



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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

Gaming/Ethics Commission Coming Up

Two Gaming Commissioners and six Ethics Commissioners will be elected in the upcoming Gaming/Ethics Commission Election slated for July 27.

On April 10 a notice of election will be mailed to registered tribal members informing them of the election and then eligible tribal members who wish to file for an office have from April 16 to April 30 to apply.

The *Potawatomi News* will publish a photo and profile of the candidates on www.pbpindiantribe.com and in the summer issue of the *Potawatomi News*. Due to space considerations, a profile of 500 words or less is recommended and only one submission is permitted. In addition, no political advertisements will be accepted. Candidates are urged to submit their profile and a photo along with their declaration to file form to the Member Services office by April 30.

Tribal members who need to register to vote have until May 22 at 4 p.m. and election ballots will be mailed on June 12. The election will be held on July 27 beginning at 9 a.m. at a place to be announced.

For more information call the Member Services office at 785.966.3910 or toll free at 877.715.6789. Members can also stop by the office located on the lower level of the PBPB Government Center, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS, 66509. The fax number is 785.966.3913.

Election Calendar

- Gaming Commission-Position #1 and Gaming Position #2
- Ethics Commission-Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Commission #1, Commission #2 and Commission #3

April 10	Mailing of Election Notice
April 16-30	Declaration of Candidacy filing dates by 4 p.m.
May 8	Deadline to withdraw your candidacy by 4 p.m.
May 22	Deadline to register (18 yrs and older) by 4 p.m.
June 12	Mailing of ballots to registered voters
July 27	Tribal election, 9 a.m.
Aug. 24	Run-off election (if needed), 9 a.m.

The Election Board has allowed 75 working days for this election. Holidays have been taken into consideration.

To learn more about the two commissions
go to
www.pbpindiantribe.com/gaming-commission.aspx
www.pbpindiantribe.com/ethics-commission.aspx

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(Front row, left to right) Joyce Guerrero, Steve Ortiz, and Carrie O'Toole. (Back row) Junior Wahweotten, Thomas Wabnum, James Potter and Hattie Mitchell.

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Message to the Nation from Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Chairperson



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

In January, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) was represented by Treasurer Hattie Mitchell at the State of the State address given by Gov. Sam Brownback on Jan. 15. The following day, Tribal Council met with Chris Redman, President of Haskell Indian Nations University, and his assistant in Council chambers to exchange information and ideas. On Jan. 18 Tribal Council attended the All-Employee Meeting at the Bingo Hall where we gave out long-term service awards to employees and also mingled with the staff. The next day we held our quarterly General Council meeting where several items were presented and discussed on Jan. 19.

The following week, Tribal Council members Joyce Guerrero, Carrie O'Toole and Tom Wabnum attended activities at the National Museum of the American Indian that were involved with the 57th Inauguration of Barack Obama in Washington, D.C.

On Jan. 28 U.S. Congressman Tim Huelskamp came to the Government Center to meet with Tribal Council and the following day U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins paid a visit to the reservation to learn about the PBP and our concerns.

Two days later, I traveled to Oklahoma City on Jan. 31 where I was a speaker at the Indian Health Service Tribal Consultation meeting.

February was kicked off with a KanCare (Brownback's medicaid makeover program) Tribal Technical Advisory Group meeting that was held in Topeka on Feb. 5. This group meets monthly between

tribal health-care representatives and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to ensure that tribal needs are being met in the recent transition to the KanCare program.

On Feb. 6 several Prairie Band members traveled to Topeka to attend Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol where Native American veterans and Kansas tribal leaders were recognized and given a standing ovation before the Legislature. The day was sponsored by Rep. Ponka-We Victors who is the first Native American woman ever elected to the Kansas Legislature. This is the second year the day has been set aside for Native Americans and she has introduced House Bill 2167/Senate Bill 111 which will permanently designate the first Wednesday of February as Native American Day at the Capitol. On Feb. 12 I testified on behalf of the Bill before two Kansas House Committees to support the proposed legislation and so far it has made it through the first round of the House and Senate. I will keep you informed on the progress of this important piece of legislation as it moves on to Gov. Brownback's desk.

On Feb. 13 the management staff of Amerigroup, who are one of the three managed care providers selected for the new KanCare program, spoke to Tribal Council about what their business offers.

On Feb. 27 I attended the Governor's Economic Council of Advisors meeting that was held in Topeka.

This month three members of the Tribal Council attended the winter meetings of the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C. where several sessions were held concerning the

impact on Indian Country with the looming federal budget cuts on the horizon.

I was also pleased to attend the Prairie Band Casino & Resort's Employee Awards Banquet on March 5 and share in the success of so many of our hard-working casino employees.

I am also quite proud of our Tribal Victim Services program and am planning to share information about them with representatives from Washington, D.C. soon.

Other meetings on tap for the rest of March for Tribal Council are with the Kansas Racing & Gaming Commission, a Four-Tribes meeting that the PBP are hosting at the casino, the National Indian Gaming Association meeting in Phoenix (March 24-27) and a Health Board meeting.

April will also be a busy month. On April 8 I will travel to Oklahoma City for the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Tribal Epidemiology Center Advisory Council meeting and I've been asked to be a co-moderator at the Department of Health and Human Services Region VI and VII meeting in Catoosa, Okla. from April 10-12. On April 13 I will return to the reservation where I plan to give remarks at the First District American Legion Convention hosted by the the We-Ta-Se veterans at the Boys & Girls Club. Following that, the Tribal Council and administration will be busy preparing our quarterly reports for presentation at the April 20 General Council meeting.

Calendar of Events

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- March 29 PBP Government Closed-Easter
 - April 20 General Council Meeting
 - April 21 Earth Day
 - May 27 PBP Government Closed-Memorial Day
 - June 7 PBP Government Closed-Employee Appreciation Day

June 7-9
PBPN Annual Pow-wow
(Details on back page)

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2013 Potawatomi News schedule

Summer issue: News deadline-June 3; Mailed out-June 26
Fall issue: News deadline-Sept. 3; Mailed out-Sept. 25
Winter issue: News deadline-Dec. 2; Mailed out-Dec. 18

Message to the Nation from Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council Treasurer

The first quarter of 2013 has been a busy one for the treasurer's office with working on daily financial transactions for the Nation and attending Tribal Council meetings as they occur.

Most exciting is that I was nominated and have accepted a position to be on the Kansas Capitol Area Chapter Board of Directors for the American Red Cross. This opportunity will allow the Nation greater representation and give us better access to the many fine resources that the American Red Cross has to offer. In my position, I plan to train as an active Red Cross volunteer specifically in the areas of disaster recovery and programs in health and safety.

Currently, I am working with 94.5 country radio station in Topeka to sponsor a 5K run/walk that will benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital on May 5. Plans are to use some of the PBPN reservation venues like Prairie Peoples Park, for example, and to involve PBPN departments in participating in the event. We are also asking that PBPN youth get involved in creating the artwork and poster design that will be used on t-shirts and posters. The Native youth input will help us illustrate our native cultural traditions and values to others. Hopes are for this to become an annual event that will promote healthy lifestyles and safe activities for families.

On March 13 I attended a meeting with the Unmarked Burial Sites Preservation Board in Topeka and during the first week in March I attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) conference in Washington, D.C. At the conference many issues were discussed like protecting tribal sovereignty, tribal tax issues, and current court cases. I was able to meet many tribal leaders, Congressmen, and heads from federal departments that deal in Native American affairs. In addition, meetings were held with the offices of U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins, Sen. Pat Roberts, and Sen. Jerry Moran to discuss issues affecting the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation like fee-to-trust applications, sequestration and

federal budget cuts that are of concern to Indian Country.

In February Tribal Council Member Tom Wabnum and I traveled to DeKalb, Illinois where we attended a reception for Senator Dave Syverson whose district covers DeKalb where Shab-eh-nay is located. Syverson discussed the political forecast in Washington, D.C. and a report was also given by the Chief Executive Officer of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. Additionally on that trip, I stopped at Sioux City, Iowa to tour the Terra Centre (now HoChunk) building that Prairie Band, LLC recently invested in. While there, I met with the building managers and took a tour of the building. After Sioux City I drove to Winnebago, Neb. to meet with the Winnebago Tax Commission and to attend a day of training from HCI Distribution, one of our business distributors. The newly hired PBPN Tax Commission Director also attended the training.

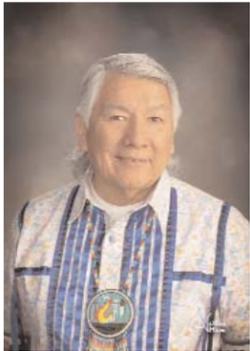
At the state level in Kansas, on Feb 6 I participated in Native American Day at the Capitol and on Jan 15 I attended the State of the State address given by Gov. Sam Brownback at the Capitol.

On Jan 22-23 I sat in on meetings with all the PBPN departments to review actual-to-budget financials for 2012 in the Finance Department.

In closing, I plan to continue to look for opportunities to help the Nation collaborate with other organizations in the surrounding community in order to share knowledge, to expand services, and to promote our culture. In the political arena, I am dedicated to meeting with legislators to help them stay abreast of tribal issues and to hopefully gain their support in our favor. For more information, please contact me at 785.966.4004.



Message to the Nation from Tom Wabnum, Tribal Council Member



I have been asked by many how Tribal Council (TC) business is going and I can sum that up with one word "overwhelming". After being sworn in and thanking those who attended the ceremony, I was led directly to my first TC meeting. Since that time, I've been catching up on all business items and reading many documents of all sorts: legal, court, congressional, government, historical, tribal law and order, state, budgets, finance, audits, commission, committees, casino and all the business of the government that takes place on a daily basis.

Every fiscal year, there is a new political agenda. With this country's economic condition and the federal government always talking sequestration (budget cuts), many are wondering how it will affect us.

The BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs), other federal Indian programs, and contracted tribal programs have always suffered from budget cutbacks. This is the main reason for many Indian law suits against the U.S. because neglect of our treaty and their federal trust responsibility always depends on federal funding. Without an adequate budget, our trust lands, Indian services and especially our money cannot be protected from mismanagement. In my opinion, this is forcing tribes to take business matters upon themselves and providing federal services with tribal money.

The Department of Interior presented to the tribes the Land Buy-Back program. This program came from the Cobell Settlement and set aside \$1.9 billion to purchase from individual Indians their fractionated interests in trust or restricted land, at fair market value, within a 10-year period. This is totally a voluntary program and the individual Indian land owner is not forced to sell.

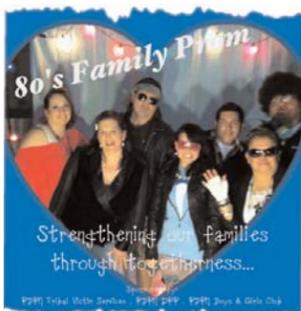
There are over 350,000 IIM accounts and the number is growing as landowners pass on to their many heirs who then become account holders. It is very expensive for BIA/OST (Office of Special Trustee) to administer IIM services. From its inception it has been mismanaged and courts have ruled that they breached their trust duties. Some have coined from this the terms "broken treaties" and more recently the "broken trust".

Our ancestors have always left their hearts' wishes for us, the younger generation, to get our land back for our Nation and especially for our children. Since then, the Nation has funded a land-purchase program. Even in our historical treaties, a treaty plan was required and former Tribal Councils demanded a land-purchase program.

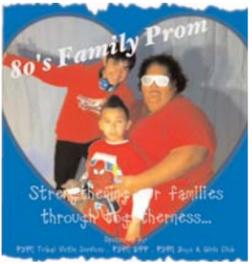
The purpose of the Land Buy-Back program is to purchase these allotted lands but all land owners must agree to sell. If agreed upon, then these allotted lands will be transferred over to the tribal land base. The BIA/OST can save money by reducing the IIM services and then tribes must make sure they save that money for other needed services and not for cutback solutions. Tribes must maintain their presence at BIA/OST budget meetings to protect their federal money.

I am willing to assist any tribal member in finding their land, their fractionated interests and all the other landowners and especially their home addresses. All landowners must communicate with each other and all must decide if this is a good idea for them or not. Also, I want to make it clear to the landowners what their rights are and to know that as landowners pass away, their heirs, will be added on to these allotments. If the lands are leased, their lease money may decrease over time. If the land is not leased the heirs will still be added on to these allotments.

For more information please contact me at 785.966.4016.



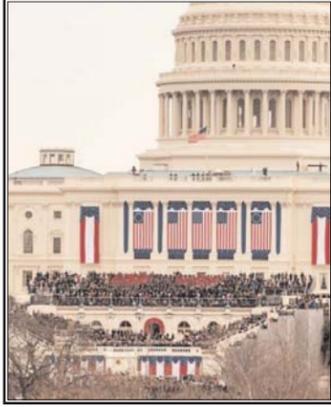
80s Family Prom on Valentines Day was a real good time!
An old-school 80s prom was held at the Boys & Girls Club that promoted healthy relationships and family fun.
At left, is Mi-kes Potts and Shirley Rice who were voted king and queen of the prom!



Presidential inaugural activities

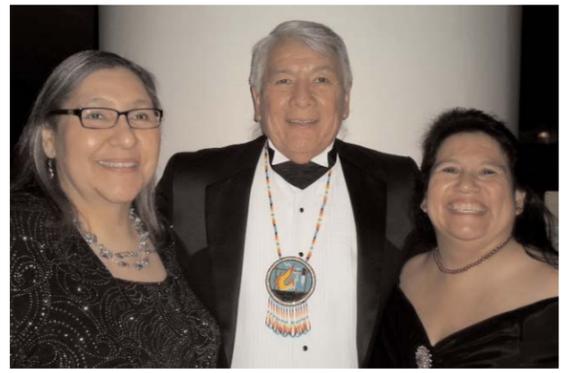
Three members of the Tribal Council took part in the activities involved with the 57th Inauguration of Barack H. Obama on Jan. 21.

Joyce Guerrero, Carrie O'Toole and Tom Wabnum attended a Native Nations Inaugural Viewing at the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) on the day of the inauguration and later that evening attended the American Indian Inaugural Ball. The following day they went to a National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) strategy meeting with other tribal leaders, key administration



officials, and members of Congress. Topics of discussion included a Native American partnership with the administration and legislature and upcoming budget issues with Congress.

NMAI is located on the National Mall between the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum and the U.S. Capitol Building where the swearing in ceremony took place.



(Left to right) is Nedra Darling, Tom Wabnum and Carrie O'Toole who were in their formal attire at the inaugural ball they attended on Jan. 21. Darling works for the B.I.A. in Washington, D.C. and is a PBPB member.



Former PBPB chair Tracy Stanhoff was on the host committee for the inauguration festivities that took place at the Native American Museum of American Indian. She resides in Huntington Beach, Calif. where she owns AdPro Agency.

Passage of Violence Against Women Act praised in Indian Country President signs act into law March 7

Important provisions for federally recognized tribal communities concerning violence against women were established into law by the federal government giving greater protections against homicide, rape, assault and battery in the home, workplace and on school campuses.

The legislation also allows for the arrest and prosecution of non-Indian men who commit domestic violence against Indian women on federal Indian lands.

Haskell Indian Nations University president comes to the PBPB reservation



The president of Haskell Indian Nations University and his assistant made a goodwill visit to Tribal Council on January 16. On the front row, left to right, is PBPB Chair Steve Ortiz and Haskell President Chris Redman. (Back row, left to right) are Joyce Guerrero, PBPB vice chair, Steve Prue, Redman's executive assistant, Carrie O'Toole, PBPB Tribal Council member, and Hattie Mitchell, PBPB treasurer.



Hattie Mitchell, CPA, Tribal Council treasurer, represented the Nation at the State of the State address that Gov. Sam Brownback gave on Jan. 15 at the Kansas Capitol. Before the address, she was introduced to the Kansas Legislature.

U.S. Congress House of Representatives from Kansas visit Tribal Council



Pictured above, are members of Tribal Council with Lynn Jenkins, Congresswoman from Kansas District 2. (Front row, left to right, Steve Ortiz, Rep. Jenkins and Junior Wahweotten. (Back row, left to right) Hattie Mitchell and Tom Wabnum. Jenkins is from Holton and is a lifelong resident of Jackson County.

*January 28
Rep. Tim Huelskamp
paid a visit
and
January 29
Rep. Lynn Jenkins
stopped by.
Both legislators are in the
U.S. Congress*



(Left to right, front row) Jim Potter, Steve Ortiz, Congressman Tim Huelskamp and Joyce Guerrero. (Back row, left to right) Josh Bell, Ron Hein, Carrie O'Toole, Hattie Mitchell, Tom Wabnum and Julie Hein. Bell is with Rep. Huelskamp's office and the Heins are with Hein Law Firm in Topeka. Others in the photo are on the PBPB Tribal Council.

Native American Legislative Day at the Kansas Capitol

Native Americans in Kansas were recognized Feb. 6 at the Capitol during Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol with special guests Native American veterans.

Members of the Prairie Band Tribal Council participated in the day-long event that also honored the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 and other Native American honor guards.



Rep. Ponka-We Victors

This is the second year that Native Americans have been recognized by the Kansas Legislature.

District 103 Representative Ponka-We Victors (Tohono O'odham), the first Native American woman ever elected to the Kansas Legislature, initiated Native American Day and is presently sponsoring a bill that will designate the first Wednesday of February as Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol permanently. The bill has passed the House and Senate.

Other tribal leaders and honor guards included the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Haskell Indian Nations University and the Wichita Inter-tribal Honor Guard.

Gov. Sam Brownback was also photographed with tribal representatives that day and attended a meet and greet session in the common area of the Capitol where there was entertainment and refreshments for the group.



Native American honor guards of Kansas and tribal leaders were recognized in front of the Kansas Legislature on Feb. 6 at the Capitol.



Kansas tribal leaders are pictured with Gov. Sam Brownback. (Left to right) Brownback, Joyce Guerrero (PBP), Russell Bradley (Kickapoo), Hattie Mitchell (PBP), Lester Randall (Kickapoo), Carrie O'Toole (PBP), Steve Ortiz (PBP) and Coreena Adkins (Iowa).



Students from Kickapoo Nation School who are also PBP members, acted as pages for Native American Legislative Day and are seen above with Rep. Ponka-We Victors, their supervisor Leon OO-sah-We, and PBP Tribal Council members. From left to right, front row, are, Susan Jim, Rep. Victors, Krista Vanderblomen, Saida Mahkuk, and Carrie O'Toole. Back row, left to right, are Hattie Mitchell, OO-Sah-We, Shonnesi Tiscareno, Joyce Guerrero and Steve Ortiz.



We-Ta-Se veterans with members of the PBP Tribal Council after they received a certificate of recognition and blanket during the opening session. (Left to right) Tim Ramirez, Robert Jackson, Frank Shopteese, Charles Wakole, Jim Potts, Chuck Jacobson, Steve Ortiz, Carrie O'Toole, Hattie Mitchell and Joyce Guerrero.

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PBPN involved in KanCare Tribal Technical Advisory Group

Tribal leaders and staff from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) attended a Tribal Technical Advisory Group meeting at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) on Feb. 5 in Topeka.



Advisory Group meetings are designed to provide exchanges of information and updates on how Indian health centers and tribal members are adapting to the new KanCare program.

The group met with Kari Bruffet, KDHE director, and heard from other representatives from the Kansas tribes and Indian health centers, who participated in the discussion via a conference call.

The Tribal Technical Advisory group was formed last year as a way to consult with the Kansas tribes regarding Gov. Sam Brownback's Medicaid makeover program called KanCare.

KanCare officially began on Jan. 1 and moved the state's almost 380,000 Medicaid enrollees into three managed-care companies called Amerigroup, United HealthCare and Sunflower State Health Plan. Several Native Americans are in the state's KanCare program and the Tribal Technical



From left to right, is Bill Thorne, PBP Health Center administrator, Vivien Olsen, PBP attorney, Kari Bruffet, KDHE director, Carrie O'Toole, Tribal Council member, and Steve Ortiz, PBP chairman. The meeting was held at KDHE headquarters in Topeka on Feb. 5.

PBPN participating in pilot study on diabetes with University of Kansas Journalism School

Submitted by Dr. Mugur Geana

Struggling with diabetes? A new study conducted by the University of Kansas with direct participation from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation may help community members better manage their disease.

Many patients diagnosed with diabetes initially feel like the end of the world is near. Despair, worries, concerns about losing one's eyesight or having a limb cut off are just some of the thoughts that cross daily through their minds, along with a feeling of helplessness and desolation. Almost everybody has seen or heard about friends or family members and the devastating consequences of their diabetes - but the truth is that it doesn't have to be that way.

Changes in lifestyle, maintaining a normal body weight, following the prescribed treatment and keeping a healthy diet can, for most people, decrease the severity or delay the onset of some of the secondary impairments associated with diabetes.

Nevertheless, this level of personal commitment and dedication could be hard to achieve without proper guidance and support.

Dr. Mugur Geana, Associate Professor at the University of Kansas and Director of the Center for Excellence in Health Communication to Underserved Populations (CEHCUP), has been awarded grant funding to try to address some of the problems that may prevent adequate diabetes management among Natives. The project is being conducted with the approval of the Tribal Council and the close involve-

ment of the PBPN community. It proposes to develop an online resource where Natives can find individually tailored information about diabetes, tools to help them track weight, blood glucose, blood pressure, activity levels, etc., and a close online community where they can discuss, exchange information and get support in dealing with diabetes. After the research is completed, this online application will be turned over to the tribe to become a permanent community health resource.

The website, unique to the PBPN community, is expected to launch early in April. The website will be open to every member of the PBPN. For its research component, the study hopes to recruit 75 members from the reservation who will be reimbursed for their time and contribution.

Participation in the study may help improve your diabetes management skills while contributing to a body of knowledge that will help diminish the impact of this terrible disease among American Indians. The participation carries no more risk than the one associated with daily living and it is completely anonymous.



Tribal Council met with researchers on Dec. 10 to learn about a pilot study on diabetes health communications they were proposing. (Left to right) is Junior Wahweotten, Royetta Rodewald, Carrie O'Toole, Jim Potter, Dr. Mugur Geana, Hattie Mitchell, Steve Ortiz, Joyce Guerrero and Tom Wabnum. Rodewald(PBPN) and Geana are both working on the pilot study for the Center for Excellence in Health Communication to Underserved Populations at KU. An advisory board for the study has also been formed and the project is presently underway.

**If you are interested in participating in the diabetes communication study contact Keirsten Hale
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Phone Number: 785-966-2103 or
785-554-4136
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Chairman Ortiz testifies for Native American Legislative Day at the Capitol

PBPN Chairman Steve Ortiz, testified before two committees in the Kansas Legislature at the State Capitol on Feb. 12 on behalf of House Bill 2167 which would designate the first Wednesday in February as Native American Day at the Capitol permanently beginning in 2014.

The chairman testified along with Steve Cadue, chairman for the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, on behalf of the bill.

The bill is being sponsored by Kansas Representative Ponka-We Victors who has initiated a Native American Day at the Capitol for the last two years in which the Prairie Band have participated along with other tribal entities in Kansas. For

more information about this year's Native American Day at the Capitol see page 5 in this issue of the *Potawatomi News*.

The new bill would repeal existing Kansas legislation that reads that the fourth Saturday of September is known as "American Indian Day."

At press time, the bill had made it out of the Kansas legislature and was waiting for further review.

Rep. We-Victors is from Wichita and represents the 103 District in Kansas. She is the first Native American woman ever elected to the Kansas Legislature.

**For more information contact:
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Amerigroup RealSolutions meets with Tribal Council

Amerigroup is one of three managed-care providers Kansans can choose from in the KanCare program



In the photo (clockwise) is PBPN Vice Chairperson Joyce Guerrero, Dr. Joe Schlageck (Medical Director for Amerigroup), Laura Hopkins (Chief Executive Officer of Amerigroup), Ralph Simon (Tribal Liaison Manager for Amerigroup), Tribal Council Member Carrie O'Toole, Tribal Council Secretary Jim Potter, and PBPN Chairman Steve Ortiz.

Representatives from Amerigroup RealSolutions in Health Care visited with Tribal Council members on February 13 and took a tour of the reservation.

Amerigroup is one of three managed care organizations that was selected to provide services for Gov. Sam Brownback's KanCare program that went into effect January 1. KanCare replaces the federal government's Medicaid program and is being

implemented by the State. There are 380,000 Medicaid enrollees in Kansas who are choosing between Amerigroup, Sunflower State Health Plan, and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan.

Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal leaders and health care professionals have been attending meetings and workshops with the State and vice versa since the KanCare plan was announced to learn more about it.

**PBPN Charitable Contributions
4th quarter
2012**

•Inter-Faith Ministries	\$ 5,000
•Ms. Wheelchair of Kansas	\$ 1,500
•Topeka Habitat for Humanity	\$10,000
•Ronald McDonald House Charities	\$ 5,000
•Boys & Girls Club of Topeka	\$ 5,000
•St. Francis Health Center Foundation	\$ 2,000
•Jackson County Fair Association	\$10,000
•Shrine Bowl of Kansas	\$10,000
•Rose Hill Historical Society	\$ 1,000
•Heavenly Visions Foundation	\$ 2,000
•Marion Clinic	\$ 7,735
•Lawrence Arts Center	\$ 2,250
•Kansas Children's Discovery Center	\$ 7,500
•Washburn University Foundation	\$ 2,000
•Royal Valley High School After Prom	\$ 500
•Rossville Community Library	\$ 1,500
•Life House Child Advocacy Center	\$ 5,000
•Capital City Friends of NRA	\$ 1,000
•Potawatomi Language Restoration Project	\$ 2,500
•Topeka Rescue Mission	\$ 4,000
Total	\$85,735

PBPN involved in Idle No More protest held across the Nation



Nancy Whitepigeon Krogmann (PBPN) is seen holding a Prairie Band flag at the Michigan State Capitol Building during an "Idle No More" round dance flash mob demonstration that drew 500 protesters on Jan. 16.

(Courtesy of Native News Network)

A protest movement called "Idle No More" that began in December and is calling attention to a Canadian Bill (C-45) that will infringe on land-and-water treaties and the leasing of tribal land is being held across the United States and around the world.

dreds of Native Americans, including some PBPN members, gathered in Lawrence on behalf of the cause to fight for tribal sovereignty.

For more information about the latest activities and events involved in the movement go to www.idlenomore.ca.

In Kansas, on Jan. 12 hun-

Tax Commission update: Julie Jensen new business tax director

In order to strengthen and preserve the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as a sovereign government, a Prairie Band Potawatomi Tax Commission was formed and appointed by the Tribal Council as the tribe's designated taxing authority. Information about the Tax Commission can be found in the PBPN Law and Order Codes under Title 10 (General Taxation) and Title 13 (Business Licensing) which is designed to outline simple, fair, straightforward and efficient procedures to be used for the licensing and regulating of certain conduct, and the levy and collection of certain taxes.

Members of the Tax Commission include three (3) members who are appointed by Tribal Council and are Hattie Mitchell, treasurer, Jim Potter, secretary, and Amanda Barbosa, director of finance. A full time tax director, Julie Jensen, has also been hired and has an office located on the upper level of the PBP Government Center.

The Tax Commission webpage can be found at www.pbpindiantribe.com under Government and is listed under Tax Commission. The following documents can be downloaded:

**Download business forms
at**

www.pbpindiantribe.com/tax-commission.aspx

- 2013 PBPN Business License Application
- 2013 PBPN Business License Renewal Application
- 2013 PBPN Tribal Tobacco Wholesaler-Retailer License Application
- 2013 PBPN Tribal Tobacco Wholesaler-Retailer Renewal License Application
- 2013 PBPN Monthly Sales Report Form for Business License

Just so you know...the tax director is not an individual tax counselor and deals only with the Nation's business tax matters



Members of the Tax Commission photographed with Tax Director Julie Jensen (front row, right). Next to Jensen is Jim Potter and on the (back row, left to right) is Hattie Mitchell and Amanda Barbosa. Potter and Mitchell are Tribal Council representatives and Barbosa is Director of Finance. Jensen began her duties Dec. 10 and has an office located on the upper level of the Government Center.

**Contact
Julie Jensen
Tax Office
16281 Q Rd, Mayetta, KS 66509
Phone: 785.966.3998 Fax: 785.966.3930
email: juliejensen@pbpnation.org.**

NOTICE TO ALL PBPB ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

Pursuant to PBPB Code of Ethics, Section 5.7.C, elected/appointed officials shall submit a completed gift disclosure form issued by the Ethics Commission at the deadline established by the Ethics Commission.

Pursuant to PBPB Code of Ethics, Section 5.8.B, elected appointed officials shall submit a completed quarterly travel expense report form issued by the Ethics Commission.

These code requirements apply to ALL elected/appointed officials, including elected/appointed committee members. The Ethics Commission has determined that both gift disclosure and travel report forms must be submitted by the following dates annually:

- March 31
- June 30
- September 30
- December 31

If you are an elected/appointed official, it is your responsibility to comply with the Code of Ethics requirement. Completed forms will be kept on record with the Ethics Commission and shall be available for public inspection upon written request from enrolled members.

Additional information regarding the code requirement and copies of the forms are available on the tribal website or can be obtained by contacting the Ethics Commission at: PBPB Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 218, Mayetta, KS 66509

Ethics Commission

- Information
- Code of Ethics
- Gift disclosure form
- Travel expense form

**Forms available online
under Government
at**

<http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/ethics-commission.aspx>

- PBP Constitution
- PBPB Law & Order Codes
online
under
Government
at
www.pbpindiantribe.com

**Per Capita office relocated in
Government Center**

The Per Capita office has been moved to the upper level of the Government Center and is no longer on the lower level where the enrollment/elections offices are housed. Those two offices have not moved.

Members wishing to visit the Per Capita office should enter the south side (main entrance) of the Government Center and sign in with the lobby receptionist and wait to be escorted back to the Per Capita office.

Jim Garcia is the contact for the Per Capita office and can be reached by phone at 785.966.3993 or toll free at 877.715.6789 and fax at 785.966.3917 or email at jimg@pbpnation.org.

Make it easy!
download the following forms online
at
www.pbpindiantribe.com/per-capita.aspx

- Change of Address Form
- Per Capita Form
- Direct Deposit Form
- Tax With-Holding Form
- Withdrawal from Direct Deposit Form
- Withdrawal from Tax Form
- W-9 Form

Did you know?

**Tribal members can receive a discounted rate
for signing up with Sprint**

**Tribal members are eligible to receive a 15% discount
on their monthly Sprint bill by showing their tribal
enrollment card and using the Sprint Discount code:
25786900 when signing up for service.**

For more information call 785.966.3993

Enrollment Committee update



The new Enrollment Committee is photographed with Paul Vega, membership coordinator. Left to right (sitting) is Micki Martinez and Marilyn Hale-Wakolee. In (back) is Vega, Tom Tuckwin, Benny Potts and Lavera Bell.

Benny Potts was sworn in to the Enrollment Review Committee by Vice Chairperson Joyce Guerrero in Tribal Council chambers on February 13.



Potts being sworn-in to office by Vice Chairperson Joyce Guerrero.

Potts works for the Road & Bridge Department and has previously served on Tribal Council. He is also a We-Ta-Se American Legion member.

The Enrollment Committee consists of five tribal members who meet when necessary to review all enrollment applications to determine eligibility. The applications are reviewed for the completion of required documentation as outlined in the Tribal Constitution. The final determination for membership goes to the Tribal Council for a resolution to recognize that person as a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation member.

Applications for enrollment are available through the Member Services Department located on the lower level of the Government Center which is also where the Enrollment Committee holds their meetings. Paul Vega is the Membership Coordinator and can be reached at 785.966.3934.

We need mailing addresses of these people

Below is a list of tribal members whose mailing addresses are either not up to date or missing from the PBPN member services files. An attempt was made to send them a check by mail for their portion of the Salazar Land Trust Settlement but they were returned to Member Services. If you know any of these people please contact them and ask them to send in their mailing address to Member Services, 16281 Q Rd, Mayetta, KS, 66509 or by email to Paul Vega at pvega@pbpnation.org. For questions call 785.966.3934.

Anderson, Kevin James
Baker, Robert Fredrick
Barber, Ian Jess
Battese, Ashley William
Beck, Elizabeth Marie
Beier, Neyl Alexander
Boho, Chester Leon (Jr.)
Boyd, Kristin Jean
Bump, Amber Louise
Burke, Judith Kay
Burnett, Orlando Juan
Cannon, John Lee Clifford
Carr, William Jay
Cartner, Amanda Marie
Catron, Vernon Joseph
Chapman, Wayne
Chenault, Earl Lavern
Coffin, Gabrial Maxwell
Cook, Bradley Ronald
Cook, Dustin Joseph
Craft, David Alexander
Cummings, Jeanette Maxine
Cunningham, Tara Lorene
Curran, Zachary Eugene
Dahlsten, Jael Kay
Davis, Wynona Jean Renee
Deltgen, Dexter Higgins
Devors, Samuel Francis
Enriquez, Israel
Eric, Amy Elizabeth
Evans, Paul James
Farrell, Jayleen Ann
Fitzherbert, Easton Leo
Fitzherbert, Edikka Lee
Fitzherbert, Ezra Lee
Fitzherbert, Keaton Izaiah
Gabel, Daniel John (Jr.)
Gibbs, Robert L. III
Gidley, Tonya Lee
Grinnell, Alan Clyde
Hall, Aaron G.
Hall, Timothy Wayne
Hicks, Aidan Tucker
Hicks, Ashton Cooper
Holtz, Michael J
Ingram, Michael W.
Jackson, Clark Gregory
Jessepe, Boyce Elfonso
Johnson, Hannah Marie

Jones, Astasha Denise
Jones, Peytan Lida
Kabance, Anthony Dean
Kelly, Steven Thomas (Jr.)
Keltner, Curtis James
Kitchens, Michael Wayne
Kitchkommie, Marcus T.
Kitchkommie-Faulk, Leonidas Storm
Laclair, Juan Marcos
Laclair, Victor
Lawrence, Aaron Owen
Lawton, Quentin Kirk
Leclere, Zachrey Dwayne
Lepp, Donald A.
Llamas, Wesley Joseph
Love, Josie K
Madison, Jackson Parker Finley
Makela, Jason Christopher
Martin, Richard Alan
Masqua, Stacy L.
Masquat, Tracey Lee (II)
Matchie, Leland John
Matchie, Samira Leigh
Mathewson, Roseanna Jean
May, Anthony Orlando
Michaels, Shawn W.
Miller, Dawn Arlette
Minnis, Leilani Raquel
Monroe, Dillon James
Monroe, Kelly Ann
New Holy, Isabella N.P.
Nioce, Paul Anthony
Notinokey, Shaina
Perrote, Jonathan Israel
Perrote, Wallace Willis
Potts, Regena B.
Regalado, Cesar Sebastian
Reyes, Hector Paul
Rice, Darian Victor
Rice, Kyle Alexander
Rickert, Ryan Levi
Ritchie, Rachel Ann
Roberts, Edward Bruce (Jr.)
Roberts, Migizi Okadon Muck-Wa Equay
Robertson, Terry Dean (Jr.)
Rodriguez, Adrian Gabriel
Sanchez, Kristine Marie
Sato, Rachel Lynn
Seaman, Gene Andrew

Sheppo, Nelson Louis (III)
Shobney, Russell Joe
Shopteese, Dakota
Shopteese, Dana Mae
Shopteese, Desiree Kristel
Slayton, Julie A.
Sprague, Charles R.
Springer, Kimberly Kay
Stephens, Starla Rynn
Stevens, Michele Anne
Stewart, Terry Lee
Sumner-Sedlacek, Helen Josephine
Thomas, Tamara Michelle
Timroth, Stephen Joe
Trager, Delilah Georgia Allen
Vanderblomen, Andrew
Vanscyoc, Shelly Marie
Villareal, Jodie Marie
Violett, Angelyssa L.
Wabaunsee-Kelly, Paul David
Wabnum, Shyra Faye
Wadley, Delvin Wade
Wahquahboshkuk, Anthony Wisteyah
Wahwassuck, David Louis
Wahwassuck, Julia Lynn
Wahwassuck, Pete L. (Sr.)
Wahweotten, Yessica Rochelle
Walker, Madeline Mae
Walrod, Aaron C.
Watchous, Angelo Luis Kabance-Muniz
Weber, Kyrstan N
Wells, Neil Russell
Williams, Colby Patrick
Williams, Jayden J. L.
Wishteyah, Jenna Marie



A word about address changes

Even though most tribal members do direct deposit for their quarterly per capita payments, it is still important to keep your latest mailing address current with member services. Occasionally the PBPN is required to send out documents(election ballots) or special checks (like the one above) by mail and an address is needed.

Change of address forms can be downloaded at <http://www.pbpiniantribe.com/per-capita.aspx> or at

Member Services
16281Q Rd
Mayetta, KS 66509

Critter control and cars: Rick Burns named 2013 Employee of the Year

By Suzanne Heck

One can only imagine the stories Rick Burns has to tell after working as the animal control and wildlife officer for the Tribal Police Department for 13 years.

Like the time he had to capture an emu that was on the loose or when he got a call that a buffalo was heading east on 158 Road near Q Road and getting very close to U.S. Highway 75. Or the time when a resident called in about a very large black snake on the roof of her house that began crawling down the side and began knocking things all around. When Tribal Dispatcher Jayne Wooton took the call, the woman was in a near state of panic and sure the snake was trying to get inside. Wooton, after already sending two officers to the scene, also knew she had to call Burns in to help. And, even though he was off work that day, he immediately went to the house and caught the snake and put it in a bag. He then took it to a safe location and released it into the woods.

Going beyond the call of duty is why Rick Burns was named the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation 2013 Employee of the Year. Wooton, who submitted the nomination of Burns, wrote "I can always rely on Rick for assistance with animal calls anytime day or night and whether he is on duty or not." She further wrote that he also does a lot of other things for the Tribal Police Department like assisting with plumbing and cleaning, taking employees to and from work, and being the go-to man for the radio equipment's repair or other needs.

Additionally, as part of his regular work duties Burns helps maintain the police department's fleet of vehicles with coworker Herb Nance. Burns told the *News* that a normal day for the two is servic-

ing four to five vehicles for various reasons and then handling whatever else needs to be done.

And, if that wasn't enough, Burns also maintains the tribe's kennel that is affectionately called "The Dog Ranch" located on 206 Road and sees that the rescued animals are fed every day. He works closely with the Jackson County Humane Society in getting animals good homes and conducts a Rabies Clinic once a year at the police department with Holton veterinarian Tim Parks. And, to Burn's credit in all of his 13 years of capturing dogs, he's only been bitten badly one time by a little dog that nabbed him on the wrist.

To add more, Burns also issues deer tags, hunting and fishing licenses on the reservation and assists Nance in teaching hunter safety courses.

When the *News* asked him about his position and what is important to him Burns said that safety was his number one priority in the job. He also said that as a tribal member he felt it was a real honor to work for the tribe's police department and that he likes the work because he does something different every day. "The best thing about the job is helping people and animals and caring for the land," he said.

On that note, Burns has also served several years on the PBPB Land Committee and has lived near the reservation all of his life.



Rick Burns with his 2013 Employee of the Year award.



Rick Burns (left) and Herb Nance (right) preparing chili for a luncheon fundraiser the police department held a few years ago. The two men are often called on to cook for special occasions.

About the All-Employee of the Quarter/Year Award

An employee-of-the-quarter committee composed of PBPB employees selects one individual each quarter from nomination forms that are submitted by fellow employees. The winner receives a \$50 gift card, a day off with pay for the next quarter, and a buffalo statue with their name engraved on it.

The employee of the year is selected by the committee from the quarterly winners. He/she receives \$50 gift card, a day off with pay for the next quarter and another award statue with their name engraved on it.

The award process is administered through the Human Resources Department.

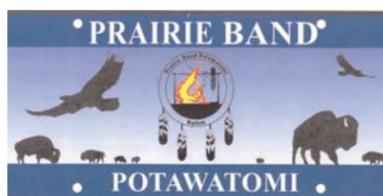
Neighborhood watch signs being placed on reservation



New Neighborhood watch signs were made with the Tribal Police Department logo on them and are being placed throughout the reservation. Police Chief Mike Boswell was photographed displaying one of the signs shortly after they came in last February.

Need a gift idea?

PBPB collector plates for sale



\$40 plus \$5 for shipping
money order, cashier's or personal check
Make checks payable to:
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Motor Vehicle Registrar
16344 Q Rd
Mayetta, KS 66509



The *News* took a photograph of Police Officer John Calvert recently while he was visiting the Boys & Girls Club.

Human Resources happenings



Pictured above, are the judges of the homemade cookie contest that was held at the All-Employee Meeting on Jan. 18. In the photo, standing, is second-place winner Ernie Coleman. Billie Wilbur won first place in the contest but is not pictured. Sitting, from left to right, is Bill Thorne, Carl Matousek, Robert Jackson, Lorrie Wahwassuck and Derek Wamego.



General Manager Peggy Houston gave welcoming remarks at the meeting. Houston began her position on Dec. 10.



Third from left, is Mary LeClere who was honored for 25 years of service with the PBPB at the All-Employee meeting. Mary has worked in various capacities for the Prairie Band including the Commodities program and for the Tribal Fire Department since 1999 where she presently serves as the administrative assistant. Pictured with her (left to right) is Tribal Council (TC) Chairman Steve Ortiz, Secretary Jim Potter (holding a certificate of appreciation) and Carrie O'Toole, TC member.

Reception for outgoing director



Outgoing human resources director Donna Valdivia-Wofford (holding baby) was feted with a goodbye reception in the Government Center training room on her last day. Some of her family also attended the farewell along with employees and members of the Tribal Council. Donna is a tribal member and worked for the PBPB for 14 years.

Sonya Sexton is the new Human Resources Manager and is in the photo sitting on the far left, in back.



Verna Simon named Employee of the Quarter for winter 2012

Verna Simon, executive administrative assistant for the Health Center, was named Employee-of-the-Quarter. She is pictured with Walt Racker who gave her the award.

New Microix system in place to log employee time more easily



Eric Hale, budget analyst in the Finance Department, gave a presentation to directors on Jan. 31 on a new employee time-keeping system that uses a module from the Microix budget operating system that is compatible with the Finance Department system.



Directors were trained on how to use the new system and took that information back to their employees. The new system is more technologically advanced and also uses computer technology many employees are already familiar with when administering their program budgets.



Carl Matousek and Ben Joslin were pictured switching out the old time-keeping system with the new Microix hand-scan system. The old system used a punch-in system where the new system reads individual hand-scans that offer more secure and reliable information. Matousek heads the Construction/Maintenance Department and Joslin is Director of Informational Technology.

Introducing the new Prairie Band Health Center administrator

Bill Thorne has been named the new Health Center administrator and began his duties on January 7. He has over 45 years of professional work experience in Indian health administration and he is a member of the Cherokee Nation. When the News asked him what he wanted to accomplish with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP), he said, first and foremost, that he wanted to provide good service. Secondly, he said that providing stability through keeping a good medical staff was important and that he'd like to set up a mentoring program for younger tribal members who are interested in learning the administrative end of the health care field.

Thorne spent his formative years living in several Native American communities when his father worked in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). He then received his secondary education at a private boarding school in Utah and he is also a veteran of the U.S. Army. Following his military service, he received an undergraduate degree in math and business from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. and furthered his education with a master's in business administration from Oklahoma City University.

His professional work experience included working in retail finance for

the Dayton-Hudson Corporation in Oklahoma and he was also the director of the Phoenix Indian Center for a few years. He has also worked as the Executive Director for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Cherokee Nation Health Service, and been a consultant for the Sac and Fox of Oklahoma, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and Yakima Indian Nation.

Thorne said that he is enjoying his work and believes that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center has a good staff. He is looking forward to meeting other tribal members and he has an open door policy. His office is located in the Administrative office suite at the Health Center.



Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center same day appointments schedule

(changes as of Feb. 20, 2013)

Background

From time to time patients without an appointment may need to come to the Health Clinic for urgent medical care. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center can provide access to care for those patients.

Hours

The Medical Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed for lunch from noon -12:30 p.m.

Patient Procedure

If you need to be seen and don't have an appointment, call the medical appointment number at 785-966-8211 or 785-966-8201.

THIS PROCEDURE IS INTENDED FOR URGENT CARE NEEDS ONLY.

If you call before 10 a.m. every effort will be made to provide you with an appointment time that day. If you are an existing patient, please arrive 30 minutes early. If you don't call, but just drop-in, you will be assessed and seen according to the severity of your complaint.

The doctors are in!

Dr. J. Steven Bear began his duties as a physician for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center on Jan. 3 and is now the center's second physician alongside Dr. Terry Harter.

Before coming to the PBP, Dr. Bear worked for three years as a family medicine doctor at Citizens Medical Hospital in Colby, Kan. In 2007 he received his medical degree from the University of Kansas Medical Center and completed his residency at Salina Regional Hospital in Salina, Kan.

Dr. Bear said he took the position because he was impressed with the health center facility and the professional staff. He said the center is conducive to providing good primary care and preventative medicine to patients and he hopes to stay here a long time.

"I'm excited about the opportunity the tribe has given me and I am looking forward to working with Native American people and learning more about them and their various cultures," he said.



Dr. Terry Harter has been a physician with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center for seven years and also serves as the center's medical director.

Prior to coming to the PBP Health Center he worked for fifteen years at the Holton Hospital. He received his medical degree in family practice from the University of Kansas Medical Center and his undergraduate degree from Kansas State University in pre-medicine and chemistry. He has also served in the U.S. Navy.

Dr. Harter was instrumental in helping the PBP Health Center become accredited by The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval process that is awarded to health centers that demonstrate compliance with national standards for health care quality and safety in ambulatory care. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 18,000 health care organizations in the United States and is the oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.



Dr. J. Steven Bear-New PBP Physician

Dr. Terry Harter-Medical Director

Nursing practitioners and staff work hard for you

Nurse Practitioner Mary Boren

Mary Boren is a Nurse Practitioner who has been at the Prairie Band Health Center since 2010.

She first began working at the Health Center for Dr. Terry Harter while completing an internship at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

She began her nursing career as a certified nurse's aid at Onaga (Kan.) Community Hospital in 2000 and continued working there until 2006. During that time she also completed coursework at Manhattan Technical College to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in 2001 and earned an Associate of Arts degree as a Registered Nurse (RN) in 2003.

Following that, she worked as an RN. from 2006-2010 for Mercy Regional Health

Center in Manhattan.

In 2008 she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Kansas (KU) Medical Center and a master's degree in 2010. She is also board certified through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

When asked what a nurse practitioner does she said that he/she sees patients and can diagnose medical conditions. She also said they can write prescriptions and do minor medical surgeries like removing toenails, etc.

Boren is also active within the health center administration where she serves on several committees including the Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee, and Diabetes Advisory Committee, to name a few.



PBP Health Center information online
www.pbpindiantribe.com/healthcenterinformation.aspx

Nurse Practitioner Nola Ahlquist-Turner

Nurse Practitioner Nola Ahlquist-Turner has been working for 23 years in Indian health service and during most of that time she has worked directly with the Prairie Band Potawatomi people.

She began an internship in 1996 in the Indian Health Service (IHS) office in Holton and following that position worked for the Shawnee County Health Department in Topeka for several years. She then returned to Holton to work part-time for the IHS and then came to the Prairie Band Health Center on the reservation when it opened in 2006. Her areas of expertise are in family health and maternal/pediatrics care.

When asked why she has stayed in Indian Health

all these years she said she enjoys the work environment because it is not profit-driven like most mainstream health systems are. And, she said, because of that, a greater level of care occurs because medical professionals can take the time to address patient needs. Another plus, she said, is that you also get to know patients better because you usually see regularly and that she enjoys the many friendships and working relationships she's made over the years.

Ahlquist-Turner holds degrees in nursing from Wichita State University and has accredited nursing certification credentials.



Potawatomi Health Center
11400 158 Rd
Mayetta, KS 66509

Watch for the next issue of the Potawatomi News for more photos of the Health Center staff

Nursing staff



The PBP Health Center nursing staff took time out of their schedules to pose for the *News*. (Left to right) is Michelle Donnelly, Ed Gonzales, Laura Thackery, Sherri Wheless, Laury Shopteese, Brenda Catron, Jeanette Little Sun and Angie Smith. Not pictured is Delores Maines.

Diabetes Program gets community involved in Governor's Weight-Loss Challenge

Flabulous Fabulous, The Chub Club, Big Fat Losers, and Weights R Us, are just a few of the names of the seventeen teams from the PBPN community involved in the Governor's Weight Loss Challenge. Last January, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback announced a statewide weight-loss challenge to all Kansans in an effort of helping people become more physically active and to eat healthy foods.

The PBP Diabetes Prevention Program is participating by encouraging the teams, and at press time, the total teams' loss was 315 lbs. The Prairie Band Diabetes Program team, that consists of Melinda Williamson, Kathy Sterbenz, Cody Wilson, and Eddie Joe Mitchell, have been helping to support the challenge by having team meetings and providing one-on-one or team exercise and nutrition instruction to ensure that all the teams are successful in their weight-loss. They are also working with other tribal entities in obtaining prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Weigh-ins take place at the Health Center and can be scheduled by calling Lifetime Fitness Coach Cody Wilson at 785.966.8272.

The challenge ends on May 15, 2013 and is pitting teams of five to compete against the Governor's team of five in losing the greatest percentage of total starting weight. Non-state employee groups (tribes, municipalities, businesses, etc) throughout Kansas are participating in the Governor's Weight Loss Challenge and so far over 1,000 teams have signed up. For details go to www.weightloss.ks.gov.

Download the Diabetes Program Activity Schedule at

<http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/health-and-wellness.aspx>

Got Drugs?

- Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse.
- Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.
- The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.
- The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends - and the home medicine cabinet.
- Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.
- Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of drugs.

The National Take-Back Day is April 27, 2013 and will be held at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police Department

OR
The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center Pharmacy
Available anytime when the pharmacy is open

Please Remember:

This opportunity is available for you to help your community and your environment.
And
No questions will be asked of any participant.

Lifestyle changes for Terri Greemore working!

When Terri Greemore (PBPN) went to the doctor about four months ago she learned that she was pre-diabetic and she decided that she needed to do something about it.

She began participating in Diabetes Prevention Program Education classes that are offered at the Health Center and since that time has lost around 20 pounds. Her blood and cholesterol levels are in a good range and she says she just feels a lot better.

Greemore meets with Kathy Sterbenz every Tuesday morning to go over a health plan that has been individualized for her. Greemore records her daily food intake in a weekly diary and also tries to exercise at least 30 minutes a day. She said that walking works best for her and that she recently found an exercise machine at a garage sale for when she can't exercise outdoors.

Greemore has been so successful that she was given an award from the Diabetes Program staff and also a \$30 gift certificate for her efforts. She is on her second round of reaching a new goal and continues to meet with Sterbenz weekly.

She said she is dedicated to making a lifestyle change and that she couldn't have done it without Sterbenz's encouragement. "Kathy's been great and it's so nice to have someone to talk to to keep you going."



Terri Greemore received an award for reaching her goal.



Garden Contest 2013

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

Raising your own vegetables and the satisfaction in doing that is its own reward. Last year there were 48 gardens plowed.

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

There will be prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. These prizes may include: a cultivator for weeding gardens, a rain barrel, soaker hoses, an assortment of heirloom seeds and garden hand tools. Contest rules and the judges will be posted at a later date. All the details are still being worked out.

For details or to get a garden tilled call Eddie Joe at 966-8243 or email EddieJoe@pbpnation.org.

Thank you to the Prairie Band community!

On February 8 there were 22 people who came to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center to donate blood to the Community Blood Center

Diabetes Self Management Classes

Every Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Classes held in the Diabetes Program offices at the Health Center.

Many more DPP classes and activities offered

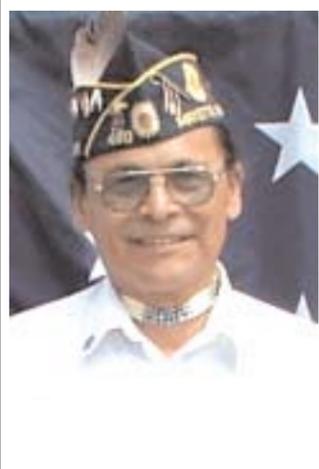
Call 785.966.8271 for details

We-Ta-Se News

2013 We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 Officers

Commander
Charles Wakole
Vice-Commander
Robert Jackson
Adjutant
Tim Ramirez
Finance Officer
Francis Shopteese
Chaplin
Francis Jensen
Service Officer
Lorrie Wahwassuck
Historian
Charles Jacobson
Sgt At Arms
Glen Levier

We-Ta-Se will host the 1st District of
Kansas convention on April 13-14
at the Boys & Girls Club.



Jim Potts has been named the Senior Liaison for the We-Ta-Se Department and replaces Frank Shopteese who retired. The Department is located in the We-Ta-Se building, 15434 K Road, Mayetta, Kan.



This group of We-Ta-Se members traveled to Sacaton, Arizona to participate in the 68th Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising ceremony and parade on Feb. 23. Standing next to a statue of Ira Hayes, a Native American soldier made famous for helping raise the flag, is (left to right) Tim Ramirez, Benny Potts, Charles Jacobson, Francis Shopteese, B.J. Darnall, and Charles Wakole.

We-Ta-Se means "One who is brave" in Potawatomi

PBP Early Childhood Education Center Info

Interested in Head Start for your children?

By Nis Wilbur

The Head Start program is located at Ben-no-tteh Wigwam (Early Childhood Education Center) and provides FREE education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services for families with children aged 3-5. Children enrolled in the program DO NOT have to be enrolled in child care and parents do not need to be attending work, school, or training for their child to attend the Head Start program.

The Ben-no-tteh Wigwam Head Start program is currently funded to serve 32 children. Enrollment is determined through a point criteria system that includes tribal affiliation, age, income, residence (on or off reservation), and other special circumstances. We currently offer four half-day classrooms (2 morning, 2 afternoon), and 1 full day classroom (7.5 hours), as well as transportation both to and from home for children living in our service area.

The services and resources offered by Head Start are designed to enhance children's physical and emotional well being, and establish an environment to develop strong cognitive skills. Education includes preschool education to national standards. Health services include screenings, health assessments, and dental check-ups.

If you are interested in your child attending Head Start, please complete an application and return it to the Ben-no-tteh Wigwam no later than JUNE 28, 2013. Applications are available online, in the center, or by phone at 785-966-2707. **Children must be age 3 before September 1st, 2013 to be eligible for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Date:
April 12
8:30 a.m.- 2 p.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 Board

Details call 785.966.2707

**Prairie Band Potawatomi Early
Childhood Education Center
is accepting
2013-14 Head Start applications
Deadline: June 28, 2013**



The Early Childhood Education Center's Head Start programs are federally accredited and are noted for being a model childcare program in Indian Country.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Early Childhood Education Center

Public Hearing
*in combination with Interagency
Coordinating Council

April 4, noon

This public hearing is an opportunity for
community partners/members to provide
input on delivery of services.

Topics to include:

- networking with area family service providers
- delivery of childcare services by the PBP
- program updates

Meeting will be located at the PBP Early Childhood
Center in the Conference Room. Call 785.966.2527
for details.

Cultural and Language Department news

Youth language classes to perform in regional contest



A rehearsal of the youth language performances will be held at the Rock Building on March 27 at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to come and support the young students.

The Kids and Teens classes were combined in January and have been working to prepare for the 2013 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair (ONAYLF) competition. ONAYLF includes 600-800 students who are learning their native languages and a competition will take place on April 1-2 at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman, Oklahoma. The kids group is participating in the Large Group Song in Native Language category, and the teen group is participating in the Large Group Spoken Language Performance category. There are also four students that will participate in the Spoken Language with PowerPoint category.

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Ttiwenmo Enateken Wawen Gishék
Word Search

To celebrate the arrival of spring, we have created a word search with hidden Potawatomi words in it. You can find the list of words below along with their meanings.

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n	e	y	o	t	h	s	i	k	p	e	k	s
w	a	s	k	o	n	o	t	o	y	e	n	h

Egg-Waw	It's sunny-Pashlemgét	Grass-akpikishloyén
Duck-shishibe	It's a good day-Mnogishgét	I'm happy-ntiwenmo
Rabbit-Máhwé	Rainbow-gwapit égen	I'm well/healthy-mnopmatís
Let's hunt-Kgiwámán	Flowers-waskonetoýén	I'm full-ntepsénye

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Adult Language classes
Mondays- 5:30-8 p.m.
Language Department (located in basement of the Firekeepers Elder Center)
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Fax: (785) 966-2383
Email: dleclere@pbpnation.org
jessicay@pbpnation.org
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Environmental Protection Program Notices



Customer Notice

Please be aware that the Division of Planning & Environmental Protection is reinforcing the Tribal Council approved-policy of picking up ONLY the waste inside the designated waste container. If you have additional containers or items outside the designated green container, you must PRE-PAY an additional fee in order to have them picked up by the BPN staff.

We appreciate the exemplary efforts of our customers that reduce their waste by recycling. We encourage ALL CUSTOMERS to do their part to keep this service affordable and keep our beautiful community clean. Please contact 785.966.2946 for additional information.

All recyclables, except cardboard, **must be bagged**. The items do NOT have to be sorted, but do need to be placed in a bag. This practice is required in order to prevent excessive litter as the containers are dumped, or litter that occurs when containers are tipped and rolled by the wind. We appreciate your business.



15th Annual Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 21
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Prairie Peoples Park

- EPA information booths
- Shrub/plant giveaway
- Predictor's walk/bike event
- Raffles and **Zombie Run** (new event)

Free Earth Day T-shirts to those that register

Food and craft vendors wanted
No fee but only recycled materials and techniques can be utilized

For details or to register call 785.966.2946



Students in a class of Friends University are meeting weekly in the Government Center training room and working toward their bachelor's degrees in Business Administration. The PBPN Education Department and Friends University have formed a partnership that is allowing PBPN employees and casino employees a convenient way to obtain a college degree. Last year six employees graduated with degrees from Friends.



A monthly meeting was held between directors of departments and programs that was directed by Peggy Houston, general manager of tribal operations. This meeting involved preparing for the large snow fall that fell Feb. 21-22 and 25 on the reservation. Meetings are held each month to exchange information and to coordinate efforts between staff.



Some major electrical work was completed by contractors from Schneider Electric, a global energy management company, at the Government Center on Jan. 11. Ben Joslin, IT Director, who is pictured at the computer monitor, told the *News* that the work was done to ensure that all the tribal data servers have a reliable power feed which means increased uptime and availability.



The PBPN Language Department participated in the Potawatomi Winter Stories on Feb. 1-2 in Hannahville, Mich. that included over 150 participants. From (left to right) are Jan Hubbard, Cindy LeClere, Colton Wahquahboshkuk, Billy Matchie, and LaVerne Haag. Not pictured is Dawn LeClere, Jayme Thomas and Jessica Youngbird.


Around
the
Rez




An advisory committee that is offering input about the Prairie Band people has been formed to assist in a diabetes communication pilot study being conducted by the University of Kansas (see full story on page 6). (Left to right, sitting) is Jim Potter, Mamie Rupnicki, and Benny Potts. Back row (left to right) is Naseka Hale, Dr. Mugar Geana, and Royetta Rodewald. Geana and Rodewald are with the University of Kansas and coordinating the study.



Robert Jackson, who is on the staff in the Human Resources Department, used his lunch hour to paint a picture with the Providers Art Circle group. Tribal Victim Services sponsors a Healing Through Art program weekly where individuals can come relax and paint.



Arlene Lingo signs in as a visitor at the lobby of Government Center. Visitors must now sign in and wear a badge when entering the building for identification purposes. Behind the counter is Cheryl Walker and Kim Horton who are front desk receptionists.



Staff from the Potawatomi Fire Department recently showed off their new pumper fire truck #641 in front of the Government Center. In the photo, left to right, is Greg Bills, Cecil Mercer, Paul Juedes, Randy Smith, Frank Zeller and Aaron Evans.

New VIP suites entice high-end players to PBC&R



Eight new VIP suites are now being offered to Prairie Band Casino & Resort patrons who want that luxurious feel. Suites include a spacious new living area and half-bath, a separate bedroom, and a deluxe bathroom that includes an extra long jacuzzi.



Prairie Band Casino & Resort Employees Awards Banquet winners



Chad McCammon
Gaming Employee of Year



Vickie Marten
Host of the Year



Banquet held March 5

Beatriz Perez
Overall Employee of the Year



Crystal Romanchek
Support Employee of Year



Trey Fisher
Supervisor of the Year



At left, is Steve E. Ortiz, Perez and Ryan Bandt. Ortiz is Assistant General Manager and Bandt is General Manager of the casino.

A great place to work!



Chele Kuhn
Manager of the Year



Beatriz Perez
Services Employee of Year

Want to be a 2013 PBC&R intern?
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2012 Summer Interns (Left to Right) Aaron Olney, Tug Wamego, and William Evans. Not pictured is Adrian Herrera.

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New Subway Restaurant going in at Nation Station



Leslie Shuckahosee, with Prairie Band Construction, is seen working on the new restaurant on Feb. 12. Prairie Band Construction is a subsidiary company of Prairie Band LLC.

Part of Nation Station will become a Subway Restaurant. The store will continue to sell convenience store items, gas and cigarettes.

Plans are to open the restaurant in April.



Nation Station got a new coat of paint on the outside last summer and new modern signage on its entrance. The store is located on the northwest side of the casino grounds.



Ray Wahweotten, First Nations Painting, works on the interior of the building. First Nations Painting is a PBPB family-owned business and has done a lot of interior and exterior painting work for the casino and Nation's government through the years.

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Right: These three tribal members work at Nation Station and are also a part of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort team. (Left to right) are Tosha Wilson, Martie Mitchell and John Mitchell.



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Student news and notes

From princess to queen



Sylvana Levier was crowned Queen of Courts at Royal Valley High School. She is a senior and plays basketball and volleyball for the school. Sylvana is also on the National Honor Society and has reigned as the We-Ta-Se princess. In addition, she is a member of the Royal Valley Singers & Dancers.

(Photo courtesy of Holton Recorder)

Tanner Ogden garners two medals in 4A state tourney wrestling

Tanner Ogden became the winningest wrestler to ever walk the halls of Royal Valley High School after completing his last round of wrestling competition for Royal Valley where he is a senior this year.

“He’s the most decorated wrestler that’s ever come through Royal Valley in history, said coach Jason Puderbaugh, in an article that appeared in the *Holton Recorder* on Feb. 25. Ogden was in the 152-pound weight class and ranked fourth in Class 4A in the state with a 35-3 record at that time. Other state qualifiers for Royal Valley included Bryce Golightly, Christian Ogden and Tristen Ogden.

Ogden also qualified for the Kansas Metro Classics and was planning to compete on March 5.

Several young Potawatomi youth are busy wrestling with the Ogden Outlaws!

Rebekah Navarro chosen KAY area president

Rebekah Navarro was selected as the Area 1 Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) President last November in Kansas City.

Navarro will serve the KAYS Clubs of Northeastern Kansas and attend a leadership camp this coming summer.

Assistant Executive Director and KAY State Director Cheryl Gleason said, “We are honored to have Rebekah Navarro serve as a KAY Area President. Her strong background in the KAY program and her proven leadership and enthusiasm for serving others will serve others as a valuable motivator for the KAY Clubs of Northeastern Kansas.”

Navarro is a junior at Royal Valley High School and has been serving as the school’s KAY secretary.



Megan Hale (left) and Amber Porter from Pomona, Kan. both played the flute during a VIP opening at the Dillard's Store in Topeka on Dec. 2. Hale is from Holton and is a sophomore at Washburn University where she is studying music education. Her parents are Martin and Donna Hale.

Submitted photo

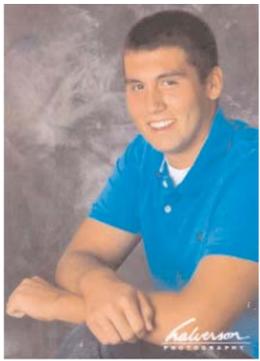
Singers & Dancers take second place at Battle of the Plains

The Royal Valley Singers & Dancers placed second this year in the 2013 Battle of the Plains competition held Jan. 26 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Battle of the Plains is an annual competition sponsored by Operation Eagle, which is the Indian Education Program through the Bartlesville Public Schools. Several schools compete each year that have Native American dance groups across the plains in Kansas, Alabama, and Oklahoma.

Royal Valley Singers & Dancers is composed of members from the elementary, middle, and high school level. The group is supported by U.S.D. #337 and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Congratulations to Kraig Carl Arndt on graduating from Lincoln High Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Parents: Larry & Julie Arndt



JOM/ Title VII Student Recognition Night April 17 Prairie Peoples Park

Congratulations to Jaime Cervantes on earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business from St. Gregory's University in December 2012

He would like to thank the PBP Education Department for their assistance.

Congratulations to Aaron Guerrero on signing a letter of intent to play football at Ft. Scott Community College next year.

Way to go! From: Your Family

American Indian Health Student Association High School Essay Contest: Win sports gear. Deadline: April 15 Email: aihsa@kumc.edu

Graduation Pow-wow Dance for Sylvana Levier May 4, 1 p.m., Prairie Peoples Park

Congratulations to Steven Wahweotten who was named to the University of Kansas fall honor roll. He is a sophomore majoring in Linguistics and is the son of Junior and Gina Wahweotten



Member news and notes

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Oklahoma City, OK 73120
Email: dbuxton2003@yahoo.com
405-755-5384

December 15, 2012

Tribal Council,
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

I'm not sure to whom this note should be directed, but I want the leadership to know how grateful and appreciative the Buxton family is for all of our Potawatomi Nation benefits.

From my earliest days (I'm now approaching 76) I remember my mom, Vivian Harrington Buxton talk about Indian money prospects. She saw to it that my brother and I were properly enrolled and later my three daughters. As it turned out, she lived to receive only one or two small per capita distributions resulting from settlement of claims against the government.

She would be amazed and thrilled if she were alive today to realize that her dreams of Indian money have come true beyond her expectations. As a group, my three daughters and I now receive in excess of \$25,000 a year. This is more than the gaming revenue because my oldest daughter is in the PharmD program at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center. This is possible only because of the tuition allowance PBPB provides. And yesterday, she received a box of assorted gift items from the education department as a Christmas present. This was a complete surprise and she was totally delighted. She was particularly pleased with the tee shirt with the Nation's logo on it.

A big THANK YOU to all who have worked so long, so hard and so wisely to get us to where we are today. We are so proud and appreciative of our Indian heritage.

Merry Christmas

David Buxton for himself and on behalf of Stefanie Buxton Dolcic, Heather Buxton Dugan and Ashley Buxton Willis

This letter was sent to Tribal Council and is reprinted with permission by the author

Elders dine at the Bingo Hall during January



Last January while the ceiling in the kitchen was being repaired at the Firekeepers Elder Center, the meal site was temporarily relocated to the Bingo Hall. Elders either drove themselves or were transported by the staff during the temporary move. According to Nona Wahweotten, director of the center, several diners seemed to enjoy the change despite a limited menu due to a smaller kitchen and number of stoves available. However, by the end of the month, everyone was back at the Elders Center thanks to the quick and good work of the Construction/Maintenance crews who did the repair work on the ceiling at the Elders Center and also cleaned and prepared the Bingo Hall facility so that the elders had a place to dine.

A word of thanks!

Joe and I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the PBPB community. Your kindness and prayers helped lessen the pain of losing our home to the fire. We can't thank you enough for the household items, clothing, and the fundraiser that was held and attended by so many of you. We have a great community here and we will forever be grateful.

-Brenda Catron and Joe Kennedy

Correction

In the winter issue of the *Potawatomi News* on page 24 in a story called *Christmas gift drives bring holiday joy* the name of Judy Penfield was misidentified as Judy Darnell. The *News* regrets the error.

Correction

In the winter issue of the *Potawatomi News* it was reported on page 21 that Mary (Wahweotten) Brown was the queen of the Mayetta Area Business Association fall festival when it should have read that she was queen of the Mayetta Pioneer Days fall festival. The *News* regrets the error.

Special thanks to Sherri Landis for keeping the bird feeder full that is located in front of the Government Center

The staff enjoys watching the birds!



Everyone is invited to a Magic and Morality Show hosted by David Noland (PBPN) Bethany Baptist Church Youth Director

Sunday, April 7
Boys & Girls Club Gym
3 p.m.- Magic & Morality by David Corn
3:45 p.m. - Biblical Testimony by David Noland
4 p.m.- Free hotdogs, chips & pop

Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp!
Applications available at the Club or online

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BREAST CANCER BENEFIT FOR SHARON "ANDERSON" BOSSE

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much.

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Mom
& Grandma
&
Your Family

Happy 4th Birthday
Bear!!!
on
March 25



Love,
Mom, Dad, Sisters &
family



Happy
21st Birthday
on
March 13
to
Roman Adame

Love,
Mom & Damon

Happy 2nd Birthday
on Feb. 23
to
Julian “Shenweshkwa” Otero
a very special boy



Love,
Dad, Mom, and all
Your Family

Happy Birthday
to
Ann Bryant
who
turned
99 years old
on
Feb. 19



Love,
The Ogden Family



Happy
Birthday
Chemako
Keesis
Wishkeno

8 years old
on
Feb. 17

Love,
Daddy, Sissy Falicity, Grandma
Judy Cress and Verlon,
Aunt Camilla, Aunt Audrey, Uncle
Shane, and cousin LeeRoy

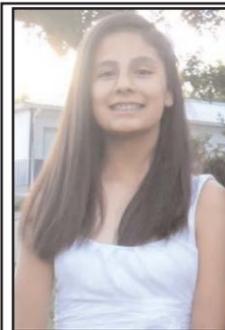
Happy Birthday
to
Richele Pahmahmie
and
Gea Aitkens
on being the Big? this year.

Love,
Gilreath Aitkens



Happy 8th Birthday

Omar J. Higiné
March 2
Love,
Mom, Dad & Sister



Happy Belated
Birthday
Bella Thompson
January 17

Love you,
Grandma/Mom

Share your good news
and celebrations
with
the
Potawatomi News

Summer issue deadline June 3

Happy 53rd Birthday

Misho Raymond



on
March 2
Love,
Dutch, Ashtyn, Raylee,
Derek,
Emma & Liberty



Happy Birthday
to
Michelle Simon
on
March 20

Love you,
Mom



Happy 6th Birthday
to
Eliana “ZawZee” Banks

We love you!

from,
Mom, Dad,
Josie & Jr.



Happy 15th Birthday

Michael
“Shoughnessee”
Simon
on
March 26

Love you,
Grandma/Mom



Potawatomi people,
Listen up, and love one another and always follow the drum!

Kambottek (those who died)

Felix Rey Cruz



AUBREY TX- Services for Felix Rey Cruz will be held on Friday, December 21, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Hill Crest Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Billy Pierce officiating. Interment will follow at Hill Crest Memorial Park. The family will receive visitors on Thursday, December 20, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Hill Crest Memorial Funeral Home.

Felix was born on May 30, 1956 to Richard and Christine Cruz and passed away suddenly on December 14, 2012 in Wellington Kansas. He was a man who lived life to the fullest and where ever he went, Felix was the life of the party. Felix's love of music was classic rock especially Lynard Sknard's Free Bird, and when ever anyone asked for request it was always, Free Bird. He was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Gerald Lee Cruz.; sister, Kathrine Kelley. He is survived by his loving wife Karissa; son, Sean Cruz; two brothers, Robert Cruz and Paul Cruz; sisters, Donna Landry and Wanda Devors; father-in-law, Ken Lesly; mother-in-law, Debbie Lesly; sister-in-law, Kaitlyn Lesly; sister-in-law Karly Dumas and husband Bob; nephew Thomas Lesly; and granddaughter Brooke Bradford.

Honoring Felix as pallbearers will be Christopher Cruz, Sean Cruz, Robert Cruz Jr., Elliott Cruz, John Devors Jr., Sammy Devors and Bobby Kelley Jr.

(Courtesy of Hill Crest Memorial Funeral Home, Haughton, Louisiana)

John Pete "Na-gon-ko-uk" Matchie



MAYETTA- John Pete "Na-gon-ko-uk" Matchie, 71 of Mayetta, KS passed away December 18, 2012 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. He was born June 7, 1941 in Mayetta the son of Peter Paul and Blanche (Masquat) Matchie. He was known as "Uncle John" to many children.

John graduated from Mayetta High School and was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He was a certified welder and heavy equipment operator for various contractors in the area. John was a video operator for Thunderhill Speedway for over 15 years; he loved to tinker with video equipment and also loved attending stock car races.

Survivors include a daughter, Crystal Diane Chavez of Oklahoma; 4 sisters, Tutti Kern and Myra Matchie both of Mayetta, Hedy Noland and her husband Junior of Holton and Betty Jean Rice of Topeka; 2 brothers, Roland Matchie and his wife Janis of Holton and Lester Sumner of Hoyt; 2 grandchildren, Emilio and Leticia and many nieces, nephews and friends.

John was preceded in death by a sister, Edwina Dickinson and a granddaughter, McKayla.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 22, 2012 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in the Pa-ko-kwan (Son of God) Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the John Matchie Memorial Fund c/o Mercer Funeral Home P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

David E. "Wahp-sken" Tiscareno

TOPEKA- David E. "Wahp-sken" Tiscareno, 22, of Topeka, KS passed away December 17, 2012 in Topeka. He was born January 12, 1990 in Topeka the son of Francisco Tiscareno, Jr. and Mary Theresa (Jim) Tiscareno.

David graduated from Topeka High School in 2011 and was attending Washburn Tech. He worked for Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in the gaming office and also building maintenance in Mayetta. David was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

Survivors include his parents, Francisco, Jr. and Mary Tiscareno of Topeka, his fiancé, Desiree Shopteese of the home; 2 daughters, NoElla and Nalaeh Jim-Tiscareno both of the home; a son, Elias Jim-Tiscareno of the home; 3 sisters, Jessica, Te-Wen-Es and Precious Tiscareno all of Topeka and 3 brothers, Francisco G., Shonnesi and Quetzalcoatl all of Topeka; his paternal grandfather, Francisco Tiscareno, Sr. of Topeka; his maternal grandmother, Cornelia Donahue of Mayetta and many aunts, uncles and cousins. David was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Mary Tiscareno and his maternal grandfather, Paulino Jim, Sr.

Supper and Wake Services will be Thursday evening, December 20, 2012 at the Danceground Building west of Mayetta. Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday morning at the old Danceground Cemetery. <http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com/>.

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

Dawn Marie "Wawasmokwe" Perrote



Dawn Marie Perrote, age 49 of Milwaukee, passed away on February 2, 2013 at her home.

Native American services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Kohls Community Funeral Home, 405 W Main St, Waupun WI, officiated by Donald A. Perrote. Burial will follow at the Forest Mound Cemetery, Waupun WI.

The family will greet friends at the funeral home from 4 - 8 p.m. on Fri. Feb. 8 and on Sat. from 10 a.m. until time of service. A special message may be sent to the family at www.kohlsfh.com Dawn was born on January 11, 1964 in Milwaukee, the daughter of Donald and Sandra Grzmehle Perrote. She grew up on Menomonee Indian Reservation with her grandparents. Following her graduation, she attended MATC majoring in music. Dawn loved people and volunteered her time reaching out to others as an in-home caregiver, helping at the Hebron Homeless Shelter in Waukesha, and the Native American Student Movement. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe and was trying to learn the Potawatomi language. Dawn had a good sense of humor, was very artistic and enjoyed being the family photographer. She was currently attending U W Milwaukee Social Services program, and was hoping to devote herself to a career of helping others.

Dawn is survived by her parents: Donald (Dolores) Perrote, Waupun, Sandra (Douglas) Frey, Milwaukee, her children: Edward R. Smith, Joshua Smith, Amanda Nordentoft, Dominic Zamora, Isabella Zamora, grandmother, Marian Perrote, Antigo, WI, her siblings: Earl J. Hillsberg, Donald C. Perrote, Cheryl Perrote Tanksley, Jennifer Robinson, Sarah Perrote, Wallace Perrote, Jedediah Perrote, Nicholas Trudeau, Christine Trudeau, Lee Dauber, Gabriella Perrote, Ruthann Perrote, Whisper Perrote, numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephew.

She was preceded in death by grandparents: Donald Perrote Sr., Charles and Eleanor Grzmehle.

(Courtesy of Kohls Community Funeral Home Waupun, WI)

Obituary policy

The *Potawatomi News* will publish only obituaries of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal members that have been verified by the Member Services Department and obtained by the mortuary, funeral home or crematorium handling the funeral arrangements. The *Potawatomi News* reserves the right to edit or omit any obituary.

2013 PBP Pow-wow Committee Call for Crown Bid/Logo-Art Work/Specials

Princess Crown

- Designs must be submitted with bid
- Submit bids and designs to:

Attention: Josie Pahmahmie, 14978 West Casino Drive or PO Box 129, Mayetta, KS 66509 or email: josiep@pbpgaming.org or call 785.554.4669

- Bidder must purchase all materials

- Crown must be finished and delivered to the committee on or before May 27
 - Final payment will be issued upon satisfactory completion and approval by the pow-wow committee
- All rights to designs will belong to the pow-wow committee upon selection of bid

Logo Contest-Request for Art Design

- Art design to be used on advertising and pow-wow apparel
 - Design sketches must be submitted with bid
 - Multiple submissions are allowed
 - Submit bids and artwork designs to:

Attention: Coleen Thomas, 12305 150 Rd, Mayetta, KS 66509 or email: cthomas@pbpgaming.com or call 785.966.7701

- Final payment issued upon satisfactory completion and approval by pow-wow committee

- Winning design becomes property of PBP pow-wow committee including exclusive rights to be used in any format deemed necessary

Pow-wow Specials-Individual/Family/Organization Sponsored

- Special request must include: categories selected, format of special, and prizes awarded
- Special prizes must meet a minimum total of \$500 to be considered
 - Specials will be placed on event agenda as determined by pow-wow committee
- Pow-wow committee will not consider "give-aways" as part of the Special or during the event's regular agenda
 - Submit special requests to:

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Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow-wow
June 7, 8, & 9, 2013

Over \$100,000 in prizes!

Drum Contest
\$10,000, \$9,000, \$7,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 & Split
Grand Entries: Friday 7 PM, Saturday 12 PM & 7 PM, Sunday 12 PM

Dance Contests
\$1,000, \$700, \$500, \$300

Specials
\$400, \$300, \$200, \$100

Where the North Meets the South
Prairie Peoples Park
150th & M Road, Mayetta, KS
For More Information:
www.pbndiantribe.com
pbppowwow@pbpnation.org
1-888-727-4946 ext. 7701

Admission: Weekend Pass \$10 or Daily \$5
Seniors 50+ FREE
Children 6 & Under FREE
Camping/Parking: In Park Weekend \$10 or \$5/Entry
Outside Park is FREE

MC: **Many Day & TM**
MC: **Jonathan Whigby**
Head Drum Judge: **Michael Roberts**
Head Dance Judge: **Dusty Elliott**
Head Dancer: **Stan Park, Mackinaw, Michael Day**

Men VS. Women Iron Fancy: \$1,500 Winner-Take-All
Men's Northern Traditional: \$1,000 & Pendleton Blanket with 2 Consolations
Women's Jingle: \$1,000 & Pendleton Blanket with 2 Consolations
Grand Entry Jackpots: \$500
Hand Drum: \$500
Women's Old Style Scrub Sponsored by the Hale Boys
Jr. Boys Grass Sponsored by KJ Miller & Family

These Mocs are Made for Walking—Raising Awareness Walk
Sponsored by PBP Social Services-Victim Services Program
Saturday, June 8th—Registration 9 AM—Walk 9:30 AM

RATE CHANGE NOTIFICATION:

**PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI GENERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
TRANSIT RATE INCREASES**

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

Please see graph below for price changes for ridership.

Current costs of Transit		July 1, 2013 increase	October 1, 2013 increase	January 1, 2014 increase
OOA	\$1.00	\$1.30	\$1.60	\$1.90
Local	\$5.50	\$8.80	\$11.10	\$14.40
Out of Area ticket books	\$20.00	\$26.00	\$32.00	\$38.00
Local ticket books	\$10.00	\$16.00	\$22.00	\$28.00
Current cost for Seniors		July 1, 2013 increase	October 1, 2013 increase	January 1, 2014 increase
OOA	\$6.00	\$7.70	\$9.40	\$11.10
Local	\$3.30	\$4.45	\$5.60	\$6.75
Seniors out of area ticket books	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$18.00
Seniors local ticket books	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00

Drivers do not carry change with them. You must pay with correct change.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Celeste Weber, Transit Coordinator at 785-966-2995 or toll free at 1-866-727-8181.

Tribal Rental Housing Applicants

Anyone that has filled out an application from homes rented ON the reservation needs to make sure any changes are updated with the Housing Office. Information that is needed includes: address, household composition, and contact information.
For details call 785.966.2756

We-Ta-Se T Shirts for sale

\$8 per shirt

Several sizes available

Contact
Robert Jackson
16281 Q Rd
Mayetta, KS 66509
or call
(785) 966-3060
email: robertjackson@pbpnation.org

Notice!

Please remove plastic/styrofoam flower arrangements from reservation cemeteries by April 1.

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

2013 Potawatomi Gathering will be hosted by Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Dowagiac, Michigan