



# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

**A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
Winter 2013**

## Four-tribes in Kansas join together to oppose Delaware Tribe to Kansas

Officials from the four tribes held a meeting on Oct. 29 at the Bingo Hall.



The four tribes in Kansas have joined together and submitted a resolution to Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback opposing the efforts of the Delaware Tribe, that presently reside near Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to move into Kansas.

The Delaware has purchased a 90-acre tract that sits north of Lawrence and is attempting to establish residency there. They also have not ruled out gaming possibilities.

In 2009 the tribe became federally recognized as an independent tribe. Before that time, they were included as part of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma and since they still reside on Cherokee land it is limiting them from gaining other federal funding and program opportunities.

The resolution, that was presented to Brownback spells out the concerns of the four tribes including their opposition to the Delaware's possible building of a casino in the state.

According to the *Lawrence Journal-World*, Delaware leaders admit that

they have a development agreement for a casino in Kansas with River Trails LLC but have not specifically identified where it might be located.

Additionally, the *Lawrence Journal-World* reported on Nov. 10 in an "Open letter to the people of Kansas," in response to the filed resolution, that Delaware Chief Paula Pechonick did not deny that the tribe was interested in pursuing a casino in Kansas but that the tribe was more interested in establishing a presence and exercising jurisdiction over their own land.

Officials from the city of Lawrence have also publically voiced that they are opposed to the Delaware placing a casino on the property near Lawrence and said they have met with Delaware tribal leaders several times about the move near Lawrence.

The resolution was signed by leaders of the PBPB, the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

## Vice-Chairperson Joyce Guerrero represents PBPB at fifth annual White House Tribal Nations Conference

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) Vice-Chairperson Joyce Guerrero was the PBPB representative at the White House Tribal Nations Conference November 13 at the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C.

President Barack Obama spoke at the conference to leaders of the 566 federally recognized tribes keeping with his former commitment to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with Indian Country.

In addition, officials from the Department of Interior, Education, Commerce, Health and Human Services and Agriculture spoke at the conference and break-out sessions were also held during the day.

Other tribal leaders from Kansas including the Sac and Fox Nation, Kickapoo, and Iowa attended the conference.

While in Washington, D.C., Vice-Chairperson Guerrero also attended the other preparatory meetings that were hosted by the National Congress of American Indians the day before the conference.



**Joyce Guerrero**  
PBPB Vice-Chairperson

## Per Capita office no longer offering PBPB Visa debit card

Beginning in 2014 the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Per Capita Office will no longer offer the PBPB Visa Debit Card as a payment option. Beginning with the March 2014 Per Capita distribution your two options will be check or direct deposit.

Tribal members need to fill out a Per Capita Payment Option form (available online on tribal website) in order to confirm how you

want to receive all future Per Capita payments.

Forms must be filled out by March 1, 2014. If the Per Capita office does not receive a form from you then your March, 2014 Per Capita check will be mailed to the address currently on file with our office, once you have filled it out.

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## Symetra Tour with LPGA coming to Firekeeper Golf

The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) will make its way to the Firekeeper Golf Course this fall for the inaugural Prairie Band Casino & Resort Charity Classic. Leaders from the LPGA Symetra Tour and Prairie Band Casino & Resort/Firekeeper Golf announced the tour at a press conference at the casino on Nov. 26.

The Prairie Band Casino & Resort

Charity Classic will take place Sept. 5-7 and will feature an international field of 144 players representing more than 30 countries.

Charities selected are the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Boys & Girls Club and the Folds of Honor Foundation which provides scholarships and other aid for children of disabled or fallen soldiers.

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# 2013 year in review

**January**-Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council treasurer, represents the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation at the State-of-the-State address of Kansas Governor Sam Brownback at the Capitol on Jan. 15. On Jan. 21 Joyce Guerrero, Tom Wabnum and Carrie O'Toole attend Inauguration activities for President Obama in Washington, D.C. Rick Burns, animal control and wildlife officer, is named 2013 Employee of the Year at the quarterly meeting held in January. Other quarterly employees selected in 2013 include Verna Simon, Eddie Joe Mitchell and Brenda Catron.

**February**-Tribal Council and other PBPB members attend Native American Day at the Capitol where the We-Ta-Se American Legion veterans, along with other Native American veterans, are honored before the Kansas Legislature on Feb. 6. Later in the month, Tribal Council members Hattie Mitchell and Tom Wabnum travel to the Shabehnay Reservation in Illinois for meetings with regional and state legislators. On Feb. 12 Chairman Ortiz testifies before the Kansas Legislature to make Native American Day at the Capitol permanently recognized by the State beginning in 2014. The PBPB Language Department travel to Hannahville, Mich. on Feb. 1 and 2 to attend the Winter Stories with other Potawatomi language groups.

**March**-Tribal Council members attend the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) conference in Washington, D.C. and the National Indian Gaming

Association (NIGA) conference in Phoenix. PBPB Tribal Council also hosts a Four-Tribes meeting at the casino.

**April**-The Tribal Victim Services Program receive a national Professional Innovation award from the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) given by the U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General Eric Holder. Youth language students take home several awards at the Oklahoma Native Youth Language Fair competition on April 1-2. The Prairie Band Casino & Resort renovate Nation Station Convenience Store and open a Subway Restaurant. In addition, some hotel rooms are refurbished as VIP suites. On April 21 the Fifteenth Annual Earth Day is held.

**May**-On May 9 national Indian leaders Jefferson Keel (NCAI President) and Ernie Stevens, Jr. (NIGA Chairman), as guests of the PBPB, attend the ceremonial signing of Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol that will begin in 2014.

**June**-The Prairie Band Potawatomi annual pow-wow is held June 7-9 at Prairie Peoples Park with 18 drum groups and over 500 dancers registered. Danessa "Nawnee" Littleaxe is named 2013 princess. Tribal Council and other staff travel to a Town-Hall meeting in Wisconsin for PBPB members from June 20-22.

**July**-The Gaming/Ethics Commission election is held between seven candidates on July 27 with Gary

Mitchell winning Gaming Commission position #1 and a run-off election between Larry Mzhickteno and Jancita Warrington scheduled for August.

**August**-Several PBPB members travel to Dowiac, Mich. for the Potawatomi Gathering hosted by the Pokagon Band. On Aug. 24 Larry Mzhickteno is elected to Gaming Commission position #2.

**September**- On Sept. 11 Shawn Walker is sworn in as Chief of Tribal Police Department. On Sept. 21 We-Ta-Se veterans host the 16th annual pow-wow where Felicity Price is crowned 2013 We-Ta-Se princess.

**October**-Hattie Mitchell is selected to the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) Native American 40 Under 40 roster on Oct. 24 in Arizona. October also sees Mas Hale and Deb Matchie Wakole recognized as honored Elders at the Fire Keepers Elder Center.

**November**-Vice-chairperson Joyce Guerrero, attends the fifth annual White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 13. PBPB Education Department begins partnership with Rasmussen College.

**December**-Big Bear Moon pow-wow sponsored by Social Services/Tribal Victim Services held Dec. 31 at the Bingo Hall.

## Looking ahead

**December 24-25**

**PBPB Government & Health Centers closed**  
*Christmas*

**Dec. 31**

**PBPB Government & Health Centers closed**  
*New Year's Eve*  
&  
*Big Bear Moon Pow-wow*  
*Bingo Hall*

**Jan. 1, 2014**

**PBPB Government & Health Centers closed**  
*New Year's Day*

**Jan. 18**

**General Council Meeting**

**Jan. 20**

**PBPB Government & Health Centers closed**  
*Martin Luther King Day*

**Feb. 17**

**PBPB Government & Health Centers closed**  
*Presidents Day*

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



Throughout the year there were a number of contacts made that hopefully are strengthening the relationship between the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation at the State, National and County level. Politically, I have made it a point to meet with all of the Kansas United States Representatives and Governor Sam Brownback and other organizational leaders from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Office of Special Trustee (OST).

In other areas, new partnerships have been formed with a variety of organizations like 945 Country Radio station, Kansas Legal Services, the University of Kansas Law School, and the many nonprofit groups that are selected through the PBPB charitable contributions awards program.

Below are some of the projects, as your treasurer, that I completed in 2013:

### Outreach:

- Collaborated with 945 Country Radio station to hold the 1st annual Walk for Hope 5K to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, together the Nation and 945 Country Radio raised \$4000
- Worked with a tribal youth worker in the Summer Youth Work Program
- Developed the Estate Planning and Will workshop series

### Finance:

- Submitted Indirect Cost Proposal for the years 2001-2010
- Investment portfolio transition of investment manager

The goal of the Estate Planning and Will workshop was to educate people about personal estate planning, to gather interests/accounts, and to avoid probate and fractionation of land, with the purpose of completing the wills. There were three workshops with the final workshop held on Oct. 24 that resulted in attorneys and others from the Kansas Legal Services coming to the reservation for a final consultation with elders. Overall, 58 documents, including 18 wills for 28 people were drafted which was deemed a great success.

In my duty as the Tribal Historical Cultural Preservation officer, I have also had a busy year. For example, I have overseen the maintenance of the local churches, received historical collections of artifacts from generous donors, purchased artwork created by Tribal members and am in the process of displaying them for public viewing in the Tribal government buildings.

Below is a list of exhibits and displays and where they are located:

- A display case of Potawatomi artifacts-Boys & Girls Club lobby
- Four donated Tribal artworks from Elaine Coughlin Turnbull and framed by Gunzy Wahquahboshkuk and hung in the hallway on the lower level of the Government Center
- A display case of a collection of arrowheads has been placed in the Tribal

Chairman's office. The collection was donated to the tribe from out-of-state resident Becky Hickle who sent the collection that had been in her family for generations. Hickle wrote that the arrowheads were found by her Danish great-grandparents who received the property in the 1800s and began tilling the soil for agricultural purposes. The farm is located near where Chesterton, Indiana is today which is about three miles inland from the shores of Lake Michigan and near the Indiana Sand Dunes State Park. Hickle wrote that from locating land records and from the family research, that they believe the land was where the Potawatomi once resided. Hickle was interested in seeing that the collection went back to the Potawatomi and sent us the collection.

•A collection of Indian statues, Native American pictures, and tomahawks has been recently donated by Jan Reicken that is still being inventoried and has not been displayed.

In other historic preservation work for the Nation, work at the Dance Ground (where the drum doings occur) has involved having an old swing set removed, repairing the smokestack on the cook shack, replacing equipment in the restrooms and making benches to replace the old ones.

At the Native American Church, a window has been replaced to more readily accommodate the burial ceremonies at the church.

I have also attended an Unmarked Burial Site meeting at the Kansas Historical Museum as the Nation's Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) representative and I have responded, as needed, to mailings concerning NAGPRA issues and concerns.

Other noteworthy events and meetings that I attended this quarter were: having a meeting with Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, in Washington, D.C.; attending a 2014 Republican campaign reception for Gov. Sam Brownback in Kansas City; attending a conference for the Native American Financial Officers Association (NAFOA) in Seattle, Wash., and participating in a Business Leadership Program at Goldman Sachs in New York City.

I am also very proud to have been selected as a recipient of the 2013 Native American 40 under 40 group of emerging leaders who gathered near Phoenix, Ariz. on Oct. 24 at the 38th Annual Indian Progress in Business Awards Gala.

At the local level, I have kept busy working with the Finance Department and administration in preparing the department and program budgets for 2014 and by attending follow-up quarterly actual-to-budget review sessions with department directors. I have also attended to the daily functions of the Tribal Council by participating in administrative and community events, like the Harvest Feast and Elder Center's Thanksgiving lunch, for example.

I do hope everyone has a great Christmas holiday and I look forward to continuing to work hard you and the Nation in the coming year.

## LPGA Symetra Tour press conference photos



The Boys & Girls Club was chosen as one of the charities for the tournament.

(Left) From left to right is Mike Nichols, CFO for the LPGA Symetra Tour, Steve E. Ortiz, Assistant General Manager of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort, Jeff Alderman, Visit Topeka, and Tim Kramer, Director of Tournaments for the LPGA Symetra Tour.

(Right) Steve E. Ortiz, Randy Towner, Golf Pro and Manager of Firekeeper Golf and Dave Garcia, of Golf Tournament Management, who all participated in the press conference held at the casino on Nov. 26.



Tournament will be held Sept. 5-7

## In focus with Tribal Council



Tribal Council met with members of the SNR Denton Law Firm from Washington, D.C. on Oct. 2 who came to the PBPB for an informal meeting. SNR Denton Law has more than 60 locations world wide and one of the firm's specialties is in Indian law and policies. From left to right (sitting) is Rob Porter, Steve R. Ortiz, and George Skibine. Back row (left to right) is Jim Potter, Joyce Guerrero, Tom Wabnum, Malcom Weems, Carrie O'Toole and Brian Grace. Porter, Skibine, Weems and Grace are from SNR Denton and the others are on the Tribal Council. Tribal Council Treasurer Hattie Mitchell also met with the firm that day but is not pictured. Porter is the former president of the Seneca Nation and Skibine (Osage) formerly served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Management for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and as director of the Office of Indian Gaming Management for many years before joining SNR Denton Law.

### Citizen Potawatomi pay a visit



A group of Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) tribal members came to the reservation for a tour and to visit with Tribal Council last fall. The group was led by Jon Boursaw (back row, third from left) who is a legislator for the Citizen Potawatomi and former general manager of the PBPB. The Citizen Potawatomi were on a historical tour as part of a commemoration of their migration into Kansas in the 1800s. The CPN are headquartered in Shawnee, Okla. and have a housing development in Rossville, Kan.



### Tribal Council attends receptions for Gov. Brownback's re-election campaign



L to R: Lt. Gov. Dr. Jeff Colyer, U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, Tribal Council Treasurer Hattie Mitchell, and Gov. Sam Brownback.

U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan (R) from Wisconsin and a former vice presidential candidate was in Kansas on Sept. 25 where he attended two receptions to raise money for Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's 2014 re-election campaign.

Ryan is also chairman of the House Budget Committee.

Tribal Council Treasurer Hattie Mitchell attended one of the receptions held in Mission Hills and Tribal Council members Carrie O'Toole and Tom Wabnum attended the other reception held in Wichita that day.

Brownback is seeking a second term as Kansas governor in 2014 and is running against candidates Democratic State Representative Paul Davis and Keen Umbehr and Tresa MaAlhaney from the Libertarian Party.

Brownback was elected governor of Kansas in 2010 and issued an apology from the state of Kansas to Native Americans in 2011.



L to R: U.S. Rep. Ryan with Tribal Council Member Carrie O'Toole.

### Hattie Mitchell named to 2013 Native American 40 Under 40

Hattie Mitchell has been selected as one of the 40 under 40 emerging American Indian leaders in Indian Country by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) organization.

The award was presented at the 38th Annual Indian Progress in Business Awards Gala held at RES,

Arizona organization on October 24 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino.

Mitchell was elected as Tribal Council treasurer in 2012 and is a certified public accountant. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross in Topeka and on the Kansas Children's Discovery Board of Directors.

In addition, Mitchell is active with the PBPB Boys & Girls Club and recently organized a series of Estate Planning and Will workshops with Kansas Legal Services where PBPB elders planned their wills and estates.

## Charitable Contributions ceremony held

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) presented checks totaling \$81,023 to various organizations at the quarterly Charitable Contributions ceremony held Oct. 17 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

Twenty-eight organizations received awards and several recipients gave thanks and spoke about what their organization plans to do with the money.

Tribal Council Treasurer Hattie Mitchell was master of ceremonies for the event.

Areas that are focused on when determining the distribution of funds include groups involved in education, health and community services, environmental protection and preservation, and religious organizations that have an impact on the spiritual wellness and quality of life.



Glenda Keller of KSDS received a \$3,000 donation from members of the Charitable Contributions Committee during an event at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort on Oct. 17. With Keller is one of the seeing-eye dogs that they raise to assist people with disabilities.

## PBPN supports Family Service and Guidance Center



Members of the Charitable Contributions Committee attended a benefit luncheon for the Family Service & Guidance Center in Topeka at the Outback Steakhouse in Topeka on Nov. 1. (Left to right) is Melissa Tecumseh, Frank Tecumseh, Lavera Bell, Cornelia Donahue, John Tuckwin, Cheryl Tuckwin, and Wanda Treinen. The Prairie Band Casino & Resort also donated a large basket of items for a raffle that included a hotel stay, dinner at the Three Fires Steakhouse, buffet passes, golf course passes and other specialty items.

### Charitable Contributions list

•East Topeka Council on Aging Inc	2,000
•Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	1,000
•35th Infantry Division Assoc	2,000
•Topeka Youth Project, Inc	2,000
•Topeka Lulac	2,000
•Topeka Habitat for Humanity	4,000
•The Topeka Symphony	5,000
•Tonantzin Society	2,000
•Topeka Tennis Assoc	1,000
•Holton Community Hospital	1,295
•Sheltered Living Inc	2,500
•Washburn University Foundation	5,000
•United Way of Greater Topeka	5,000
•Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen	1,000
•TARC, Inc	5,000
•Housing & Credit Counseling Inc	5,000
•Pottawatomie Recycling Committee	1,875
•Doorstep, Inc	5,000
•KSDS, Inc	3,000
•Topeka Public School (Indian Ed. Program)	1,500
•Family Promise of Lawrence	2,500
•Medicine Voice Healing Center	1,000
•Royal Valley USD #337	12,500
•Big Brothers Big Sisters	2,000
•Vietnam Veterans of Am Chapter #604	2,000
•El Centro of Topeka	1,000
•Stormont Vail Foundation	1,853
•Topeka Performing Arts Center	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,023</b>



## Estate Planning and Will Workshop assists elders with legal property documents

A series of workshops that helped elders become educated about their options for distributing their property was held last fall on the reservation.

Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council treasurer, was the driving force behind the workshops that brought together representatives from the BIA Office of Special Trustee, Kansas Legal Services and the Kansas Bar Association.

Overall, 28 people were served with 58 documents completed and 18 wills that were drafted. In addition, 21 people expressed their advanced health directives through Living Wills and Health Care-Power of Attorney papers.

The first workshop was held on Aug. 29 at the Fire Keepers Elder Center where presentations were given by Hattie

Mitchell and Tom Wabnum of the Tribal Council, Ron Graham, of the BIA Office of Special Trustee, and Kim Biecker, from Kansas Legal Services in Topeka. Approximately 30 people attended the workshop that was followed by voluntary individual meetings with the presenters.

Another workshop was held on September 19 and then the final workshop was held on Oct. 24 at the Bingo Hall where five lawyers from Kansas Legal Services and two from the Kansas Bar Association offered advice and drafted some of the documents free of charge as part of an attorney pro bono week.

Elders who participated were mailed questionnaires in advance to help them prepare for the appointment meetings with the legal representatives.

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## Red Cross partners with Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

The American Red Cross Kansas Capital Area Chapter announced a partnership with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation on Oct. 31 at the chapter's headquarters in Topeka. The purpose of the partnership is to assist Kansans when disaster strikes.

"Collaboration with our partners helps educate our communities and ensures the safety and welfare of our citizens," said Jo Ann Long, Community

Chapter Executive, Kansas Capital Area Chapter. "We continue to strengthen our relationship with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation by providing disaster response and preparedness training."

The partnership includes a \$4,000 grant from Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to assist those affected by disaster with immediate needs such as food, shelter, and emotional support.

## Another Estate Planning and Will Workshop is tentatively planned for March.

For details

call

**Hattie Mitchell, 785.966.4004**

# Important update from Commodities

Submitted by Tracy Potts

The Potawatomi Food Distribution Program is pleased to report that Per Capita payments that are distributed to tribal members less frequently than monthly (e.g., quarterly, semiannually or annually) are EXCLUDED from consideration as income. **This means there will be no more waiting periods for clients who receive quarterly per capita payments.**

In addition, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Income Deductions and Resource Eligibility Final Rule was published in the Federal Register. The provisions contained in this rule amend regulations at 7 CFR Part 253 to expand access to FDPIR, improve program administration, and more closely align FDPIR with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The rule became effective September 26, 2013.

In summary, the rule:

- Eliminates the household resource test as a basis for determining FDPIR eligibility.
- Expands the current income deduction for Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage premiums to include other monthly medical expenses in excess of \$35 for households with elderly and/or disabled members. In addition, this provision contains a meal-related deduction for households that furnish the majority of meals to a home care attendant. Beginning November 1, 2013, households who furnish the majority of meals to a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household, which is \$189.
- Establishes a region-specific standard deduction for shelter and utility expenses. This new standard income deduction is allowed for any household that incurs the cost of at least one allowable shelter/utility expense. USDA Food & Nutrition Service sets the regional amounts and adjusts them annually for inflation.

Effective September 26, 2013 and continuing through Fiscal Year 2014 (which ends September 30, 2014), **the regional deduction amount for Kansas is \$400.**

Allowable shelter expense is defined as "continuing charges for the shelter occupied by the household", which includes rent, mortgage, home loan payments, property taxes and insurance on the structure itself. Allowable utilities includes the monthly, recurring cost of electricity, propane, water, sewerage, garbage and trash collection, and all service fees required to provide service for one telephone per household.

• Establishes verification requirements related to the new income deductions, and revise the reporting requirements. Under this provision, **households will be required to provide verification to receive the medical expense deduction and/or the shelter and utility expense deduction.** In addition, households will be required to report the following:

- A change in household composition (existing provision);
- An increase in gross monthly income of more than \$100 (revised provision);
- When the household no longer incurs a shelter or utility expense (new provision); or
- A change in the legal obligation to pay child support (new provision).

Certified households are required to report these changes within 10 days of the date the change becomes known to the household. **Failure to report a change may result in a monetary claim being established against the household and/or DISQUALIFICATION from participation in the Food Distribution Program. As a reminder, once you are certified to receive commodities, you CANNOT apply for or receive SNAP benefits (food stamps). DUAL PARTICIPATION IS PROHIBITED.**

Lastly, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Monthly Income Standards has been updated and is boxed below.



**An Energy Efficiency workshop was held on Sept. 27 that taught participants how to create a more energy-efficient home. The workshop was taught by Hathmore Technologies, LLC and sponsored by the PBPN Division of Planning and EPA. The event was held at the Bingo Hall.**

Household Size	FDPIR Monthly Income Limit
1	\$1,110
2	\$1,445
3	\$1,780
4	\$2,126
5	\$2,489
6	\$2,852
7	\$3,187
8	\$3,522
9	\$3,857
10	\$4,192
Each additional member	+ \$335

(Effective October 1, 2013)

## Housing Department holds fair

The PBPN Housing Department sponsored a housing fair on Sept. 25 at the Bingo Hall that includ-



**Housing Director Liana Onnen gave one of the presentations at the fair that were held throughout the day. Onnen's presentation was about mold in the home.**

ed several vendor booths and presentations on renting, renovating and purchasing a home.

Some of the vendor booths were Gunzy's Contracting, The Floor Project, Window World, BIA-Horton, PBPN Human Resources Department, Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department, Wells Fargo, Tribal Victim Services and the Indian Health Services-Sanitation and Waste Facilities office in Horton.

The Prairie Band Housing Department offers three types of housing stock that are available on the reservation that include rental, senior rental and rent-to-own homes.

Additionally, the department also works in conjunction with a National Housing Program that provides assistance to qualified applicants for down-payment, renovation and repair, and rental. Information is available on the tribe's website at [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com).



**Season Dominguez is in charge of the National Programs in the Housing Department. There are seven employees who are in the Housing staff and helped organize the fair.**

### Construction-Maintenance busy with law enforcement firing range and other work



The above photo, taken in October, shows the beginning of a 24x48 building that will be used as an indoor firing range for the Tribal Police Department. The range, located south of the intersection of 150 Rd and L Rd, was an outdoor facility before becoming enclosed. Construction/Building Maintenance and Road & Bridge crews collaborated on the building for the Tribal Police Department.



Crews also improved the fueling area for the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department last October by pouring a concrete trench. (Photo by Carl Matousek)



Chuck Jacobson, of the Building Maintenance staff, tests out the new vending machines that were recently installed in the Government Center break room. He told the News that the new machine offers a greater variety of convenience items and replaces the old one that began having mechanical problems. Jacobson stocks the vending machine that offers soft drinks, candy, chips, and energy drinks for sale.



Last summer staff from Building Maintenance installed raised flower beds in front of the Government Center and for fall decorated the front entrance for a nice touch.

### IT Department to the rescue

Ben Joslin (sitting) and Chris Mzhickteno, who comprise the PBPB IT Department, were photographed in the News office Nov. 1. Both men work on computer problems and fix the telephone lines and install the latest technology on the reservation. Mzhickteno has an office in the Health Center and Joslin's office is located in the Government Center.



### Transit Department works hard for the community!

*Transit Department adheres to Title Vi policy. For full notice go to Tribal Services/Transit at [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com)*



The Transit Department sponsored an emergency evacuation safety training on Sept. 19 at the Bingo Hall. Transit staff attended the training as well as other representatives from Jackson County's Emergency Management, and the Kansas Department of Transportation Ann Lowder, from the Kansas Rural Transit Assistance Program (far right) was the instructor for the course and Doug Schreiner, Fire Chief for the Tribal Fire Department (not pictured) also gave a presentation to the group.



The Transit Department: Front row, left to right, Celeste Weber, Paula Keehn, and Nevika Kitchkommie. Back row, left to right, Martin Hale, Corky Sumner, Mario Kitchkommie, Kim Horton and Chris Eteeyan.

# Meet Tribal Police Officer John Calvert

The News periodically plans to conduct a series of question and answer interviews with tribal police officers who work on the reservation.

Q: What is your official title?  
A: School Resource Officer (SRO).

Q: How long have you been working for the Tribal Police Department?  
A: I have been with the Police Department for a year and a half.

Q: Are you a tribal member?  
A: No.

Q: Do you have other education besides high school?  
A: Yes. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Washburn University and graduated from Johnson County Regional Police Academy in September 2006.

Q: Can you briefly outline your past work experience?  
A: I worked for the Leawood Police Department from 2006-2007 and worked for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort as a Surveillance Officer from 2007-2008. Following that position, I worked for the Shawnee County Department of Corrections from 2008-2012 and since July 2012 have worked for the Tribal Police Department.

Q: Have you graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) and,

if so, what does this mean to you?  
A: I graduated from Johnson County KLETC Regional Police Academy in 2006. To me, graduating from the academy means that I put forth 16 difficult weeks that were dedicated to learning the laws and ways to protect both myself and the community that I serve.

Q: Where did you do your training and what did you learn?  
A: I was trained at the Johnson County Regional Police Academy in Johnson County. I learned the laws and tactics needed to protect myself and the community. I believe I became a better police officer after spending four and a half years working for a county jail. Just by working in that environment, I learned how to talk to people better, how to handle each situation as its own and to know that not every situation is always going to be black and white, right or wrong.

Q: What does it mean to you to work for the Tribal Police Department?  
A: I am incredibly honored to work for the Tribal Police Department. I am excited to come to work every day for a community that is so involved. I enjoy learning the cultures and the language of the Prairie Band Potawatomi. It is an experience that both myself and my family are enjoying a lot.

Q: What goals would you like to achieve in your work with the police department?  
A: My goal when I began my work was to become the School Resource Officer. I enjoy being around children and feel that it is the best place for me.



John Calvert

At this point in my career, I would like to try and build stronger ties with the schools and with the community, and continue to work closer with the reservation residents.

Q: What would you like to tell the tribal membership about your work or life?  
A: I am married and have a 2-year-old little girl. My family is my world, and I try to treat people the same as I would want my family to be treated. I enjoy coming to work every day and am having a great time as the new School Resource Officer. With my involvement as an SRO and with the new Tribal Police Explorer Program it is crystal clear to see what AMAZING kids are in our community!



Officer Calvert with his family at the Trunk or Treat event in Prairie Peoples Park.

## Officer John goes to school and gets along just G.R.E.A.T.

By Suzanne Heck

It was apparent when Tribal Police Officer John Calvert walked into Mrs. Thiessen's fourth-grade classroom at Royal Valley Elementary School (RVES) on Nov. 6 that the students were feeling "GREAT" about seeing him. That's because for the next hour he was going to teach them to feel good about themselves and to respect each other.

As the new School Resource Officer (SRO) and instructor for a program-called the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) curricula, Calvert is teaching students and their family members to learn life skills that will help them avoid delinquent and violent behavior problems in the future. The course is being taught to fourth and sixth grade students and includes the use of a work book and other learning tools like interactive teaching sessions, behavior rehearsal segments, question and answer periods, and the use of learning models of prevention that pertain to bullying and family violence.

G.R.E.A.T. is a nationwide teaching program that has developed partnerships with other nationally recognized organizations that are dedicated to encouraging positive relationships in communities, with parents, schools and law enforcement agencies. The program was introduced last year at Royal Valley and taught by former SRO Cassandra Hofich of the Tribal Police Department.

For more information about the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) curricula click on [www.greatonline.org](http://www.greatonline.org)

A G.R.E.A.T. graduation ceremony will be held Dec. 18, 8:30 a.m. in the RVES gym



Officer John Calvert works with a fourth-grade student on an exercise from the G.R.E.A.T. workbook in Mrs. Thiessen's fourth grade class at Royal Valley Elementary School last November. Calvert attended G.R.E.A.T. instructor training sessions to become certified to teach the course.

### U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom holds meeting at PBPB



Members of the PBPB Tribal Council with Attorney Grissom at the meeting. From left to right: Junior Wahweotten, Hattie Mitchell, Barry Grissom, Joyce Guerrero and Carrie O’Toole.

U.S. Attorney for Kansas Barry Grissom gave a presentation at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) Bingo Hall Oct. 29 to the four tribes in Kansas in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Grissom announced that he would have come earlier in October but due to the government shutdown was forced to delay his appearance.

Tribal Council members from all four tribes were present and many others attended the event. During his speech, Grissom spoke about the recently enacted federal Violence Against Women Act that includes a provision for protecting Native American women on reservations from non-Indian offenders. He stressed that he was pleased with the new law and that it would be a failure of the federal administration to not protect Native American women and girls from abuse and to make sure that criminals are held accountable for their actions.

Grissom also praised the PBPB Tribal Victim Services program for their innovative healing through arts program and said that having good resources and prevention programs like the one in the PBPB community is helping to turn the tide of domestic violence from a once silent issue to one where there is wide community discussion and support.

Grissom also stated that the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri (\$222,799) and the PBPB (\$777,096) were recent recipients of two large grants from the Department of Justice totaling almost \$1 million to assist them in supporting their tribal communities and to help them fight crime.

### Potawatomi Fire Department hold open house during Fire Prevention Week



Left: Kids had fun on the inflatables at the Potawatomi Fire Department open house held Oct. 12 at the station in honor of Fire Prevention Week. Refreshments were served and equipment and fire department vehicles were on display as well as mascot Sparky the Dog. The fire department has 21 full-time firefighters, paramedics and EMTs. Doug Schreiner is Director of EMS/Fire Chief and Mary LeClere is the office manager.

### Jackson County and PBPB to close books on 150th overpass interchange

According to an article in the *Holton Recorder*, an agreement between Jackson County and the PBPB will officially “close the books” on the 150th Road interchange project constructed in 2006.

During one of the commission meetings held last fall, the board signed the “First Supplement to Amended Cooperative Agreement” with the PBPB concerning the funding to construct the interchange at U.S. Highway 75 and 150 Road.

In 2000, that interchange was selected as one of 29 projects the state would undertake as part of its \$1 billion System Enhancement Program.

The interchange’s estimated total project cost has been listed by the Kansas Department of Transportation at \$10,839,001, including construction, design and engineering, utility location, right-of-way acquisition and inspection. A balance of \$100,000 is still owed to the state, it was reported.

In order to promote intergovernmental cooperation, the Nation Tribal Council members have agreed to contribute \$75,000 to the total final project costs, and the commissioners agreed to pay \$25,000.

The commissioners have signed the contract and sent it to the Tribal Council for approval.

### Police Chief Walker sworn in to office



Shawn Walker (PBPB)(sitting center) was sworn in to office Sept. 11 as the new Chief of Police for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation by Chairman Steve Ortiz who conducted the oath of office. The others in the photo attended the swearing in and are, front row, left to right, Chairman Steve Ortiz, Chief Walker, and Secretary Jim Potter. On the back row, left to right, are John Calvert, Matt Simpson, Steven Smith, Doug Schreiner, Peggy Houston, and Wade Schneider. Houston is PBPB general manager and the others are law enforcement officers except for Schreiner who is Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief for the PBPB.

Walker has been the chief of police in Pleasanton, Kansas for approximately two years and was on the PBPB police force from 1997-1999. He has also served as a law enforcement officer for the Mission (Kan.) police department and as a reservist in the National Guard from 2002-2011.

### Creating a Sovereign Nation



It was an historic day in the Judicial Center building when tribal members were called in for selection to serve on jury duty in the new Tribal Court. The first jury trial ever held in the building was on October 4 with Judge Ralph Simon presiding. The Judicial Center building opened in 2009 and is located at 11444 158th Road.

## PBPN partners in education with Rasmussen College discounts offered to tribal members

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Education Department is pleased to announce a new partnership with Rasmussen College that has recently established two campuses in Kansas. The program is available to tribal members across the nation who are eligible to receive tuition discounts and course work that can be completed online. Several degree options are available along with professional development training opportunities.

Cindee Williams, a Rasmussen representative, has been available to meet with persons interested in attending the school.

Some of the benefits Rasmussen lists in their promotions are: an accelerated bachelor's degree option of \$167 per credit hour for full-time enrollment (12 credits



Cindee Williams, professional education manager, is the Rasmussen College representative.

per quarter); a 10 percent tuition discount on part-time enrollment; seamless transfer policies; student support, and online professional development training. For specific information about the college visit [www.rasmussen.edu/pbpnation](http://www.rasmussen.edu/pbpnation).

Rasmussen College has been in operation for more than 110 years and is an accredited college. Two campuses opened in Kansas last spring in Topeka and Overland Park. The college offers flexible learning options and is geared to the nontraditional student.

For more information, contact Williams at [cindee.williams@rasmussen.edu](mailto:cindee.williams@rasmussen.edu) or call 785.228.7329 or Kristen Aitkens, PBPN Education Director, at 785.966.2960.

**Merry Christmas!**  
PBPN employees will be treated to a Christmas luncheon on Dec. 20 at the Bingo Hall!

Rasmussen College has a program tailored to the PBPN  
To learn more  
click on  
[www.rasmussen.edu/pbpnation](http://www.rasmussen.edu/pbpnation)

### Brenda Catron named Employee of the Quarter



Brenda Catron was named Employee of the Quarter at the All-Employee meeting on Oct. 25 at the Bingo Hall. She was presented the award by Walt Racker who is on the Employee of the Quarter committee.

Brenda Catron, a registered nurse and supervisor of nursing at the Potawatomi Health Center, was selected as the Employee of the Quarter and honored at the All-Employee meeting held at the Bingo Hall Oct. 25.

Catron has been employed at the Health Center since 2006 and serves on all of the Health Center committees except one. She is heavily involved in the process of the

Health Center's continual preparation for unplanned reviews by the Joint Commission of Healthcare accrediting organization and in implementing the electronic record-keeping system that the Health Center uses.

Catron is a tribal member and was instrumental in coordinating cultural elements into the grand opening of the new Health Center as a committee member when the building officially opened in the fall of 2006.

### All-Employee meeting showcases employee creativity with Halloween decor



Department and program employees went all out for the pumpkin decorating contest at the All-Employee meeting held Oct. 25. Employees voted for their favorite pumpkin and the Housing Department came in first with their pumpkin hamburger lunch design.



Above, are Tribal Council members Carrie O'Toole (left) and Jim Potter at the All-Employee meeting who read a resolution that Council enacted declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The resolution was also read by Vice-Chairperson Guerrero at the General Council meeting on Oct. 19.

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# Photo snaps



Julia Lewis (far right) going over her documents with attorneys at the Estate Planning and Will workshop held at the Bingo Hall on Oct. 24.



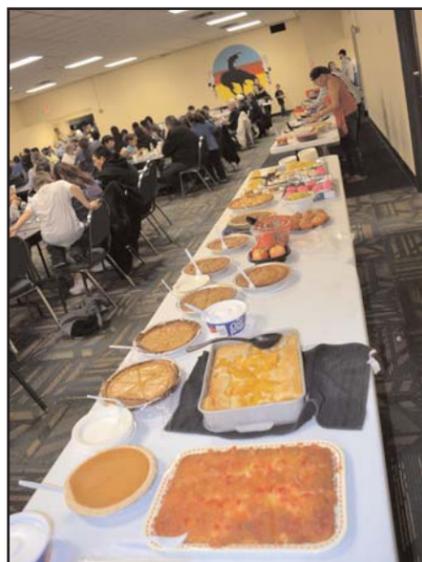
Language students visiting the Topeka zoo last fall.



(Left to right) Stephanie Jim, Kristen Aitkens, Lindsay Houston, Ruby and Kassie James, Hattie Mitchell, and Tom Wabnum at a student meet and greet luncheon held in Lawrence on Nov. 22.



Leaders from the four tribes in Kansas at the White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C. (Left to right) Joyce Guerrero (PBPB), Rachel Kent (Iowa), Brigitte Robidoux (Sac and Fox), and Steve Cadue (Kickapoo).



Dessert table at the Harvest Feast on Nov. 18.



The Language Department were all dressed for Halloween at the Boys & Girls Club on Oct. 31. (L to R) Jessica Youngbird, Billy Matchie, Laverne Haag, Jan Hubbard, Cindy LeClere, Dawn LeClere and Jayme Thomas.



Pumpkins and people at the All-Employee Meeting on Oct. 25.



(Left to right) Jan Hubbard, Cindy LeClere, and Junior Wahweotten conversing at the Elder Center Thanksgiving dinner.



Halloween costume parade at the Boys & Girls Club.



(Left to right) Rose and Milt LaClair and Roy Ogden at the Elder Center.



Chainsaw man with damsel in distress at Trunk or Treat Oct. 26.



Chicken dancer and friend at Elder Center Halloween party.



(Right) Liana Onnen dancing for a door prize at the All-Employee Meeting on Oct. 25.

## Kansas Wolves teams compete in 2013 Warriors Shootout



The Kansas Wolves wish to thank the PBPB community for their financial and moral support for helping them play in a tournament held in Henryetta, Oklahoma.



Kansas Wolves (9-10 year olds): Front row (left to right) Trejen Wahwahsuck, Antonio Cushingberry, and Memphis Wahwahsuck. Back row (left to right) Coach Kyle Miller, Preston Torres, Nathan DeCoteau, K.J. Miller, Mason Thomas and Nahes Wahwassuck.

*Special thanks to*  
• We-Ta-Se,  
•Boys & Girls Club,  
•Rhonda Puckkee,  
*parents and friends*

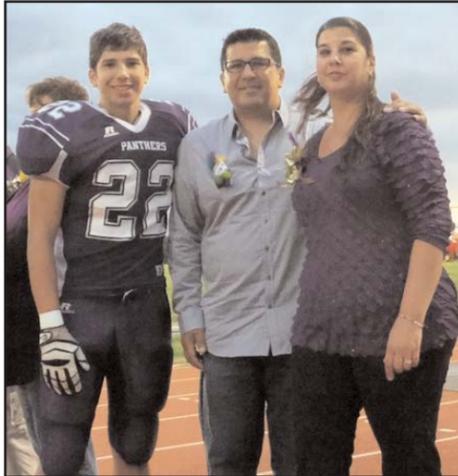
Kansas Wolves (13-14 year olds): Front row (left to right) Darius Frisby, Pak Hale and Keegan Shopteese. Back row (left to right) Jose Whatoname, Joe Frye, Coach Kyle Miller, Masen Spoonhunter and Craig Wahwahsuck, Jr.

## Potawatomi proud of these young people



**Congratulations to Roman Harjo III for lettering on the Topeka High School Varsity Cross Country Team this year as a freshman!**

His family congratulates him and wishes him a Happy 15th Birthday on Dec. 9.



Rory Lange (far left) was a candidate for homecoming king at Royal Valley High School last fall and is seen with his parents Robbie and Corrine Lange. Rory also played football for Royal Valley and is active in several other activities at the school. Robbie and Corrine both work for the PBPB.



Congratulations to the 5th/6th grade football team. YMCA league and tournament champions with a perfect (9-0) season and holding all opposing teams scoreless! From (left to right) are Jaiden Wamego, Komesch Dane Spoonhunter, Nonopah Masquat, Edgar Higinie and Taylor Wamego.

*Photo submitted by Virginia LeClere*

**Congratulations to Arrow Levier (Royal Valley High School) on being selected to the Jackson County All-County cross country team**

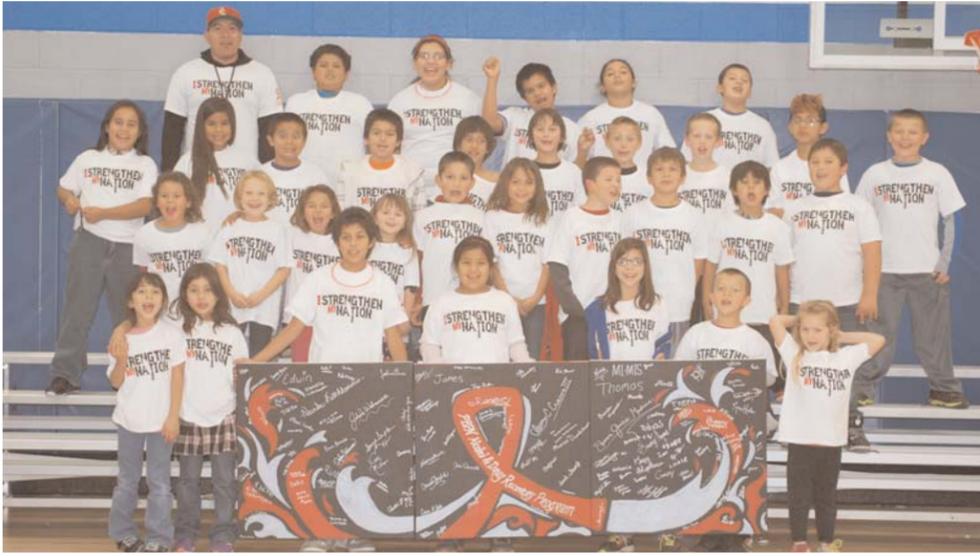


### Tennis anyone?

Four PBPB youngsters were featured in a story titled "Prairie Band youths get taste of tennis" in the *Topeka Capital-Journal* published on Oct, 26 about learning how to play tennis from a tennis pro at the Wood Valley Racquet Club in Topeka.

Isaac Hale, 10, Shanokwe Price, 9, Mikey Wamego, 9, and Kache Hale, 5, were instructed by Ann Anderson who organized the event through the Boys & Girls Club.

### Committed to living drug free!



Youngsters at the Boys & Girls Club posed behind a Commitment Mural that was signed by 165 people during Red Ribbon Week held Oct. 23-31. On Oct. 23 the kids were given t-shirts that said "I Strengthen My Nation" and listened to a presentation given by staff from the Social Services Department. The mural was mounted and permanently on display in the lobby of the Social Services Department.

Red Ribbon Week is a national drug prevention campaign that promotes messages about living drug free. The PBPN Alcohol & Drug Recovery program, Tribal Victim Services program, Healing to Wellness program, and Child Care Center all sponsored various events and activities throughout the week urging individuals to stay away from alcohol and drugs.



The Human Resources Department's lobby was decorated for the Halloween season and they also entered the Red Ribbon Door contest that was sponsored by the Child Care Center.

*(Photo submitted by Sonya Sexton)*



Above: In back, Batman (Robert Jackson) had fun with the kids while working the spin-the-wheel-for-a-treat that was sponsored by the Human Resources Department during the Trunk or Treat event held at Prairie Peoples Park on Oct. 26.



Daniel Goombi and Kent Miller, of the Tribal Victim Services program, emceed the Trunk or Treat event.

### Save a Life Tour held at Royal Valley High School

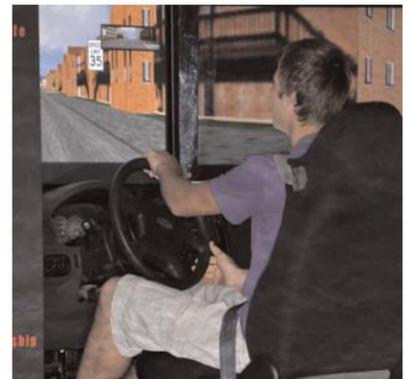


On Oct. 28 the Alcohol & Drug Recovery and Healing to Wellness programs sponsored the National Save a Life Tour at Royal Valley High School. The day-long multi-media event included videos and simulated driving demonstrations about drunk driving that was presented by Christopher Rich whose sister is a victim of drunk driving.



Christopher Rich, Raphael Wahwassuck and Mendy Thompson at the Save a Life assembly. Wahwassuck is the Healing to Wellness Coordinator and Thompson is on the Alcohol & Drug Recovery staff.

At right, a student is seen demonstrating one of the driving simulations at the event. Following the assembly, individual class sessions were held.



### Dental Office sponsors Halloween candy buy-back program

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center's Dental Office sponsored a Halloween candy buy-back the week after Halloween. Children who brought in sealed-in-the-original-wrapper candy received \$1 for every pound. Children also signed a thank you card or drew a

picture to send to military troops overseas and were entered into a drawing for a grand prize.

The buy-back program is a national effort that began in 2006 and is conducted annually through dental clinics all over the country.

## Meet Christine Sterrett-the new behavioral health therapist



*The Alcohol and Drug Recovery program staff serve the Prairie Band community and Native Americans in the surrounding region. Four state certified addiction counselors are now available. For more information call 785.966.8350.*

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center has hired Christine Sterrett who is a licensed addiction and marriage and family therapist counselor. She began working on October 14 and has an office in the Alcohol and Drug Recovery program that is located in the Social Services Department.

Sterrett has a unique background that the Health Center and Alcohol and Drug Recovery program are hoping to capitalize on. They are integrating the former behavior mental health position, that was previously housed on the clinic side of the Health Center, into strengthening alcohol & drug recovery programs. One of the goals of the Health Center is to offer more comprehensive services to patients and a method of doing that is to combine physical and mental health services together. One of Sterrett's duties is to develop policies and procedures along that line.

Sterrett's professional background

includes having worked for six years at the Valeo Behavioral Health Care Center in Topeka, Kan. and for the Menninger Clinic in Houston where she was a mental health counselor for five years. She told the *News* that she fell into the counseling profession when she began working as a security guard for women at the Kansas Department of Corrections in Topeka. She said she found the work intriguing and decided to make behavioral health therapy a career.

Her academic credentials include holding a Bachelor's degree in Human Behavior from the University of Houston, and a Master of Science degree in Family Therapy from Friends University. She also received an Integrated Dual-diagnosis training from the University of Kansas and has done an internship with the Catholic Charities located in Topeka.

### Gathering of Nations Wellness Training teaches holistic intervention and fun



**Interactive sessions got participants to mingle with each other.**

Around 25 people participated in a three-day workshop called the Gathering of Nations Wellness Training that was held at the Rock Building from Sept. 16-18.

The purpose of the training was to teach effective intervention and holistic approaches to staying healthy in Native American communities.

The course was taught by Maria Trevizo and Seprieono Lacario and involved several interactive and classroom sessions.



**Instructors for the training were Seprieono Lacario and Maria Trevizo.**

Trevizo is a trainer from Olympia, Wash. and Lacario is a coordinator for the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration Native American Center for Excellence.

Community members from the Prairie Band and surrounding tribes and northeast Kansas area participated in the training.

The conference was sponsored by the PBPN Social Services Department and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

### October was filled with Halloween activities and calling attention to preventing domestic violence and living drug free

October was a busy month on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation with several events and activities that took place.

Halloween events included a costume parade of children from the Child Care center in the Boys & Girls Club gym where tables with treats were set up and handed out by various PBPN departments and program staff.

In addition, an elder Halloween party was held that afternoon at the Fire Keepers Elder Center. That evening, Spook Nite in downtown Mayettville kicked off at 5:30 p.m. with a costume parade and contest for the kids that was sponsored by the Prairie Band Potawatomi and Mayetta Area Business Association.

A national drug prevention campaign called Red Ribbon Week was also celebrated at the PBPN. Staff from the Alcohol & Drug Recovery program, Healing to Wellness program, Child Care Center, and Tribal Victim Services each sponsored events with the theme of living life drug free.



### Visiting with Attorney Grissom

From left to right is Shirley Rice, Angie Wahweotten, and Samantha Wahquahboshkuk who stopped to visit with Barry Grissom at the Bingo Hall on Oct. 29. Grissom is U.S. attorney of Kansas. For related story see page 9.

Tribal Victim Services Specialist Shirley Rice was dressed up for Halloween and was also the driving force behind a week-long campaign of searching for employees wearing purple in support of Domestic Violence Awareness. Individuals wearing purple each day got to enter a drawing for a door prize.

### This just in!

**Participants can still enroll in the Diabetes Communication Study being conducted by the University of Kansas Center for Excellence in Health Communication.**

**Call Royetta Rodewald at 785.864.4343**

## PBPN Child & Family Services looking for Native Americans who want to become foster parent-families

Every child and every family has the potential to succeed, regardless of their circumstances and the PBPN Child & Family Services is trying to make a difference in the Prairie Band community.

Their mission is to protect children and strengthen families in ways that support appropriate permanency options for children, and to maintain their important connections to their families and community.

Tribal member Sandra Shopteese manages the Family & Child Services program in the Social Services Department and told the *News*, "We are looking for families that will take in foster children and are particularly interested in placing Potawatomi children with Potawatomi families, if at all possible."

As of Oct. 1 there were 66 children in the PBPN foster care program and Shopteese stressed that she and the staff want many more.

Programs found under the umbrella of Child & Family Services are Child Protective Services; Family Preservation; Foster Care Services; Independent Living; Adoption; Indian Child Welfare Association (ICWA); Foster Parent Recruitment, and Parenting Classes. Each program is staffed and information is available on the tribe's website at [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com).

Shopteese knows her target audience well having previously worked as a Family Services Specialist for the PBP Early Childhood Education Center for almost two years and before that working for the Department of Children and Family Services in Topeka for 19 years.

She recently completed her M.B.A. at Friends University and also holds a B.A. degree in administration from Baker University.

*Sandra Shopteese is the new Family & Child Services Manager in the Social Services Department and is here to help!*



For more information call Social Services @ 785.966.8330.

## Vocational Rehabilitation staff holds quarterly meeting



(L to R): Marlene Tate, Jeanie Combs, Dawn Masqua, and Joanna Mitchell who work with the Vocational Rehabilitation program housed in the Social Services Department.

The Vocational Rehabilitation program held its quarterly meeting on Oct. 16 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort that brought together several vocational rehabilitation administrators and staff from the northeast Kansas region.

Keynote speakers at the meeting were Bob Hull, vice president of research for the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation in Wichita, Kan., who spoke about new programs that offer tax incentives for hiring people with disabilities, and Judy Soto, who talked about her experiences in working with the various vocational rehabilitation programs that led to her success on becoming a recent college graduate.

The PBPN Vocational Rehabilitation program is located in the Social Services Department and has a staff of three including Dawn Masqua, Joanna Mitchell and Marlene Tate who has recently come on board as a new Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Additionally, the program works with Jeanie Combs of Three Rivers Independent Living, who runs a branch office in the Social Services Department.

**At press time  
The PBPN Christmas Store fund had raised over \$2,000 for people in need thanks to PBP departments, programs and folks!**

## Carol Shopteese named Social Services Director



Carol Wahwasuck Shopteese (Ishnokwe) was named Director of Social Services on Sept. 10 and brings a wealth of experience in social services to the job.

As a tribal member she said one of her goals in the new position is to rebuild community trust in social services programs and to increase prevention activities through the offering of educational workshops so that individuals can become more self-sustaining.

Professionally, Shopteese has eight years of administrative experience working with tribal social services programs in Kansas. In addition, she has served on local, state and national initiatives for foster care and is often called on to address tribal concerns and adversity in State/Federal systems as an Indian Child Welfare Association (ICWA) expert. She has also taught ICWA basics to attorneys, judges and social workers for Kansas Social Rehabilitation Services in collaboration with the University of Kansas.

Additionally, Shopteese has seven years of experience in business management, personnel management and business administration and is a founding board member of two non-profit organizations.

Academically, she holds a master's degree in Social Work (2004) and a master's degree in Business Administration (2006).

In other work, Shopteese has also operated her own business and has experience as a former Gaming Inspector and in regulatory/management for the Kickapoo Tribe Gaming Commission. She also serves on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation Board.

## Elizabeth Tye-Wabaunsee is a success story



Above: Elizabeth with Billy Mills last July at the Kickapoo Reservation before her weight loss. At right, Elizabeth in December after losing 37 pounds.



By Melinda Williamson

Elizabeth Tye-Wabaunsee joined the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) in August of 2013 after her cousin Jamie Masquat brought her into the office and challenged her to compete against him in the 2013 DPP Summer Slim Down Challenge. Between the two, whoever won would have to treat the other to a steak dinner.

In the office, she made an appointment to get her lab work done and realized that she also qualified to participate in the DPP education classes. She began the 16-week Lifestyle Balance classes where she learned about nutrition, physical activity and how to successfully change her lifestyle.

In five months Elizabeth lost a total of 37 pounds, going from 215 pounds to 178 pounds. She now proudly boasts that she is wearing a large t-shirt, instead of a 2XL. At the start of the challenge, the DPP staff gave her a goal to lose 7% of her body weight and after reaching that, she asked for a reset and reached that goal as well.

She said, "I have wanted to lose weight and get healthy, but I never put it into action. I don't think I would have achieved it this time without Jamie pushing and kicking me past the starting line."

Tye-Wabaunsee began her exercise program by walking but soon began taking advantage of the Boxing, Zumba, and Water Aerobics classes offered at the Boys and Girls Club. She said that she likes the group exercise classes because they help keep her motivated to push herself.

She gives a lot of credit to the DPP staff for teaching her about proper nutrition and exercise and getting over the hurdles that arise. She's also trying new foods that she said she never would have tried before (green smoothies and butternut squash soup, for example) if the DPP staff hadn't pointed them out. She also said that she wants people to know that weight loss can only be attributed to hard work and changes in diet and exercise. And, she is doing it all without any weight loss supplements!

Oh, and about that steak dinner challenge? Elizabeth won the steak dinner fair and square!

**Get support when losing weight right here on the rez!**

A new round of **Diabetes Prevention Program classes** will begin on **January 15** and the **Diabetes Self-Management Classes** will start **February 25!** Start the 2014 New Year off **right!**

Stop by the Diabetes Program offices at the PBPB Health Center for more information!!

*Merry Christmas from the DPP staff*

## A message from Bill Thorne, Health Center Administrator

As we move into the holiday season, we often make commitments that are hard to keep. It seems easier just to eat and worry about the weight loss in January. But the cycle of wanting to do something and failing to follow through just continues as a part of human nature. At the Prairie Band Clinic, we see the same pattern. In both the Medical and Dental programs, individuals make appointments and fail to keep them. Some call and actually cancel their appointment, but many others just don't show up. As hard as we may try, finding patients to fill the no-show slots is problematic. The consistent holes in our patient service system make for less than efficient use of professional resources. In the Dental program the no-show rate is near 25%; in the Medical program the rate is 15%. As we progress through the holiday season, keep us in mind if you make new year resolutions, we're just a phone call away.

## 2013 Harvest Feast draws large crowd



On the night of November 18 there was a large harvest moon that hung over the Bingo Hall and a warm and inviting harvest feast of traditional Potawatomi foods inside.

Several hundred members of the PBPB community came together to dine on foods prepared by Goffy and many others who brought potluck dishes that was sponsored through the Return to a Healthy Past program that is part of the Diabetes Prevention Program.

The dinner was organized by Eddie Joe Mitchell who has lived on the PBPB reservation all of his life and is a community gardening expert. He and some others from the Health Center staff and tribal community prepared meat entrees of turtle, raccoon, squirrel, bison and more. There were tables lined with soups, stews, vegetables and salads and a table full of desserts.

The Harvest Feast is in its third year and seems to get better each year.



### Weight-loss tips from Kathy Sterbenz, Diabetes Program R.N.

- Walk-Begin slow but try and walk 30 minutes a day for five days a week or do three 10-minute walking sessions
- Watch those calories-exercising is not a license to eat more
- Stay active-it strengthens bones, moves muscles, and keeps the heart strong
- Exercise out of doors and with the kids or dogs. It's fun!
- Check with your doctor or medical provider first if you haven't been active for awhile

# News briefs

### Elder Center tid bits

Health Center administrator Bill Thorne gave a presentation about the **Affordable Care Act** at the Elder Center on Sept. 23.

**Diabetes self management classes** are held at the elder center from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

**Chair exercise class** is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and is led by instructors from the PBPB Diabetes Program.

A **craft and bake sale** was held Nov. 8 at the Elder Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The **Elder Center kitchen staff** participated in the Third Annual Intertribal Solutions Cooking class taught by Richard Hetzler, Executive Chef of the National Museum of American Indian Mitsitam Cafe. The class was sponsored by AARP and the Association of American Indian Physicians.

The PBP Nation held **Flu and Tdap vaccination clinics** in October for employees and tribal members. Several of them were held at the Elder Center and administered by Community Health Nurse Jeanette LittleSun and the Health Center staff.

### Halloween fun!



Above are the finalists from the Elder Center's Halloween costume contest held October 31 at the Center. From left to right is Barrell of Monkeys, Little Red Riding Hood, Zombie Man and Tina Turner.

**Congratulations to Deb Matchie Wakole & Mas Hale who were selected as honored elders for 2013 and recognized at a banquet at the Fire Keepers Elder Center on Oct. 23.**

### Hooray for Julia!



Julia Lewis was photographed during the 7th annual community talent show that was held at the Bingo Hall on Sept. 5 and 6. Lewis began the show in 2007 that provides amateur talent acts from the community who come together to compete with each other and have fun. Contestants compete for proceeds from ticket sales at the door and several door prizes are also a part of the fun.

### Community Thanksgiving dinner held



The community Thanksgiving dinner drew a big crowd on Nov. 14. Staff from the Prairie Band Casino & Resort were servers and gave away door prizes at the event.

Elder Center Christmas dinner will be held on Dec. 18

**A high-five!** Ron Jessepe was one of the top winners in the Holton Recorder's Pick 'Em football team contest out of a field of nearly 70 competitors.

### A message from Kim Williams of

### Meals on Wheels of Shawnee and Jefferson Counties, Inc.

If you or someone you know that is currently having difficulty leaving the home unassisted, Meals on Wheels (MOW) in Shawnee or Jefferson Counties may be able to help.

Meals on Wheels' priority is to reach homebound individuals that would benefit from an affordable and nutritious meal.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Charitable Contributions Committee has graciously made this possible with monetary support for a number of years to Meals on Wheels. This collaboration helps in fulfilling the Meals on Wheels' mission: "existing to nourish the elderly and/or homebound people in our community". Today in Kansas, one in eight seniors faces the threat of hunger and approximately 50 percent of all health

conditions impacting older Americans can be directly connected to a lack of good basic nutrition.

Every day we have the pleasure of witnessing the impact Meals on Wheels has on those we serve. Since 1972, MOW has played a role in providing home delivered meals. Hot, nutritious meals can help people remain independent in their homes, avoid hospitalizations and/or nursing facility placements, manage chronic health issues (special diets for diabetes, heart disease, renal, and swallowing complications are available) and ensure their safety at the time of meal delivery.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.meals-on-wheels-inc.org](http://www.meals-on-wheels-inc.org) or you may call our office directly at (785) 295-3980. We look forward to serving you!



At press time, professional boxer Marcus Oliveira was preparing to fight for the light heavyweight world championship in Neubrandenburg, Germany. Oliveira lives on the PBPB reservation and is a Moniminee tribal member.

He was also featured on the cover of the winter issue of Topeka Magazine

### Language classes

(classes held in basement of Fire Keepers Elder Center)  
Mondays- 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays-5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
(Youth-kindergarden to 6th grade)  
(Teens-7th to 12th grade)

Contact Information:  
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Email: [dleclere@pbpnation.org](mailto:dleclere@pbpnation.org)  
[jessicay@pbpnation.org](mailto:jessicay@pbpnation.org)

Open to the public

Come join the fun

## Veterans Day activities



The We-Ta-Se color guard marched in the Topeka veterans parade along with new We-Ta-Se princess Felicity Price and Tribal Council member Tom Wabnum on Nov. 11. That afternoon the veterans participated in a ceremony held at the Great Overland Station in Topeka.

*(Photo by Anna Boswell)*

**We-Ta-Se  
in  
Potawatomi  
means  
“One Who is  
Brave”**

A ceremony was held on Sunday, Nov. 10 honoring past veterans who are named on the Memorial Wall located in Prairie Peoples Park. We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 members conducted the ceremony. No new names were engraved on the wall this year.

*(News file photo)*

## Ben-no-tteh Wigwam honor veterans



Children from the Early Childhood Education Center came to the We-Ta-Se building on Nov. 14 where they dropped off a thank you veterans flag that they made in their classes. The children displayed the flag in the lobby and then were photographed by the News. Hope Adame, the Center's director, said the students had worked for several days painting the flag that included lines of individual hand prints that formed the stripes. In the photo (far right) is Sandi Jim, child care instructor, showing some children one of the veteran exhibits that is located in the We-Ta-Se building lobby.

## 3rd annual Buffalo Chili Cook Off brings on the heat!

The Land Management Department Bison Program held its annual Buffalo Chili Cook off on Nov. 9 at the Bingo Hall with Alan “Boney” Pahmahmie winning first place in two out of three categories.

Pahmahmie won in the Flaming “Oh My Gosh” and Hot “Wow Wee Look At That Sweat” categories. Andrew Naylor won the Mild “Just Like G’Mas” category.

This is the first year the event was held on a Saturday that included a raffle of pre-advertised authentic buffalo items and the chili luncheon that was held after the entries were judged. Judges for the contest included We-Ta-Se American Legion #410 veterans. Money raised from the raffle was donated to this year's PBPB Christmas Store for families in need.

Registrants were given buffalo meat prior to the event from the Bison program. Each winner also received an award for winning in their individual category.

### Flaming Category I - Oh My Gosh

1st Place-Alan "Boney" Pahmahmie #103 with total 176  
2nd Place-Chris Brewer #106 with total 137  
3rd Place-Dennis Degand #102 with total 122

### Hot Category II - Wow Wee Look At That Sweat

1st Place-Alan "Boney" Pahmahmie #202 with total 185  
2nd Place-David Abeyta #201 with total 165.5  
3rd Place-Corinne Lange #207 with total 158

### Mild Category III - Jus Like G'Mas

1st Place-Andrew Naylor #303 with total 187  
2nd Place-Meghan Stotts #305 with total 185  
3rd Place-Linda Tecumseh #301 with total 174



Alan “Boney” Pahmahmie was the winner in two categories in the 3rd Annual Buffalo Chili Cook Off that was held at the Bingo Hall on Nov. 9. At right, is Mi-kes Potts who emceed the event and works for the Land Management Department.

*Special thanks to Ahnah Wahwassuck*

## Elwin "Eh Mit Nek Weh" Shopteese inducted into 35th Infantry Division Hall of Fame

The late Captain Elwin I. "Eh Mit Nek Weh" Shopteese, a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation member, was inducted into the 2013 35th Infantry Division Hall of Fame on Sept. 21 in Manhattan, Kansas. He, along with five other veterans, was honored for exemplary past military service at the hall of fame event. His widow, Kitty, and several other Prairie Band Potawatomi members, attended the induction ceremony.

Shopteese served in World War II and the Korean War and rose to the rank of Captain. He was born on July 16, 1921 and served in E Company, 137th Infantry, during World War II. He was mobilized with the unit in December of 1940 and reported to Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Following Pearl Harbor, he was sent to California with the 35th Division and then trained with the Division in Alabama and North Carolina.

On July 5, 1944 he landed on Omaha Beach and the following day was given a rare battlefield commission, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a combat soldier. He also participated in battles at St. Lo and

those that took place in Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland, and Central Europe.

In 1945, Shopteese won a Bronze Star for heroic leadership against the Germans near Herne, Germany. On April 10 he formed a small patrol and led it to a point inside enemy lines while the rest of the unit was pinned down by enemy fire. The patrol's move disorganized the enemy, and this action saved the lines of the rest of the unit, thus were able to route the enemy.

Following World War II Shopteese was photographed with President Harry S. Truman when the President made a stop in Brussels, Belgium on his way to the Potsdam Conference to recognize Shopteese. The photograph can be seen at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri.

Following his military service, Shopteese dedicated his life to alcohol prevention programs and helped many Native Americans get a new start in life. He died on June 25, 1972 and is buried in Shipshee Cemetery on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation.



This photograph of Elwin Shopteese (far right) conversing with President Harry Truman (left) was taken when Truman was on his way to the Potsdam Conference in Brussels, Belgium in 1945. The photo is part of the archives at the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Missouri where it can be seen. Shopteese was given a Bronze Star for heroic leadership during World War II and received other honors during his military service.

## 16th annual veterans pow-wow



Left: The flag that was flown at this year's pow-wow held Sept. 21 belonged to and honored Andy Mitchell who was a We-Ta-Se member and died this year.

### Felicity Price crowned We-Ta-Se Princess



Felicity "Meskasikwe" Price, 13, was crowned We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 princess at the 16th Annual Veterans Pow-wow held Sep. 21 in Prairie Peoples Park. She is in the 8th grade at Royal Valley Middle School and is active in volleyball. She is also the basketball manager and a member of the Royal Valley Singers and Dancers.



Robert Jackson and Charles Wakole were honored veterans at the pow-wow.



Dancers entering the arena in the Grand Entry.



Little Soldier Singers provided the singing and drumming for the pow-wow.



Naseka Hale was master of ceremonies during the day.

## Member news

### Anita Evans honored as 2013 Distinguished Alumni at Emporia State University



In the center is Anita Evans holding her award that was given by William Ramsey, President of Emporia State's Alumni Association, left, and Dr. Michael Shonrock, University President, right.

Anita Evans was named one of Emporia State University's Distinguished Alumni for 2013 and honored during the university's homecoming festivities in Emporia, Kan. on October 11-12.

She was inducted along with Linda Bluth, J.D. Schramm and Tom Thornburgh.

Evans graduated from Emporia State in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and taught for 32 years before her retirement in 2013. Seventeen of those years were spent in the Royal Valley School District and fifteen at Rossville High School. Evans presently works with youth at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Boys & Girls Club.

Other honors she has received include being named the National Indian Educator of the Year in

2002 by the National Indian Education Association and in 1997 she was selected as the Native American Educator of the Year by the Kansas Association for Native American Education. Her high school in Port Jervis (N.Y.) also inducted her into their High School Hall of Fame in 2010.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a graduate where recipients are recognized for their outstanding professional accomplishments.

In addition to Evans' teaching honors she helped found the girls softball teams at Rossville and Royal Valley and was also a sponsor for the Royal Valley Singers & Dancers during her tenure at U.S.D. #337.

### The late Frank G. Shopteese honored by Awi Akta District of Northern Cherokee Nation of the Old Louisiana Territory 13th Annual Inter-tribal Veterans Pow-wow

The late Frank G. Shopteese was named the Honored Veteran at the 13th annual Inter-tribal veterans pow-wow in Topeka on Nov. 2. His grandson, Chaz Shopteese accepted a Pendleton blanket on his behalf and other members of the Shopteese family also attended the event.

Shopteese served as a medic in the Army during the Korean War and was the personal medic of Generals Taylor and Scheck.

Before his unexpected death he had written to the pow-wow selection committee the following words, "...there have been a great number of service men and women that

have served from my tribe. I am indeed humbled that out of so many veterans your group has singled me out to be honored."

Shopteese lived on the PBPB reservation and died May 25.

Other PBPB who are in the Honored Veteran Hall of Fame are Joe Lewis, Marvin McKinney, Badger Wahwassuck, Terry Moore, Delphine L. Knoxsah, and Francis Jensen.

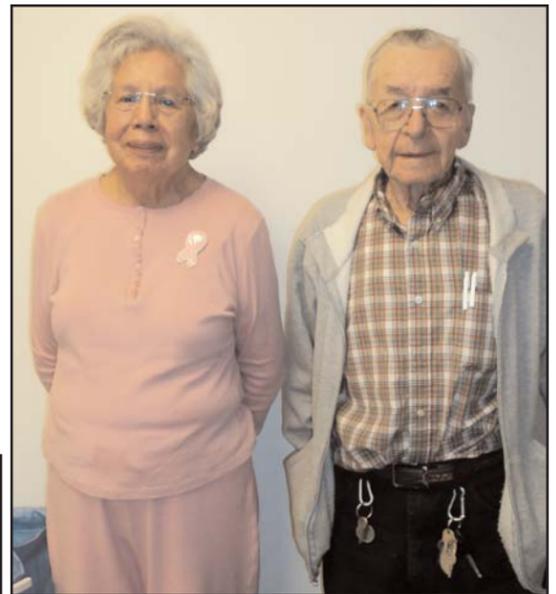


### Marilyn "Num-weh" Hale Wakolee Mayetta Pioneer Elder Queen



Marilyn "Num-weh" Hale Wakolee reigned as Potawatomi Elder Queen during the Mayetta Pioneer Day parade on Sept. 14. Pioneer Day is held annually in Mayetta and includes games, demonstrations, and food booths. Wakolee told the News that it was fun to mingle with the people and that her daughter, Deanna Brewer, made the crown she is wearing in the photograph.

### These two are golden



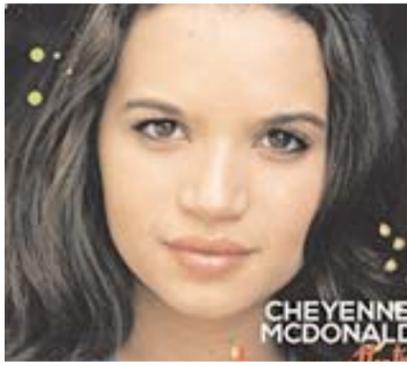
Arlene Wahwasuck and Emery Hale won the gold medal at the Kansas Senior Olympics in mixed-doubles bowling held last fall at the Westridge Bowling Alley in Topeka.

In addition, Wahwasuck took a gold medal in the women's singles (80-84 age category) competition which she has won for the last four years.

Kansas Senior Olympics was held Sept. 25 to Oct. 6 and is sponsored by the Shawnee County Parks & Recreation. A variety of sports are included in the event that is open to senior citizens who are 50 years of age and older.

**Blood Drive on Dec. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the PBP Health Center**  
**Call 785.966.8303**

**Cheyenne McDonald**  
"Get(ting)  
Your  
Attention"  
with  
release of  
album



Cheyenne McDonald, the daughter of tribal member Tonya Hardiman and granddaughter of Connie McDonald (PBPB), has released her first album called "Get Your Attention" that is available by going to her website or some music sites.

To hear her music  
go to  
[www.cheyennemcdonald.com](http://www.cheyennemcdonald.com)



Kayla Murphy plans to graduate from Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Indiana this May (2014). She is the daughter of Steven Murphy and Wendy (Delg) Murphy.

Gary Mitchell  
would like to thank you for  
electing him as a Gaming Commissioner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
to our family  
Mom and Dad-Peter J. Lewis & Margree  
M. Lewis  
Children-Stephanie Lewis & Sonya Soliday  
Grandchildren-Ashenee, Trey, Chloe,  
Ashton, Ariyanna, Kylan and Channing  
From, Wanda Lewis-Crowe

**First Honoring Veterans of Kansas Pow-wow held at Bingo Hall**

By Rhonda Puckkee

The Honoring Veterans of Kansas Committee held their first veterans pow-wow on November 16 at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Bingo Hall. Omaha Standing Eagle, Little Soldier Singers and Rock N' Horse performed before an audience of about 200 people that attended the event. There were 45 registered dancers that competed for over \$700 in prize money and 27 veterans registered.

Honored veterans were Burgess L. Tapedo and Deanna Tiny Brewer. Tapedo is from Lawrence and served in the Army, Air Force and Marines and was presented with a Pendleton blanket and a Marines logo beaded medallion made by Jessica Cadue-Garza, a member of the committee. Brewer, a PBPB member who served in the Army was also presented a shawl donated from the Firekeepers Elder Center and a pair of beaded earrings also made by Cadue-Garza.

The committee allowed two local groups to raise funds at the pow-wow. The Kansas Wolves raised money for a tournament for young basketball players by selling food and holding a 50/50 raffle. Judy Wabaunsee also held a bake sale and raffle as a fundraiser for her granddaughters who entered a pageant. In addition, the PBP Diabetes Program also had an information table.

Three raffles were also held by the pow-wow committee for the following prizes: a shawl that was donated by Millicent Tapedo, a hotel stay at the PBP Casino & Resort and a \$50 gift card, and \$500 cash.

There was a good turnout and hopes are that it becomes an annual event. The committee would like to thank: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation; the PBP Casino & Resort; Haskell Color Guard; the Indian Center of Lincoln Neb; Barry Walker; Carol Jean Stabler-Walker; Marcy Frank & Family; Arlene Lingo; Leroy & Dora Pelkey and Chuck Wahweotten; Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas.

**Dance contest winners**

**Golden Age Men:**

- 1st place: Tim Robinson
- 2nd place: Galen Springer
- 3rd place: Johnny Talawyma

**Golden Age Women:**

- 1st place: LaVerne Hale
- 2nd place: Marilyn Hale-Wakolee

**Adult Men:**

- 1st place: Alden Spoonhunter
- 2nd place: Shannon LeRoy
- 3rd place: Andreios Alexander

**Adult Women:**

- 1st place: Taylor Spoonhunter
- 2nd place: Ryanne White
- 3rd place: Landri James

**Junior/Teen Boys:**

- 1st place: Zach Wahweotten
- 2nd place: CaDence Pelkey
- 3rd place: Patko Mitchell

**Junior/Teen Girls:**

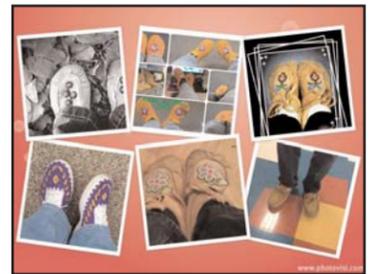
- 1st place: Brennah Wahweotten
- 2nd place: Dania Wahwasuck
- 3rd place: Nagos Hale

*She's off to see the Wizard!*

Congrats to Ki-Bo for winning the Dorothy look-a-like contest in Wamego, Kan. during OZtoberfest and Happy 6th Birthday Dec. 27 Love you! Mom & Family



**PBPB join fun of Rock Your Mocs**



Jayme Thomas, who is on the PBPB Language and Cultural Department staff, organized the Rock Your Mocs challenge in the PBPB community on Nov. 15 as part of the national effort of celebrating Native American Heritage Month in Indian Country.

Locals wore their mocassins to work and school and took selfie pictures that were then submitted to Thomas who put them in a collage and then shared them on the Group PBPB user email account.

Participants who submitted were: Season Dominguez, Jackie Mitchell, Osh LeClere, Adele Wahwassuck, Nikki Jackson, Shaina White, Samantha Wahquahboshkuk, Sandi Shopteese, Erin Hubbard and Connie Malone.



**Rebecca Anderson is competing in the 2013 Miss Teen Kansas as Miss Chautauqua County**

*Rebecca's parents are Mike & Vicki Armstrong and grandparents are Eldon & Judy Darnell and Robert Anderson. Rebecca is vice president of her sophomore class, on the honor roll and active in clubs and sports. She plans to attend KU after she graduates. She and her family live in Sedan, Kan.*

*Ik wi en tta yek eki mzhok mo win Kik ya kos, Ishta mi ne Ki we tin o kwe, eki matti men we si be Florida*

*Thank you to all that helped with our food sales, donations and the support and whatever else was done so that the girls could go to the national competition in Florida. Thank you all so much.*

*Ishta & Madison Wabaunsee & family*



**Ganittēk**  
(those who are born)

**Welcome**  
**Senachwine Wahbnosah Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk**



**Born: July 15, 2013**  
**Weight: 7 pounds, 2 ounces**  
**Height: 19.5 inches**  
**Parents: Gary Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk & Rosewita Breit**  
**Grandparents: Gary Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk & Charlotte Jeanotte Nukon**  
**Great-grandparents: Gary Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk, Sr. & Rhodie Burnett**

For  
more family history  
visit  
[www.wiskigeamatyuk.com](http://www.wiskigeamatyuk.com)

**Welcome**  
**to this world**

**Orianna Voncile Simon**

**Born: Oct. 22, 2013**  
**Weight: 7 pounds, 7 ounces**  
**Height: 21.5 inches**

**Parents: Kek & Kahke Simon**

**Congratulations from your Family**



**Kanibwettek**  
(the ones' that stood up together)

**Happy 20th Anniversary!**

*Message to Mike:*



**Mike & Anna Boswell**  
**January 29**

*After 20 years of marriage, I continue to thank the creator for crossing our paths. Who would have thought that a man could be strong enough and confident enough to match my will, sarcasm and not try to change me. I pray that we continue to be blessed for many more years as I will always stand proudly next to you.*

*I love you more than I could ever say or show.*

Your wife,  
Anna

**Sister Ryleigh Wahquahboshkuk is proud to introduce**  
**her little brother,**  
**Eldon Clint Wahquahboshkuk, Jr.**



**Born: Sept. 9, 2013**  
**Weight: 5.9 pounds**  
**Height: 19.5 inches**  
**Parents: Jamie Hopkins & Eldon Wahquahboshkuk**

*Message:*  
*Love:*  
**Grandma Paula and the rest of the Family**

**Kambottek (those who died)**

**Galen 'Pak-nah-gaa' Wabaunsee**  
(July 7, 1954 - September 29, 2013)



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of a great man. Galen 'Pak-nah-gaa' Wabaunsee crossed over peacefully with family by his side on Sunday, September 29th in his 59th year.

Galen was a proud member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the son of Chief James J. 'Paxico' Wabaunsee.

He is survived by wife Sandra, daughters, Nicole Wabaunsee and Danielle Riley, "son" Anthony Riley, and Galen's adored grandchildren: granddaughter Lauren, and grand boys Ethan, Brendan, and Owen Riley. He loved them dearly, and they will greatly miss their "Mo".

Galen also leaves five siblings Nathan Wabaunsee, Carol Everett, James Wabaunsee, Joseph Wabaunsee, and Doll Wabaunsee, and their beloved families.

He was greeted on the other side by his father and mother, James J. and Evelyn Keesis Wabaunsee, his Misho and Nokmes', and his many 'Furry Friends'.

Galen cherished the memories, laughter and love of those around him, both near and far. Many remember Galen by his bellowing, infectious laughter and his warm hugs. Often you could hear him telling jokes and laughing with those he loved. He was also remembered for his willingness to continually keep his family, friends, and neighbor's cars on the road. Repairing and restoring old cars was a lifelong hobby for him. He also enjoyed camping, shooting guns, and fishing with loved ones.

He spent his final night at a Wabaunsee gathering where he enjoyed his favorite food, "Aunt Carol's" famous Indian Fry Bread tacos.

We will all miss Galen dearly; but as we know: To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held Friday, October 4th at 3:00 pm at Faith Assembly 1800 N. Road 72, Pasco WA, 99301. Reception to follow.

Come prepared to laugh and love as Galen had requested. The family invites you to sign their online tribute wall at [www.muellersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.muellersfuneralhomes.com).

*(Courtesy of Mueller's Tri-Cities Funeral Home-Kennewick, Wash.)*

## Kambottek (those who died)

### Opal Nadine Slocum

HOYT - Opal Nadine Slocum, 81, of Hoyt, died Saturday, October 5, 2013 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka.

She was born November 7, 1931 at Hoyt, the daughter of Roland and Goldie Hunter Steward and graduated from Hoyt High School.

Opal was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She had worked at various jobs, her first job was as a telephone operator in Topeka, and most recently she worked at Josten's Printing in Topeka for 18 years.

She married Virgel Slocum on November 6, 1972 in Topeka. He survives, of the home.

Opal was preceded in death by a son, Randy Cahoon, who died in 2008, two brothers, Larry Steward and Ronnie Steward, and two sisters, Glenda Kay Snyder and Sandra Jo Steward.

Other survivors include three daughters, Kathy Knight, Hoyt, Virginia "Bobbie" Hopper (Tom), Horton, and Tina Pebley (Ted), Council Bluffs, IA; one brother, Denny Steward (Maryann), Topeka; seven grandchildren, Holland Ensle, Houston Cahoon, Lance Todd Schultz, Danette C. Henley, Shannon Hoepner, Brandi Hawkins and Troy Bell, and seven great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday October 8th at the Hoyt Cemetery. Per Opal's wishes the casket will remain closed. A register book will be available to sign from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or the Diabetes Association, and may be sent in care of the funeral home, PO Box 280, 66440. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

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

### Marian P. "Zhikwes" Perrote

Marian Phyllis Perrote, age 95, passed away on Monday, September 9, 2013 surrounded by her family.

Marian was born on May 29, 1918 in Arpin, WI, the daughter of Frank and Sarah (Whitepigeon) Young. Marian was one of the original inhabitants of "Pkwakik" Skunk Hill, or Powers Bluff as it is now known. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and one of the last heritage fluent speakers of the Potawatomi language. Her passing marks the end of an era, with her eldest son Donald now being the only one left who was born at Powers Bluff.

Marian married Donald Perrote in August of 1938. They lived in various places in Wisconsin including the Menominee Indian Reservation for several years. In 1954, Marian became a Christian, and was currently a member of Christ Gospel Church in Antigo, WI. She was a very devout Christian, well known as a fervent prayer warrior. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, especially cherishing her many grandchildren.

Marian is survived by six children, Donald (Dolores) Perrote, Jr., Waupun, John Perrote, Marilyn Pecore, Frank (Doreen) Perrote, Faith (Greg) Rutowski, and David (Tamara) Perrote. She is further survived by 33 beloved grandchildren and 31 beloved great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Frank and Sarah Young, by her husband Donald Perrote, Sr. in 1983; five brothers, Fred Young, Frank "Bill" Young, Jr. LeRoy Young, Orlando Greene, and a sister, Nellie Arndt; two sons, Edward and Richard Perrote; and five grandchildren, Riley, Dion, Destiny, Jenny Lou, and Dawn Marie.

Christian Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at Kohls Community Funeral Home, 405 W Main Street, Waupun WI, with Pastor Jesse Lovicott officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Mound Cemetery.

Marian's family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, Sept 13 at the funeral home from 6 - 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the hour of service.

*(Courtesy of Kohls Community Funeral Home, Waupun, Wis.)*



### Barbara Jean (Stevens) McKosato

Barbara Jean (Stevens) McKosato, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday morning, October 12, 2013. Surrounded by her daughters, Val and Joie, granddaughters, Tara and Maegan, and faithful fur companion, Jacob Ray (J. R.), Barbara went Home to her Savior.

Barbara was born on May 7, 1938 to Guy R. Stevens and Maggie Kewashkum Stevens. She was a long-time employee of Federal National Bank and BancFirst, Shawnee, retiring from the latter. Barbara loved her Lord and enjoyed praising Him by frequenting gospel singings at several local churches and also attending services at the Calvary Baptist Church in Shawnee. As often as she could, Barbara joined her friends for meals and fellowship at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Title VI lunch program. Over the years she made many new friends and cherished many lifelong friends, all whom she loved and appreciated.

Barbara leaves behind a loving family who will cherish her memory and continue to learn and live from her giving spirit: daughter, Val (Liscano) Scrivner and son-in-law Shawn Scrivner; daughter, Joie Liscano; granddaughters, Tara and Maegan White; nephews, Guy Anthony Stevens, Aaron Stevens, and Stewart Stevens; brother, Dalbert Gene Stevens; aunt, Dee (Loveless) Borden; and a host of cousins. Welcoming her Home are her parents, Guy and Maggie; grandson, Bobby Joe White II; and numerous uncles and aunts.

Always a giver, it was Barbara's wish to support the study of medicine by donating her body to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center's Willed Body Program.

A celebration of her life will be held on Friday, October 18 at 1:00 pm at the Calvary Baptist Church, 214 W. Farrall, Shawnee, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Barbara's favorite charities: the American Cancer Society or the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). The family sends gracious thanks to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Title VI Program, Crossroads Hospice, and the many friends and family members that provided prayers and support during Barbara's journey Home.



### In memory of all who have gone before us

### Mary Ann Mitchell

Mary Ann Mitchell, 64, of Mayetta, Kan, died November 23, 2013 at Stormont-Vail Hospital. She was born on February 7, 1949 in Topeka, the daughter of Paul and Rosezan (Leclere) Williams. She was raised by Cecilia and Ernest "Wine" Marshno.

Mary Ann was employed as a bookkeeper for Dr. Sufi and Stanleys Flowers in Topeka retiring in 2006. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She enjoyed playing bingo, going to the casino, crocheting and cooking for her family.

Mary Ann married Daniel Michael Mitchell, Sr. on November 17, 1969 in Topeka. He survives. She is also survived by her children, Leslie Marshno, Topeka, Jeffrey Marshno, Mayetta, Daniel Mitchell, Jr. and wife Tracye, Topeka, and Yolanda Mitchell, Mayetta. Other survivors include her mother, Rosezan Toledo, Topeka, four brothers, Ronald Gutierrez, Topeka, Marcus Gutierrez, Phoenix, AR, Gary Williams and Michael Toledo, both of Mayetta and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Hale, a brother Sam Mitchell and by Cecilia and Ernest "Wine" Marshno.

Mary Ann will lie in state on Friday after 2:00 p.m. at the Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home where a Parish Rosary will be prayed at 5:00 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home. Burial will be on the Reservation. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Kansas Dialysis and sent in care of Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, 800 SW 6th Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66603.

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



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



**Happy Birthday  
Wab no mitt  
on  
Dec. 23**

**Love you,  
your Family**



**Happy 10th Birthday**

**Drake Jones**

**From,  
your  
Misho Kevin Aitkens**



**Happy  
18th  
Birthday  
J.J. Goins**

**From,  
your  
Misho Kevin Aitkens**



**Madison Boswell, 12  
on  
Jan. 2nd**

**Happy  
Birthday to two  
amazing young  
ladies!  
We continue  
to be amazed  
at all that  
you've  
accomplished  
thus far.  
May you  
continue to be  
blessed in  
all that you  
aspire to do.**

**Love you more!**

**Mom, Dad, Logan, Kacie & Wyatt**



**Taryn Boswell, 15  
on  
Jan. 15**



**Happy 9th Birthday  
on  
Dec. 14**

**to  
Mae Shayla "Mimi" Tye**

**With love,**

**Mom  
(Elizabeth Tye)**



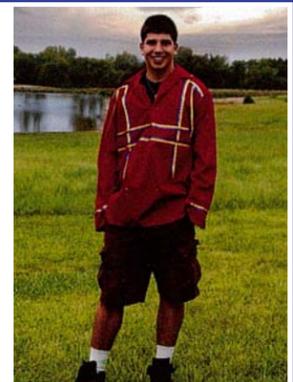
**Happy Birthday  
to  
Alvina LaClair  
who will be  
91 years young  
on  
Dec. 21  
Love, your  
Kids**



**Happy 24th Birthday  
to  
Damon Adame on Dec. 19  
Love,  
Mom & Roman**

**Happy  
18th  
Birthday  
Rory  
"Kaw-kak-muck"  
Lange  
on  
Dec. 14**

**From,  
Mom & Dad**



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**Color Guard:** We-Ta-Se  
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**Invited Drums:** Big Soldier, Rockin K

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