



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Fall 2012

Here are your Tribal Council election winners!



**Hattie Mitchell, CPA,
Treasurer**



**Joyce Kitchkommie
Guerrero**



**Thomas (Mektewzi or
Hoppy) Wabnum**



**Carrie Wabaunsee
O'Toole**

Joyce Guerrero, Thomas Wabnum, Carrie O'Toole, and Hattie Mitchell won seats in this year's Tribal Council/Ethics Commission Election and were sworn in to office in August. Guerrero, O'Toole and Wabnum were sworn in on August 30 while Mitchell, who was previously elected on July 28 by receiving the majority vote count for the treasurer's position, was sworn in on Aug. 2.

Mitchell, CPA, won the **Treasurer** position with 516 or (54.32%) votes over Paul Vega with 112 (11.79%) votes and Noah Wahquahboshkuk with 316 (33.89%) votes.

Shortly after her win Mitchell told the *News*, "I am excited to take on this opportunity to serve the PBPN as treasurer. In order to deliver a better future for our tribe, my focus will be on transparency, increasing educational opportunities, and promoting and improving our health programs. I plan to be a good representative for our people by conducting myself in a profes-

sional manner and to be fair, honest, and available to the general membership. Thank you to everyone that participated in the election for this opportunity to serve."

The other vote counts in the July election that resulted in a Run-off included: **Vice Chairperson**-Calvin Evans-211 (22.05%); Joyce Kitchkommie Guerrero-239 (24.97%); Carol A. Wahwasuck Shopteese- 177 (18.50%); Tony Wahweotten-162 (16.93%), and Joe Young-168 (17.55%).

The **Tribal Council Person #2** position vote count was: Camilla (Wishkeno) Chouteau-189 (20.02%); Chris "Pah Nah" Mzhickteno-45 (4.77%); Benny J. Potts-173 (18.33%); Thomas M. Wabnum (Mektewzi or Hoppy)-305 (32.31%) and Jancita Warrington-232 (24.58%).

The vote count for **Tribal Council Person #3** was Felix R. Cruz-160 (16.81%); Anita G. Pahmahmie Evans-411 (43.17%) and Carrie Wabaunsee O'Toole-381- (40.02%).

In the first election there were 952 mail-in ballots electronically counted by Tim Sanchez of Automated Election Service (AES) from Albuquerque in front of approximately 50 people at the Bingo Hall. Tribal members that assisted with that election were Marty Hamlin, Frank Shopteese, Joanna Mitchell, Leslie Marshno, Linda Yazzie, Voncile Mitchell, Sherri Landis and Arlene Lingo.

In the Run-off Election held Aug. 25 there were 874 votes cast for **Vice Chairperson** with Joyce Kitchkommie Guerrero receiving 485 (55.49 %) over Calvin Evans with 389 (44.51%).

The **Council Person #2** seat went to Thomas Wabnum (Mektewzi or Hoppy) with 557 (64.17%) votes versus Jancita Warrington's count of 311 (35.83%).

Carrie Wabaunsee O'Toole won the **Council Person #3** position with 472 (54.69%) beating Anita G. Pahmahmie Evans who had 391 or (45.31%).

Those assisting with the Run-off Election included Voncile Mitchell, Sherri Landis and Arlene Lingo who are on the Election Board and Matt Johnson, a police officer for the PBPN who provided the police escort. Election clerks included Tara Mitchell, Joanna Mitchell, Linda Yazzie and Leslie Marshno. Marty Hamlin served as the elections judge and Tim Sanchez, Automated Elections Services was on hand to electronically count votes.

A swearing in ceremony for the winners from the Run-off Election was held Aug. 30 at the Bingo Hall.

Chairman Steve Ortiz conducted the oaths of office and Secretary Jim Potter administered the paper work for the new Council members.

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Sept. 21 PBP Government & Health Center closed
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Sept. 22 15th ANNUAL VETERANS POW-WOW THIS SAT!
Oct. 20 General Council Meeting

Oct. 21 Our Lady of Snows Kateri Tekakwitha Canonization
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Message to the Nation from Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Chairperson



This summer the Tribal Council and I have been active in several events and activities.

In June Tribal Council members Joyce Guerrero, and Noah Wahquahboshkuk participated in the ceremonial signing of SB 129 with Gov. Brownback that will allow tribal members to use their tribal IDs at the voting polls as part of the new voter identification legislation that took effect July 1. In addition, Tribal Council was also on hand to welcome attendees at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) pow-wow June 8-10 that drew hundreds of dancers and 18 drum groups.

Also during the month as a We-Ta-Se veteran, I was proud to participate in a Flag Retirement ceremony at Prairie Peoples Park on June 14 and that same weekend I gave opening remarks at the 63rd Annual Native American Church Conference held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBC&R) and participated in the funeral services of Potawatomi Fire Department Chief Mike Mills.

On June 23 some Tribal Council members and I, along with other PBP employees of the Nation, attended the Wisconsin Membership Meeting in Nekoosa, Wis. where we enjoyed informing members about government departments and programs and visiting with tribal members that we don't often get to see.

On June 26 a meeting was held between state of Kansas officials and tribal leaders in a KanCare Tribal Consultation at the PBC&R and the following day I met with representatives from the National Health Service Corp. at the Health Center who were doing a site visit for possible placement of medical professionals who are in their scholarship program.

On June 29 I attended a tribal outreach meeting in Topeka regarding the Kansas Division of Emergency Management Hazmat program along with some of the emergency services staff from the PBP.

July was kicked off with travel to Oklahoma to meet with Indian Health Services Director Kevin Meeks and while there also attending the Oklahoma

City Area Inter-tribal Health Board Dental and EPI meetings.

From July 10-11 I attended the Indian Country Conference on safety and empowering Native American families in Lawrence, Kan. at Haskell Indian Nations University and also met briefly with U.S. Attorney for Kansas Barry Grissom and Alan Metzger, Assistant U.S. Attorney who work with the Kansas tribes.

On July 12 I emceed the quarterly Charitable Contributions ceremony held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort, and, along with members of the Tribal Council and the Charitable Contributions Committee, gave out \$91,000 worth of donations to various non-profit organizations and groups.

On July 16 the Tribal Council listened to Kansas political candidates Marje Cochren and Richard Carlson who are running for offices in Kansas and spoke in Tribal Council chambers about their platforms. The following day Tribal Council met with Jackson County Commissioners in Council chambers in an exchange of information.

On July 20 Tribal Council attended the All-Employee meeting at the Bingo Hall where we honored employees with awards for their years-of-service.

On July 21 the General Council meeting was held and on the following Saturday, July 28 tribal members gathered for the Tribal Council/Ethics Commission election where Hattie Mitchell was elected as the new Tribal Council treasurer.

In July I also headed to Washington, D.C. to attend a Health and Human Services Tribal Consultation meeting on the Affordable Care Act on July 26 and, at the community level, I attended two planning meetings with the Our Lady of the Snows Church committee who are planning the Kateri Tekakwitha canonization celebration in October.

August was also a busy month with finishing the PBP election process. On Aug. 2 I conducted the Oath of Office for Hattie Mitchell at her Swearing In


ceremony; attended the Tribal Council Run-off Election on Aug. 25, and conducted the Oath of Office for winners Joyce Guerrero, Carrie O'Toole, and Tom Wabnum at their Swearing in ceremony on Aug. 30. During both swearing-in events, Noah Wahquahboshkuk (who previously served as treasurer) was thanked and given a Pendleton blanket on Aug. 2 and Jancita Warrington, (former Council Person #2) was also gifted with a Pendleton and publicly thanked for her service at the ceremony on Aug. 30.

Additionally, from August 5-13 members of the Tribal Council and I, along with many other PBP, traveled to the Potawatomi Gathering hosted by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band who are located on the Pine Creek Indian Reservation in Michigan. There were several conferences held and people enjoyed seeing other Potawatomi and staying at the Firekeepers Casino nearby.

The month of September is also proving to be busy with the first week of the month having been consumed by Tribal Council meetings daily with department and program directors regarding their 2013 budget requests, and working on several agenda items that need to be administered and considered.

I will also travel to Washington, D.C. to attend a Secretary of Health Tribal Advisory Committee meeting Sept. 11-12 and return to Kansas for the Native American Law Symposium in Horton on Sept. 14. I have also been asked to be a speaker at the National Indian Health Board Conference in Denver later this month.

Lastly, I hope that you will plan to attend the We-Ta-Se Veterans pow-wow on Sept. 22 that is in its 15th year and should prove to be one of the best ones ever.



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Message to the Nation from Tom Wabnum, Tribal Council Member

Once again, I want to thank you, the tribal people, for voting and electing me to represent you as your Council Person.

As your representative, I will continue to ask you for your support and prayers in conducting tribal business. This is the fourth time I have taken a public oath of office in my working life and on each occasion I have sworn to the U.S. citizens, to our tribal citizens and most importantly to God, to carry out Constitutional duties to the best of my ability which includes being honest, having personal integrity and protecting and serving the citizenry. Most elected persons will not explain this to the people or maybe not commit to doing an honest job. Some may not because they cannot live up to this oath because they fear the unknown. In many cases, I will share my opinion when convincing the Tribal Council of corrective actions but some may not share that opinion or decide to vote in my favor. However, my organizational experience in Indian Affairs gives me assurance and confidence that I will have a favorable working relationship with the Tribal Council and the people of this Nation.

Also, I am asking for the people to participate in our government. An overall federal law of the government is to report "all fraud, waste and abuse." As I begin my appointed duties, I will always ask for community input of things that need to be fixed. We are a large, multi-million dollar organization and I cannot see all the day-to-day needs but if we want a stronger community with better services, I have to hear from you.

As a career public servant I must offer to you protection. If there are poli-

cies that work against the employees and citizens, I will carefully review them and offer something more positive. If policies are absent, I will propose a Tribal Whistleblowers Act. I will propose a Tribal NO FEAR Act. How else can we become a stronger Nation if its people are afraid of their own government?

In any attempt of building community strength, the people must have jobs to take care of themselves and their families. The Nation can offer some assistance but in some cases should not provide constant care. I will review any tribal, Indian or non-Indian preference policies. We must sever the federal attitude of being dependent on them but also not rely on a total tribal dependency. A good future can be maximized if families are allowed to reach unlimited potentials and are educated in current affairs.

These are some of the commitments I bring to the table but there are many more, and we the people must work on them together to improve our Nation. At times, it will take additional personal and spiritual strength to carry out these duties and that's why in a public oath, one asks for God's help, because at times it can be overwhelming to do this job.

Again, I thank you for voting even if you did not vote for me. We must work together to overcome our weaknesses. Maybe it's not who does what but that we do this together. Let's not let personal or work problems divide us any longer.



Message to the Nation from Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council Treasurer

It has been a good first couple of months as treasurer of the Nation. I am in the process of visiting with each of the tribal programs and their offices in order to meet everyone and to become familiar with the functions and financials of each program. My focus has been to get up-to-date on current work and then to further the goal of developing plans for the future. To date, I have met with auditors, bankers, investment managers, and other tribal treasurers and am excited about working with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPn) finance team in developing ways to improve the processes and reporting to the Nation.

It is a busy time in the treasurer's office. We are currently going through the budget process for all of the PBPn tribal programs and a financial audit, and an internal audit. The budget process involves meeting with the program directors, Tribal Council, and the finance team in order to meet the needs and priorities of the Nation. Additionally, throughout the year there are a series of internal audits that focus on internal control and compliance. The information that comes out of these reports will be used to improve the effectiveness of programs.

Since I've been in office, the Tribal Council has appointed me to sit on the PBPn Tax Commission, and to represent them on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the Tribal Historical Cultural Preservation (THCP) program. I am also working with the Boys and Girls Club in several ways to promote their educational programs particularly in the field of

finance.

From August 7-11 I attended the All Council meeting at the Potawatomi Gathering in Battle Creek, Michigan where I had the opportunity to meet other tribal treasurers and have candid conversations about how to improve tribal operations. While there, I gained knowledge on what has worked for them and what has not. This input will help me in making better decisions that will hopefully have a positive impact on the future of our tribe.

Additionally, since I've been in office I have received training at the Sage Summit in Nashville, Tennessee, August 14-17 that taught me how to better utilize our accounting and reporting systems. I also recently attended the Native American Financial Officers Association conference in San Diego, California-September 10-11. The sessions involved tribal economics and finances, and updates on the changing regulatory environment. I believe that continuing education in these areas is important in making informed decisions and planning for the future of the Nation.

As a follow up, I will have more information in my report for the General Council meeting in October. Please feel free to contact me at my email hattiem@pbpnation.org or stop by my office in the Government Center.



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Tribal Council/Ethics Commission Election-July 28



Picking up the ballots at the Mayetta Post Office were (left) Sherri Landis, Law Officer Matt Johnson, and Postmaster Patti Hermreck who is seen handing over the key to the ballot box.



Marty Hamlin unlocking the ballot box in front of Tim Sanchez, Automated Elections, and Frank Shopteese, elections clerk. The election was held at the Bingo Hall.



Betty Rice and Gary Mitchell attended the election and stopped to pose for the camera.



On the far left is Hattie Mitchell who won the treasurer's seat in the July 28 election and was waiting for the results with members of her family.

For more details of the election and photos click on News & Press at www.pbpindiantribe.com

Hattie Mitchell Swearing In Ceremony-August 2



Outgoing treasurer Noah Wahquahboshkuk (right) was recognized for his work by Chairman Ortiz.



Hattie Mitchell being sworn in to office by the chairman.



Mitchell giving her acceptance speech in Potawatomi.



A large crowd attended the swearing in ceremony that was held at the Rock building.



The new treasurer (second from left) with Tribal Council.



(Left to right) is Mary, Hattie, John, and Eddie Joe Mitchell.

Special thanks to Micki Martinez for taking photos of the Aug. 2 ceremony

Tribal Council/Ethics Commission Run-off Election-Aug. 25



Clerks counting ballots for the Run-off Election included (L to r) Tara Mitchell, Joanna Mitchell, Leslie Marshno and Linda Yazzie.



Around 50 people attended the election that was held at the Rock building.



Drusa Wabaunsee and Carrie O'Toole were photographed shortly after Carrie won.



Winners Tom Wabnum and Joyce Guerrero were all smiles after the results were announced.

Joyce Guerrero, Carrie O'Toole, Tom Wabnum Swearing In Ceremony-Aug. 30



Tom Wabnum taking the oath of office as Council Person #2.



Carrie O'Toole being sworn in as Council Person #3.



(Left) Jancita Warrington was recognized for her past work as a Council member.



Joyce Guerrero shakes hands with Chairman Ortiz after being sworn in as Vice Chairperson.

Next election in 2013 for two seats on the Gaming Commission



The new Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council.

Charitable Contributions
quarterly distributions

•Hays Art Council	\$10,000
•NE Area Agency on Aging	\$ 2,000
•Antioch Family Life Center	\$ 1,000
•East Topeka Senior Center	\$ 1,000
•JCMA Christmas Bureau	\$ 1,000
•Boy Scout Troop #173	\$ 1,250
•Topeka Parks & Recreation	\$ 750
•190th Air/Army Nat'l Guard	\$ 1,000
•Fiesta Mexicana	\$ 5,000
•Sacred Heart Holy Family School	\$ 1,000
•Race Against Breast Cancer	\$ 5,000
•Rossville High School Alumni	\$ 1,000
•Topeka Active 20/30 Club	\$ 4,000
•YMCA Safe Visits	\$ 5,000
•We-Ta-Se American Legion #410	\$ 5,500
•Meals on Wheels	\$ 9,000
•Stormont Vail Foundation	\$ 5,000
•St. Mary's Food Pantry	\$ 4,000
•Junior League	\$ 4,000
•Doorstep, Inc.	\$ 5,000
•Breaking Camp Corp	\$ 2,500
•East Central Kansas Coop	\$ 1,000
•Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	\$ 1,000
•Our Lady of Snows	\$10,000
•March of Dimes	\$ 5,000

Total: \$91,000

Charitable Contributions ceremony



The Hays Arts Council received a \$10,000 award and above is artist Dennis Schiel, who painted the mural that has over 300 historical subjects covering people, animals, landscape, trails, railroads, and historical sites in Kansas. The mural consists of 10 3'x4' panels and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation are distinctly represented in the far right top panel. Schiel brought the mural to show at the charitable contributions ceremony July 12 where he was given a \$10,000 award. In addition, Chairman Steve Ortiz also announced that day that the PBPB Tribal Council would match that award with another \$10,000 contribution. Plans are for the mural to hang at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort and possibly at the State Capitol in Topeka. Schiel told the *News* that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation gave the highest donation to the fund raising effort for the mural.

Did you know that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has given over \$6 million to organizations in Topeka and northeast Kansas since 1998?

Indian Country Conference on Native American community safety held



At left, is U. S. Attorney (Kansas) Barry Grissom, Steve Ortiz, chairman of the PBPB, and Alan Metzger, Assistant U.S. Attorney (Kansas) who attended the conference held at Haskell Indian Nations University.

Chairman Steve Ortiz, staff from the Tribal Victims Program and Potawatomi Police Department, attended a three-day conference on protecting and empowering families at Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) July 10-13.



Dr. Venida Chenault gave an address at the conference on behalf of Haskell. She is a PBPB member and Vice President of Academic Affairs for HINU.

The purpose of the conference was to promote public safety for American

Indian communities and registrants were victim advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and tribal leaders. Approximately 125 people attended the conference.

U.S. Attorney for Kansas Barry Grissom gave opening remarks and Venida Chenault (PBPB), HINU Vice President of Academic Affairs, gave an overview of Haskell and emphasized the importance of educating individuals about family violence situations and providing support groups in Indian communities. During her speech she asked the PBPB Tribal Victims Program staff to stand and be recognized for their service and educational efforts on the Prairie Band reservation and work with other northeast Kansas tribes. Chenault did her graduate studies on family violence issues on the Prairie Band reservation a few years ago at the University of Kansas. She is a staunch advocate of protecting and empowering Native American families in their reservation communities and elsewhere across the nation.

The PBPB Tribal Victims program provided a workshop on healing through art at the conference.



FIREKEEPER GOLF COURSE



Junior Golf Camp Instruction

Junior Golf Camps were held this summer for beginners and advanced players that were taught by Josh Nahm. All aspects of the game were covered including golf fundamentals and rules, full-swing, short game and course management. Nahm and the professional Firekeeper golf course staff have worked with top juniors worldwide that have amassed over a dozen American Junior Golf Association wins, 5 All-Americans and hundreds of junior golf victories.

More on Josh Nahm

Josh Nahm has worked with young professionals on almost every major tour and has recently been nominated for Top 20 instructors in the U.S. under 40. He is also a former Lead Instructor at the Hank Haney International Junior Golf Academy. He has experience working with some of the top junior golfers in the world and is doing the same at Firekeeper by giving customized lessons to help young golfers work on their full swing, short game and course management. For details about Josh Nahm go to www.joshnahmgolf.com



Junior Wahweotten and Frank Tecumseh smile for the camera before playing in the tournament.



Golfers warming up before the 10th Annual Boys & Girls Club Charity Golf Fundraiser held Aug. 22. There were putting contests and other fundraising activities along with a silent auction.

10th Annual Boys & Girls Club Charity Golf Tournament held Aug. 22 at Firekeeper Golf



Anita and William Evans helped out that day. Anita teaches a beading class for the club and also helps out with other events and activities.

Over \$23,000 was raised for the Club

Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors

Michael Boswell. Judy Bradley. Rex Frazier. Daniel Goombi.
Jennifer Hale. Doug Holloway. Sara Meyer
Stephen E. Ortiz. John Rundle
Randy Towner. Junior Wahweotten

The Firekeeper staff



Shayla Hale (PBPB) is manager of the dining area in the Pro Shop.



The Firekeeper Golf Course staff stopped to pose for a photograph during the Patriot Day Golf Fundraiser held Sept. 4. Burton Warrington (eighth from left) is CEO of Prairie Band LLC and was at the event that day.

**Over
100 golfers
played
in
Patriot Day
at
Firekeeper
as a way
to
salute
veterans**



Firekeeper held a special Patriot Day on Sept. 4 in honor of the Folds of Honor Foundation. Folds of Honor was started by Major Dan Rooney, a PGA member and veteran from Kansas. The PBPB, We-Ta-Se, Prairie Band Casino & Resort, Budweiser, Pepsi and MidWest PGA helped support the event. Donations were requested in lieu of green fees and \$4,000 was raised.

Mayetta Oil Company working hard for you!



Left to right: Mike Jewel, Fred Mock, Charlene Anderson and Louie Creek all work for Mayetta Oil, Co. The propane company was purchased in 2005 by the PBPB and is located near U.S. Highway 75 and 162 Road. It services the Prairie Band reservation and northeast Kansas counties including Jackson, Shawnee, Jefferson and Douglas. In 2011 the company became a subsidiary of Prairie Band, LLC.
(Photo submitted by Prairie Band, LLC)



Fall
2012
update
from
the
desk
of
Burton
Warrington

President/
CEO

I hope this update finds you and your families in good health and spirit. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly update you on some of the highlights of Prairie Band, LLC and its subsidiaries.

Mayetta Oil Company (MOC) - As fall approaches and we prepare for the winter months we have worked diligently to reorganize supply chains and product offerings with the best interest of our customers in mind. Over the last four months the MOC team has meticulously reviewed historical purchasing patterns and supply chain management. Through that review we were able to better anticipate the needs of our customers and therefore were able to obtain our propane supply in a more efficient manner, thus resulting in cost savings to our customers and new customer accounts.

New to MOC this year is the restructured "Pre-Buy" program. The propane market is a highly volatile market in which prices can fluctuate drastically throughout the winter months. To try to limit the volatility of the market we offer a "Pre-Buy" program to our customers. The "Pre-Buy" program consists of customers buying their expected propane quantity at the beginning of the heating season and by doing so locking in the "Pre-Buy" price and quantity for the entire heating season. Understanding many of our customers are on fixed budgets we also developed three payment options to meet the financial needs of our customers. It is with great enthusiasm that we look to continue to gain additional regional market share through superior customer service and competitive product offerings.

Firekeeper Golf Course - In just our second year of operations the Firekeeper Golf Course has solidified its place as the hottest golf property and premier place to play golf in the region. Picking up award after award from *Golf Week*, *Golf Digest*, the *Best of Topeka* and others has helped us exceed expectations and has also assisted the Prairie Band Casino & Resort in maintaining its market share in the face of added state gaming competition. Earlier this year we hosted the first professional golf tour event in the history of the Nation and we look forward to maintaining the excellence which has allowed us to rise to the top.

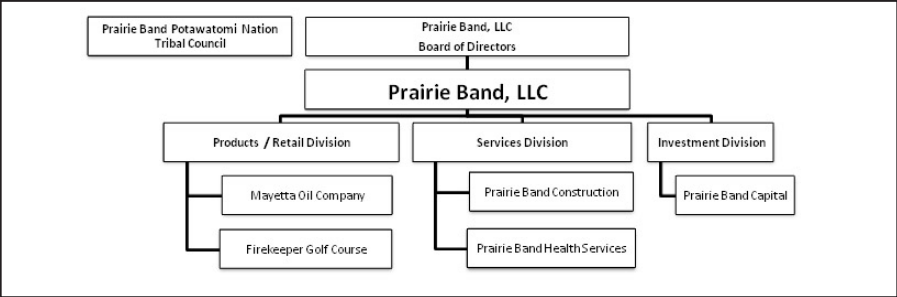
On September 4th Firekeeper joined hundreds of courses around the country to support the Folds of Honor Foundation. Folds of Honor was started by former University of Kansas golfer Major Dan Rooney (a veteran of several tours as an F-16 Pilot in Iraq and Afghanistan) to provide assistance to spouses and children

of soldiers killed or disabled in service to our country. This year the Fold of Honor will raise over \$20 million and Firekeeper played a part in that by raising over \$4,000 for the Foundation.

Prairie Band Health Services (PBHS) - At PBHS we continue to build on our impeccable contract performance for the United States Navy. Under PBHS' initial contract award we are authorized to bid on task orders at Twenty Nine Palms and Lemoore Naval bases for a five year period. To date in 2012 under that contract award we have been awarded over \$1.7 million worth of task orders and PBHS currently has 15 employees including emergency room physicians, registered nurses, social workers and a pharmacist under contract to work at the two bases. In addition to our initial contract, PBHS was awarded a second contract this summer which will enable us to bid on individual task orders for physicians at military bases in 17 western states. As previously mentioned by Prairie Band, LLC leadership, the federal government is by far the world's largest consumer of products and services and is estimated to spend \$537 billion annually, with \$7 billion set aside for minority contracts. In just two short years PBHS has strived to establish ourselves as a company capable of providing services to the federal government and the horizon looks promising for PBHS to have long term sustainable success.

Prairie Band Capital - Following our corporate implementation plan closely we have continued to seek non-controlling interests in other companies as our internal capacity continues to grow. Our non-controlling interest portfolio consists of diversified investments in real estate, a medical facility, the attorney lending industry and the mezzanine fund industry. To date in 2012 we have vetted over \$20 million in opportunities and have committed to \$4.7 million of passive investments. Over the next 18 months Prairie Band, LLC's strategy will develop into a more aggressive controlling acquisition phase.

This past July we finalized our 2011 Annual Report, which includes our 2011 audit and provides more information on the developments we are undertaking and the progress we continue to make. Copies of the 2011 Annual Report are available at the Tribal Government Center as well as from Prairie Band, LLC. I say mlgwe'c to each of you for the privilege to serve in this position and wish you all the sincerest prosperity over the fall months.



Kansas Society of CPAs
conference on taxes held at casino

Right: Chairman Steve Ortiz gave welcoming remarks at the Kansas Society of CPAs conference on taxes held June 25. The conference was held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort and included speakers from the Kansas legislature.

We-Ta-Se posted colors and PBPN singers & dancers also performed

Over 125 Kansas CPAs and other professionals attended the KSCPA Business & Industry Conference held June 25 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort that included speakers from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) and State of Kansas. A wide variety of accounting and tax issues were discussed as well as anticipated changes to Kansas tax policy that was formulated in the 2012 legislative session.

Welcoming remarks were made by Tribal Chairman Steve Ortiz who gave an overview of the PBP and issues affecting the Nation like health care, land to trust, environment



Dominic Ortiz, moderated the conference and is on the board of directors of the KSCPA. He was also a co-presenter at the conference.



and religious freedom. Following that, the day's itinerary included presentations by Nick Jordon (Kansas Secretary of Revenue); Chris Courtwright (Kansas Legislative Research); Steve Anderson (Kansas Budget Director); Ron Estes (Kansas Treasurer); Kris Kobach (Kansas Secretary of State); Gary C. Allerheiligen (KSCPA Legislative Executive Committee); Pat George (Kansas Secretary of Commerce); Lucky DeFries (Attorney-Coffman DeFries & Northern, P.A.); Dominic Ortiz (Prairie Band Entertainment) and Chelle Adams (Rubin Brown Hospitality & Gaming).

Dominic Ortiz also moderated the day's conference and is on the board of directors for the KSCPA. He has recently been appointed as an at-large member of the American Institute of CPAs Council.

We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 posted colors for the event and the Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers provided entertainment after the luncheon that was also provided by the PBP. Another highlight of the day was a special recognition given to Bob Clelland, Department of Revenue Liaison, to receive an honorary KSCPA membership. KSCPA is celebrating its 80th year as an organization in Kansas. LearningQuest was also a sponsor of the one-day conference.

Tribal Outreach for Kansas
Division of Emergency
Management on Hazmat held



Left to right: Cecil Mercer, Mike Boswell, Steve Ortiz, Swapan K. Saha, and Chris Howell.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi attended a presentation given by the the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) on hazmat planning and training and acquiring grants that can be accessed from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The presentation was given by Swapan K. Saha, Environmental Scientist, and offered through the Office of Native American Affairs. The meeting was held on June 29 at the

Landon State Office building in Topeka.

Chairman Steve Ortiz attended the meeting along with Potawatomi Chief of Police Mike Boswell and Cecil Mercer who is with the Potawatomi Fire Department.

Also in attendance was Chris Howell, Executive Director of Kansas Native American Affairs, and Suzanne Heck, Potawatomi News Editor.



PBP will celebrate American Indian Day
September 21



In the photo, left to right, is Barbara Huske (Kansas Department of Health & Environment), Mary Truhe (PBP Health Center), CDR Bonnie Grant (Health Resources and Services Administration), Steve Ortiz (PBP Chairman), and Laura Howard (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Administration). Representatives from the National Health Services Corps (NHSC) were at the Health Center June 27 to learn about the health center as a possible site for placing physicians and other medical professionals who are in the NHSC scholarship program.

PBP
leaders
give tours
of
Health
Center



On June 26 Carrie O'Toole, Tribal Council member, (far left) and Mary Truhe, former health center administrator, (far right) gave a tour of the health center to Trevlyn Cross (second from left) from the Oklahoma City Area Inter-tribal Health Board and Jennifer Cooper, an attorney for the National Indian Health Board. The two visitors were on the reservation for a KanCare tribal consultation meeting that was held that day between Kansas officials and tribal leaders and held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.



Child Support Services Program up and running

A new program is available on the reservation that is designed to improve the well being of Native American children by promoting the emotional and financial responsibilities between parents for their children.

It is oriented toward holding individuals who may be a non custodial parent responsible for their children and to assist grandparents /guardians and others who qualify in obtaining child support from the parent. This is accomplished through the enforcement of child support orders, locating custodial and non-custodial parents, and working with various tribal programs to ensure members receive benefits.

Tribal members Kelly Greemore and Erin “Kumos” Hubbard have been

Kelly Greemore, Vivien Olsen (PBP attorney) and Erin Hubbard attended a conference on tribal child support programs in Maine this summer. Joyce Guerrero (Tribal Council) also attended but is not pictured.



hired to run the office. Greemore is the Child Support Services Manager and Hubbard is the Child Support Services Specialist and their offices are located on the lower level of the Government Center with hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The types of services the program offers include child support order establishment; enforcement of child support orders; modifications of child support

orders; paternity establishment and location of parents. It operates primarily in conjunction with the PBP Tribal Court. The program is available to tribal members and members of federally-recognized tribes who live in the reservation’s service area.

The process begins by processing an application that can be obtained in the Child Support office in person or by mail or fax. All applications are accepted and for those that may not qualify, assistance will be offered to help locate the appropriate state or tribal agency. All information is also kept CONFIDENTIAL.

The program is funded by the PBP and an Administration for Children & Families (ACF) grant. The program has been guided by the PBP Judicial legal system, 1 Family Services, a consulting agency that specializes in child support, the PBP Attorney’s office, and the Tribal Council.

For a brochure or details about the Child Support Services program contact

**Kelly Greemore/Erin Hubbard
Child Support Services
16281 Q Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
Phone: 785.966.3906/4033
Fax: 785.966.4045
email: kellygreemore@pbpnation.org**

Language Department news

By Billy D. Matchie

Bosho! The Language Department has been busy this past quarter. First, there have been a few changes in staffing. There are a total of eight employees in the department, with two new employees.

Colton Wahquahboshkuk is the newly hired, Language Apprentice in the Master Apprentice Project. Colton is a very quick learner and has shown an excellent aptitude for reading and understanding the Potawatomi language. Colton brings prior knowledge of the Potawatomi language through his schooling and hearing the language in the home. Colton also brings cultural knowledge. Working with young adults such as Colton brings new hope for future generations and to the department.

The PBP Language and Cultural Department also welcomes back, LaVerne Haag. Laverne joined the Language Department team in June as the Audio/Video (AV) Technician. LaVerne brings many years of AV experience as well as a vast amount of language knowledge having worked previously with the PBP Language Department in a variety of capacities.

The PBP Language and Cultural Department is starting the second year of our Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant for the Master Apprentice Program. The apprentices have been working hard at gathering, speaking, and using the language with PBP’s Master Speaker, Pom Hubbard and Elder Resource Person Larry Berryhill. Through this interaction, we have received lots of language to use and document. Everyone in the depart-

ment has been influenced in more ways than one by the master apprenticeship and has made long strides in their Potawatomi knowledge and fluency.

This summer the Language and Cultural Department held classes at the Boy's and Girl's Club as well as our regular Monday night adult classes and we have just begun a new session of adult classes. This year, the apprentices are going to take more of a leadership role in teaching. The classes are held on Monday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and we welcome new students.

We would also like to extend an invitation to children and teens. We will be offering kids night classes as well as teen night classes. These classes will alternate every other Wednesday night from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the department. Our first kid's night was held September 5th and our first teen night began September 12th.

Along with the classes, the department has been migrating north to Hannahville once a month for the Hannahville Immersion Camp. There, staff works with fluent speakers, Jim and Mary Jane Thunder as well as their assistants. The department gets to partake in a lot of language use, meanings, translations and other various cultural/language activities that is shared between the bands.

Lastly, our staff participated in a Potawatomi Gathering Language Conference in Athens, Michigan. We were honored to be asked to be one of the presenters and on the opening day, we performed a skit entirely in the language. It was a spoof of the hit TV show, "Dancing with the Stars". However, ours was called "Ni'mēti Nēgos" (Dancing Star). The follow-

ing day, we served as one of the break-out sessions and led several classes. We put on another skit based on the hit TV show "To Tell The Truth" and ours was called, "Tebwe Ne"(Are you telling the truth?). Utilizing all our staff, we displayed a fun way to teach and practice conversational language. We had a lot of fun and were commended on our creative language use. A good time was had by all that attended. We have had a busy but enjoyable summer.

Since May we have serviced over 900 people with language! We are all excited with the new beginnings of our new staff and our youth classes starting up again. We look forward to bringing more language into the community and to you!



The Language Department staff: L to R (back row) Larry Berryhill, Billy Matchie, Jessica Youngbird, Dawn (Sogi) LeClere, Colton Wahquahboshkuk. Front row: Cindy LeClere, Jan (Pom) Hubbard and LaVerne Haag.



Terry McDaniel, who works in the Social Services Department, was named Employee of the Quarter and received her award from Walt Racker, who is on the Employee-of-the-Quarter committee. In addition to the buffalo award, McDaniel received a paid day-off work and a Wal-mart gift certificate. Employees are nominated by fellow co-workers.

Human Resources happenings



Matt Johnson, PBP Tribal Police, gave a presentation on impaired driving at the All-Employee meeting in July. The Tribal Police Department provides presentations on safety and law enforcement issues.



Building Maintenance projects

- Bingo hall renovation
- PBP foster home renovations
- Boys & Girls Club pool upgrade and maintenance
- security fencing around air conditioner units at Boys & Girls Club
- generators installed at pump stations & Road & Bridge
- paving of Fire Department driveways



A fundraiser raffle was held for Jim Magee (far right) who works in Building/Maintenance as a way to help him with medical expenses that have skyrocketed since he was diagnosed with stage IV cancer. In the photo with him (left to right) is Carl Matousek, Kent Miller, Chuck Jacobson, Robbie Lange and Kristina Throssell who helped organize the raffle that was well-supported by PBPN employees at the All-Employee meeting.



Hardy Eteeyan (Road & Bridge), on the far left, was honored by Tribal Council for 20 years of service at the All-Employee meeting on July 20 at the Bingo Hall. Next to him is Steve Ortiz, Jim Potter and Carrie O'Toole.



Building Maintenance Department: Front row (l to r): Evan Evans, Bruce Martinez, Gunzy Wahquahboshkuk, Matthew Littleaxe, Richard Pahmahmie. Second row (l to r): Tom Jim Jr., Ernie Coleman, Carl Matousek, Kristina Throssell, Sam Mitchell, Robbie Lange. Back row (l to r): Jonathan Melchior, Tim Mindez, Jeff Marshno, Chuck Jacobson, John Rupnicki, Jim Harvey, David Daubon, Jim Magee, Aaron Hale, B.J. Jones, Jake Rodewald and Fred Dillon. Not pictured is DonDon LeClere and Phillip Jim.

Early Childhood Education Center go through preservice training



The Early Childhood Education Center staff attended a week of training from Aug. 13-17 before the fall session of classes began. In addition, some classrooms got painted like Sandi Jim's (photo, far left). Staff members David Noland and Patrick Mills did the painting and also refinished some of the center's floors. The center photo depicts Michelle Gilbert, a trainer for ChildCare Aware of Northeast & North Central Kansas, teaching a workshop about the Conscious Discipline model often used in courses in early education. The photo on the far right was taken at a general staff meeting held on the last day of the training at the child care center that is located at 15380 K Road in Mayetta, Kan.



We-Ta-Se veterans Frank Shopteese (far left) and Jim Potts giving thanks at the 2nd quarter charitable contributions for a donation they received to upgrade uniforms and to help with burials for veterans.



**15th
Annual
Veterans
Pow-wow
Sept. 22
Prairie Peoples Park
(flier on www.pbpindiantribe.com)
Grand entry: 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.**

Celebrating 15 years of We-Ta-Se vets!

Iowa Tribe Of Oklahoma urges Congress to restore pay to Native veterans

Submitted by Rebecca Redelman

A week before the country celebrated Independence Day, the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma became the first Native nation to adopt an official resolution in support of restoring improperly withheld pay to eligible Native American veterans and service members. "Historically, Native Americans serve our U.S. Military at a higher rate than any ethnic group. Ensuring the welfare of our military veterans has been a sacred tradition since the founding of this country and a promise that we must always keep. They have put their lives on the line to protect us and this country. As citizens of the Iowa Nation and as citizens of the United States, we need to fight for them like they have fought for us," stated Janice Rowe-Kurak, Chairwoman of the Tribe.

The service and loyalty of American Indian people to the United States military was instrumental in the formation of this country and continues to be instrumental in ensuring the freedom of the United States and its citizens today. As pointed out by Chairwoman Rowe-Kurak, Native Americans have the highest rate of military service of any other ethnic group in the Nation. Nearly 16% of the Native American population aged 16 years and older are veterans.

For decades spanning from the World War II era to 2001, the United States military withheld state income tax from the paychecks of Native American service members who claimed Indian land as their domiciles. Under federal statutory law and federal legal principles related to state income taxation of Native American individuals, Native American military service members domiciled on Indian land are exempt from state income tax on their military pay. It is believed that over the decades of improper state income tax withholding, hundreds, if not thousands, of Native service members and veterans did not receive the full pay to which they were entitled for their committed service. Under current law these Native service members have little if no ability to recover the money that is owed to them.

In 2001, the Department of Defense halted the practice of improperly withholding state income tax from such Native American service members' pay in response to a memorandum opinion issued by the

U.S. Department of Justice. The Department of Justice opinion stated that federal law and federal legal principles regarding the taxation of Native American individuals preempted the withholding of state income tax from the military pay of Native service members domiciled on Indian land. The Department of Defense now employs Form 2058-2, which enables a Native service member domiciled on Indian land to voluntarily stop state income tax withholding from his military compensation. But this relatively new practice does nothing for those Native service members who were improperly taxed in years prior to 2001.

One such veteran is Richard Adame, a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a retired Sergeant First Class who served 20 years in the United States Army. During the time of his service, his domicile was his family's allotment on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation. Adame believes that during his tenure with the U.S. Army, 20 years' worth of state income tax was improperly withheld from his military pay.

Adame hails from a long line of dedicated U.S. military service members. "My grandfather served in WWI before he was a citizen ... he is one among many who served this country in the armed forces before citizenship was granted," shared Adame. Adame himself served in Operation Desert Storm. Speaking about his active duty service, Adame revealed feelings that he, like nearly every veteran who has served during war time, experienced. "I cried. I was scared. I thought I would never come home."

Luckily for those Native service members improperly taxed, Adame did come home. Adame has championed the restoration of improperly withheld income tax monies to eligible Native veterans and service members for nearly a decade. When he and his fellow Prairie Band veterans discovered that state income tax had potentially been improperly withheld from their military pay throughout their careers, he began to seek assistance in rectifying the injustice. Adame feels that this issue requires urgent attention by Congress, Tribes, and concerned citizens. "I have a dire feeling that if I cannot get anything done about a decades old injustice whose victims are almost all passed away, that nothing will ever be done. I feel like it is my responsibility to do what I can for my Grandfather and the relatives of thousands of my fel-

low tribal veterans."

According to Adame, his voice went largely unheard until he gave a presentation before United Nations Special Rapporteur James Anaya during Anaya's visit to the University of Tulsa in May 2012. Three Indian law attorneys, including one who specializes in taxation in Indian country, took notice of the injustice presented by Adame. Each coming from military families themselves, the attorneys agreed to volunteer their services to help Adame get this issue the attention it deserves.

The attorneys helped Adame submit testimony on the improper taxation to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs' oversight hearing on Native Veterans' issues. One of the attorneys presented the issue on the Native Veteran's panel at the 25th annual Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City. In the panel audience sat an employee of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma whose Native veteran spouse returned 70% disabled from a recent tour in Iraq. Her commitment to Native veterans' issues spurred her to then present the improper taxation issue to the Iowa Tribe.

The Iowa Tribe's Business Committee, comprised of several Native veterans itself, was quick to take action. The Iowa Business Committee drafted and unanimously passed a tribal resolution in support of restoring improperly withheld pay to eligible Native American veterans and service members. The resolution urges Congress take action to restore such improperly withheld pay to eligible Native service members and veterans. It also urges the National Congress of American Indians to adopt a similar resolution in support of restoring pay improperly withheld as state income tax by the U.S. Military to eligible Native service members and veterans.

It is Adame's hope that other Native nations will follow the Iowa tribe's lead. The more tribes that adopt similar resolutions, the more united the front in Indian country to press the United States to restore improperly withheld pay to Native heroes. "I truly appreciate the support of the Iowa Tribe," remarked Adame. "When laws are not followed, especially to the detriment of those who put their lives on the line to protect the rights of everyone else, we should do whatever needs to be done to protect the interests of the Native Veterans that the law was intended to protect."

We-Ta-Se place at 94th American Legion national convention color guard competition

-take 3rd place in Military Open and 9th in Advanced and Retiring of Colors

By Suzanne Heck

A group of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) veterans competed and placed in the national Color Guard contest held during the 94th Annual National American Legion Convention contest held in Indianapolis in August.

The guard took 3rd place in the Military Open class and 9th in the Advanced and Retiring competition held on Aug. 24.

A seven-member group from We-Ta-Se American Legion Post # 410 practiced for months at the PBPB Boys & Girls Club on their lunch hours and after work. The guard was judged on their execution of marching and maneuvering and timing, techniques of using equipment, and their professional performance and repertoire. Their performance lasted from four to six minutes and also followed specific marching parameters established by the national American Legion Color Guard contest committee. The contest was held at the Indianapolis Convention Center on August 24 and the team competed against other color guards throughout the nation.

We-Ta-Se members who made the trip were Jim Potts, We-Ta-Se commander, Frank Shopteese, Robert Jackson, Charles Wakole, Lorrie Wahwassuck, John Melchior, and Tim Ramirez. The group has previously marched together at pow-wows, funerals, and other events during the past few years. They were also endorsed by other Kansas American Legion posts for the competition.

We-Ta-Se also marched, along with other legionnaires, in the national convention parade that was held on August 26 in downtown Indianapolis. Jim Potts and Frank Shopteese, who are the liaisons for the We-Ta-Se department, also stayed the rest of the week to participate in convention meetings and

activities as Potts serves as the Commander of the northeast Kansas American Legion district and Shopteese also holds a post at the district level.



The We-Ta-Se Color Guard team. Left to right: Jim Potts, Lorrie Wahwassuck, Tim Ramirez, John Melchior, Charles Wakole, Robert Jackson and Frank Shopteese.

The We-Ta-Se color guard wears uniforms that are a blend of American military and traditional Potawatomi styles. They wear black pants and starch white shirts that are adorned with traditional Potawatomi ribbon work. Added touches to their uniform include the wearing of Garrison military hats or berets, white gloves, Indian jewelry, and black military boots.

The color guard has been in existence for 25 years and performs at many events including parades, pow-wows, and funerals. Recent notable performances were for the State of Kansas Governor Inauguration ceremonies, the 150th Tribal Commemoration ceremony, a cultural celebration at the Nelson Atkins Gallery of Art, and the 67th anniversary of Iwo Jima

Flag Raising in Sacaton, Ariz. In 2004 the group marched in eight different events during the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial commemoration that included three Lewis and Clark Signature Events held in Kansas City, Missouri, Leavenworth, Kansas, and Atchison, Kansas during the Fourth of July weekend. In addition, We-Ta-Se has performed at Kansas City Chiefs football games, Kansas City Royals baseball games and they were the primary color guard during a memorial service for Lori Piestewa, the first Native American woman ever killed in combat.

For the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation they host their own veteran's pow-wow each year which draws hundreds of dancers and people from all across Indian country. In addition, as a tribute of the great respect and admiration that the Prairie Band Nation has for their veterans a Veteran's Memorial Wall was erected in 2003 in Prairie Peoples Park which We-Ta-Se maintains and has almost 400 names listed on it.

The We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 is one of the oldest American Indian American Legion Posts in the United States. We-Ta-Se which means "one who is brave" in the Potawatomi language has approximately 85 tribal members. They are supported by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and have their own building on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation that is staffed with two full-time veterans that assists other tribal veterans in need and organizes all of the post's activities.



We-Ta-Se recently thanked Tribal Council for their support by giving them individual certificates of appreciation. Above, left to right, is Tom Wabnum, Frank Shopteese, Jim Potts, Joyce Guerrero and Junior Wahweotten on Sept. 10. All Tribal Council members received a thank you certificate as well as Suzi Heck with the News.

We-Ta-Se raise funds for co-worker's brother injured in Afghanistan

We-Ta-Se and other PBPB held a soup fundraiser to help a fellow Native American veteran who was recently injured in Afghanistan. Pfc. Joshua Peppers, a Northern Cheyenne member from Lane Deer, Montana, stepped on an IED and had to have his foot amputated on Aug. 5. The money raised was sent to him to help with his medical expenses. Peppers is the brother of Marzha Fritzell, a law clerk for the PBPB, and is how the PBPB learned about Peppers injury. The fundraiser was held at the Boys & Girls Club following a dress rehearsal performance We-Ta-Se held on Aug. 17 before they left for the American Legion National Convention.



Marzha Fritzler works in the Attorney's office.



We-Ta-Se Color Guard held a dress rehearsal on Aug. 17 before they left for the American Legion National competition. They performed before the PBPB community at the Boys & Girls Club.

Vocational Rehabilitation
Program wins award for
distance education laboratory



Left to right is Bob Shurden, director of the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation school of adaptive computer training, with Morris Taylor, director of the PBPV Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPV) Vocational Rehabilitation was named the Association of Rehabilitation Programs in Computer Technology (ARPCT) Outstanding Business Partner of the Year at the 2012 ARPCT/SkillSoft Conference held in Orlando, Florida in May.

Morris Taylor, director of the PBPV vocational rehabilitation program, received the award recently from representatives from the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation at their area Business Advisory Council meeting in June that is now hanging in the Social Services computer laboratory.

In 2010 the PBPV vocational rehabilitation program set up a training center/distance education computer laboratory for disabled Native American people with partial funding for the laboratory given by the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation (CPRF) that is located in the Social Services Department.

The award is presented annually to a business partner of an ARPCT member program that displays a commitment to promoting employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Bob Shurden, School of Adaptive Computer Training Director of the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation (CPRF), nominated the PBPV Vocational Rehabilitation and PBPV partners for all the support provided in

assisting with CPRF's vision to develop training opportunities via video-conferencing technology.

Since the distance learning program opened 18 months ago, 21 individuals have graduated from the program and 19 of them are employed. Five presently work for the PBPV government and seven are employed at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. The rest have been placed in other organizations and businesses.

ARPCT is an international organization that has provided 35 years of quality training and placement services for people with disabilities. ARPCT was

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founded in 1977 under sponsorship from IBM to promote training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities in the field of computer technologies. ARPCT currently has over 50 member programs from across the U.S. and Canada. Each year ARPCT accepts nominations for several different awards and presents these at its annual conference.

PBPV Alcohol & Drug Program
present
Red Road Workshop



Gene D. Thin Elk (Lakota) was the key note speaker at the Red Road Workshop held July 18-19 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. He is from the Sioux Community in Vermillion, S.D. and is also the director of Native Services at the University of South Dakota.

A two-day workshop where participants learned about ways to mentally, physically and spiritually heal using a holistic concept called the Red Road approach was held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort on July 18-19.

Gene D. Thin Elk, a Lakota from Vermillion, S.D., taught the workshop that involved traditional forms of healing found in various Native American traditions and cultures. Thin Elk discussed topics like using the Medicine Wheel, Spirit as Energy, and concepts like the Natural and Unnatural

world. His teachings combined the use of lecture and various interactive methods of learning that called for a lot on input from attendees.

The PBPV Alcohol & Drug program sponsored the workshop that was supported by the Indian Health Service (IHS) Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention grant. Other contributors included a Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri Department of Justice Grant, Kickapoo Nation Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevent Grant and the PBPV Healing to Wellness Grant.

PBPV
Alcohol
and
Drug
Recovery
Program
has
licensed
staff



Left to right: Mendy Thompson, LAC, Norman Arnold, BAS, and Elaine Mzhickteno Barr, LMSW, LCAC.

The Alcohol and Drug Recovery program staff are all licensed addiction counselors certified through the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board.

The three addiction counselors who are Elaine Mzhickteno Barr, Mendy Thompson and Norman Arnold have offices located in the Social Services wing of the Health Center.

The staff has designed their program to ensure that their clients reconnect

with community, culture, and spirituality during recovery. The staff utilizes a combination of methods including self-help programs, motivational interviewing and offering strength-based programs like the Red Road model of recovery.

The program serves the PBP community and Native Americans in the surrounding region. For more information about the Alcohol & Drug Recovery program call 785.966.8350.

Rez-Lympics Fun

Even though it was as hot as a firecracker it didn't stop the Prairie Band community from coming together for another evening of fun July 28. Over 170 people registered for the potluck and games and highlights of the evening included the watermelon eating contest for men and women. Sponsors for the event were the Tribal Victim Services, Tribal Police, Diabetes Prevention Program, Fire Department, Boys & Girls Club, Environmental Protection Agency, and Kansas Reservation Ministries who organized activities like the tire toss, obstacle course, tug-of-war, face painting and other sports-related events.

Photos by Eddie Joe Mitchell



Face painting booth



Youth bean bag toss



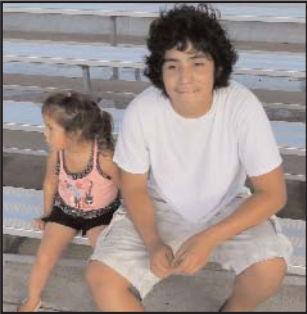
Baby Andrew and Eddie Joe Mitchell



Fireman obstacle course



Tire toss



Daffodil and Kenny Aitkens



Joe Wishteyah



Gubba Hale won the men's watermelon eating contest and Miyah Danielson won the women's contest.



Boys tug of war.



Volleyball game



Saga Fairman



Women's watermelon eating contest.



Leland Matchie



Youth tire toss



Budgie and Rory Knoxsah



Dana Lewis



Kumos Hubbard and family



Diabetes Prevention Program staff: L to R: Eddie Joe Mitchell, Michelle Williamson, Cody Wilson and Kathy Sterbenz



Joanne Grandstaff



Youth tug of war


Tribal Victims Services information and events

Senior Talking Circle
Sept. 24
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Senior Village
Community Center

Special movie
community viewing
Sept. 27
Fire Keepers Elder Center
12:30 p.m.
*Native elder stories to teach and
encourage safety and health.*

Walk a Mile in Their Mocs
Oct. 6
Prairie Peoples Park
9 a.m.
*event to raise awareness
of domestic violence*

Splatters That Matter
24-hour painting
marathon
Oct. 12-13
Begins & ends: 4:30 p.m.
Bingo Hall
all ages to paint to heal



Trunk or Treat
Oct. 27
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Prairie Peoples Park
Sponsors: Tribal Victim
Services, Boys & Girls Club,
Diabetes Prevention Program

Providers Art Circle
noon to 1 p.m.
Now on Mondays
Old Tribal Court building
*healing through creating art
and fellowship*

Foster Parent Support Group
Sept. 27
5:30 to 7 p.m.
Social Services (call 785.966.8330)

For more Social Service
programs and events visit
<http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/social-services.aspx>

This just in!
Rebekah Jones and Kent Miller are being nominated
for the
Professional Innovation in Victims Services awards
for their
Healing Through Arts program.

Education rewards
for earned college degrees

PBPN members who graduated between May 1, 2007 and May 31, 2012 with a Bachelor, Master, or Doctoral degree are eligible for a graduation incentive of \$100. Multiple degrees earned between this period are accepted and an incentive reward is offered for each degree.

Tribal members must submit a copy of their diploma NO LATER THAN DEC. 15, 2012

Please send:

Name
Tribal enrollment card
address
diploma
and
mail to:
Education Department
16281 Q Road
Mayetta, KS 66509


THIS IS A ONE TIME INCENTIVE.
DATES STRICTLY ENFORCED.

For questions call Kristen Aitkens, director of education at 785.966.2960 or email: kristen@pbpnation.org



Education Department News

Summer Youth Worker program


two summer sessions where kids work on the rez



Kristina Matsapto is the JOM/Job Skills Coordinator who supervised the Summer Youth Worker program for Education.



Pam Knoxsah (left) and Raven Wishteyah (right) worked this summer for the PBP government administrative assistants. They both attend Royal Valley.



Craig Wahwabsuck worked with youth worker Akicita Irving, 14, this summer in the Planning and EPA Department.

The Education Department would like to thank the PBP departments for hiring summer youth workers.

Road & Bridge
Building Maintenance
Child Care
Tribal Court
Transportation
Language
Administration
Boys & Girls Club (PBP & Kickapoo)
Member Services
Title VII
EPA
Social Services

Youth also learned about applying for jobs and job skills at day-long seminars.

Education funding
is
available
for
earning a
GED
or
High School
diploma

The Department of Education's Higher Education program has funding available for persons working toward their GED or are enrolled in a High School Completion program ONLY. Eligible applicants must reside in Atchison, Brown, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, or Shawnee County in Kansas. Applications are available by going to www.pbpindiantribe.com/education.aspx. Interested applicants will need to download, complete and submit the Adult Education Grant Application found under Programs and Guidelines. Contact Kristen Aitkens, director of education at 785.966.2960 or email: kristen@pbpnation.org.

Wade Pahmahmie: Out...standing in his field!

By Suzanne Heck

For many Kansans who planted a garden this summer, the harvest results were zilch...de nada...nothing. Due to scorching hot days and not one speck of rain for several weeks many gardeners just gave up the effort after seeing their plants withering away.

The tough growing season didn't dissuade Wade Pahmahmie (PBPB), however, who managed to grow tomato plants that grew over 9 feet tall and Indian corn that towered twice the size of his 6' frame (see photographs to the right).

By day he can be seen crunching numbers behind his desk as the assistant controller in the PBP Finance Department but after 4:30 p.m. you can usually see him heading south to his home on the reservation. He lives on his family's allotment land in a house that he built for himself that also includes a 1/4 acre garden plot.

When I asked him how he had accomplished such a steller garden despite the odds, he sheepishly



Wade Pahmahmie standing in front of the tomato plants he grew this summer in his garden. In the photo, to the right, is Indian corn that also did well. The plants were grown despite this being one of the driest and hottest summers ever recorded in Kansas.



Pahmahmie holding an Indian corn stalk. He only uses seeds that have been traditionally passed down from other Potawatomi.



As a way to show the height of his tomato plants and corn, Pahmahmie parked his Toyota Tundra truck in front of the garden. His home can be seen in the background and is on the PBP reservation.

replied that he really hadn't done anything extra special. He said that his growing techniques were like most gardeners in the area. He began with tomato transplants, plopped some vegetable seeds in the ground and then watered the garden two to three times a week. No Miracle Grow or having an elaborate irrigation system for him. Pahmahmie's pretty much just a practical guy.

Pahmahmie said that the watering system he did use didn't cover watering the garden all at once and that he had to drag hoses to various sections to get everything soaked. He also said that he only fertilized one time in the beginning stage of planting and that he had built his own tomato cages that were used to keep the vines up and off the ground.

When asked what he does with all the vegetables that he grows he said that he gives most of his produce away. "I'd like to get into canning and preserving food but I just don't have the time."

Other vegetables that he also grew this summer included green beans, squash, pumpkins, onions, cucumbers and peppers.



Photos of Pahmahmie's bounty. Tomato varieties included beefmasters (right), jet stars, grape cherry's, big boys, and yellow variety.



This & that



From left to right, in the left photo, is Cody Utz (Holton Hospital), Kelly Nightengale (Kansas Department of Health & Environment), Arlene Wahwasuck (PBPB), and Trish Long (KU Medical Center) who came together in Holton to cosponsor a mammogram screening day Aug. 29. In the far right photo is Nola Ahlquist Turner and Nancy Henry from the PBP Health Center who helped recruit and coordinate the screening for 16 Native American women who received mammograms that day.



Nation Station convenience store recently won a drawing from Seneca Cigarettes for \$10,000 that was presented to casino and store employees on Aug. 30 at the store. From left to right, is Frank Tecumseh, Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBC&R) human resources director, Nation Station employees Eugene Thomas, Ashlee Graham, Terri Butler, and Ryan Bandt, General Manager for the PBC&R.

Track/Field
event



Lance K. Wishkeno (PBPN), a Lieutenant with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Fire Department, competed in the 30's age group division of the All Sports and Track/Field category at the Sunflower State Games. He won 1st place in the shot put by throwing a 16-pound shot put 29.5 feet. For his efforts he also won an Olympia type gold medal and a unique T-Shirt. Lt. Wishkeno said he had trained for several months with 6k runs between Valencia and Willard, Kansas.

(Special thanks to Camilla Chouteau for submitting photograph and details)

Elder Center-chair exercise
T, Th-10:30 a.m.

Zumba with Cindy

T, W,Th, 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Boys & Girls Club gym

Come join the Latin-dance
fitness phenomenon led by
Cindy Ward.

For details email Cindy at
cindyward83@yahoo.com
or call
Cody Wilson
Lifestyle Fitness Coach
785.966.8272

Sunflower State Games

The 23 Annual Sunflower State Games of Kansas were held from July 13-29 at 35 different sports venues in Topeka. The games are patterned after the Olympics and this year drew 8,711 participants. There were 45 sports contests designed primarily for individuals who want to improve their health through competing in sports.

Upcoming
2013 Sunflower State Games
July 12-28
Topeka

Men in
World Series
Fast Pitch Tournament

Several PBPN members played on two teams in the World Series Fast pitch tournament that took place at the Shawnee North Sports Complex in Topeka Aug. 17-23.

Tribal members Bill Evans, Evan Evans, Nolan Pahmahmie and Mux Wahweotten were on the Young Thunder Team along with other Native American men from the Kickapoo, Yankton Sioux, Meskwaki, Shawnee/Seminole, Cherokee/Seminole/Creek and Cherokee Nations. A second team named the War Chiefs included PBPN members Andrew Pahmahmie, Raphael Wahwassuck, Nolan Pahmahmie, Bill Evans and Native American men Kyle Miller and Cody Wilson who are employed with the PBPN.

Prior to the games fundraisers were held in the PBPN community to help the teams with their expenses.

Co-Rec Softball event



This team of softball players took 2nd place during the softball event on July 21-22 and were sponsored by Reservation Drywall. On the back row, left to right, Joseph Goff (Kickapoo), Dax Goslin (PBPN), Kyle Miller (Cheyenne), Noah Wahquahboshkuk (PBPN) and Justin Padilla. Front row, left to right, Erika Skinner, Marie Wahquahboshkuk (PBPN), Allison Catron (PBPN), Kendra Padilla, and Josie Pahmahmie (PBPN).



L to R: Nathan Hale, Daniel Goombi and John Rundle working the registration table at the Boys & Girls Club charity golf tournament on Aug. 22 at Firekeeper.

Boxer Marcus Oliveira a role model to youth

On any given day, one can see Marcus Oliveira (Menominee Potawatomi) on the reservation working out and practicing his moves in Prairie Peoples Park.

He is a professional light heavyweight boxer who lives on the reservation with his family and works at the casino. This summer he gave some motivational speeches to youth at the Boys & Girls Club and at a football camp on August 4.

Oliveira is with Don King Productions and presently holds a 23 knock out (KO) and 1 draw record. His latest knock out was against Antwun Echols on Jan. 29 at the Menominee Casino and Resort. Oliveira has a background of over 200 amateur fights and signed on with King in 2010.

He is from Keshena, Wisconsin and came to Kansas and attended Haskell Indian Nations University. Erik Riley, who is with the Haskell Boxing Club, told the *News* that he discovered Oliveira after he showed up one Saturday night where Riley used to hold boxing matches in his garage in Lawrence a few years ago. Riley, who has trained boxers for several years said Oliveira is the best boxer he has ever trained. "I knew there was something special in Marcus after he punched me out the first night."

Since that time, Oliveira has moved up the ranks ever since and holds great promise as one of boxing's rising prospects, according to Doug Ward from Underground Boxing, which is another promotional agent of Oliveira's.



Photo courtesy of Underground Boxing

As one of boxing's rising prospects, Marcus Oliveira is determined to make a statement to those who are watching and send a clear message to others in the division that his climb only leads to one place and that's at the top of the Light Heavyweight division.

-Doug Ward,
Underground Boxing

Member News

J & J Gallery Bar in Topeka (formerly Ruffnecks) to have jam nights and art

Ruffnecks Bar located in the NOTO (North Topeka) District of Topeka and owned by tribal members Jona and John Rupnicki has changed its name to broaden the bar's image to being a venue for art and music.

They want to encourage Prairie Band artists and other Native Americans, in particular, who may want to place their art on consignment or to rent out one of the studio rooms they have available. They are also hosting open jam nights every Thursday evening with musician Judd Mason and

friends and are hoping to attract other artistic acts.

A Grand Opening is scheduled for October 5 at the First Friday Art Walk that begins at 5:30 p.m. at 917 N. Kansas Ave.

**Calling all
Prairie Band Potawatomi artists!**
**Place your art on consignment or rent out a
studio room at J & J Gallery Bar located in the
NOTO District**
the up and coming place for art.
Contact Jona Rupnicki at 785.364.6765

Enrollment News

The Enrollment Committee and Member Services Department met with James Mills, DCI America, on August 30 to review the PBPB tribal enrollment policies and procedures.

DCI is a consulting agency that deals specifically with record keeping and offering technical support to Native American tribal governments.



Masqua receives appointment



Dawn Masqua, LMSW, LBSW, has been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Kansas Statewide Independent Living Council.

The purpose of the Council is to insure that there are civil rights in place for individuals seeking to integrate back into society after being rehabilitated.

Masqua has worked for the Vocational Rehabilitation program in the Social Services Department for six years and was honored by her peers as the Employee of the Quarter for the PBPB in 2010.

Shopteese receives appointment



Carol A. Shopteese, LMSW, MBA, has been appointed to the Kansas Supreme Court Task Force on Permanency Planning.

The purpose of the Task Force is to provide recommendations to the Kansas Supreme Court on improvements and initiatives in the Kansas Child Welfare System.

In her letter of appointment it stated that "expertise, good judgment, and the ability to work with others on difficult matters" were requirements to be on the Task Force and all of the appointees were confirmed by the justices of the Kansas Supreme Court.

Shopteese is a tribal member and works as the Director of Social Services for the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas. She has also worked in social services positions for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and is on the Entertainment Board of Directors for the Prairie Band Casino & Resort.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION COUNT BY STATE				
	July 28, 2012	August 25, 2012 Run-Off	July	August
Alaska	2	2	13 Ineligible ballots	15 Ineligible ballots
Alabama	1	1		
Arkansas	2	2		
Arizona	14	13		
California	27	30		
Colorado	11	14		
Connecticut	2	1		
Florida	4	4		
Georgia	2	0		
Iowa	10	14		
Idaho	8	7		
Illinois	7	5		
Indiana	7	3		
Kansas	602	680		
Kentucky	1	0		
Louisiana	4	0		
Massachusetts	1	1		
Maryland	3	3		
Michigan	10	9		
Minnesota	11	9		
Missouri	30	29		
Mississippi	2	2		
Montana	5	3		
Nebraska	4	2		
Nevada	4	6		
New Mexico	0	0		
New York	6	7		
North Carolina	1	1		
Ohio	3	4		
Oklahoma	31	21		
Oregon	10	9		
Pennsylvania	6	4		
South Carolina	3	2		
South Dakota	3	2		
Tennessee	3	3		
Texas	23	17		
Utah	3	4		
Virginia	3	5		
Washington	18	18		
Wisconsin	63	48		
West Virginia	2	3		
Wyoming	1	1		
Canada	1	1		

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Note: Ineligible votes were for one of the following reasons: no voter certificate, no ballot, voter certificate not signed, ballot not in secrecy envelope, voter certificate and ballot in same envelope, wrong voter certificate for run-off election and not our ballot.

Coming in November!

**A Diabetes education cooking class
with Richard Hetzler, chef from the Smithsonian Institute's
American Indian Museum's Mitsitam Cafe.**

***Hands on cooking of traditional foods: free cookbook, utensils and recipes
Class at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort***

Exact date and time to be announced-cosponsored by AARP and AAIP

For details call

Janis Simon (Fire keepers Elder Center) at 785.501.9669

Elders stay busy with craft fairs and 6th annual Community Talent show



Hedy Noland, left, and Julia Lewis are two individuals who are active and contributing members of the community. In the photo above, they were selling their wares during a Firekeepers Elder Center craft/bake sale on July 13 and on Sept. 6-7 both women were part of the talent at the Annual Community Talent show. Lewis has organized the show every year and Noland has always participated in the show in a trio with her sisters Myra Matchie and Tutti Kern.

Carrillo receives sonography certificate



Tribal member Jennifer Carrillo recently received a medical certificate in sonography at St. Lukes Medical Center. Her family sends congratulations.

Road trip with LaVerne Hale: 2012 Potawatomi Gathering

Submitted by LaVerne Hale

This year the Elders traveled to the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi on the Pine Creek Reservation in Fulton, Michigan. We left early Sunday morning on August 5. As we drove north we stopped for breaks. It seemed the group was in a wonderful mood enjoying the ride and I believe the weather had a lot to do with the good feeling everyone seemed to be in. It had started getting cooler and we all loved it.

Our first stop was the Meskwaki Casino Hotel in Iowa where we spent our first night. We arrived in time for Bingo. Some took advantage of the swimming pool and, of course, the slot machines and some of the machines took advantage of us!

On Monday morning we headed to Michigan. We arrived at our hotel in Battle Creek and got checked in. Most people were hungry so some of us headed to the FireKeepers Casino to look for something to eat. They have a nice big casino and we had a good time there.

Tuesday most of us went to the Language Conference after breakfast. During our registration we got to see a portion of the Youth Conference. There were a lot of young people at the conference and some of us got to see our grandchildren. In addition, a lot of us attended our own Prairie Band Potawatomi language session and after a few more workshops we had a very nice lunch.

Wednesday was the first day of the Gathering where a Grand Welcome was planned. We all registered and waited for it but it never happened. Later on, we found out that the Nottawaseppi Tribal Council were to conduct the welcome but were tied up in a meeting. Now that sounds a little familiar. We hung around for a while and then returned to our hotel. We went out to eat that night and later went to the casino again.

On Thursday the Gathering got into full swing. When we arrived we saw that our new canopies were set up with all of our chairs. The Buffalo Carriers guys (Boney Pahmahmie, Bill Jim, Jr. and Sam Mitchell) took very good care of the Elders.

Overall, some of the workshops we attended during the Gathering were; Leather Tanning, Black Ash Basket Making, Hand Drum Making, Wooden Spoon Making. There were also sessions on Story Telling, Medicine Teachings, Clan Teachings, Sweat Lodge Teachings and a session on the Trail of Death.

Sometime early Friday morning it began to rain and it rained and rained. We finally got word that the Gathering for the day was cancelled. So Steve Ortiz and Carrie O'Toole from the PBPB Tribal Council bought us lunch at the casino's buffet. Everyone appreciated that and a good time was had by all.

Not all was lost on the rain, however, as the softball tournaments and some of the other sports activities still took place. Our Frank Parker played ball and came back to the hotel soaked. But I'm sure he had a good time. It was really nice to see some of our youth representing the Prairie Band. Thanks youth sponsors!

Saturday was another full day of Gathering

activities. It was a little muddy but we hung in there. We had a good group from the Prairie Band dress and dance for the pow-wow. As usual, we were very proud of our We-Ta-Se veterans during the grand entry. There were also a few contests including the Team Dance, Two-Step, Hand Drum & the good ole Potato Dance contest. T.J. Kitchkommie and I asked some fine dancing Potawatomi men to be our partners and we danced the Two-Step Contest. I took first place with my partner and T.J. took second with hers. We were the only two couples registered. Our Gubba and Kiersten Hale took first in the Potato Dance contest. It was a good little pow-wow.

In the sports contest our own young Pak Hale teamed up with a couple of Huron Band boys and they took first in the basketball tournament. A team from our youth group took second place.

Sunday we headed home and stayed again at the Meskwaki Casino hotel. We made it there in time for the Meskwaki pow-wow Sunday evening performance. It had been moved inside to the Casino Convention Center due to rain and it was another good night at Meskwaki.

I asked the Elders on the trip home to write their comments about the trip so below are a few:

I had a very good time at this Gathering. I liked the spoon making and we got to keep our spoons. I liked the medicine teachings and the language. I noticed that all the Bands spell and pronounce words just a little different.

Although rain hampered the festivities somewhat it was a blessing to enjoy cool days/nights. But I had one of the best times ever. Every day was filled with something to do: workshops, eating, visiting with old friends and new friends. Prairie Band Potawatomi are the best. I'm proud of our participation as a group. We're the best.

It's good that I can meet and see people from past Gatherings. Learning new ideas and old teachings is always good. Despite the rain we spend quality time all together. I feel good.

My first time on a long trip with the Elder group, was very enjoyable. We played Bingo on the way and it was a great distraction for me instead of watching trees whiz by. Looking forward to another trip. I feel this is a blessing. The activities that were provided were very much enjoyed. The rain we had, the activities was a good learning process. I enjoyed making a spoon and basket.

LaVerne has done it again. Coordinating the Gathering trips can't be easy, but she always does a good job. The host Band made a gallant effort to make it enjoyable for everyone in spite of the rainy days. I had a good time, as always.

Really enjoyed the trip. When it rained LaVerne had games for us to play at the hotel. Really good. This was my first trip and I really enjoyed it. I'm going next year! One of my classes was quite full but I felt it was short but the classes were good. All the

rain was good! Nothing but good things to say about the organization of LaVerne and her "staff" in making sure things went good, well and safe.

I enjoyed the trip. Sure a lot of people go to the Gatherings and there are a lot of new faces. Everyone seems to be having a good time. My favorite event was a man telling a lot of good stories and they were very interesting. The hotel and pow-wow was really nice.

I enjoyed this trip very much. I look forward to it every year. I appreciate the tribe funding the trip. All of the staff and volunteers that travel with us are great and always willing to help us.

Cheers and all that good stuff. Enjoyed every aspect - just easy to please - from one happy trooper.

Those are just a few of the comments from the Elders. I want to thank our Tribal Council for approving this trip once again for us. It gets hectic but it all works out and it makes it all worth it when the Elders and everyone that goes say good things about the trip. We all really enjoy it.

Additionally, I want to thank the helpers that travel with us: To the EMT's-we would not feel comfortable and safe if you were not with us. Thank you, Lance Wishkeno and Cecil Mercer. You guys did a wonderful job with your EMT skills and just helping out; To our driver-Paula Moore. This was your first time going and I hope it won't be your last. You did an awesome job with the shuttle van; To Kabot-thanks for helping out everywhere; To Boney, Bill Jim, and Sam Mitchell-Thanks for making our Prairie Band area great. Sorry we didn't get to have our surprise "Prairie Band Potawatomi" banner hanging but we'll have it next year. And, finally-thanks to all who make this trip pleasurable and safe. We will do it again next year!



Judy Wabaunsee at a basket making class at the Gathering.

(Photo by Carrie O'Toole)

**2013 Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations
will be hosted by the
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
in
Dowagiac, Michigan.**



Youth activities during the Gathering: PBPN volleyball team takes 1st



Making baskets at the Gathering.



Voncile Mitchell and Nedra Darling.



PBPN Language staff having fun during the Language Conference.



Young Potawatomi dressed in regalia at the pow-wow.



Jeanette LittleSun and Juanita Jessepe.



Making a hand drum.



Language conference drew a big crowd.

Special thanks
to
Anna Boswell
and
Carrie O'Toole
and
the Language Department
for submitting
photos
of
The Gathering



Elders arriving home from the Gathering on Aug. 13.



Ttiwenmo eginigyèn
(happy day you were born)



Happy Belated **102nd** Birthday
to
Julia Kabance
on
August 10

A party was held for Julia on Aug. 11 at the Firekeeper Golf Course club house hosted by her nephew Gaylon. Several members of the PBPB community and Joyce Guerrero, Tribal Council, attended the celebration.



L to R: Roy and Emery Hale and Julia. (Photo by Joyce Guerrero)



Happy 15th Birthday
Sept. 26
to
Charon
Serena Hill!
Love,
Mom



Happy 1st Birthday
Petannokwe
Sept. 3
Love,
Mom

Happy 4th Birthday
Terrance “Shanehse” Williams



on
Nov. 21

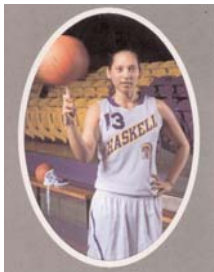
Love you,
Mom, Dad, Tyesha, Talisha
and Tyus



Happy 18th Birthday
to
Arizona “Kwisnoque”
Clement-Thomas
on
August 16.

Love U,

Misho,
Grandma Rainey,
Okoonii,
Saucey,
Mason,
September,
Shishakat



Happy 21st Birthday
to Sydney Jessepe
on
Aug. 14

Love,
Mom, Dad, Siblings &
Grandparents



Happy 10th Birthday
to
Aislen A. Levier
Sept. 1
Love,
Mom and Dad(Jodi and Lee)
&
the Jessepe and Levier Families

Happy Birthday to Roy Hale
Oct. 19
From Suzi and
PBPB family and friends

Happy Birthday to the Guerrero women!



Robin, Aug. 19
← and
Roberta, Sept. 22
→
Love, Cassie,
Gabriel, Alexis, and
Aiden



Happy 7th Birthday
Tanaya (Najz-Win-No-Quah) Mahkuk
on
Aug. 22

Wishing you many more,
you make our days brighter!

Love you,
Mom, Grandma, and Sisters



Happy 6th Birthday
Alex
Sept. 15

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Hayley & Thomas

Congratulations Little Brother
Sospi Thomas
on your graduation.
Associate of Arts
Bay Mills Community College

From,
Liz Aitkens & family



Community Notices

General
Transportation Notice

The PBPB General Public Transportation management issued a statement on Aug. 24 that reads: Last scheduled ride to Topeka or Holton will be at 3:30 p.m. If scheduled appointment runs over, passengers will be responsible for finding their own transportation. For questions please contact the Transportation office at 785.966.2995 or 1.866.727.8181.

Need a gift idea?

PBPB collector plates for sale



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

Kambottek (those who died)



Adelaide “Shanot” Rhoades

HOLTON- Adelaide "Shanot" Rhoades, 82, of Holton, KS formerly of Mayetta and Topeka, KS, passed away June 30, 2012 at Medicalodge Jackson County in Holton. She was born July 28, 1929 in Mayetta the daughter of John and Emma (Young) Wabnum.

Adelaide was a Nurse's Aide for Stormont Vail Hospital for over 30 years. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

She married Edgar Rhoades on September 24, 1968 in Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on August 29, 1980. She was also preceded in death by all of her brothers and sisters.

Survivors include 2 sons, Ronald Lynch and Ralph Wabnum both of Mayetta, KS; a daughter, Marketa Thorpe of Tahlequah, OK; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Topeka. Memorials may be given to the Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church c/o 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.)

Geraldine R. Casey “Kish-ko-kwe”

TEXAS- Geraldine R. Casey "Kish-ko-kwe", of Coolidge TX went to be with the Lord July 13, 2012 at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital under the care of Denver Hospice. Born on April 30, 1944 in Topeka KS, she was the daughter of Orlando "Meshi" P. Green-Young and Augustine Spetto and was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

She grew up in Mayetta KS where she met and married Franklin 'Butch' Harrison in June 1961. They had five girls, Jeannine, Patricia, Priscilla, Frankie and Jessica. In 1970 they moved to Dallas TX and shortly after were divorced. On July 4, 1975 she married Jim Casey and they moved to East Texas. They had three children, Stewart, Kathleen and Josie.

Geraldine worked for the US Postal Service for many years and at different hospitals and nursing homes over the years. She loved playing softball, bowling, canning and homemaking. She was a member of the Mesquite Tree Festival Planning Committee and ran a booth every year selling Indian Tacos.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Cleo Green and Bruce Walker, a sister, Claudette Green, and daughters Josie Casey and Frankie Harrison.

She is survived by her loving husband Jim Casey; brother Calvin Masqua, Lawrence, KS; sister Jeannette Green Little Sun, Mayetta KS; daughters Jeannine Johnson, Nashville, IN, Patricia Harrison, Whitehouse, TX, Priscilla Wooley, Ft. Wayne, IN, Jessica Harrison Accipiter, Tyler, TX, Kathleen Casey, Berryville, TX, and son Stewart Casey, Tyler, TX; fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Drum Services will be Tuesday evening July 17, 2012 at the Danceground building west of Mayetta. Burial will be Wednesday morning at Met-WeShabni (Hale) Cemetery. To leave a special message for the family, visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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

Augustine M. (Nanogah) Hale
“Mog-neet”



TOPEKA- Augustine M. (Nahnogah) Hale "Mog-neet", 78, of Topeka, KS passed away Monday July 23, 2012 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka.

She was born August 16, 1933 in Mayetta, KS the daughter of Scott and Anna Mae (Matchie) Nahnogah. She was a Certified Nurses Aide at Hill Haven in Topeka for many years and was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Augustine married Cecil E. Hale on December 18, 1970 in Lawrence, KS. He preceded her in death on August 15, 2006.

She is survived by her nephew, Robert "Bobby" Leach, Sr. of Topeka, KS, who Augustine and Cecil had raised and her great nephews, John Leach, Jr. and Robert Leach, Jr.

In addition to her husband she was also preceded in death by her nephew, John Leach, Sr. who she and Cecil also raised; her sister, LaVina M. Leach and her brother, Henry Young, Jr.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday July 27, 2012 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in the Danceground Cemetery. Family will greet friends 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday evening at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the John, Jr. and Robert, Jr. Leach's Education Fund c/o 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.)

Raymond Bridegroom-Lawson

MAYETTA - Raymond David Bridegroom-Lawson, 53, of Mayetta, KS died Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at a Topeka hospital. He was born June 27, 1959 in Manhattan, KS, the son of Paul John Lawson, Julia Lewis and adoptive father, Robert F. Bridegroom.

Raymond graduated Calumet High School in Gary, IN. He was a truck driver and welder. He was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Raymond married Peggy. She survives. He is also survived by his mother, Julia Lewis of Mayetta, KS; adoptive father, Robert F. Bridegroom of Topeka, KS; a daughter, Jeanette Bridegroom of Griffith, IN; a brother, Robert K. Bridegroom of Topeka, KS; sisters, Dorothy Kiyukan of Lake Andes, SD; Doris Cochran of Topeka, KS; Judy Bridegroom of Holton, KS; and Joycie Chambliss (Ken) of Topeka, KS.

The family will greet friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, August 5, 2012, at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. To leave a special message for the family, visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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

Obituary policy

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

Often in the stillness of the night when all nature seems asleep about me there comes a gentle rapping at the door of my heart. I open it and a voice inquires. “Pokagen, what of your people? What will their future be?” My answer is: “Mortal man has not the power to draw aside the veil of unborn time to tell the future of his race. That gift belongs of the Divine alone. But it is given to him to closely judge the future by the present, and the past.”



-Simon Pokagon
Potawatomi, 1830-1899

*Join Catholic people around the world
in celebrating the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha
(1656-1680), a Mohawk-Algonquin sister
as the first indigenous saint to be recognized by Pope
Benedict, XVI, in Rome on
October 21*

*Our Lady of the Snows Church will also celebrate at
5971 166th Road, Mayetta, KS 66509
2:30 p.m.-Traditional Drumming
3 p.m.-Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Naumann
Meal and fellowship to follow*



Kateri Tekakwitha’s story

Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680) was known for her deep spiritual life, self-sacrificing service and healing prayers for others before God.

Kateri lived in tumultuous times. Her Algonquin mother, a Catholic Christian, was captured in battle by the Mohawk whose chief married her. Kateri’s father was suspicious of the Jesuit missionaries, so Kateri was not raised as a Christian. As a young adult, she eventually learned the beliefs of her mother and requested baptism at the age of 21.

When she was 4 years old small pox ravaged the Mohawk village near Auriesville, N.Y. claiming both of her parents and baby brother. Kateri suffered too but survived and the disease damaged her eyesight, disfigured her skin, and left her in fragile health. After being orphaned she was taken in by a Mohawk uncle and

raised in the traditional ways. Upon becoming an adult, she chose to become Christian and journeyed to Canada near Montreal, where a village of Native American Christians welcomed her and she could live freely as a Catholic. It was there that she began devoting her life to Christ and took the vow of virginity. She taught children, cared for the sick and elderly, and spent many hours in the woods in prayer and penance.

Kateri died young at the age of 24 years and surrounded by friends right before her death told them about her love of God. Witnesses reported that, a few minutes after her passing, the small pox scars miraculously disappeared and her skin returned to a healthy and beautiful appearance.



LEFT: Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council chairman, met with Archbishop Joseph Naumann recently in Kansas City to go over details about the upcoming celebration. He also educated Naumann about the history of the Prairie Band people.



ABOVE: Several planning meetings have been held for the upcoming celebration that include members of the PBPB, Our Lady of the Snows Church, and Haskell Indian Nations University’s Catholic Center.

PBPB Charitable Contributions last quarter donated \$10,000 to help with the event

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Call 785.966.3910 for details

Reservation Resident Water Survey

The PBPB Planning & Environmental Department is conducting a short survey on water use on the reservation and requests your help. Please answer the following questions by circling or filling them in and cutting out the survey and sending it to the following address:

**PBPB Planning & Environment Department
15434 K Road
Mayetta, KS 66509**

- Do you use well water for your domestic water supply? Y/N
- Do you have an adequate sanitation facility? Y/N
(If no, what do you use? _____)
- Would you be interested in having your domestic water well tested for total & fecal coliform bacteria and nitrate? Y/N
- Do you live within reservation boundaries? Y/N
- How long has your domestic well been in use? _____
- Is your well: a. confined (artisan), b. unconfined or c. unknown
Please circle a, b, or c.
- Does your well dry up at any time of the year? Y/N

Please provide your contact information:
Name or email: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____