



# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

## A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Spring 2012

### Elections coming up in July

It's time for another Tribal Council/Ethics Commission Election that will elect four members to the Tribal Council and six members to the Ethics Commission.

Positions available on the Tribal Council are for Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Council Person #2 and Council Person #3.

The positions available on the Ethics Commission are for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Commission #1, #2, and #3.

Mailing of election notices will be sent to tribal members on April 11 by the Member Services Department staff. Candidates must

file between April 16-April 30 and will have from April 30-May 9 to withdraw, if necessary.

The election is by mail-in ballot only and tribal members 18 years and older must be registered by May 23. Directions for registering will be included in the Mailing of Election Notice packet.

Ballots will be mailed to voters on June 13 and the election is scheduled for July 28 where ballots will be counted in an open meeting of the tribal membership at a place not yet announced. If a run-off election is needed for any position not winning by majority plus one vote, it will occur four weeks after the election.

### Chairman Ortiz co-chair of national committee

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) Chairman Steve Ortiz was elected Jan. 17 as co-chairman of the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee

In other news, Chairman Ortiz was also in Washington, D.C. on January 24 where he gave a power-point presentation with Marshall Gover, President of the Pawnee Nation, in Arlington, Virginia

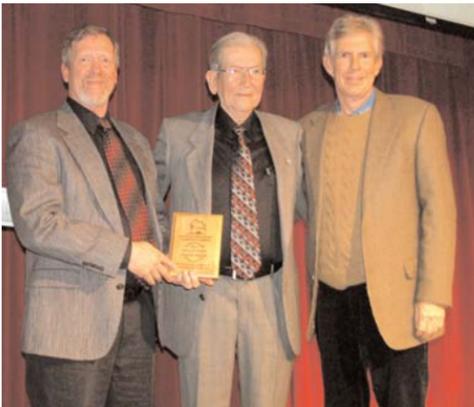


Ken Lucero



Steve Ortiz

### Francis Jensen selected for Holton/Jackson Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame



Francis Jensen (center) was inducted into the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Feb. 9 and is seen above with his sons Howard (left) and Jack. All three men are tribal members and Francis was recognized for having a barber shop in Holton for 53 years and also being active in community service. For a full story on Francis and his life see page 16.

### Firekeeper Golf Course named Best to Play in Kansas

Firekeeper Golf Course was named the Best Golf Course to Play in Kansas by GolfWeek Magazine in its March 9 issue.

In an earlier ranking by GolfWeek it was also voted ninth best in the Nation and has also received mentions and rankings in Golf Digest, Golf Magazine and the Topeka Capital-Journal's "Best of" categories.

Firekeeper has been open less than a year. It sits on 240 acres across the street from the Prairie Band Casino & Resort and is PGA golfer Notah Begay's first signature course. It is an 18-hole course and was built to respect the land and traditions of the Potawatomi people.

(STAC) in Washington, D.C. along with Ken Lucero (Tribal Council representative from the Pueblo of Zia), who has been the chair of the committee since it first formed in December, 2010. They co-chaired a second STAC meeting held Feb. 2-3 in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of STAC is to exchange information and to provide advice and recommendations between the HHS and Indian tribal governments in a government-to-government capacity. The committee is under HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius who is in Obama's cabinet and a former governor of Kansas.

The Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee is composed of tribal leaders from the twelve U.S. Indian Health Service regions and five at-large representatives and two alternate at-large representatives. Ortiz represents the Oklahoma region that includes Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas and has been actively involved in Indian Health Service issues and concerns.

to national IHS leaders and representatives from the other IHS service areas. Ortiz and Gover represented the Oklahoma City Area (OCA) of Indian Health Service (IHS) and spoke about the 2014 FY Budget Formulation Submission.

In addition, he and other members of the Tribal Council attended the winter session of the National Congress of American Indian the first week in March and a Tribal Consultation session for the Administration of Children and Families.

Ortiz has also been active at the state level. Native American Day at the Capitol was held Feb. 8 where he gave an invocation before the legislature and he and Tribal Council witnessed a signing of a proclamation in Gov. Brownback's office. On Feb. 21 he attended the Governor's Economic Development Council meeting in Topeka and on March 15 spoke before the Senate Ethics & Elections Committee on the Voter ID bill.

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

During the 1st quarter my activities were as follows:

- **January 3-4:** I attended the Oklahoma City Area Budget Formulation Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to set and recommend funds for operating Indian Health Service Clinics for the tribes in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. There are a total of 44 tribes in the region. President Marshall Gover, Pawnee Nation and myself as chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation were selected by tribal and urban health representatives to present the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board (OCAITHB) budget request at the National IHS Budget Formulation Meeting.
- **January 9:** Tribal Council members and I met with officials from the Kansas Department of Revenue and council members from the Kickapoo, Iowa Tribe and Sac & Fox concerning tribal tags. The PBPN does not have any current issues concerning license tags. The issue of tribal members having tags and not living on the reservation was discussed and the issue of personal property taxes avoidance of those living on the reservation was an issue with the State.
- **January 16-18:** I attended the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting in Washington, D.C. STAC met with DHHS officials to discuss the possibility of going to self-governance on 11 programs they offer to tribes. Officials will review the legal issues on tribes taking over the programs.
- **January 25:** President Marshall Gover and I travelled to Washington D.C. to present the OCAITHB budget request to the National IHS Budget Formulation Committee Work Session. We are awaiting a decision on our 2014 request.
- **January 28:** I was the guest speaker at the Topeka Area Association of Realtors Annual Awards Banquet and spoke about the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.
- **January 31:** Tribal Council members and I received an invitation to attend the Haskell Indian Nations University Spring 2012 Convocation and to meet President Chris Redman.
- **February 2-3:** I attended a DHHS STAC meeting back in Washington, D.C. to follow up on programs that could be offered under tribal self-governance. Legal issues concerning the reporting of funds spent were discussed.
- **February 7:** Tribal Council and I met with the Kickapoo Tribal Council to discuss the Plum Creek Reservoir project and issues. The PBP Tribal Council supports the Reservoir construction and the benefits clean water would bring to community members and to PBP members who live on the Kickapoo Reservation.
- **February 8:** Tribal Council members and I attended the Native American Day at the Capitol and witnessed the signing of a proclamation by Governor Sam Brownback. I also gave the opening prayer for the Kansas House of Representatives opening session. In addition, during the day Tribal Council members and I met with Senate and House representatives from the Jackson

County area.

- **February 21:** I attended the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors meeting in Topeka and we heard presentations on the impact of how no state income tax would benefit tribal members who live off reservation. Later that day, I attended the Kansas Chamber of Commerce dinner.
- **February 22:** Tribal Council and I met with the Kansas Secretary of Health and Environment to offer comments on the formulation of KanCare, a program planned by the State to take the place of the Affordable Health Care Act which the State of Kansas has opted out of. KanCare has been delayed at this time.
- **February 28:** I attended the Missouri River Flood Task Force Meeting in Omaha, Neb. The PBPN is part of the Missouri River tributary system. Flood control projects and current flooding issues were discussed as well as assistance for flood damage from FEMA.
- **March 5-7:** Tribal Council members and I attended the NCAI winter session meetings in Washington, D.C. While there we paid tribute to tribal member Nedra Darling who was honored as one of two recipients as outstanding Indian Women at the 17th Annual Indian Women's "Supporting Each Other" - honoring lunch. In addition, I attended the first HUD Tribal Consultation meeting that is planning to conduct a national survey on Indian Housing needs in Indian Country.
- **March 8:** Tribal Council recognized Dr. Stephen Stevenson, who has been a physician for the PBP Health Clinic for almost 10 years, at a reception in his honor and wished him well in his pursuit of his new endeavor in Overland Park, Kan. Dr. Stevenson will return to the PBP Health Clinic occasionally to fill in on vacation relief.



*Chairman Ortiz was a featured speaker at the luncheon held on March 6 and spoke about Nedra Darling as a tribal member.*

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**(L to R) Joyce Guerrero, Jim Potter, Nedra Darling, and Steve Ortiz in Washington, D.C. where Nedra was honored at the 17th Annual National Indian Women's "Supporting Each Other" luncheon that was part of the NCAI winter session activities. Nedra is a PBPN and has worked as the Public Affairs Director for the BIA-Office of the Assistant Secretary for over 20 years.**


  
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## From the desk of Joyce Guerrero, Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman

The first quarter of 2012 has been full of activities and with the pleasant days of warm weather it is especially good for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. Management continues to report record days exceeding last year's numbers. In meetings with the PBPEC (entertainment board) and the casino management they are planning to have many fun promotions for the casino this coming spring and summer. Although we now have more competition it looks like our casino is still an enjoyable experience. Even the golf course has seen some golfers taking advantage of the good weather.

The 2012 Legislature is also in session and we will be monitoring activities as it relates to the PBPN and gaming in Kansas by attending those sessions.

In February the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council participated in the first Native American Day at the Capitol. The morning opened with a meeting in the Governor's ceremony room along with the PBPN Tribal Council and other area tribal leaders with Governor Brownback signing a proclamation declaring the official day. The Governor was accompanied by Kris Kobach, Secretary of State, and Rep. Ponka-We Victors, who represents the 103 district near Wichita and organized the event. She is also the first Native American woman ever elected to the Kansas legislature. She made a visit to the PBPN last year and is committed to supporting tribal interests. In addition that day, Tribal Council visited legislators in their offices to discuss issues and concerns

about the Prairie Band Potawatomi. One visit was with Sen. Dennis Pyle who represents District 1 including Jackson County where we discussed subjects like school funding, the proposed changes in Medicaid and asking for his support of a proposed amendment to the new proof of citizenship bill that will require voters to have a photo ID. The amendment to the bill will add that tribal photo IDs be accepted for voter identification which we had requested. Later, in other general discussions with leaders, we extended an invitation to senators to visit the Tribal Council on the reservation. We also attended a session of the House of Representatives where Chairman Ortiz gave the opening prayer and participated in the recognition ceremony on the House floor. During lunch we met many more legislators and had the opportunity to visit with them as we and the assistants handed out box lunches that day.

In other state-related news, in response to the notice to tribal governments regarding reforms in the current Medicaid changes in Kansas the PBPN hosted a meeting Feb. 22 for all interested tribal leaders and staff and the Kansas representatives from state agencies to discuss the impact on tribal members, including the aged and disabled who fall into the category of being eligible for Medicaid. Kansas is one of the states who oppose specific provisions of the federal health reform. We plan to request more meetings on this as we need to stay informed and to express our concerns for its possible impact to tribal member programs. On the national level, President Obama's proposed

budget affirms his pledge to fulfill legal trust obligations to Indian nations and it appears that the Indian Health Service will increase under the President's proposal.

In March the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) will be holding a tribal consultation at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort for tribal councils and gaming regulators to get their input on gaming regulations proposed to the federal regulation.

On the reservation, we are still in the application process of the approved partnership with the Homestead Affordable Housing, Inc. to provide affordable senior housing on land that has been designated by Tribal Council and approximately 35 to 40 units are tentatively planned.

In addition, the PBP child support enforcement program is ready to begin recruiting office staff and has space allotted in the Government Center for the effort. We met with consultants and an attorney for the state to discuss how the cases will be transferred if the client opts to transfer to the PBPN child support enforcement program. Tentative plans are to open July 2012.

Thank you for your phone calls and emails and letters. I appreciate the information and feedback.



## From the desk of Noah Wahquahboshkuk, Tribal Council Treasurer

Bosho Nikanek,

The first part of the year has been very eventful. We have accomplished many tasks over the last few months and look forward to what the future holds. The following is a brief summary of a few of the things that I have been working on for the past three months.

Recently, Title 10 - General Taxation and Title 13 - Business Licensing of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Law and Order Code has been amended. In order to better regulate tribal taxation, we have created a Tax Commission to implement more efficient processes and procedures. Tax Commission members are Amanda Barbosa, James Potter, and me. We plan to be issuing updated business licenses and wholesaler licenses by the end of March.

Additionally, we have made a move toward a more functional treasury

management structure, which eliminates some of the less efficient banking practices the Nation has been utilizing in the past. The philosophy behind this action is to, "Do more with less."

We have also been working on a proposed site for more elder housing. The proposal is for 36 units that would be potentially located on the east side of the pre-existing Meadow Lane area elder housing. This proposal is in the works and essentially will provide for more available housing for our elders.

In the future, I would like to see a strategy developed for enhancing our rights as native people and a better voice for our beliefs and ways of life. I would like to see our Law and Order Codes provide a means to reflect our distinct culture and values. Any and all opinions are appreciated; please feel free to contact my office. We have seen some changes for the greater good over the past few months and the future looks very promising. Let's continue to endeavor to prosper into the future.

## Tribal treasurer becomes certified



Noah Wahquahboshkuk, Tribal Council treasurer, (second from left) received a certification document after completing a program at Arizona State University and the Native American Financial Officers Association. He completed the program last January that is the only certificate program in the United States designed for financial managers who work in tribal governments. Topics ranged from government revenue, grant funding, auditing, tribal law and taxation, to name a few, and were taught by experts in Indian law and the Native American financial field. Noah reported that he thought the program was an excellent opportunity for him to get "up to date" with the complexities of tribal finance. Others in the photograph are unidentified.

### Upcoming General Council Meetings

**March 24 (special)**  
**April 21**  
**July 21**  
**Oct. 20**

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# Tribal Council



A new photograph of Tribal Council in their finest regalia was taken recently. From (left to right) is Noah Wahquahboshkuk, treasurer, Joyce Guerrero, vice chairwoman, Jim Potter, secretary, Jancita Warrington, member, Steve Ortiz, chair, Carrie O'Toole, member, and Warren "Junior" Wahweotten, member.

## National Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens pays a visit



Ernie Stevens (front row, right) stopped by the Government Center for a visit with Tribal Council members on Feb. 10. Stevens (Oneida) is the chair of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) that is located in Washington, D.C. In the photo (front left) is PBPN Chairman Steve Ortiz, and, on the back row (left to right) are Tribal Council members Jancita Warrington, Carrie O'Toole, Jim Potter, Noah Wahquahboshkuk and Junior Wahweotten.

The purpose of the National Indian Gaming Association is to assist tribes with their gaming enterprises in working with the federal government and other entities. Stevens has been the chairman of NIGA since 2001 and is also active in several other national Indian organizations.

NIGA will hold its annual Indian Gaming Trade Show and Convention April 1-4 in San Diego and representatives from the Tribal Council and Prairie Band Casino & Resort are planning to attend.



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## PBP Health Center/ Tribal Council listen to State of Kansas KanCare presentation



ABOVE: Dr. Robert Moser, secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), gave a presentation on the proposed KanCare health plan for Kansans to Tribal Council and health care representatives on Feb. 22 at the PBP Health Clinic. Moser outlined the program proposal that will operate in place of the the federal Affordable Care Act. Several members of KDHE, the Department of Aging, and Gov. Brownback's tribal liaison attended the meeting that also included representatives from the Iowa and Kickapoo tribes in Kansas.

BELOW: Listening to the presentation are (left to right) Carrie O'Toole, Joyce Guerrero, and Jim Potter of the PBP Tribal Council, and Rachel Kent who is on the Iowa Tribal Council. Standing is Sara Arif, director of Public Affairs for the Kansas Department of Aging.



### Charitable Contributions quarterly distributions

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American Church (Conference) \$14,000
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- Let's Help \$15,000
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- Salvation Army \$ 3,278

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### Coming up!

- March 24 General Council Meeting (special)
- April 6 PBP Government & Health  
Centers Closed-Easter
- April 21 General Council Meeting
- April 22 Earth Day
- May 28 PBP Government & Health  
Centers Closed-Memorial Day
- June 8-10 PBPN Pow-wow
- June 8 PBP Government & Health  
Centers Closed-All-Employee  
Appreciation Day

### Ralph Simon sworn in as PBP Tribal District Judge



Ralph Simon was sworn in as a Tribal District Court Judge Feb. 24 by Tribal Council Secretary Jim Potter. The swearing in was conducted at the Judicial Center in the Court's chambers.

Judge Simon will join Mary Daniels, a Tribal District Court Judge for the Court, along with Theresa Barr, Administrative Judge.

Simon has worked in the legal profession for several years and is also the executive director for the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri.

### Tribal Council attends Native American Day at the Capitol



*Ponka-We Victors, the first Native American woman ever elected to the House of Representatives, hosted the event at the Capitol.*

ABOVE: Native American Day at the Capitol was held Feb. 8 where Gov. Sam Brownback signed an official proclamation in front of several tribal leaders. Left to right, is Joyce Guerrero (PBPN), Carrie O'Toole (PBPN), Steve Ortiz (PBPN), Noah Wahquahboshkuk (PBPN), Rep. Ponka-We Victors (Ponca - Tohono-O'odham), Jim Potter (PBPN), Kris Kobach, Sec. of State, Mike Dougherty (Sac and Fox), Steve Cadue (Kickapoo), James Jensen (Sac and Fox), Coreena Adkins (Iowa), Rachel Kent (Iowa), and Patti Kramer (Kaw Nation).

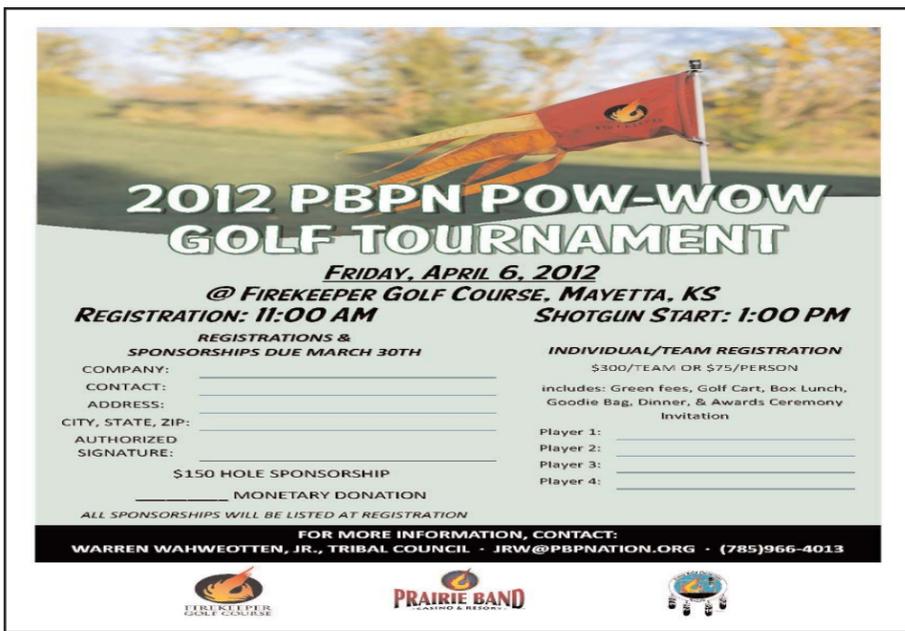
BELOW: Chairman Steve Ortiz gave the opening prayer on the House floor that day and also participated in a recognition ceremony.



### TARC thanks PBPN for donation



The PBPN were invited to an appreciation and recognition dinner Jan. 30 for giving a \$3,500 donation to TARC, an organization that helped sponsor Winter Wonderland XIV in Topeka during the Christmas season. In the photo (left to right) is Tribal Council Secretary Jim Potter and members of the Charitable Contributions Committee Mary Carr, LaVera Bell, and Wanda Treinen who is shaking hands with Sherry Lundry, TARC Director of Development. The purpose of TARC, Inc. is to enhance the lives of people with developmental and related disabilities and families through service, support, advocacy and community involvement in Topeka and Shawnee County. Winter Wonderland is a 2-mile drive of illuminated Christmas displays and lights through Lake Shawnee which is one of TARC's primary fundraising events. The PBPN has donated to TARC's Winter Wonderland since 2006.



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### Gaming Commission positions go from five to three seats

The Gaming Commission will go from five to three elected members according to an announcement by the Tribal Council. The Council made the decision to reduce the number of commissioners and submitted the request to the National Indian Gaming Commission who approved the decision in February.

The purpose of the PBP Gaming Commission is to focus on regulatory gaming activities that take place at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort that is a Class III facility. The gaming commission does not oversee the daily operational management of the casino but is primarily concerned with adhering to Indian gaming regulations enacted through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

Gaming commissioners are elected through the PBPW General Council and serve in staggered terms in office that are for four years. Gaming commission offices are located at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort that has offices in gaming finance, compliance, auditing, internal investigation, IT, and administration.

## Casino news

### 14th Annual Awards Banquet Prairie Band Casino & Resort



Employee award winners (left to right): Mitchel McKinley (Banquet Captain) Employee of the Year and "Support Division" winner; Kelli Duermeier (Marketing Manager) Manager of the Year; Quyen Nquyen (Casino Host) "Services Division" Employee of the Year; Brandi Yingling (Players Club Supervisor) Supervisor of the Year and Mike Blake (Slot Technician) "Gaming Division" Employee of the Year. The event was held Feb. 9 at the casino.



The 2011 casino interns. (Left to right) Lara O'Toole, Nicole Warrington, Thunderchild Thomas, Tara Mitchell and Lindsey Vargas-Bautista. Not pictured, Ramona Nozhackum, Gea Aitkens and Krista Catron.

Special thanks to Frank Tecumseh for submitting photos

### Entertainment Board members

- Jerry Tuckwin
- Carol Shopteese
- Gilreath Aitkens
- Kathryn Young
- Eric Hale
- Joyce Guerrero (non-voting Tribal Council liaison)

### State casinos now open

All three casinos that are run by the state of Kansas are now in operation.

According to Kansas Lottery officials, the Kansas Star Casino near Mulvane, Kan. in southwest Kansas made over \$21 million dollars from its opening night after Christmas through the end of January, and the Hollywood Casino, located at the Kansas Speedway in Wyandotte County, opened Feb. 3 and brought in over \$6.8 million in its first week.

The Boot Hill Casino located in the western part of the state in Dodge City, Kan. has been operating for over a year and recently opened a hotel.



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## Two tribal members lead Finance Department

Two tribal members are now leading the Finance Department as director and assistant controller.

Amanda Barbosa was selected the director of Finance on January 1. She began working in the department in 2006 as an accountant II and before that, she worked at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino (now Prairie Band Casino & Resort) as an internal auditor for the Gaming Commission and as an accountant in the casino's financial office.

Barbosa holds a master's degree in Business Administration and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Washburn University.

She was also recently appointed to the newly formed PBP Tax Commission and is also on the PBPN Workman's Compensation Committee and 401K Committee.

Wade Pahmahmie has been promoted to assistant controller and has been working in the



**Amanda Barbosa has been named the new director of Finance and Wade Pahmahmie is now the assistant controller. Both employees are tribal members and have benefitted from the scholarship and education programs that the PBPN Education Department has offered them.**

Finance Department since 2000. After he graduated from Washburn University in 1999 with a double major in business finance and business management, he began working for the PBPN as a contract specialist until 2006. From 2006 to 2012 he worked as an accountant II for the Nation.

Pahmahmie has been rewarded twice by his work peers for his hard work. In November 2001 he received the Employee of the Month award and in 2009 he was selected as an Employee of the Quarter by employees.

In separate interviews, both Barbosa and Pahmahmie told the *News* how thankful they were for the support of the PBPN and particularly the programs in the Education Department that helped provide funds for their educations that have led to successful careers.

The Finance Department is located on the upper level of the Government Center.

### PBP receives Indian Housing Block grant funds

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is one of the four tribes in Kansas that will receive \$249,430 as part of a \$1.6 million Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are distributed annually based on a formula to eligible Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entities for a range of affordable housing activities.

IHBG funds are intended to primarily benefit low-income families living on Indian reservations or in other communities. The amount of each grant is based on a formula that considers local needs and housing units under management by the tribe or designated entity. According to Shaun Donovan, HUD Secretary, projects can

include affordable housing, infrastructure upgrades, community centers and safety programs. "These efforts are part of a broader commitment to ensure Native American communities can build their economies in response to their needs and as they see fit."

The other tribes that received funding are: The Housing Authority of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska (\$374,014); Housing Authority of the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri (\$230,153); and, Kickapoo Tribe Housing Authority in Kansas (\$814,843).

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Housing Department provides rental, senior rental and rent-to-own housing through a Housing Department located at 8273 156 Lane, Mayetta, Kansas, 66509.

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### State officials at fundraiser



Representatives from the state of Kansas attended a fundraiser called Fiesta Rez'Icana that was sponsored by Blue Earth Initiatives, Inc. and held Feb. 17 at the Bingo Hall.

Blue Earth is an alcohol & drug recovery program in Topeka that is directed by PBPN member Terry Cross Bear.

State officials who attended included Chris Howell, tribal liaison for Gov. Brownback, Kathryn Carter, Attorney General's office, and Richard D. Marks, S.R.S.

### BIA Horton Agency hosts Indian Oil and Gas Assets Meeting at PBPN

The Horton BIA office sponsored an informational meeting on Indian oil and gas assets that was held in the PBPN Government Center training room on March 7.

The purpose of the meeting was to answer questions about oil or gas leases or the income from the oil/gas interest.

Representatives from the Office of Special Trustee, Office of Natural Resources Revenue and Bureau of Land Management gave a presentation and held a question and answer period. They also held a meeting the evening of March 6 at the Kickapoo reservation.

### Mural artist visits Tribal Council



Artist Dennis Schiel, second from left, brought a mural (seen in background) he is painting for the state of Kansas commemorating 150 years of history to show to Tribal Council. The purpose of his visit was to ask for input on how to best represent the PBPN and other northeast Kansas tribes on a portion of the mural. In the photo with Schiel, left to right, are Council members Junior Wahweotten, Joyce Guerrero, Carrie O'Toole, Noah Wahquahboshkuk, Jancita Warrington, Jim Potter, and Steve Ortiz.



The Tribal Police Department got new decals on their vehicles recently. Chief of Police Mike Boswell told the *News* that PBPN law enforcement officers got together to pick a design and selected the one seen above.

**Have you moved recently?**

Let Member Services Department  
know if your address has changed by writing to:

16281 Q Rd.

Mayetta, KS 66509

Questions?

Call Arlene Lingo at

785.966.3934

or toll free

877.715.6789

download change of address forms

[www.pbpindiantribe.com/member-services.aspx#enrollment](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/member-services.aspx#enrollment)

**Tax Commission formed**

PBPN Law and Order Codes Title 10 (General Taxation) and Title 13 (Business Licensing) was recently amended and approved by Tribal Council with the purpose of better regulating tribal taxation. Included in the amendment was that a Tax Commission be formed and appointed.

New members of the Tax Commission include Jim Potter and Noah Wahquahboshkuk from the Tribal Council and Amanda Barbosa, director of Finance. Potter is secretary and Wahquahboshkuk is treasurer of the Council.

Details about the code can be found at

[www.pbpindiantribe.com/pbpn-law-and-order-code.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/pbpn-law-and-order-code.aspx)

**Law and Order Codes updated**

The Attorney's office announces that they have updated the  
PBPN Law and Order Codes that are available at:

[www.pbpindiantribe.com/pbpn-law-and-order-code.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/pbpn-law-and-order-code.aspx)

**Notice:**

New or revised amendments to the code  
can be found  
on the  
Tribal Member Log In section  
at

[www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com)

Copies also at the PBP Government Center, Tribal Court,  
and Elder Center  
and

shall be posted  
for 60 days for public comment

Comments should be sent to:  
Email: [comments@pbpnation.org](mailto:comments@pbpnation.org)

Fax: 785.966.3934

Mail: Office of Tribal Secretary  
16281 Q Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509

**For your information!  
Tribal Council/Ethics Commission election notices**

will be mailed out

April 11, 2012

and

you must be registered to vote!

Registration documents included in  
election packet.

Deadline for 18 years and older is

May 23

**Housing Department  
National Programs update**

By Jackie Cummings, Housing Director

The Housing Department has announced that the Nationals programs for the Housing Department are again being funded.

These programs are funded on a year-to-year basis and include Renovation Assistance, Down Payment Assistance, and Rental Assistance.

The department will begin accepting applications for all three programs on April 16 and applications and guidelines will be available for pick-up in the office and on the website at [pbpindiantribe.com](http://pbpindiantribe.com) in the near future.

Review of programs

**Renovation Program:** There are currently 124 applicants on the waiting

list for this program and that list will be processed first in the order in which they were received. New applications received April 16 or after will be processed contingent upon available funding.

**Rental Assistance Program:** If you have previously applied and were approved, and received assistance, you can re-apply; however, those applicants who are applying for the first time will be given priority.

**Down Payment Assistance:** We have funding available to assist 20 approved tribal members with a down payment on a new home.

For more information call the Housing Department at 785.966.2756 or visit them at 8273 156th Lane., Mayetta, Kan.

**Special General Council Meeting  
Sat. March 24**

9 a.m.

Bingo Hall

Questions: Call Jim Potter, Secretary, 785.966.4022

**A note from Member Services about the burial fund**

The Burial Fund was established to help ease the financial burden of funeral expenditures at a time of a family member's death.

The burial benefit will pay up to \$ 6,000 in burial costs per eligible individual. Tribal members with funeral expense for stillborn or premature death of infant (who are less than 3 days old) can also be reimbursed for up to \$500 to be paid to a funeral home for burial. All burial

allowance applications and statements must be filed with the Tribal Council within one year from a member's date of death. The Burial Plan may be amended or terminated only by a vote of the General Council, with a quorum present, and approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

For additional information call the Member Services Department at (785) 966-3910 or toll free 1-(866) 277-3722.

# A glimpse of the PBPB membership

As of January, 2012 statistics from the PBPB's Member Services Department show that there are 4,762 enrolled members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) in the United States and Canada with 50 percent (2,396) of them living in Kansas. The next highest number of members per state is Wisconsin (382) with 8 percent of the total membership. A handful of other states have tribal members living in them that computes to less than 1 percent with over 100 members in those states. They are Oklahoma (285), California (187), Missouri (168), Texas (136) and Washington (106).

In order to be an enrolled member of the PBPB, individuals must prove that they are ¼ Prairie Band Potawatomi Indian degree blood and must go through an enrollment application process according to the Tribe's Constitution.

**Note: The PBPB state by state membership count to the right is a separate count and not included as part of the 2010 Census brief below. The 2010 Census relied on self identification in their count whereas the PBPB membership must prove Indian degree blood and go through an enrollment application process.**

## The bigger picture: 2010 Census shows nearly half of American Indians and Alaska Natives report multiple races

The U.S. Census Bureau has recently released a 2010 Census brief, The American Indian and Alaska Native Population: 2010, that shows almost half (44 percent) of this population, or 2.3 million people, reported being American Indian and Alaska Native in combination with one or more other races. This multiracial group grew by 39 percent from 2000 to 2010.

Overall, 5.2 million people, or 1.7 percent of all people in the United States, identified as American Indian and Alaska Native, either alone or in combination with one or more races. This population grew by 27 percent from 2000 to 2010. Those who reported being American Indian and Alaska Native alone totaled 2.9 million, an increase of 18 percent from 2000 to 2010. The multiple race American Indian and Alaska Native population, as well as both the alone and alone-or-in-combination populations, all grew at a faster rate than the total U.S. population, which increased by 9.7 percent from 2000 to 2010.

American Indian and Alaska Native alone-or-in-combination population in 2010 were California, Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, New York, New Mexico, Washington, North Carolina, Florida and Michigan. Among these states, Texas, North Carolina and Florida experienced substantial rates of growth in this population at 46 percent, 40 percent and 38 percent, respectively. The American Indian and Alaska Native alone population experienced growth of at least 20 percent in Texas, North Carolina, Florida and New York.

The multiple-race American Indian and Alaska Native population increased by more than 50 percent in 18 states. North Carolina, Delaware and South Dakota experienced the most rapid growth in this population at more than 70 percent. In all but three states, the multiple-race proportion of the American Indian and Alaska Native alone-or-in-combination population increased from 2000 to 2010.

### Tribal groupings

The largest number of people who identified with an American Indian tribal grouping, either alone or in combination, identified as Cherokee (819,000). The Navajo tribal grouping had the largest number of individuals who identified with one tribal grouping and no other race (287,000).

Among the largest American Indian tribal groupings, Blackfeet had the highest proportion who reported more than one tribal grouping or race. Seventy-four percent of Blackfeet individuals reported an additional race and/or tribal grouping.

The largest Alaska Native tribal grouping, either alone or in combination, was Yup'ik (34,000), followed by

Inupiat (33,000). Yup'ik also had the greatest number of people who identified with one tribal grouping and no other race (29,000).

Among all Alaska Native tribal groupings, Tlingit-Haida had the highest proportion who reported more than one tribal grouping or race. Forty-two percent of Tlingit-Haida individuals reported an additional race and/or tribal grouping.

### Race definitions

People who reported only one race on their 2010 Census questionnaire are referred to as the race "alone" population. For example, respondents who marked only the "American Indian or Alaska Native" category would be included in the American Indian and Alaska Native alone population. This population can be viewed as the minimum number of people reporting American Indian and Alaska Native.

Individuals who chose more than one of the six race category options on the 2010 Census form are referred to as the race "in combination" population, or as the group who reported more than one race. One way to define the American Indian and Alaska Native population is to combine those respondents who reported American Indian and Alaska Native alone with those who reported American Indian and Alaska Native in combination with one or more other races. Another way to think of the American Indian and Alaska Native alone-or-in-combination population is the total number of people who reported American Indian or Alaska Native, whether or not they reported any other races.

### PBPB member state by state count (as of January 26, 2012)

- Alabama (7)
- Alaska (12)
- Arizona (73)
- Arkansas (21)
- California (187)
- Colorado (73)
- Connecticut (10)
- Delaware (0)
- Florida (61)
- Georgia (17)
- Hawaii (6)
- Idaho (38)
- Illinois (62)
- Indiana (27)
- Iowa (61)
- Kansas (2,396)
- Kentucky (2)
- Louisiana (22)
- Maine (3)
- Maryland (10)
- Massachusetts (3)
- Michigan (89)
- Minnesota (60)
- Mississippi (10)
- Missouri (168)
- Montana (53)
- Nebraska (61)
- Nevada (42)
- New Hampshire (9)
- New Jersey (7)
- New Mexico (28)
- New York (19)
- North Carolina (19)
- North Dakota (6)
- Ohio (19)
- Oklahoma (285)
- Oregon (38)
- Pennsylvania (27)
- Rhode Island (1)
- South Carolina (9)
- South Dakota (16)
- Texas (136)
- Utah (15)
- Vermont (0)
- Virginia (27)
- Washington (106)
- West Virginia (12)
- Wisconsin (382)
- Wyoming (3)

### Canada (10)

**Total: 4,762**



### More than three-fourths live outside tribal areas

A majority of the American Indian and Alaska Native alone-or-in-combination population (78 percent) lived outside of American Indian and Alaska Native areas. At the same time, most counties with relatively higher proportions of American Indians and Alaska Natives tended to be in close proximity to reservations, trust lands or Oklahoma tribal statistical areas. This was especially evident in counties throughout the West and in Oklahoma.

### Majority live in 10 states

The 10 states with the largest

# Education Department

The Education Department's computer facilities were used as part of a **Digital Storytelling Workshop** in February that involved youth creating personal stories on the computer relating to Native wellness and cultural spirituality. To conclude the workshop the youth and their families were invited to show their personal stories at a screening premier held at the Bingo Hall Feb. 19.

Sponsors for the workshop included the DHHS Independent Living program, Healing to Wellness Court, Boys & Girls Club, and Youth Transitions program in the Vocational Rehabilitation branch of the PBP Social Services Department.

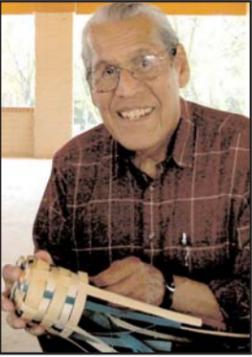
The **Education Department** staff also taught a job/career workshop for the **GEN S Youth Council** on Feb. 22 at the Boys & Girls Club. The GEN S Youth Council is a community-service organization that operates under the Youth Transition program. In December the group conducted a non-perishable food and toy drive where they donated to those in need.

The Education Department is also collaborating with **Friends University** in offering college courses on the reservation and this spring a Native American History course is being taught. Last fall, there were 10 students enrolled in a Native American Literature course that was taught in the PBP Government Center.

**Applications now available  
for  
the  
Jim McKinney Education  
Scholarship Fund**

**Go to  
shawneecountyalliedtribes.org  
and click link for  
Jim McKinney Education application**

**For inquiries call  
Agnes McKinney  
at  
email: [flowerlady5@cox.net](mailto:flowerlady5@cox.net)  
or call: 785.783.7274**



**File for Federal Financial Aid Workshop**

**What: Filling out the FAFSA (first-go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))**  
**When: Friday, March 23-9 a.m.**  
**Where: Education Department Computer Lab (Government Center)**  
**Call to sign up: Kistina Matsapto, 785.966.3981**

**FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI SCHOLARSHIP**

CRITERIA

1. Must be an enrolled Potawatomi with one of the recognized tribes with verification from the enrollment department.
2. Must have a 3.00 GPA. If you are a high school senior or you are attending a 4 year accredited institution or a technical college.
3. Must apply for federal financial aid (FAFSA).
4. Must submit a written essay of 500 words or more of what education means to you and how your tribe will benefit.
5. Must get a letter of recommendation from one of your instructors and one from a tribal leader.

Deadline: April 5th of each year.

CONTACT:  
 DJ SMITH, Education Director  
 Forest County Potawatomi  
 PO BOX 340  
 Crandon, WI 54520  
 Phone: 715-478-7200

**Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp**  
 May 29-August 3

**Who: Youth 5-18 years (must have attended kindergarten/Head Start)**  
**What: Daily summer activities-Monday -Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
 (gym, educational field trips, cultural activities and more)  
**Where: 15424 K Road, Mayetta, KS 66509**  
**Call: 785.966.3031 for details or go to**  
[www.pbpindiantribe.com/boys-and-girls-club.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/boys-and-girls-club.aspx)

## Reservation improvements



The Road & Bridge Department laid the groundwork for a bus barn that will house the Early Childhood Education Center's bus. It will sit south and east of the center.

*(Photo submitted by Hardee Eteeyan)*



**LEFT: Chris Schreiner, Construction Maintenance, works on a drainage area at the Boys & Girls Club. A new sand volleyball court is also being planned behind the club.**



**(L-R) Carl Matousek, Shawn Kelly, and Jim Harvey installed back up generators for the PBP pump stations last winter.**



**The News photographed Jim Magee doing some painting and touch ups at the Tribal Police Department. Jim works for Construction/Maintenance.**

## Earthship building being renovated by Construction Maintenance Department



**LEFT: Jake Rodewald (PBP) runs equipment to dig a line near the building (center) that will be used for office and storage space in the future.**



**Robbie Lange (right) works on the inside of the building. Robbie is in Construction Maintenance and is a tribal member.**



# Meet Tribal Police Detective Wade Schneider



Wade Schneider

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

This series introduces Wade Schneider:

**Q:** What is your official title?

**A:** Tribal Police Detective

**Q:** How long have you been working for the Tribal Police Department?

**A:** Almost 12 years.

**Q:** Are you a tribal member?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Do you have other education besides high school?

**A:** I have taken some college courses through Highland Community College. I receive forty-plus hours a year of training through the police department in various aspects of law enforcement. For example, in 2010 I attended the Public Agency Training Council Detective and New Criminal Investigator course and the Advanced Course in Medicolegal Death Investigation.

**Q:** Can you briefly outline your work experience?

**A:** I worked in various industries, including transportation, communications, pest control and industrial supplies prior to becoming an officer in 1998.

**Q:** Have you graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) and what does that mean to you?

**A:** Yes, I have graduated from the academy. It put me on a career path that has afforded me some unexpected opportunities for which I am grateful.

**Q:** Where did you do your training and what did you learn?

**A:** In 1999 I was working for the Perry (Kan.) Police Department and attended the part-time academy that is located in Hutchinson, Kan. In 2000, after being employed by the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department, I attended the full-time academy at the Topeka Police Department that is accredited through the state. In the academy I learned the basic foundation of law enforcement.

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

**A:** Working for the Tribal Police Department has afforded me the opportunity to have a stable career that I'm extremely grateful to have.

**Q:** What goals would you like to achieve in your work with the Tribal Police Department?

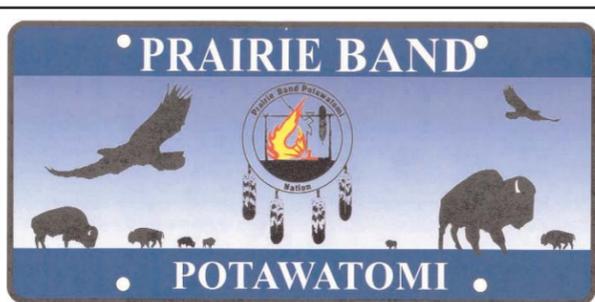
**A:** I have reached numerous goals while employed with the Nation but a future goal would be to seek out training that would allow me to be an expert in certain fields of investigating.

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

**A:** My work is very rewarding. When someone in the community or the Nation itself is victimized I am their link to justice. I recently investigated a string of air conditioner and scrap thefts that occurred on the reservation within a five month period in 2011. The thefts cost the Nation and community thousands of dollars in losses. After seven month of investigative work, I was able to identify several suspects and resolve numerous cases.

**Tribal Police  
is planning an  
open house soon  
to show off their new building  
expansion and remodel!  
Date and time will be announced on  
[www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com)**

## PBP Motor Vehicle news



### Collector Plates on Sale

\$40 each with \$5 for shipping  
Money Order, Cashier's Check, Personal Checks  
(Make check payable to PBPN)

Mail to:  
Motor Vehicle Registrar's Office  
PBP Tribal Police  
16344 Q Rd  
Mayetta, KS 66509

For details call: 785.966.2992



(L to R) Chuck Cox and William Riley with Data Video Systems in Oklahoma came to the PBPN on Feb. 28 to discuss new titling and registration software they will install soon. The installation should make data transfers between Kansas tribal motor vehicle departments and the Kansas Department of Revenue go more smoothly. In the photo above with Cox and Riley, are Herb Nance (standing) and Micki Martinez from the PBP Tribal Police Department. Martinez is the registrar and Nance works in maintenance and is a law enforcement instructor for hunting and drivers ed courses.

PBPN Motor Vehicle Department  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Days: Monday through Friday

### License Plate Registration Schedules

Last Name	Month
A	February
B	March
C-D	April
E-F-G	May
H-I	June
J-K-L	July
M-N-O	August
P-Q-R	September
S	October
T-V-W	November
U-X-Y-Z	December

### Title & Registration Fees

- Standard-\$20
- Disabled or Veteran-\$15
- Purple Heart-None
- Motorcycle-\$10
- Personalized-\$50 (3-4 weeks subject to approval )

**Note:** Registrations are only available for tribal members who live on the reservation.

For details go to:

[www.pbpindiantribe.com/tribal-tags.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/tribal-tags.aspx)

## Around the rez

### Sam Mitchell named 2011 employee of the year



Sam Mitchell (PBPN) was named the 2011 Employee of the Year and Employee of the Quarter at the All-Employee meeting held in January at the Bingo Hall. He is the head of building/maintenance and has been working in the Construction/Maintenance Department since 2009. Before that time, he worked in the Early Childhood Education Center as a childcare worker for ten years. In his spare time, Sam attends college at Friends University and enjoys creating art. Among the artworks he created are logos that have been used for the PBPN Gathering and Prairie Band Construction company.



(Left) In January at the All-Employee Quarterly meeting, Tribal Council thanked employees for their years of service to the Nation. In the photo (far left) is Russell Kern, who is with the Housing Department, and is seen shaking hands with Chairman Steve Ortiz. Next to Ortiz is Joyce Guerrero, and Jim Potter from the Council and on the end is Shanna Smith who is with the Human Resources Department.



The Transit Department gathered recently for a photograph: (L to R) Lester "Corky" Sumner, Celeste Weber, Mario Kitchkommie, Paula Keehn, Robbie Griffith, Nevika Mahkuc, and Charles Nez. Not photographed is Martin Hale.



Liana Onnen is General Manager of Tribal Operations and spoke at the All-Employee meeting at the Bingo Hall.

For more details go to [www.pbpindiantribe.com/transit.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/transit.aspx)

**PBPN General Public Transportation**  
Telephone: 785-966-2995  
Toll free: 866-727-8181  
Hours: Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM (excluding holidays)

Community Blood Drive  
March 30-8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
PBP Health Center

### Salute to the Government Center Administrative Assistants



Carol DeWitt works in the mail room. The mail room is located on the lower level of the Government Center.



(Left to right, back row) Paula Hopkins (Attorney's office), Leslie Marshno (General Manager's office), and Linda Yazzie (Tribal Chairman's office). (Front row, left to right) Tina Levier (Tribal Treasurer's office) and Pam Bowman (Tribal Secretary's office).

Things would not run very smoothly at the Government Center without the administrative assistants who keep the paperwork flowing from office to office and also do a lot of scheduling of meetings and events.

In the Attorney's office is Paula Hopkins, who has worked in the office since it began in 1997. She keeps track of codes, amendments, and other legal documents for the Tribe.

Pam Bowman works for the Secretary's office that prepares tribal resolutions, meeting minutes, and more. She also handles the tribal member log-in extranet for the tribe's website.

Linda Yazzie works in the Chairman's office and keeps track of the chair's calendar, travel itineraries and other activities upon request.

Tina Levier works in the Treasurer's office and helps prepare the treasurer's budget reports and more.

Leslie Marshno is administrative assistant for the General Manager in Tribal Operations.

Carol DeWitt distributes the daily mail for the Nation and keeps a log of all mail postings.

# Youth learning the language



Above, in the photo, left, is Halina Williamson with Mae Joslin who smiled for the camera on Kids Night held Jan. 25.

Approximately 25 youth who are interested in learning the Potawatomi language came to Language Night sponsored by the Language Department last January. This spring more classes have been organized for 7-12 year olds and for teens between the ages of 13-17. Classes meet in the Language Department and at the Language House that is located on 158 Road.

*(Photos submitted by Language Department)*

Dawn "Sogi" LeClere, standing, is the new director of the Language Department that is located in the basement of the Fire Keepers Elder Center.



## Language Classes

**Mondays: Adults (5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)**  
**Wednesdays: Kids and Teens (5:30 to 7 p.m.)**  
*(Note: Alternating Wednesdays)*  
**Kids (7-12 yrs) meet March 21**  
**Teens (13-17) meet March 28**

# E POK YATSOKAGNEN Winter Stories conference held



The Language Department sponsored the E POK YATSOK-AGNEN Winter Stories conference at the Bingo Hall Feb. 20-21. Approximately 50 people attended the two-day event and some were from the other bands of Potawatomi Indians like featured presenter Lillian Rice from the Forest County Potawatomi.

The first day consisted of presentations, songs sung by PBPB Early Childhood Education Center children, dinner at the Bingo Hall, and a family feud game called Battle of the Bands. On the following day there were more presentations and open mic stories. To conclude the event, there was an evening dinner held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort where the PBPB Language Department entertained with skits and also showed a computerized-digital presentation that had been created by youth earlier in the week.



ABOVE: Lillian Rice, from the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe, was a featured presenter and told stories in Potawatomi to the group. There were open mic stories and others who also spoke at the conference.

ABOVE: Attendees listened to one of the presentations told in Potawatomi and in English.



RIGHT: Tribal Council member Jancita Warrington gave a welcome address the first day.



ABOVE: Language Department staff introduced themselves. (L to R) Dawn "Sogi" LeClere, Cindy LeClere, and Jan "Pom" Hubbard.

ABOVE: (L to R) Colton Wahquahboshkuk, Eddie Joe Mitchell, and Leo Nadeau who were introduced and assisted with the conference.



ABOVE: Children sang songs in Potawatomi.



RIGHT: At the registration table is Jessica Youngbird (l), with Molly Meshigaud and Theresa Magnuson (standing). Meshigaud is from Hannahville and Magnuson is from the Pokagen Band. Youngbird is a PBPB member and works for the Language Department.



**Suicide prevention workshop**



A two-day training on Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training was held last fall at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. Staff members from the Boys & Girls Club, PBPN Independent Living, Social Services Department and PBP Mental Health program attended the presentation that was offered through LivingWorks, a community service company, that deals with educating caregivers about suicide prevention.



ABOVE: Members from Tribal Police learned how to recognize the signs of when individuals are experiencing a mental health crisis at a training offered by Kanza Mental Health Center at the Rock Building last fall. Kanza serves four-counties in northeast Kansas. The training was sponsored by the Tribal Police Department.

*Workshop supported by Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs and the U.S. Department of Justice.*

**Mental health first aid training workshop held**



ABOVE: David Elsbury, CEO of Kanza Mental Health and Guidance Center (at the podium) and Janet Bair-Carpenter, Social Services Director, both gave presentations.

**EMS/CPR courses available through the Potawatomi Fire Department**  
For more information call Paul Juedes or Mary LeClere at 785.966.2164

**Potawatomi Fire Department**  
*It's severe weather season so please be on the lookout for possible storms and check on your neighbors!*

**Storm Spotters Class**  
**April 18**  
6:30 p.m.  
Bingo Hall  
Mayetta, KS 66509  
Come learn how to spot severe weather by a meteorologist from the National Weather Service. Presentations are typically 1 to 2 hours long and focus on storm structure and accurate identification of cloud formations.  
Hosted by the Potawatomi Fire Department.  
For details call 785.966.2164

**Programs collaborate to offer fun community family events**

Family Violence Prevention, Tribal Victims Assistance, Boys & Girls Club, and Social Services/Health Center



The PBP Family Violence Prevention Program and Tribal Police Department/Tribal Victims Assistance Program sponsored a Walk a Mile in Their Mocs event during Domestic Violence Awareness Month last October. Commemorative t-shirts were handed out and participants all gathered for a walk through the park and ended up at a community pot luck for grilled hotdogs and hamburgers provided by the Tribal Police Department.



LEFT: The week before Christmas, program staff came together for a Ho-Ho-Ho Bingo night. Rebekah Jones, Tribal Victims Assistance program, third from left, helped children make ornaments. By pooling resources and staff, social service youth-oriented programs are offering family activities and events that have proved to be popular on the reservation.

RIGHT: A trunk or treat event at the Health Center was a huge hit during Halloween. Over 350 people attended the event for children and their families.



## Diabetes Prevention Program news



ABOVE: (Left to right) is Kathy Sterbenz, R.N. and Educator, Cody Wilson, Lifestyle Coach, and Melinda Williamson, DPP Manager, who are all working together at the PBPB Health Center in the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) to provide information and weekly programs to help participants manage or prevent diabetes.

BELOW: Wednesday Walks are one of the programs that the DPP has begun for people who get together for brief walks during break times at various buildings on the reservation.



### DPP Wednesday Walks

10:30 a.m.-Boys & Girls Club  
11 a.m.-Elders Center  
Noon-Health Center  
2 p.m.-Government Center

(walks take about 10-15 minutes-meet in parking lots or inside the buildings in inclement weather)

Pharmacy  
drive-up  
window  
is  
now  
open  
during  
lunch

AA meetings

Wednesdays,  
7-8 p.m.

Rock Building

### Alcohol & Drug program staff available to help!

The Alcohol & Drug Program staff want you to know that they are here to help.

They offer several self-help programs, motivational interviewing, strength-based methods and the Red Road model of recovery. The staff also recognizes the importance of their clients reconnecting with community, culture, and their spirituality as essential components of recovery.

The program serves the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation community and Native Americans in the surrounding region. Three state certified addiction counselors are available and are all housed in the Social Services Department that is located in the east wing of the Potawatomi Health Center. For more information call 785-966-8350 or fax 785-966-8386.

## North Star group home reclassified as large specialty foster family home

The North Star group home has been reclassified as a large specialty foster family home and is now being administered by the PBPB Social Services Department.

The home presently has eight foster youth who are supervised by tribal house parents and a full-time education coordinator. Part of their learning process, in addition to attending school and dealing with their daily care concerns, is becoming immersed in traditional ways and cultural programs like learning the Potawatomi language, for example.

According to Janet Bair-Carpenter, director of Social Services, the learning

approach used in the home is modeled after a therapeutic learning environment that uses positive behavioral modification techniques.

The home is on the reservation and has been owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation since 2002. It was originally used as a safe place for young girls to learn basic life skills in a traditional home setting versus being placed in an institutional setting.

Bair-Carpenter reported that members of the community were also helping out with home activities and that all aspects of the home will continue to be evaluated to ensure positive growth for the youth.

## New faces in Social Services Department

Kim Whithorn is in a newly created position in the Social Services department which is working as an Education Coordinator for the North Star Group Home.

Whithorn began Jan. 17 and is assisting youth who are in the group home with their individual education plans and she is working closely with the Royal Valley school district where most of the children attend school.



Whithorn was previously a special education teacher in Topeka for ten years and was also a regular classroom teacher for five years.

She holds masters' degrees in Learning Disabilities and Social Work and attended Pittsburg State University and Washburn.

When asked about her new position she said, "I am really enjoying it. I have found my spot."

Marlene Tate began working Feb. 1 as a Foster Care/Indian Child Welfare social worker for the PBPB.

She has a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Kansas and has prior work experience in administration at the National Indian Child Welfare Association in Portland. She has also worked for other social service agencies in Lawrence and Topeka, Kan. includ-



ing Lawrence/Douglas Housing and TFI Family Services.

Marlene is a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes and resides in Lawrence.

She told the News that working for the PBP Social Services Department is a blessing to her because she is giving back to Indian people and particularly the children.

## Dr. Stevenson retires

Dr. Stephen Stevenson, who has been with the PBPB almost 10 years, is partially retiring and was honored at a reception at the Health Center March 8.

Members of the community, Tribal Council and the Health Center staff were on hand to bid Dr. Stevenson farewell. The Health Center plans to hire another doctor soon.



# Francis Jensen inducted into Holton/Jackson County Hall of Fame

By Suzanne Heck

A great contributor to the Prairie Band Potawatomi and Holton community, tribal member Francis Jensen was honored publicly when he was inducted into the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame on Feb. 9 at the EUM Family Life Center. He, along with the late George Gantz, Judy Olson, Janet Zwonitzer, Joannie Dannenberg and Betty Fleming, were recognized for their many years of work and contributions to the community.

Jensen was raised on the Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) reservation and attended Miller School and Mayetta High School. His parents were Mary (Hale) and Viggio Jensen and his siblings were Marie (Jensen) Bailey and Edwin.

According to Roy Hale, 82, a lifelong PBP reservation resident, Francis and he have been close friends all of their lives. They are also relatives as Roy's father was Joseph "Shakey" Hale who was a brother to Francis' mother, Mary. In addition, their home places were near each other and they are about the same age.

Jensen said in an article that was in the *Holton Recorder* (Dec. 5, 2011-4B), that he began his career of cutting hair when he was 12 years old by trading haircuts with the neighbors for things. He utilized the skill further making it into a job after joining



Francis (left) with his son Mike (deceased) at the 2009 PBP pow-wow.

the Civil Conservation Corps in the early 1940s.

Following the Civil Conservation Corps, Jensen joined the U.S. Army in 1946 and was involved in the Philippines and occupied Japan. During that period of time, his job duties included being a rifleman, cook and baker.

Following the service, he attended barber school in Kansas City and became a licensed practitioner. In 1949 he began professionally barbering in Manhattan, Kan. and then moved back to Holton in 1951. He set up a barber shop on the north side of the Square where he stayed in business for over 50 years. He then retired in 2004.

In his spare time, Francis has continued his involvement in military activities. He is a life member and chaplain of We-Ta-Se American Legion Post

#410 and has been a member of Holton's Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #1367 for nearly 60 years.

His community service in Holton has also been outstanding. He was heavily involved in scouting in the 1950s and 1960s and was an active business leader/parent for both men and women's sports. Jensen has also been involved in the Circleville Masonic Lodge for 60 years and is a member of the Holton Lions Club and the Holton Chamber of Commerce.



Francis Jensen WWII photo from 1946-1949.

Francis married Pauline (Johnson) (deceased) and they had three children, Jack, Howard, and Mike (deceased).

A hobby Francis also enjoys is making wooden flutes that he says has helped him keep in touch with his traditional Prairie Band Potawatomi ways.



World War II veterans Francis Jensen and LeRoy Mzhickteno (deceased) carried the wreath for a Memorial Day ceremony in 2004 in Prairie Peoples Park.

*Special thanks to the Jensen family and Roy Hale for contributing photos and information*



As a young boy Francis Jensen was photographed with his Guernsey calf that he raised through a 4-H project.



Francis Jensen (forefront) is seen giving the invocation at the veterans pow-wow held last September in Prairie Peoples Park. The other person in the photo is Dean Whitebreast who was emcee.



Left to right: The Jensen family in 1939: Mary (Hale), Marie, Viggio, Ed, and Francis.

1937 Mayetta High School football team



(Back row, left to right) Clyde James, Bud Johnson, Ed Jensen, LeRoy Mzhickteno, Edson Lunger, Virgil Saits, and Harold Lofauist. (Front row, left to right) Amil Matchie, Francis Jensen, Sal Delg, Jack James, Lyman "Lefty" Evans, Anthony Delg, Bill Mzhickteno, and Bart James. The boy in the overalls is unidentified.

## Up, up and away: Roy Hale and editor take airplane ride



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Roy Hale and Suzi Heck, news editor, took a ride over the reservation and got some photographs from the air on a beautiful day Feb. 1. It was a dream of Roy's to see the reservation from the air and the two took a ride with a pilot from Billard Airport in Topeka. The photos are: 1. Roy's first airplane ride as a U.S. Army Private in 1951. Photo taken near Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri; 2. Roy, 82, in 2012 (in similar pose) before taking off from the airport; 3. Government Center from the air; 4. Health Center and Judicial Center; 5. Roy's place that is located on I Road north of 158 Rd.



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### Bowling them over!



Emery Hale, 81, took a photo of eighteen medals he has won since 2004 for bowling in Golden-Age Veterans Administration Olympics and Senior Olympics competitions. To date, he has won 14 gold medals and 4 silver medals. Emery has been bowling for fifty years and still bowls regularly in Topeka at Gage Center Bowl. He said that he remembers when an all-Potawatomi team won the Topeka championship in 1966 and that his teammates were Mas Hale, Robert Hale, Chris Puckkee, and Emery Mattwaoshshe. Emery lives on the reservation and is active in We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 activities. He was involved in the Korean war conflict.



We-Ta-Se attended the 67th Anniversary of Iwo Jima Flag Raising in Sacaton, Ariz. Feb 25 and three of the veterans were photographed next to a statue of Ira Hayes, a Native American soldier who helped raise the Iwo Jima flag. (Left to right) is Chuck Jacobson, Robert Jackson, and Charles Wakole. Other We-Ta-Se members who made the trip but are not photographed were Tim Ramirez, Jim Potts, Frank Shopteese and Ralph Lundin.

### 2012 Gathering information

The host Potawatomi Band for the 2012 Potawatomi Gathering planned for August 8-12 is the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi in Pine Creek, Michigan.

Listed as one of the events is a Youth and Language Conference to be held from August 6-August 9.

Arrangements are still being made for the Elders trip to the Gathering and LaVerne Hale reports that they are looking at trip plans from August 5-13 which also includes attendance at the Language Conference. Please check for upcoming information on the tribal website or call LaVerne Hale at 785-966-0041 or e-mail laverneh@pbpnation.org.

### 5th Community Talent Show



The Community Talent Show was held Oct. 6 and 7 at the Rock Building and Julia Lewis (2nd from left) and her dance group performed. Julia organizes the show each year. (Photo submitted)

The Holiday Crafts Fair Committee would like to thank PBPN employees from Road & Bridge (Ron Bone) and Construction/Maintenance and all the others who helped make the 2011 fair the best one ever. A high-five should also go to Mildred Rohr who donated her raffle winnings to the Adopt-a-Family-for-Christmas program.



## Royal Valley Singers & Dancers win Battle of the Plains championship seven years in a row

The Royal Valley Native American Dancers traveled to Bartlesville, Oklahoma on January 14, 2012 to compete in the annual Battle of the Plains Native American Dance competition. Royal Valley placed first in the competition for the seventh year in a row. The competition is sponsored by Operation Eagle, which is the Indian Education Program through the Bartlesville Public Schools in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The competition included a total of nine schools. Royal Valley Native American Dancers have always been invited to the competition to represent Kansas. Royal Valley Native American Singers/Dancers is the only school-sponsored dance group in the state. Currently the group is 82 members strong. The group is composed of members from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Sponsors for the group are Anita Evans-Title VII Indian Education Director for U.S.D. #337/ Royal Valley High School Teacher/Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Member and Connie Peters-Math and Student Assistance Teacher at Royal Valley Middle School. Lead singer for the group is Gubba Hale.

Royal Valley had a total of 59 dancers attend the competition, with 54 competing. Royal Valley had 23 dancers place for points. There were 26 total categories for competition. Royal Valley filled 20 categories with dancers.

Royal Valley had eight Grand Champions-First Place Winners: Shanokwe Price-Girls Jingle (5-7); KJ Miller-Boys Grass (5-7); Mae Joslin-Girls Fancy (8-10); Tamo Thomas-Girls Fancy (11-13); Zach Wahweotten-Boys Fancy (11-13); Masen Spoonhunter-Boys Traditional(11-13) Brennah Wahweotten-Girls Jingle(14-18).

Second Place winners include: Tanaya

Mahkuk-Girls Cloth (5-7); Nahconbe Wahwassuck-Boys Fancy (5-7); (Jaiana Serna-Blakemore-Girls Cloth (8-10); Hayley Harman-Girls Jingle (8-10); Dania Ortero-Girls Fancy (11-13); Kikto Thomas-Girls Cloth (11-13); Ninahii Frisby-Boys Grass (11-13); Jayden Serna-Blakemore-Boys Traditional (11-13); Nadas Thomas-Girls Cloth (14-18); Doug Thomas-Boys Traditional (14-18).

Third Place winners include: Ruben Tinajero-Boys Grass (5-7); Komesh Spoonhunter-Boys Grass (8-10); Kishno Bell-Girls Fancy (11-13); Felicity Price-Girls Cloth (11-13); Pe-Qwas Hernandez-Girls Fancy (14-18); Arrow Levier-Boys Grass (14-18).

Royal Valley Native American Singers/Dancers is supported by U.S.D. #337 through Impact Aid, Title VII Indian Education funds and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Anita Evans would like to thank all the organizations and people who have supported the singers/dancers for the past 17 years as she will be retiring from her teaching position after this school year.

### Royal Valley stats

- 59 dancers attended
- 54 dancers competed
- 23 dancers placed

Special thanks  
from sponsors  
Anita Evans and Connie Peters

### Teams in Competition

1st Place-Royal Valley-Kansas-  
2nd Place-Osage Nation-Oklahoma  
3rd Place-Poarch Creek-Alabama  
Others:  
Lenape-Owasso  
Norman, OK  
Tulsa, OK  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Operation Eagle  
Bartlesville, OK  
Ponca City, OK

### BATTLE OF THE PLAINS DANCE COMPETITION BARTLESVILLE, OK JANUARY 14, 2012 ROYAL VALLEY-7X GRAND CHAMPIONS

Ages 5-7 Girls Fancy  
No Entry

Ages 5-7 Girls Cloth  
2nd Tanaya Mahkuk

Ages 5-7 Girls Jingle  
1st-Shanokwe Price

Ages 5-7 Boys Fancy  
2nd-Nahconbe Wahwassuck

Ages 5-7 Boys Grass  
1st-KJ Miller  
3rd-Ruben Tinajero  
-Omar Higine

Ages 5-7 Boys Traditional  
No Entry

Ages 8-10 Girls Fancy  
1st-Mae Joslin

Ages 8-10 Girls Cloth  
2nd-Jaiana Serna-Blakemore  
-Violet Mesa

Ages 8-10 Girls Jingle  
2nd-Hayley Harman

Ages 8-10 Boys Fancy  
No Entry

Ages 8-10 Boys Grass  
3rd-Komesh Spoonhunter  
-Isaac Hale  
-Edgar Higine  
-Kobe Jordan  
-Mando Tinajero

Ages 8-10 Boys Traditional  
No Entry

Ages 11-13 Girls Fancy  
1st-Tamo Thomas  
2nd-Dania Ortero  
3rd-Kishno Bell  
-Bella Thompson

Ages 11-13 Girls Cloth  
2nd-Kikto Thomas  
3rd-Felicity Price  
-Shobwas Ceja  
-Sage Pahmahmie  
-Mshetokwe Lewis

Ages 11-13 Girls Jingle  
3rd-Skyla Knoxsah

Ages 11-13 Boys Fancy  
1st-Zack Wahweotten  
-Meskwes Knoxsah

Ages 11-13 Boys Grass  
2nd Ninahii Frisby  
-Dubba Wilson  
-Jason Serna-Blakemore  
-Daniel Mitchell-Alvarado  
-Bryce Garrison  
-Mikal Kitchkommie

Ages 11-13 Boys Traditional  
1st-Masen Spoonhunter  
2nd-Jayden Serna-Blakemore

Ages 14-18 Girls Fancy  
3rd-Pe-Qwas Hernandez  
-Elizabeth Gaona  
-Nee-Sat Mahkuk  
-Andrea Alvarado  
-Sarah McKinney

Ages 14-18 Girls Cloth  
2nd--Nadas Thomas  
-Marlena Wahwassuck  
-Kaylyn Rupnicki  
-Rebekah Navarro  
-Sierra Pahmahmie  
-Mittina Hale  
-Pami Hubbard  
-Sylvana Levier

Ages 14-18 Girls Jingle  
1st-Brennah Wahweotten  
-Wahs Knoxsah  
-Lakota Knoxsah-Duncan  
-Hannah Wahwassuck

Ages 14-18 Boys Fancy  
No Entry

Ages 14-18 Boys Grass  
3rd-Arrow Levier

Ages 14-18 Boys Traditional  
2nd-Doug Thomas

### Tiny Tots

- Pannoquah Wahwassuck (Parents: Raphael/Quahmee Wahwassuck)
- Shaw-not Evans (Parents: Evan Evans/Terryn Proctor)
- Wap-se-Kwe Aitkens (Parents: Josh Aitkens/Saga Fairman)
- Vanessa Gaona (Parent: Elizabeth Gaona)
- Taylor Frye (Parents: Nikki Frye/Waskeh Littleaxe)
- Karis Miller (Parents: Kyle Miller/Josie Pahmahmie)
- Jude Hale (Parents: Nathan/Jennifer Hale)
- Kaachi Hale (Parents: Nathan/Jennifer Hale)
- K. Mahkuk (Parent: Nevika Mahkuk)



### Battle of the Plains Championship photo gallery



Pat-ko-shuk  
Mitchell-Alvarado



Felicity  
Price



Sylvana  
Levier-Jessepe

*Special thanks to  
Anita Evans for  
submitting article &  
photos  
to the News*



Mae Joslin



Shanokwe  
Price



KJ Miller and  
Ruben Tinajero



Brennah  
Wahweotten



Anita Evans and  
Connie Evans



Mack-tso-zi  
Serna-Blakemore



Sage  
Pahmahmie



Masen  
Spoonhunter



Sarah  
McKinney

*Special thanks from the sponsors to all the parents, aunts, uncles, and everyone else who has helped to make the singers and dancers the champions they are!*

### Other youth news

**Congratulations  
on  
another  
successful  
basketball season!**

**From: Coach**

**These 6th grade  
girls have played  
ball together for sev-  
eral years and are in  
the YMCA league  
and Sports Zone**



**Congratulations  
to  
Sylvana Levier**

Sylvana Levier was named to the All-Academic Basketball Team for the Panther Classic Invitational Basketball Tournament Jan. 19-21, 2012. Sylvana is a junior at Royal Valley High School and is also in the National Honor Society. She has also been a We-Ta-Se pow-wow princess and is a member of the Royal Valley Singers & Dancers.



**Congratulations to Scotty Grinnell who was named to the  
All-Tournament Team  
at the  
Annual Saint John's Prep Basketball Tournament  
held in Collegeville, Minnesota.**

**Mom's message: Great job Scotty! You're on your way to reaching 1,000  
points and your family is proud!**

**Kim Grinnell**

### Masen Spoonhunter in regional Spelling Bee contest

Congratulations to Masen Spoonhunter who took second place in the Jackson County Spelling Bee contest on Jan. 28 at Holton High School. Masen is in the sixth-grade at Royal Valley and was edged out by Aubrey Willis, a seventh-grade student at Royal Valley. The two advanced to the regional spelling bee contest that was held March 3 in Topeka.

## Effective Leadership

By Robert A. Goslin Jr., CPA, MBA (Menominee Casino Resort Chief Financial Officer)

As we continue to emerge from a worldwide recession, these tough times provide a unique platform for leaders to re-evaluate how they can excel their businesses, their teams, and their environments. How can this be achieved in a time of economic uncertainty? It all starts with good leadership.

First, what defines good leadership? Are good leaders born or are they created? Presently, I work for a company that has increased its gaming revenue despite a bad economy. The company has bucked industry trends that have affected gambling hotbeds such as Las Vegas and Atlantic City, where revenue had plummeted by double-digit margins. How did good leadership affect this industry abnormality? As a young professional who doesn't have 30-plus years of experience that many others in the gaming industry have, I've been an executive for several years and have learned that if you have the desire and willpower, you can achieve anything.

Leaders develop through a never-ending process of self-study, education, training, experience, and discipline which are skills that I developed while working as a wild land firefighter for the federal government in college. Also, working for a Best Buy in Minneapolis taught me about different personalities and working under different managers, which allowed me to compare and contrast various management styles.

To illustrate here is an example: Every great mechanic knows that the more tools they have, the better it is to build the best car. Similarly, having many management tools leads to becoming a great leader which are: 1) having confidence which comes from having knowledge, skills and abilities; 2) having good communication which must be very clear like when somebody gives you specifics on how to manage or build the car; 3) having good execution or performance delivery. For instance, how can you check the brand new, freshly built engine for the car without turning the key and testing it out?

I believe that if you live by example, others will follow. I've had management situations where our staffing was so short that I had to put on a uniform and work a shift along with the rest of the team members.

I'm not saying that other variables don't also play a factor in becoming a good leader, but the ones I've mentioned tend to overshadow others.

In this economy, decisions are larger, the margin of error is smaller, and the risk is greater. I've seen repeatedly poor leaders fail in this economy and great leaders persevere.

What is the leader's role? Do you recall the freshly built car? Imagine sending a one-ton vehicle 100 M.P.H. without a driver down the middle of a busy intersection which could cause an accident. When employees feel they have a great leader, they gain energy and positive attitudes. Our leaders use positive energy and attitudes to move our businesses in the right direction. It also keeps our customers coming back for more.

Today, exceptional leaders are needed more now than ever. Therefore, ask yourself, "Am I a great leader?" Can you perform the duties needed to excel not only yourself, your team, your business, but your environment? Well, your financials and employees will be the judge of that.

What I can say is, "Good luck building that brand new car!"

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## A reservation tale: Take us along?

By: Cornelia Donahue

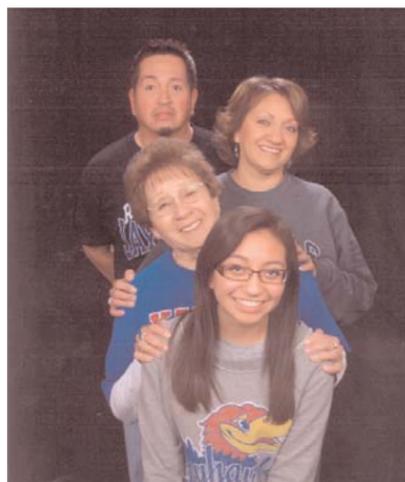
A census taker named Cindy, who made many stops on the reservation to do her job when the 2010 census was being counted, one day drove to a house that had three dogs in the yard.

After knocking on the front door of the house, an elderly man answered and asked Cindy to come inside to visit with him over a cup of coffee which she did while gathering his census information. They had a nice visit, and then she left.

In a hurry to get to the next house, she

hopped in the front seat of her car, started the engine, and began driving down the road. All at once she began smelling a strong dog odor. Strange, she thought, because the man's dogs had been in the yard and not in the house and she hadn't petted any of them. At about the same time, she looked in the rear-view mirror of the car, and there, staring back at her, were the faces of all three dogs in the back seat.

She stopped the car, opened the back car door, and sharply told the dogs to get out. One by one they began trotting back home while Cindy got back into her car and had a good laugh.



This family of dedicated KU Jayhawk fans had their picture taken together with their KU shirts on. In front, Kayla Gomez, followed by Arlene Lingo, Leslie LaClair and Tony LaClair.

**Sydney Jessepe** was recently featured in an article in the *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune* (March 1 issue) about playing basketball for the Haskell Indian Nation's University women's team where she is averaging 10 points a game. Sydney is a sophomore at Haskell and is also an honor student. She was raised on the PBPB reservation and also played sports for Royal Valley High School.

**Calling all Vietnam Vets!**  
Do you have offspring with birth defects that might be due to Agent Orange?  
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or  
**Janis Simon,** Caregiver  
Coordinator  
at 785.966.2103



**Happy 94th Birthday**  
Marian Young Perote  
on May 26

From: Marilyn Pecore

**Guess who's**  
turning the nifty 50?

**Happy Birthday**  
Pam Pahmahmie  
on  
March 26

**Love,**  
Mom, Sisters &  
Brother & Family



**Congratulations KK**  
(Kaylyn Rupnicki)  
on  
1st place at State  
(Kansas)  
and  
3rd place overall  
for powerlifting!

From your parents:  
Jona and John  
Rupnicki

**Need help with your**  
golf swing?  
Call

**Nolan Pahmahmie**  
Assistant Golf Professional  
Lake Shawnee Golf Club  
Topeka, Kan.  
785.267.2295

## Ogden's Outlaws Wrestling Club members place in Kansas 4A High School tournaments



L to R, back row: Jason Ogden (coach), Chance Ogden, Tristan Matthews, Chistian Matthews, Pallas Tye (baby Aeriana Wabaunsee), Bob Hester, Lee Hester, Tanner Ogden and Justin Ogden (coach). L to R, front row: Keesis Potts, SahBi Potts, MaeyShayla Tye, Knowee Potts, Quo-Jon Tye, and Clint "Patch" Potts. Not pictured: Wyatt Boswell, Paige Ogden, Maya Ogden, NomKiWash Potts.

Tanner Ogden made the PBPB community proud when he took 3rd place in the Kansas 4A High School Wrestling Tournament held Feb. 25 in Salina, Kan. Next, he will compete in the Kansas Folkstyle Championships in Topeka the last weekend in March.

Ogden is a member of the PBPB community's Ogden Outlaw's that is in its third year as a club. The club also includes four other members who placed in tournaments this year and two of the members placed in the 6-year-and-under category. Another standout for the club is Clint "Patch" Potts (PBPB) who won a

trophy for "Fastest Pin" in his age category at the Burlington Open/Novice tournament held in January.

Tanner Ogden is the son of Justin and Mary Ogden and grandson of Roy and Shirley Ogden. He is the fifth Ogden to place as a state wrestler through the years.

The club has over 60 members with some members traveling more than an hour each way to practice with each other. Wrestlers practice two to three times a week and have been competing in (USAW) sanctioned tournaments in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri since December.

Thanks to all Potawatomi parents and families who support the Outlaws

### Congratulations

Dania Ortero Wahwasuck on being crowned Miss Choctaw Veterans Pow-wow princess

From: your family who are all very proud of you!



The Royal Valley Concert Choir performed at the Fire Keepers Elder Center on March 2. Tribal members Mittena Hale and Pami Hubbard are singers in the choir.

## Charissa Wahwasuck-Jessepe receives academic honors

Charissa Wahwasuck-Jessepe was honored in a Multicultural Student Academic Achievement Recognition Ceremony March 1 at Wichita State University for receiving high distinction for a GPA of 3.9 out of 4.0 and being on the fall 2011 Dean's Honor Roll. She received a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences scholarship and plans to graduate in May 2012 with a Bachelor's degree

in Anthropology with minors in Sociology and Psychology. She hopes to serve as an Anthropology intern in New York this summer/fall. She is also applying for the Peace Corps as well as graduate school. She is the daughter of Carol (Wahwasuck) Shopteese and Kenneth Jessepe and granddaughter of Francis (deceased) and Arlene Wahwasuck.

### Ttiwenmo eginigyèn (happy day you were born)



Tamo Thomas

Happy Birthday Tamo, 12 years old on April 13th and Doug, 16 years old on May 16

From Mom & Andrew



Doug Thomas

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to my two favorite girls.

Gea Aitkens-March 31 Richele Pahmahmie-April 8

Dirty 30 next year girls-live it up!



From, Gil Aitkens



Happy Birthday

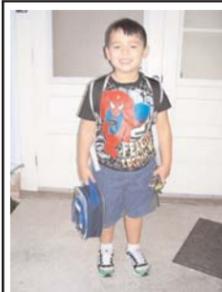
Kev Aitkens-Feb. 23 & Aushta Jessepe-Feb. 24

Love, Sissy Gil Aitkens



Happy 19th Birthday

Rayne Droppy Kingfisher-April 21 Love, Mom, Bubba & Sister



Happy 5th Birthday Wilburn Wabaunsee March 14 From: your whole family with lots of love

Happy Birthday Zabrina Tye 23 years old April 21

From: the whole family



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

**Happy Belated Birthday  
to the  
Mitchell kids**



Wahpshipshe, 7-Dec. 8 (left)  
Seshmo, 12-Jan. 19 (center)  
Wahpgeegah, 9-Nov. 5 (right)

**Love,  
Mom & Dad**



**Happy 22 Birthday  
Lara O'Toole  
April 24**

*We love you and are so proud  
of all the things you have  
accomplished!*

**From your whole family**

**Happy Birthday to the Dayson boys!  
We are so proud of you.**



**Colin, 2  
April 5**



**Andrué, 7  
April 9**

**Love, Daddy, Mommy &  
Baby Dominic**

**Happy Birthday  
Drusa Wabaunsee  
March 1**

*We love you lots!*

**From all your  
children,  
grandchildren  
and  
great-grandchildren**



**Happy Birthday  
Robert J. Lewis  
April 24  
Love,  
Mom, Ray, Grandma & Grandpa**

**Happy Birthday  
Donald J. Lewis  
May 8  
Love,  
the family**



**Happy Birthday  
Chemako Wishkeno, 7  
Feb. 17**

Message

*We love you so much and hope you had a  
grand birthday.*

*Love,  
Dad, Aunt Camilla, Aunt Audrey, Uncle  
Shane & Cousin LeeRoy*



**Happy 13th Birthday**

**Josie Matsapto  
April 16**

**Love,  
Mom & Dad**

**Happy 20th Birthday  
Roman Adame  
March 13**

**Love,  
Mom & Dad**

**Enibowat  
(Weddings)**



*Congratulations  
to  
Rachael Louise Anderson  
and  
Justin Odell McCoy*

*on their marriage  
Feb. 14  
Mayetta, Kan.*

*The bride is the daughter of  
Vicki Anderson-Armstrong and  
granddaughter of  
Judy and Eldon Darnell*

*The couple were married at the Rock  
Building on the reservation and Judge Teri  
Barr officiated the ceremony.*

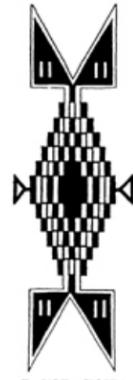
**Ganiçâk  
(those who are born)**

**Welcome to this world!**



**Jahan Clark DeBose  
Born: January 2, 2012**

**Weight: 11 lbs, 1 oz; Height: 22 inches  
From your brothers, Jaimin, Jase, and Jaren  
and  
loving parents  
Jameson and Candice DeBose**



**Send  
your  
good  
news  
to  
the  
Potawatomi  
News**

Kamboçâk (those who died)

**Delmar "Packska" Hubbard**



MAYETTA – Delmar W. Hubbard, Packska, 64, of Mayetta, was found at his home on Wednesday, December 28, 2011.

He was born January 4, 1947 at Claremore, Oklahoma, the son of Chester A. and Mary LaClair Hubbard.

Delmar was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He had done work as a silver smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Anthony Hubbard, and a sister, Mayme Mattwaoshshe.

Survivors include a sister, Antoinette Smith, Amelia, Ohio; three brothers, Galen E. "Sal" Hubbard and wife Sue, Topeka, Clifford Hubbard and wife Ellen, Kansas City, MO, and Robert Hubbard, Lecompton, and numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Delmar will lie in state until 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 30th at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt. The casket will remain closed. A supper will be held Friday night at the Dance Ground, west of Mayetta. A breakfast will be served Saturday morning followed by a funeral service officiated by Francis Jensen. Burial will follow in the Shipshee Cemetery. On-line condolences may be made at [chapel-oaksfuneralhome.com](http://chapel-oaksfuneralhome.com)

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

**Tina Lynn Beier**



TOPEKA- Tina Lynn Beier, 52, of Topeka, KS passed away December 27, 2011 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka. She was born February 16, 1959 in Oklahoma the daughter of Chris Laverne and Maxine (Tibbs) Puckkee.

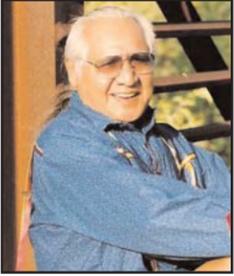
Tina attended Ranchel High School in Las Vegas, NV and graduated from Seaman High School in Topeka. She worked as a secretary for USD 501 and Kansas State Board of Cosmetology. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include a daughter, Neyl Beier of Topeka, KS and 2 granddaughters, Elycia and Eva Joyce. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Loren Dale Wabnum.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 30, 2011 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. A Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening at the Sister Therese Klepac Hall (by the church) with visitation to follow. Tina will be cremated after the service. Inurnment will be in the Shipshee Cemetery at a later date. To leave a special message for the family, visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

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

**Ralph (Pok-To) Tecumseh**



Mayetta- Ralph "Porky" Tecumseh, 73, of Mayetta passed away Saturday February 11, 2012 at his home.

He was born December 5, 1938, on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation, the son of Frank and Lillian (Waubiness) Tecumseh. He had lived most of his life in Mayetta and retired from Prairie Band Casino where he had worked as a slot technician since its opening. He was a member of the Drum Religion, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and had served in the United States Army. He also was a member of the We-ta-se Legion Post 410 and had played on traveling basketball teams for many years. He married Paula VanTassel and they later divorced.

On October 16, 1982, Ralph married Linda Nozhackum. She survives. Other survivors include: his parents, Lillian of Crandon, WI and Ron and LaVeda Wahweotten of Hoyt, KS; his sons, Frank Tecumseh and wife Melissa of Hoyt, KS, Nelson Tecumseh of Topeka, KS, Mario Kitchkommie of Mayetta, KS, Cody Nozhackum of Mayetta, KS and Lance Wishkeno of Topeka, KS; his daughters, Amber Tecumseh and her husband Cody Wilson of Mayetta, KS, Bernadine Wishkeno of Albuquerque, NM, Camilla Chouteau of Topeka, KS, Nancy Llamas of Topeka, KS and Audrey Simon of Topeka, KS; his sisters, Evelyn Hopkins of Mayetta, KS, Yvonne Kely of Black River Falls, WI and Tina Wahweotten of Mayetta, KS; his brothers, Ron Kely of Lac Du Flambeau, WI, Jerry Tuckwin of Lawrence, KS, Tom Tuckwin of Hoyt, KS, Tony Wahweotten of Mayetta, KS, Raymond Wahweotten of Delia, KS, Mark Lopez of Delia, KS and Chuck Wahweotten of Mayetta, KS; and his five grandchildren, Mikal, Rose, Hannah, Miles and Nes. He was preceded in death by his father Frank and his sister Rosemond Tecumseh.

Drum services will be Tuesday evening February 14, 2012 at the Danceground west of Mayetta. Burial with military honors will be Wednesday afternoon at Potts Cemetery. The family will greet friends Monday evening from 4-6:00 p.m. at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. To leave a special message for the family, visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com)

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

**John Anthony "Chuckie" Miller**

John Anthony "Chuckie" Miller, 20, passed away on Friday, Dec. 16, 2011 as a result of injuries from an automobile accident. He was the son of Delores A. Miller-Blanks and Robert E. Blanks. Services will be held on Friday, Dec. 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bowser-Johnson Funeral Chapel, 723 SW 6th Ave. Inurnment will be at a later date.

*(Courtesy of Bowser-Johnson Funeral Chapel-Topeka, Kan.)*



**Kewahta Vega**



TOPEKA - Kewahta Vega, 27, of Topeka, died Friday, February 17, 2012 at the Midland Hospice House in Topeka.

She was born August 10, 1984 in Topeka, the daughter of Gilbert and Virgie "Punkin" Shopteese Vega. Her mother preceded her in death.

Survivors include her father, Gilbert Vega, Mayetta, one son, Chris Vega Wahwassuck, Solway, MN; two brothers, Mickey Vega and Jeremy Vega, both of Topeka, three sisters, Kira Vega, Mayetta, and Sonya Begs His Own and Josie Begs His Own, both of Tonkawa, OK; two uncles, Paul Vega, Topeka, and Virgil "Wamp" Shopteese, Jr., Mayetta; seven aunts, Ruth Harjo, Jody McIntosh, Linda Shopteese, Tracy Shopteese, Renee Shopteese, all of Topeka, Toni Allen, Pawhuska, OK, and Laury Shopteese, Mayetta.

Drum Services will be Monday night, February 20th at the Dance Ground, west of Mayetta. Burial will be Tuesday afternoon in the Dance Ground Cemetery. Kewahta will lie in state from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt.

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



**JUNE 8 - 10**  
Prairie Peoples Park  
150th & M Road Mayetta, KS

**More than \$100,000 in cash prizes!**

**Grand Entries**  
Friday 7 PM • Saturday 12 PM & 7 PM  
Sunday 12 PM

**Registration**  
Friday 5-9 PM • Saturday 11 AM-1 PM

**General Admission**  
Weekend: \$10 • Daily: \$5  
Seniors 50+: FREE  
Children 6 & Under: FRFF

**Parking**  
Inside Park: \$10/weekend or \$5/entry  
Outside Park: FRFF

**Invited Drums**  
Young Spirit - Frog Lake, AR  
Cree Confederation - Saddle Lake, AB  
Smokeytown - Keshena, WI  
Omaha White-tail - Macy, NE

**Head Staff**  
MCs: Dottie Thomson - Gary the Kettle, NK  
Manny King - Lawrence, KS  
Arena Director: Michael Roberts - Ada, OK  
Head Drum Judge:  
Russell Puskemin - West Valley City, UT  
Head Man Judge:  
Douglas Schofield - Redding, CA  
Head Woman Judge:  
Joettie Wahwasuck - Mayetta, KS

**Hotel Accommodations**  
All rooms subject to availability.

Red Roof Inn Pow Wow Rates: \$59 785-364-3172 Hollon, KS	Holiday Inn Express Casino Rates: \$69 785-961-7200 Topeka, KS
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**Drum Contest**  
Prize Payouts: \$10,000, \$7,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, Split

**Featured Dance Categories**  
Women's Applique (18-50) • Men's Chicken (18-50)  
CA Women's Potawatomi Style (50+)  
Prize Payouts: \$1,000, \$700, \$500, \$300, Three Consolations

**Regular Dance Categories**  
Jr. Adult & Sr. Adult Categories Include: Northern Traditional, Southern Traditional/Straight, Jingle/Grass & Fancy.  
Teen & Jr. Categories Include: Traditional, Jingle/Grass & Fancy

**Jr. Adults (18-34) & Sr. Adults (35-49)**  
Prize Payouts: \$1,000, \$700, \$500, \$300

**Golden Age (50+) Categories Combined**  
Prize Payouts: \$1,000, \$700, \$500, \$300, Five Consolations

**Teens (13-17)**  
Prize Payouts: \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100

**Juniors (7-12)**  
Prize Payouts: \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50

**New Specials**

<b>Men &amp; Women's Fancy Team Battle</b> Sponsored by Doug Schofield & Joettie Wahwasuck	<b>Men's Old Style Woodland Special (16+)</b> \$800, \$600, \$500, \$400, \$300
<b>Women's Old Style Scrub Special</b> Sponsored by Mitsha Hale, 2011-12 PBP Princess & Family	<b>Men's Chicken Special (18+)</b> \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200
<b>Iron Women's Jingle Special</b> Sponsored by Landri Jones & Family \$600, Four \$100 Consolations	<b>Hand Drum</b> \$400, 2 Consolations
<b>Women's Backup Contest</b> Sponsored by Thomas Family	
<b>Men's Grass Dance Special</b> In honor of Alex Polley \$1,000, \$600, \$400	
<b>Men's Northern Traditional Special</b> Sponsored by Trilly Wahwasuck \$1,000 Winner-Take-All, Two Consolations	

**Committee Specials**

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**Notice of Lewis-La Clair Family Reunion!**

June 8, 2012, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Our Lady of Snows Building  
Mayetta, Kansas

Potluck dinner, games, crafts, and reuniting with family. Please bring pictures and favorite food to share with the family.

Contact: Paula Giles, 1.785.817.2175  
We are on Facebook!

**National Native American Church Conference**  
"One Heart, One Mind, One Spirit"  
will be held  
on  
Father's Day weekend  
at  
the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation

For details call Gil Aitkens  
405.933.2888 or 405.247.8501

**Easter Egg-Stravaganza**  
Saturday, April 7  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Breakfast Brunch at 10 a.m.  
Prairie Peoples Park

Easter-egg hunts for all ages  
Come join in a fun and safe community event for the whole family and bring a lawn chair

Hosted by:  
Tribal Victims Assistance  
Family Violence Prevention  
Boys & Girls Club  
Kansas Reservations Ministries

Call Daniel Goombi at 785.966.8343 for details

**PBP Pow-wow Committee**  
Call for Crown Bid/Art Work

**Crown**

- bid for design and construction of beaded crown
- bidder must purchase all materials
- design sketches must be submitted with bid
- final payment issued at time of completion and approval (designated by committee)

For questions on crown bid process call Josie Pahmahmie at 785.554.4669

**Art Design**

- art design to be used on 2012 pow-wow apparel
- artist must purchase all materials
- original design sketches must be submitted
- multiple submissions allowed
- winning design becomes property of PBP Committee including exclusive rights to be used in any format deemed necessary
- final payment issued at time of completion and approval (designated by committee)

For questions on art design contact Coleen Thomas at 785.966.7701

Submit proposals to  
PBP Pow-Wow Committee  
16281 Q Rd  
Mayetta, KS 66509

**Spring Health Fair and Head Start Round-Up**  
(Well-child clinic for children 3-5 years)

Date:  
April 13  
8:30 a.m.- 2p.m.

Where:  
PBP Early Childhood Education Center  
15380 K Road  
Mayetta, KS

Screenings available along with information handouts and door prizes.

Event in collaboration with PBP Interagency Coordinating Council/Health Advisory

Details call 785.966.2707

**The Heart of Jackson Humane Society**  
has grant money available to fix your dogs.

Please call 785.364.5156 for details.

**Notice!**

*Please remove plastic/styrofoam flower arrangements from reservation cemeteries by April 2.*

*It's mowing time again and the Maintenance department requests your help.*  
Call 785.966.4023 for details