



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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

Brownback signs proclamation for November as Native American month



On Oct. 24 Governor Sam Brownback signed a proclamation at the Capitol proclaiming November as Native American Heritage Month. With him in the photograph above are (left to right) Stephen Prue (Haskell Indian Nations University), Tony Fee (Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska), Carrie O'Toole (Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation), Chris Howell (Kansas Native American Affairs Office), Liana Onnen (Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation), and Cheryl Chuckluck (Haskell Indian Nations University).

Republicans sweep Midterm Election: Brownback re-elected Kansas Governor

The Republican party candidates in Kansas made a clean sweep of victories in the 2014 Midterm Election held Nov. 4.

In what some thought would be a tight race for the governorship, incumbent Sam Brownback regained his seat by beating out Democrat Paul Davis and Keen Umbehr (Libertarian).

For Senator Pat Roberts (Republican) also beat Greg Orman (Independent).

For U.S. House District 1 Tim Huelskamp (Republican) beat

Jim Sherrow (Democrat) and for U.S. House District 2 Lynn Jenkins (Republican) beat Margie Wakefield (Democrat) and Christopher Clemmons (Libertarian). For District 3 Kevin Yoder (Republican) won over Kelly Kultala (Democrat) and for District 4 Mike Pompeo (Republican) beat Perry Shuckman (Democrat).

At the local level in Jackson County for District 61 (nearest the reservation) Becky Hutchens (Republican) beat Vivien Olsen (Democrat).

Tribal Chairperson Onnen represents PBPB at sixth annual White House Tribal Nations Conference

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) Chairperson Liana Onnen was the PBPB representative at the White House Tribal Nations Conference and attended other meetings and receptions during the first week of December in Washington, D.C.

On Dec. 3 President Barack Obama spoke at the conference to leaders of the 566 federally recognized tribes which is in keeping with his earlier commitment to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with Indian Country.

In addition, members of the White House Council on Native American Affairs also held interactive meetings with tribal leaders and officials throughout the day.

Other tribal leaders from Kansas were also scheduled to attend the event.

Chairperson Onnen's itinerary included meeting with legislators and attending receptions that were hosted by the Department of Interior, National Congress of

American Indians, and the National Museum of the American Indian.



Liana Onnen
PBPB Chairperson



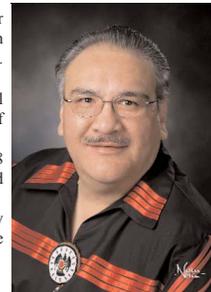
The late Jim Potter selected for Holton/Jackson County Hall of Fame for 2015

Former Tribal Council Secretary Jim Potter (deceased) has been selected for the Holton/Jackson County Hall of Fame award that will be held on Feb. 5 in Holton.

Potter was nominated by the PBPB Tribal Council and selected unanimously by the Chamber of Commerce selection committee.

Potter served on the Tribal Council for 18 years and was also a great promoter of Mayetta and Jackson County.

He was a lifelong resident of Jackson County and was killed in a motorcycle/deer accident on June 11 on the reservation.



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Message to the Nation from Liana Onnen, Tribal Council Chairperson

It has been a busy three months since my last message to the Nation and your Tribal Council has been hard at work. The Council has had twelve official meetings, some short and some long, to ensure we are taking care of the Nation's business in a timely manner. In addition, we have also had four budget meetings in preparation for the 2015 fiscal year.

In other news, it was our honor to attend the inauguration of tribal member Venida Chenault in September as she became the President of Haskell Indian Nations University. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) also hosted the last Four Tribes meeting where we engaged in conversations about issues of importance to our governments and people. This quarter we also met with the Jackson County Commission where Camilla Chouteau and myself were introduced as new council members. On Oct. 24 Council Member Carrie O'Toole and I attended Governor Brownback's Proclamation signing that designated November as Native American Heritage Month at the Capitol. I was also honored to be the emcee at the Charitable Contribution Committee's awards ceremony where I helped hand out the awards with Tom Wabnum from Tribal Council and the Committee. A few days later, Tribal Secretary Camilla Chouteau, and I met with Burton Warrington, CEO of Prairie Band, LLC, to familiarize ourselves with the structure of the LLC. Camilla Chouteau and I also attended the National Congress of American Indians National Convention and Trade show in Atlanta. In November Council Member Tom Wabnum and I met with the Midwest Regional BIA Office regarding our land-into-trust application for the Shah-eh-nay Reservation in order to move forward with that application. Additionally, in November I was also able to meet with Regional Health and Human Services Secretary, Stephen Moore and Alan Metzger, Assistant U.S. Attorney. In between all of these meetings and events, I have also met with several tribal members and community members to discuss concerns and ideas they have for our tribe.

As you can see, much of my time and that of Council is spent meeting with various people in different organizations, political bodies, and roles within the tribe and community. Although I expected this, I realize in these first few months that establishing, maintaining and strengthening relationships at all government levels is important as a tribal leader and representative of your Nation. I can now see

how past leaders and council members have worked hard to establish good relationships in these areas and in our communities.

The most important relationship is with the membership. It is through listening, hearing, and understanding what is important to you is what makes us good leaders. It is your voice that tells us what is important, what will impact your lives, and in what ways that are real and profound. Your input is what ultimately shapes our goals and priorities. We represent the people. You are the people and we have a responsibility to listen and act accordingly. We have a responsibility to listen and act accordingly. We have a responsibility to listen and act accordingly. We have a responsibility to listen and act accordingly. We have a responsibility to listen and act accordingly.

Another important relationship is with local governments. Finding common ground and resolutions from our disagreements is what we, as leaders, should do. I believe the best way to be treated as a sovereign nation is by continually re-establishing ourselves through informal discussions as a sovereign entity and when applicable, through formal government-to-government agreements. The relationships with local governments have evolved through the years and will continue to do so. As leaders, we are the guides to that evolution and I believe we have the capacity to make it positive and beneficial to the respective communities we serve.

I also believe that good relationships with the other four Kansas tribes will help to unify us as the native voice in Kansas. The four federally recognized tribes in Kansas, along with us, are: the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas, the Iowa Tribe of Nebraska and Kansas, and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska. When we are able to work together and come to the table united with common interests and goals, we achieve much more than we do as individual tribes. There is power in numbers and our voices are louder when raised in unison. Although there will be times when our interests may not be the same, when they are, it will benefit us all in experiencing a unified kinship to strive for a common goal.

Our relationship with the State of Kansas is another relationship that has evolved and hopefully will continue as leaderships and socio-economic changes occur. Maintaining a good relationship and growing when possible is integral to our sovereignty. Anytime we are able to engage the State in discussion of our needs, our strengths, and our ability to govern ourselves, we open the door to possible

intergovernmental agreements and possible legislation. With the elections behind us, it is time now to reinforce already founded relationships and forge new ones.

The final relationship we have is with the Federal government. This relationship is comprised of several we have within the agencies and departments within it. As I prepared to represent our tribe and Indian Country at the White House Tribal Nations Conference on Dec. 2 and 3, I contemplated the complexities and history of those relationships and how we, as tribal people can make those relationships better. Departments and agencies like the IHS, HUD, VA, and DOJ, are many, but each department and agency has an obligation to work with tribes in promoting sovereignty and self-determination. These are treaty and trust responsibilities that the Federal government promised us and must be accountable for. This accountability will only happen when we speak out, and tell them what our needs and wants are and what we expect.

As tribal leaders, we are only half of the whole in the complexity of government relationships. Productive relationships do not materialize without effort. They come from hard work, dedication, commitment and communication. They take continuous, active participation by all parties. No relationship is perfect and all of them have bumps in the road and times when one or both parties want to quit and walk away. At the same time, relationships that survive the test of time are those in which both parties do not quit nor even consider it as an option.

In reflection, these first three months have been busy and I have learned that our relationships at every level within and outside our Nation will truly shape what we can achieve. In my role as chairperson, I will continually strive to maintain positive relationships with all aforementioned groups and lastly speak on our behalf when needed but also listen when it is prudent.

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Message to the Nation from Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council Treasurer

The end of the year has been a busy one in the Treasurer's office.

The first weekend in November I was a keynote speaker at the 2014 Farm and Food Conference in Manhattan, Kan. that was sponsored by the Kansas Rural Center which just celebrated its 35th anniversary. During my speech, I spoke about raising and preserving sustainable foods in Kansas using as an example the traditional knowledge I have learned about forging and drying food that has been passed down from our ancestors. I also discussed the tribe's "Return to a Healthy Past" program that is part of the PBP's Diabetes Program. I highlighted how the program helps tribal members to grow gardens and helps them succeed by educating them on a wide array of gardening topics. In my presentation I also stressed the importance of growing and buying local foods. One example I used was how our Nation has a buffalo program which could eventually be developed into a business venture that could produce leaner meat that would provide a healthier source of food.

In other news, we are still in the planning stages for the third Elder Estate Planning and Will workshop that we hope to hold in Wisconsin. If you live in the Wisconsin area, please contact me so we can discuss the documents that you will need for the workshop. There are documents that need to be filled out before the actual legal drafting of your will and other estate planning documents. The location for the workshop will be in the Milwaukee area and sometime in February of 2015. More information will be mailed out and placed on the PBP website at www.pbpindiantribe.com soon.

Tribal Council is also examining the PBP minor's trust fund and transitioning to a new trust provider. We hope to make improvements in the reporting, options on the allocations of the portfolio, and administering a new process for tax withholding. In addition, another component will be adding classes that will be offered to youth so they can better understand their finances. Long-term planning is the key to the Nation's future and teaching our youth to become better prepared when it comes to making decisions on their investments will make for a secure and sovereign nation down the road.

Some employees in the Finance department have been attending a Six Sigma Training for the Yellow Belt through Washburn University in Topeka. The training is designed to achieve the goal of improving the work processes in the department by focusing on specific work efforts. Since I have been associated with the Finance department I have seen great improvements. Audits are being prepared more thoroughly and major attention

is being given to strengthening our internal controls and compliance standards with grants and the timely filing of our financial reports. Along with these improvements, we are proud that we are current on the Indirect Cost reports for the Nation which had not been filed for 14 years.

In addition, the Tax Commission has been meeting monthly and actively working on opportunities that we hope will lead to more tax revenue for the Nation's infrastructure. In addition, we are also maintaining our business licenses and overseeing a steady flow of collecting taxes on our current retailers and wholesalers.

Another national tax issue we are looking into involves the personal taxes of tribal members. The Federal government has recently passed important legislation through what is called the General Welfare Doctrine which may result in tax refunds for tribal members. After Tribal Council and my office learn more about this program we will pass information on to the tribal membership.

This quarter for my Tribal Historical Cultural Preservation activities, I assisted in preserving an old newspaper that included a story about a former military conflict that one of our Potawatomi veterans brought in to the office to be preserved. The newspaper was professionally archived and will be displayed at the We-ta-se building on the reservation. In other work, I have purchased Native artwork that will be displayed throughout the Judicial Center.

In conclusion, in my role as the vice-chairperson of the PBP LLC, and along with the staff and board, we are excited to announce the opening of the Prairie Band One Stop Convenience Store at 190th and 75 Highway that should be occurring soon. As an aside, we are having regularly scheduled meetings and continuing to discuss potential investments and current operations that we hope will create more economic opportunities and income for the Nation.

Happy Holidays!



Hattie Mitchell honored at 20 under 40 banquet in Topeka

Hattie Mitchell was honored at the Topeka 20 Under 40 banquet held at the Ramada Inn in Topeka on Nov. 13.

Mitchell is a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) member and Tribal Council treasurer. In this position she also serves as an appointed Cultural Preservation Officer and Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) representative. She chairs the PBP Tax Commission and is also vice chairperson on the Board of Directors for Prairie Band, LLC, an economic holding company for the Nation. This work also includes overseeing economic development efforts for the Nation's land department that includes leases, purchases, conservation work and the bison program.

Outside the PBP, she also sits on the Board of Directors for both the American Red Cross and Kansas Children's Discovery Center. In 2013 she was honored as being one of the 40 under 40 emerging American Indian leaders by the

National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development organization.

Academically she is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and graduated with a Bachelors of Business Administration from Washburn University. She also studied abroad at Cambridge University in England and was in the Summer Venture in Management Program at Harvard Business School.

Before her present position with the PBP, she worked for six years as an accountant for Security Benefit in Topeka, Kansas and for five years in gaming operations at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino (now known as the Prairie Band Casino & Resort).

Mitchell has recently initiated a series of Estate & Planning Will Workshops for elders on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation and has given financial workshops to youth at the PBP Boys & Girls Club. She is also an active volunteer for the Saving Death Row Dogs program in Topeka.

Prairie Band, LLC meets with Goldbelt, Inc. from Alaska

Board members from the Prairie Band, LLC met with leaders from Goldbelt, Inc., an urban, Alaska Native, for-profit corporation that operates 18 subsidiaries in four divisions on Oct. 23 at the Government Center.

Goldbelt is on a road tour visiting with 48 tribes in the lower states in an effort of reaching out to discuss possible partnerships with them.

Prairie Band, LLC was one of the groups selected to visit since they have sim-

ilar business interests and goals. Goldbelt's business endeavors focus on facilities and engineering, medical and defense services, technical services and Alaskan Operation Companies.

At the meeting, Goldbelt leaders showed some of their Alaskan cultural artifacts and discussed the importance of their cultural heritage and Native American/Alaskan values in wanting to form business relationships with likeminded companies like the Prairie Band, LLC.



From left to right: Ben Coronell, Burton Warrington, Andrea Cadiante-Laiti, Junior Wahweotten, Joe Kahklen, Lori Grant, Hattie Mitchell and Chris Courtwright. Coronell, Cadiante-Laiti, Kahklen, and Grant are with Goldbelt, Inc. and the others are on the Prairie Band, LLC board of directors.

(Photo by Dave Greeson)

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation 3rd quarter charitable contribution distribution ceremony held

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation donated \$76,000 to area charities during the third quarter distribution awards ceremony held Oct. 9 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

In the Holton area, Royal Valley Unified School District #337 received \$11,000 and Holton Community Hospital received a donation of \$5,000. The We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 in Mayetta received \$5,500.

Some organizations from Topeka that received large donations included the Topeka Symphony Society (\$4,000), TARC, Inc. (\$5,000), and Doorstep, Inc. (\$5,000).

The Charitable Contributions Committee is comprised of six tribal members, who along with Tribal Council, selected 22 organizations to receive the quarterly distribution. 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 for all.



Royal Valley USD #337 received an award of \$11,000 that they plan to use for a variety of projects. Standing (left) are five members of the RVSD administration who were on hand to receive the award and (right) are members of the Charitable Contributions Committee and Tribal Council.

3rd Quarter Charitable Contribution donations

Antioch Family Life Center, Inc	\$2,000
Medicine Voice Healing Center	2,000
Breaking Camp Corporation	2,000
American Legion Post #410	5,500
Capital City Friends of NRA	1,000
TARC, Inc	5,000
Topeka Symphony Society	4,000
Sheltered Living, Inc	2,500
Make-A-Wish of Kansas	6,500
Abilene Rotary Club	2,000
Child Care of Eastern Ks	2,000
Housing & Credit Counseling	2,000
Civil Air Patrol	3,000
Doorstep, Inc	5,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	2,000
Lulac Senior Center	2,000
March of Dimes	2,500
Heavenly Visions Foundation, Inc	1,000
KSDS, Inc	3,000
Holton Community Hospital	5,000
Lawrence Community Shelter	5,000
Royal Valley USD # 337	<u>11,000</u>

Total \$76,000.00

Hattie Mitchell keynote speaker at Farm & Food Conference

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

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

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

Abbie Boeckmann is a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol



Abbie Boeckmann, 11, and Maj. Henry Hickey of the Topeka Civil Air Patrol were at the Charitable Contributions ceremony on Oct. 9 where the Civil Air Patrol received a \$3,000 donation from the PBP. Boeckmann is one of 19 cadets presently enrolled in the Civil Air Patrol program that is based in Topeka.

Boeckmann is a tribal member and the daughter of Tina Wahweotten. She also attends Holton Middle School and wants to be an airforce pilot. She is hopeful that she can enter the Air Force Academy after she finishes her schooling.

The Civil Air Patrol program is divided into two programs including an 11-18 years of age cadet program and a senior program for those beyond the age of 18. Maj. Hickey is a Civil Air Patrol instructor.

Calendar of Events

<p>Dec. 24</p> <p>PBP Government Closed Christmas Eve</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Jan. 1, 2015</p> <p>PBP Government Closed New Years Day</p>
<p>Dec. 25</p> <p>PBP Government Closed Christmas</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Jan. 17</p> <p>General Council Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jan. 19</p> <p>PBP Government Closed Martin Luther King Day</p>
<p>Dec. 31</p> <p>PBP Government Center Closed New Years Eve Big Bear Moon Pow-wow</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Feb. 16</p> <p>PBP Government Closed President's Day</p>

Prairie Band One Stop Convenience Store opening soon

Below is an interview the News conducted with Burton Warrington, President and CEO of Prairie Band, LLC, about the new business enterprise that is located at 190th Road & Hwy 75 on the reservation.

Q: Prairie Band, LLC is opening a new convenience store where Kathy's General Store used to be. What's in it?

A: The One Stop Convenience store will sell discount cigarettes, convenience food items, a hot food and snack bar, gasoline, and a small gift shop where Native American items can be purchased. A Potawatomi Welcome Center is also being planned for later in the building.

Q: What are the hours?

A: The store will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

Q: How many people will the store employ?

A: We have hired 10 employees.

Q: Will there still be a discount smoke shop drive through in another building?

A: No, the cigarettes are being moved to inside the convenience store.

Q: Besides the Prairie Band One Stop the LLC owns three other buildings at that location. What is happening to them?

A: The building furthest south where the drive up smoke shop was is where the Prairie Band, LLC permanent headquarters are located. This building was originally the old Harrah's training center. The next build-

ing to the north used to be the PBPB's area 51 storage building. It has been rewired and updated and we are hoping to lease the 20,000-foot space in the future to another business. The third building that used to be Kathy's is the **One Stop Convenience Store**. The building furthest north on the property was formerly used as flea market space. This building is now empty and available for leasing.

Q: You mention upgrades in the buildings. What

has been done?

A: All the buildings have been electrically rewired and are up to proper building codes. In addition, the **One Stop** has new flooring and walls, larger restrooms with new plumbing and it also contains office space and extra storage space. The **Prairie Band, LLC headquarters** building was renovated a couple of years ago and divided into offices so besides acquiring extra space with the smoke shop gone not much has changed.

Q: How about parking?

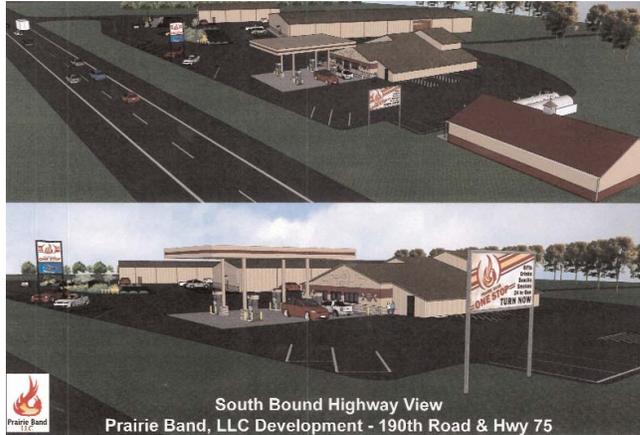
A: We have paved most of the ground around all four buildings so we can be ready for leasing the buildings or expanding in the future.

Q: How many employees work in the Prairie Band, LLC headquarters?

A: There are five employees including a CEO, CFO, Business Development Manager and two administrative assistants.

Q: Who is on the Prairie Band, LLC Board of Directors?

A: Warren "Junior" Wahweotten, Hattie Mitchell, Chris Courtwright, Lance Morgan, and Mark Kern.



Above is an architect's rendering of the new buildings being developed at the Prairie Band, LLC headquarters. The bottom rendering is of the One Stop convenience store, scheduled to open soon. It is located on U.S. Highway 75 and 190th Road where Kathy's General Store was previously located. Other retail and commercial space is also being planned in two other buildings that flank the store.

For details call 785.364.2328 or visit www.prairiebandllc.com

Inside the One Stop: Welcome to the front porch of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation!



Burton Warrington shows where the biscuits and gravy will be sold inside the One Stop Convenience Store. PT's Roasterie coffee will also be sold with its own Prairie Band Signature Blend. The store hopes to sell a lot of other Native American-themed products.



Above are some of the items that will be sold in the gift shop. In addition, the store will sell lotions and other items made by Native American people or businesses. The gift shop is near the front door inside the store.



(Left to right) Burton Warrington, Tyler Levier, and Jacob "Tug" Wamego. Levier is the manager of the store and Wamego is the new Business Development Manager for Prairie Band, LLC. Levier and Wamego are former interns with Prairie Band, LLC and now hold full-time jobs.

Governor's Water Conference focuses on meeting the State of Kansas current and future needs: Meeting held in Manhattan, Kansas November 12-13, 2014



Editor's Note: Tribal Council members Camilla Chouteau and Carrie O'Toole attended the Governor's Water Conference for stakeholders who have an interest in a 50 Year Water Plan being proposed by Governor Sam Brownback. Below is a summary of the conference that was compiled by Tribal Council Secretary Camilla Chouteau.

Review of State of Kansas conference water topics and sessions attended:

- Water conservation policies for future drought impacts
- Developing additional sources of supply
- Vision for the future of water in Kansas
- Experiences and challenges with balancing multi-state river system
- Collaborative efforts to strengthen the natural environment with golf courses

The overall purpose of the Governor's Water Conference was to address the 50 Year Water Plan by the State of Kansas and how stakeholders can be best informed about issues that address water management, conservation, waste management, irrigation, and the environment. Tribal Councilperson Carrie O'Toole also attended the conference.

Summary of sessions:

Working With Your Available Resources - Mr. Paul Wenger, President, Farm Federation

Wenger provided the conference attendees with information about the current status of drought and challenges of water management for 22 million people living in California. He stated that municipalities and businesses have invested in water/waste management and conservation programs. Drought is the big issue in California. In addition, Wenger complimented the Kansas Water Office for their work on the proposed 50 Year Water Plan.

Golf's Quest to Thrive with Less Water - Rhett Evans, CEO of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)

Evans, who manages 100 employees in Lawrence, Kan., presented detailed information about water management for golf courses in Kansas. He also indicated their national office represents golf course businesses throughout the nation. Evans reported that there are 16,000 golf courses in the United States and GCSAA has 18,000 members. The Association attempts to recommend conservation water methods to golf courses when operating their businesses. For instance, new grass varieties that consume less water for golf courses are suggested methods and utilizing other forms of conserving water management. Evans also said that the game of golf was founded in Great Britain. He closed his presentation giving high praise for our Firekeeper Golf Course and its excellent water management methods.

Four Revolutions and Kansas: The Challenges and the Stakes-Brigadier General, Duke DeLuca Retired, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

DeLuca presented views about the need to produce more food due to increased populations around the world, climate change, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, and the status of oil production within the United States. In addition, he suggested that countries/nations need to spend wisely and that as the world changes the effects will involve every citizen.

Direct and Indirect Potable Water Reuse in Wichita Falls, Texas-Darron Leiker, City Manager, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Leiker explained that Wichita Falls has had a lack of rainfall that created the worst dry summer, and highest-degreed temperature on record. In addition, this had a

major economic impact on one of the highest employers to the city called the Air Force Airplane Training Facility. In an effort of helping to solve the water crisis Wichita Falls is actively utilizing reusable waste system water to maintain its water needs. Leiker recommends that water plans need to be updated every 10 years in states. An attendee in the audience who was representing the city of Hays, Kan. shared that they have adopted a "Green Policy" guide that provides their citizens with incentives to use low-flow shower heads and toilet stools.

Emerging Issues II-Andy Ziegler, U.S. Geological Survey

Ziegler reported that there are 24 Federal reservoirs in Kansas. A major issue with the reservoirs is that Tuttle Creek Reservoir has a #1 sediment problem followed by John Redmond Reservoir and that more data is needed for mapping lake bottoms. Another concern is the high cost of dredging sediment and he used as an example, Mission Lake located in Horton, Kan. that underwent a dredging project that cost \$6.6 million. Another issue he discussed is that Kansas' population is growing which means more water will be consumed and needed for communities. Lastly, Ziegler said that in western Kansas there are 100 monitoring wells and that irrigation is the region's biggest concern.

Kansas/Missouri River Aqueduct Study-Earl Lewis

The Aqueduct Study began in 1982 and that body of information is a large portion of the present Kansas 50 Year Water Plan. If implemented the proposed project will begin at White Cloud, Kan. and water will be pumped from the Missouri River through a canal system to western Kansas to meet water needs for irrigation purposes and municipal demands/water supplies of small rural communities. Some of the designated lands would cross the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska trust land properties. An updated report will be available next month. The Aqueduct Project would entail 1.6 million acres with pump stations to keep the water flowing along the canal system. In 1982, the estimated cost of the Aqueduct System was \$4.4 billion and scheduled to take 20 years to construct the project. Presently, there is no compact signed with the state of Missouri. In addition, the study doesn't reflect legal, political, or environmental concerns. The funding resources are also not explained in the study. The effects to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's trust lands are located in the far northwest region of the reservation.

Summary message by Camilla Chouteau

In conclusion, our Nation will continue to monitor the Kansas 50 Year Water Study and question the impact of the proposed Aqueduct Project that might affect our own future water needs. The Kansas Tribes/Nations are considered in the study as "special interests." Additionally, the Kansas Water Office has had only one informational meeting with the Kansas Tribes/Nations located at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Government Center on October 28, 2014 (see page 7). In that meeting it was stated that there is a designated Committee for the Aqueduct Project and they meet in different regions throughout the state. Councilperson Carrie O'Toole and I will be attending these scheduled meetings to keep our Tribal Council advised about this important matter.

**For more details on the Kansas water project go to
www.kvo.com**

Four tribes meets with Kansas Water Plan team

Representatives from the Kansas Water Plan team came to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Government Center on Oct. 30 to discuss the 50 Year Kansas Water Plan with the four tribes in Kansas.

Approximately 20 people attended the meeting that was moderated by Vivien Olsen, PBPN tribal attorney, and Carrie O'Toole, Tribal Council member.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 50 Year Kansas Water Plan being proposed under Governor Brownback's administration before it was discussed with other stakeholders at a state-wide Water Conference held on Nov. 12 and 13 in Manhattan. Tribal Council members Camilla Chouteau and Carrie O'Toole attended that conference on behalf of the PBPN.

During the meeting with the tribes that included the PBPN, Iowa, Sac and Fox and Kickapoo, Indian representatives voiced concern that the 50 Year Water Plan does not contain any formal consultative roles with the tribes nor contain any water rights of the tribes as separate sovereign nations.

The water plan is of critical importance to the tribes because they also

recognize that water resources are being depleted at a rapid pace and that the tribes want to be a part of the plan.

The state devised the Kansas Water Plan as a primary tool to address current water resource issues. One component of the plan includes building an aquaduct system through Kansas that will stream water from the Missouri River (that runs along the eastern edge of northeast Kansas) into central Kansas. The aquaduct proposal is particularly worrisome to the Iowa Tribe in Kansas and Nebraska whose reservation is located on the edge of the Missouri River in Kansas.

Those attending on behalf of the State included Kansas Water Department representatives Greg Foley, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Lane Letourneau, Kansas Department of Agriculture, and Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office and Chris Howell, former Executive Director for Kansas Native American Affairs Office.

Verna Potts and Virginia LeClerc, from the PBPN EPA, and Chris DeCoteau, Lands Department, attended the meeting in addition to members of the Tribal Council and the attorney's office.



Representatives from the four tribes in northeast Kansas and the State of Kansas Water Plan team met on Oct. 30 to discuss water rights in Kansas and a 50 year water plan that is being proposed under Governor Sam Brownback's administration.

Onnen and Chouteau attend National Congress of American Indians annual conference in Atlanta

Liana Onnen, PBPN Tribal Chairperson, and Camilla Chouteau, Tribal Council Secretary, attended the National Congress of American Indians Conference in Atlanta from Oct. 26-31.

During the conference the

two women attended various sessions and met with Department of Interior officials Sally Jewell and Kevin Washburn. They also met with William Mendoza, the Executive Director of the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education.

Tribal Council travels to Minnesota for follow-up visit with the Midwest Regional BIA office

Tribal Council Chairperson Liana Onnen and Tom Wabnum, Tribal Council member, traveled to Bloomington, Minn. on Nov. 13 to turn in the documentation necessary for the land-into-trust application for the Shab-eh-nay

Reservation land in Illinois. Onnen, Wabnum and PBPN tribal attorneys met with officials from the Midwest Regional Bureau of Indian Affairs office in order to process the application.

Toolin around with Carrie O'Toole, Tribal Council member

O'Toole on Haskell Board of Regents



This photograph was taken at the inauguration of Venida Chenault, president of Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) (third from left), and is with (left to right) Elizabeth (Tye) Wabaunsee, Carrie O'Toole, and Drusa Wabaunsee. O'Toole is on the board of regents for HINU and was celebrating President Chenault's inauguration on Sept. 17. For more on the inauguration see page 18.

Oklahoma area Office Indian Health Services meeting



Carrie O'Toole, on the front row and fourth from left, attended an Indian Health Service (IHS) Director's Listening Session in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Aug. 21. The woman next to O'Toole is Yvette Roubideaux, the acting director of IHS, who was also at the session with other IHS regional representatives. The group met at the Oklahoma Area Office Indian Health Services that serves Oklahoma, Kansas and portions of Texas.

Fire Department holds fire safety training



In its continuing efforts of learning and practicing fire safety, the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department (PTFD) hosted a day-long course on Oct. 10 called Handling Propane Emergencies. Instructors for the course were provided by the Kansas University Fire & Rescue Training Institute.

Several PTFD firefighters and the Delia Fire Department attended the training where they learned about the properties, hazards, and proper responses to handling emergency incidents involving liquid propane gas (LPG).

Potawatomi Tribal Fire Chief Doug Schreiner said, "In the rural community that we serve propane is a main fuel that is stored everywhere. It is important that our firefighters know how to respond to potential emergencies. Having an on-hands fire training like the one that was simulated gave the firefighters the experience in using the proper equipment and confidence in working with their teammates.

The simulation involved using multiple training props like a 100 pound propane tank, a high pressure distribution valve set, and a 500 pound tank that is commonly found to store propane at private residences.

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NOTICE!

Keep your mailing address up to date with the Per Capita Office

In January 2015 the Per Capita office will mail out the 2014 1099 misc to all members who received per capita payments in 2014. It is **vitaly important** that the Per Capita office have current addresses for all members. There have been several enrolled members whose 2013 1099misc has come back in the mail due to an incorrect address and their per capita payments cannot be issued until their address is updated.

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- Enrollment Change of Address Form
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- Per Capita Payment Option Form
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- Voluntary Tax Withholding Form

EPA holds successful collection of electronic and appliance wastes



The PBPB Division of Planning and EPA held a waste collection drive on Oct. 3 and Oct. 4 where they collected 1,948 pounds of electronic wastes, 1,099 pounds of household hazardous waste/chemicals, 64 pounds of batteries and 958 pounds of appliances and metals.

The PBPB EPA held a community collection drive the first weekend in October where unwanted hazardous household items were brought to the department on K Road.

It proved to be a successful venture with thousands of pounds of products being collected.

According to Virginia LeClere, Director of the PBPB EPA, proper disposal of items keeps the community safe and healthier. According to her email of Oct. 6, electronic waste represents only 2% of America's trash in landfills, but equals 70% of overall toxic waste.

In addition, the recycling of appliances also reduces the solid waste stream, and saves valuable energy and natural resources. Scrap steel, for example, is now processed to manufacture new products and today's manufacturers are beginning to depend on recycled materials to remelt into new products.

Lastly, household chemicals that accumulate in landfills are washed away periodically by rain which potentially drags them toward municipal water supplies thus damages the environment and safety of drinking water.

Wow! Total of 114 new registered voters on the reservation

“Get out the Native Vote” a big success!

By Suzanne Heck

This election year in Kansas Native Americans on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation decided that they were going to try and make a change. Through a "Get Out the Native Vote" campaign a group of local volunteers got organized and went door-to-door to get more people to vote.

And it worked. In less than a month, the committee had signed up 114 new registered voters for the Nov. 4 general midterm election.

After the Prairie Band News featured the voter campaign on the tribe's website (pbpindiantribe.com) on Sept. 23 it was picked up by Indianz.com, a national Indian internet news source on Oct. 15. In a story headlined "Native vote could offer some answers in Kansas" reporter Mark Trahan wrote: "If this election is the rise of independents, what about the role of the ultimate independents, American Indians? It's a small population, a little more than one percent of the state's population. There are four reservations, an urban population and a community of students at Haskell. Last week, the PBPN held a registration drive that included a taco dinner to door prizes at a powwow. In a state as close as Kansas that small community could provide a potent answer to "what's with Kansas."

The PBPN group organized after learning that Native Americans are one of the most unregistered groups of voters in the United States. Ten volunteers decided to organize a campaign with the help of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) that is one of the oldest, largest and most representative American

Indian and Alaska Native organizations in the United States. The PBPN campaign was patterned after an NCAI template called Native Vote (nativevote.org) that was created several years ago.

"We tried to hit as many locations on the reservation as possible," said Paula Hopkins, PBPN member and volunteer. "It was especially important to get the word out. PBPN government buildings like the Potawatomi Health Center, the Firekeepers Elder Center, and Boys & Girls Club were places where the volunteers set up registration tables. The group was particularly interested in targeting to Native Americans who have never voted like elders and young adults."

Throughout the month the group kept working to keep the community informed. Emails from Verna Simon, another volunteer, were consistent about how to get people to vote in advance and people could be seen wearing their nativevote.org buttons and t-shirts all around the reservation.

In an article titled "Grassroots groups tighten Kan. races" that appeared in the Lawrence Journal-World (Oct. 19), it reported that there were numerous local-level groups across the state and that part of it is to oust the state's conservative leaders whose policies have caused voters to become dissatisfied. Bob Beatty, a Washburn University political scientist, said that one of the reasons for the close governor's race was the same tactic that has happened with grassroots organizing- but it was happening from the center and the left.

On election night the PBPN held a Native Vote Election Day potluck at the Bingo Hall to celebrate their success of getting Native people involved.



PBPN member Mary Young exercised her right to vote in Mayetta on Nov. 4.



A Native Vote potluck was held the night of the election at the Bingo Hall where people could watch the voter returns on tv.



Tribal member Paula Hopkins holding 39 registrations that she collected during the Native Vote campaign. The campaign, overall, collected 114 new voter registrations that were delivered to the Jackson County Courthouse on Oct. 14.



Approximately 90 people attended the first potluck dinner that was held at the Bingo Hall on Oct. 13. At the event people were given the opportunity to register to vote and the dinner was also used to thank volunteers for participating in the first phase



Photo left (left to right) Kumos Hubbard, Verna Simon, Paula Hopkins and Harold Simon were core volunteers for the Get Out the Native Vote campaign.

Special thanks to all the volunteers

Attention allotment owners: Information on lease stipulations and conservation

Submitted by Kalonie Hulbatta, PBPN Division of Planning and Environmental Protection.

Possession of BIA land leased for farming and grazing begins January 1, 2015. These leases are approved for farming and grazing only. Activities including timber cutting, hunting, trash dumping, sub-leasing, mineral/rock extraction, etc. are prohibited unless the property owner has given consent and the BIA Superintendent has granted approval.

Landowners retain the right to grant business, oil and gas leases, right-of-way and other legal grants as specified in the lease. Landowners also retain the rights to all water except that required by livestock or for domestic purposes.

Lease lands containing conservation structures funded by Jackson County Conservation District cost share programs require the structures be maintained for the length of the lease. These conservation structures can include diversions and terracing. If cost share structures are present, the lessee is required to sign a maintenance agreement with the Conservation Board. In addition, if the structure was built using State cost share funds, the lessee must obtain a maintenance bond. The bond is used to repay the State Conservation Commission should the structure fail due to a lack of maintenance.

Required improvements to lease land are clearly indicated in the sale notice and must be completed by April 15 of the second year of the lease unless otherwise stated. These improvements must be assured by bond and will be in force for the duration of the lease or until completed and approved by BIA. Noxious weeds must be controlled on all lease lands. All fences on hayland must be maintained and

repaired as needed. Grazing periods are strictly enforced with minimum leaf height varying depending upon the grass type. Damaged water structures must be repaired within 60 days and bales must be removed within 2 weeks after baling. Pastureland must be mowed annually along waterways and around the perimeter. Brome and fescue must additionally be fertilized annually and receipts submitted by May 1.

Highly erodible (HEL) cropland requires a minimum of 30% residue at planting time and cannot have soybeans planted two years in a row unless they are no-till. This practice reduces erosion and sedimentation in streams and lakes as well as the amount of fertilizer and pesticide needed. Lessees are responsible for repairing terraces, diversions, waterways, outlet pipes and tile risers if damage occurs as well as any washouts or eroded areas. A soil test must be completed to determine fertilizer requirements for cropland and hay ground during the first year of the lease and results submitted to BIA. Only one crop may be harvested from the same land per year unless approved by the BIA Soil Conservationist. This includes cover crops and small grain harvested or pastured after May 1. Alfalfa, native, and improved grasses may not be plowed up without written permission from an approving officer.

CRP filter strips must be maintained according to NRCS specifications. This includes weed control and cutting trees. Controlled burning or mowing is recommended every three years to discourage unwanted growth. Grazing or haying of grass in a CRP filter strip is prohibited. For more information contact the PBPN Division of Planning and Environmental Protection at 785-966-2946.

Watershed assessment grant given to PBPN

By Verna Potts, Senior Environmental Technician

The Planning & Environmental Protection (PEP) Division's water program was selected by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to participate in a Section 203 watershed assessment that is totally being funded by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers at a value of \$100,000.

This projected study will analyze existing conditions of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) watershed, based upon available data. No new data will be generated as a programmatic condition of the grant. By using the watershed-based evaluation, information will be used to identify feasible plans to address current conditions that could address being with or without a watershed plan.

Last September, representatives from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, PBPN PEP Dept., PBPN Land's Dept., PBPN Road & Bridge Dept., Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, local Natural Resources Conservation Service, Kansas State University, and the Jackson County Conservation District all met with a contracting company called Vireo that will coordinate the assessment study and write the watershed assessment report.

Vireo is a planning and design firm that is in the business of creating healthy places for people and the firm is dedicated to designing environments that are attractive, livable, vibrant and sustainable. Vireo utilizes hydrologists, conservation ecologists, senior environmental planners, and a variety of other environmental professionals that are expected to have the final study completed by June of 2015.

The watershed assessment study should provide a valuable resource document for the Nation as it moves into the future.

Recognizing that water is directly tied to our economic, social and political structure, former President Jimmy Carter once said, "Human societies cannot be healthy, prosperous or just without adequate supplies of clean water."



Human Resource Department briefs

Employees of Quarter announced

Celeste Weber, from the Transit Department, and Laury Shopteese, from the Potawatomi Health Center, were selected as Employees of the Quarter for the second quarter and Don Don LeClere for the third quarter at the All Employee meeting held October 17 at the Bingo Hall.

Open enrollment for benefits held

In November Human Resources held open enrollment sessions where employees who wanted to make changes in their health and retirement plans could do so. Holiday gift certificates for Butterball turkeys were also handed out during that time.

Employee Recognition Breakfast held

On December 5 the Human Resources Department hosted an Employee Recognition Breakfast where employees with years of service were honored with certificates and plaques that were handed out by members of the Tribal Council.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Transit staff



The Transit Department staff: Front row, left to right, Amber Thomas, Celeste Weber, Nevika Kitchkommie, and Paula Keehn. Back row, left to right, Eugene Matchie, Rick Rector, Mario Kitchkommie and Martin Hale.

Tribal Victim Services promotes National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 4

**Walk a Mile in Their Mocs
highlights
awareness of domestic violence**



ABOVE:(Left to right) Liana Onnen, Tribal Chairperson, Rebekah Jones, Tribal Victim Services Director, and Potawatomi Tribal Chief of Police Shawn Walker led a march to make people aware of how to end domestic violence and to help others. The event took place on a chilly cold morning on Oct. 4 in Prairie Peoples Park but it didn't stop the hundreds of people who turned out for the walk.

Tribal Victim Services also sponsored a Wear- Purple Challenge in October where people spotted wearing purple clothes were given a door prize ticket. Almost 1,000 door prize tickets were given out during the month.

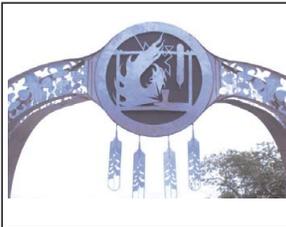
October 18

**Splatters That Matter Art Marathon
helps people to heal through art**

RIGHT: Carrie O'Toole, Tribal Council member, was photographed with artwork she produced at the Splatters That Matter Art Marathon held Oct. 18 at the Bingo Hall. The event brought families together to create art through several mediums that allow people to express their feelings through art. The marathon was held from 6 p.m. until midnight and was open to the public. In its third year, the event is a fun way for families and friends to come and interact and enjoy themselves with soothing music and refreshments. Splatters That Matter is an extension of the Healing Through Arts program that is sponsored by the Tribal Victim Services program.



October 25



LEFT: The beautiful arch in Prairie Peoples Park is the gateway to the park where many activities are held throughout the year. A new monthly activity that was held during the summer is Movies in the Park that Tribal Victim Services began last year. Families bring their lawn chairs and watch movies outside in the open air inside the arena. Popcorn and other refreshments are served and people watch movies that are geared to the family.

November 1

Trunk or Treat



ABOVE: The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department built a Flintstones car in one of the shelters in Prairie Peoples Park during the Trunk or Treat event. The police department are big supporters of the Trunk or Treat event each year and help make the night fun. Other primary sponsors of Trunk or Treat are Tribal Victim Services, Tribal Council, Boys & Girls Club, and the BBPN Diabetes Program. Volunteers meet for months in advance to organize the community event. In addition, other departments, programs, and individuals also provide Halloween-themed car trunks and displays.

Special thanks to Micki Martinez for the photos on this page. Micki is a Spotted CJONLINE photographer for the Topeka Capital-Journal and to see more of her work go to: www/beta.spotted.cjonline.com

**Health Center and Lands staff construct a
haunted trail for Trunk or Treat**

RIGHT: Workers from the Prairie Band Health Center and Lands Department were a big part of the volunteer effort for this year's Trunk Or Treat. From left to right is Thomasine Pahmahmie- Arteaga, Mi-kes Potts, Eddie Joe Mitchell, Verna Simon, Jason Davis, Nicki Dugan and Matthew Waits.



Ebola Virus Disease Facts

Here's some information provided by the Indian Health Service, a Division of the Public Health Service and Prairie Band Health Center

How is EBOLA spread?

EBOLA is only contagious when a person is showing symptoms. If someone is infected but is not sick, they cannot spread the disease.

EBOLA is spread by direct contact with blood, vomit, semen, feces, sweat, urine, saliva, and breast milk.

EBOLA is not airborne. It is spread by droplet contact, but is not transmitted by air, water, or food.

What are the symptoms of EBOLA?

EBOLA early symptoms are varied, consisting of fever, headache, joint and muscle aches, sore throat, and weakness. These symptoms appear abruptly. The next symptoms are diarrhea, vomiting, and stomach pain. Some patients may develop rash, red eyes, hiccups, and internal and external bleeding.

How long do symptoms take to appear?

EBOLA symptoms begin anywhere between 2 to 21 days after infection, though 8-10 days is most common.

How long can EBOLA live on surfaces?

Limited studies have shown that EBOLA virus can remain viable on solid surfaces for several days.

Health Center thanks Tribal Fire Department

The Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department (PTFD) was treated to muffins and coffee and given a thank you plaque from the Potawatomi Health Center that was presented by Bill Thorne, Health Center Administrator, on Nov. 19. In the photo (right) is Thorne with PTFD Chief Doug Schreiner.



Harvest Feast



Eddie Joe Mitchell coordinates the "Return to a Healthy Past" program



Traditional foods including soups, casseroles, and more were prepared by Goffy



The annual Harvest Feast was held Nov. 17 at the Bingo Hall where traditionally prepared foods were prepared by Goffy, a popular PBPN caterer. Members of the community also brought potluck dishes and desserts to share. The "Return to a Healthy Past" program sponsored the event and is a part of the Diabetes Program. Traditional foods that included turtle, bison, and fish were among some of the entrees served as well as many other dishes.

Keeping employees healthy



At left, Community Health Nurse Jeanette Little Sun gives a flu shot to Carrie O'Toole. Little Sun came to various work sites last fall to give the shots and the Human Resources Department reported that a total of 178 flu shots were given which is over half of the Nation's government employees.

Holiday weight-loss challenge draws 29 teams



The Holiday Weight Loss Challenge kicked off its first meeting on November 4 with a total of 145 people who signed up for the program. The challenge runs until the end of January where teams are competing with each other for the largest weight loss by a team. Prizes and t-shirts and other special incentives are being given throughout the competition as well as lots of good tips on healthy eating and exercise.

Prairie Band Health Center Q and A

Here is some information on the Prairie Band Health Center (PBHC) provided by Brenda Catron, R.N. and Nancy Henry, Purchased Referral Care Manager, who are on the PBHC staff.

Dental:

Q: When can I schedule an appointment for dental treatment?

A: Due to the high rate of broken appointments, the dental department cannot schedule appointments past 75 days. It will be the patient's responsibility to call and check on the availability of appointments for treatment needed.

Q: What if I have a dental emergency?

A: Patients with a severe toothache need to report to the dental department by 8 a.m. to be seen Monday through Friday. Patients with swelling will receive priority treatment. Due to only one dentist on staff, if he/she is not available to work on a given day, due to annual, sick or other leave status, emergency appointments won't be available.

Nursing/Scheduling:

Q: Why do I have to wait so long to see a doctor after my lab appointment?

A: Patient appointments are scheduled in 30 minute increments and do not overlap other appointments. Example: 9 a.m.-lab, 9:30 a.m.-nurse, 10 a.m. - doctor.

Q: When I call the office to speak to my provider I am routed to the nurse. Why is that?

A: Each nurse works with a specific provider therefore allowing the providers more patient care time.

Contract Health Services/Purchased Referral Care:

Q: I received a referral from the Prairie Band Health Center (PBPHC) doctor to a specialist for an evaluation. The specialist wants me to have an MRI. Will my referral cover this?

A: No, your referral will only cover what it states. If the referral says evaluation, it will only cover the office appointment to see the specialists. If the specialist wants to do any testing or procedures, you will need to get a new referral from the PBHC doctor. Please call the CHS/PRC representative or speak with your doctor during your next appointment to request a new referral.

Note: Any radiology or lab tests that can be done at the PBPHC will not be paid for if they are done elsewhere (unless it is an emergency service). If you are unsure please call the PBHC and ask.

Pharmacy:

Q: Will the recent rescheduling of hydrocodone have any affect on my obtaining a refill?

A: Yes. Hydrocodone products are now a schedule II controlled substance which adds an additional layer of laws to help insure the protection of the public's health and safety. Several of these laws state that a new written prescription must be issued each time a provider determines this medication is necessary for you. Additionally, phoned or faxed prescriptions to a pharmacy are not allowed.

Quality Assurance/Benefits:

Q: Why do I have to file for exemption for not having health insurance if I am Native American?

A: When you do your taxes and there is not an exemption on file for you, you will be penalized for not having insurance. You only need to file for the exemption once. When the letter of acceptance is sent to you there will be a personal exemption number that you will use on your taxes every year.



Photo courtesy of Gayle Babcock Architectural Imageworks

Non-Indian governmental employees and families now served at the PBP Health Center

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

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

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

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

Cobell Land Buy-Back program update

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Deputy Secretary of the Interior Mike Connor announced on November 20 that the Department's Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program) has paid more than \$225 million to individual American Indians for restoring the equivalent of 375,000 acres to tribal governments during the Program's first year of sending offers. Connor also announced 21 additional locations where the Program will begin implementation through the middle of 2017, bringing the total number of locations actively engaged in the Program to 42.

"We have turned the words of the Cobell Settlement into actions this year, taking significant and lasting steps toward our goal of making sure every available dollar is invested in land for tribal communities," said Deputy Secretary Connor, who chairs the oversight board of the Program, created to ensure the highest level of accountability within the Interior Department. "The Program is an exceptional opportunity that cannot be taken for granted. That is why we are committed to learning from every sale, and every location, to make adjustments where necessary that are transparent and fair to ensure that landowners are given every opportunity to make informed decisions about the potential sale of their land at fair market value."

The Buy-Back Program embodies the priorities set forth by the Obama Administration's goal to build effective partnerships with American Indian communities, promote sustainable economic development and tribal culture and protect tribal lands. The Program generates new opportunities to work more efficiently, stimulate community dialogue and facilitate land use planning, while ensuring that lands stay in trust for the benefit of tribal nations.

The 2014 Status Report includes critical observations that have been made during this year's implementation and details opportunities for increased feedback and input from tribal communities, including a scheduled March 2015 Listening Session to be hosted by Deputy Secretary Connor. Through experiences at initial locations and collaboration with tribes to date, the Program has also identified and outlined opportunities for improvement in all phases of its implementation.

The Buy-Back Program has also expanded its schedule of American Indian communities (in alphabetical order below) where land consolidation activities – such as planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, appraisals or acquisitions – are expected to take place through the middle of 2017:

- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation, California
- Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming and Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming
- Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation, Wisconsin
- Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana
- Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, California
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota
- Fond du Lac Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota
- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation, South Dakota
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, California & Arizona
- Round Valley Indian Tribes, Round Valley Reservation, California
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation
- The Osage Nation
- Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota
- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
- Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota

"In addition to the important momentum the Program has developed thus far, the announcement of 21 additional locations for implementation demonstrates our commitment to moving as swiftly as possible to ensure that the program has the widest possible impact across Indian country over the life of the program," said Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn. "I am confident that lessons learned by the Program staff so far, will be swiftly adapted, increasing flexibility and ensuring the Program's ability to succeed across a diverse range of tribal communities, each presenting different challenges."

The Cobell Settlement provided \$1.9 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at fair market value within a 10-year period. Individuals who choose to sell their interests will receive payments directly in their Individual Indian Money accounts. Consolidated interests are immediately restored to tribal trust ownership for uses benefiting the reservation community and tribal members.

There are approximately 245,000 owners of nearly three million fractional interests, spanning 150 Indian reservations, who are eligible to participate in the Buy-Back Program. This new total of 42 locations represents 83 percent of all outstanding fractional interests.

Sales of land interests will also result in up to \$60 million in contributions to the Cobell Education Scholarship Fund. This is in addition to the amounts paid to individual sellers, so it does not reduce the amount landowners receive for their interests. Already, Interior has transferred more than \$4.5 million to the Denver-based American Indian College Fund which administers the fund with 20 percent directed to the American Indian Graduate Center in Albuquerque, N.M. The scholarship fund is overseen by a five-member Board of Trustees. Initial scholarships are expected to be awarded in 2015.

**For more information
go to:
www.doi.gov/buybackprogram**

Prairie Band Potawatomi involved in first phase of Land Buy-Back Program

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was included in the first phase of the Land-Buy-Back Program as one of 21 American Indian communities for the program.

A presentation about the Buy-Back program was given at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort by Cobell Land-Buy-Back program experts on September 5.

The program provides a way that land owners can sell their fractionated portion of land back to the tribe that will keep the land in trust.

The program has been voluntary and been offered to willing sellers.

Christmas Store project will make a Merry Christmas for families

The Tribal Victim Services (TVS) program has been sponsoring their annual CHRISTMAS STORE project through partnering with members of the community who are donating a toy or two to assist with raising support for nominated families in need. TVS staff members asked people in the community to place a new and unwrapped toy in one of the donation boxes that were set up at the Government Center lobby, the Health Center lobby, and the lobby of the PBPB Fire station.

Families were nominated by meeting certain requirements and filtered through the TVS office that is located in the Social Services Department at the Health Center.

Other departments and programs also sponsored gift drives and raised funds to help families in need this year.

Directors and employees in leadership training seminar



Several directors and employees have been participating in an Executive Accountability Program during the last quarter that is oriented around developing behavioral styles, personal maturity and professional accountability.

The training was taught by Rich Drinon who owns the firm that teaches leadership, management and sales skills.

The group met in six three-hour sessions in the Government Center Training Room and discussed individual personality profiles using a behavioral model called DISC (Dominant, Inspiring, Supportive and Cautious). The model was used to educate employees about how to work together more efficiently and effectively.

Taryn Boswell We-Ta-Se princess



Taryn Boswell was crowned the We-Ta-Se pow-wow princess for 2014-2015. She attends Royal Valley and is the daughter of Mike and Anna Boswell. She is active in youth sports and is a member of the Royal Valley Singers & Dancers. The annual veterans We-Ta-Se pow-wow was held on Friday, Sept. 26 in Prairie Peoples Park.

Habitat for Humanity Language House



In a collaborative partnership with Topeka Habitat for Humanity, the PBPB has a new house that will be used for the Language Department to hold classes and other meetings. The new house was built to replace an older house that had to be demolished. The house is located on 158 Road west of K Road.

Tribal Council sponsors military Christmas gift drive

Tribal Council sponsored a gift drive for 15 tribal members who are in active military service this year. The drive has been popular in the past and several departments and programs have donated gifts that include hygiene products, nonperishable food items and other gifts that have the tribal seal on them. Tribal Council member Carrie O'Toole and her office administered the project.

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PBPB prepares for possible emergency disasters



Approximately 30 people including PBPB firefighters, paramedics and members of the Tribal Emergency Response Committee attended a two-day training in October given by the National Incident Management System (NIMS) at the Bingo Hall. The training teaches standardized approaches to managing incidents like natural disasters. NIMS falls under the Department of Homeland Security and is designed to facilitate coordination among responders at all levels of government.

Tribal Emergency Response Committee update



A group of directors and managers has been meeting at the Fire Department periodically to update and establish standard operating procedures that will help guide coordinated manpower and resource efforts to be used in the event of catastrophic emergencies that might take place on the reservation. EMS Director/Fire Chief Doug Schreiner has been heading up the meetings.

Meet Tribal Police Officer Danielle Wolf



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

Q: What is your title in the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department?
A: My title is Law Enforcement Officer.

Q: How long have you been working there?
A: I began my job with the Tribal Police Department last May.

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

Q: What is your academic background besides high school?
A: I earned an Associate of Science degree and Associate of Arts degree from Colby Community College in 2004. I earned a Bachelor's degree in Recreation from Fort Hays State University in 2006. I furthered my education at Emporia State University and received a Master's degree in Physical Education in 2009.

Q: Briefly, outline your past work experience?
A: I worked many small jobs while in college and my professional career outside of law enforcement was working as a Recreation Leader for 1 ½ years at Shawnee County Parks and Recreation in Topeka. I then decided to change my occupation and go into law enforcement.

Q: Where did you train to become a police officer?
A: I graduated from the Topeka Police Department Academy in October 2009 and following that was a patrol officer in Topeka until December 2013.

Q: What does it mean to you to work for the Tribal Police Department?

A: Working for the police department is like working with family. I love the small department and the community. It is really nice being able to be so close to everyone and I really feel loved and appreciated by everyone in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I look forward to becoming more involved in community events that will allow me to meet and learn more about the community.

Q: What goals would you like to achieve in your work with the police department?

A: I would like to eventually be in a supervisory position and instructor for the department. I enjoy educating others and spreading the knowledge I have gained. I also love interacting with the community and hope to organize more events.

Q: What would you like to tell the tribal membership about your work or life?

A: I have a strong passion for law enforcement and a work ethic that will drive me to succeed and make a difference in people's lives. I am active in the Topeka community and participate in recreational sports including softball and volleyball. I played collegiate softball while attending Colby Community College and have coached a few summer youth leagues. I enjoy spreading my passion for family, sports and a safe community for all to grow up and make memories.

Potawatomi Tribal Police Department honored for serving the community



The Tribal Police Department were thanked for their support of the Social Services Department and Tribal Victim Services on Oct. 3 at the Health Center. Officers were honored with cake and coffee and given a thank you plaque at the reception. In the photo (left to right) is Rebekah Jones, Police Chief Shawn Walker, Heather Davis and Bill Thorne. Jones is Tribal Victim Services Director, Davis is Director of Social Services and Thorne is Health Center Administrator.



Potawatomi Tribal Police officers (front row, left to right) Terry Clark, Matt Simpson, Wade Schneider, and Shawn Walker. (Back row, left to right) Derek Wamego, Benjamin Thursby, Tyler Shobney, John Calvert, Danielle Wolf, and Michael Holte.

Prescription Drug Take Back Program a success

The Tribal Police Department and Health Center Pharmacy held a Drug Take Back Day on Sept. 27 and collected 51 pounds of unused or expired prescription drugs. The free service is available year round and is anonymous with no

questions asked. Medications can be brought to the Tribal Police Department, 16344 Q Road, or dropped off at the Pharmacy Department located in the Health Center at 11400 158 Road.

Hope Adame wins National Head Start Administrator of the Year

Hope Adame, director of the PBPB Early Childhood Education Center, has been named the National Administrator of the Year by the National Head Start Association (NHSA).

She was first selected for the honor by the Kansas Head Start Association and then competed with other Region VII Head Start Association administrators from Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri. Following that, she learned that she had beaten all other nominees in the United States.

Adame will first be honored in Kansas on January 15 at the Webster Conference Center in Salina, Kansas and then attend the NHSA Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 29 to April 2. At both conferences she will be recognized for her achievements and services that were contributed during the 2013-2014 school year.

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



Adame (front and center) with other childcare center staff.

Justine Berryhill selected for Brazelton Touchpoints Center Leadership Development Program

Justine Berryhill, Family Service Specialist for the Childhood Education Center, was selected and has been attending the American Indian Early Childhood Community Leadership Development Program by the Brazelton Touchpoints Center that began last fall in Boston.

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

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

Early Childhood Education Center holds inservice

Every summer before the Early Childhood Education Center begins their class curriculums, teachers and staff from the Center participate in a week-long series of training.

Last summer around 30 workers from the Early Childhood Education Center attended a week-long inservice training at the Bingo Hall that included a variety of topics on children.

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

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



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



Childcare Center Halloween fun at the Boys & Girls Club



Kids and parents had fun dressing up for Halloween and trick or treating at the Boys & Girls Club and Elders Center on Oct. 30. Every year departments and programs within the Prairie Band government set up tables and displays where they pass out treats to the children.



Venida Chenault inaugurated as seventh president of Haskell

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation came out in full support when Dr. Venida Chenault, a tribal member, was inaugurated as Haskell Indian Nations University's (HINU) seventh president on Sept. 17.

Several members of Chenault's family wore regalia in her honor while the Royal Valley dancers performed and Little Soldier Singers drummed. In addition, We-Ta-Se American Legion Post # 410 posted colors and some PBPB spoke during the event.

Stephen Prue, Executive Assistant at HINU, was the master of ceremonies, and introduced other dignitaries who offered remarks that included PBPB Chairperson Liana Onnen, University of Kansas Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, William Mendoza of the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education, Lionel Bordeaux, former Haskell Board of Regent, Robert Martin, former Haskell president, Joshua Arce, son of President Chenault, and Russell Bradley, president of the Haskell Board of Regents.

Chenault began her educational career at Haskell in the fall of 1975 and spring of 1984. She transferred to the University of Kansas where she earned her Bachelor's in Social Welfare and Master's in Social Welfare in May of 1990 before returning to work at Haskell as a faculty member in 1991. In 2005 Dr. Chenault completed her doctorate and was selected as Vice President of Academic Affairs where she served for 14 years. Other honors bestowed on Chenault: selected an American Indian College Fund Mellon Fellow, receiving the American Indian Leadership Award in 2005 from the University of Kansas Indigenous Studies Program, recipient of the Haskell Outstanding Alumni of the Year for her contribution to Indian Education in the spring of 2009.

After the inauguration there were tours of the campus and a special display exhibited in the cultural center honoring Chenault, and HINU's 130 year history. The day ended with a traditional native food dinner at the pow-wow grounds.



Tribal Chairperson Liana Onnen photographed with KU Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little before the ceremony. Both women spoke at the inauguration.



Dr. Venida Chenault with her son, Joshua Arce during the processional at the ceremony. Arce spoke at the inauguration about his mother and he is also the chief information officer at Haskell. Additionally, he sits on the PBC&R Entertainment Board.



Teepees were on display at Haskell this fall and made a nice backdrop for this photograph. In the picture, left to right, is Ramona Cole, HINU President Venida Chenault, and Linda Yazzie. Cole and Yazzie wore regalia on behalf of Chenault's inauguration. (Photo by Larry Cole)



Haskell Cultural Center showcases exhibits in honor of Chenault



Special new exhibits were displayed at the Cultural Center that showcased Chenault's cultural heritage. The displays were designed by Jancita Warrington (PBPB) who works at the Cultural Center. In addition, Warrington created another display in the center that highlighted important people who have been affiliated with Haskell. The Cultural Center is located near the entrance to the university.



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2014 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; Tribal Council meets with Brownback in government to government meeting; Prairie Band member Venida Chenault selected president of Haskell Indian Nations University.

February-PBPN veteran Roy Hale honored at the Jackson County/Holton Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in Holton, Kan; Tribal Victim Services program receives two awards from Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence; Tribal Council signs new Veterans Administration Reimbursement Agreement Plan; Prairie Band Casino & Resort holds 2014 Employee Awards Banquet.

March-Brenda Catron named 2013 Employee of the Year and Robbie Lange for winter quarter at the PBPN All-Employee Meeting held at the Bingo Hall on March 12. Second series of Estate and Will Planning Workshops held to assist elders with wills and estate matters.

April-On April 7-8 youth language students win trophies at Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in Norman, Okla. On April 27 the Seventeenth Annual Earth Day is held. Tribal Council/Gaming/Ethics Commission election begins. Twenty candidates file for four offices with no filing for the Ethics Commission. PBPN form partnership with Topeka Habitat for Humanity to build language house on reservation. PBPN participates in state-wide health study as part of Healthy Kansas Tribes 2020 Initiative. PBPN Community Health Assessment Team completes surveys to be compiled into report for 2014 larger study. Education Department announces partnership with Bryan University. Student

Recognition Night held April 16 at the Bingo Hall; Employees of the Quarter (tie vote for 2nd quarter) are Celeste Weber and Laury Shopteese.

May-PBPN selected as one of 21 tribes for Cobell Settlement Land Buy-Back Program by DOI. Early Childhood Education Center end of year pow-wow held May 15. Tribal Council invited to First Lady Michelle Obama's speech in Topeka on education.

June-Tribal Council Secretary Jim Potter killed in motorcycle/deer accident on June 11. The Prairie Band Potawatomi annual pow-wow is held June 13-15 at Prairie Peoples Park. Sophia Suke is named 2014 princess. Tribal Council and other staff travel to a Town-Hall meeting in Wisconsin for PBPN members third week in June.

July-Tribal Council travels to Shabbona, Illinois to dedicate historical marker for Chief Shabbona. The Tribal Council/Gaming/Ethics Commission election is held July 26 and Warren Wahweotten Jr. wins Council person # 1. Other positions result in a run-off election for Tribal Chairperson between Liana Onnen and Arlene Shipshew Wahwasuck, Tribal Secretary between Camilla Chouteau and Anita G. Pahmahmie Evans and Calvin Evans and Rey Kitchkumme for Gaming Commissioner #3; Don Don LeClere named Employee of the Quarter.

August-Run-off Election held Aug. 23 and Liana Onnen is elected Tribal Council Chairperson, Camilla Chouteau elected Tribal Council Secretary and Rey Kitchkumme is elected Gaming Commissioner #3. Onnen and Kitchkumme sworn in to office on Aug. 28; Several PBPN members travel to Michigan for the Potawatomi Gathering hosted by the Gun Lake Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band the first week in

August.

September- Camilla Chouteau sworn in to office as Tribal Council Secretary on Sept. 8; Cobell Land Buy-Back Program presentation given at casino on Sept. 5 regarding a fractionated lands program being offered by the DOI; PBPN Venida Chenault is inaugurated as President of Haskell Indian Nations University. On Sept. 26 We-Ta-Se veterans host the 17th annual pow-wow and Taryn Boswell is crowned 2014 We-Ta-Se princess; Firekeeper Golf Course and Prairie Band Casino & Resort host Symetra Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour.

October-Volunteer committee organizes a local "Get Out the Native Vote" campaign for upcoming general election on Nov. 4 and registers 114 people on the reservation. PBPN receive NCAI designation of being "put on the map." Liana Onnen and Camilla Chouteau represent PBPN at National Congress of American Indians Annual Conference in Atlanta.

November-Hope Adame wins Headstart Administrator of the Year by the Kansas Head Start Association Scholarship and Awards and later National Headstart Administrator of the Year. Hattie Mitchell honored as Topeka "20 Under 40" recipient and is a keynote speaker at Kansas Food Conference in Manhattan. Tribal Council representatives make travel to regional BIA in Minnesota for land application in Illinois; Tribal Council attends Kansas Water Conference in Manhattan, Kan.; Don Don Leclere and Mary LeClere named Honored Elders for 2014 at Firekeepers Elder Center.

December-Tribal Chairperson Liana Onnen attends sixth annual White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C.; Tribal Victim Services sponsors

Enrollment news

Town hall meeting on Enrollment held

A town hall meeting regarding enrollment was held on Dec. 6 at the casino.

Tribal Council held the meeting to learn how tribal members feel about possible changes in the enrollment process.

For specific information on the meeting and to download other meeting minutes and information go to the tribal member log in site on the tribal website or call the Tribal Secretary's office at 785.966.3922.

*"I want to thank the PBPN Tribal Council and everyone for allowing me to serve 12 years on the Enrollment Review Committee."
-Marilyn Hale-Wakolee (Num-weh)*



Ann DeCoteau was sworn in as a new member to the Enrollment Committee on Nov. 12 by Vice Chairperson Joyce Guerrero in Tribal Council chambers.

Marilyn Wakolee-Hale honored for service on Enrollment Committee



Marilyn Wakolee-Hale (Num-weh) was honored with a Pendleton blanket on Nov. 12 for her years of work on the Enrollment Committee. In the photo (left to right) with Hale are Tribal Council members Joyce Guerrero, Tom Wabnum, and Camilla Chouteau.

(Photo by Linda Yazzie)

Senior moments

Halloween fun at the Elder Center



The Elder Center had a Halloween party on Oct. 30 and there were lots of laughs during the broom game. Several elders wore costumes to the party that included door prizes and refreshments.

Elders support Native Vote



These three elders were photographed wearing their Native Vote t-shirts on election day at the Elder Center. From left to right is Alvina LaClair, Kitty Shopteese and Sara Gartenmayer. The women were seen putting a puzzle together in the Activities room.

Keeping a pulse on the community!



Staff from the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department are available weekdays during lunch at the Elder Center to offer blood pressure checks to elders. On the day this photograph was taken, Lester "Corky" Sumner (center) was getting a check from Riley Spencer (left) and Justin Dollard.

Don Don LeClere and Mary LeClere selected as honored elders at Elder Center banquet

Don Don LeClere and Mary LeClere were chosen as this year's honored elders at a dinner held on Oct. 22 at the Firekeepers Elder Center.

Don Don has worked for the PBPB for over 20 years and is in the Construction Maintenance Department.

Mary recently retired from the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department and also worked for the PBPB for many years.

Both honorees and their families were feted with a dinner and afterward several elders watched the Kansas City Royals baseball game at the Center.

Elder Center Thanksgiving



Almost 200 diners attended the annual Elder Center Thanksgiving dinner held Nov. 13. Elders were served lots of good food and were served by casino employees who also offered several door prizes from the PBC&R gift shop.

The Elder Center and other PBPB Government and Health Center offices will be closed for

Christmas holiday

Dec. 24

&

Dec. 25

and

New Years holiday

Dec. 31

&

Jan. 1

Kids play!



Several Prairie Band youth participated in the Kansas City Chiefs Play 60 Youth Sports Clinic that was held at the new Lawrence Sports Pavilion in Lawrence, Kan. on Oct. 29. Diabetes Program Lifestyle Coach Matt Waits and some parents accompanied the youth to the clinic.

(Special thanks to Tracy Potts)

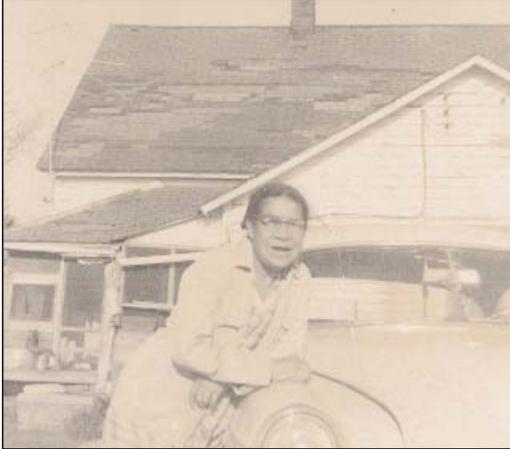


William Evans and his son stop for a Halloween photo.



Early Childhood Education Center children had a fun day on Oct. 30 picking up candy for Halloween from PBPB departments and program staff in the Boys & Girls Club gym.

Does anyone know who this is?



This old photograph was brought to the News by Virgil "Wamp" Shopteese who wonders if anyone knows who this person is? Please contact the News Department at 785.966.3920.

Last of the Navajo Code Talkers dies



In the photo above, left, is We-Ta-Se veteran Emery Hale who was photographed with the late Chester Nez, who was the last of the original Navajo Code Talkers in World War II. Nez made a visit to the reservation a few years ago and was photographed with Hale at the We-Ta-Se veterans museum. Nez died on June 4 in Albuquerque.

Share your good news in the Potawatomi News!

Thanks from Jacob!



The family of Jacob D. Walter would like to thank all of the people who helped make the trash-bag fund raising effort a big success at the Holy Family Catholic School in Topeka.

From:

Mary and Dan Walter (parents) and Bernadette Lewis (grandmother)

Warrington elected to KU School of Law Board

Burton W. Warrington, CEO and President of Prairie Band, LLC, was recently elected to a three year term on the University of Kansas School of Law Alumni Board of Governors. As a Governor, Warrington will help further the purpose of the Association which is dedicated to advancing the intellectual and material development, growth and continued excellence.

Warrington, Prairie Band Potawatomi, Menominee and Ho-Chunk, was raised in northern Wisconsin and presently resides on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He holds a law degree from the



University of Kansas School of Law and a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from Haskell Indian Nations University.

The Board was first established in 1967 for the charitable and educational purpose of strengthening loyalty, friendship, support, commitment and communication among all graduates, former students, current students, faculty, staff, and all other interested friends and supporters of the University of Kansas School of Law. The school of Law has over 6,000 alumni living in all 50 states and in 20 or more foreign countries.

Artist Joseph Kabance curates art exhibit to benefit Native American youth in New York City

Joseph W. Kabance (PBBN) helped curate an art exhibition called Manhattan Today: Indigenous Art of N.Y.C. at the LeRoy Neiman Art Center in Harlem, N.Y. from Oct. 14 to Nov. 14. The exhibit also included a sale that featured 27 artists from the Americas and Pacific.

Kabance is vice chair of the board of directors of an organization called Nitchchen, Inc. that advocates for New York City's Native American children and youth. The organization was founded in 1993 to improve the lives of Native American youth.

Kabance has lived in the East for 40 years and presently resides in Woodstock, NY.

Good job Natalie Fish on being selected the first Lady Viking golfer to be named to the 2014 All City Golf Team of Topeka!

Natalie is a senior at Seaman High School and the daughter of Ursula and Terry Fish Sr. and granddaughter of Bozo and Judy Wabaunsee.



Tiwenmo eginigyán
(happy day you were born)



Happy 1st Birthday
Kweh-kweh-gee
on
Oct. 22
Love,
Mom & Dad,
Grandma Mauds & Misho Mike
&
the Mitchell Family



A quarter of a
century in making
my world one of
the **HAPPIEST!**

Happy Birthdy
Damon

Love,
Mom
&
Roman



Happy Birthday
to my dear brother
Ron Wahweotten
on
December 26th

From,
Cheryl Walker



Trulee, 8
January 28



Tressa, 10
January 13

Love,
Grandma Paula,
Mom, Dad & Family

Happy 13th Birthday
Jaiden!



We love you so much. You are our star. With
each day we grow more proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Chris, Tyrion, Ant & Peachy



Happy 92 Birthday
Alvina LaClair
on
December 21
Love,
Your Kids



Happy 3rd Birthday Missa
on
Dec. 20
We love you!

Nis & Family



Happy Birthday
to my
darling daughter Cissy Rose
on
December 7
Love,
Mom

Happy 6th Birthday
Shanehse Williams
on
November 21

Love,
Mom, Dad, Tyesah, Talisha,
Tyus & Auti



Ganiçák
(those who are born)

Welcome to our world
little lady!



Mabel Malaya Grace Negonsott
"Oshnick"

Born: Sept. 22, 2014
Weight: 8 lbs., 8 oz.
Height: 19 3/4 in.

Parents: John & Sarah Negonsott

Mege Wige! Thank you to my family,
Potawatomi and Kickapoo relatives and
freinds. In my 75 years of birthdays, this was
the BEST and first surprise party ever!
Love you all!
Num-weh
Marilyn Hale Wakolec

Engagement

Mary Aguilar & Gunzy Wahquahboshkuk, Mayetta
and
Sherri & Bo Wheless, Mayetta
announce
the engagement of their children
Marie Wahquahboshkuk
and
Eric Tessendorf
Their marriage is planned
for June 2015
in
Crystal Beach, Texas.

Marie works as a Certified Nurses Aid and Eric attends
Coffeyville Community College where he plays football.
The couple plans to further their educations after they
marry.



THANK YOU!

Thanks to the PBPN
community for support-
ing me during my leg-
islative run in the
Midterm Election.
Although I did not win
District 61 State
Representative I appre-
ciate all of you who
helped me with my
campaign and the suc-
cess of the Get Out the
Native Vote grass-roots
effort that shows that
your vote can make a
difference.

Sincerely,

Vivien Olsen

Kambottek (those who died)

Paul "Kee-o-kuk" Lawrence

TOPEKA- Paul Abraham Lawrence, 46, of Topeka, KS passed away September 21, 2014 at Midland Hospice House. He was born September 21, 1968 in Topeka the son of John Pasley and Myra Matchie. He was adopted as an infant by Donald Lawrence and Charlotte (Nation) Lawrence.

Paul worked as a painter and concrete construction. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include a son, Christopher Kacevich of Worcester, MA; 2 daughters, Brittany Kacevich of Worcester, MA and Savannah Lawrence of Topeka, KS; his adopted mother, Charlotte Lawrence of Lindale, TX; his biological mother, Myra Matchie of Mayetta, KS; 4 adopted sisters, Cindy Jedlicka of Scurry, TX, Sharon Garland of Arlington, TX, Barbara Powe of Irving, TX and Michelle Jarmon of Georgia; 2 adopted brothers, Randy McKinney of Mesquite, TX and Mark McKinney of Lewisville, TX; 3 biological sisters, Ruta Mendez of Mayetta, KS, Marji Heim of Mayetta, KS and Lori Pasley of Topeka, KS; 4 biological brothers, Benny Nioco of Topeka, KS, Raymond Nioco of Holton, KS, Sam Barrow of Valley Falls, KS and Clint Pasley of Topeka, KS; 12 nieces and nephews; 1 great-niece and 1 great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his adopted father, Donald Lawrence; his biological father, John Pasley and an adopted sister, Donna Gage.

Drum services will be Wednesday evening, September 24, 2014 at the Danceground Building. Burial will be Thursday afternoon at Thunder Eagle Cemetery. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

Melvin H. "Sonny" Jessepe

Melvin H. "Sonny" Jessepe, 67, formerly of Mayetta, died Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at the Marshalltown Medical Center in Marshalltown, Iowa.

He was born December 25, 1946 in Holton, the son of Henry and Margaret Wabski Jessepe. He graduated from Washburn University in 1997 with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science. He was also a licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor.

Sonny was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He spent most of his life in Topeka and attended Sullivan Chapel.

He was currently working at the Meskwaki Casino in Tama, Iowa where he had lived for the past 13 years. He had been previously employed with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sunny Sue Jessepe and brothers, Chris and Theodore Puckkee, Algernon Jessepe, and sisters, Mary Earwood and Stephanie Sullivan.

Survivors include a daughter, Marlena Jordan and husband Kevin, Mayetta, and four grandchildren, Jaime, Adria, Marliisa and Kobe. He is also survived by longtime companion, Lillian Edwardson, and many nieces and nephews, including Rhonda Puckkee.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 7th at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Dance Ground Cemetery. Sonny will lie in state until 3:00 p.m. Monday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt. He will lie in state after 4:00 p.m. Monday at Sister Therese Klepac Hall on the church grounds, where a Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloxksfuneralhome.com

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

Judith Illene Harrison

Judith Illene Harrison, 73, of Topeka, died November 19, 2014 at her residence.

She was born on March 2, 1941 in Holton, Kansas the daughter of Jacob and Celeste (Seymour) Vanderblomen. She was a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Judith was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister. She is survived by a brother John Vanderblomen, sister, Joyce Cox of Alvin Texas and a half-brother, William Wilbur.

Judith will lie in state at the Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home on Friday, November 21, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Graveside services will be held on Friday at 3:00 p.m. at the Prairie People's Cemetery on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation.

Online condolences and fond memories may be left at www.brennanmathenaflh.com.

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



Francis (Kitch-kommie) "Hap" Jensen

HOLTON-Francis (Kitch-kommie) "Hap" Jensen, 90, of Holton, KS died Nov. 6, 2014 at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka.

He was born on Dec. 29, 1923, on the Potawatomi Reservation near Mayetta, KS. He was the son of Mary (Pah-Kish-Ko-Quah) and Viggo Jensen. He attended Miller School on the reservation, Mayetta High School and Kansas City Barber School.

Francis was a Barber for 56 years including 53 years on the north side of the square in Holton. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Evangel

United Methodist Church, Jackson Country Historical Society, We-Ta-Se Post #410 American Legion serving as Chaplin and Honor Guard, VFW Post #1367 serving as past Commander. He served the community in many ways including coaching Little League Baseball for 15 years, serving as the commissioner for little league, Boy Scout Leader for 15 years, being key in the beginning of Holton High School girls basketball, managing the VFW hospital equipment for many years and a World War II veteran. He was also honored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce by inducting him into their Hall of Fame.

On May 20, 1949, he married Pauline Johnson of Circleville she preceded him in death. He was also preceded by his parents, and brother and son Mike. Survivors include two sons and their spouses, Dr's Jack and Allison of Houston, Texas, Dr. Howard and Donna of Wathena, KS, and daughter-in-law Julie of Mayetta, seven grandchildren, five great grandsons, six great granddaughters including his name sake (Mya Frances), a sister Marie Bailey of Topeka, KS, many beloved nieces and nephews and his great friend Betty Wheeler.

Services will be at the E.U.M. Church in Holton at 10:30 a.m. Nov.10, 2014. Burial with military honors, conducted by We-Ta-Se Post #410, will be in the Holton Cemetery with flag presentation by Holton V.F.W.

The family will greet friends from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Sunday at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial contributions be made to the Evangel Methodist Church Youth Fellowship Scholarship Fund c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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John T. Shopteese

John T. Shopteese, 76, of Savage, MN, formerly of Mayetta, KS passed away Nov. 16, 2014.

Survived by his wife, Joanne; daughters: Jodie (Trevor) Sheets, Janelle (Michael) Hermann, and JoLynn (Byron) White; grandchildren: Lauren, Dawson, Maleah, Jillian, Mason, Kalyani; siblings: Shirley Munoz and Robert Shopteese; also by other loving relatives and friends.

Maternal grandparents were Jane (Wahquahboshkuk) Wahweotten and McKinley (stepgrandfather); Paternal grandparents were Mary Ann Tomey and Longhair Shopteese.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at Our Lady of the Snows in Mayetta. Rosary will be recited 6:00 p.m. Monday evening at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in the Shipsee Cemetery. Memorials will be forwarded by family in lieu of flowers to some of John's favorite charities c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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**Potawatomi Health Center
Listening Session
Jan. 8
3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Health Center conference room**

A listening session is being held to give patients and community members a chance to ask questions about programs, policies, plans for the future and concerns about service quality.

Listening for the clinic are: **Bill Thorne- Administrator, Terry Harter- Medical Director, Brenda Catron- Nursing Supervisor, Blaine Knox- Dental Director, and Elaine Mzhickteno-Behavioral Health Supervisor**

BIG BEAR MOON Traditional Powwow
Strengthening our families through togetherness

NEW YEARS EVE
December 31st
PEPN Bingo Hall
16277 Q RD, Maudette KS

Pot-Luck Dinner: 5:30PM
Grand-Entry: 7PM
Two Step Special: Midnight

HEAD STAFF
Color Guards: We Ta Se
MC: Chago Hale
Arena Director: Roger Lewis
Honor Drum: Little Soldier
Invited Drums: Rockin K, Buffalo Eagle
Head Men Dancer: Lyman Shipshee
Head Women Dancer: Landri James

Join us for a fun night as we celebrate the NEW YEAR with a traditional powwow encouraging healthy choices and a safe community. This is a DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT. ALL Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Bring a side dish to share with the community. Host programs not responsible for accidents or injuries. Questions contact TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES at 785.966.8330