nation's future. The Nation has invested in me by providing me educational financial resources to attend graduate school and I would like to give back to the Nation by fulfilling this responsibility as a tribal gaming commissioner. My personal interest in this topic keeps me focused on researching and conversant of current gaming trends and opportunities in the industry. My involvement in having served on both the Tribal Council and the National Indian Gaming Association, have added a dynamic experience for me to draw from while serving our Nation as a tribal gaming commissioner. I look forward to talking to anyone regarding this topic in the near future. I humbly ask you to invest in young leadership, change and progression of the Nation's future by exercising your right to vote in July.

### There were no candidates for Ethics Commission positions

**Member Services**  
(located on lower level of Government Center)

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**Election information & candidate profiles**  
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# Earth Day fun has zombie run and more

## 3-Mile Predictor's Walk

0-10 Male

1. KJ Miller Sr. (4:30)
2. Trystan Murata (5:47)
3. Treyson Murata (7:40)

0-10 Female

1. Ava Thompson (8:12)
2. Ajsu Islamore (9:24)
3. Giselle Oliveira (27:13)

11-17 Male

1. Nue Tinajero (:05)
2. Trent Blalock (3:12)
3. Wahp LeClere (4:01)

11-17 Female

1. Gabby Vigil (1:23)
2. Shobwas Hubbard (1:54)
3. Andree Mitchell (1:55)

18-39 Male

1. Cody Nozhackum (3:39)
2. Jason Davis (3:58)
3. Joe Mitchell (6:05)

18-39 Female

1. Megan & Emily Catron TIE (:28)
2. Sabrina Criqui (:58)
3. Oshpuk Hubbard (1:38)

40+ Male

1. James Masquat (:50)
2. David Criqui (:52)
3. Don Don LeClere (1:40)

40+ Female

1. Michelle Wabaunsee (3:24)
2. Rencie Eteeyan (3:36)
3. Carol Dewitt (3:51)

OVERALL MALE 3-MILE WALK  
Nue Tinajero

OVERALL FEMALE 3-MILE WALK  
Megan and Emily Catron

Special thanks to Verna Potts and EPA

## 3-Mile Bike Ride

0-10 Male

1. KJ Miller (21:09)
2. Ruben Tinajero (29:17)

0-10 Female

1. Mae Joslin (15:44)
2. Gish Hale (22:55)

11-17 Male

1. Tarin Blalock (13:13)
2. Pak Hale (27:51)

11-17 Female

1. Violet Mesa (25:15)

18-39 Male

1. Cody Nozhackum (17:54)

18-39 Female

1. Joy Matchie (27:59)

OVERALL MALE 3-MILE BIKE RIDE  
Tarin Blalock

OVERALL FEMALE 3-MILE BIKE RIDE  
Mae Joslin

## Zombie Run

Youth Male

1. Daniel Scholfield (4:25)
2. Nue Tiscareno (4:46)
3. Komesch Spoonhunter (5:10)

Youth Female

1. Mae Joslin (4:08)
2. Halina Williamson (4:17)
3. Kiikto Thomas (4:23)

Teen-Adult Male

1. Sognosh Serna Blakemore (3:53)
2. Kenny Aitkens (4:08)
3. Phlyte Wishteyah (4:16)

Teen-Adult Female

1. Tamo Thomas (4:51)
2. Gabby Vigil (4:54)
3. Tootie Aitkens (5:13)

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Department of Planning & Environment would like to express their gratitude to businesses that contributed to the 15th Annual Earth Day Celebration that was held at Prairie People's Park:

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- Jackson's Nursery
- Calderwood's
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- Holton NAPA Auto
- Koger's Variety
- Holton Sonic
- Expressions Flower & Gifts
- Holton O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Darnell's Antiques
- Potawatomi Pentecostal Church
- Holton Taco Bell
- We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410
- Prairie Band Casino & Resort
- Mercer Funeral Home
- Holton Tire
- Holton Casey's General Store
- Latane Donelin

## April 21 Prairie Peoples Park



## PBP Early Childhood Education Center pow-wow



(At left) is a photo of one of several Headstart and child care classes that received diplomas in graduation ceremonies at the Ben-no-tteh Wigwam pow-wow on May 16 at Prairie Peoples Park.

(At right) is Kristina and Ki-Bo Throssell who were all smiles after Ki-Bo graduated from Class E.



Pan-no-quah Wahwassuck (center) happily dancing in her jingle dress in the grand entry. She was one of the graduates from Class B.

## Prairie Band win five trophies at Native American Youth Language Fair



Kids group "Lullaby"



Teen group "Little Red Hen"

The youth language class of 22 students took home five trophies in the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair (ONAYLF) held at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman, Oklahoma April 1-2. The students competed against 900 youth from 20 tribal language groups in a variety of categories. The ONAYLF has been attracting students from all over Oklahoma and nearby states for over 10 years. The fair is held at the museum every first Monday and Tuesday in April. For two days students learning their Native languages and their teachers come together to give spoken language, poetry, and song performance, and to exhibit books, films, and poster art. Before the group left for the competition, they gave a dress-rehearsal performance on March 27 at the Rock building.

### Adult Language classes

Mondays- 5:30-8 p.m. and Tuesdays-5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Beginners)  
Language Department (located in basement of the Firekeepers Elder Center)

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### Winners from the Language Fair

#### Individual:

1st place-Mae Joslin (3rd-5th grade) spoken language-"Wapttigwek's Summer"

1st place-Jaiden Wamego (6th to 8th grade) power point- "Sewe" presentation

2nd place-Keanu Shopteese (6th-8th grade) power point-"Matikwe" presentation.

#### Group:

2nd place-Teen (9th-12th grade) large group, spoken language-"Little Red Hen"

3rd place-Kids (3rd-5th grade) small group, song in native language -"Lullaby" presentation.



Left: Jaiden Wamego won first place at the contest and also said a prayer in Potawatomi at the Walk for Hope event and PBPN pow-wow.



Right: Mae Joslin with her first place trophy.

Diabetes Self Management classes  
(do not have to attend every class)  
Tuesdays- 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Instructor: Kathy Sterbenz, R.N.  
Call 785.966.8207

## Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center Frequently Asked Questions

Here is some information on the Health Center provided by Brenda Catron, R.N. and Nancy Henry who are on the Health Center staff

### Medical:

Q: Does the clinic provide Emergency Services?

A: No, we call 911 or the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department to transport to facilities equipped for such care.

Q: I heard you only see Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal members at the clinic, is this true?

A: No, we see members from all federally recognized tribes.

### Contract Health Services:

Q: What is the Contract Health Services coverage area?

A: The coverage area for Contract Health Services is: Jackson County for all federally recognized tribes. The coverage area also includes Prairie Band Potawatomi enrolled members that reside in Brown and Doniphan counties in Kansas and Richardson county in Nebraska. Kickapoo, Iowa and Sac and Fox tribes of KS/NE are ineligible for coverage, however, resources are available to their members through the Kickapoo and White Cloud Health centers.

### Quality Assurance/Benefits Coordinator:

Q: I came to the clinic for an appointment and I was sent to the Benefits Coordinator to apply for Medicaid/KanCare, why was this done?

A: It is both Federal and Tribal policy to apply for any alternate resources that may be available to you. It can be an advantage for you to sign up

for these alternate resources, as they can often pay for services that Contract Health Services cannot provide.

### Pharmacy:

Q: I am here visiting, and I am not a current patient at the clinic and forgot my medications. Can I get them filled at the clinic?

A: Yes, we will do a one-time courtesy fill providing the following: we can contact your pharmacist, get the documentation needed, and have that medication on our formulary.

### Laboratory:

Q: I had lab work drawn at the clinic, can I call the laboratory staff to get my results?

A: No, policy states you may call nursing to get your results, however, result letters are mailed out when the lab reports are completed.

### Radiology:

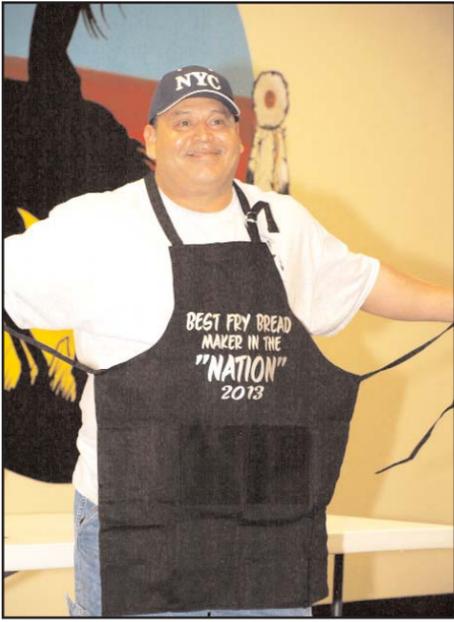
Q: I think I fractured my wrist, can I come in to get an x-ray?

A: You must be assessed by nursing staff first and an order must be given prior to any x-rays.

### Dental:

Q: I made an appointment with dental and cannot be seen for three months, why does it take so long to be seen?

A: We are a small clinic with one dentist, and provide free services.



B.J. Jones won first place in the Fry Bread contest held at the All-Employee Meeting on April 26 at the Bingo Hall. For his win he received movie theatre tickets and the apron he was wearing when this photo was taken. Jones works in the Maintenance Department.

(Photo by Micki Martinez)



The Government Center got some new raised flower beds that were planted this spring by Ernie Coleman and Brandon Laclair who are landscapers for the Maintenance Department. Gunzy Wahquahboshkuk made the wooden containers.



Kids and staff had fun at the Boys & Girls Club during the Mighty Kids Challenge May 16.



Heidi Mehl, who is working on her doctorate and studying the ecosystems of streams on the reservation, visited with Boney Pahmahmie and other residents about land restoration on April 2 at the Rock Building. Mehl is an EPA STAR Fellow in the Department of Geography at Kansas State University.



International Slam Dunk Champion Kenny Dobbs (far left) and Brian Frejo, a motivational speaker/DJ (far right) were on the reservation to promote the first Bane Battle Basketball Tournament that was held at Haskell Indian Nations University April 12-13. The tournament was held in memory of Ralph Tecumseh and Phil Homeratha who both died of cancer last year. Tecumseh was a tribal member and Homeratha was a basketball coach at Haskell for several years. In the photo with Dobbs and Frejo, and to Dobbs' left, is Hattie Mitchell, Tom Wabnum and Carrie O'Toole who are on the Tribal Council. Tribal member Amber Tecumseh organized the basketball tournament at Haskell.



Good Samaritan Nicki Dugan, who works in the business office at the Health Center, stopped to give blood at the Community Blood Drive held at the Health Center on May 10. There were 16 volunteers who donated 12 units of blood that day. In the photo with Dugan are workers from the Topeka Community Blood Center.

  
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Marcus Oliveira (center) with trainers Cody Wilson (left) and Erik Riley at the Lawrence Nutrition Center before his big win in Las Vegas as a contender for the title of becoming the World Boxing Association's Light Heavyweight Champion. Oliveira signed autographs at the store before he left for Las Vegas. The fight was held April 12 with Oliveira beating Ryan Coyne in an 11th round knockout.



Staff from the Judicial Center hosted a group of international visitors from Zambia on May 9. The group came to learn about the tribe's court system and was entertained by some Singers & Dancers. In addition, the photo (above left) is of Tom Wabnum, Administrative Judge Terry Barr and Jim Potter who spoke to the group inside the court room that day.



# Going pool side with Patrick Mills at the Boys & Girls Club



**Patrick Mills was hired as a commercial pool operator last spring.**

Big improvements have been made at the Boys & Girls Club swimming pool which is now being maintained by a full-time commercial pool operator.

Patrick Mills has been hired to operate the swimming pool and to maintain the facility. Mills is in charge of keeping

the pool safe and clean and also ensuring that temperatures both in and out of the pool are comfortable throughout the year. He controls this through a computerized system that monitors chemicals in the pool and through the use of an ultraviolet lighting system that keeps bacteria down. In addition, solar panels located on the club's roof, also help to regulate pool temperatures, which in turn, is helping to keep energy costs at a minimum. Lastly, Mills also keeps the pool water fresh and clean by controlling the flow valves that lead to and from the pool.

Mills became a commercial pool operator, along with six other PBPN maintenance department employees, who also completed the training. Carl

Matousek, director of the Construction/Maintenance department, told the *News* that maintaining the pool became a full-time job and that by having his staff trained in commercial pool operation made a lot of



**The swimming pool at the Boys & Girls Club has been renovated and is ready for swimmers.**

sense as a cost-saving measure and to ensure that the pool will continue to be operated in a clean and safe manner. "The training also gave our employees a new skill set that they will continue to have throughout their careers," Matousek said.

In the last year the pool has gone through a complete renovation by the Maintenance department. The pool was drained and resealed using new and better materials and the pool's surrounding border areas



**Mills points out some of the equipment located in the mechanical room that he uses in his work.**

and slipper slides were also resurfaced and cleaned.

Mills' office is located next to the pool at the Boys & Girls Club and he is also in charge of maintaining both the men's and women's locker rooms that have recently been remodeled. He stressed that he is not a lifeguard but he does keep track of the pool's schedule that he has published each month which can also be found on the Boys & Girls Club webpage located on the tribe's website.

The pool was built in 2004 when the Boys & Girls Club was expanded. It is 4-foot deep, contains 90,000 gallons of water and has two water slides. In addition to the pool, the expansion in 2004 also included a gymnasium/fitness area, library, regalia sewing center, and extra rooms that are used as play areas for the youth.



**Boys & Girls Club monthly pool and activities calendars at [www.pbpindiantribe.com/boys-and-girls-club.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/boys-and-girls-club.aspx)**



**Patrick Mills photographed standing outside the Boys & Girls Club on its east side. Solar panels on the roof's top helps keep the swimming pool water and adjacent rooms regulated and warm.**



**New exercise equipment was placed in Prairie Peoples Park this summer thanks to funding from the Diabetes Program. Above, the staff demonstrates how to use the equipment. In the photo Cody Wilson, left, demonstrates hurdling while Eddie Joe Mitchell does a push up in the center. Melinda Williamson demonstrates another part of the equipment on the right. Two more work out stations in the park are planned for construction later this summer.**



**Left: Youth had fun at the the Boys & Girls Club Mighty Kids Challenge on May 16 to celebrate the end of school. The club has outside basketball courts and several other outside play areas like the one seen in this photo.**

- Exercise classes at the club**
- Water Aerobics
  - Aerobics
  - Boxing

**For a schedule of Diabetes Program classes go to [www.pbpindiantribe.com/health-and-wellness.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/health-and-wellness.aspx)**

Peacemakers Circle



(Left to right) Juanita Jessepe, Jean Howley, Robin Guerrero, Betty Rice, Angie Wahweotten, Charles Jacobson and Lysette Morris.

A swearing in ceremony was held on May 29 at the Judicial Center for members of the Peacemakers Circle and the Healing to Wellness Court. Several members of the Tribal Council and other employees also attended the event.

Individuals sworn in to the Peacemakers Circle included Charles Jacobson, Angie Wahweotten, Betty Rice, Jean Howley, Lysette Morris, Robin Guerrero and Juanita Jessepe.

Healing to Wellness Court members sworn in included Arlene Wahwasuck, Roselyn Hale, Joanna Mitchell, Norma Shipshee and Mary LeClere.

Theresa Barr, Administrative Judge, conduct-



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Swearing-in  
ceremony  
for  
Peacemakers  
and  
Healing to Wellness  
Court*

ed each oath of office and Tribal Council officers Jim Potter and Joyce Guerrero also participated in the ceremony.

The Healing to Wellness Court is designed to work with offenders of alcohol and drug-related crimes through addressing Native American traditional and cultural values. The goal of the court is to help individuals gain the tools and knowledge to become whole and healthy both mentally and physically.

Raphael Wahwassuck is the Healing to Wellness Court coordinator and has an office located in the Judicial Center. The Court has been in existence since 2010.

Healing to Wellness Court



(Left to right) Mary LeClere, Norma Shipshee, Joanna Mitchell, Roselyn Hale, Arlene Wahwasuck and Raphael Wahwassuck.

The Peacemakers Circle is a small tribal body of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members whose purpose is to resolve and mediate disputes by utilizing traditional, cultural and restorative methods as a separate mediating branch of the Nation's judicial system. Peacemakers was established by Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-107 and members serve for four-years. A voluntary system, a Peacemaker may be used to resolve any dispute and/or any action pending in the Tribal District Court, for parties who are subject to the jurisdiction of the District Court.

## National Programs for Housing Department funded again

By Season Dominguez, National Programs Specialist

Good news for tribal members! Funding for the Prairie Band Potawatomi National Programs in the Housing Department is once again available.

Programs are funded either through the Tribal Supplement fund and/or HUD grants. The programs include Renovation Repair, Down Payment, and Rental Assistance (over-income category

available). Detailed information can be found on the Prairie Band website under Housing that includes program updates, downloadable correspondence, and common questions with answers regarding programs.

The department is currently accepting applications for all three programs and applications and guidelines are available at the website address below.

For details call 866.966.2756 or contact seasons@pbpnation.org.

[www.pbpindiantribe.com/national-programs.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/national-programs.aspx)

- Renovation Repair
- Down Payment
- Rental Assistance

For more information please call Season Dominguez or Georgia Smith at the Housing office at 785-966-2756 or toll free at 866-966-2756. To reach by email write seasons@pbpnation.org or georgias@pbpnation.org. Applications and more information is available at the Housing Department, 8273 156th Lane, Mayetta, KS 66509.

### Buffalo Program teaches youth to make hand drums



Last March some men from the Land Department and PBPN community taught eight young boys how to create hand drums and sticks. The class was publicized and quickly filled up on the first day.

The rawhide used to build the drums came from the Nation's buffalo herd and the class was held at the Land building on K Road.

Besides learning to make the drums, the boys were also taught some of its traditional uses and native songs.

Mi-kes Potts, who was

one of the class instructors wrote in an email, "I was very proud of these young men and how they focused on building their own drums and sticks and how they helped each other out. I was also proud of the teachers and volunteers who helped with the class for they had a lot of patience and heart-felt pride in teaching a tradition and craft that they were also taught at an early age."

Instructors besides Potts included Cody Wilson, Melvin Lewis, Colton Wahquahboshkuk and Gubba Hale.

## Message to the Nation from Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Chairperson

The second quarter of the year has been full of Tribal Council meetings and other activities and events.

April was a busy month. On April 8 I travelled to Oklahoma City for the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board (OCAITH) quarterly epidemiology meeting and the following day attended the (OCAITH) executive board meeting in Tulsa. I then travelled to Catoosa, Okla. to participate and be a co-moderator for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Tribal Consultation Regions VI and VII meetings that were held April 10-12.

On April 13 I returned to the reservation and gave opening remarks at the 1st District (Kansas) American Legion Convention hosted by the the We-Ta-Se veterans at the Boys & Girls Club. The following week the Tribal Council and administration spent time preparing their quarterly reports that were presented to General Council on April 20.

On April 23-24 two members of Tribal Council and I were in Washington, D.C. to see staff from our Tribal Victim Services program honored at the National Crime Victims Service Award ceremony for their Healing Through Arts program. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder presented the award which was given to programs, organizations or individuals who have helped expand the reach of victim's rights and services. We were especially proud to be selected as one of twelve across the Nation to be chosen for this prestigious award.

May was also full of business events and activities. On May 2 I gave welcoming remarks at the AFL-CIO conference held at the Prairie Band Casino

& Resort and on May 8 Tribal Council and I conducted a swearing in ceremony for four of the five members of the Enrollment Committee.

A historic event took place on May 9 with the ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 111 by Gov. Sam Brownback at the Capitol that designates the first Wednesday of February beginning in 2014 as Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol. This culminates a series of efforts between the Kansas tribes and the Kansas legislature in formally recognizing government to government relationships with each other. Joining us as special guests that day was Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians, and Ernie Stevens, Jr., chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA).

On May 10 I was in Lawrence for Haskell Indian Nation University's graduation ceremonies and saw many Haskell alumni, family and friends. Several young PBPN members also graduated that day and it was exciting to share in their success.

A KanCare Advisory Council meeting was held in Topeka on May 14 and on May 16 I attended an open house for the PBP Health Center and Social Services Department. While there, I publicly recognized members of the Tribal Victim Services staff regarding their nationally recognized Healing Through Arts program and hard work.

The following Saturday on May 18 I represented the PBPN and We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 at the 95th Kansas American Legion Annual State Convention where we were given an award on behalf of the casino and our government for hiring the most veterans. Human Resources Manager Sonya Sexton joined me in accepting the award.

On May 30 I met with Kevin Leecy, who is the vice chairman for NIGA, in Tower, Minn.

June is also proving to be quite busy and we were pleased to host some members of the Topeka Disabled American Veterans who held their annual convention at the casino the weekend of June 7-8. Tribal Council staff also gave them a tour of the reservation and took them to the pow-wow that was held that weekend.

On June 13 I motored to White Cloud, Kansas to attend the Four-Tribes quarterly meeting that was hosted by the Iowa Tribe.

The weekend of June 20-22 Tribal Council and other employees of the Nation held a membership meeting in Nekoosa, Wis. to personally meet with tribal members and to inform them of business we are conducting and other activities and events taking place in the Nation.

On June 25 I attended another KanCare Advisory meeting in Topeka and am planning to conduct the swearing in of Duane McCrary who will become an Appellate Judge for the PBPN on June 28 at the Judicial Center.

I hope you have a safe holiday over the Fourth of July weekend and we are looking forward to the Gaming/Ethics Commission election that will be held on July 27. I am also looking forward to seeing many of our Potawatomi relatives and friends at the Gathering hosted by the Pokagon Band Aug. 8-11.



### Calendar of Events

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- July 4-5 **PBP Government Closed-  
Fourth of July holiday**
  - July 20 **General Council Meeting**
  - July 27 **Gaming/Ethics  
Commission Election**
  - Aug. 8-10 **Potawatomi Gathering  
Pokagon Band  
Dowagiac, Michigan**
  - Aug. 24 **Gaming/Ethics  
Commission Election  
Run-off (if needed)**
  - Sept. 2 **PBP Government Closed  
Labor Day holiday**
  - Sept. 20 **PBP Government Closed  
American Indian Day  
holiday**

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Masters of Business  
Administration  
Friends University

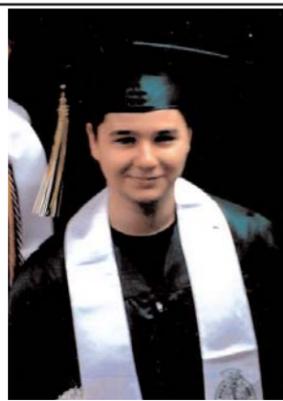
Parents: Robert and Jan  
Hubbard



**Sandra Shopteese**  
Masters of Business  
Administration  
Friends University

*Congratulations and we are  
so proud of you!!!*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, Angel, and Chaz*



**Christopher Grant**  
Salina South  
High School

Parents: Ken Grant &  
Jill Anderson

*Congratulations  
and we are so proud of  
you!*

*Love,  
The Laclair family*



**Saida Mahkuk**  
Kickapoo Nations  
School

*Congratulations  
Nip-Sassy-Quah*

*Love,  
Mom, Grandma &  
Sisters*



**Arizona "Kwisnoque"  
Clement-Thomas**  
Horton High School

*Congratulations! We are  
very proud of you.  
We are sure your dad is  
smiling and proud of your  
accomplishments.*

*Misho & Grandma Rainey  
Shisa Kat  
Okoonii  
Netaanese  
Mason and all your family*



**Susan Marie Jim**  
Kickapoo Nations School

Parents: Tom & Sandi  
Jim

*We knew you could do it  
and we are so proud of  
you!*



**Tara Lanelle  
Mitchell**  
Bachelor of Arts  
American Indian  
Studies  
Haskell Indian  
Nations University

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



**Lara O'Toole**  
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Degree in  
Business  
(Cum Laude)  
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Nations  
University



**Landri James**  
Associate Arts  
Degree  
Haskell Indian  
Nations  
University



**Dustin Duke Ross**  
Tri-County High School

Parents: Duke & Laurie  
Ross

*Dustin,  
All our love,  
We are so proud of you!*



**Kiona Quinn  
Ingels**  
Royal Valley  
High School

Parents: Darrel &  
Christi  
Ingels



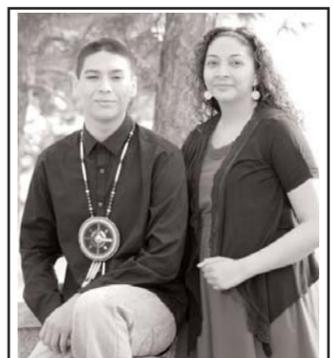
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Wahquahboshkuk**  
Royal Valley  
High School

Parents:  
Vicki & Pete  
Wahquahboshkuk



**Josie Matsapto**  
Royal Valley  
Middle School

*Congratulations!  
Love,  
Mom & Dad*



**Luis Miguel Ortiz  
and  
Cheyenne "Kek"  
Mitchell**  
Royal Valley High School

**Meeks Mahkuk**  
PBPB Head Start

*Congratulations  
Meeks!  
Wishing you the best in your  
elementary school career.  
Love,  
Mom, Grandma & Sisters*



## LaVonne Chenault-Goslin receives Doctor of Education degree



**LaVonne Chenault-Goslin  
E.D.D.  
University of Minnesota Duluth**

LaVonne Chenault-Goslin, Kawequah, granddaughter of former Lillian Ahquapko Thomas, and daughter of former Etheleene J. Chenault, completed an educational doctorate degree at the University of Minnesota Duluth. LaVonne enrolled in August 2007, and was one of three minority students out of 20 who completed her degree.

Dr. Chenault-Goslin lives in Bayfield, Wisconsin with her family.

LaVonne completed her qualitative dissertation study entitled A Phenomenological Study of Kindergarten Suspension of Ojibwe (Chippewa) Tribal Students in Two Rural Wisconsin Public Schools. She spent three years of coursework and over two years on her research. The research study was presented to one rural school in 2010, but it was denied. So then she developed a second research question, and began recruitment of her participants in conjunction with three schools. Once she recruited twelve participants, she began interviewing them. Then she transcribed their verbatim interviews, analyzed the data and began the complex coding process with a variety of research techniques as well as using a Nvivo software program.

The findings included three common themes or challenges faced by both the students and their parents in relationship to their kindergarten suspension: Physical violence, bullying, and negative labeling or stereotyping. In addition, an additional ten parent challenges also emerged which was related to their child(rens') kindergarten suspensions. The

research findings also included six initial assumptions about kindergarten suspensions, and the correlation to the findings in her study.

Her oral final defense presentation that described her study was given to an audience, which included her family, her doctoral committee and many of her doctoral professors. Her 210 page dissertation is copyrighted and has been submitted for publication to ProQuest and the UMI organization for binding and access to other researchers. She has already received several requests to present her findings to both community and college audiences, as well as to an early childhood center staff, local school board, and some tribal programs.

Chenault-Goslin has also researched other topics during her doctoral coursework, and she has developed an historical presentation on The Trail of Death of the Potawatomi, which includes a powerful recording of her grandmother speaking about her family's past history, and the trials and tribulations they endured. In addition, she has also given a presentation to a graduate level social work class on the subject of domestic violence statistics for Native American women in Wisconsin.

Chenault-Goslin has worked for the past thirteen years for the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe as their Early Head Start director. She supervises ten early childhood teachers in a center-based and home-based program that serves 68 families annually.

*I would like to thank the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe and Education Program for your ongoing moral and financial support of my doctoral degree in education. I would also like to acknowledge generous scholarships received from the American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC), Catching the Dream Scholarship Fund, and the University of Minnesota Duluth Endowment Fund.*

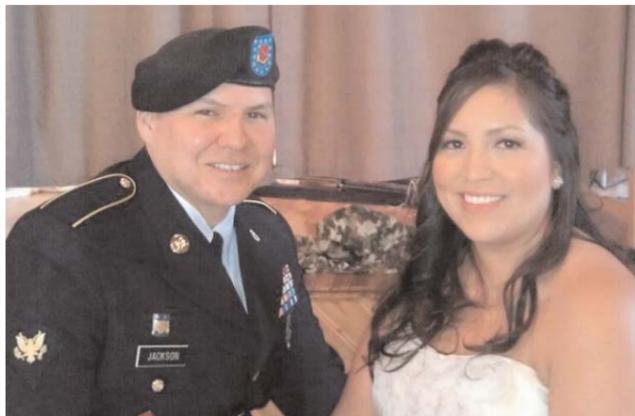
*-LaVonne Chenault-Goslin*



### Notice to all recent graduates!

Please submit a copy of your diploma or transcripts to the Education Department to confirm receipt of degree. Must have documents to use for grant funding and recruiting purposes. Please call 877.715.6789 for questions.

### Enibowat (Weddings)



**Congratulations  
to  
Robert  
and  
Nikki  
Jackson  
on  
their  
marriage**

**April 26, 2013**

**Congratulations  
to  
Thomas,  
Jessica "Sweetie"  
and  
Rose  
Jim  
on  
their  
marriage**

**April 26, 2013**



## News and notes

### A note of thanks

I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for organizing my cancer benefit in 2013 which will greatly help with my health care costs. Thanks to everyone for making the benefit so successful and a big thanks to my sister Vicki Armstrong, mom Judy Darnell, and coworker Virginia LeClere.

**Sharon Anderson-Bosse**

### Message

*Son,  
Three months ago you left a  
young man and today you are a  
Marine. Best of luck in whatever  
you do now and stay strong where  
ever you go. So proud of you.*

*Love,  
Mom & Dad, Philip &  
Debbie Jim.*



### Congratulations to

**Brianna Potts, softball pitcher  
for the Bayshore (Florida) High School  
and division champions.  
Brianna is a junior in high school.**

**From: Uncle Mario Kitchkommie**



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



Happy 16th Birthday  
Natalie (Shuk to kwe)  
Fish  
on  
June 25  
Love,  
Your Family



Happy 12th Birthday  
Topnebiqe Serna  
on  
June 13  
  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Sognosh,  
Macktaozi, Isaac, Mario  
& Antonio

Happy 21st  
Birthday  
to  
Jeanine Jim  
on  
June 27



Love,  
Mom & Dad

Happy  
"Big 50"  
Birthday  
to  
Deanna "Tiny" Brewer  
XXO,  
Mom  
(Num Hale)



A Big Rock Chalk  
Happy Birthday Cheer  
to  
Chagabee, 62 years old  
on  
July 12, 2013  
Love U,  
LaClair family & Sara



Happy 4th Birthday  
Trevor Jim  
on  
June 19



Love you,  
Misho and Grandma

Happy 3rd Birthday Boo Boo!  
to  
Avante "Akahmo" Jessepe  
on  
June 8

Love,  
Gama, Babe, Auntie & Shisha's



Happy 11th Birthday  
Edgar "Jr" Higiné  
on  
June 13

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Omar &  
Sister



Happy 21st Birthday  
to  
Elisa Serna-Solis  
on  
June 15



The fake ID I know you  
have can now EXPIRE!

Love,  
Your Mother



The BIG 18!!  
Happy Birthday  
Joshua  
on  
June 5

Love,  
Marie, Mom, Dad,  
Tristan, Grandma &  
Family



Happy Birthday  
to  
Triton  
on  
July 27

Love,  
Mom



**Ganiçâk**  
(those who are born)

**Five generations  
of Tsotaddles**



Clockwise beginning with baby: Julian Max (Great-grandson), Tavia (Mother), Christa (Grandmother), Michael (Great-grandfather) and Mavis (McKinney), Great-great grandmother.



Julian Max Tsotaddle  
(LittleThunder)  
Born: January 29, 2013  
Weight: 7 lbs. 10 oz.  
Height: 20 3/4 in.

Announced by  
Great-grandparents  
Michael and Lea  
Tsotaddle

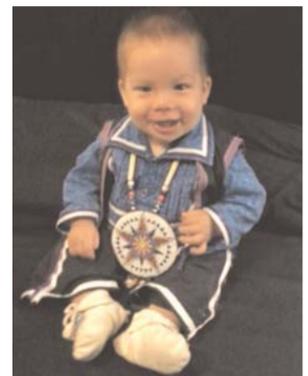


Introducing  
  
Austin Aaron Tuckwin  
Born: March 22, 2013  
Weight: 8 lbs., 2 oz.  
Length: 22 in.  
Parents: Bailee Crawford-Tuckwin  
& Aaron Dirks  
Misho: Marcus Tuckwin  
Great-grandma: Marilyn Hale-Wakolee

Hello!

Nagmo Jackson  
Born: October 16, 2012

Parents: Wabmimi & Nikki Jackson  
Grandparents:  
Johnny Jackson, Shirley Wakolee, Larry  
Fairman & Sandra Mitchell  
Great-grandparents: Robert Jackson,  
Cecilia Meeks Jackson, Melvin Twin,  
Alberta Nagmo Wamego



Kambottek (those who died)



Mary Kay "Dolly" Webster

Mary Kay "Dolly" Webster passed away at home Tuesday morning, March 19, 2013 surrounded by her family.

Mary was born August 2, 1946 in Tomahawk to Gwendolyn Pidgeon & Archie Elk. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

In Mary's early years she worked at Riverview Hospital as a nurse's aide and at the Paper Mill. She worked in human resources for over 25 years retiring in 2007 due to ill health. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, hosting big family meals, reading, sewing and rummage sales. Back in the day, she was a big fan of muscle cars. She owned a Camaro, a Super Bee, two Chevelle's and a Charger (not at the same time, of course). She had a great love for Motown music. She was a protective big sister who helped her many siblings through some tough times with good advice or just to be there to listen. Mary was a hard working independent single mom. She was quite the lady. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her daughter Valerie Smith (Keith), of Wisconsin Rapids and grandchildren Derek (Arianna Murillo), Devon and Nick Smith; daughter Jodi Webster (Pete King) of Lawrence, Kansas and grandchildren Wabansi and Shyla King; brothers: John Houghton (Rachel Winneshiek), Roger Houghton (Jeanine Lonetree, and Mark Houghton (Karla); sisters: Marine Cleveland, Nadine Houghton, and Lori Houghton (Darren Roy); and many nieces and nephews. She was raised by her grandparents James and Rebecca Pidgeon. She considered Carol Snowball her second mother and Carol's sons she considered her brothers: Brian Snowball (Carla), Gary Snowball (Violet), Al Snowball (Clara Miller), Randy Snowball, Terry Snowball (Michele) and Daniel Snowball. She felt very lucky to have such a big family. Mary was preceded in death by her mother, Gwen Houghton, aunt, Carol Snowball, and four brothers: Martin Jordan, Michael Webster, Patrick Houghton and Tony Snowball.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 21, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Herman Taylor Funeral Home. Traditional funeral services will be held at the Dorothy Young residence on Friday, March 22 at noon. Leon Valliere will officiate. Burial will be in Waub-mee-mee Cemetery.

(Courtesy of Herman-Taylor Funeral Home, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.)

Melvina R. Mattwaoshe (Kitchie) Guerrero

Melvina Mattwaoshe (Kitchie) Guerrero, 86, of Topeka, passed away April 28, 2013.

Melvina was born October 6, 1926, in Mayetta, KS, daughter of Joe and Edith (Nocktonick) Mattwaoshe. She attended school in Mayetta and Holton, KS. Melvina was a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indian Tribe and the Indian Drum Religion.

She married Florenzio Guerrero on March 1, 1946. After raising her children, Melvina worked at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Radiology for 10 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, son, Lawrence Guerrero, and sister, Rosetta Anderson.

Melvina is survived by a son, David (Kelly) Guerrero, Topeka; a daughter, Barbara (Sal) Giardina, Topeka; six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and a sister, Ophelia (Robert) Nicholson, Topeka.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 3, 2013, at Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel, Topeka. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Topeka. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 2, 2013, at the funeral home.

(Courtesy of Penwell-Gabel Midtown Chapel, Topeka, Kan.)

Frank G. Shopteese



Frank G. Shopteese, 78, Mayetta, KS, died Saturday, May 25, 2013 at the House at Midland Care Hospice.

He was born December 8, 1934 on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation, the son of Simon P. and Lucille LaClair (Kabance) Shopteese.

Frank attended several Indian boarding schools and Laney College (CA). He served as a medic during the Korean Conflict. Frank was a lifetime member of Shawnee County Allied Tribes and Standing Bear Brotherhood. He cherished his time with family and friends. Frank was a teacher to many and encouraged traditional native lifestyle. His passions were many; he attended pow wow's, gourd dancing, drumming, singing, playing cards, search-a-word, avid reader, loved music, fixing things, yard work, collector, traveling in his camper, and making people laugh. Frank's spirit will live on through the lives he touched.

He married Portia Domme 48 years ago in Holton, KS. She survives. Other survivors include his daughters, Angel Shopteese, Sandra Shopteese, Norma Shipshee along with five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Robyn.

Per Frank's wishes the family will have a celebration of life gathering for family and friends at his home on Sunday, June 2nd from 2:00 until 6:00 pm. The family requests red casual dress wear and please bring a lawn chair.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Jim McKinney Education fund, c/o Shawnee County Allies Tribes or Jackson County Resource Center, Holton KS.

Fond memories and condolences may be left at www.brennanmathenaafh.com.

(Courtesy of Brennan Mathena Funeral Home, Topeka, Kan.)

There is no death. Only a change of worlds.

-Chief Seattle



Matthew Daubon

Matthew Daubon, 83, of the Potawatomi Reservation, passed away the evening of March 24, 2013 at Stormont Vail Hospital. He was born November 10, 1929 in Milwaukee, WI the son of Alice Daubon. Matthew was a member and Elder of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. His pride and joy was his grandson, David Lee Daubon.

Survivors include 4 sons, Matthew Daubon, Jerry Daubon, David Daubon and his wife Karen of Mayetta, KS and Douglas Daubon of Milwaukee, WI; 3 daughters, Cheryl Daubon, of New Hampshire, Debbie Daubon of Wisconsin and Norene "Sunshine" Daubon of Michigan; 6 grandchildren; his sisters, Alvina Johnson and E. Sue Bird both of Milwaukee, WI; and 2 nieces and 2 nephews.

A rosary will be recited 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2013 with a memorial service to follow at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Private family inurnment will be at a later date. To leave a special message for the family, visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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



### 2013 Pow-wow snaps



Zach Wahweotten



Head Dance Judge  
Rusty Gillette



Meskwaki Nation was one of 22 drums.



(L-R) Princesses  
Mechipyeha Johnson,  
Tamo Thomas, Shobwas  
Hubbard



Chicken dancer



Golden Age dancers

Pow-wow results on PBPB website

Right: Dancers in a Grand Entry. Over 500 dancers registered for the pow-wow.



County and State legislators were invited to attend the pow-wow June 8 by the PBP Tribal Council. In the photo (left to right): Jim Potter (Tribal Council); Hattie Mitchell (Tribal Council); Bill Elmer (Jackson County Commissioner); Janet Zwonitzer (Jackson County Commissioner); Robbie Elmer; Carrie O'Toole (Tribal Council); Charles Macheers (Kansas Representative) with Jackson; Richard Carlson (Kansas Representative) and Cheryl Carlson. Not pictured is Ponka-We Victors (Kansas Representative).

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The Return to a Healthy Past program is sponsoring a best vegetable garden on the rez contest this year to recognize our gardeners.

Judging criteria may be based on gardening practices, ability to provide fresh vegetables and a change to healthier eating and exercise. A larger garden will not necessarily beat out a smaller garden.

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and may include a cultivator for weeding gardens, a rain barrel, soaker hoses, an assortment of heirloom seeds and garden hand tools. Contest rules and the judges will be posted at a later date.

Contestants need to call Eddie Joe at 966-8243 or email EddieJoe@pbpnation.org.

**RATE CHANGE NOTIFICATION:**

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TRANSIT RATE INCREASES

Due to the rising fuel and operational cost increases, it has been determined that the rates for general public transportation will also incur an increase. The increase to the rates will increase gradually starting July 1, 2013. The first increase will occur on July 1, 2013, the second increase October 1, 2013 and the final increase will be on January 1, 2014.

Please see graph below for price changes for ridership.

Current costs of Transit	July 1, 2013 Increase	October 1, 2013 Increase	January 1, 2014 Increase
OOA	\$1.00	\$1.30	\$1.60
Local	\$5.50	\$8.00	\$11.00
Out of Area ticket books	\$20.00	\$26.00	\$32.00
Local ticket books	\$10.00	\$16.00	\$22.00

Current cost for Seniors	July 1, 2013 Increase	October 1, 2013 Increase	January 1, 2014 Increase
OOA	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$8.00
Local	\$3.00	\$4.50	\$6.00
Seniors out of area ticket books	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$16.00
Seniors local ticket books	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00

Drivers do not carry change with them. You must pay with correct change.  
Any questions or concerns, please contact Celeste Weber, Transit Coordinator at 785-966-2995 or toll free at 1-866-727-8181.

**6th ANNUAL TALENT SHOW**  
SEPTEMBER 5TH & 6TH, 2013  
TIME: 7 PM TO 9 PM  
LOCATION: BINGO HALL  
16277 Q Road, Mayetta - Next to Government Center  
M.C. JUANITA JESSEPE  
CONCESSION BY LAVERNE HALE & FAMILY

**REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER:**  
\* MUST BE 12 YEARS OLD OR OLDER  
\* MUST BE DEPENDABLE  
\* HAVE YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT

*Not responsible for injuries or accidents. This is an alcohol & drug free event.*

**Tribal Rental Housing Applicants**

Anyone that has filled out an application from homes rented ON the reservation needs to make sure any changes are updated with the Housing Office. Information that is needed includes: address, household composition, and contact information.

For details call 785.966.2756

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



In the second quarter, we have had many Tribal Council meetings, including meetings with the Casino's Board of Directors and employees and the Prairie Band LLC Board of Directors and the General Manager's office.

This June I have been supervising a tribal youth worker. The summer youth worker program gives our youth a chance to acquire new skills that will help them in the future. My youth worker is helping me on a few projects related to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the Prairie Band Tribal Historical Cultural Preservation (THCP) program. One THCP project we have completed was to purchase a display case to exhibit tribal artifacts that were accumulated through the years from previous THCP officers and stored. The display case was placed at the Boys and Girls Club and filled with different pieces of traditional Potawatomi dress and other traditional artifacts that the Boys & Girls Club youth can now enjoy. Future cultural preservation projects I have planned are cultural-based activities with the Tribal Victim Service's Providers Art Circle and activities with the elders at the Firekeepers Elder Center. I have also been working to improve the facilities at the dance ground building by meeting with a group of drum members to determine the best course of action to take.

Another activity I took part in was the Kansas Governor's Weight Loss Challenge that ended in May. Seventeen PBPB teams were involved in the challenge and I hope to further promote and participate in future health-related programs like that one. I was also involved in a Walk for Hope charity event that was held May 5 in Prairie Peoples Park. I was a member of the organizing committee for the event and the PBPB, along with 94.5 Country Radio, were able to raise money to help benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The highlight of the event was a performance by musician Morgan Frazier who put on a great show by singing her hit songs and also taking requests from the crowd. In May I also attended graduation ceremonies at Royal Valley and Haskell Indian Nations University and it was great to share in that special time for our many graduates and their families.

### Other Activities

**Shabonna, Ill.-** The PBPB has leased out the land in a year-to-year contract with a local farmer. This will allow the tribe to get revenue off the land while we continue to develop future plans.

**Tax Commission-** The commission has met to ensure that businesses are current and the tribal sales tax is paid, and that monthly financials are submitted. As a tax commission, we are defining our goals and we will be working toward those goals by creating an environment where individual tribal members can create and sustain their own businesses.

**Finance Department-** The department is currently working on the 2012 audit and two internal audits are also being conducted. I meet with the finance team regularly to work through different issues that come up daily. I also meet with PBPB directors to discuss budget and other questions that arise. We have submitted 2000-2012 Indirect Cost Proposals to the National Business Center and are currently in the negotiation part of the process. I would like to publicly thank the finance team for their continued hard work and dedication.

**American Red Cross (Topeka)-** I have attended American Red Cross Board of Director monthly meetings and am assisting them with their fundraising efforts. I have also joined a volunteer of the year awards committee. I'd also like to point out that on our tribal website there are links to the American Red Cross mobile applications that can be downloaded on any mobile device for instructions on safety and first aid during natural disasters.

**Other Volunteer Activities-** Kansas Children's Discovery Center Finance committee; Kansas Children's Discovery Center Board of Directors. Note: Plans are being made in July for the PBPB Early Childhood Education Center to attend a summer camp at the Discovery Center and a few upcoming camps are also being scheduled in the fall with the Boys and Girls Club.

**Upcoming-** Tribal Council traveled to Wisconsin for an informational General Council meeting and I am also planning to attend the Potawatomi Gathering in August.

### Introducing Danessa "Nawnee" LittleAxe 2013-14 Prairie Band Potawatomi Princess



Danessa "Nawnee" Rachel LittleAxe, 16, was crowned the new Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation princess at the PBPB pow-wow. She is seen above with outgoing princess Mechipyeha Johnson. Nawnee is a junior at Bartlesville (Okla.) High School and serves as the student representative for the Operation Eagle Indian Education Program. She travels throughout the United States competing at pow-wows in the southern cloth dance/jingle/scrub/and fancy shawl categories.

### Firekeeper Golf Academy Junior Clinics for youth! For details go to [www.firekeepergolf.com](http://www.firekeepergolf.com)

### Walk for Hope raises funds for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital



Country musician  
Morgan Frazier  
performed  
after the walk

A Walk for Hope fundraiser was held in Prairie Peoples Park on May 5 that raised over \$4,000 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The PBPB helped sponsor the 5K walk along with 94.5 Country Radio (WIBW). At left, is Hattie Mitchell and Lance Wahquahboshkuk wearing T-shirts made for the event and designed by young tribal members Maylee Wahquahboshkuk and Alexandra Potts. Directly below (left) walkers strolling by some buffalo and (right) are families walking the route together. Over 17 PBPB programs and departments came together to help with the event and Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council treasurer, was one of the organizers.



## Justice Department honors Tribal Victim Services Healing Through Arts program

The Department of Justice honored the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's (PBPB) Tribal Victim Services (TVS) program for creating a healing arts program for sexual assault victims on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 in Washington, D.C. Attorney General Eric Holder presented the award during the National Crime Victims' Rights Week awards ceremony.

Members of the PBPB Tribal Victim Services staff and Tribal Council traveled to Washington, D.C. to be honored.

Attorney General Holder told the audience, "These committed individuals are being honored for their dedication to assisting and supporting victims of crime all across the country. Their actions inspire all Americans, to do what we can, each in our own way, to help lessen the physical, emotional and financial impacts of crime on people in our communities."

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's TVS program received the Professional Innovation in Victim Services Award that recognized a program, organization or individual who helped to expand the reach of victims' rights and services.

TVS developed a program to encourage cultural healing through art to assist tribal crime victims in sharing their experiences, thoughts and fears. They created an artistic "tree" for healing called the Community Story Tree Project,

which consists of 72 canvas panels representing the community's hopes and dreams for tribal families, survivors, children, service providers, professional elders and tribal leaders.

In addition to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Attorney General Holder also recognized 12 other individuals and organizations for their outstanding efforts on behalf of crime victims. Descriptions and videos of the honorees are available at the Office for Victims of Crime's Gallery: <https://ovcnvrv.ncjrs.gov/Awards/AwardGallery/gallerysearch.html>.

President Reagan proclaimed the first Victims' Rights Week in 1981, calling for renewed emphasis on, and sensitivity to, the rights of victims. National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be observed this year from April 21-27.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), headed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Mary Lou Leary, provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims. OJP has six components: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; the Office for Victims of Crime; and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking. For more information about OJP, please visit: [www.ojp.gov](http://www.ojp.gov).



Prairie Band Potawatomi representatives were photographed with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder on April 24 after receiving a Professional Innovation in Victim Services Award for their Healing Through Arts program. From left to right: U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, person unidentified, Steve Ortiz, Mike Boswell, Kent Miller and Rebekah Jones. Tribal Council members Joyce Guerrero and Carrie O'Toole were also at the ceremony but are not pictured.



The Tribal Victim Services (TVS) team and Chairman Ortiz pose in front of the Community Story Tree project that hangs in the Government Center lobby. (Front row, left to right) Kent Miller, Rebekah Jones, and Mike Boswell. (Back row, left to right) Steve Ortiz, Daniel Goombi, Samantha Wahquahboshkuk and Derek Wamego. TVS staff member Shirley Rice was not pictured. Miller, Jones, Boswell and Ortiz traveled to Washington, D.C. to receive the national award and were also featured in a promotional video that was shown during the awards ceremony.

## Prairie Band host Four Tribes Quarterly Meeting

A Four Tribes meeting hosted by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was held March 22 at the casino. The meeting, which is held quarterly, brought tribal leaders and representatives from the four tribes together to discuss issues and to listen to various presentations from outside organizations.

Presenters included Stephene Moore, newly appointed Regional Director for Region 7 of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Aiko Allen, Director of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Center for Health Equity, Suzanne Wikle, project director for the Kansas Dental Project. In addition, Russell Bradley (Kickapoo) also gave an update on Haskell Indian Nations University Board of Regents activities.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 13.



Suzanne Wikle gave a presentation to the Four-Tribes about the Kansas Dental Project which would expand dental providers in Kansas through developing a Registered Dental Practitioners program.

**Tribal Council member Carrie O'Toole on regional boards and committees**



Carrie O'Toole has recently been appointed to the Haskell Indian Nations University Board of Regents. She also serves as a representative on the Southern Plains Tribal Interior Budget Committee and is also on the Southern Plains Native American Indian Gaming Association.

## Ceremonial signing at the Kansas Capitol



**Rep. Ponka-We Victors**

**Did you know that Rep. Ponka-We Victors is the first Native American woman ever elected to the Kansas legislature?**

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Keel is a retired U.S. Army officer with over 20 years of active duty service that included receiving a Bronze Star with "V" for valor and two purple hearts.

Stevens has been the chairman and official spokesperson for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) headquartered in Washington, D.C. since 2001. NIGA is a nonprofit organization composed of 168 Indian Nations and other nonvoting associate members that represent tribal entities and businesses involved in tribal gaming enterprises throughout the country.

In addition, Stevens is a former councilman of the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin and has also been an officer in NCAI. He presently sits on many executive boards including the Native American Rights Fund and the National Indian Telecommunications Institute. He is heavily involved with Native American youth and is active on the Native American Advisory Board for the Boys & Girls Club and the National Indian Child Welfare Association. He graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence and is a strong advocate of the school.

For the last two years the Kansas tribes have been recognized by the Kansas Legislature at the State Capitol and this year Native American veterans were also honored as special guests. Kansas District 103 Representative Ponka-We Victors (Tohono O'odham) initiated the day-long event in 2012 after she was elected to office and was also the sponsor of the bill.

### About Senate Bill 111 Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol

The bill designates the first Wednesday of February 2014 and the first Wednesday of February each year thereafter as "Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol." The bill also changes the title of "American Indian Day" to "Native American Day" which would continue to be recognized on the fourth Saturday of September.



**In the photo above is Chris Howell, tribal liaison for Governor Brownback's office, NIGA Chairman Stevens, Ponka-We Victors, Kansas District Representative who sponsored the bill, PBPN Chairman Ortiz, and NCAI President Keel.**

## Subway Restaurant opens



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the new Subway Restaurant located in Nation Station on April 26. Those participating in the ribbon cutting included Jerry Tuckwin, Carol Shopteese, Joyce Guerrero, Jim Potter, Gilreath Aitkens, Eric Hale, and Dominic Ortiz. Tuckwin, Shopteese, Aitkens and Hale are on the PBPN Entertainment Board and Ortiz is Chief Financial Officer of the casino. Guerrero and Potter are on Tribal Council.

The new Subway Restaurant officially opened on April 26 that is now a part of Nation Station and located next to Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

The restaurant offers breakfast sandwiches and biscuits and gravy, in addition to regular sandwiches and salads. The business is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily with seat-in dining available.

In addition, Nation Station has also been remodeled and is open Sunday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 6 a.m. to midnight. The convenience store sells gasoline, convenient grocery store items and discount and regular cigarettes.

## Tribal Council meets with Jackson County Commissioners



Tribal Council met with the Jackson County Commissioners in Tribal Council chambers April 10. (Sitting, left to right) is Carrie O'Toole, Joyce Guerrero, and Janet Zwonitzer. (Standing, left to right) is Jim Potter, Ed Kathrens, Tom Wabnum, William Elmer, and Junior Wahweotten. The County Commissioners are Zwonitzer, who represents the 2nd District in the County, Kathrens, who represents the 1st District, and Elmer, who represents the 3rd District.

### Get a mammogram at Holton Hospital August 28

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## Charitable Contributions ceremony at casino



Charitable Contributions committee members formed a receiving line during their quarterly Charitable Contributions ceremony held April 11. In the photo, standing (left to right) is Lavera Bell, Wanda Treinen, Mary Carr, Betty Rice, John Tuckwin and Frank Tecumseh.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) presented checks totaling \$81,500 at a Charitable Contributions ceremony held April 11 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. Members from the PBPB Charitable Contributions Committee and Tribal Council were on hand to deliver the checks to the leaders of various organizations.

Some of the Topeka groups receiving donations included the Arthritis Foundation (\$10,000), the American Heart Association (\$6,000), TDC Learning Centers, Inc (\$5,000), Family Service & Guidance Center (\$5,000), YWCA (\$5,000), Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (\$5,000), Prairie Land Foods (\$5,000), Topeka Civic Theatre (\$2,000), Sunflower State Games (\$2,500), Topeka Blues Society (\$3,000), Sertoma Clubs of Topeka (\$3,000), Breakthrough House Inc (\$3,000), Christ First Counseling Center & Associates (\$5,000).

Other groups recognized were the Kaw Valley Chapter Military Officers Association of America (\$2,000), Kansas Senior Olympics (\$1,000), American Cancer Society (\$1,000), Alzheimer's Association (\$2,000), National Alliance on Mental Health of Kansas (\$2,000), American Legion Auxiliary (\$5,000), Asbury Mt. Olive Youth Program (\$2,000), Mayetta Business Association (\$2,500), Haskell Pow Wow Club (\$2,000), and the First Nation's Student Association (\$1,000).



Tribal Council Vice-Chairperson Joyce Guerrero (right) is photographed with U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins at a Topeka Chamber of Commerce meeting on May 13. Guerrero is on the Go Topeka Board of Directors that is associated with the chamber.

## The Prairie Band gives back

*PBPB Charitable Contributions donated \$5,000 to the 2013 Washburn Women's Alliance scholarships that helped fund five students. The program helps non-traditional women pursue their education.*



Members of the Charitable Contributions Committee attended the Washburn Women's Alliance 2013 Scholarship Luncheon May 14 in Topeka and were photographed with Randall Scott, Executive Director of the Washburn Endowment Association (far left) and Cleora "Suzie" Tousey (holding certificate), a recipient of one of the scholarships. Others in the photo are Lavera Bell (far left, second) Mary Carr, and Wanda Treinen.

The scholarship program is designed to provide financial resources for non-traditional female students and the Prairie Band has donated to the program since 2007. Tousey is majoring in criminal justice and works for the Blue Valley School District in Overland Park, Kan. She plans to graduate in May and hopes to eventually teach at a junior college or police academy in the future.

If you are interested in participating in a diabetes communication study email: [KeirstenHale@pbpnation.org](mailto:KeirstenHale@pbpnation.org) or call 785-966-2103



## Enrollment Review Committee sworn in to office



Four PBPB members were sworn-in to office to serve another term on the Enrollment Committee on May 8 in Tribal Council chambers. ( Left to right) is Junior Wahweotten, Jim Potter, Tom Tuckwin, Micki Martinez, Steve Ortiz, Marilyn Hale-Wakolee, Joyce Guerrero, Lavera Bell, Hattie Mitchell, and Tom Wabnum. Tuckwin, Martinez, Hale-Wakolee and Bell were sworn in to office by Chairman Ortiz while Secretary Potter administered the paperwork.

The Enrollment Committee consists of five tribal members who meet to review all enrollment applications to determine eligibility. Benny Potts is also on the Enrollment Committee but was not present that day.

**Vote for your favorite candidates in the Gaming/Ethics Commission Election! Ballots must be mailed to the Mayetta Post Office by 9 a.m. on July 27**

## Doug Schreiner named PBPN Fire Chief/Interim Police Chief



Doug Schreiner has been named the Fire Chief/Interim Police Chief for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and began his position as Fire Chief in March. He is no stranger to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) having previously worked as a shift captain for the fire department from 2000-2008. Prior to that, he worked as a fire brigade coordinator for Westar Energy.

Having a background in law enforcement as well, Schreiner has stepped in as Interim Police Chief until a permanent tribal police chief is hired. In addition to his work with the PBPN, he is a part-time police officer and Lieutenant with the Rossville Police Department and has been in law enforcement since 2001. His police background includes training from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson, Kan., graduating with a part-time Law Enforcement certification, Advanced Criminal and Drug Interdiction training from the Kansas Highway Patrol and Midwest Counterdrug Training Center, and in Fire and Arson investigation training through the National Fire Academy.

Regarding his position with the fire department, Schreiner told the *Potawatomi News* that he took the position with the fire department because the station was top notch and that he had previously enjoyed working in the PBPN community. "I have a great team of dedicated professionals and good support from the community," he said.

Schreiner has lived in Shawnee County all of his life and began working in emergency services in 1993 where he first worked for the Mission Township Fire Department. He has an associate degree in Fire Science from Kansas City Kansas Community College and received certification as an industrial emergency response specialist through Texas A&M University. He also possesses other state and national certifications.

Schreiner oversees a crew of approximately 23 firefighter/emergency medical technicians and paramedics. The fire department is a 24-hour service that provides fire suppression, fire prevention and emergency medical care on the reservation and surrounding areas. The department also provides several community services including public education, CPR and first aid training, fire safety inspections and blood pressure checks.

The fire department is a state-of-the-art facility that includes a fleet of vehicles and equipment. The most recent addition is a new fire truck called Engine 641. Purchased in March, the vehicle has a 1,500 gallon per minute pump and can carry up to 1,000 gallons of water. It is also fully complemented with firefighting equipment apparatus. Specialized equipment includes a system that can add foam to the water to allow for quicker fire suppression, a remote controlled light tower that can illuminate night-time emergency scenes, and a remote controlled 1,000 gallon per minute master stream nozzle for use at large fires. The new engine was recently displayed at the State Capital Area Firefighters Association Fire School in Topeka on March 15.



Fire Chief Schreiner stands in front of the new fire truck recently purchased by the Nation that can pump 1,500 gallons per minute and can carry up to 1,000 gallons of water. It also has specialized equipment and a remote controlled light tower that can be used to illuminate night-time emergency situations and scenes.

## Wade Schneider new Assistant Chief of Police



Wade Schneider has been named the Assistant Chief of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police Department and is working alongside Doug Schreiner, Fire Chief for the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department, who has been named Interim Police Chief.

Schneider has been with the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department since 2000 and was promoted to sergeant in 2001 and to detective in 2006. Prior to his tenure with the Nation, he did police work in Perry, Kan. and he also has outside work experience in the transportation, communications, pest control and industrial supplies industries.

His police background

includes training from the accredited academy at the Topeka Police Department, graduating with a certification from the Kansas Law Enforcement Center in Hutchinson, Kan., and completing the Public Agency Training Council Detective and New Criminal Investigator course and Medicolegal Death Investigation course in 2010.

The Tribal Police Department is located at 16344 Q Road. It provides 24-hour police protection and also offers several community programs and services including a motor-vehicle department, animal control, and educational courses on defensive driving and hunting.

**The Tribal Police Department held a free Rabies Clinic/Flea Dip for dogs and cats on May 24 at the station. Dr. Tim Parks, Heartland Veterinary Hospital, and staff from the Tribal Police administered the clinic.**

### Meet your tribal police officers



Terry Clark, left, and Mike Holte, right, are police officers who began working for the Tribal Police Department last spring. They both work the night shift.

## New dentist at the Health Center

Blaine Knox, D.D.S. is the new dentist at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center Dental Clinic.



**The Dental clinic staff: (left to right) Debra Lowe, Gayle Lambrecht, Dr. Knox and Allison Catron.**

Dr. Knox's professional background includes being with the U.S. Army Dental Corps for almost 25 years. He was based at Ft. Riley, Kansas and retired over a year ago but decided to go back into dentistry after learning about the dentist position with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

"I'm very happy to be working at the

Prairie Band Health Center," he said. "I have a good staff and it is a beautiful facility that is well equipped.

Dr. Knox received his professional dental training at the Medical College of Virginia and holds a Master's award in the Academy of General Dentistry. He also took advanced coursework through a residency program while he was in the Army and he is board-certified by the American Board of General Dentistry.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Dental Clinic provides a full array of dental procedures including preventative services like oral exams and cleanings. All PBPB members and Native American residents are eligible for direct care dental services. The Dental Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 785.966.8290.



## Social Services sponsors Motivational Interviewing training



**Left to right: Janet Bair-Carpenter, Kamilla Venner, Ph.D., Betty Rice, Juanita Jessepe, Mendy Thompson, and Elaine Mzhickteno-Barr were some of the participants in a Motivational Interviewing Training held April 23-24.**

The Social Services Department sponsored a training called Motivational Interviewing (MI) for approximately 25 staff and community members from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB), Sac and Fox, and Kickapoo tribes on April 23-24 at the Health Center.

The training involved an evidenced based practice validated by research. A couple of points highlighted during the training were that many of the elements of MI are inherent in Native American practices and values and that staff and professional helpers who work in these areas should join with a person rather than trying to assert authority or convey expertise. The research also suggests that

MI is effective not just for substance abuse, but also in the areas of health and dental care. Lastly, the training suggested that MI is usually beneficial in brief therapy (1 to 4 sessions) and has been shown to improve the effectiveness of other treatments.

Participants also included members of the PBPB Healing to Wellness Court and Peacemakers that was given by Kamilla Venner, PhD.

The Alcohol & Drug Recovery program I.H.S. Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention grant and the Tribal Court Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse grant sponsored the training.

(Submitted by Elaine Mzhickteno-Barr)



**The PBPB participated in a Walk With Ease program that helped participants learn how to incorporate walking into their daily routine. The group began meeting Mondays in March and walked for an hour for six weeks. The program was coordinated by the Diabetes Program who teamed up with the Arthritis Foundation to bring the exercise program to the reservation.**

(Special thanks to Melinda Williamson)

## Washington dignitary visits Health Center



Tribal Council met with representatives from the Health & Human Services (HHS) Department and Office of the Inspector General (OIG) on April 10 who came to the PBPB to tour the Health Center facility. They also listened to a power point presentation given by Health Center Administrator Bill Thorne.

In the photo (left to right) is Dr. Terry Harter, Tammie S. Brown, Curt L. Muller, Timothy S. Brady, Jim Potter, Gloria L. Jarmon, Joyce Guerrero, and Bill Thorne. Jarmon is Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services out of Washington, D.C. and Brown, Muller, and Brady are other regional agents from the OIG. Harter is the PBP Medical Director and Thorne is PBP Health Center administrator. Potter and Guerrero are on the Tribal Council.

## Eddie Joe Mitchell named Quarterly Employee



**Eddie Joe Mitchell during the Harvest Feast held last fall that he organized at the Bingo Hall.**

Eddie Joe Mitchell was selected Employee of the Quarter and honored during a Health Center meeting on April 30. For being selected he was given a \$50 gift card, a buffalo statue, a day off from work and a chance to be selected for Employee of the Year.

Mitchell is the project coordinator for the Return to a Healthy Past grant that is housed in the Diabetes program at the Health Center. He was nominated by coworker Verna Simon who said that Eddie Joe's traditional knowledge of local plants combined with his gardening experience of over thirty years has brought national attention and is considered a flagship program by the Center for Disease Control that sponsors the grant. She also wrote that he is a traditional gardener and has organized two Harvest Feasts in which the community was able to taste traditional and natural foods.

## Governor's Weight Loss Challenge winners

Seventeen teams from the PBPB participated in the Kansas-wide Governor's Weight Loss Challenge and lost a combined weight total of 563 pounds.

Five-person teams worked for four months and the winners were: 1st place-Big Fat Losers (5.80% body weight for 60.40 pounds lost); 2nd place-The Winning Losers (5.29% body weight for a total of 69.00 pounds lost); and, 3rd place-Flabulous to Fabulous (5.07% body weight for a total of 51.00 pounds lost).

Tribal Council provided t-shirts for participants and the Diabetes Program staff organized the challenge on the reservation.

Rey Kitchkumme, a participant, wrote in a community email: "I hope everyone continues improving their health. I lost 9.5 pounds and it was worth it. It finally made sense to me that if I get off the couch,

out of the house and do some kind of exercise 30 to 60 minutes a day, that only good can come from doing so."

To help people lose weight the Diabetes program offers several exercise classes weekly including Water Aerobics, Aerobics, Boxing, Exercise in the A.M., Zumba, Chair Exercise with Cody, Noon Yoga, and Tuesday & Wednesday Walks. The staff also participated in the Walk With Ease program that was co-sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation and assisted with Earth Day activities and the Walk for Hope 5-K walk that was held on May 5 in Prairie Peoples Park.

For more photos of the first, second and third place winners go to [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com) and click on Big Fat Losers under News.



The Big Fat Losers won first place out of 17 PBPB teams that participated in the Governor's Weight Loss Challenge held last spring across Kansas. The team lost a combined weight of 60.40 pounds. Above (left to right) is Wesley Hale, Raphael Wahwassuck, Bill Jim, Stephanie Jim and Miyah Danielson.

(Special thanks to Melinda Williamson)

**Life: Be in it!**

## Take Back the Night walk and Social Services Open House draws good crowds



The Tribal Victim Services program sponsored a Take Back the Night walk in Prairie Peoples Park on April 27 in honor of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Participants were given t-shirts and glow sticks and got in some exercise during the walk. Special thanks to the Tribal Victim Services staff for submitting this photo to the News.



Above: Rebekah Jones was given a Pendleton blanket and a hand shake from Chairman Ortiz for her work with the Tribal Victim Services program during the Social Services/Health Center open house. Kent Miller, who also works in the program, was given public recognition but not present that day. Jones, Miller and Mike Boswell have received national acclaim for their Healing Through Arts program and for more details please see Justice Department story on page 4.



A good crowd was on hand for the Social Services/Health Center open house that was held May 16 in the Health Center courtyard.

### Community Gardening Workshop held

There were 83 people who attended a gardening workshop held on April 25 at the Rock Building that included information on growing blackberries, tomatoes and peppers, melons, Indian corn and more.

The workshop was sponsored by the Diabetes Program "Return to a Healthy Past" program, Division of Planning and Environmental Protection, K-State Research and Extension, and Haskell Indian Nations University.

Eddie Joe Mitchell coordinates the gardening program and reported to the News that the program assisted with planting over 30 home gardens and four community gardens on the reservation.

For more information on the program call 785.966.8243.

### SAFESTAR training coming up

A week-long session will be held July 28-Aug. 2 that will train female volunteers to work with women seeking emergency assistance due to sexual assault. Volunteers must be respected members in the community with no felony convictions or crimes of moral turpitude nor employed in areas of the law or courts. The training will be sponsored by Tribal Victim Services and call Samantha Wahquahboshkuk for details at 785.966.8341.

### Shingles vaccine available

The shingles vaccine is now available at the Prairie Band Health Clinic and is intended for people 60 years or older. To receive the shot call for a nurse appointment at 785.966.8220. Eligibility will be determined for ages 50-59 by going through a required appointment with one of the health providers at the clinic.

For more Health Center info go to:  
[www.pbpindiantribe.com/health-center-services.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/health-center-services.aspx)

### Mocs Are Made for Walking

Tribal Victim Services and the Diabetes program sponsored a morning walk during the pow-wow on June 8. Information tables were available that offered contact information and tips on how to live a healthier life.