



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Fall 2011

Ortiz selected to Governor's Economic Development Council

Steve Ortiz, Tribal Chairman, and 15 other key business leaders from various economic sectors and geographic regions in Kansas, were selected by Gov. Sam Brownback to form a new Governor's Economic Council of Advisors on July 27 in Wichita.

"The economic future of Kansas depends on the growth of existing businesses and the development of new industries," Brownback said in a news release. "Economic competitiveness requires a detailed understanding of regional, national and international economic conditions and trends."

The purpose of the council is to coordinate strategic planning and economic development resources, evaluate state policies and agencies performances, and conduct research on topics such as Kansas' basic industries, tax competitiveness, and regulatory structure.

Stan Ahlerich, the executive director of the council, wrote in the invitation email to Ortiz that "in these economic times the Governor believes that it is paramount to get insights and guidance from some of the state's best and brightest leaders." Ortiz was selected by the Governor and will represent the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Mayetta.

Tribal member becomes Archbishop of Philadelphia



Left: Rev. Charles Chaput, Steve Ortiz and Jerry Tuckwin together at a luncheon preceding Chaput's installation as Archbishop of Philadelphia. Chairman Ortiz presented Chaput with gifts from the PBPN.

Charles Chaput was installed as the Archbishop of Philadelphia on September 8.

Chairman Steve Ortiz and Jerry and Terry Tuckwin were invited to the installation and traveled to Philadelphia to witness the historic occasion. Jerry Tuckwin is also a tribal member.

Chaput has been the

Archbishop of Denver since 1997 and is originally from the Concordia area. He became a PBPN member as a young boy and had family that lived on the reservation.

For a more indepth profile of Chaput see page 3 inside this issue of the *News*.

Kansas Governor appoints Executive Director for Native American Affairs Office



Left: Tribal Council met with Chris Howell, the new Executive Director for the Native American Affairs Office, on August 24 in Council chambers. From left to right, front row, Joyce Guerrero, Howell, and Steve Ortiz. Back row, left, Carrie O'Toole, Junior Wahweotten, Jim Potter, and Jancita Warrington.

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback appointed Chris Howell as the Executive Director for Native American Affairs for his administration.

"Native American Kansans play a very important role in our state's history, culture and economy. It is essential for them to have a direct line into the governor's office," Governor Brownback said. "As a Native American himself, Chris understands the tribal governments and compacts they have with the state. Couple that with his experience as a state government executive and the strong relationships he has with members of the tribes, Chris will serve all Kansans well."

A member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and a native of Lawrence, Howell

earned his bachelor's degree from Emporia State University. He has worked in Kansas State Government for 19 years, including being the Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer for the Kansas Arts Commission. He also is a Kansas Court approved mediator.

Among his responsibilities, Brownback said Howell will work to ensure that Native American concerns and needs are addressed in state policy making decisions as well as coordinate intergovernmental communications between tribal governments and the Governor's Office, as well as other state agencies and other Native American organizations.

Coming up!



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| Sept. 23 | PBPN Government offices closed
American Indian Day |
| Sept. 24 | We-Ta-Se Veterans Pow-wow
Grand entry 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 11 | PBPN Government offices closed
Veterans Day |
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Thanksgiving |
| Dec. 23 | PBPN Government offices closed
Christmas |

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Message to the Nation from Joyce Guerrero, Tribal Council Vice Chairperson

I hope everyone is enjoying the pleasant weather. I am certainly glad to say goodbye to the scorching days we have been experiencing.

Tribal Council, along with the various departments, has started the pre-budget process that usually takes place in August in preparation for the 2012 budget. There are a series of meetings held with each department on their programs and for Tribal Council to get an idea of what the needs and expectations are for funding before going into the final approval in October. Tribal Council also meets with the Casino and Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation (PBPEC) for input. Prairie Band Casino has had some record breaking months with high attendance. (Maybe they were all trying to get in out of the heat). Overall, it was a very good summer for the casino.

Tribal Council is going to be very cautious when planning for 2012 as we are all aware of competition coming. Two new state casinos are poised to open soon. The Hollywood Casino at the Kansas Speedway Corporation is expected to open in February 2012 and the Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane will open soon. We are optimistic that we can compete and we continue to update and remodel as needed to keep the PBP Casino & Resort a top notch property.

The Firekeeper Golf Course is also a welcome addition to the property and many are booking tournaments.

The Nation was approved for start-up tribal child support funding in April. Since then, we have been working with Region VII Office of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). We've had tribal representation at the Regional

Conference for Child Support Enforcement and at the Kansas Child Support Enforcement Program and we are working with our consultants and met with SRS regarding future agreements and communications. Tribal codes for child support laws, guidelines, policies and procedure are being worked on. Office space and staff hiring will be addressed beginning in fall 2011. The plan is for the Nation's child support program to be operational by early 2012 and it looks like the PBPN will meet this goal and then will submit its comprehensive plan with request for additional funding.

I attended the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) tribal consultations held in Tulsa, Okla. August 18 and 19 as PBPN tribal representatives were invited to offer comments and support in NIGC's efforts to revise current regulations. Tracie L. Stevens, chairwoman of NIGC, and her staff held a two-day tribal consultation for input from tribes in this region.

On September 20, 21 the PBPN is hosting the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association Regional Gaming & Legislative Summit at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. Draft agenda items are: Internet Gaming Update; State, Regional and National Indian Gaming Updates, and a Regulatory Seminar.

Tribal Council meetings are usually held twice monthly, sometimes more, including one Saturday each month. In addition, the Council attends meetings with the other tribes in Kansas sometimes combining efforts to address issues that affect all four tribes. I am the Tribal Council representative on the (PBPEC) and meet with the board and casino management as the ex-officio member to receive reports from the casino management and Gaming Commission.

Communication with members through phone calls or visits is very important to me and I welcome the opportunity to listen and assist or take concerns to Tribal Council meetings.

I would like to end this article with some thoughts on my sister, Marilyn who passed away in July. We will miss her as she was a good sister, loved mother, a doting grandma and auntie to many. She was also an active senior contributing in many ways to the community. Chubbie was what we called her and she was my big sister. Later, some people started calling her Chubbins.

I will miss our long talks. She was my go-to person when I couldn't remember a family name or an incident from our younger years. It will take time to break my habit of jumping on the phone to call her. As I was writing this I remembered the picture taken below in 2008. She had been very supportive of my efforts to run in the vice-chairperson election. This picture was taken right after the announcement of my win. We were thrilled and excited! And I was so grateful for having her at my side that day.

Thank you for letting me share. As always, please contact me if you have any concerns, comments or questions.



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Right: Marilyn Brewer, left, and Joyce Guerrero after learning that Joyce had won her seat on the Tribal Council. The two were sisters and Marilyn passed away on July 11. Her obituary appears on page 23 in this issue of the Potawatomi News.



Tribal Council, left to right, back, Ryan Dyer, Steve Ortiz, Jim Potter, and Junior Wahweotten. Front row, left to right, Joyce Guerrero, Jancita Warrington, and Carrie O'Toole.

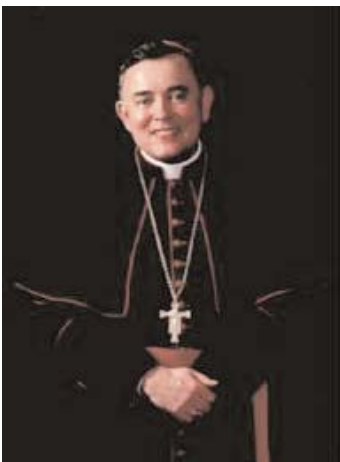
Prairie Band's Charles Chaput installed as Archbishop of Philadelphia by Pope Benedict XVI

Charles Chaput, a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal member, was installed as head of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia September 8 by Pope Benedict XVI.

PBPN Chairman Steve Ortiz and tribal member Jerry Tuckwin and his wife attended the installation.

Chaput was born in Concordia, Kan. to Joseph and Marian DeMarais Chaput and became a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation member as a young boy. He attended Catholic schools in Concordia and Victoria for his elementary and secondary education and then earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from St. Fidelis College Seminary in Herman, Pa (1967), Master of Arts in Religious Education from Capuchin College in Washington, D.C. (1970), and was ordained to the priesthood in 1970. In 1971 he received a Master of Arts in Theology from the University of San Francisco and served as an instructor at St. Fidelis until 1974. The three years following he served in administrative positions at Capuchin Province of St. Augustine in Pittsburgh and then became the pastor of Holy Cross parish in Thornton, Colo. and vicar provincial for the Capuchin Province of Mid-America in Kansas City. In 1980 he was named secretary and treasurer for the province and three years later became its chief executive and provincial minister. In 1988 he was ordained Bishop of Rapid City, S.D. and in 1997 became the Archbishop of Denver.

In 2008 Archbishop Chaput made a visit to the reservation where he celebrated Mass on April 13 at Our Lady of the Snows Church along with Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Father Duane Reinert, Father Richard Halvorson,



and Deacon Scott Aiken, who is also a PBPN member.

The Most Rev. Charles Chaput, 66, who was the archbishop of Denver since 1997 and is the first Native American ever to hold an archbishop appointment, was selected by the Pope on July 19 and became the 13th

bishop and ninth archbishop of Philadelphia on Sept. 8. He succeeded Cardinal Justin Rigali, 76, who resigned due to age as required by church law.

When Chaput was Bishop in Rapid City, S.D. he established an office of Native American Concerns as over 40 percent of the Catholic diocese was American Indian in the late 1980s. He was also instrumental in introducing Indian rituals and songs into the mainstream of Catholicism during that time.

Chaput is also the chair of the subcommittee on Native American Catholics of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

(special thanks to Archbishop Chaput for supplying the information, right, about his family)

Archbishop Chaput's Potawatomi ancestry

Mother:
Marian DeMarais Chaput

Grandmother:
Adelaide Keegan
a.k.a. Adelaide James

Great-grandmother:
Adelaide Bourdon

Great-great-grandmother:
Judith Navarre

Great-great-great-grandmother:
Angelique Kechouechouay

Archbishop Chaput's other immediate family members:

Father:
Joseph (deceased)

Sister:
Jolene Harper (PBPN)

Brother:
Gerald Chaput (PBPN)

Jerry and Terry Tuckwin honored for work with Native American athletes

Jerry Tuckwin and his wife, Terry, were honored last June in Albuquerque by receiving the Jim Thorpe Award that is given to individuals who have dedicated their lives to promoting health, fitness, education, sports/athletics, and healthy lifestyles among Native communities.

The couple was honored during the Fourth Annual Jim Thorpe Native American 5k National Championships sponsored by The Native American Sports Warriors Track Club (Sports Warriors TC) and Native Re-Vision.

A press release from the Sports Warriors Track Club said that Tuckwin and Terry, were both recognized for providing guidance and support to hundreds of Haskell students. Jerry is a former educator, coach and athletic director at Haskell Indian Junior College/Nations University (HINU) having worked there for 32 years. Over 40 former track athletes, many who had been Jerry's students at Haskell, attended the awards ceremony.

The 5k run drew over 230 athletes from more than 45 tribes throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Proceeds from the race will go towards funding the Sports Warriors Track Club that promotes physical and mental wellness through clinics, camps, and special events. Funds will also be used to compete at sanctioned USATF National Championship races. The next championship race for the Sports Warriors will be the USATF Club Cross-Country Championships, to be held this December in Seattle, Washington.



Jerry and Terry Tuckwin were honored for their work in promoting healthy lifestyles to Native Americans at the Fourth Annual Jim Thorpe Native American 5k Championships last June.

(Photo by Larry Cole)

reported that Jerry Tuckwin and Phil Homeratha, both retired HINU coaches, were invited to the White House to be recognized for their work as Native American coaches recently but were not able to attend. Homeratha is a retired women's basketball coach and is ill.

Tuckwin was also inducted into the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009 along with Warner A. "Tony" Coffin, another PBPN member, who received the award posthumously.

In related news, *The Lawrence Journal-World* (June 26, 2011)

For more information about the Sports Warriors Track Club and the 2012 Native American 5k National Championships, contact SportsWarriorsTC@aol.com.

Family fun on the Fourth of July



Above, is a photo of a family get-together on the Fourth of July at the Aitkens home. From left to right is Mert Green, Arlene Wahwasuck and Liz Aitkens watching fireworks. Patti Jo Wahwasuck submitted the photo and said she wanted to share this photograph of her family at their annual Fourth of July celebration.

Boys & Girls Club golf fundraiser
held at Firekeeper golf course



LPGA golfer Laurie Rinker was the celebrity golfer for the Boys & Girls Club golf fundraiser that was held for the first time at the Firekeeper Golf Course on August 19. With her is Steve Ortiz, Jr. who is on the board of directors for the club. Over \$50,000 was raised for the club this year.

Rinker has been playing golf for over 20 years and has four major wins to her name. She is from Stuart, Fla.



Casino takes five Best of Topeka
awards for 2011

The Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBC&R) took first in five Best of Topeka categories for 2011 in a contest sponsored by the *Topeka Capital-Journal*. The casino won Best Employer, Best Casino, Best Place for Live Entertainment, Best Place for Lunch with the Longhouse Buffet, and Best Restaurant Service with Three Fires Steakhouse.

The Best of Topeka is cho-

sen annually by *Capital-Journal* readers who submit their favorites in 100 categories that are then ranked from one to five. Categories range from Best Place to Find a Pet to Best Event in Northeast Kansas and the winners are announced each year in a special advertising feature in the newspaper.

Good news!

After being open for less than a year, Firekeeper Golf Course ranked second place in the 2011 Best of Topeka category for Best Golf Course out of five other courses!

Don't forget tribal members receive discounted rates!

Casino marketing team
wins Romero awards



Kelli Duermeier, left, and Tracy Splitter, right, are seen with marketing pioneer John Romero in Las Vegas after the Prairie Band Casino & Resort marketing team won several awards where both women work.

The Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBCR) marketing team walked away with several Romero awards in July at the 2011 Casino Marketing Conference in Las Vegas. The Romero awards are given to gaming operators who exude excellence in effective, measurable and accountable casino marketing expenditures and the Prairie Band Casino & Resort won more awards than any other casino in their category.

Out of 161 submissions Prairie Band won the following awards: the Casino Floor Promotion with Ridin'Wild-Silver and Player's Choice-Diamond; E-mail Marketing

with Asian Dinner E-blast-Diamond; Direct Mail Marketing with An Escape Awaits You-Honorable Mention; and Wichita Bus mailer-Silver, and VIP Promotion with Rock the Block Host Battle-Diamond.

The awards are named in honor of casino marketing pioneer John Romero who has worked in the industry for almost 50-years and participates in the judging process.

Tribal member Steve Ortiz, Jr. (PBPN) directs the marketing team that has its offices located behind the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

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Around the rez



Left to right, Landon Carver, Nathan Hale, Adele Wahwassuck and Raphael Wahwassuck made up a foursome at the Boys & Girls Club Golf Tournament.



These young entrepreneurs had a lemonade stand in front of the Government Center this summer. On the left is Mae Joslin with her cousin Komesh Spoonhunter.



Monique Liesmann (left) and Cherie Jim from Human Resources.



The Boswell family at the Summer Celebration held July 9 in Prairie Peoples Park.



Left to right, Gubba Hale, Nona Wahweotten, and Michelle Wabaunsee from the Elders Center at the All-Employee Recognition Ceremony.



Left to right, Vicki Wahquahboshkuk, Sandi Jim, and Judy Jackson who are long-term employees at the Childcare Center.



Son Charles Wakole with his mom Deb Wakole at the Summer Celebration.



Junior Wahweotten and Dominic Ortiz at Firekeeper Golf Course.

Right: Frank Shopteese, left, and Gary Mitchell at the Boys & Girls Club golf tournament held August 19.



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Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Charitable Contribution Award Ceremony
July 14th, 2011

Steve Ortiz-Tribal Chairman

Charitable Contribution Committee Members:

Wanda Treinen-Coordinator
LaVera Bell-Chairman
Mary Carr
Betty Rice
Frank Tecumseh
John Tuckwin

Total of Awards--\$88,750.00

Adult Education Center	3,000
Church of the Lord Jesus Christ	1,500
Friends of the Kaw, Inc	1,000
Junior League of Topeka	4,000
KU Endowment Assoc	3,000
Keep America Beautiful/Topeka/Shawnee Co	1,000
Mayetta Pioneer Day Assoc	1,500
United Way of Greater Topeka	2,000
Race Against Breast Cancer Inc	1,000
Stormont Vail Foundation-Care Line	10,000
Three Rivers Inc	5,000
KTPK Country Legends	1,000
YMCA Safe Visit Program	5,000
Donnelly College	5,000
Topeka Co-op CDF Freedom Schools	5,000
American Legion Post 410	4,750
Northeast AAA Kansas	2,000
Royal Valley Recreation Assoc	2,000
Rossville High School Alumni	1,000
Fiesta Mexicana	5,000
Stories "N" Motion Film Club	2,000
Topeka Active 20/30 Club	4,000
Topeka Youth Project	2,000
March of Dimes	4,000
Topeka Civic Theatre	2,000

Charitable Contributions awards ceremony held



Jim Potter, Tribal Council Secretary, addressed the crowd at the Charitable Contributions award ceremony on July 14. The event was held at the Three Fires Steakhouse and is held quarterly to recognize organizations that have received donations during the quarter.

Photo submitted by Frank Tecumseh



Chair of U.S. Health and Human Services
Secretary of Tribal Advisory Committee
pays a visit



RIGHT: On May 20 Tribal Council informally met with Ken Lucero (front row, center) who is the chairman of the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Council (STAC) and also directs the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation Health Policy at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque. Chairman Steve Ortiz (front row, left) also sits on the national STAC with Lucero. Others in the photo are Tribal Council members Joyce Guerrero (front row, right) and Carrie O'Toole (back row, left) and Ryan Dyer (back row, right).

Photo by Linda Yazzie

Next
General
Council
Meeting
Oct. 15

Vice Chair Joyce Guerrero meets with
Kansas and regional health leaders



Left to right, Sandy Praeger, Joyce Guerrero, Judy Baker and Kevin Meeks. Praeger is Kansas Insurance Commissioner, Guerrero is on the Tribal Council, Baker is Regional Director of Health & Human Services, and Meeks is area director of Oklahoma Indian Health Services.

Over 30 representatives from Native American tribes and health leaders from the state of Kansas and Oklahoma came together at the Health Center June 24 to discuss national and state health reform issues and how it will affect Native Americans.

A special guest at the meeting was Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, who spoke about a program within the State called Health Insurance Exchanges that is allowing individuals to dialogue about the new health insurance reform. According to Director Baker, it was the first time a Kansas Insurance Commissioner has ever met with Native American health leaders at one of their quarterly meet-

ings. Praeger said her office wanted to get more involved with the tribes and was pleased to have the opportunity to consult with them at the meeting.

The meeting opened with remarks from PBPB Tribal Council Vice Chairman Joyce Guerrero, Nancy Rios, Native American Contact for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Judy Baker, Regional Director of Health and Human Services. Following the remarks, Barb Langer, Ph.D., Medicaid Director/Kansas Health Policy Authority, gave Kansas Health Policy Authority updates with Commissioner Praeger speaking after Langer. The meeting then concluded with a question and answer period.

Editor's note: Since Praeger's visit, the Health Insurance Exchange Program has been stalled in Kansas by the return of a \$31.5 million federal grant from the Governor's office that was to be used for the program.



Attorneys from the four tribes in Kansas and other representatives got together on June 30 in the Government Center training room. From left to right, front, is Vivien Olsen, PBPB attorney, David Prager, Kickapoo attorney, and Kim Reese, Victim Witness Coordinator for the U. S. Attorney's office. On the back row, left to right, is Christopher Halbert, Sac and Fox attorney, Alan Metzger, Tribal Liaison/Assistant U.S. Attorney-Kansas, Erika Gillock, Intern for Assistant U.S. Attorney's office, and Steve McGiffert, Iowa attorney.

Briefly

The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department participated in the Jackson County Sheriff's Day Camp for Kids held the first week in August at Banner Creek Reservoir in Holton, Kan.

Several PBPB members, employees and staff who work for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort paid their last respects to fallen soldier Pfc. Cody Baker on Aug. 12 by lining U.S. Highway 75 and holding flags as Baker's funeral cortege passed by the reservation. Baker, 19, died in Afghanistan and his body was transported back to Holton, Kan. where funeral services were held on Aug. 13. The Patriot Guard, comprised of several motorcycles, accompanied Baker's hearse on the way. Baker attended Royal Valley and Holton schools.

On July 1 the PBPB Sex Offender Registry was activated that requires individuals who are convicted of certain sex offenses to register with the Tribal Police Department. For information go to <http://pbpnation.nsopw.gov/> or call John Hurla at 785.966.3024.

Firefighter Mat Conger from the Potawatomi Fire Department participated in a Crisis City two-week training led by the University of Kansas Fire and Technical Rescue Institute in Salina that wrapped up June 30.

Randy Smith from the Potawatomi Fire Department is a member of a new steering committee that will help improve communication among Jackson County emergency personnel. The committee will meet periodically under the direction of Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse and Undersheriff Darrel Chapman.

The 11th Annual Native Nations Law Symposium was held on the Iowa Tribal Reservation Sept. 16 and hosted by the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri.

Burton Warrington (PBPB) helped moderate a session on Land Into Trust with Antoinette Houle, BIA in Horton, and Vivien Olsen moderated a session on the Indian Child Welfare Act.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation was a co-sponsor along with the Iowa Tribe and Kickapoo Tribe.

Tribal operations now includes a Tribal Realty Office that is located in the Tribal Attorney's office and a Travel Office that assists employees and the Tribal Council on arranging their business trips that is also located in the Government Center.

The Potawatomi Fire Department provided instructors for an American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid & CPR Course held September 13.

The Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department will install free carbon monoxide detectors in homes to qualified applicants that live on the reservation. To apply and get qualified for the program call Cheri-Micol at 785.966.2164 or email Cheri-Micol@pbpnation.org.

Addresses of regional Kansas legislators has been posted on the tribe's website under the Government section that is listed on the left side of the home page. Go to www.pbpbndiantribe.com for details.

Burton Warrington named President/CEO of Prairie Band LLC

Burton Warrington (PBPB) has been named the President/ Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prairie Band LLC.

Before coming to the PBPB, Warrington was a former policy advisor to Assistant Secretary Larry EchoHawk of the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C.

Warrington holds a juris doctorate from the University of Kansas and was also president of the National Native American Law Students Association in 2008-2009. In addition, he has a bachelor's degree in Tribal Management from Haskell Indian Nation's University and attended the College of Menominee Nation.

Warrington also serves on the Athletic Commission for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Pete King has been hired as the Chief Operating Officer for Prairie Band LLC and

shares an office with Warrington on the lower level of the Government Center.

The Prairie Band LLC hopes to provide the PBPB with successful business enterprises that will strengthen the infrastructure and services in the PBPB community for housing, education, and other businesses that will provide jobs and other services designed to enhance quality of life.

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Burton Warrington

Save the date and start planning now
October 29
National Drug Take Back Initiative
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
PBP Tribal Police Department

Collect and bring medications that are unused or out of date to the PBP police department on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Medications included are prescription medications, over-the-counter medications and the police will also take illicit drugs (with no questions asked).

Congress recently passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010 to give consumers a safe and responsible way to dispose of unused prescription drugs. Consumers currently seeking to reduce the amount of expired or unwanted prescription drugs in their homes have few disposal options, increasing the risk of drug abuse and poisonings. The Secure and Responsible Disposal Act of 2010 seeks to reduce these risks by permitting individuals to deliver their unused medications to our Drug Take Back program.

Up to 17 percent of prescribed medications go unused, and if improperly disposed, may contribute to drug diversion and environmental problems.

This is a concern as studies have shown that medications are present in the water systems and may cause ecological concern and that storing old medications may increase the opportunity for illicit use. One in five teens report intentionally misusing someone else's prescription drugs to get high.

Come see a mosaic art work of community tiles
at a premiere of the
Community Story Tree
(during the Topeka First Friday Art Walk)
October 7
at
Jones Huyett Partners
3200 SW Huntoon
Topeka, Kansas
sponsored by the Tribal Victims Assistance Program

Mary Truhe named new Health Center Administrator

Mary Truhe has been named the Administrator of the PBPB Health Center for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and began her position July 18.

Truhe's work experience includes having worked in a variety of health care positions. She is a registered nurse and was on the Board of Nursing for the State of Kansas for several years that involved helping regulate the licensing, education, and legal aspects of nursing in the State. In addition, Truhe has worked in Kansas for Social Rehabilitation Services as a quality program manager and has also acted as the director of a nursing home. She resides in Topeka.

Academically she holds a Master's degree in Healthcare Leadership from Friends University and a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Ft. Hays State University.

When asked what she wants to do as health care administrator for the health center she said, "One of my goals is to continue to provide services for the tribal people that will encourage and allow them to lead healthy lives. My philosophy is to meet

each person on their own terms and then to help them understand their bodies both mentally and physically. I'm a believer in the holistic approach to health care."

Truhe also said that one of the reasons she took the job is because she thinks highly of the staff who work at the center. "I see a big commitment on their part to serve the needs of patients and that is great," she said. "It's not just a 'me and you' effort here but more of an 'us'."

Truhe's office is located in the administrative area at the Health Center. The center was built in 2006 and located on 158 Road on the Prairie Band reservation. It consists of three wings that provide medical, dental, and social services and also offers educational programs and other wellness materials for American Indian people. The health center received The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for the second time for being in compliance with national standards for health care quality and safety in ambulatory care organizations last spring.



Mary Truhe is a registered nurse and has years of experience working in a variety of health-care positions.

Summer celebration brings programs and community together to promote wellness and health



There were several activities for the family at the summer celebration held July 9 in Prairie Peoples Park. A dunk tank and other carnival games were all free and fun challenges for attendees.



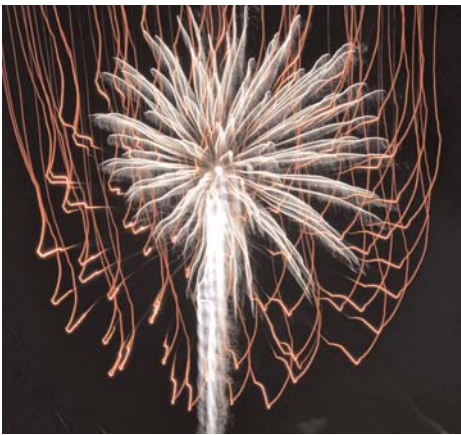
Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) had a washer toss game and other activities for kids. BACA also showed a video that evening about their organization that is geared to protecting children from abusive caretakers. BACA has several branches located throughout the state of Kansas.



The Army National Guard had a rock climb that promoted exercise and was popular.



Cory Wabski, left, and Carol Shopteese of the Diabetes Prevention Program, cooked buffalo burgers and hot dogs for the crowd.



Right: The evening ended with a spectacular fireworks display.

Over 14 programs helped sponsor the evening of community fun.

Left: Rebekah Jones, Tribal Victims Assistance Program (TVAP), places a tattoo on a participant. The TVAP booth also did face painting.

New Social Services Department Director hired

Janet Bair-Carpenter, LSCSW, has been named the director of Social Services and began her position on August 24.

Bair-Carpenter has over 26 years of experience in social services and before coming to the PBPB worked as the clinical director for Kanza Mental Health and Guidance Center. She was also in private practice in Jackson County for several years.

Academically she has a Master's of Social Work degree (MSW) from the University of Kansas and a Bachelor's degree from Washburn University. She completed a practicum at the former Menninger's Outpatient Mental Health Department in Topeka, Kan.

When asked about her new position, Bair-Carpenter said, "I am honored to have been



Janet Bair-Carpenter

selected for the position and I have a good team to work with in social services. I plan to do my best for the tribal membership and am excited about expanding more services in the department and within the Health Center."

The Social Services Department is located in the east wing of the Health Center and includes programs in Vocational Rehabilitation/Independent Living, Alcohol & Drug, Community Health Representative, Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services, Foster Care Services, and Family Violence Prevention.

For information on social service programs click on www.pbpindiantribe.com/social-services.aspx

It's flu season: adults get your shots

By Brenda Catron, Health Clinic Nursing Supervisor

The medical clinic has received 400 doses of adult flu shots but, as of press time, the children's doses had not arrived. When they become available, an email notice will be posted through the PBPB all-email users list and on the Nation's website.

Adults do not need to call for an appointment to receive a shot and they will be administered on a first-come first-serve basis on the following Wednesday dates and times at the Health Center:

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12**

**Oct. 19
Oct. 26**

The Community Health Nurse will also be at the **Elder Center on Oct. 3 at 12:30 and Oct. 10 at 12:30.** Flu shots for Nation employees will be scheduled at various work sites by the Community Health Nurse later.

PBPB Vocational Rehabilitation Program hosts quarterly meeting

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program held its quarterly meeting on August 24 at the casino. Kansas Native American Tribal Liaison Chris Howell, second from left, joined the group for lunch that day. On Howell's right is Jeanie Combs, and to his left, is Audrey Schrimmer-Philip and Morris Taylor. Combs and Schrimmer-Philip work for Three Rivers Independent Living and Taylor is the director of the VR program for the PBPB.

Laverne Haag, who works for the Social Services Department, was the featured speaker at the afternoon meeting and talked about the Native American Church.



Three Rivers Independent Living has a branch office in the Social Services Department. For details call Jeanie Combs at 785.966.8344.

Meet Terry McDaniel: Family Support Worker in Child Welfare



Left: Terry McDaniel is a new Family Support Worker in the Child Welfare program. She began her position on July 18 and has many years of experience working in adult social services in the Topeka area. She attended Barton County Community College and resides in Topeka, Kan.

Contact: 785.966.8329

Students attend 2011 National Intertribal Youth Summit

Jade Wahweotten, Marlena Wahwassuck, Lance Wahquahboshkuk, and Cheyenne "Kek" Mitchell attended the 2011 National Intertribal Youth Summit this summer in Santa Fe, N.M.

According to a White House news release, 175 young men and women from nearly 50 tribal communities across the country convened at the week-long 2011 National Intertribal Youth Summit held from July 24-28. The summit featured administration officials from the White House and the Departments of Justice, Interior, Health and Human Services and Education, and coincided with the one-year anniversary of President Obama's signing of the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) into law.

During the leadership conference, the students had the opportunity to engage with other American Indian and Alaska Native youth through special sessions that targeted leadership development and critical youth issues such as healthy relationships and lifestyles, education, substance and alcohol

abuse, cultural preservation, community development and protecting the environment.

The summit also provided an opportunity for Obama administration officials to hear directly from youth in Indian Country.

In an article that appeared in the *Topeka Capital-Journal* (Aug. 8, 2011 p. 2A), the students reported that they listened to various presentations that impacted them like how to maintain healthy relationships and the damaging the effects of alcohol and drugs.

The week before the Summit Conference the group attended a close up training in Washington, D.C. that detailed the conference.

Joanna Mitchell, Youth Transition Program Coordinator, accompanied the group on the trips. The Youth Transition Program is housed in the Vocational Rehabilitation program that is located in the Social Services Department.



Former chairperson Tracy Stanhoff sent this photo of her, far right, with some youth that attended a conference on positive thinking in Indian Country last summer in California. In the photo, from left to right is, Marlena Wahwassuck, Jade Wahweotten, Luis Ortiz, Cheyenne "Kek" Mitchell, Lance Wahquahboshkuk, and Andrea Alvarado. Stanhoff owns a business called AdPro and lives in Huntington Beach.

PBPN “Return to a Healthy Past” program a flagship in Diabetes Prevention Programs throughout the country

By: Suzanne Heck

It seemed like a perfect fit when the PBP Health Center's Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) was advertising for a project coordinator and garden-er. What they wanted was a person who knew how to garden and could educate the community by raising healthy foods.

Enter Eddie Joe Mitchell, a life-long reservation resident, who has been managing the "Return to a Healthy Past" program since 2009. It's been an easy sell for Mitchell who has been growing food all of his life and preserving it by utilizing traditional Potawatomi ways.

"I grew up out here when there was no running water or electricity," Mitchell said. "Many families had to garden, pick nenwezhek (milkweed), hunt and fish or they would go hungry. It wasn't a luxury but a necessity. Our old people predicted that the day will come when if you didn't do these things you wouldn't eat. Is that during my lifetime or is that of my kids? When? Or do we even believe in such non-sense?"

One of Mitchell's goals with the "Return to a Healthy Past" program is to educate people on how to grow healthy foods and to preserve and store it for later use. He is also interested in training families to grow individual gardens in lieu of the larger community gardens that have been grown since 2004 when the program began.



Mitchell in front of some raised garden beds at the health center. He said raised beds are easier to tend and can be placed where people want them.

"I would rather see 10-30 families raising their own vegetables and saving them for use throughout the year instead of just growing the large community gardens like we've done in the past," he said. "The truth is the gardens aren't big enough to support the community so it'd be nice if families would begin growing their own. Last year I gave classes on drying corn and squash and another on making hominy. We have supplies to teach canning and I envision people growing and preserving their own food rather than buying from food markets. This however, will take time."

Mitchell said he knows that gardening is hard

work which unfortunately makes it unattractive to people. However, he said that there is great personal satisfaction in growing your own produce and integrating traditional techniques at every step from beginning to end when the food is dried for storage. Mitchell draws from his heritage of growing crops and knowledge of traditional and cultural philosophies that have been developed in unison with the Kansas prairie landscape.

He also believes in keeping gardening genetically pure and is a stickler about using only non-hybrid seeds that he saves from harvest to harvest. He



Mitchell on the new tractor that was purchased for the program that can cover more ground.

said that he also keeps a few heirloom seed stashes that have been passed by people through time and are in keeping with Potawatomi ways. Some seeds are used to grow only traditional crops for ceremonial purposes, like tobacco, for example and are a rite of passage to him.

Mitchell is also a master at promoting the "Return to a Healthy Past" program. Last year he and the rest of the DPP staff held a Harvest Feast that drew over 300 people. Only traditional dishes were served like ninwezhek (milkweed soup and pork), shi keh (turtle), Indian sweet corn (hominy), bison, and crook necked squash (cushaw) and during the feast the staff gave diabetes prevention tips and other information about the DPP program.

In addition, Mitchell has created a power point presentation on gardening tips and a poster that is available at www.pbpindiantribe.com/healthcenter. He was also a presenter at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Traditional Foods Conference in South Carolina recently and conducted a radio interview for the CDC called Native foods & traditional lifestyles. The CDC has designated the PBPN program as one of the best in Indian Country, according to Mitchell.

The "Return to a Healthy Past" program is funded by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and located in the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) offices that are housed at the PPB Health Center. Other components of the DPP include a program on Special Diabetes Prevention for Indians (SDPI), a medical program on diabetes prevention and a lifestyle fitness exercise program. Three other staff have been hired to run those programs.

Also incorporated into the "Return to a

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-Eddie Joe Mitchell

Healthy Past" program is an annual community hike that is held each fall. Other sponsors for the hike include the Department of Planning and EPA and the Boys & Girls Club. Mitchell said that up to 40 people have gone on the hikes in the past that include a campout and nature walk. The group doesn't follow a trail or road and sets out across the natural terrain. Hikers teach each other about prairie plants and the wildlife that they see and also get some good exercise at the same time.

About the community gardens:

This summer, there were four large community gardens planted at the Health Center, Fire Keepers Elder Center, Boys & Girls Club and the Language House. Mitchell also constructed some smaller raised garden beds at those sites.

At some of the buildings where the larger gardens were located, he also installed composters and rain barrels. Composters were placed at those buildings that have meal sites and the rain barrels collected water runoff from roofs on buildings that is used on the gardens. Additionally, Mitchell has plans to add five small greenhouses for growing seed starts and other plants to get a jump on next year.

He also helped cultivate 11 individual family garden plots and hopes that this number will continue to grow.

Equipment

Mitchell also purchased a John Deere 4105 tractor that has attachments like a pull-behind tiller and a walk-behind new tiller/brush hog that is being used for tilling the gardens. The equipment is helping him manage more garden area and at his own pace rather than having to rely on the scheduling of other PBPN staff in departments that have similar equipment. A storage building is also in the works that will keep the machinery and equipment in good working order and away from the elements of weather.



One of the new composters has been placed behind the Health Center. It breaks down vegetable matter as organic fertilizer for use on the gardens.

Language program gets active in community gardening

The Language Department has combined teaching Potawatomi through the “Return to a Healthy Past” program. This year they grew a large community garden with the help of Eddie Joe Mitchell, project coordinator and gardener, who is also active in language activities.

Last spring the 13th session of

classes began planting flowers in boxes at the language house, located on 158 Road and participants also planted kokobeyën(cucumber), waskëgën(peppers), and winbēṭiyèn(squash).

In addition, a rain barrel, composter, and small greenhouse was added to help the gardening process thanks to the community gardening program.



Drying squash using traditional methods at the Language House that is located on 158 Road.

Sample phrases in Potawatomi

Kwikweknamèn i shī shke	We will turn the soil.
lo śhi ye ewiṭtkemèn l ktékanes	It’s time to plant a garden.
Mbish ewisignēmgo shi tēkanesēk	We will water the garden.

Potawatomi Language Department news

Submitted by: Cindy LeClere

We have received good news. The Language Department was awarded a three-year grant through the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) for a Master Apprenticeship Program. This is a highly competitive grant and we are lucky to have been selected for this and are very excited to begin working on it. The grant will focus on increasing the language fluency in the Potawatomi community by using the Master-Apprenticeship method as training to certify semi-fluent speakers as Potawatomi language teachers and utilize them to teach language to the larger community.

In September we will have finished 15 eight-week sessions of classes with the community. The Language Department would like to send a sincere thank you to all who have participated in this "Nishnabemwèn Ewiṭonaktēmgo" project, and/or assisted our staff in language and culture. We especially want to thank our fluent speakers, past and present, for sharing their knowledge so the language and culture can live on; and to our students, thanks for your support and we know you will continue speaking the language that you have

acquired.

This summer the Language Department traveled to Hannahville, Michigan in July for the summer immersion session and again in August for the Potawatomi Language Conference and Gathering. We presented two skits in the language at the language conference and conducted children activities at the grounds. Also this summer, the department taught classes at the Boys & Girls Club and planted a garden at the language house where we dried corn and pumpkin. We want to give a big shout-out to Rencie Eteeyan and Eddie Joe Mitchell for their help with this project. By using traditional methods that our ancestors handed down, we preserved food for the coming winter.

In July, Dr. Marcellino Berardo from Kansas University worked with us on how to use the Potawatomi grammar book as a teaching tool. Members from the community also attended this session and the feedback was positive.

The Language Department continues to invite your participation and questions or concerns. Our office is located in the basement of the Elder Center and our phone number is 785.966.2138.



Marcellino Berardo, Ph.D. Linguist/Professor at the University of Kansas, who is the co-author of the Introduction to the Grammar of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Language, gave two presentations about learning and teaching the Potawatomi language on July 18 and July 25 in the Language Department.



The Language Department took the time to visit with Lakota Pochedley, back row, second from left, who is a student at Columbia University and was visiting PBBN to learn about their history and religions. Pochedley is a Citizen Band Potawatomi member from Cleveland, Ohio and also visited with several elders at the Fire Keepers Elder Center when she was here.

Clockwise, starting from the back row, is Larry Berryhill, Pochedley, Olivia Pewamo, Jessica Youngbird, and Cindy LeClere. Billy Matchie, who also works for the Language Department, is not pictured.

Introduction to the Grammar of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Language books available

Tribal ID number required and must fill out simple form.

Contact the Language Department
785.966.2138 for details



Cindy LeClere learns from the book.

Construction/Maintenance

Government Center improvements



A new exercise path was completed behind the Government Center this summer. Nine trips around the path equals a little over a mile which is a boon to office workers who have used roadways near the Government Center on their daily walks in the past. Tribal Council approved the exercise path as a means of encouraging good health and wellness for its employees and tribal members.



The east side of the path where it begins off the parking lot in back of the Government Center. The camera’s angle is facing north.



The Government Center roof was repaired in early August to replace some shingles. Roofers from Bill Davis Roofing worked for several days making repairs on the roof that is made of special materials. The Government Center was completed in 1999 and houses Tribal Council offices and other administrative offices including Member Services.

Other building projects on the reservation



Left, an addition on to the Maintenance building didn’t take long to build. Chris Gross Construction, Holton, Kan. did the work on July 12 and by the end of the day it was completed as seen, right. The new area is being used for storage and to house equipment and machinery. The other half of the Maintenance building was also remodeled this summer.



The Tribal Police Department had its building expanded on the east side with the construction of three new vehicle bays and some office space that was added. The extra space will allow police department mechanics to work on patrol cars during the winter season and to have office space to work. Road & Bridge also put on a new layer of asphalt on the Tribal Police parking lot this summer.



Frank Williams was a foreman for Morton Buildings that did the work on the police building expansion.



Construction/Maintenance and Road & Bridge did a lot of work recently behind the Bingo Hall. A new road was constructed that will make getting to the building’s back side quicker and and other outside repairs were also done on the building. The Bingo Hall is used for community activities and events and as an emergency shelter.

Division of Planning and EPA updates



Left to right, Ira Salvini, Wolfgang Brandner, and Karl Brooks, from the Region VII EPA offices in Kansas City, made a visit to the reservation on June 15. In the photo they are standing in front of the new PBPB trash truck along with Craig Wahwasuck (fourth from left), Charles Wakole, Sharon Bosse, Virginia LeClere and Tanner Shobney (summer worker) who are with the PBPB Division of Planning & EPA.



EPA representatives also met with Tribal Council that day. Above, from left to right, front, is Steve Ortiz, Karl Brooks, and Wolfgang Brandner. Back row, left, is Sharon Bosse, Ryan Dyer, Junior Wahweotten, Virginia LeClere, and Ira Salvini. Brooks is the director of Region VII and Brandner and Salvini are EPA liaisons with the Native American tribes that are in Region VII.



The featured story in the summer issue of the Rez Recycler, PBPB's EPA department newsletter, was about tribal members who have been successful growing trees that have been given away at former Earth Days. Above, Roy Hale is seen with Sharon Bosse standing between two trees that Roy planted several years ago on the grounds at Our Lady of the Snows church. Roy oversees the maintainance of the church grounds and Sharon wrote the story for the newsletter. Other tribal members also featured for their success in growing Earth Day trees were Jackie Mitchell, Cindy LeClere and Judy Darnell.

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at
www.pbpindiantribe.com/epa.aspx



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Brenda Nozhackum, above right, donated blood at a Community Blood Drive held July 29 at the Bingo Hall. With her is John Fassnacht, a collection supervisor who works for the Topeka Community Blood Drive. The PBPB Health Center helps coordinate the blood drives that are held periodically throughout the year. Nozhackum works as a Community Health Representative (CHR) and has organized several of the drives in years past along with Mary Lewis Jessepe who also works in the CHR office.

Human Resource news

Long-term employees honored



ABOVE: DonDon LeClere, far left, was recognized for working over 25 years for the PBPB and got to be first in the buffet line along with his family members and friends at the All-Employee Recognition ceremony held Aug. 5 at the Bingo Hall. LeClere also received gifts and an award.

BELOW: Mary LeClere was honored for 20 years of service and is seen shaking hands with Jim Potter, Tribal Secretary. Members of Tribal Council and the Human Resources team passed out the awards that were also given to employees for 5 years or more of service.



Jackie Mitchell named
Employee of the Quarter



Jackie Mitchell was named the Employee of the Quarter on July 22. Jackie works as a Contract Specialist in Finance.

Healing to Wellness Court celebrates
first graduate through program



Lisa Morris, front row, fourth from left, was the first participant to graduate from the Healing to Wellness Court program. With her, left to right, front, is Norma Shipshee, Mary LeClere, Judge Theresa Barr, Laverne Haag and Royetta Rodewald. On the back, left to right, is Juanita Jessepe, Mike Boswell, Nathan Hale and Raphael Wahwassuck who all helped Morris celebrate her success on August 17.

Tribal member Lisa Morris made history as the first graduate of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Healing to Wellness Court (Pemaknēgetēk Washēwebēk-the one's making decisions on what will happen), a court that addresses alcohol and drug-related issues but focuses on rehabilitation and making lifestyle changes that use traditional and cultural values.

Morris stood before the members of the Healing to Wellness Court to receive her graduate certificate and each member of the team also congratulated Morris on her success. In addition, she received some gifts and was feted with a luncheon afterward that was held in the Judicial Center court chambers.

Witnesses at the graduation ceremony, besides the court, included members of Morris' family, friends, and several other social services representatives and employees of the PBPB.

When the News asked Morris if she had any advice for others who might want to consider going through the program she said, "Tell them that no matter how many times you may fall, you can always get back up."

The Healing to Wellness Court is a comprehensive adult treatment program designed for non-violent substance abusers. Individuals work through a series of four steps that help them positively reintegrate into everyday life while managing activities like school, work, and family.

In 2008 the PBPB was given a grant by the U.S. Department of Justice and, under the direction of Judicial Center

"No matter how many times you may fall, you can always get back up."

-Lisa Morris

Administrator Royetta Rodewald and her staff, they established the Healing to Wellness Court. The court consists of Judge Theresa Barr, Mike Boswell, law enforcement officer, Laverne Haag, alcohol/drug counselor, Mary LeClere, tribal elder, Nathan Hale, adult youth representative, Norma Shipshee, community advisor and Benny Potts, traditional advisor. Raphael Wahwassuck is the Healing to Wellness Coordinator.



Left: Lisa was proudly surrounded by her family and is holding her graduation certificate.

Tribal Victims Assistance
Program completing
Community Story Tree
Project



Kent Miller holds one of the tiles that a member of the community painted that will become part of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Community Story Tree. In total 72-12 inch x 12 inch tiles will be painted to complete the mosaic about healing and being violence free.

Seventy-two individual tiles were completed to create an artwork of mosaic images that will become a tree of expression.

The purpose of the project is to raise awareness and to demonstrate the community's commitment to ending family violence.

For the past few months anyone in the community was invited to come to a painting session called the Providers Art Circle. Art supplies were set up in a room in the Old Tribal Court building on K Road and in addition, provided a serene and comfortable place for people to go.

Kent Miller, who is on the Tribal Victims Assistance staff, and Rebekah Jones, were co-coordinators for the project.

Collectively the tiles, made from several mediums on canvas, will become a piece of art and shown at the Jones Huyett Agency, 3200 SW Huntoon in Topeka during the First Friday Art Walk on Oct. 7. For details call Rebekah Jones or Miller at 785.966.3024.

Community Story Tree Premiere
October 7 (time to be announced)
3200 SW Huntoon, Topeka, KS

Meet Tribal Police Officer Terry Wilson

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

This series introduces Terry Wilson:

Q: What is your official title?

A: Police Officer

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

A: Since August 2010

Q: Are you a tribal member?

A: No, I'm not, but I have lived in this area all my life.

Q: Do you have other education besides high school?

A: I've had college experience and am still continuing my education.

Q: Can you briefly outline your work experience?

A: I worked at the Jackson County Detention Center for 1.5 years as a corrections officer.

Q: When did you graduate from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) and what does that mean to you?

A: I graduated from KLETC in March, 2011. It's

huge to me. To be a certified as a full-time law enforcement officer in the state of Kansas is something I've had my heart set on for a long time. That's why I chose the path of law enforcement by getting into corrections first.

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

A: The training was completed near Hutchinson, Kan. in the small community of Yoder where the training center is located. We received certificates of course completion and Kansas law enforcement certification from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, the State's law enforcement licensing authority. The training course fulfills the state requirement for law enforcement training. Classroom lectures and hands-on applications help train officers to solve the increasingly complex problems they face in the line of duty.

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

A: I am very thankful for the opportunity to work for the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department because it gives me the chance to work with great people and to serve the community in its entirety.



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

A: I hope to gain experience and get more training to help the department and community with more knowledge of the laws of Kansas and the Tribal laws as well. I want to help serve the community and help keep peace among the residents.

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

A: I'd like to say that I'm very approachable. I'm a firm believer in treating others how you want to be treated. We all come from different backgrounds and different walks of life, but that doesn't mean that we can't all get along and respect each other and meet on the same common ground. Life is some times not fair, but we are all equal.

No Jackson County substation at Tribal Police Department

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will not be housing a substation of the Jackson County Sheriff's office as was stated in an article in the Holton Recorder (Aug. 22, p.1) due to concerns about tribal sovereignty.

The PBPN plans to continue to work cooperatively with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement on issues of mutual interest and concerns.



PBPN offering \$5,000 reward for tips about air conditioning thefts

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is offering a \$5,000 reward to anyone with information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals involved in the thefts of air conditioners that have been occurring at churches, vacant houses and other buildings on the reservation.

Thefts have been occurring since May and the Tribal Police Department is asking the public to keep an eye out for any suspicious persons or vehicles that may be in the area. Churches seem to be especially vulnerable since some have been hit more than once and police are asking the community to step in and help.

Thieves apparently are looking for the copper coils found in air conditioning compressors in order to sell them for scrap metal. The crimes have been occurring with frequency at the local and national level and in other rural and urban areas.

Reasons given for the high incidence of the thefts are that it is hard to positively identify thieves that often hit buildings that are not occupied like schools and churches, for example, and that it is easy to sell scrap metal that has also increased in price the last few years. Another reason is that the economy has taken a downturn in recent years.

For information please call the Police Department at 785.966.3024.

Rural police officer training held at PBP Bingo Hall



Approximately 40 law enforcement officers from Kansas attended a three-day training called Criminal Patrol Tactics for Rural Officers that was taught by an instructor from the Midwest Counter-Drug Training Center, a federal organization. The training was held Sept. 6-8 at the Bingo Hall and was co-sponsored by the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

Children visit Potawatomi Food Distribution Program this summer



The Boys & Girls Club got to visit the Potawatomi Food Distribution Program on June 29 and are seen above in the new food distribution warehouse with Angie Hester and Tracy Potts who staff the Food Commodities program. The building is located at 15189 K Road.



Strawberry-Banana Smoothie

- 1 c. strawberry yogurt
- 1 c. apple juice
- 1 c. UHT milk (regular can be used)
- 1/2 banana
- 1 c. ice

Directions: Put all ingredients into a blender. Cover and blend on high until smooth. Store leftover in the refrigerator.

Smoothies are healthy!

- packed with nutrition
- lots of calcium to build healthy bones
- vitamin D for healthy teeth and bones
- vitamin C to keep gums and blood vessels healthy
- protein to help repair skin, muscles, and blood



The kids learned how to make snack mix and fruit smoothies using USDA commodity foods during their visit.

The Potawatomi Nation has been operating a commodity program since the early 1980s. The Nation supports the food distribution program to all income-eligible individuals who need emergency food service. The service area and eligibility requirements are: "All income-eligible individuals, Indian or non-Indian, residing within the 11-square-mile Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation. All income-eligible households living off the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation, but within Jackson and Brown Counties, Kansas, in which at least one member of the household must be a member of a recognized Indian nation are also eligible for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Food Distribution

Road & Bridge update



Brenda Pahmahmie



Hardy Eteeyan



These three Road & Bridge employees were honored at the All-Employee Recognition ceremony for their many years of service. From left to right is Brad Rice, Alan "Boney" Pahmahmie, and Joe Shobney.

B r e n d a Pahmahmie is now a specialist in the Road & Bridge Department and Hardy Eteeyan has been named foreman. Both were honored, among others, at the All-Employee Recognition ceremony on August 5 for their long-term employment to the Nation.

In other news, the Road & Bridge Department has been busy with several asphaltting projects and

have completed final inspections of the pedestrian/bike trail and all of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects.

Presently the staff is working on 2012 budgets and preparing for the winter months.

The Road & Bridge Department is located at 14880 K Road and has 17 employees.

For more information about the department call 785.966.2375.



Left: The parking lot at the Tribal Police Department received a new layer of asphalt this summer from Road & Bridge. Crews also stayed busy doing a lot of ditch work on reservation roads and in several other jobs on the reservation.

This & that

Morris Taylor, the project director for the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program reports that the program has completed two trainings and graduated eight students in the Microsoft and Consumer Services Distance Learning program that is located in the Social Services Department. A third training session is scheduled for Oct. 10. A second distance learning training site is being considered for Brown County in White Cloud.

The Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation funded the distance learning training site in the PBP Health Center in conjunction with the VR program.

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, one of the four tribes in Kansas, elected new Tribal Council officers on August 13. They are Mike Dougherty, chairperson, Rita Bahr, vice chairperson, and James Jensen, member.

Other members on the Council are Edmore Green, secretary, and Nancy Keller, treasurer. Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri tribal offices are located in Reserve, Kansas.



The Fire Keepers Elder Center
Monthly luncheon calendar and monthly activities calendar
now online.
To download
click on
www.pbpindiantribe.com/communityservices.aspx

Boys & Girls Club groups tour the News



Above: The 13-year-old-and-up group stopped for a pose.

Groups visited the News office this summer to learn about publishing a newspaper and editing the website



Above: The 11-12 year old group get photographed.



Left: The 7-8-year-old group with staff member William Evans, who is in front on the far left.

Right: The 6-year-old group with staff members Ramiro Pina (back, left) and Nadas Thomas (back, right).



Summer youth worker program a success



Summer youth workers in the first session spent one day in a career-planning workshop where they learned how to write applications and apply for jobs. The instructor was Kristina Matsapto, JOM coordinator, who taught the class on June 24 at the Bingo Hall. There were 21 workers in the first session that ran from June 6 to July 1.

“For the last two years Member Services has had great help from the summer youth worker program. So much of our work involves filing which can be mundane but our youth workers never complained.”

-Arlene Lingo, Director



Andrew Vanderblomen, 15, who is a sophomore at Topeka High, worked with Sam Mitchell, Janitorial Manager for the Maintenance Department, second session.

Students worked 30 hours a week and also attended career-planning workshops



Faith Potts, 16, worked in Member Services with Director Arlene Lingo second session and were going over some files in Lingo’s office when this photo was taken. Potts is a junior at Royal Valley High School. There were 16 youth in the second session that ran from July 5 to July 29.

“In the Maintenance Department our work entails meeting a lot of employees in their offices and our youth workers did a great job of working with everyone and doing what they were asked.”

-Sam Mitchell, Manager



Jolene and Frank McDonald are new residents at the senior Prairie Village duplexes and were photographed at the Fire Keepers Elder Center on Aug. 1. Frank enjoys playing the organ during lunches at the meal site and told the *News* that he played musical instruments in bands in Las Vegas for over thirty years. Jolene is a retired school teacher from the Dallas area and is Frank's niece. They told the *News* that they are both enjoying coming to the Elder Center for lunch and the activities and especially meeting all the people here.



Dorothy Vandewiele has recently moved into senior housing and stopped by the News office one day with Julia Lewis. Dorothy resided in Topeka before moving to the reservation and says she is really enjoying the peace and quiet and spacious home she occupies.



Left: A table of elders took time to visit with Lakota Pochedley (fourth from left) who came to the reservation Aug. 1 to conduct scholarly research on the Potawatomi from Columbia University. With her in the picture, clockwise, is Gene Evans, Alvina Laclair, Joe Darling, and Jolene McDonald. Pochedley is Citizen Band Potawatomi.

**Vivian Gonzales selected
Mayetta Pioneer Days queen**

Vivian Gonzales was selected this year's Mayetta Pioneer Days queen and was honored Sept. 10. Vivien has lived on the reservation for several years and participates in Our Lady of Snows Church and other activities at the Fire Keepers Elder Center. She was also previously on the geneology staff at the PBP.



Caregiver Coordinator program services designed to strengthen lives

By: Janis Simon, Caregiver Coordinator

The purpose of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Caregiver Support Program is to enhance the quality of life for Native Americans and their family members who are caregivers or elders and children who receive care. This enhancement will develop successful linkages between the elder members, children and their caregivers, along with their service providers. The linkages are critical for caregivers who carry the burden and stress associated with providing 24-hour care to elders and children. The burden is compounded by the isolation of our predominantly rural community and the cultural ties that reinforce the commitment of caregivers to honor and care for elders and children members of their family.

The Caregiver Support Program is grant funded, and services provided in the program are dependent on the availability of funding.

SERVICES:

- 1. Information will be collected and shared with caregivers on all available resources such as; tribal, federal, state and county programs and services.
- 2. Assistance in gaining access to these services and resources will be given to caregivers by the Caregiver Coordinator or workers from other agencies as needed.
- 3. Individual counseling, caregiver training, and monthly support group meetings when possible or referrals to PBP Behavioral Health Services for individual counseling.
- 4. Respite care: Upon request of the caregiver for respite services, a caregiver assessment will be completed by the caregiver and coordinator and a respite care plan will be developed.
- 5. Supplemental services on a limited basis may be available in collaboration with other tribal programs including transportation and elder services.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 1. Adult family member or another individual caring for frail older person 55 years of age or older, who have a chronic illness or disability.
- 2. Grandparent or other elder persons (age 55) or older, who are the primary caregiver residing with a child (age 18 or under), and have legal custody of the child who they are raising.
- 3. This program is to benefit Prairie Band Potawatomi's residing in Jackson, Shawnee, Brown and Douglas counties of northeast Kansas.

The program also has a lending closet. Items available are canes, quad canes, commodes, transfer benches, shower benches, walkers, grab bars and wheel chairs. I will also assist in locating necessary equipment.

In the fall we will be offering classes on chronic disease self-management. The name of the program is Kansans Optimizing Health (KOHP) and is offered nationwide. This program was developed by Stanford University and has been proven to be successful in coping with chronic illnesses. I attended training in the spring along with our Community Health Nurse. The course is designed for those with chronic disease or caregivers. This is a six-week course that will meet approximately two hours per week instructed by myself and the Community Health Nurse, Jeanette Little Sun.

I can be reached at 785-966-2103 or at my e-mail address of jsimon@pbp-nation.org

To download a flier about the
Kansans Optimizing Health Program
go to
<http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/event-calendar.aspx>

Member news and notes

Dominic Ortiz first Native American selected to Leadership Academy of CPAs



Dominic Ortiz was recently appointed to the 2011 Leadership Academy of Appointments by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA). He was one of two appointed from Kansas and is the first Native American ever selected by the national organization for the honor. Jim Boomer of Boomer Consulting, Inc., was the other person selected.

Ortiz received his CPA from the Kansas Board of Accountancy last year. He is the director of finance for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBCR) and acting CFO for Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation. He was instrumental in overseeing the end-to-end financial transition from Harrah's to the PBCR in 2007 and before that time had worked for Harrah's Entertainment for five years where he gained operational and financial management skills. He has also been a financial consultant with Ernst and Young.

He holds a Master's in Accounting and Information Systems degree from the University of Kansas and in 2006 attended the Harvard Business School where he attained alumni status by completing the Executive Education General Manager Program.



Congratulations to Melinda Williamson on graduating from Oklahoma State University with a Master's degree in Rangeland Ecology & Management. We are so proud of you and wish you great success and happiness!

Happy belated birthday to Halina Williamson who turned 8 on August 16!
You're growing up so fast baby girl!!

Happy belated graduation!
Better late than never!

Love you both!

Michelle, Justin, Preston, Ian and Eli

High five for Jim Potter!

Kudos to Jim Potter who saved an elderly man from choking to death by doing the Heimlich maneuver on him at a restaurant in Lacrosse, Wis. Jim and his wife Patty were coming home from the Gathering and were dining at the restaurant where Patty said that a member of the man's family approached their table for help during the meal. Jim sprang into action right away and went to the man's table to save him from choking on a piece of steak.

PBP elders honored at Shawnee County Allied Tribes Pow-wow

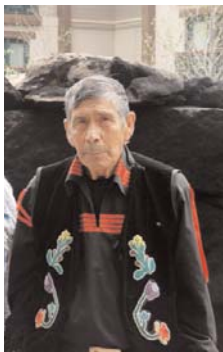


Arlene Wahwasuck

Andy Mitchell and Arlene Wahwasuck were honored elders at the Shawnee County Allied Tribes (SCAT) 21st Annual Inter-tribal Pow-wow at Lake Shawnee in Topeka held Labor Day weekend. Mitchell and Wahwasuck were selected for their active involvement in the Native community through the years.

The Shawnee County Allied Tribes is comprised of intertribal members in the Topeka and surrounding region.

For photos of the pow-wow go to <http://spotted.cjonline.com/staff/mickijean>



Andy Mitchell

Jona Rupnicki is the Human Resources Director for the Golden Eagle Casino that is located near Horton, Kansas

Christine Shegonee celebrates anniversary with Potawatomi Bingo Casino in Wisconsin



Christine Shegonee is celebrating a one year anniversary as the Employment Manager at the Potawatomi Bingo Casino in Milwaukee, Wis. She has 20 years experience in Indian gaming and previously worked in human resources for operations at the casino.

PBPN members looking for employment opportunities at the Potawatomi Bingo Hall can contact Shegonee by email at chesgonee@paysbig.com.

Native Americans interested in opportunities for employment click on www.paysbig.com/employment



Sophie Bosse, seen in the cowboy hat, won a blue ribbon with her calf "Honey" at the Pottawatomie County Fair in Onaga, Kan. on Aug. 6. Sophie won the bucket calf 4H project in the 7-9 year-old category and was judged on her showmanship and knowledge of her calf. Sophie is the daughter of Sharon Bosse, tribal member who also owns Bosse Herefords in Wheaton, Kan.

2011 Potawatomi Gathering elders trip:a great time!

By LaVerne Hale

This year the elders traveled to the Hannahville Potawatomi community for the Potawatomi Gathering and it was a wonderful trip.

When we arrived at the Gathering grounds, we soon had our shade canopy and all our chairs set up by Boney Pahmahmie and Bill Jim, our helpers. They made it extra nice for us, in that, we had our own spot.

Everyone registered and received nice dish bags and signed up for the many workshops that were offered.

Many of our elders signed up for the Language Conference which was held at the hotel. Others attended the workshops on wooden spoon making, basket making and there was also a pillow-case or potato-bag-making class. In the basket-making workshop several of us made beautiful black ash baskets.



Francis Jensen shows one of the baskets he made at the workshop.

There were others who involved themselves in the sport activities including many who played golf in the tournament they offered. Overall, the Prairie Band was well represented with winners in the sport activities and in making arts and crafts items.

On Thursday night we went back to the hotel after supper to attend the Pow-wow Comedy Jam which was held in the Casino Convention Showroom. The comedians were very funny and everyone appeared to enjoy the show.

On Friday we all continued with the workshops and tours of the reservation. The pow-wow was held that evening and we had a lot of dancers participating. Our own Jancita Warrington, Tribal Council Member, was honored with being head lady dancer one night.

I asked our travelers some of the things they enjoyed about the trip and here is a paraphrased list of what they said: they were proud of our Language Department and what they did at the conference; they



Cindy LeClere, left, and Jancita Warrington dancing on one of the pow-wow evenings.

were proud of our We-Ta-Se and enjoyed shaking all the veterans' hands during the grand entry; they liked the drive to Lake Michigan on Saturday; and, they liked hearing the Potawatomi language being spoken during the Gathering.

On our trip to the Gathering I passed out our



Some PBP members checking out Lake Michigan which was one of the side trips some of the PBP took at the Gathering.

logo hat pins to our elders and told them that they were to make a friend and give them the pin. They all seemed to enjoy doing this and making new friends. Several of them said that they could have used many more pins for all the friends that they made.

I don't think I have all the names of the win-



The Language Conference was held on Aug. 12 and 13 that brought Potawatomi together.

ners in the activities but here is what I did get: In the golf tournament Don Don LeClere won 2nd place in the 2nd flight; Lyman Shipshee won 1st in the 2nd flight; and Junior Wahweotten won all around 600. Lydia Goslin won 1st in the 3-mile walk for her age group. Keirsten Hale won 1st place in the cribbage tournament for her age group. Paknahgah Hale and Bemweduk had a team called the Jayhawks and they won 1st place in the youth 3 on 3 basketball tournament for their age (they were awesome). Frank Parker and Charles Nez won in the basketball tournaments for their age. Pami Hubbard sang in the talent show and won 1st place. Shobwas Hubbard won 2nd place in the teen girls dance contest during the pow-wow. Cindy LeClere won 2nd place in the elder ladies dance contest and I won 1st place. There were several teams in the volleyball tournament but I don't know if they placed. Arlene Lingo won a 50/50 Friday night and won a raffle item Saturday night. Teasing Pat Keesis, I thought I'd mention her also. She was first in the food line most everyday. If I didn't mention someone who won please let me know. We can mention it in the next issue of the paper.

This trip was one of the best I can remember. Our stays in the hotels were great. We received complimentary coupons every day and every place we stayed. Our elders and the family members that attend-

ed on their own were a great bunch. Everyone was so helpful to each other. We even had Pam Pahmahmie volunteer to drive one of their golf carts. This was the kind of thing going on. Everyone helping each other.

Our bus ride was also a lot of fun, with bingo games and old movies like Billy Jack, for example.

I want to thank each of you for making this



Juanita Jessepe looks at the route on a map with a fellow traveler while on the bus.

one of the best trips. In addition, thanks to the Tribe for funding and thanks to all that attended and represented the Prairie Band with pride. It was great.



Treasure Island Resort & Casino was the hotel where bus travelers stayed and also the site where many of the Gathering activities were held. It is located near Wilson, Mich.



Leading the grand entry, on the far left, is Kenneth Meshigaud, chairman of Hannahville's Potawatomi Nation, with other Potawatomi veterans. Charles Wakole, in the light colored ribbon shirt, was one of the We-Ta-Se veterans that marched.



Cheryl Walker being helped by T. J. Kitchkomme while getting on the bus.



Num Hale, center, waves during a dance.



Olivia Pewamo and Jessica Youngbird

Special thanks to Larry Cole for submitting photos



Potawatomi veterans march at Gathering.



Deb Wakole



Lance Wishkeno and Andy Mitchell. Lance was the PBPNT EMT during the trip.



Left to right: Ron Jessepe, Rose Jessepe and Sylvana Levier Jessepe at the Gathering.



Joanne LittleAxe with her basket.



From left to right: Ramona Cole, Arlene Wahwasuck, Ken Mishigaud (Hannahville chair), Pat Keesis and Linda Yazzie at the Hannahville Gathering grounds.



Left: Gubba Hale on the Gathering grounds.



Clockwise, Lance Wishkeno, Mary LeClere, Rose Hale, and Judy Wabaunsee (facing away from the camera) dining at a restaurant.



Goffy visiting with a fellow Potawatomi.



Hannahville Gathering grounds.



A comedian

Right: Junior Wahweotten stops for a pose in front of the casino. Junior played in the golf tournament.



Travelers returning home and unloading the bus on August 15.

Message from Skylar Clara Ballew
2012 Potawatomi Princess

Aanii,
My name is Skylar Clara Ballew. I am currently 16 years old and a member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. My parents are Elizabeth and Jefferson Ballew IV. I attend Shepherd High School where I will be a junior this year. I would like to thank all of the Potawatomi tribes for allowing me this opportunity and the honor to represent the Bodewadomi. I hope to make all of you proud. I am planning on traveling to every community personally to learn and take part in as many events as I can. If you would like to inform me on some events in your area please feel free to contact me at skylar-ballew@gmail.com. I am very much looking forward to this next year and I am planning on keeping everyone informed on where I will be traveling.
Once again Chi-Miigwetch. I am truly honored...



Ttiwenmo eginigyán
(happy day you were born)



Happy 3rd Birthday
Terrance “Shanehse” Williams
on
November 21

Love,
Mom

Happy 1st Birthday
to
Avante Robert Jessepe
June 8

Happy belated birthday, Boo Boo!
From,
Koya Season,
Shi Sha Jason,
Shi Sha Bub
&
Auntie Jaiana



Happy 10th Birthday
Desiree!



Love,
Mom, Dad,
Sister, Brother
and Family



Birthday shout outs
to
Preston, Happy 9th on Oct. 17

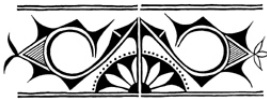
Ian and Eli, Happy 6th on Nov. 8

Love you boys more than anything!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Happy 1st Birthday
to
Carter Lee Wahquahboshkuk
Love,
Grandma Paula and Family



Happy 18th Birthday
Fred

We love you and are proud
of you going to Emporia
State.

Love,
All of Us



Notices just in!

Attention All Members

The Adult Education Program has exhausted all funds for the 2011 calendar year. The Education Department is not accepting applications for continuing education units or employment enrichment for the remainder of 2011. Applications will be available January 1, 2012.

BIA grant funds are still available for GED/High School Diploma completion programs only. The Education Department will continue to accept these applications for review. For more information please contact Kristen Aitkens, Education Director at 785.966.2960.

Haskell Alumni
Association
of Oklahoma
One-day reunion

November 5, 2011
Sac & Fox Tribal
Community Center
Stroud, OK
Call Carmen Ketcher
918.333.7843

Ganiçâk
(those who are born)

*Congratulations
to
Jamie Hopkins
and
Eldon Wahquahboshkuk
on their beautiful daughter
Ryleigh Rain Wahquahboshkuk
Born: June 8, 2011
Love,
Mom and the family*



Welcome to this world!

Angel Martin Masquat

Born: July 6, 2011

parent: Marissa Greemore

Kamboçåk (those who died)



Marilyn Maxine "Chubbins" Brewer

MAYETTA – Marilyn Maxine “Chubbins” Brewer, 71, of Mayetta, died Monday, July 11, 2011 at the Midland Hospice House in Topeka.

She was born July 23, 1939 at Mayetta, the daughter of Joseph and Agnes Wabski Kitchkommie. She attended Topeka High School and Clark’s Business School.

Marilyn was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the Drum Religion, and Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

She had worked many years in social services in Topeka with different Native American Organizations and the Community Action Program. She later worked for the Potawatomi Tribal Court at Mayetta and continued to volunteer there after her retirement. She also volunteered as a family advocate and foster grandmother.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Michael Kitchkommie and Joe Wabski, and a sister, Mary Lou Kitchkommie.

Survivors include two sons, Chris Brewer, Mayetta, and Richard Brewer and Priscilla Martin, Hoyt; one brother, Rick Wamego, Arkansas City; four sisters, Joanne LittleAxe and husband Troy, Bartlesville, OK, Joyce Guerrero, Topeka, and Theresa Kitchkommie and LaVerne Hale, both of Mayetta; a granddaughter, Asia (Quengo) Fairman, a foster granddaughter, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Drum services will be Thursday evening, July 14th at the Nozhackum Hall, just east of 158 & K Rds. Burial will be Friday afternoon in the Shipshee Cemetery. Marilyn will lie in state from 9:00 a.m. Wednesday until 3:00 p.m. Thursday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt, where visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

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

Nadine “Ke bo wah quah” Johnson Gunn



(Independence, Missouri) Nadine "Ke bo wah quah" Johnson Gunn, 58, of Independence, Missouri, lost her battle with Leiomyosarcoma June 25, 2011 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born March 6, 1953, in Topeka, Kansas the daughter of Irvin C. and Sarah A. (Harrison) Swamp. Nadine spent her early years on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. She graduated from Van Horn High School in 1971. She had lived in Kansas City Missouri since 1965 and Independence, Missouri for the last eleven years. Nadine married Ray Johnson in 1978. They later divorced. She married Billy Gunn on December 10, 2010 in Kansas City, Missouri. He survives. Nadine had worked at Bendix, at Zenith Administrators and most recently for Arnold Newbold Winter Jackson law firm in Kansas City. She was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Nadine is survived by: her husband, Billy Gunn of Independence, MO; her children, Renee Johnson, Raeanne Westervelt (Matt) and Rhonda Johnson all of Kansas City, MO; her sisters, Janet Swamp of Independence, MO, Sallie Barker (Kenneth), Laverne "Burns" Pirnie (Christopher) and Juanita "DeDe" Robinson (Robert) all of Kansas City, MO; her five grandchildren, two aunts and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Clyde Swamp.

Funeral Services will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday June 28, 2011 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Memorials are suggested to LM Sarcoma Direct Research Foundation and may be left in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, visit, www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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

We-Ta-Se Post # 410 News



We-Ta-Se Color Guard at the Gathering in Hannahville, Mich. From left to right, Charles Wakole, Lorrie Wahwassuck, Frank Shopteese, Jim Potts, B.J. Darnall, and Jonathan Melchior.

We-Ta-Se participated in a 9/11 event at Forbes Air Field in Topeka on Sept. 11



Frank Shopteese, left, and Jim Potts were part of the Kansas delegation at the 93rd American Legion Convention held in Minneapolis Aug. 27-31.

Ron Wahweotten & Sandra Bodah are honored veterans at this year’s Veterans Pow-wow



Don’t miss the 14th Annual Veterans Pow-wow Sept. 24 in Prairie Peoples Park

Veterans names to be added to the Veterans Wall 2011	
Comacho, Robert	Non-conflict
McDonald, Frank R.	WW II
McDonald, John M.	WW II
McDonald, Joseph A.	WW II
McDonald, William M.	WW II
Rice, Levi L.	WWII
Rice, Richard L.	Korea
Shane, Timothy J.	Iraq
Steward, Larry G.	Non-conflict



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GRAND ENTRY TIMES

Friday, October 21	Doors Open at 3 p.m.	Grand Entry at 6 p.m.
Saturday, October 22	Doors Open at 10 a.m.	Grand Entries at 1 and 7 p.m.
Sunday, October 23	Doors open at 10 a.m.	Grand Entry at Noon

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Bingo Hall
162 & Q Road
Mayetta, KS

- Breakfast & lunch concession by Goffy
- \$5.00 per table for both days
- To reserve table call Sherri Landis, 785.966.2855 or 785.554.7060

Proceeds will be used to adopt a tribal family for Christmas



2011

Fun Run

Encouraging Domestic Violence Awareness

Where: Prairie Peoples Park
When: Saturday, October 1
10 a.m.- noon

For details and time of event call 785.966.8343

Sponsored by the PBPB Family Violence Prevention Program

Also, don't miss the
Community Tree Story Project Premiere
October 7

Hey kids!

Halloween Trunk or Treat

Oct. 29, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
PBP Health Clinic parking lot
11400 158 Rd.
Call Daniel at 785.966.8343 for details

Upcoming Diabetes Prevention/SDPI events

- American Indian Day Walk (Sept.)
- Healthy Halloween Information/Activity (Oct.)
- Harvest Feast & Diabetes Month Activities (Nov.)
- Christmas Snow Ball Tournament (Dec.)

Manager-Carol Shopteese-785.966.8271
Nurse-Kathy Sterbenz-785.966.8207
Fitness-Cory Wabski-785.966.8272
Gardens-Eddie Joe Mitchell-785.966.8243

Native American farmers and ranchers!

The period to file a claim in the
Keepseagle class action settlement
is now open until Dec. 27, 2011

To learn more
click on
www.indianfarmclass.com//

Keepseagle v. Vilsack was a lawsuit alleging that the USDA discriminated against Native American farmers and ranchers in the way it operated its farm loan program.

Ettenan Tak So Wat Kek Yattek (Honor the Elders)

5th Annual Honor the Elders Ceremony

Oct. 12, 6 p.m.
Fire Keepers Elder Center

Nomination forms available at the Elder Center to nominate one male and one female who must be present at the ceremony on Oct. 12. Deadline for nomination forms is Oct. 5, 4:30 p.m. and must be turned in to the Elder Center. Call Laverne Hale at 785.966.0041 or email: laverneh@pbpnation.org.

Come to the Craft and Bake Sale

All types of items for sale and delicious baked goods!

Oct. 5
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Elder Center
15372 K Road
Mayetta, KS 66509

To reserve a table call LaVerne at 785.966.0041 or email: laverneh@pbpnation.org

Come to the 5th Annual Community Talent Show

Emcee: Juanita Jessepe
Concessions: LaVerne Hale & family
Information: Julia Lewis (785.966.2182)
When: Oct. 6, 7
Time: 7-9 p.m.
Where: Rock Building
Cost: \$3 per night

No drugs or alcohol and not responsible for accidents or injuries

To enter talent contest:

- must be 35 yrs or older
- show CDIB card)
- Be dependable
- Have own equipment



The Heart of Jackson Humane Society

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Celebrate Mayetta-125 years old!

Founded: Oct. 9, 1886

Please join the Mayetta Pioneer Day Association and Mayetta citizens on
Sunday, Oct 9

9 a.m.-Sidewalk sales & music by DJ Dave
10 a.m.-Petting zoo
10 a.m.-Bring your cooked meatloaf entry and enter contest at Masonic Lodge
10:15 a.m.-Judging of meatloaves with entries going toward community meal
10:30 a.m.-Winners announced-prizes awarded
11 a.m.-Community meatloaf dinner and drink and free birthday cake

For details call Judy Darnell, 785.966.2710 or Gladys at 785.966.2592