



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Summer 2010

Twelve candidates vie for seats in the Tribal Council/Gaming Commission Election

Nine candidates have filed for three seats on the Tribal Council and three candidates have filed to become a member of the Gaming Commission.

Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah) and Theresa L. Jessepe Murray will vie against each other for chairperson; Dawn "Sogi" LeClere, Jim "Wabaunsee" Potter, Paul Vega and Noah Wahquahboshkuk, will compete against each other for secretary; and Juanita Jessepe, Warren "Junior" Wahweotten and "Nis" Susie M. Wilbur will vie for council person #1. Those competing for Gaming Commission are Anna (Wahwassuck) Boswell, Rey Kitchkumme and Jona Rupnicki.

Candidates filed for the positions in April. Profiles and photos of the candidates are listed inside this issue of the *News* on pages 11-17.

Ballots were mailed to registered voters on June 10 and must be received in the pre-addressed return envelope that came in the mailing packet with the ballot. Ballots must be returned by 9 a.m. on July 24 which is the day of the election. Please allow one to two weeks for mailing back your ballot.

If no candidate wins by a majority vote plus

one, there will be a run-off election that will follow four weeks after the election. The two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the first election will face each other in a run-off election in order to determine a winner. In the chairperson election, however, since there are only two candidates running, whoever gets the highest number of votes will win regardless of the majority vote rule.

Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting for the tribal membership that will be conducted by the Election Board at the Bingo Hall. Votes will be tabulated electronically.

The Election Board shall issue the unofficial election results immediately after the conclusion of the tabulation and any protests must be filed within three business days following the election.

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

The Elections Board is now a part of Member Services and housed on the upper level of the Government Center.

Voters Guide inside

See inside pages for profiles
submitted by the candidates and
other election highlights.

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Cecelia "Meeks" Jackson honored for preserving Potawatomi language

Cecelia "Meeks" Jackson was honored on May 12 in a ceremonial dinner at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort for her life's work on the Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) reservation and for helping to preserve the Potawatomi language.

Over 200 people attended the dinner that was sponsored by Tribal Council and the Language Department. It was a surprise to Jackson who celebrated the occasion with family members and friends.

Jackson has been instrumental for her ability to comprehend and bridge together four languages including Potawatomi, Odawa, Ojibwe and English for use in composition. She has played a key role in the development of all Language Department documents and materials that have been created since the department began in 1998. Through Jackson's efforts a Prairie Band Potawatomi dictionary, two audio/video DVD books, and Stories of the Potawatomi book have been written as well as a grammar book recently published that was presented to her at the dinner by Leo Nadeau of the Language Department.

Former Language Coordinator

Laverne Haag gave the keynote address and said that she had learned a lot from Jackson who, in her opinion, is the last remaining fluent speaker on the Prairie Band reservation. Other members of the Language Department also voiced their appreciation of Jackson



Cecelia "Meeks" Jackson, third from left, was feted with a surprise dinner on May 12. Others in the photo, left to right, are Kumos Hubbard, Paula Hopkins and Jan Hubbard.

including Nadeau, Larry Berryhill, Cindy LeClere, Billy Matchie, Lyman Shipshee, and Olivia Pewamo and children from the language sessions also sang a couple of songs in Potawatomi.

Also speaking at the dinner was Chago Hale, who was the evening's emcee, and Tribal Council Chairperson Steve Ortiz who thanked Jackson for her

*Meeks is the last remaining
fluent Potawatomi speaker
on the Prairie Band reservation...*

*-Laverne Haag,
former Language Coordinator*

work. He was joined by other Council members including Junior Wahweotten, Hale, and Carrie O'Toole who gave Jackson some thank you gifts.

Following those presentations, family members were asked to speak and the evening concluded with a performance by the Little Soldier Singers and drum group who sang while members of the audience came forth to individually thank Jackson for her work.

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Message to the Nation from Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Chairperson

During the 2nd quarter I was selected by the Department of Health and Human Services to be the tribal facilitator for Region 7 Tribes in a joint meeting with Region 6 Tribes. Tribes from the Midwest and Southwest came together to discuss and give recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on how to have a more positive impact on communicating program changes to tribes and the eligibility for tribes to participate in more DHHS programs. Over \$700 billion has been allocated to the DHHS budget for 2010 which covers 10 agencies under its umbrella and Indian Health Service (IHS) is one of those agencies. There is funding available from the other nine agencies in which Indian tribes can participate.

One of the main issues discussed was that Compacted Tribes (which PBPN is one of) can seek funding from the other nine agencies and Direct Services Tribes (Managed by IHS) are ineligible to seek the funding because one government agency cannot give money to another agency. Some tribes, for various reasons, have opted not to accept American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and these funds should be opened up to tribes who are willing to accept the funding. The cost of accounting for ARRA funds is a factor in that ARRA funds have to be accounted for separately from normally allocated annual funding to tribes and state governments. To date we have received ARRA funds for health operations/equipment and road maintenance/equipment.

Also during the quarter, I attended the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 Tribal Consultation meeting along with tribes from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri. The meeting was held to introduce the new regional administrator and to learn about his commitment to seek more input from tribes. Presently, tribes have to fit their EPA programs into EPA-funded projects and priorities which a majority of the time may not fit the individual tribe's needs. The tribes need to have funding to meet their needs. This was a key issue brought forth by tribal

leaders. Examples of how other agencies consult with tribes were presented and will be looked into by the EPA regional administrator.

In other news this quarter, I was nominated to be a member of the EPA Tribal Committee and am waiting to hear if I was selected. Additionally, I sent a letter to National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Chairman George Skibine informing him if any more information was needed concerning the Shab-eh-nay land project. In return, I was informed that the question of the land's reservation status had been sent to the Interior Department. The Interior Department has suggested that through our in-house tribal lawyers the PBPN should consider going through the Trust Application process to shore up support in lawsuits by any challengers. Tribal Council needs to vote on the matter. At this point under our current direction with no application made, we remain unsure of when a decision will be rendered on the Shab-eh-nay land's eligibility for gaming. Also, Skibine is no longer NIGC chair and the NIGC is now composed of a new three-member board who will need to be re-informed about Shab-eh-nay.

In other activities:

- During the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Winter Legislative Meeting I took time to visit with Kansas Senator Sam Brownback to discuss the Apology by the United States Government over the treatment of American Indians. The apology was supported by the NIGA leadership and the PBPN is a member of NIGA. The Apology was passed by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Barrack Obama. Indian Country would like to see a special meeting held by the U.S. President as a way to recognize the Apology. The Tribal Council is supporting funding to elect Sen. Brownback as the next Governor of Kansas.

- Tribal Council is working on meeting with the IHS Area Director and the Legislative Lawyer for the National Indian Health Board to better understand all the benefits to Indian Country of the Healthcare

Bill and Indian Healthcare Improvement Act. Both bills are undergoing rule making changes and more information will be available later this summer on how the bills will impact the tribes.

- A "soft" opening of the Fire Keeper Golf Course is being planned for 2010. Management of the course will continue in 2010 under NBIII (Notah Begay III Consulting) to ensure the course is successful with its greens development and operations. The clubhouse and road are nearing completion and will hopefully be done by mid-summer.

- Tribal Council has begun a review of our Social Services operation and plans to have it completed by August.

- PBPN Housing Authority was scheduled to make applications available for the Nationwide Housing improvement program June 1, 2010 and to begin accepting applications on June 8, 2010.

- Kansas' expanded gaming effort still continues to take unexpected turns. The Dodge City casino with a hotel has opened. A new player in the casino arena has surfaced and it is the Wyandotte Tribe in Oklahoma. The Wyandotte Tribe plans to open a class 2 casino in Park City outside of Wichita, Kan. The Wyandotte Tribe applied to the Interior Department to open the class 2 casino in the mid-1990s and it is rumored that the Department of Interior will rule later this summer on whether the land is eligible for gaming. The Chisholm Creek Group, who at one time was formally partners with Harrah's, have pulled out of building a casino in South Central Kansas near the city of Wichita. Kansas has reopened the bidding for another gaming developer.

- Lastly, Tribal Council will be holding its annual town hall meeting in Wisconsin on June 26. A tribal flag posting of colors to honor veterans will be held at the Highground Veterans Park in the afternoon up there.



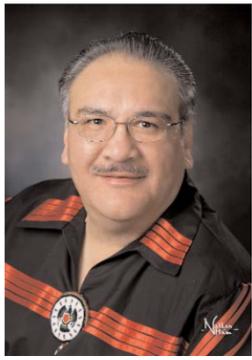
Don't miss
this year's
Potawatomi Gathering
Shawnee, Oklahoma
August 6-7
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Citizen Potawatomi Nation



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Message to the Nation from Jim Potter, Tribal Council Secretary

Things to Remember and to Be Grateful For

Before I get into this article in regard to the title, I want to let you know that the tribal member data access portion of the Nation's website is almost finished. What I mean by "almost finished" is that when that portion of the website goes live, members will be able to access it from the main website by clicking on a button and registering. Please keep in mind that documents in the tribal-member database will continually be updated and right now all the documents to be uploaded aren't ready. Once that phase is complete (which should be soon), the secretary's office will upload documents as they become available for tribal members to view. Continue to check back to the main website and look for the navigation link that will become available to access the tribal-member data.

The month of May included a very important holiday for my family, as well as for many of you, which was Memorial Day. For my family it is a day to reflect and remember the past contributions of family members who helped make the future bright. Family warriors, past and present, have helped ensure that our world is safe so that we can have many good times to share. Memorial Day is a time to reflect, respect and honor those who have defended our Nation. It is also a time when families and friends come together to enjoy each other's company and to laugh, joke, visit, and pray.

Memorial Day weekend was a very busy time. Time was spent going to the cemeteries' where our loved ones have been laid to rest and paying our respects and cherishing the memories we had of them and with them. As long as these memories linger on, then those deceased still live within us, and this is really what makes a family and Nation of people. It is our memories and the teaching of values passed from generation to generation that guide us to be who we are.

Another event I always enjoy is our PBPB memorial ceremony that honors all of our veterans or warriors and asks in prayers for all our people and our

women folk, in particular. Again, this is another time when friends come together to enjoy each other's company, laugh, joke, visit, pray and, of course, dance. We are beginning to see a pattern here-lol-which is that many of the ways our people do things in life involve the same things. This again, I personally believe, goes back to the teachings of our people that came before us and were passed down to us.

I would also like to share with you an event I attended on the federally observed Memorial Day at Great Overland Station in Topeka, Kan. which honored Roy Hale, an elder and veteran of our tribe. As I watched Roy give his speech at the All Veteran's Memorial, I could sense the pride Roy felt as he told of his experiences during his time in the service. I, too, got this feeling of pride as I watched him and the other We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 veterans, stand at attention in front of the Colors. It made me reflect on many of the service experiences that other family, friends and veterans have shared with me and who sometimes just wanted to talk. Some of their experiences were difficult for me to fathom, as I am not a veteran myself, and some people still carry their wounds with them yet today. I am grateful that we honor our warriors and respect them the way we do.

As the weekend came to a close, I had some time to myself to think and reflect on what I had seen. I thought about how lucky and fortunate a people we are for having our culture, our people, our children, our teachers/elders and our warriors of whom we should be very, very proud.

I hope you all had a good holiday and I pray, as always, that the Creator will watch over you and your families. In addition, I pray Creator will bring blessings to you all to be healthy in body, mind and spirit and that your needs are provided for. Since we don't say good bye, I leave you with this,

Pama Mine' (until later)

Your Friend,
Wabaunsee (Jim Potter)

All Veterans Memorial Day Service May 31, 2010 Great Overland Station Topeka, Kansas

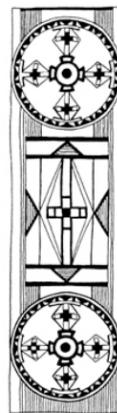
Sgt. Roy Hale, speaker
Julia Kabance, special recognition
We-Ta-Se Color Guard
(Photos by Jim Potter)



Above, Roy Hale with Patty Potter; Lower left, Sgt. Hale giving speech. Below, We-Ta-Se Color Guard.



We-Ta-Se has a list of veterans buried in each of the cemeteries on the reservation.
Call 785.966.2580 for more information.



PBPB officers in 1st District American Legion organization



Jim Potts was elected Adjutant of the 1st District American Legion organization that includes 53 legion groups.



Micki Martinez is the president of the women's auxiliary in the 1st District American Legion organization.



Last quarter We-Ta-Se events

- 26th Annual Abate Motorcycle Show, Topeka, Kan. -March 19-21
- First District Conference, Topeka, Kan.-April 9-10
- Ben-no-tteh Wigwam Child Care Pow-wow-May 13
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Pow-wow, Mayetta, Kan.-June 11-13
- Flag Day Ceremony, Mayetta, Kan.-June 15



Message to the Nation from Junior Wahweotten, Tribal Council Member

I would like to take a moment of your time to present my perspectives of what the Nation has been doing.

As I operate in the capacity of ex-officio for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation board of directors, I have had the distinct pleasure of watching the Nation's casino operation continue to lead the market and maintain higher levels of gaming revenues even in these tough economic times. The Entertainment Corporation will continue to monitor all areas of the casino operation ensuring maximum revenues for the tribe.

Also, work has begun to establish the Prairie Band Potawatomi Economic Development Holding Corporation. This establishment will allow the tribe to effectively seek out opportunities to diversify our dollars in a manner which will maximize revenues for the Nation as well as create job opportunities on and off the reservation. In addition to all of this, there are codes, by-laws, and a board structure that's being developed for this corporation; we will keep you informed of the progress.

As a member of the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club we continue to support the program and the staff to create a club that will provide a fun and safe environment for our children. We are witnessing growth in the number of kids participating in this worthwhile program. We are excited about our vision of the program.

In the near future we will conduct a community meeting to begin discussions on creating a cultural center located on the reservation which will enhance the ability for the tribe to grow our children through life teaching skill sets; while learning and practicing our cultural values, language, and ways of life.

The Firekeeper Golf Course is in full swing with the "grow in" phase of the construction process and the grasses are growing wonderfully. Landscaping has recently been completed around the clubhouse which is finished and looking fantastic.

We have several Potawatomi members as well as members from other tribes working on the course and they are learning the requirements for the proper maintenance and upkeep of the course. Golf course maintenance is precise and will require care and constant manicuring for its landscaping.

Master planning is underway in regards to when the course will open for play; one option may be to conduct a "soft opening" of the course this fall with minimal play allowable by course conditions and then to hold a public grand opening in the spring of 2011. The general consensus is that the course needs to be in top condition for a fantastic grand opening- as it is going to be among the top courses in the Midwest.

We will keep you updated with the progress of the course development.
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Junior

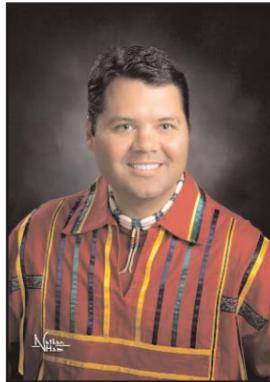
Firekeeper Golf Course news

Junior Wahweotten, standing, spoke to the Holton Rotary Club on April 16 about the new golf course.



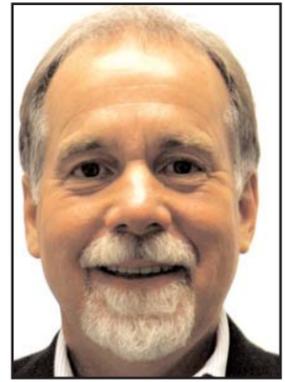
Left to right, Sheryl Blue, Prairie Band Casino & Resort, Junior Wahweotten, Tribal Council member, Johnny Kane and Bob Lorson, KSNT-27 News of Topeka. On April 13 Kane and Lorson were taken on a tour of the Firekeeper Golf Course and Kane reported on the course during his TV sports cast the following Friday. Since last year, Kane has been providing periodic updates on the new golf course. Blue is the advertising manager for the casino and Lorson works in sales for KSNT-27.

Dyer and Holtz give presentation on PBPN Health Services, Inc.



Ryan Dyer

Tribal Council Treasurer Ryan Dyer and John Holtz, Director of the Prairie Band Health Services, Inc., gave the feature presentation at the Tribal Self-Governance Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz. in May. The presentation revolved around the Tribe's transition from going from Indian Health Services to becoming a tribally managed health care program.



John Holtz



Mark your calendar

- July 5 **PBPN government offices closed
Fourth of July holiday**
- July 17 **General Council Meeting**
- July 24 **Tribal Council/Gaming Commission
Election**
- Aug. 6-8 **Potawatomi Gathering-Shawnee, Okla.**
- Sept. 6 **PBPN government offices closed
Labor Day holiday**
- Sept. 24 **PBPN Government offices closed
American Indian Day**
- Sept. 26 **Veterans Pow-wow**

Indian Affairs official Larry EchoHawk meets with four tribes of Kansas

Tribal leaders gather to discuss future of Indian education and other issues



ABOVE: U. S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry EchoHawk, third from left, met with Kansas tribal leaders April 2 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort concerning the leadership of Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) in Lawrence, Kan. and other issues. With EchoHawk, from left to right, are Alan Kelley, vice chairperson for the Ioway, Jim Potter, secretary for the Prairie Band Potawatomi, Steve Ortiz, chairperson for the Prairie Band Potawatomi, Russell Bradley, vice chairperson for the Kickapoo, Carey Wahwahsuck, vice chairperson for the Sac and Fox of Missouri, Mark Kahbeah, Tribal Council member for the Kickapoo, and Junior Wahweotten, Tribal Council member for the Prairie Band Potawatomi. Not pictured but also representing the Kansas tribes were Laura Razo, Kickapoo treasurer, and Mike Mattwaoshshe, Kickapoo Tribal Council member.

BELOW LEFT: Jerry Tuckwin, left, and Burton Warrington were also at the meeting. Tuckwin was Athletic Director at HINU for many years and Warrington is a policy advisor for the Indian Affairs office in Washington, D.C. Both men are Prairie Band members.

BELOW RIGHT: Jim Potter with Nedra Darling who is also a PBPB member and handles public affairs for the Indian Affairs office in Washington, D.C.



In memory of Wilma Mankiller



Some PBPB women with former leader Wilma Mankiller (deceased), third from left. On her left is Carrie O' Toole and Joyce Guerrero and on her right is Linda Yazzie. The four met at a National Congress of the American Indian conference in 2009. Guerrero submitted the photo and said that Mankiller was the featured speaker at the conference and took the time to have her photo taken with everyone that wanted to pose with her. Mankiller was well known in Indian Country for being the first woman elected to lead the Cherokee Nation. She died on April 6 of cancer.

Helping Topeka Native American youth



Joyce Guerrero and Carrie O'Toole paid a visit to the Indian Education Summer Enrichment program in U.S.D. #501 Topeka on June 4 and were photographed with the teachers in the program. The PBPB gave a \$5,000 charitable contribution donation to the program last year.

Missouri River basin study planned

Representatives from the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study (MRAPS) met with three members of the Tribal Council March 19 in Council chambers regarding a five-year study that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is undertaking called the Missouri River Ecosystem Restoration Plan. Presently researchers are collaborating with the 28 tribes who are located in the Missouri River basin area, along with state and federal agencies, and other basin stakeholders to evaluate needs, problems, and opportunities for improvement that will be given to Congress to help them make decisions in the future.

In the photo, sitting, from left to right, are Tribal Council members Junior Wahweotten, Steve Ortiz, and Joyce Guerrero. In back, standing, left to right, are John Huyler, Cathy Warren, Kaely Dawson, and Dennis Donald. Huyler and Donald are from the Osprey Group, a research firm in Boulder, Colo., and Warren and Dawson are with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

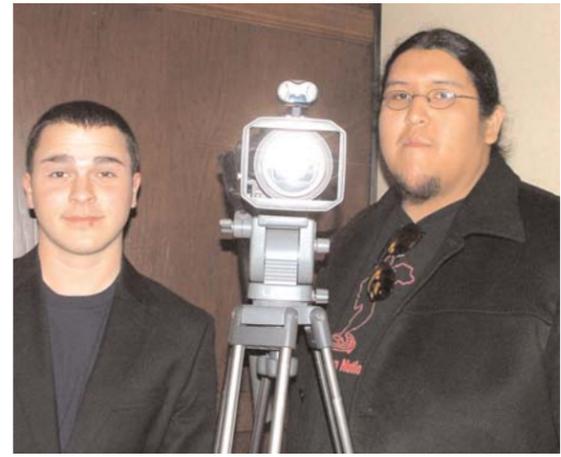


**Prairie Band
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1st Quarter
2010
Charitable
Contributions**



•Topeka Sertoma Clubs	\$ 3,500
•American Cancer Society-Topeka	\$ 2,500
•Meals on Wheels	\$ 4,500
•National Indian Child Welfare Assoc.	\$10,000
•Mental Health Assoc of SCK	\$ 500
•NAMI Kansas	\$ 5,000
•Sunflower State Games	\$ 2,500
•Kansas Indian Basketball Assoc.	\$ 1,000
•Boys & Girls Club-Topeka	\$ 2,000
•Kah-Bay-Kah-Nong	\$ 2,000
•Friends of the Kaw, Inc.	\$ 2,000
•Doorstep Inc.	\$ 5,000
•Alzheimers Assoc.	\$ 1,000
•Stories-N-Motion Film Festival	\$ 1,000
•YWCA-Topeka	\$ 1,000
•Mayetta Area Business Assoc.	\$ 500
•Rossville Community Foundation	\$ 1,000
•HINU Spring Commencement Pow-Wow	\$ 2,000
•Brown Co. Native American Church Chapter	\$ 2,000
•Chesney Park Summer Youth Program/TCF	\$ 1,000
•Topeka Parks & Rec. Foundation	\$ 1,000
•Family Service & Guidance Center	\$ 5,000
•Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame, Inc.	\$ 500
•Prairie Land Foods, inc.	\$ 5,000
•Mayetta Pioneer Day Assoc.	\$ 2,000
•Rapid City Regional Hospital	\$ 5,000
•Indian Youth of America	\$ 1,300
•Kickapoo Head Start	\$ 1,000
•Topeka Community Foundation	\$ 2,000
•Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 604	\$ 9,000
•Linscott Playground(Holton, Kan)	\$ 5,000

Total \$86,800



Haskell Indian Nations University students Taylor Haynes and Chris Marshall videotaped the Charitable Contributions ceremony that was held April 8 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. The two are student journalists for Haskell and are also involved in the Stories-N-Motion Film Festival that received a donation that day.



**Regional tribal leaders meet with
Director of U.S. Indian Health Services**



Tribal leaders gathered on April 20 in Oklahoma City to meet with Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, fifth from left, on the front row, who is the Indian Health Services director from Washington, D.C. Chairman Steve Ortiz, second from left, on the back row, met with the group who were in a listening session that was hosted by the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board. Ortiz is vice president of the board. (Submitted photo)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Awards

• Family Violence Prevention	\$334,630
• Alternative Energy Project	\$ 45,000
• Health Clinic (dental & bldg)	\$ 296,881
• Child Care/Head Start	\$ 69,981
• Elder Center	\$ 12,960
• Road Maintenance	\$232,938
• Housing	\$107,036
• Commodities	<u>\$112,000</u>
Total	\$1,211,426

**These awards were applied for by
BPBN directors of departments and
programs and were awarded
based on rules and regulations set
forth by the
American Recovery
and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Government Center gets new sign



ABOVE: Employees B. J. Jones, left, and Jake Rodewald, right, from the Construction/Maintenance department drew a crowd on April 28 when they placed a new sign at the Government Center. The marker was hoisted onto a concrete bed by workers from Road & Bridge (not pictured) using their equipment.



LEFT: The sign, after it was installed, that now sits in front of the Center.

ShabehnayReservation.com website launched

SHABBONA – Bolstering its union with the local community, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has launched ShabehnayReservation.com, a website detailing the Nation's centuries-long ties to the local community and detailing its plans to create jobs and boost the local economy by developing its Reservation lands.

"From the Village of Shabbona to the labor unions to the business community, we have earned broad support for our plans to develop our land near Shabbona," said Steve Ortiz, Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council.

"The Nation is proud to have such strong local community support – evidence of our willingness and determination to work closely with community leaders, to hear their concerns and to adapt our plans to maximize the benefits for the community."

Ortiz said ShabehnayReservation.com is a natural extension of the Nation's ongoing partnerships with local government and business leaders and its growing collaboration with the local community. For nearly two centuries, since the federal government established the Reservation for Chief Shab-eh-nay and his Band, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has

kept ties with its Reservation lands and the local community.

"We have cherished our land near Shabbona since before the federal government established our Reservation there in the 1829 Treaty of Prairie du Chien," Ortiz said. "We will continue to be good friends and good neighbors with the people of Shabbona and DeKalb County."

The Nation has worked closely with business and government leaders in DeKalb County. In the previous two years, the Nation reached intergovernmental agreements with the County of DeKalb, the Village of Shabbona, the County Sheriff and the local Fire Department concerning support for local public services and matters of mutual interest.

"The Potawatomis, whose ties to their land here go back two centuries, have gone out of their way to be good friends and neighbors to me and the other folks of Shabbona. They have worked closely with us to explain their plans, to solicit community input and to modify their plans to address community concerns," said Shabbona Mayor Claudia Hicks. "The Village Board formally supports the Nation's plans and we recognize that such a development will include a bingo hall."

The Nation's plans for the Shab-eh-nay Reservation enjoy support from both the local business and labor communities. In particular, the Shabbona Business Association, DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation and the DeKalb County Building Trades all support the Nation's plans.

"The Potawatomis have gone out of their way to involve local labor in their plans for development of their land. They reached out to organized labor and sought our input and support," said Matt Swanson, President of the DeKalb County Building Trades. "Most importantly, they agreed to use union workers for the construction and development of the facilities on their land. This project will not only benefit the local community through construction jobs but will continue to do so with permanent jobs and benefits realized through the intergovernmental agreement with the county."

The Nation has said that the vast majority of jobs created by its development will be filled by local residents.

"We often hear talk about federally taxpayer-funded stimulus packages designed to help main street America, but small villages like

Shabbona might never see a cent of this," said Vicki Bray, President of the Shabbona Business Association. "The Prairie Band is offering us a stimulus package – one that the Village will actually see – that will not raise taxes or cost taxpayers anything. We are very anxious to proceed." DeKalb County, like so many other largely rural economies, urgently needs more jobs to get beyond the continuing national economic slump. Last year, the Alexander Lumber Co., located in the center of Shabbona, announced its closure. Also last year, the Farmers Factory Co., a farm implement manufacturer in nearby Lee, announced its closure –leaving many residents in the southern part of DeKalb County without work.

"The need for more jobs is particularly acute in the southern part of DeKalb County," said Paul Borek, Executive Director of the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation. "The Prairie Band's plan for a bingo hall and government center on its land near Shabbona would create permanent jobs. Moreover, the Tribe has assured us that the vast majority of those jobs will be filled by non-Indian locals."



Chago Hale and Naseka Hale gave a presentation to the Kirkland Historical Society in April. The two men demonstrated some of the Potawatomi traditions and showed some artifacts and regalia to the historical group. Kirkland is located outside of Chicago and is near the Shabbona community.

Historian doing study on Shab-eh-nay



James McClurken, Ph.D. is conducting an extensive study on the descendants and lineage of Shab-eh-nay. He has studied the history and culture of Great Lakes Indigenous communities since 1977 and his research firm is based in Lansing, Michigan. He has periodically been on the reservation in Kansas and conducting interviews and going through the PBP archives.

Dyer and Potter speak at DeKalb County Historical-Genealogical Society annual dinner in Shabonna

Ryan Dyer and Jim Potter traveled to Shabbona, Ill. and spoke at the annual dinner of the DeKalb County Historical Genealogical Society on April 14.

Their guest appearances were part of the continuing outreach effort of becoming good neighbors in the community.

In 2006 the PBP purchased 128 acres of land near Shabbona and are hoping to build an electronic bingo hall on the property. Presently the land

is being evaluated by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) as to whether it should receive reservation status or not. The land was originally reserved by the 1829 Treaty of Prairie du Chien for Chief Shab-eh-nay and his Band which merged into and which is now recognized as the PBP.

Intergovernmental agreements have been made between the PBP and various agencies that can be found on the new shabehnayreservation.com website.

**Exert your right to vote
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the next
Tribal Council/Gaming
Commission
Election!**

**PBP Health Center
Diabetes Prevention
Program Staff**

- Michelle Simon-Program Manager
- Rene Pressman-Nurse Educator
- Eddie Joe Mitchell-Traditional Foods Coordinator
- Cory Wabski-Lifestyle Coach



Left: Arlene Wahwassuck (PBPN) volunteered as a nurse in the Diabetes Prevention Program last spring.



Above: Eddie Joe Mitchell in front of the mini-green house that was built last year.

National Nurses Week held May 6-12



Above: PBP Health Clinic nurses were acknowledged for their work with a Tribal Council Resolution during National Nurses Week and feted with a cookout at the Health Center on May 11. In the photo, left to right, are Laura Thackery, Laury Shopteese, Brenda Catron, Michelle Crosswhite and Jessica Renner. Not pictured are Jeanette Little Sun, Delores Maines and Rene Pressman.

PBP attend meeting about Intertribal cancer data project



Left to right, Dr. Dee Ann DeRoin, Jerry Briscoe, Steve Ortiz, and Roderick Bremby all met on May 12 about a Kansas Intertribal Cancer Data Project. Bremby is the Secretary of Kansas Department of Health and Environment and DeRoin is a consultant on the project. Briscoe is PBP health administrator and Ortiz is chairperson for the PBPN.

Health Center Notices

- July 2 No walk-ins-Dentist out of office
- July 5 Health Center/Dentist office closed Independence Day
- July 9- 27 No walk-ins-Dentist out of office

Pharmacy: The Pharmacy will be adding new software on July 12 so expect longer waits if filling prescriptions for about six weeks.

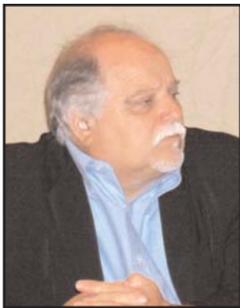
Sports Physicals: Two sports physical clinics will be offered in late July and August. Parents must accompany child during visit. Call 785.966.8223 for more details.

Vocational Rehabilitation program one of top programs in the country

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's vocational rehabilitation (VR) program is one of the top five Native American programs in the country.

The program, one of 77, is different from mainstream VR programs because it provides services that are culturally relevant and appropriate for Native American populations. It is housed in the Social Services Department and made possible with the help of Regional Services Association (RSA) and Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration grants.

Morris Taylor, who has been director of the program since 2003, previously worked for Menninger's VR program in Topeka before coming to the PBPN. He, along with tribal members Dawn Masqua and Joanna Mitchell, comprise the VR staff and the three also work with Jeanie Combs who is the



Morris Taylor



Dawn Masqua



Joanna Mitchell

on-site coordinator for Three Rivers Independent Living of Wamego, Kan.

Each quarter regional vocational rehabilitation groups from the Kansas region meet to discuss their programs. The last meeting, held on May 5 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort, had 25 attendees who listened to a presentation by Cheryl White from KansasWorks.

Through the years the PBPN staff has honed the program to become what it is today. Presently there are 101 clients being served and, of those, 37 have been gainfully employed for over a year.

In addition to the counseling services, the program has a resource room for clients that includes computers and job referral/training resources. Items such as job postings, educational materials, training materials and other self-help guides are also available at the center where clients are evaluated for their job interests and skills.

The staff also recently attended the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation (CANAR) Mid-year Conference in Myrtle Beach, N.C. where Dawn Masqua and Joanna Mitchell both received Certificates of Outstanding Service awards for their work.

For more information about VR call 785.966.8332.

Social Services briefs

- Become a foster grandparent-Keep kids in the community! Call Joanna Mitchell-785.966.8336 for details.
- Alcohol & Drug Program gives presentations and has an Alcohol & Drug Information School-Call Elaine Mzhickteno-Barr at 785.966.8353 for more information.
- Three Rivers Independent Living has a site office in Social Services.

- Contact Jeanie Combs about services at 785.966.8344.
- Carol Shopteese gave a presentation on Native Cultural Values for the Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association on June 22 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.
- Donate diapers, wipes, bar soap and toothbrushes and paste to Social Services. Drop off at Social Services front desk.

Tribal Fire Department news



Fire Chief Mike Mills photographed at his desk at the Fire Station located at 15468 K Road, Mayetta, Kan.



The fire department has purchased an all-terrain vehicle that allows them to fight fires in tight-squeeze areas like campsites. In the photo above, they showed off the new vehicle at Earth Day and, as you can see, children enjoyed the new machine. EMTs on hand during the Earth Day festivity were Tim Morse, left, Frank Zeller, center, and Erica Spurling, right.

Storm Spotter training draws large crowd

Submitted by Paul Jueddes

Over 40 people attended a Storm Spotter Training course at the Stone Building on April 5 that was sponsored by the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department.

Meteorologist, Scott Whitmore, from the National Weather Service, in Topeka instructed the course for an audience consisting of members of the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department, Potawatomi Tribal Police, Mayetta Fire Department, and Jackson County EMS along with other community citizens.

Light refreshments were served and door prizes were awarded.

The National Weather Service in Topeka has a large spotter network across northeast, north central and east central Kansas. Spotters are vital to public safety during severe weather.

Elders spruce up ball park



Workers from the Firekeepers Elder Center gave back to the community on May 4 by painting the bleachers at the ball park near Housing Cluster #3. The group has held various fundraisers this year that allowed them to buy the paint and supplies. To get involved in elder activities call LaVerne Hale at 785.966.0041.

Older Americans Month event held

The Caregiver Coordinator Program helped sponsor an Older Americans Month event on May 19 with the Firekeepers Elder Center.

Approximately 25 elders enjoyed playing bingo and eating ice cream and door prizes and t-shirts were also given out.

The Caregiver program is designed to develop linkages between elders, children and their caregivers who provide 24-hour care and need support.

Fire keepers Art Market sponsored by elders

Right: Rose Hale and Olivia Pewamo were models in a fashion show held as part of the Firekeepers Art Market on April 10. The art fair was held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort and drew a good crowd throughout the day. Many Potawatomi vendors sold items and entertainment was also offered.



Sobriety check point conducted

Law enforcement from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and the Kansas Highway Patrol cooperated in an effort to locate impaired drivers and remove them from the roadways May 28.

The sobriety check point was conducted at the intersection of U.S. 75 & 190 Road.

Motorists suspected of being impaired were given field sobriety tests. All motorists who failed the Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) were arrested, cited, and booked into the Jackson County Jail.

"There were 371 motor vehicles stopped between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.," said Officer Steven J. Smith of the Prairie Band

Potawatomi Tribal Police Department.

In addition, there was one arrest for D.U.I. and eight motorists were administered SFST's. Seven people were issued citations for open container and one arrest was made for disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

The intent of the checkpoint is to reduce injury crashes and fatalities attributed to alcohol and/or drugs. Periodic checkpoints will be set up throughout the area during the summer months.

All efforts were made not to severely interrupt traffic flow. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police would like to publicly thank motorists for their patience and cooperation during the check point procedure.

Briefs

The Tribal Fire Department sponsored a **CPR Training** on May 18 at the Fire Station.

The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department held a **Rabies Clinic** on June 19 at the Police Department. The Rabies vaccinations and dip were sponsored by the Animal Control Unit in Tribal Police. Rick Burns is the Animal Control Officer.

Remember-only you can prevent wildfires!

The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department participated in the **4th Annual Emergency Services Showcase** in Topeka on May 8. The purpose of the event was to educate the public about the roles responders play in emergencies.

The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department will host a **(TTEAMS) and Meth in Indian Country Training** on July 29-30. The training is being administered by the Criminal Justice Center for Innovation at Fox Valley Technical College.

Food commodities program update

Right: Left to right, Tracy Rogers, Hattie Kauffman and Angie Hester at a food distribution conference in Las Vegas. Kauffman is a journalist for CBS Morning News.



Submitted by Tracy Rogers

Tracy Rogers and Angie Hester, staff members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi commodities program, attended the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR) Conference in Las Vegas from April 27 - May 1.

At the conference they met Native American journalist Hattie Kauffman (Nez Perce), who is a four-time Emmy award-winning reporter and currently a national news correspondent for the CBS Early Morning News. She was also a keynote speaker at the conference.

Rogers and Hester learned about customer service, Civil Rights, grant writing, warehousing standards, food safety, and nutrition education sessions. They also attended business meetings where changes in the FDPIR food package were dis-

cussed. Some of those include the discontinuance of shortening and real butter that has been replaced with light buttery spread, luncheon loaf that has been replaced with low fat turkey ham, (though not as popular).

A new item offered by the Food Distribution Program is juice in a 64-ounce plastic container that will replace the 46-ounce cans being phased out of the program in the future. Also new to the food package is canned hominy, which has proved extremely popular. This summer more food choices will become available like lettuce, cauliflower, radishes, cucumbers, avocados, kiwi, cherries, and grapes.

Lastly, the Potawatomi Food Distribution Program will be closed June 21-25 to attend the Regional Conference in Denver, Colo. Travel and training expenses are paid through grants from the USDA.

Ummm! Fresh veggies coming up!

Did you know that Lands Department crews tilled the soil for 25 residential gardens this spring and are also helping with the Diabetes Prevention Program community gardens?

The Potawatomi General Transportation Transit Department

now has routes to Topeka and back.

Call toll free at 1-866-727-8181 for costs and details.

About the Peacemakers Circle

Healing, not punishing

The Constitution of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Article VI, states that there be a separate branch of government known as the Judicial Council. Judicial Council shall include a separate editing branch known as the Peacemakers Circle, PBPB Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-107. Peacemakers are made up of ten tribal members, selected by General Council. They are sworn in by Tribal Council to serve a four year term, and to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws, the Law and Order Codes of the PBPB, and the Constitution of the United States.

Purpose

The purpose of the Peacemaking Circle is to resolve and mediate disputes in a non-adversarial way, voluntarily brought by the disputants, through a healing and harmonious way, by applying traditional, cultural, and restorative methods.

Peacemaking Process

- Peacemaking Circle Request form must be filled out along with consent form
- 100% voluntary by both disputing parties
- Three Peacemakers may be chosen for a case. Both parties will select one Peacemaker each, the third will be selected by the two chosen Peacemakers
- Both parties will be notified by selected Peacemakers on when and where to meet for Peacemaking Circle Sessions.

Appeal

Resolutions reached in the Peacemaking process are by consensus and are voluntary; therefore, no appeals will be allowed from any Peacemaking session. Agreements of both parties will become an order of the District Court.

Peacemaker Canons of Conduct

- Sessions will be done in a harmonious and respectful manner.
- Peacemaking sessions will be under strict confidentiality.
- Disputants may not be represented by outside counsel.
- Peacemakers will conduct themselves in a fair and equitable manner, with both parties' best interests at heart.

A Peacemaker may be used to resolve any dispute and/or any action pending in the District court, for parties who are subject to the jurisdiction of the District Court.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Judicial Center
Peacemakers Circle
11444 158th Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
Phone: 785-966-2242
Toll free: 1-866-966-2242

Members of the Peacemakers Circle

- Marilyn Brewer
- Chuck Jacobsen
- Melvin Lewis III
- Mike Shobney II
- Mary Shopteese
- Josette Wahwasuck
- Angie Wahweotten

Members are appointed by the General Council to the all-volunteer and non-paid group.

(download a Peacemakers Circle brochure at <http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/judicial-council.aspx>)

Voters Guide 2010 Tribal Council/Gaming Commission Election

This voter guide includes the photographs and profiles of candidates who are running in the Tribal Council/ Gaming Commission Election to be held on July 24, 2010. Three (3) members of the Tribal Council: Chairperson (1), Secretary (1), and Council Person #1 (1) will be elected. The term of office for each position is for four (4) years). One (1) member of the Gaming Commission will be elected.

Election Calendar for June-July

June 10
July 24, 9 a.m. -Ballots were mailed to registered voters only
-Last day for ballots to be received at Mayetta Post Office. Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting for tribal members that will be held in the old Bingo Hall

July 28, 4 p.m. -End of working day protest period

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

Just so you know

- The Tribal Council/Gaming Commission Election day falls on a Saturday

- Candidates must win by a 50 percent plus 1 majority vote or a run-off election will be held if there are more than two candidates.

- Oath of Office of newly elected officials is scheduled by Tribal Council not later than 14 business days after announcement of election results

Elections Board

Voncile Mitchell	785.966.3911
June Barber	785.966.3911
Arlene Lingo	785.966.3934
Toll free:	866.277.3722

The Elections Office is located in the Member Services Department that is located on the upper level of the Government Center, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509.

Member Services also includes the Per Capita and Enrollment offices.

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Tribal Council Candidates

Chairperson



Theresa L. Jessepe Murray

My name is Theresa Leslie Jessepe Murray, (Wa-we-mo-quah). I am a candidate for the chairman position of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe. I was born in Holton, Kan., attended schools throughout Oklahoma, Kansas, and also attended college at Haskell University. In 1973 I left Kansas and moved to the Fort Peck reservation in Montana where my husband, Robert Murray Jr. is an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux tribes. Married

for 33 years we have three children; Isaac (Tom-nah-wa), Jessie (Mnit-to-quah), and Bobby (Wa-ta-sa), and one granddaughter, Gabriella.

I am 29/32 Potawatomi. My parents are the late Constance Magnauck Lewis, and LeRoy Jessepe. My step-father is the late Joseph Lewis. My paternal grandparents are Charlie (Pack-chab-e) Jessepe, and Suzie (Zon-num-kee) Jessepe. My maternal grandparents are Grant Magnauck and Madeline Tomey.

As a candidate for chairman I feel that I have the following qualifications and experience to lead our tribe:

- Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Montana, Bozeman, Montana; Certified as a K-12 Principal, Class I Professional
- 30 credit hours toward a Master's degree in Educational Technology from Lesley University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, from Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Montana; Class 2 Teacher Certificate
- AA, AS degree in Elementary Education and Science from Fort Peck Community College, Poplar, Montana
- Teacher for the Poplar School District for the past twelve years (1998-2010)
- First Native American female elected as mayor in the state of Montana for city of Poplar six years (2004-2010)
- City Council member for Poplar eight years (1996-2004)
- Distance Learning Coordinator Assistant for Fort Peck Community College for three years (1995-98)
- City clerk, and treasurer for Poplar for nine years (1984-93)
- Girl Scout leader three years, Cub Scout treasurer two years
- International Traditional Games Teacher, Class III Level

My family served on the Poplar Indian Days pow-wow committee for many years and our entire family dances the pow-wow circuit. My husband and I are traditional dancers; my daughter is a fancy shawl dancer and a former princess for the Poplar "Indian Days" pow-wow. She was also the 1st runner up for the Potawatomi Gathering in 2002. Our two sons are traditional and grass dancers.

My past experiences as the city clerk, city council member, educator and mayor, have helped prepare me for the position of chairman.

Some of the departments and accomplishments that have taken place under my leadership are:

Mayor of Poplar:

- Responsible for the appointment and termination of city personnel
- Provided daily supervision of all city employee activities
- Chaired the council meetings
- Established ordinances and resolutions
- Set budget for \$2.5 million dollars that was sent forward to full council for final approval
- Assessment and preparation for \$8.5 million dollars in federal grant funding for city airport, surrounding infrastructure, and police department

Educator:

- I served as a primary instructor in the (Indian Education for All program) and was a presenter at the MCEL, and MIEA Conferences in Helena, Montana. This program was aimed at creating awareness of the Montana Native American history and culture for all new non-native teachers in the state of Montana.
- I also participated in the "I LEAD" program that promoted Native American educators into key administration positions like superintendent and principals
- Native American Traditional Games instructor, Class III Level
- Entrepreneurial instructor for summer Fort Peck Community College sessions

Clerk for Poplar:

- Prepared and monitored the city's budget, prepared the annual financial report for the State of Montana
- Duties included payroll and quarterly reports
- Accounting included investments, taxes, tax assessments
- Fire and police department quarterly reports
- Special Improvement District's - city assessment for street paving, lighting, and street maintenance
- As clerk and mayor duties included acquiring and reporting for several grants - Housing and Urban Development, C-TEP, Department of Natural Resources, Community Development Block Grants, Housing programs, FAA Airport project, enterprise funds for public works, Montana Board of Crime Control (for salaries, vehicles, equipment, and DUI task force projects)

While serving as the mayor, the city's water supply was in a state of emergency due to contamination because of unregulated oil activities that occurred back in the 1950s. Since Poplar is located south of these oil activity sites, a contingency plan had to be implemented in order to get clean, drinkable water to the city residents. Under my direction, Poplar collaborated with the Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and The Fort Peck Tribes. We are currently in the process of working together to receive \$6 million in grants and loans to help upgrade the infrastructure. In the meantime, we have had to acquire additional funding to seek potable water sources outside of the city, for the construction of two new water wells, pump houses, and lines which will connect to our current system.

Under my administration the city began the final stages of constructing a \$2.2 million airport. This was done through FAA, grants, loans, and city funding. The project began in 1992 and will be completed this summer. Since the land is located within the boundaries of the reservation, we allied with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Peck Tribes, and Roosevelt County, to acquire consensus and all right-of-way accesses for the land purchased. Some of the land was owned by multiple people; so acquiring their signature took years to accomplish.

The city also has a quasi-Housing Authority Board that is appointed by the Mayor and Council. The funding sources went through the city. Grants from CDBG, HUD, and the city's money were used to build a \$1.2 million apartment complex. The money derived from rent is used for operation and maintenance, as well as to purchase homes and other apartment buildings.

As I've demonstrated, I am a highly motivated individual who understands the importance of attaining goals through quality education, team-work, and accountability. As chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi I believe in keeping the tribal membership aware of the council's actions as well as our financial status. There needs to be strategic planning for long term growth for the tribe that would look at our assets and natural resources such as wind energy, water, and our local work force. Your vote will be appreciated and please vote.

Chairperson (Continued)



Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)

Over the past 33 months, as Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, I have worked to cooperate with the Tribal Council members. I have also served with, Federal and State officials. I have met and asked for assistance, be it funding or technical assistance, particularly from the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a comprehensive health solution that will serve the needs of our youth, elders, and the general membership.

I have also directly dealt with the issues of taxation concerning businesses on the reservation and those not willing to abide by tribal ordinances. In addition, I have met with Tribal members in my role as chair and conducted follow up meetings as requested by them concerning their issues. Additionally, if needed, their concerns were placed on the Tribal Council meeting agenda for a review by the entire Tribal Council. If re-elected, I will continue in this spirit of cooperation and continue to combine my knowledge and experience that I have gained in working with federal systems, state systems and our own tribal-operating systems through the years.

During my term, Tribal Council has accomplished several key issues by working together. Some examples are: the PBPN is now debt free; the Constitutional obligations of the Peacemakers have been met by keeping it on the General Council agenda; assisted tribal religions with their requests; completed the paved road to Snows church; began the process of starting to implement economic development; began developing the Fire Keeper Golf Course; recreated the home improvement/loan/relocation program for 2010; resolved the \$1 billion bond request lawsuit with Harrah's Entertainment Corporation that was requested by Harrah's and, lastly, met with the National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman to seek a determination of the Shab-eh-nay land eligibility for gaming activities and reducing legal expenses on the project until a decision is rendered.

As a tribal leader, here is what I have accomplished: gotten involved with local Tribes to re-establish meetings with the other three Kansas Tribes; been elected Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma City Intertribal Health Board; become a member of the Indian Health Service Director Committee on Tribal Consultation; become a Facilitator for Dept. HHS Region 7 Tribal Consultation Meeting in 2010, and, being nominated to sit on the Region 7 EPA Tribal Committee. I have accepted these responsibilities to let people know the PBPN is concerned about issues that impact Indian Country. As your chairman, I will continue to use our Constitution as the guiding tool to set our priorities. I will work with the Tribal Council and General Council to complete the transition of the Health Board membership, Economic Development Board, and work to develop a plan to prepare the PBPN for the impact of Kansas expanded casino gaming expected in 2012. It may also be time for the Entertainment Board to take a serious look at opting to build a casino in the Wichita area to increase revenues for the Nation especially since the Department of Interior or NIGC have not set a timeline to render a decision on the Shab-eh-nay land. It is also time for economic development to step up its pace to bring in revenues for the PBPN since the PBPN has allocated \$10 million toward this development over the next five years. I will continue to support education, healthcare, social services reform, court services, police services, and fire services.

As chairman what I have to offer is experience, knowledge and cooperation. I can be contacted by email at steveo131@juno.com.

Personal:

-Age 55, married (34 years), 2 adult children, Wolf Clan, Grandchild of Dewy M'Jessepe (Ga-kee-kaw-bah) "Bad Boy" and Minnie M'Jessepe (Sho-wak-e-yah) Eagle Clan and son of Laura M'Jessepe-Ortiz (Pshuck-to-quah) Thunder Clan.

Experience

- Bachelor's of Business Administration, Washburn University of Topeka, KS.
- Honorable Discharges from United States Marine Corps and United States Army Reserves. Life member of We-Ta-Se and served in Color and Honor Guard services
- 22 years management experience in the corporate world's of IBM, Kansas Power & Light, and Hallmark Cards, Inc.
- Experience of understanding constitutional issues and the constitutional role of the Chair
- Experience as Chairman (2007-2010), Secretary (1998-2006)
- Served as Vice Chairman Oklahoma City Intertribal Health Board, PBPN Health Board Chair
- Served as Chairman of the PBP Utility Corporation
- Served as PBPN Alternate Delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association
- Served as PBPN Alternate Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians
- Worked with and communicated with the PBP Gaming Commission on fulfilling their mission to protect the integrity of our games, protect the assets and keep the criminal element out of our gaming operation
- Worked with banking and financial institutions doing business with the PBPN. Also attended financial planning sessions offered by these institutions
- Worked with both Skyline and Liberty Alliances on the Shab-eh-nay project
- Worked with Tribal lobbyist at the State level and Washington, D.C. level
- Developing a working relationship with the Regional Federal Director appointed by the President on sharing grant information to Tribes through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which Indian Health Services and childcare services are a part
- Understanding of the Older Americans Act, USDA Commodities Program, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services concerning Early Head Start, Head Start and Childcare Development Fund Grant.
- Understanding of National Indian Gaming Commission rules on Class II and Class III gaming. Also, understanding of the Johnson Act as it relates to gaming machines being transported over state lines and the issues that may arise.

Short term goals to work with Tribal Council on:

- Continue to increase the PBPN tribal government cash reserves and increase revenues from economic development.
- Maintain a working and positive relationship with the DeKalb County, Ill. including commissioners and other county officials as the PBPN looks at other business alternatives to develop on the Shab-eh-nay land suitable to gaming.
- Continue to look at increasing capacity at the PBPN Childcare Center to handle another 70 to 90 children that are on a waiting list.
- I will work with Tribal Council to find ways to continue the home improvement program for the next two years since it has proved popular to the tribal membership.

Secretary

**Dawn "Sogi" LeClere**

My name is Dawn "Sogi" LeClere. My parents are Don Don and Cindy LeClere. My paternal grandparents are John and Minnie LeClere, and my maternal grandparents are Charles Harrison, Mayme Mattwaoshshe, and Jay Mattwaoshshe. I am a lifelong resident of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal community and reservation. I enjoy participating in sports and recreation activities, beading, sewing, and most of all, spending time with my children, Wahp and Wapashe, and my nephews.

I am currently employed as the Tribal Grant Writer for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. My bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management supports my ability to successfully fulfill my duties in my present job. Prior to this position, I was an assistant to the Tribal Grant Writer. In the three years as the Tribal Grant Writer, I have contributed to the acquisition of \$7.5 million in Federal, State, and private grant funding. Because of my position, I have a working knowledge of tribal programs and know the goals that the Nation wishes to achieve. As Tribal Council secretary, I will continue to advocate for programs and pursue paths that ensure the success, growth, and self-governance of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

My dedication to and love of the Prairie Band Potawatomi community are the primary reasons I am running for the Tribal Council secretary office. In addition to my work experience and educational background, I believe the following personal values will also be beneficial to the Tribal Council secretary position.

Traditional and tribal faith-based way of life for myself and my family

- In addition to my chosen way of life and prayer, I practice the traditional/cultural ways of sewing, gardening, cooking, beading and being with family. As the tribal secretary, I will support language and cultural programs that contribute to a strong tribal

identity of the Prairie Band Potawatomi people as well as support environmental projects that positively impact the life and wellbeing of Grandmother Earth.

Community engagement/respect and service to others

- I am an active volunteer within the Prairie Band Potawatomi community and enjoy assisting programs/organizations that serve the needs of our Nation's members.

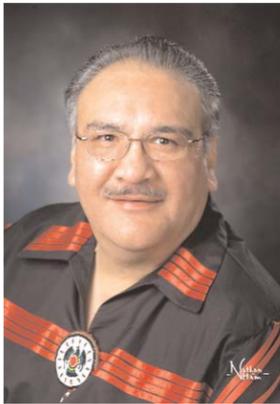
- Boys and Girls Club Volunteer
- Language and Cultural Class Student/Volunteer
- Environmental Program Volunteer
- Earth Day Committee Member and Volunteer
- Community Safety Advisory Board Member
- Native Women's Advocacy Committee

Efficient utilization of resources

- I am a dependable and committed member of the Nation's workforce and believe that elected officials of the Nation should likewise be dependable in not only their commitment, but also attendance. I am an advocate of transparent and accountable spending and will work to ensure measurable outcomes are achieved where the Nation's resources are utilized.

- I support the responsible recruitment, retention, expansion, or start-up of businesses and creating employment opportunities that lead to the betterment of the PBPB tribal community

Thank you for considering me for Tribal Council secretary. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

**Jim "Wabaunsee" Potter****Education**

Royal Valley High School graduate in 1976; Emporia State University; Hutchinson Community Junior College; Kaw Area Vo-Tech; Highland Community Junior College; Certified in P.C. operating theory and programming; Microsoft Certified in Troubleshooting, Maintaining and Upgrading PCs

Professional experience

- 14 years of experience working with Native American programs, with Native American organizations and within the structure of Tribal Government. Throughout the course of this employment, work experience involved working within the framework of the organization's administrative body, primarily involving positions of supervision in the organization's fiscal department.
- 8 years of managerial experience working in retail and private business
- Presently an elected official for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation holding the office of Tribal Council secretary, previously as Tribal Council member and Tribal Council treasurer for a total of 14 years as an elected official.
- Executive Committee Member for the National Congress of American Indians for 2 years
- Served as a member of the Trust Reform Task Force
- Served as a committee member for the redrafting of P.L. 93-638, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act

Community activities

- Served 2 years as the Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Housing Authority
- Served 3 years as the Vice-Chairman of the Board for Spirit Four Indian Center
- Served on the Board of Directors for Native American Family Services
- Served as a steering committee member for Neighbors Being Neighborly community group
- Served on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow-wow Committee from 2003-2010
- Presently serve as the President of the Board for the Jackson County Development Corp. and currently in my second 4-year term
- Previously served as a board member for the Jackson County Tourism Council for 4 years.

Home Address: 8080 134th Road, Delia, Kansas 66418

E-mail: jmpotter@giantcomm.net

- Presently serve as President of the Board for the Mayetta Business Association
- Presently a Board Member for the Prairie Band Construction Corporation and the Prairie Band Health Services, Inc. Corporation

Some of the tribal projects involved with over the past 14 years

- Implementation of economic development, strategic planning and the monitoring of progress throughout all phases of construction, design and completion, i.e. Harrah's Prairie Band Casino and Expansion, Government Center, Nation Station, Elders Center, Tribal Housing Programs, Investment programs, Minor's Trust, Fire Station, Boys and Girls Club, Prairie Peoples Park, Reservation Roads Paving, Communications Systems Improvement, Technology Systems, etc.
- Restructuring and reorganizing the Nation's governmental fiscal operations and implementing a computerized accounting system.
- Instrumental in the development and implementation of the memberships tracking and accounting systems for per capita distributions.
- Instrumental in the development of communication between local, state and federal government agencies to enhance working relationships, i.e. Senate Bill 9, Jurisdictional and Tax issues, 911 Agreement, etc.
- Directly involved in negotiations with Sprint PCS and obtaining expanded wireless service for emergency and personal use on the PBPB reservation and for obtaining a group discount for every tribal member for Sprint wireless service.
- Instrumental in the establishment of a reservation wide wireless internet service and the negotiation of a discounted rate for tribal members
- Involved with the Shab-eh-nay Reservation Project since 1997 and still actively pursuing the development of this land
- Instrumental in the development and release of a Tribal Membership Information Data website, which will provide access to tribal records that are available for tribal member public viewing

Personal data and history

- Mother's maiden name - Rema (Keo-ko-mo-quah) Wahweotten; Father's name - John Potter; Grandfather's name - McKinley (Pokto) Wahweotten; Grandmother's name - Tino
- Married to Patricia (Ptisaw) Miller Potter
- Have four children and served as a temporary placement for a foster child
- Lifelong resident of PBP reservation and Mayetta area; Age 52 years
- Member of the Potawatomi Drum Religion

Secretary (Continued)



Paul Vega

Commitment to Serve Through Education and Experience

My Name is Paul Vega (No-ten) , son of the late Ralph and Phyllis Nozhackum Vega.

With the support of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Education Department, I have pursued my education and hold a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree from Washburn University and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Baker University.

Our Nation has provided me with varying job opportunities and experience. For four years I worked at the Casino as a Table Games Supervisor and then a Table Games Manager. In addition, my work experience includes holding positions within the Prairie Band Potawatomi govern-

ment departments, including Road and Bridge, Finance-Accounting, and most recently Member Services. I also served for three years in the U.S. Army (Airborne Infantry) and received an honorable discharge.

It is my education and work experience that I bring to help serve the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Economic development and programs/services to the tribal members are two of the most important agenda items for the Nation as a whole. One of my interests is in lending my education and experience to help provide suggestions and research various opportunities which may help our tribe.

Please feel free to contact me by email at pvega87@yahoo.com should you have any questions.



Noah Wahquahboshkuk

No profile submitted.

Tribal Council Person # 1



Juanita Jessepe

I'm asking for your vote in the upcoming election.

I am the daughter of Mary Josephine (Magnauck) and Wesley Alex Jessepe and granddaughter of Madeline (Tomey) Magnauck and Suzie (Zow-num-kee) and Charles M'jissippi (Jessepe), who are all of Potawatomi lineage and now deceased. I come from a long line of warriors and fighters who fought for our freedom to worship and live as Potawatomi people. As the eldest of seven children, I was taught to speak up for my younger siblings and other relatives who could not defend themselves. I believe it is my God-given lot in life to speak up for the injustices affecting our people.

I have logged nearly thirty years working in the Human Services field and have served as a strong voice for Native American people. I am a former secretary of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe and past member on the Tribal Council. I am also a past member of the Kansas Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission.

Currently, I serve on the tribe's Healing to Wellness Court (HTWC) as a community representative. The HTWC is an alternative court, utilizing healing approaches with individuals affected by alcoholism and drug abuse. I am a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi District Court Bar and practice as a Lay Advocate. I am held to the same stan-

dards, rights, privileges, obligations and duties as any attorney admitted to practice before the Courts of the Potawatomi tribe. I have represented individuals in both civil and in limited criminal cases. I speak to numerous issues encompassing a diverse range of subjects including: Employee Rights, Tribal Enrollment Issues, American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Adult and Child Protection, Expert Witness Testimony and the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), to name a few.

The above named experiences are not listed as accomplishments but as tools in my life's work. I was told by an elder once, that when we stand before God he will ask us to dance our "Good Deeds". Some will dance a long and beautiful dance while others will not. And we will be judged - NOT based on our wrongdoings but on our good works. And finally, please note that I am not running "against" the other two candidates - both of whom I respect and admire very much. However, there are issues that I feel very strongly about including the multi-jurisdictional issues affecting tribal members who are being charged with crimes in (both) the state courts (Jackson County) and in tribal court for alleged crimes occurring on the Potawatomi reservation; the Indian Child Welfare Act is under-utilized by our tribe in state courts and our children are being placed in non-Indian foster care at an alarming rate; and implementation of our Indian Preference laws is vital to our cultural growth as strong Potawatomi People.

With these things in mind, I'm asking for your vote.



Warren "Junior" Wahweotten

Good day to each and every one of you. Let me start by saying it has been an honor and a pleasure working for the nation as a Tribal Council member and I say this with a humble heart.

General Council voted for me to serve as one of the representatives of the Nation in the late summer of 2006. In doing so you all put trust and support in us that we, as representatives of this great Nation, would uphold and follow the Constitution, and bylaws and to serve the people to the best of our ability. Not only

do we serve the Potawatomi people, we represent the tribe at a national, regional, and local level. We have had the distinct pleasure of meeting with many different tribal officials and leaders at the national level. During those meetings we made contacts with key individuals that have the ability to help keep us moving forward in a positive direction. The people that have influenced and encouraged me the most to continue moving forward are fellow tribal members on the reservation as well as those members living off the reservation.

Our tribe should be proud of what we have collectively accomplished. A special thanks goes out to all the previous elected officials for the foundation that was established and the hard work that is involved with this leadership position.

Over the course of the last four years, we have worked diligently to create the PBPN economic development corporation to expand and diversify our economic interest. In January of 2010 the General Council voted to create this corporation and, once again, make

a decision to take advantage of an opportunity that will strengthen us for future generations. We can continue the vision of the future which is to become a strong self-sufficient tribal nation.

We must also keep our focus on providing tribal members the opportunities for personal development and molding the leaders of tomorrow. Our reservation is thriving and we must continue to support each other in the various departments that create our tribal community. With all the progress the Nation is making, as a tribal leader I believe that we should continue to support our culture and heritage as this is our true identity.

I appreciate the General Council for the opportunity to serve as a Tribal Council person. I am equally appreciative to the Tribal Council for the opportunity to serve on the Entertainment Board of Directors. I feel I have made positive contributions when working alongside the Tribal Council, Board of Directors, Gaming Commission and the Casino Executive team.

Over the last four years I have met with many different tribal members through my open-door policy and I have tried my best to help them through the proper channels necessary to meet their concerns or needs.

I appreciate the support I have received and would remain a diligent representative of the tribe if re-elected. I have always been proud to introduce myself as Warren "Junior" Wahweotten, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. And as always please pray for our native warriors serving in the military.

Tribal Council Person # 1 (Continued)



"Nis" Susie M. Wilbur

I'm Nis Wilbur and I'm running for Tribal Council position #1. A lot of people on our reservation had a hand in raising me and my two sisters in the B.C. (before casino) era. Reminiscing, it was a little "hard-knocks," but it was also, something wonderful; a time I miss. Living together before per-caps created a cooperative attitude. We shared everything; from carpooling to Holton to cans of commod grape juice, but I didn't recognize the level of togetherness that existed until it was gone.

At 17 I was awarded a LEAD Program in Business scholarship at Columbia University. Traveling alone to New York City straight off our reservation was an amazing eye-opener to the community perks I took for granted, but it also gave me hope for an education I had perceived as unattainable. After Royal Valley graduation, I attended Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota as a Presidential Academic Fitness scholar. I was a marketing major with big plans to make public service announcements along the "The More You Know" campaign. However, a string of family events brought me home before graduation. But, I didn't give up my social awareness focus. I worked for our Social Services Department in the PBPB Family Violence Prevention Program and for the Youth Action Coalition. It was difficult to see and hear the struggles that our women and children were enduring, and I lost friends doing my job; but sometimes loyalty isn't personal, it's communal. After a few years in Social Services, I moved to Phoenix with my boyfriend to support his educa-

tional goals. While there, I became a case manager in a family preservation program.

Upon returning home, I again worked for Social Services. However, my Phoenix experience, combined with Family Violence Prevention, taught me about the many system loopholes, and young people who were paying the price. So, I tried to be pro-active by gaining employment in the preschool room at the PBPB Childcare Center while attending Highland to complete general education requirements that differed from my business focus. I then returned to the University of Minnesota with a self-designed degree entitled "Youth, Culture, and Social Justice."

My long-term (non-political) professional plan is to begin a service-learning charter school, with a focus not on fact memorization but, rather, on providing experiences and applying knowledge in real-world situations. Everyone needs skills promoting confidence and viability to create a community that is strong, capable, and independent.

Even if you don't vote for me, please remember to vote, although I hope my educational and vocational choices show I want to empower, therefore enhance, our community. I may not be the best at going to every fundraiser or event, and I have other flaws, but I know and respect our values, traditions, and lifestyles. Granted, I've lived off our reservation, so I know what it's like without instant tribal services but, I always come home. If you have any questions feel free to email me at mnisnokwe@gmail.com.

Gaming Commission



Anna M. (Wahwassuck) Boswell

My name is Anna (Wahwassuck) Boswell and I am running for the position of Gaming Commissioner. I would like to ask for your support and vote in the upcoming Gaming Commission election. I would also like to take the time to thank those that supported me in the last election as I would not be pursuing this role were it not for the support that I was given.

I am the daughter of Merriell "Meatball" and Belva Wahwassuck, and the granddaughter of Jon Paul & Josette (Nahgonbe) Wahwassuck. I am also the mother of five wonderful children who range in age from 5 to 16 years and I have also been happily married to Michael Boswell for over 16 years.

I was born in Holton, Kan. and spent the majority of my childhood in the surrounding areas of Phoenix, Ariz. graduating from Buckeye Union High School, Buckeye, Ariz.

My employment background, that began when I was 15 years old, is diverse and each area of employment has given me the tools and experiences to be successful in my career. Not only in the form of attendance but also in dedication to the position that I am employed.

Briefly, my employment history includes working at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station as a reports manager, Fremont Compensation dealing with workers compensation, and I have also been a Compliance

Officer for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission. These positions all required a high degree of confidentiality, professionalism, knowledge of rules and regulations, and attention to detail. Presently, I am employed at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort as a Database Analyst and have been with the casino for a total of 11 years in departments such as Marketing and Human Resources. I believe my hands-on work experience in dealing with the internal regulatory requirements, casino processes and operating policies, makes me a qualified and ideal Gaming Commission candidate.

I am very involved within the community and with my children's activities. Most notable are my children's involvement as members of the Royal Valley Singers & Dancers, of which I am very proud, not only of my children but all those that participate and support this amazing group. I am also active in other community activities including: serving on the pow-wow committee for four years; previously serving as the President of the Head Start Policy Council for two out of three years, and serving on the Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors for two years. As you know, each of these activities requires an immense amount of time but I have been committed to doing my part not only for family but our community as well.

Thank you for your consideration and your vote.



Rey Kitchkumme

Moving forward, acknowledging our history

In 1970 President Nixon announced the policy of the United States government to promote self-determination for Indian tribes. In 1975 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act became a law. Tribes were encouraged to reduce their dependence on federal funds and generate more of their own revenues. In 1993 President Reagan reaffirmed the pledge of assistance in his Indian policy statement. Finally, what changed the landscape of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) occurred when the federal commitment was furthered in 1988 by passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

In 1992 the PBPB enacted Title 12. The purpose of Title 12 is to regulate, control and license the operation of all gaming within the reservation, to promote and strengthen tribal economic development, independence and self-determination. Furthermore, it was also designed to generate revenue that will strengthen and improve tribal self-governance and the services it provides. Title 12 has unquestionably enhanced employment for our Nation. In 1995, the Tribal State Gaming Compact between the PBPB in

Kansas and the State of Kansas was executed into full force and effect. As a result, the PBPB Tribal Gaming Commission (5 elected members) was given exclusive authority to regulate all gaming activities or operations under provisions of Title 12.

On April 14, 2010, I declared my candidacy for Gaming Commissioner. With this decision, I bring 10-years of experience as an elected Tribal Council Member and Vice-Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. During my tenure, I continually held in reserve any personal gain and at all times promoted tribal independence and self-determination. Historical records of votes and reports to General Council provide evidence of my knowledge and respect to the PBPB government and all its members.

With the confidence of your vote and my election into office, I will assist in the exclusive authority to regulate all gaming activities or operations under the provisions of Title 12. In addition, I pledge to give my utmost to monitor federal legislative activity and educate Tribal Council and General Council on Indian gaming issues. Finally, and most importantly, I will protect and preserve our Tribal gaming enterprise.

Gaming Commission (Continued)



Jona Potts-Rupnicki

Greetings! Several years ago I was given the opportunity to serve the people of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in the capacity of Gaming Commissioner. I found this to be a rewarding experience and an honor to employ my business degree in this capacity. It is my desire to once again represent the people of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and to utilize my work experience in the position of Gaming Commissioner.

Education

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

Qualifications & Accomplishments

- Over 10 years in Class II & Class III combined gaming experience.
- Implemented & assisted in creation of an up to date data warehousing Gaming Management System.
- Assisted the implementation of Identix fingerprinting system, which cut costs and time in licensing processes.
- Assisted in leading the regulatory body throughout the transition between Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Harrah's Entertainment into self-management.
- Served 4 years as an elected official to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as a Gaming Commissioner.
- Own and operate business.

Awards/Certification

- National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Certificate of Completion, all levels of *The Commissioner Certification Course*
- MT325 Gaming Agent Training- Intergrated Gaming Technology (IGT) Technical Training Class

Position/Prior Responsibilities

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission is charged with oversight of the tribe's gaming operations. The Tribal Gaming Commission helps the tribe meet its regulatory responsibilities under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). The purpose of a Tribal Gaming Commission is regulatory, not managerial. The Gaming Commission is also given responsibility to ensure that the Prairie Band Casino is in compliance with all applicable health, safety, and environmental laws and regulations. Some of these responsibilities include licensing of the tribe's gaming enterprise, Prairie Band Casino, gaming employees, regulatory employees and various vendors for the Prairie Band Casino. The backgrounds for all of the licensees also fall under the jurisdiction of the Prairie Band Nation Gaming Commission. Random independent audits are conducted on the Prairie Band Casino by the Internal Audit Department and an external auditor hired by the Gaming Commission. Through the Compliance and Surveillance Department the Gaming Commission ensures that investigations are performed upon alleged and actual gaming violations that may occur at Prairie Band Casino. As a gaming commissioner, you have the responsibility to ensure that gaming operations are conducted honestly and according to regulations, in conjunction with the State of Kansas and the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). The NIGC is an independent federal regulatory agency of the United States, which, in turn audits individual tribal gaming commissions.

Other qualities I possess include integrity, intelligence and high energy, along with a diverse background and range of abilities. I have also been recognized as one who embraces creativity and new ideas. I believe in quality and commitment! I guarantee to you that I will serve to fulfill the position of Gaming Commissioner with this in mind.

Thank you and your vote would be greatly appreciated!

Photo gallery



Left to right: Marilyn (Wakolee) Hale, Alvina LaClair and Thayer Morris volunteering at Earth Day.



Left to right: Michelle Torres, Priscilla Martin, and Shanna Smith, from Human Resources, working at one of the Health Insurance meetings held May 11-May 13. Employees got revised insurance plans.



Julia Kabance (WW II photo) was Honored Elder at the pow-wow.



Raphael "Bugger" Wahwassuck, Sr. was the Honored Veteran at this year's pow-wow held June 11-13.



Brennah Wahweotten is this year's 2010 PBPN Pow-wow Princess. Her parents, Tony & Angie Wahweotten, provided the Saturday night feast at the pow-wow.



Gubba Hale (standing) was a head drum judge at the pow-wow along with Tug Wamego (not pictured).

A Boys & Girls Club member spending a relaxing day in the club's library. The club has around 95 members enrolled in activities this summer.



News from the Language Department

The Language Department has been busy this quarter. Our 9th session of family and adult classes has begun and we continue to have a good turnout of community members who are interested in learning and using the language daily.

In the 7th session, seven families used phrases for home and school 1,115 times during a 5-week period. We applaud their efforts because they are doing something that is good for all of us and for our future generations.

Aside from our weekly scheduled classes, we have also been going to the Penoŋte Wigwam to work with teachers of infants and toddlers. These teachers are very important people because they care for our children. We are helping them to give language to the children everyday.

On May 12, we hosted a dinner with

Tribal Council to honor Cecelia "Meeksĕkwe" Jackson for all she does for our community and for her dedication and commitment to the continuation of the language. It was an awesome event. The dinner was held at the Great Lakes Ballroom at Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

We would like to thank the Tribal Council, casino banquet staff, language students and children, and family members of Meeks and everyone who attended for making the evening special for her.

With summertime here we are working hard to finish our garden planting and are looking forward to enjoying the nice warm weather ahead.

If anyone is interested in being involved with the language or just wants to work in the garden, please contact the office at 785.966.2138 or 966.0117 or the Language House at 785. 966.2133.

Visitors take a tour of the rez



Some visitors came to the reservation on March 10 and were taken on a tour by PBPB members Travis Wanna and Shirley Trull. In the photo, left to right, is Wanna, Mbaari Kinya, Trull, and Carla St. Clair. Both visitors live in Kansas City but Kinya is originally from Kenya, Africa and St. Clair is from Honduras.

Here are some words for summer:	
Enibĕk	Summer
Epkĭswat	They are swimming
Tĕmottkewat	They are fishing
Pwakwĭtweywat	They are playing ball
Nishnabek e'nimĕtigo	Pow wow
Kshatemgĭt	It's hot



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**News from Jamison S. Honeycutt, Environmental Health Officer/Project Officer
I.H.S. Office of Environmental Health and Engineering**

Within the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEHE&E), Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service, there is the Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC).

Under the authority of P.L. 86-121, the Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction is engaged in a program to assist American Indian families with the construction of sanitation facilities, which include water supply and sewage disposal facilities.

In order to become a participant of a sewage or water construction project, participants must complete an application and provide certain supporting documents for review by the Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction.

Participants must be a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, band, or group and provide documented proof of this membership. Our office will seek sponsorship

from one of the local tribes in the Indian Health Service area in which you reside on the participant's behalf.

Participants must own the property on which their home is located and provide to the IHS OEHE&E a copy of the deed, title, or contract of sale. If you are building a new home or moving a home/mobile home to a site, the site must be evaluated by the Indian Health Service and found suitable for the provision of sanitation facilities.

If we can assist you with an environmental health issue or you need assistance in completing an application for water supply or sewage disposal facilities, or if you have questions regarding your eligibility, please contact:

Holton OEHE&E Office
324 New York Ave
P.O. Box 349
Holton, KS 66436
Phone: 785.364.4164

New housing programs a hit!

Lenee Nastav was recently hired as the National Programs Specialist for the PBPB Housing Department. There were 239 applications filed on the first day which was June 8.



Housing applications are still being processed and applicants will be notified by mail once the process is completed.

Questions about the New Housing Programs?
email: leneen@pbpbnation.org

Keep your address up to date with the Housing Department
8273 156 Lane
Mayetta, KS 66509

New Housing Programs
•Rental Assistance
•Down Payment Assistance
•Renovation & Repair Assistance
For more information:
www.pbpiniantribe.com/housing.aspx

Employees honored at quarterly All-Employee meeting



LEFT: Bill Jim was selected as the employee of the quarter at the last all-employee meeting held April 23. He works for the Road & Bridge Department.



RIGHT: Carl Matousek won Employee of the Year for 2009 and is the director of construction/maintenance.

Pedestrian and Bike Trail update

By Tim Ramirez,
Road and Bridge Director

Good news about the 2nd, 5th and 3rd clusters, Pedestrian and Bike Trail to be built. Phase I is awaiting a formal notice from the Southern Plains BIA Region PL-93-638 Contract final application tier. This trail will connect to the existing one used in Phase II & III that was built in 2007 and became a foot trail from the 2nd cluster, through Prairie Peoples Park to the Old Ball Park.

The path will align from the entrance at the 2nd cluster to the old Tribal Court building and run along 158 Rd cutting across the tribal hay ground (PT-123) at an angle towards the K Rd Complex. It is exactly 8,731 feet long, 10 feet wide, and will have a 3-inch asphalt surface like the present one. It will connect the Boys & Girls Club, K Rd housing, the 158 & L Rd cluster, and run to the 1st and 2nd clusters and Prairie Peoples Park. Keeping pedestrians safe and bicycles off the road from the 55-MPH 158 Rd traffic is a great accomplishment for the PBPN.

Originally, Phase I was to be a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Transportation Enhancement (T.E.) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project for 2009 but did not survive the BIA/KDOT negotiation agreement process. It got as far as KDOT mailing the check for construction, but Southern Plains (Bureau of Indian Affairs-Department of Transportation (BIA-DOT) mailed it back.

The Southern Plains BIA-DOT and Central Office were busy with all the ARRA Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) projects and BIA Repair & Restoration (R&R) ARRA on top of that, this added to the yearly funding tribes were allocated for the IRR projects.

It came down to the final deadline for allocations and no agreement was made. The States funding received from Federal Highway (federal aid) is different from the funds the tribes receive (federal lands). The BIA has no legal statutory authority to spend federal aid funds. This was taken as the final ruling at the BIA Central Office.

Since the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) is a PL-93-638 Title I tribe, we accepted the BIA call. Shortly after, we were notified the BIA would pay for it out of the Interior Department in Washington, D.C. It was close to not being funded, but the D.C. officials told the Southern Plains contracting office that they should have let them know that there was a problem. Southern Plains was ready and had proof of three e-mails sent in prior months asking for help in the matter.

PBPN was again fortunate that federal officials are going to fund the trail. Southern Plains representatives were proud to say it is a non-ARRA project and it's not an IRR project either, so we know that it will be funded. Southern Plains DOT will prepare the necessary paperwork and hopefully late 2010 or 2011 we can receive a Notice to Proceed document from them.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation selects Friends University as preferred education provider for tribal members

The Nation has selected Friends University as the preferred education provider for the tribal community. As part of the agreement, the university will provide adult education programs at the associate, bachelor and graduate levels to tribal members.

The Tribal Council reported that they are very pleased about the new partnership with Friends University and are looking forward to working with the university to offer and develop programming options that meet their tribal members' educational needs.

"Friends University will offer the Bachelor of Business Management program at the tribe's facilities by fall 2010," said Pam Pennington, vice president of Marketing and Strategic Growth. "We are very excited about this opportunity to provide bachelor degree-completion and graduate education to Prairie Band tribal members, Casino employees, and local residents either onsite at the Government Education Center, at the Friends University Education Center in Topeka or through online programs."

Friends University became

the approved provider in February. The PBPN Tribal Council credits Friends University staff in Topeka and Wichita for working closely with tribal leadership to make the proposal successful.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will be the first tribe in Kansas to partner with a university to provide an onsite classroom for their tribal members to obtain higher education. Tribal members living on the reservation or within the local area will now have the opportunity to complete a degree program on the reservation. Classes will not be restricted to tribal members, PBPN employees or casino employees. These classes will be open to any degree-seeking student in the surrounding area.

Friends University is an independent, comprehensive, liberal-arts University based in Wichita with permanent locations in Topeka and Lenexa. Founded in 1898, the Wichita campus provides a non-denominational Christian environment for traditional-age and adult students. The university has offered programs for adult students in Topeka since 1993.

**Check out what degree programs are being offered
at
www.pbpindiantribe.com/friends-university.aspx**

PBPN Road & Bridge receive American Recovery Reinvestment Act Repair & Restoration funds

By Tim Ramirez, Road & Bridge Director

The Road & Bridge Department received the long awaited Notice to Proceed from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)-Department of Transportation (DOT) Southern Plains Region Office on May 13. The Contract is a PL-93-638 Self Determination Contract, Title I. These are American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds provided to the Department of Interior for BIA roads, bridges and facilities. The BIA has identified these as Reinvestment Act Repair & Restoration (R & R) funds allocated to be used only on BIA routes and bridges. The reservation infrastructure will greatly benefit from the stimulus dollars from Washington. Of all the tribes nationwide that has BIA routes and bridges only twenty received over a \$1 million. The PBPN was fortunate to receive \$1,356,719 to repair 100 road miles and 28 BIA bridges.

With the ARRA opportunity comes a tremendous amount of paperwork including applying, follow-up, work plans, budget, BIA negotiation, and following the Federal regulations on reporting requirements. As work continues, Recovery.com will give progress reports on this project and anywhere in the nation on how the ARRA stimulus funds are being spent. This is called transparency to satisfy the critics.

The BIA approved ARRA R&R work plan is the governing document in this process. BIA engineers scouted the BIA routes and reviewed the bi-annual bridge inspection reports to come up with the distribution formula. It was decided to use LOS (Level of Service), 1 thru 5, 50% of a Tribes allocation had to be spent on LOS #3 (Fair). No new road construction or snow/ice maintenance activities are allowed. Equipment was an eligible item and all traffic signs must be replaced to meet federal highway new retro-reflectivity guidelines to be in place by 2012.

The breakdown is 38 BIA routes and 28 BIA bridges; these cover 80% of the reservation roads, used for access to tribal tracts, U.S.A. allotments, clusters, housing,

school bus routes and emergency services. Six pieces of equipment was approved in Washington, D.C. by BIAM-58 forms, a motor grader, and skid-steer with milling attachment, small tandem asphalt roller, air compressor, crack sealer and equipment trailer. Materials to be used; 7,000 tons of base rock, 25,000 tons of road rock, 1500 tons of big rip-rapp, and 4,000 tons of ditch liner. There will also be 1,200 feet of culverts measuring 18/24/36 and 48" diameters. There will be 901 traffic and street signs (majority are bridge and culvert object markers). Pot hole patching on six routes, crack sealing on nine routes, Bridge deck sealing on 26 bridges, Ditch cleaning, tree removal, mowing, guardrail repairs and erosion control. PBPN will use existing work force and equipment. In addition, four contract workers (ARRA) were hired as the President wants to put "America to work," and assigned duties will be in the areas of administrative/record keeping, signage, asphalt repair and a hiring a dump truck driver. Things have been real busy and will continue that way for the remainder of this Federal fiscal year that ends September 30. Please become aware of the ROAD WORK AHEAD signs for SAFETY as PBPN manpower and equipment are in the WORK ZONES throughout the reservation.

Two other ARRA road projects were approved including a hill cut on 174 Road, west of I Road and an intersection improvement at 126 and O Roads (the west bound stop sign is at an 8% grade). These are new road constructions and are being funded by BIA/IRR (Indian Reservation Roads). This funding is through Federal Highway to BIA, although these are ARRA projects. The completion date of the IRR is September of 2011. The PBPN has world-class equipment operators and a good operation than can successfully undertake the task of bettering our reservation. Many smart workers are involved and deserve thanks including Tribal Council, General Manager, Human Resources, PBPN Finance Director, Contract Specialist, Procurement, I.T., Road and Bridge staff, BIA Southern Plains Region DOT and the Horton Agency.

Ben-no-tteh Wigwam news



Children enjoyed themselves at an Easter Egg Hunt that was held April 1 on the Benno-ttah Wigwam playground.



Dental staff were available for children at the Health Fair held at the Center on April 16. Left to right, are Dr. Randy German, Allison Catron, Reina Rodriguez-Higine, a child, and Gayle Lambrecht.



Ben-no-tteh Wigwam held their end-of-year spring pow-wow May 13 inside the Boys & Girls Club due to the cold weather. In the photo above, We-Ta-Se opened the pow-wow with a grand entry that was followed by the children's graduation ceremonies and a pot luck luncheon. Ben-no-tteh Wigwam has been in operation for 26 years.

Summer Youth Program

There are 42 youth from the ages of 14-18 years working in the Summer Youth Work Program sponsored by the Department of Education. Several departments have hired workers including Lands, Childcare, Boys & Girls Club, Finance and Administration, to name a few. The first session began June 1 and will end June 25. A second session will begin in July.

Whiteside works with students at Royal Valley



School Resource Officer for Royal Valley School District, Sgt. Russell Whiteside, was recognized this spring for completing five years with the school district. He has been with the Tribal Police Department for nine years.

He said that his work at the school has been a great experience and that he hopes to continue working with the youth for a long time.

Create 4 Greatness Family Night held



Brian Frejo provided music and a motivational speech for students and their families who came together for a family night March 17 at the Bingo Hall. A taco dinner was also held along with Red Sky Entertainment that provided dance music for the youth later that evening.

Another family night was held June 3 that featured Tiffany Eis at the Bingo Hall. A barbeque dinner was also held.

Both events were sponsored by the IHS Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention Grant, the PBPN Alcohol & Drug Program, Boys & Girls Club, Vocational Rehabilitation/Youth Transitions Program.



Student Recognition Night was held at Prairie Peoples Park on April 21. The annual event honored Johnson O'Malley, Title VII USD 337, PBPB Boys & Girls Club, and Education Department students for their achievements. High school teacher Anita Evans was also recognized for her many years of service. A potluck dinner was held before the event and the Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers also performed.



Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers performed at the All-Employee meeting on April 23. There are approximately 80 dancers in the group.



The Youth Environmental Council received an award at the Earth Day celebration for their hard work this past year. From, left to right, are Pam Hubbard, Sierra Pahmahmie, Wahp LeClere, Lakota Knoxsah, Hannah Wahwassuck and Kwake Spoonhunter. The purpose of the Council is to promote recycling and to make others aware of how to protect the environment.

Boys & Girls Club member monthly calendar and community aquatic calendars online at

<http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/boys-and-girls-club.aspx>

Congratulations to tribal member and family graduates



Haley Rose Pena
St. Joan Antida
High School
Milwaukee, Wis.
(Steven & Char
Pena)



**Falicity Ann-Marie
Wishkeno**
Rossville High School
Rossville, Kan.
(Lance & Autumn
Wishkeno)
*The family is proud
and loves you!*



**Gabriella Marisa
Perrot**
Tecumseh High
School
Tecumseh, Okla.
(Donald A. Perrot
&
Marisa
Macchietto)



LeeRoy Chouteau, Jr.
Topeka High School
Topeka, Kan.
(LeeRoy Chouteau, Sr.
&
Camilla Wishkeno
Chouteau)



Landri "Mkites" James
Lawrence High School
Lawrence, Kan.
(Laverne & Rollin
Haag)
*Her family is
proud of her!*



Rachel Mzhickteno
B.A. Speech-
Language-Hearing
University of Kansas
(Larry & Marguerite
Mzhickteno)



Justin Ryan Pahmahmie
B.S. Accounting
University of Kansas
(Pamela & Richard Pahmahmie)

Congratulations and good luck in
all your endeavors!
From your
Grams (Marilyn Hale-Wakolee)
& Sisters, Richele & Tomi



Adria Faye Carter
Royal Valley High School
Mayetta, Kan.
(Kevin & Marlena Jordan)



**Raven Angelina
Aireon Kapayou**
Meskwaki High
School
(Shelley Kapayou
&
Benjamin G.)



**Congratulations to Roman Harjo
III, for graduating from the 5th
grade, and to Tsianina Whitetree,
Topeka West High School graduate,
on receiving an athletic scholarship
to Johnson County
Community College.
With love and pride,
Mom, Dad, Matthias, Granny & All**



Ellen Faye Meely
B.S. Social Science
St. Gregory's University
Tulsa/Shawnee, Oklahoma

To Whom It May Concern:

*Just wanted to express my grati-
tude for financing my granddaughter, Ellen
Faye Meely's college education and, because
of this, she was able to achieve her goal of
attaining a bachelor's degree in science and
social sciences and also her associate's
degree in science last year at Seminole
Junior College.*

*We, as her grandparents, Joseph
and Mavis Tsotaddle and our whole family
are very proud of her because she also has
two children to raise. Amazing what you
can do when you put your heart and soul
into it.*

Mavis Marie McKinney Tsotaddle



**Jonathan Ray
Seymour**
Farmersville
High School
Farmersville, Texas
(John & Brenda
Seymour)



Dana Jim
Royal Valley
High School
Mayetta, Kan.

*Congrats and love
from your family.*



**Congratulations to
Austin Hester, from
Rossville Junior High
School, who was
awarded a Citizenship
Award from the
State of Kansas.
We are very proud of you!
Mom (Angie), Dad,
and the Gang.**



**Congratulations
to
Adriana Wahwasuck
on
receiving a full scholarship in the
Sapsik'wala Program (designed for Native
American teachers) at the
University of Oregon.
After Adriana completes her master's
degree she will teach
Native American students.
(Badger & Karen Wahwasuck)**



Parents names are in parentheses)

**Congratulations
to
Shamoga Seymour
on graduating
from Washburn Tech.
in Collision Repair
(Shirlene Seymour)**



*Special thanks to the
PBPB Student
Services and tribal
members for
submitting
photos
to the News*

Ttiwenmo eginigyèn
(happy day you were born)

Happy Birthday
to
Shirley Ann Jacobson
(sister)-June 26
Vicki Jo Anderson
(daughter)-June 20
Sharon Jean Bosse
(daughter)-June 28

Love,
Judy & Eldon Darnell

Happy 1st Birthday
to
my great-granddaughter
Delilah Jane Anderson
(daughter of Rachael
Anderson)
on
June 15
Love,
Great-grandparents Judy
& Eldon Darnell



Happy
97th Birthday
to
Catherine Lewis
June 12.
From,
Daughters,
Grandchildren,
Nieces &
Nephews

Happy 86th Birthday
to
Milton LaClair
From, Rose, Arlene, Sons, Daughters
& Grandchildren

Happy Birthday
to
the Jordan kids!

Marlissa, June 26
and
Kobe, July 21

Love, Mom,
Dad,
Jaime
&
Adria



Member news and notes

Jess Keesis, son of the late Jesse Keesis and Mary Keesis, was sworn in as the new mayor of Winner, Iowa, according to the *Winner (Iowa) Advocate* newspaper.

Tony Wahweotten and family thanks everyone for helping with the pow-wow feast they prepared June 12.

Watch PBPB's Tim Shane drag race on the Speed Channel on TV July 17 in "Pinks All-Out."

Thank you to the PBPB Charitable Contributions Committee for sponsoring the 2010 Backyard Barbeque Cook off and the Mayetta 18th Annual Pioneer Day celebration. Everyone is also urged to enjoy a day in historic Mayetta, Kan. The town is 124 years old and still going. For more information about events call 785.966.3015.

Judy & Eldon Darnell

Lavera Bell, Jeanette Little Sun, and Mary LeClere were among the volunteers honored by the Jackson County Friends of Hospice at a banquet held in May at the Senior Citizens Center in Holton, Kan. Micki Martinez, who is also a volunteer and went through the hospice training, was unable to attend the banquet.

Congratulations to Cecil "Key-O-Kum" Walker on being selected for a Seattle Federal Executive Board Public Service Recognition Award for his work as a contractor with FEMA.

Native Ninja adult softball team places 1st place

Last summer the Native Ninja team took 1st place in the Topeka Parks & Recreation League 9 Adult Softball League winning 12 of 13 games.

Members of the 2009 team included Paula Hopkins, Stephanie Jim, Jamie Hopkins, Quammy Thomas, Josie Pahmahmie, Shanna Greemore, Josh Greemore, Mi-Kes Potts, Raphael Wahwassuck, Kyle Miller, Eldon Wahquahboshkuk, and Cheeto Wahquahboshkuk.

Members of the 2010 team are Paula Hopkins, Stephanie Jim, Jamie Hopkins, Chanelle Hopkins, Mektah Pewamo, Tami McClammy, Leighann Wahquahboshkuk, Josh Greemore, Mi-Kes Potts, Eldon Wahquahboshkuk, Cheeto Wahquahboshkuk, Mike Toledo, and Will McClammy.

Paula Hopkins said she was proud of team members that have participated in the leagues and tournaments throughout the area and encourages everyone to come and watch the Native Ninjas play. They won their first game this summer and for a complete schedule of games and updates contact Paula at 785.966.4032.

Kamboftëk (those who died)

Ronald E. Grier

Ronald E. Grier, 41, of Topeka passed away on Tuesday, June 08, 2010. He was born June 27, 1968 at Topeka the son of Donald Grier and Jeanette (Belair) Grier. He was raised in Topeka and graduated from Highland Park High School in 1986. He attended Johnson County Community College. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Ron loved to fish in area farm ponds and on the reservation west of Mayetta. He enjoyed muddin and was a St. Louis Cardinal Fan. He is survived by his mother, Jeanette Grier of Holton; brothers, Michael Belaire of Topeka, Jeff Belaire of Lawrence and Joey Grier of Topeka and his sister, Stephanie Grier-Goodwin and her husband Dale. Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 14th at Davidson Funeral Home in Topeka. Interment will follow at Shipshee Cemetery southwest of Mayetta. Mr. Grier will lie in state from 1-9 p.m. Sunday where the family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Sunday evening at the Davidson Funeral Home, 1035 N. Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66608.

(Courtesy of Davidson Funeral Home-Topeka, Kan.)

Michael Alan "Ne-se-ka" Jensen

Michael Alan "Ne-se-ka" Jensen, 51 of Mayetta died Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at his home. Mike was born May 25, 1959 in Holton, the son of Francis Albert and Pauline Iona Johnson Jensen.

Mike graduated from Holton High School in 1977. Mike received his Bachelors Degree in 1981 and his Masters in 1985 both from Kansas State University. Mike was a Farm Manager at KSU from 1981 to 1986. He later served as the CEO for the Kansas Pork Producers' Association from 1986 to 2005. He then served as Project Administrator for the Potawatomi Health Clinic, and was Vice-Chairman of Prairie Band Entertainment Corporation. Mike was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a life member of the NRA. He was a member of the KSU Alumni Association serving on the board of directors. Mike has lived in the Mayetta community since 2006 and before that in Wamego.

Mike married Julie Beth Sheik on June 10, 1995 in Wabaunsee, KS. She survives. He is also survived by his father, Francis Jensen of Holton; a step-son, Michael Schneider (Jennifer and daughter, Trinity) of Wamego; a step-daughter, Laura Wiksten (Ryan) of Park City, KS; brothers, Dr. Jack Jensen (Allison) of Houston, TX and Dr. Howard Jensen of Wathena, KS. Mike was preceded in death by his mother Pauline Jensen on November 24, 2006.

Mike was cremated. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 19, 2010 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Prairie Peoples' Cemetery west of Mayetta. Memorials may be given to KSDS in Washington, KS c/o Mercer Funeral Home, PO Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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



Kamboŕk (those who died)

Craig Swamp "Nagmo"

Craig Swamp "Nagmo", 40, Kansas City, Mo., died Friday, March 19, 2010, at an Independence, Mo., hospital.

He was born Oct. 28, 1969, in Kansas City, Mo., the son of Kenneth and Sallie Swamp Barker. He graduated from high school in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Swamp worked for Broski Fence Company as a fence installer for 20 years in the Kansas City area.

He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include his parents, Kenneth and Sallie Barker, and a brother, Christopher Barker, all of Kansas City, Mo.; a sister, Angela Emert, Holton; and eight nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton with burial following in the old Danceground Cemetery west of Mayetta. Visitation will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. today (Monday).

Online condolences may be sent to www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

Yvonne K. Grinnell

Yvonne K. Grinnell, 44, passed away March 5, 2010 at Freeman Neosho after a short illness.

Yvonne was born Dec. 8, 1965, to Eugene J. Grinnell and Agnes Karpierz Grinnell. She moved to Neosho one year ago from Grove, Okla. She was a LPN and worked in nursing homes during her career.

She is survived by one sister, Donna Galland, Bellevue, Wash.; two uncles, Bob Grinnell, Tiff City, and Larry Grinnell, Rossville, Kan. She is also survived by one niece, Rosa Orłowski; and three nephews, Scott, Brett and Brandon Galland and numerous cousins.

The body has been taken for cremation and there are no services planned at this time.

Online condolences may be posted at www.clarkfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Clark Funeral Home, Neosho.

(Courtesy of Clark Funeral Home-Neosho, Mo.)

Eugene Joseph Grinnell

Eugene Joseph Grinnell, 84, passed away Feb. 25, 2010, after a long illness.

He was born on June 29, 1925, in Mayetta, Kan., to the late Joseph and Nellie Grinnell. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1947.

Eugene married Agnes Karpierz on June 2, 1949, at Leavenworth, Kan. They enjoyed 45 years of marriage. She preceded him in death on March 13, 1994.

Eugene is survived by two daughters, Yvonne Grinnell, of Neosho, Mo., and Donna Galland and husband, Guy, of Bellevue, Wash., her daughter, Rosa Orłowski, and her three stepsons, Scott, Brandon, and Brett Galland, also of Bellevue; two brothers, Robert Grinnell, of Tiff City, Mo., and Larry Grinnell of Topeka, Kan.; several nieces and nephews, whom he loved very much; and two granddogs, Judy, of Washington, and Rascal, of Neosho. Eugene was also preceded in death by a special friend, Mary Fisher, of Grove.

Services will be at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Yvonne Grinnell, 1501 Pineville Road, Apartment 7A, Neosho, MO 64850.

He will be loved, and missed by all who knew him.

(Courtesy of Clark Funeral Home, Neosho, Mo.)



Elmira McClure

Elmira McClure, 72, of Mayetta, formerly of Chicago, IL., passed away Monday, May 24, 2010 at Medicalodges Jackson County in Holton. Elmira was born December 31, 1937 in Mayetta, KS. She was the daughter of Ernest and Angeline Whitefish Seymour.

Elmira was the Director of St. Augustine Center for American Indians in Chicago. She was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, American Indian Center and a board member for Title IX for Native American Education both in Chicago. She attended St. Augustine Episcopal Church. Elmira was a veteran of the Army.

Elmira married Carsie H. McClure on April 6, 1957 in Ft. Holabind, MD. He survives. She is survived by her sons, Windel McClure of Chicago, IL and Kelly McClure of Mayetta, KS; daughter, Brenda McClure of Mayetta; sisters, Joy Yoshida of Mayetta and Delores Todd of Lawrence, KS; brother, Charles Seymour of Mayetta; and granddaughter, Stephanie Lynn McClure. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Lynn McClure in 1992 and her son Martin McClure in 2009; brothers, John Seymour, Pete Seymour, Ernest Seymour, Jr. and Russell Clemons.

Drum services will be Friday evening May 28, 2010 at the Danceground Building west of Mayetta. Burial will be in Potts Cemetery Saturday afternoon May 29, 2010. www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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



William Moore, Sr.

William (Bill) Moore, 87, a Port Orchard resident, died March 21, 2010 at Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton, Wash. He was born on Jan 9, 1923 in a tepee on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation in Mayetta, Kan. He married Edith A. Burnett at the Seattle Court House by the Justice of the Peace on Jan 25, 1949.

He was a veteran of World War II, served in the Navy as a commissary man 1st class from 1942 to 1951. He retired as a helper mechanic from the Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash. in 1963. His time became devoted to the Kitsap Indian Center in Silverdale for 21 years and he loved helping organize the Kitsap Indian Center pow-wows. He enjoyed teaching Indian language, drumming with friends, and dancing at pow-wows with his family.

He was a devoted husband to his wife Edith of 61 years and a loving father to his sons, Robert D. Moore of Port Orchard, Bill Moore Jr. of Bremerton, Terry L. Moore of Port Orchard, Aaron W. Moore of Port Orchard, and daughters Penny S. Merritt of Port Orchard, Debra A. Moore of Phoenix, Ariz., and Nancy J. Nelson of Bremerton. He had 19 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, who all loved and adored him. He was preceded in death by his father John Moore, mother Rose (Wamego) Moore, and sisters Laura, Elizabeth, and Annabelle, all from Kansas.

Arrangements were under the direction of Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home, Bremerton, Wash.

(Courtesy of the family)



William Moore, Jr.

William (Bill) Moore, Jr., 60, passed away Friday, April 23, 2010 at the home of his eldest son. He was born March 10, 1950 to William Moore, Sr. and Edith A. Moore at Bremerton Naval Hospital. He now joins his father in heaven who passed away on March 21, 2010.

Bill attended South Kitsap High School and earned a GED before joining the Army. He was stationed at Fort Lewis and served in Vietnam. He worked at the Bremerton Naval Shipyard as a rigger.

Bill loved to go fish, work on cars, tell jokes, watch old movies, and spend time with his children and family. He will be extremely missed.

He is survived by his children Jason Moore, Shannon Moore and Troy Moore; mother Edith A. Moore; brothers Robert D. Moore, Terry L. Moore and Aaron W. Moore; sisters Penny S. Merritt, Debra A. Moore and Nancy J. Nelson and granddaughter Cienna M. Moore.

Services were held May 14 at noon at Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home with a reception following.

(Courtesy of the family)





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Please contact the Purchasing Office in the Finance Department at 877.715.6789 or local at 785.966.3938 if you have any questions or need additional information or assistance.

Visit
artist Jeri Martinez's (PBPN)
website
at
www.JAM Art Studio.com

**Local community Alcoholics Anonymous meetings
and Narcotics Anonymous meetings**

Sunday: 8 p.m.	Mayetta A.A- Enter east door of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church basement
Monday: 7 p.m.	Parr House Conference Room
Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Parr House Conference Room Horton A.A. - Keokuk Church (east of casino)
Wednesday: 7 p.m.	Rock House, 162nd & Q Rd., Mayetta, KS.
Thursday: 7 p.m.	Holton A.A. -5th & Wisconsin (1 block. west of Casey's) First Christian Church basement
Friday: 7 p.m.	(N.A.) - E.U.M. Church 3rd & Pennsylvania south of Post Office, Holton, KS.

A MESSAGE FROM PARR HOUSE

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**Come to a 100th Happy Birthday Gathering
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Go to

www:pbpindiantribe.com/education.aspx.

**Sign up for
Elder Bus Trip
to 2010 Gathering**

A sign-up sheet for the Elders trip to the 2010 Potawatomi Gathering is available at the Fire Keepers Elder Center. The bus will leave August 5 at 8 a.m. and return August 8 in the evening.

Below are the rules for the trip:

- Prairie Band Potawatomi Elders 60 years & older have first priority along with their spouses.
- Elders 50 years to 60 have second priority.
- Only adult caregivers will be allowed.
- Each person should provide a gift for our giveaway.
- You are responsible for your own meals.

PLEASE only sign up if you are certain you can make this trip. Give some type of contact information so you can be informed about the trip plans. You may call or e-mail to have your name put on the list. Use the following numbers: 785-966-0041 or 785-966-0040 or email laverneh@pbpnation.org

Keep checking the website for updated information about the Gathering.