



# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

## A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Spring 2014

### Tribal Council/Gaming/Ethics Commission election coming up

Three Tribal Council members, one Gaming Commissioner and the full slate of Ethics Commissioners will be elected in the upcoming Tribal Council/Gaming Commission/ Ethics Commission Election scheduled for July 26.

On April 9 a notice of election will be mailed to registered tribal members informing them of the election and then eligible tribal members who wish to file for an office have from April 16 to April 30 to apply.

The *Potawatomi News* will publish a photo and profile of the candidates on [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com) and in the summer issue of the *Potawatomi News* that will be mailed out on June 25. Due to space considerations, a profile of 500 words or less is recommended and only one submission is permitted. In addition, no political advertisements will be accepted. Candidates are urged to submit their profile and a photo along with their declaration to file form to the Member Services office.

Tribal members who need to register to vote have until 4 p.m. May 21 and election ballots will be mailed to all registrants on June 11. The election will be held on July 26 beginning at 9 a.m. at a place to be announced.

For more information call the Member Services office at 785.966.3934 or toll free at 877.715.6789. Members can also stop by the office located on the lower level of the PBPB Government Center, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS, 66509. The fax number is 785.966.3950.

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#### Election Calendar

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

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| <b>April 9</b>     | <b>Mailing of Election Notice</b>                        |
| <b>April 16-30</b> | <b>Declaration of Candidacy filing dates by 4 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>May 8</b>       | <b>Deadline to withdraw your candidacy by 4 p.m.</b>     |
| <b>May 21</b>      | <b>Deadline to register (18 yrs and older) by 4 p.m.</b> |
| <b>June 11</b>     | <b>Mailing of ballots to registered voters</b>           |
| <b>July 26</b>     | <b>Tribal election, 9 a.m.</b>                           |
| <b>Aug. 23</b>     | <b>Run-off election (if needed), 9 a.m.</b>              |

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

### Roy Hale selected to Jackson County/Holton Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame



(Left to right) Carrie O'Toole, Steve Ortiz, Roy Hale and Jim Potter shortly after Tribal Council gave Hale a Pendleton blanket for being selected to the Hall of Fame at a banquet held on Feb. 6 in Holton, Kan. For the full story go to page 18.



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### New president of Haskell Indian Nations University Venida Chenault is a Prairie Band Potawatomi



Venida Chenault, holding a pair of scissors, after a ribbon-cutting ceremony that symbolized her beginning as president of Haskell Indian Nations University during the spring convocation on Jan. 21. With Chenault is (left to right) Carrie O'Toole, Joyce Guerrero, Michael Zogry, Steve Ortiz, Steve Cadue, Joshua Arce, Hattie Mitchell, Tom Wabnum, Chris Howell and Russell Bradley who were invited guests to the convocation.

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

It was good to get back to work in January and since then Tribal Council and I have held several meetings that have been full of agenda items.

On Jan. 18 we met with General Council and since there was no quorum an informational meeting was held instead of an official General Council meeting where reports were made available.

The following Tuesday, Jan. 21, Tribal Council and I attended the Haskell Indian Nations University spring convocation in support of Venida Chenault, the new incoming president of the university. Chenault is a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) member and has been an administrator at the school for many years and we are looking forward to continuing our work with her.

In addition, on Jan. 31 Tribal Council and I traveled to Topeka to meet with Governor Sam Brownback at the Capitol to discuss items of importance and to share government to government matters.

February proved to be extremely snowy and cold with subzero temperatures and on Feb. 6 it was no different. That is why it was heart-rendering to see over 60 members from the Prairie Band Potawatomi community show up at the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame banquet that evening to honor Roy Hale, who was selected to the 2014 Hall of Fame class. Roy has lived on the reservation all of his life and helped found the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410, one of the few Native American posts in the country. I am a proud member of We-Ta-Se and can attest to Roy's hard work in all that he has done for the vets and to make the PBP a better community. Tribal Council and I were proud to

give him a Pendleton blanket embossed with the PBP seal in front of the crowd that numbered over 350 people that night.

In other news, on Feb. 10 Tribal Council and I attended a signing ceremony at the Veterans Administration Center in Topeka for a Reimbursement Agreement Plan that will allow Native American veterans to receive medical care at their nearest Tribal Health Program (THP) facility. Our Prairie Band Health Center is a designated THP which means that Native Americans who live on our reservation or nearby do not have to drive to Topeka to get their medicines or to see a doctor because they can now go to the Health Clinic. We began working on this reimbursement plan in 2010 and it is satisfying to see it become a reality.

Tribal Council and I were also happy to attend the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSADV) Sunflower Safety breakfast on Feb. 13 where staff members from the Tribal Victim Services program were given two awards for their work. Tribal member Shirley Rice was given an individual award for thirty years of service, and the other award for Project of the Year was given to our Tribal Victim Services team for the SAFE STAR program they began last year.

On Feb. 21 a Four-Tribes meeting was hosted by the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri at their community center in Reserve, Kan. Tribal Council and I, along with other tribal leaders and administrators, listened to various presentations on Indian health and veterans tax issues and other items throughout the day. February ended with my attendance at the

Prairie Band Casino & Resort Awards Banquet on Feb. 25 where five casino employees were given awards for their hard work in keeping our beautiful casino professionally managed and maintained.

March has also proved to be busy with several Tribal Council meetings and other events and activities that were held.

For instance, on March 5 Tribal Council and I attended a State Tribal Relations Committee meeting at the Capitol where we presented agenda items for the Committee to consider in the future and on March 13 I attended Governor Brownback's Economic Advisory Committee meeting in Topeka.

We are looking forward to spring and preparing for the next Tribal Council/Gaming Commission/Ethics Commission election that will unfold in the next four months and hosting our wonderful Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Pow-wow that will be held June 13-15 in Prairie Peoples Park.

We hope you will continue to check our Nation's tribal website for other upcoming activities and events and also the casino's website at [www.pbpgaming.com](http://www.pbpgaming.com).

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Ortiz  
(Mon-wah)



### Looking ahead

April 9  
Election notices mailed

April 16-30  
Declaration of Candidacy filing period

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*Good Friday/Easter*

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May 26  
PBP Government & Health Centers closed  
*Memorial Day*

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PBP Government & Health Centers closed  
*Pow-wow Day*

June 13-15  
Prairie Band Potawatomi Annual Pow-wow

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### 2014 News schedule

Summer issue: June 2-deadline for news; June 25-mailed out

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## Message to the Nation from Hattie Mitchell, Tribal Council Treasurer

From working on the finances for the Nation to preserving its culture and history, the Treasurer's office has been extremely busy this quarter.

Beginning In January, I traveled to the Forest County Potawatomi tribe in Crandon, Wisconsin to meet with them and to learn about their government and administration. While there, I had productive meetings with their Tribal Council treasurer and finance team, and the language department. They were very warm and receptive to my desire to visit and learn about their tribe.

It was a rewarding experience to be able to exchange each other's knowledge and friendship and to know that we are, in essence, all from one original body of people. And, since the Forest County Potawatomi have been so successful in establishing their business enterprises, I was anxious to learn from them about how our Nation can do the same.

January was also filled with my attendance at the State of the State address by Gov. Brownback at the Capitol and attending the Haskell Indian Nations University Spring Semester Convocation in Lawrence. Tribal Council and I also met with Gov. Brownback in his office at the Capitol on Jan. 31 for a government to government meeting.

In February, I traveled to New Orleans to attend a conference that was sponsored by an auditing firm that specializes in Native American casinos. The conference was sponsored by Joseph Eve and featured topics on Casino Profit Analysis and Class II Gaming Minimal Income Control Standards (MICS). Educationally, this was an important conference to attend as the Tribal Council approves the Prairie Band Casino & Resort budgets and large expenditures. It is important to know what resources are available and how to compare and benchmark our casino performance against similar casinos.

In addition, during February I attended the Holton/Jackson County Hall of Fame banquet that honored Roy Hale, a tribal member, who was selected into the Hall of Fame for 2014 and I was with Tribal Council on Feb. 10 for the official signing of the new Veterans Administration Reimbursement Agreement Plan that will allow Native American veterans to use Tribal Health Program facilities like our Health Center. Another proud moment for the PBPB was on Feb. 13 when Tribal Council was on hand to watch staff from our Tribal Victim Services Program receive awards for Years of Service and the Project of the Year from the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence in Topeka. Lastly, I attended the Four-Tribes Meeting in Reserve, Kansas on Feb. 21 that was hosted by the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri. Four-Tribes meetings are held quarterly between the northeast Kansas tribes and allow for exchanges of information and Resolutions to be passed on items of agreement.

The second Estate Planning & Will Workshop was also held this quarter and is a project I began last fall to help elders complete a will and their advanced health care documents. Over thirty elders participated in this series of workshops

that were held at the Elder Center. The purpose of the workshops is to bring elders together with Kansas Legal Services attorneys and representatives from the BIA agency in Horton to complete the necessary legal paperwork to complete their wills.

I also continue to enjoy working with our Nation's youth. Recently I volunteered to be a Junior Coach for The Girls on the Run Program that began on the reservation the latter part of February. The 12-week program combines teaching young girls about physical fitness and how to build self-confidence.

There are eight girls who meet twice a week at the PBPB Boys and Girls Club and there are other PBPB women who are coaches. The girls are getting their exercise through running drills and learning self esteem through team building and lifestyle sessions. The program will end with a Girls on the Run 5-k event that is scheduled for May 24. The program is being sponsored by the Diabetes Prevention Program in collaboration with the YWCA in Topeka.

Another task I have been working on is serving as the Cultural Preservation representative for the Nation. Cultural preservation can be defined as passing on language, history, and helping to preserve sacred sites and artifacts to the next generation. Part of this work includes being involved in a federal program called the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that was enacted in the 1990s and is designed to protect Native American sacred sites and to return artifacts back to the tribes that have been stored in non-Indian museums and repositories. As the Nation's primary contact for NAGPRA, my office handles incoming notifications of projects or artifacts that have been recovered that might pertain to the PBPB.

In related news, through the years the Nation has acquired many pieces of art including paintings, drawings, sculptures, statues and other cultural artifacts and we are in the process of having them inventoried and appraised. An outside art appraiser has been commissioned to assign a value to our collection so we know what we have and also for insurance purposes. In the long run, this process will allow us to maintain our collection for posterity and to help us as a Nation better understand the stories and cultural significance of our people and other Native American cultures.

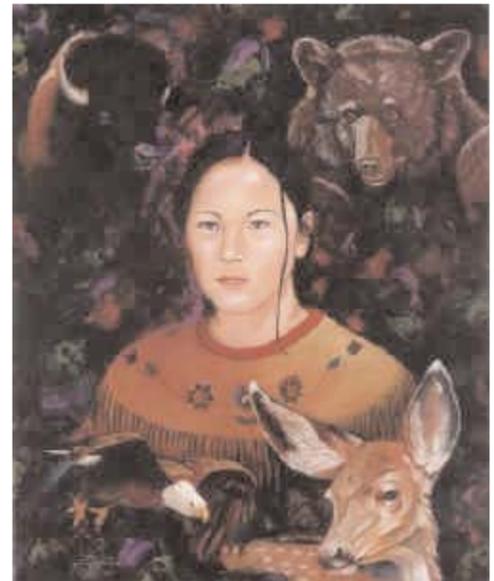
To illustrate, one of the paintings in our collections is a painting by American Indian Movement leader Leonard Peltier who is a well known Native American artist. When I was in the 8th grade I wrote a letter to Peltier as part of a school hero's project. I told him that I wanted to go to school so that I could one day be a leader for my tribe. He wrote back and told me to send him a picture and that he would paint a picture for me to have in case I ever needed to sell it to use for school expenses. He helped encourage me to get my education and to help pass on our traditions and culture to the next generation.

Peltier did paint a picture for the Nation which is shown below that came with the following message:

*It never fails to impress me when I hear about one of our Native American children who is carrying on our traditions. It gives me the warmest feelings of love and hope for future generations.*

*When I received a letter and photo from Hattie Mitchell and learned that she was one of those young people I knew immediately that I wanted to pay tribute to her by painting this portrait. I hope the Prairie Band Potawatomi People are just as proud of her as I am. I believe that as a Native American Nation you will see her grow into a strong leader for your people which will make you all very proud.*

*-Leonard Peltier*



*Editor's Note: This painting was created by Peltier and acquired by the Nation through the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee.*

### Take a ride on the Rez!

Share your stories  
of  
past days on the rez  
with the  
Elder Center on  
alternate Wednesdays (subject to change)  
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LaVerne Hale  
785.966.0041 for dates and times  
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[www.pbpindiantribe.com/community-services.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/community-services.aspx)

Have old photographs to share?  
Bring them to  
Hattie Mitchell, Treasurer's office  
in the  
Government Center  
Photos will be scanned and given back  
(Written identifications of each photo preferred )

## About Cobell: Tom Wabnum submits written testimony to the BIA regarding U.S. government trust responsibilities regarding individual Indians and tribes



Below is a reprint of Tribal Council Tom Wabnum's testimony that was accepted to the Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration & Reform last summer. For a full list and the texts of other written testimonials go to [www.doi.gov/cobell](http://www.doi.gov/cobell)

Please accept the following as testimony/public comment in the matter of U.S. government trust responsibilities regarding Individual Indians and Native American tribes.

I am Thomas M. Wabnum, Prairie Band Potawatomi, decorated Viet Nam Veteran, Individual Indian Monies (IIM) Accountholder, multiple federal programs victim, former Indian boarding school student, former Haskell student, former Tribal Council Treasurer, Indian Relocation participant, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) direct employment program. I retired from the BIA and the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians. Each of the Federal programs that I, and millions of my fellow Indigenous Americans, survived were designed to separate me from my land and cultural heritage and to be forced into an American settler's dream of becoming a complacent farmer.

The Potawatomi Tribe has entered into more treaties with the United States than any other Nation: 43. The Potawatomi Indians held over 25 million acres of land, reserved for our use by Federal policy, with respect to our cultural and traditional heritage, that was reduced by Federal administration policy to 80 tribal trust acres in 1960, with 77,000 of Individual Indian trust acres. Our tribal land base was fleeced from us by administrative rulings relative to the 1887 Dawes Allotment Act. The Dawes Act destroyed my reservation.

The Courts of these United States have proven in numerous decisions that attempts to fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities, U.S. Federal administrative policies have not only failed, but have left an indelible detrimental scar upon the hundreds of Native Nations as well as upon the democracy itself by continuing to create hardship and heartaches for Indigenous Americans. Most recently the Cobell Lawsuit under Judge Royce Lamberth rendered contempt of court charges on the U.S. government for failing to administer their federal trust duties.

Judge Lamberth recognized and ruled in favor of the plaintiff, Elouise Cobell, et al. The U.S. government's strategy to become victorious over the Cobell lawsuit utilized war-like surgical strikes that sent deleterious messages to Indians and friends of Indians. Those messages, both implicit and explicit, included: Sue me and I will keep this lawsuit in court forever, run you out of money, your claimants will die until you agree on a low-ball forced settlement. The Cobell decision did not fix the broken Department of Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs (DOI/BIA) trust problem nor did it complete an accurate accounting of "all funds" deposited in Treasury accounts as the suit requested. IIM accountholders and Tribal governments will never have a beginning balance or true accounting of our trust monies.

In 1868, the Indian Peace Commission submitted a report to President Grant detailing its problems with recommendations on how to fix them.

Many other major historical investigative reports such as "The Problem of Indian Administration of 1928", "Ten Years of Tribal Government under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1947", and the "American Indian Policy Review Commission of 1972" have been prepared and submitted for Congressional review. The recent Cobell

lawsuit of 1996 and discovery highlights the entire history of illegal encroachment of Indian Affairs.

In March 1995, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) conducted another meeting to discuss the

"Reforming and Downsizing the BIA" and requested a *List of All Investigations, Reports, Commissions, and Studies on the Bureau Since its Inception* from the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. The report indicated there were more documents but excluded them because of their size and number. If there are any summary indications of these reports, then the Cobell lawsuit is that summary. There is only one thing consistent with the federal policy on Indian Affairs and that is it has been constantly inconsistent and incessant.

At Senator McCain's request in 1996, a report was given to the (SCIA) that there have been 1,050 investigations conducted on the federal problem on Indian Affairs.

More important in this testimony is that I lived in a Dawes' allotment house with my Grandmother. I lived on several Dawes' allotments within my reservation. I witnessed and felt the effects of the Federal government's pretense of promised trust responsibility for eternal protection and care and witnessed what it did to my relatives and friends. We felt, and continue to feel, like a combat soldier returning from war with horrible memories of human atrocities resulting in post traumatic stress disorders.

With these invisible but indelible scars and bad memories from failed federal policies and programs, and from being considered a ward of the Federal government, I am uniquely qualified to submit for serious consideration a recommendation to fix the Federal government's interminable problem of Indian Affairs. Today, there is only one entity unwilling and unfit to fix this problem; the Federal government.

The following suggestions emanate from my years of experience within the Indian Affairs system from which I continue to witness suffering on the part of those it needs to protect.

### **Codify Federal Trust Policy**

Some people believe that if a lie is reiterated often enough, it will be believed as truth. Other people, on the other hand, know that a lie is a lie no matter how many times it is repeated. Consequently, when laws are passed regarding Indians, the following words are included: **...the Constitution of the United States invests the Congress with plenary power over the field of Indian affairs, and through treaties, statutes, and historical relations with Indian tribes, the United States has undertaken a unique trust responsibility to protect and support Indian tribes and Indian people; the Congress, through treaties, statutes, and the general course of dealing with Indian tribes, has assumed a trust responsibility for the protection and preservation of Indian tribes and for working with tribes and their members to improve their socioeconomic status so that they are able to take greater responsibility for their own economic condition.**

However, the only proof or substantiation that the above is true emanates from the Supreme Court, one of the three branches of government, that has consistently found in favor of itself and against Indian tribes. The Court has misinterpreted the Commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution to include "the field of Indian affairs," when the Commerce clause states that Congress shall have power "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes." The Commerce Clause does in no way grant plenary power to Congress. In order to clarify for all parties, a clear policy

must be established.

This policy must be consistent with the Constitution, specifically with regard to the possibility of litigation. Without a common law, Indian Trust Policy (ITP) court decisions cannot be made against the flawed government because factual Indian law does not exist. "Common law" is detrimental to all aspects of tribal life when applied to Native issues. A policy must be established that can be depended upon to ensure that debacles like the Cobell lawsuit, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock, and others do not continue to occur. Due to Supreme Court rulings in favor of Congress over its wards, Native American Indians and tribes, that ensured plenary power which was decided by the courts themselves, not by Congress as delineated in the original Commerce Clause of the Constitution. All branches of the government cry for clarification as to their roles when dealing with Native people and tribal governments. This new ITP will protect us from whom we need protection from; the U.S. government.

In the U.S. Fiduciary Trust and especially the Secretary's trust responsibilities there are no repercussions should the Secretary fail to fulfill those Congressional mandated responsibilities. A policy that outlines not only the duties of the U.S. government, but the consequences that face those who fail in their obligations would aid, or possibly nullify, any future litigation.

Utilize current front line employees who have necessarily become cognizant of both perspectives affected by current Federal Indian Policy. Allow experience rather than politics to dictate policy.

First and foremost, the U.S. must re-define its plenary powers creating a federal trust policy for protection of Indian Affairs so when Courts rule it may in favor of Indians. If not, then silent federal termination of Indian Affairs will continue.

In the meantime, Congress can proceed to improve Indian Affairs by:

### **Create a Department of Indian Affairs (DIA)**

The U.S. has created 15 cabinet-level departments: Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs, as well as the Attorney General. A Federal Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) is a start to a permanent solution. Each of the existing departments contains personnel and budgetary considerations that deal with Indigenous populations. With the creation of one department to house all of the responsibilities at the constitutionally mandated Federal level, solutions rather than increasing problems may be found. This will also eliminate the inherent conflict of interest if Indian Affairs programs remain under the Department of Interior (DOI).

The DIA can be re-created under the new Indian Trust Policy supporting Treaties and U.S. Fiduciary Trust responsibility.

### **Adequately fund the Department of Indian Affairs**

Create an adequate Indian Affairs budget that is commensurate to legally, congressionally care for and protect Indian trust property and money and exempt from budget cutbacks. If federal budget cutbacks occur then Indian property and money or Indian Trust cannot or be protected and deteriorate over time.

U.S. President and Congress must create trust policy that protects preserves and improves its trust property and the money derived from it. All Indian Affairs appropriations must have this policy protection for improvement of Indian Country's future.

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## Wabnum written testimony to the BIA

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### Create a Permanent Trust Commission

This Commission should consist of seven commissioners, a minimum of five Native and a maximum of two non-natives educated and knowledgeable in the newly created Trust Policy. For example, for non-natives: Judge Royce Lamberth, Dennis Gingold, or Alan L. Balaran. For Natives, I would add former Administrative Law Judge Sally Willett to the list of commissioners. This will prevent any breaches of trust to continue and will constantly improve conditions in the DIA's new challenges. The Commission may continually:

- Update all Indian Laws, Code of Federal Regulations 25 and others, to conform with new Indian Trust Policy.
- Update Indian Preference Policy and attach to any appropriated funds for Indian services.

### Abolish the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians

The Office of Special Trustee (OST) for American Indians was established by the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 to improve the accountability and management of Indian

funds held in trust by the federal government. BIA needs money and employee positions to complete its tasks, but separating the two organizations caused duplicity of services, difficulty in making decisions, and unnecessary expense to the American taxpayer. These resources will be added to BIA's permanent budget base. The 1994 office was designed to possibly expire in three years; it is still operating 16 years later. OST struggled for life only to defend itself and the Interior against the Court during the Cobell testimony. The government funded litigation costs using money earmarked for Indian programs. OST protects and preserves itself, passing on its broken trust policy for subsequent administrations and future generations of Indian People.

As ordered by the Court;

### Tribal Buy Out of All Fractionated Lands

Cobell buy back money will be inadequate and only a one time court settlement money. Other low fractionated lands not purchased will grow over time and will become more highly fractionated and therefore expensive. Buy back money should be in annual appropriations until all interests can be purchased for the tribes. Funds appropriated for administering the IIM system will decrease over time using those funds in land consolidation and improving

the new DIA projects. The new DIA will not become another BIA since experienced and educated tribal-minded people will set and carry out its new trust policies for the good of the Indian people and U.S.; the negative image perpetuated by the BIA will then become a positive one in the DIA. Reverse the effects of the Dawes Act, which is contrary to tribal communal land ownership. This is the Anti-Dawes buy back but will be short lived if funds are not added to the permanent base.

This is not a complete solution to the federal problem with Indian Affairs. But with our history we have learned so much of what not to do that it cannot get worse if these proposed changes are implemented. I just hope and pray that this Commission can make a positive change.

Sincerely,

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## Second Estate Planning & Will Workshop held



An Estate Planning and Will Workshop series was held on Feb. 13, 27, and March 20 that assisted tribal elders who registered in getting their affairs in order when leaving their property and assets to others. The workshop was coordinated through Tribal Council Treasurer Hattie Mitchell's office and included information on how-to complete a will and to draft advanced directive health care documents with assistance from Kansas Legal Services attorneys and representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Horton, Kan. Over thirty elders participated in the workshop which was the second workshop series held this year.

### Did you know that you have identity-fraud insurance as a PBPN?

Tribal Council wants to remind you that the Nation carries an identity fraud expense reimbursement program that can help you if you become a victim of identity theft.

The program, called an Identity Fraud Expense Reimbursement policy, is carried with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company and is designed to help tribal members with expenses should

they become a victim of identity fraud.

More detailed information can be found at [www.pbpindiantribe.com/upload/pdf/ID\\_Fraud\\_info.pdf](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/upload/pdf/ID_Fraud_info.pdf) or call PBPN Insurance Coordinator Dave Greeson at (785)966-3970 or 1-800-842-8496 which is the direct line to the Traveler's Casualty and Surety Company.

## Peacemakers sworn in to office



In the photograph are members of the Peacemakers Circle and Tribal Council after four new members were sworn in at the Judicial Center on Jan. 9. On the front row (left to right) Marie Clement, Joyce Guerrero, and Jim Potter. On the back row (left to right) Lisette Morris, Chuck Jacobson, Carrie O'Toole, Sheila Wahquahboshkuk, Sandra Shopteese, Christopher Brewer, Tom Wabnum and Angie Wahweotten.

Four tribal members were sworn in as new members of the Peacemakers Circle on Jan. 9 at the Judicial Center.

Christopher Brewer, Sheila Wahquahboshkuk, Marie Clement and Sandra Shopteese were each sworn in to office by Administrative Judge Theresa Barr. Tribal Council officers Joyce Guerrero, vice president, and Jim Potter, secretary, also participated in the swearing-in ceremony.

The purpose of Peacemakers is to help resolve and mediate disputes that are pending in

District Court through the application of traditional, cultural and restorative methods.

Peacemakers are made up of tribal members that are selected by the General Council. They are sworn in by Tribal Council to serve four-year terms and to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws, the Law and Order Codes of the PBPN, and the Constitution of the United States.

Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

**For details on the identity-fraud program and vision service program look on the special member services section at [www.pbpindiantribe.com/special-member-service.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/special-member-service.aspx)**



## PBPN receive Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence awards for project and service

(Front row, left to right) SAFESTAR volunteers Iva Long, Shirley Rice, Samantha Wahquahboshkuk, Josette Whitlock, and Joy Matchie, are photographed along with members of the Tribal Council, administration and the Tribal Victim Services program staff that attended a Sunflower Safety breakfast. The event honored the PBPN SAFESTAR program as Project of the Year and Shirley Rice who received a thirty-year service award with the KCSDV organization.

Two staff members from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's (PBPN) Tribal Victim Services (TVS) program received awards at the Sunflower Safety Breakfast held at the Topeka Ramada Inn on Feb. 13. The breakfast was sponsored by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) and several members of the PBPN Tribal Council and staff also attended the event.

Shirley Rice and Samantha Wahquahboshkuk, who are PBPN members, were given awards. Rice was given an award for thirty years of service to KCSDV and Wahquahboshkuk received a Project of the Year Award on behalf of the Tribal Victim Services program for their SAFESTAR program.

The PBPN SAFESTAR program began last year and is one of only two in the nation. Overall, there are 20 SAFESTAR volunteers and the PBPN has six of those 20. SAFESTAR involves teaching volunteers to help victims of sexual assault through oftentimes difficult and medical and law processes.

SAFESTAR is sponsored by the Southwest Center for Law & Policy (SWCLAP) that provides trained attorneys, nurses, and social service providers, to come to communities where they teach an intensive 40-hour course. Last summer, SWCLAP

trainers were on the Potawatomi reservation and were impressed at the outpouring of support for the program. SAFESTAR founder, Cordelia D. Clapp, RN, BSN, who was one of the instructors for the PBPN, told the *Potawatomi News* at that time how impressed she was at the positive response and support that was given from various tribal departments and the PBPN government.

SAFESTAR is an approved program by the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime and International Association of Forensic Nurses and is in its sixth year.

The PBPN Tribal Victim Services program was also nationally recognized in 2013 by the Department of Justice for its Healing Through Arts program when Attorney General Eric Holder presented a Professional Innovation in Victim Services Award to the PBPN during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The TVS provides education and services for victims of abuse and is part of the tribal administration.

The KCSDV is a statewide network that includes 29 advocacy groups that provide direct support services to all counties in Kansas. The network is in its thirtieth year and is advised by a state-wide board of directors.



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



### Charitable Contributions fourth quarter awards announced

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) donated \$88,812 during its fourth quarter to various organizations in the region.

Lawrence organizations that received donations include: The Haskell Foundation (\$20,000), Just Food of Douglas Co. (\$6,000); the Lawrence Community Shelter (\$5,000) and the Friends of the Kaw (\$2,000).

In Topeka, organizations that received awards were: St. Francis Health Foundation (\$20,000); Let's Help (\$10,000); Easter Seals Capper Foundation (\$5,000); Salvation Army (\$5,000); The Boys & Girls Club of Topeka (\$5,000); Washburn University Foundation (\$4,000); St. Matthew Catholic Church (\$2,200); Friends of the Mulvane Art Museum (\$2,112), and Ms. Wheelchair of Kansas (\$1,500).

Lastly, The Heart of Jackson County Humane Society in Holton received a \$1,000 award.

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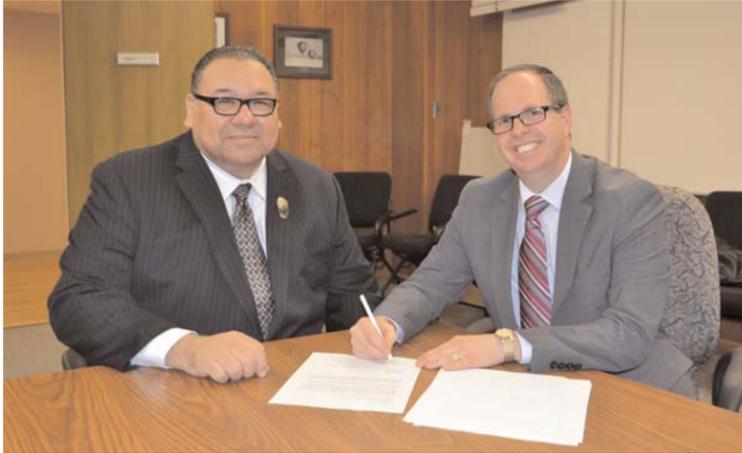
## Reimbursement agreement made between Veterans Administration (VA) and PBPN *-plan will allow Native American vets to get medical care at the PBPN Health Center*

A new reimbursement agreement plan that will allow Native American veterans to receive medical care at Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Health Program (THP) facilities is now official. Tribal Council members, along with other representatives from the PBPN and administrators from the Veterans Affairs-Eastern Health Care Center in Topeka, met on Feb. 10 to officially sign the agreement.

In the past, Native American veterans have had to rely on getting their

health care needs met at VA medical centers which are sometimes hard to reach for those who live on reservations or in rural communities. Soon, PBPN veterans will be able to use the PBP Health Center, which is a THP facility, to attain their medical prescriptions and health care needs that don't require hospitalization.

The reimbursement agreement focuses on increasing coordination, collaboration, and the sharing of resources between the VA and IHS-THP to help Native American veterans. The plan was developed in 2010.



Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) Chairman Steve Ortiz and Rudy Kopfler, director of the Veterans Affairs (VA)-Eastern Health Care Center, were photographed signing a reimbursement plan agreement on Feb. 10 that will allow Native American veterans to receive medical care at the Prairie Band Health Center.



Attending the signing held Feb. 10 were (front row, left to right) Rudy Kopfler (director of the Veterans Affairs (VA)-Eastern Health Care Center), Steve Ortiz (PBPN chairperson), and Will McClammy (VA-tribal outreach coordinator). On the back row (left to right) is Vivien Olsen (PBPN attorney), Bill Thorne (PBP Health Center administrator), Carrie O'Toole (PBPN Tribal Council member), Jim Potts (We-Ta-Se senior liaison), Joyce Guerrero (PBPN Tribal Council vice chairperson), Tom Wabnum (PBPN Tribal Council member), and Hattie Mitchell (PBPN Tribal Council treasurer).



### Directors hold Q & A meeting about BIA funding



Program directors met with General Manager Peggy Houston (standing) and Carrie O'Toole, Tribal Council member (to Houston's right) on Feb. 11 in the Government Center. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss BIA funding that programs use. O'Toole gathered the information in order to prepare for a Southern Plains Region Tribal Budget meeting concerning BIA funding needs for FY 2016 that she attended in Oklahoma City on Feb. 18.

### Vocational Rehabilitation meeting highlights PBPN Social Services department and programs



In the photograph above, at the podium, is Brenda Nozhackum, from the PBPN Community Health Representative (CHR) program, who spoke about her work at the last Vocational Rehabilitation meeting held Jan. 15 at the casino. The meeting, held each quarter, is designed to bring regional vocational rehabilitation providers together to discuss issues and ideas. The last meeting featured programs found in the PBPN Social Service Department like the CHR program. Nozhackum has been a CHR for the Prairie Band for over twenty years.

## First Health System board members honored by Tribal Council



Left to right: Carrie O'Toole, Joyce Guerrero, Arlene Wahwasuck, Dorothy Simon, Jim Potter, Gilreath Aitkens, and Tom Wabnum were photographed with a plaque that will be hung in the PBP Health Center recognizing the first PBP Nation Health System Board members. Wahwasuck, Simon, and Aitkens were members of the first board. Others in the photo are on the Tribal Council.

Seven members of the first Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's (PBP) Health System board members were recognized on Feb. 24 with a plaque from Tribal Council for their work that led to the opening of the PBP Health Center facility in 2006. The short ceremony was held at the PBP Health Center in front of approximately 20 people.

The plaque will be hung in the PBP Health Center and lists the seven members who were on the committee from August 1999 to April 2004. They include: Arlene (Shipshee) Wahwasuck, Chairperson; Mamie (Wahwassuck) Rupnicki, Vice Chairperson; Camilla (Wishkeno) Chouteau, Secretary/Treasurer; Gilreath Aitkens, Member; Angela (Greemore) Wahweotten, Member; Dorothy (Pappan) Simon, Member, and Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Liaison. Additionally, the plaque reads that "through their perseverance and the motivation of others this facility the PBP Health Center was opened in October 18, 2006".

Three of the seven former committee members were present at the ceremony and included Arlene Wahwassuck, Dorothy Simon, and Gilreath Aitkens. During the ceremony, Tribal Vice Chairperson Joyce Guerrero gave a brief history of the committee's work and publicly thanked the members. Other Tribal Council members Tom Wabnum, Jim Potter, and Carrie O'Toole also gave brief remarks and offered a word of thanks before the plaque was awarded.

Next, former Board Chairman Arlene Wahwassuck spoke and thanked General Council members for getting enough votes to get the center built. She said that it took three times to finally get enough votes for the center to become a reality. She also thanked everyone for being interested in the health of the people.

Simon and Aitkens also gave brief remarks. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.



## Four Tribes quarterly meeting held at Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri



Above: A Four-Tribes Meeting was held on Feb. 21 at the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Community Building in Reserve, Kan. Tribal leaders from the Prairie Band Potawatomi, Iowa Tribe in Kansas and Nebraska, Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas, and Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri came together to listen to presentations from Dr. Venida Chenault, President of Haskell Indian Nations University, Vivien Olsen, PBP Attorney, Peter Vacaire, Tribal Government Relations Specialist with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Stephene Moore with the Department Health and Human Services (DHHS) Region VII, and Kevin Meeks with the Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service (OAIHS). Various issues related to education, health, and veterans were discussed.



Inset photo: Chairman Ortiz is photographed with Stephene Moore and Kevin Meeks at the meeting. Moore is director of DHHS Region VII in Kansas City and Meeks is with the OAIHS in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

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- Withdrawal from Tax Form
- W-9 Form

## A glimpse of the PBPB membership

As of January, 2014 statistics from the PBPB's Member Services Department show that there are 4,746 enrolled members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) in the United States and Canada with 50 percent (2,388) of them living in Kansas. The next highest number of members per state is Wisconsin (373) with 8% percent of the total membership. A handful of other states have tribal members living in them that computes to less than 1 percent with over 100 members in those states. They are Oklahoma (283), California (191), Missouri (174), Texas (133) and Washington (107).

There is relatively little difference in the PBPB population from 2012 count with only a 16

membership decline in the last two years.

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

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

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

(Reprinted from *Potawatomi News* spring 2012 edition)

### Majority live in 10 states

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

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

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

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

The 10 states with the largest American Indian and Alaska Native alone-or-in-combination population in 2010 were California, Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, New York, New Mexico, Washington, North Carolina, Florida and Michigan. Among these states, Texas, North Carolina and Florida experienced substantial rates of growth in this population at 46 percent, 40 percent and 38 percent, respectively. The American Indian and Alaska Native alone population experienced growth of at least 20 percent in Texas, North Carolina, Florida and New York.

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

### Tribal groupings

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

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

The largest Alaska Native tribal grouping, either alone or in com-

bination, was Yup'ik (34,000), followed by Inupiat (33,000). Yup'ik also had the greatest number of people who identified with one tribal grouping and no other race (29,000).

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

### Race definitions

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

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

### PBPB member state by state count (as of January 15, 2014)

Alabama (6)  
Alaska (13)  
Arizona (77)  
Arkansas (19)  
California (191)  
Colorado (82)  
Connecticut (10)  
DC (1)  
Delaware (0)  
Florida (60)  
Georgia (20)  
Hawaii (5)  
Idaho (37)  
Illinois (60)  
Indiana (28)  
Iowa (55)  
Kansas (2,388)  
Kentucky (3)  
Louisiana (20)  
Maine (5)  
Maryland (12)  
Massachusetts (5)  
Michigan (89)  
Minnesota (55)  
Mississippi (11)  
Missouri (174)  
Montana (49)  
Nebraska (60)  
Nevada (40)  
New Hampshire (10)  
New Jersey (6)  
New Mexico (25)  
New York (23)  
North Carolina (20)  
North Dakota (8)  
Ohio (18)  
Oklahoma (283)  
Oregon (36)  
Pennsylvania (28)  
Rhode Island (1)  
South Carolina (9)  
South Dakota (19)  
Tennessee (14)  
Texas (136)  
Utah (13)  
Vermont (1)  
Virginia (22)  
Washington (105)  
West Virginia (11)  
Wisconsin (373)  
Wyoming (4)

Canada & other (9)

**Total: 4,746**

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

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

Canada & other (10)

**Total: 4,762**



# Tribal Police Department installs officer/staff phone lines and tips hotline number to help fight crime

The Potawatomi Tribal Police department has made some changes recently in their communication systems with the goal of making the department more efficient.

For example, they have expanded their phone system by adding a tips hotline number and getting individual phone lines for officers and most of the staff.

Police Chief Shawn Walker reported in the department's last newsletter that by allowing each law enforcement officer to have their own phone line it is making it easier for victims of crimes to contact the individual officer who is working on his/her case. Another bonus to the phone upgrade is a news tips hotline where anonymous tips can be made directly to the department.

Other upgrades in the works are a digital ticket system which will electronically track the issuing of tickets and also adding a new report writing system.

Additionally, a new tribal police officer will begin in May and a new drug dog will also be on the team by April.



**Shawn Walker, Chief**  
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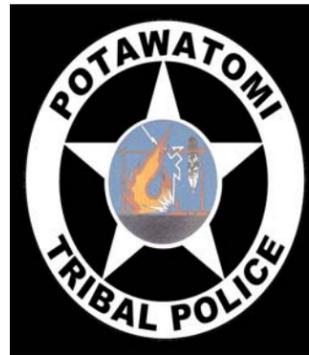
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Congratulations to the thirteen youth who graduated from the Tribal Police Department's Explorer Program last December. The program is a national program with the Presidential Council on Service and Civic Participation and taught young people about law enforcement and how to better serve their communities with integrity and respect for the law and its citizens. The course involved clocking many hours of community service with the PBPB Tribal Police that also provided learning opportunities and other community/family-fun activities for the kids.



LEFT: A new firing range was recently constructed (in back of building) that includes a building that will house a training facility on the reservation. Updated Firing Range policies are presently being developed.

Thank you  
to  
the  
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Tribal dispatchers  
for helping  
to keep our  
community  
safe.



Front row (left to right) Ashley Grunert and Jayne Wooten. Back row (left to right) Melissa Morse, John Hurla, and Katherine Johnson.

Special thanks  
to Micki Martinez

## PBPB employees who snow us!

While we were all tucked in our homes warm and safe during inclement-weather days many essential PBPB employees were out clearing roads, walkways and driveways and keeping the Nation's emergency systems up and running. A big thank you to these employees and all others who are from the following departments that helped work the storms.



A winter blizzard occurred during the first week in February that left snow drifts in front of the apartments at the Elder Center.

### Road & Bridge

1. Alan "Boney" Pahmahmie
2. Benny Potts
3. Bill Jim, Jr.
4. Billy Price
5. Robert Arnold
6. Brad Rice
7. Brenda Pahmahmie
8. Dana Lewis
9. Dennis Eakin
10. Donita Mattwaoshshe
11. Hardy Eteeyan
12. Joe Shobney
13. Lawrence Pahmahmie
14. Mike Shobney
15. Ronald Bone
16. Ronny Hester
17. Ronald Jessepe
18. Tanner Shobney
19. Virgil "Wamp" Shopteese



Clearing the driveways in the housing complexes.



Reservation roads being cleared.

### Land Management

1. Elliot Masquat
2. Travis Darnall
3. Jason Davis
4. Mi-kes Potts
5. Daylan Mzhickteno
6. Robbie Griffith
7. Chris DeCoteau

A big  
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to the  
Emergency  
Fire  
Department  
Services  
crews!

Special thanks to Brenda Pahmahmie for submitting photos

### Construction Maintenance

1. Ernie Coleman
2. Tom Jim
3. Jim Harvey
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5. Dave Daubon
6. Gilbert Kent
7. Pat Mills
8. Andrew Pahmahmie
9. Bill Jim Sr.
10. Bob Levier
11. Sam Mitchell
12. Joe Wishteyah
13. Carl Matousek

# Finance Department works hard and has fun



It was a group effort by the Finance Department to get the 1099misc. tax forms mailed out to tribal members by Jan. 17. Employees often pull together to help each other out when important jobs need to be done.



Sitting in the front row, center, is Walt Racker who retired from the Finance Department and had worked with the procurement program since 2005. Surrounding him were his fellow PBPN employees who all wore neckties in his honor on his last day. A larger all-employee reception was held later in the day for Walt.



One of Walt Racker's other contributions to the PBPN before he retired was being a member of the Employee of the Quarter Committee. In the photo, left, with Racker is Verna Simon who replaced him on the committee. Simon is the executive administrative assistant for the Health Center and was awarded with one of the Employee-of-the-Quarter awards last year. Walt and his wife, Adele, also recently donated a painting to the tribe that was painted by Adele.

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General Manager Peggy Houston and Sonya Sexton, Human Resources, at the All-Employee Meeting held March 12 at the Bingo Hall.

Human Resources



Anna Boswell,  
Member Services  
Director

News



Slam-dunk contest

# Brenda Catron Employee of the Year



Brenda Catron, a registered nurse and Supervisor of Nursing at the Potawatomi Health Center, was named 2013 Employee of the Year at the All-Employee meeting. She is a tribal member and began working at the Health Clinic in 2006.

# Robbie Lange Employee of the Quarter



Robbie Lange, Facilities Coordinator in the Construction/Maintenance Department, was named the 2013 Winter Employee of the Quarter at the All-Employee meeting. Robbie began working for the tribe in 2006 and he is a tribal member.



Once a quarter employees gather for a meeting to listen to presentations and announcements from Human Resources and tribal administration. In addition, fun is added with door prizes and contests.

## Casino happenings

### 2014 Keeper of the Fire BBQ

Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7  
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Enjoy great BBQ, cool beverages, and lots of entertainment for the whole family. For BBQ Team entry application go to [www.pbpgaming.com](http://www.pbpgaming.com)

Three Fires dinner reservations can now be made online!

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Ladies Professional Golf Association  
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Charities selected are the PBPN Boys & Girls Club and Folds of Honor Foundation

## Prairie Band Casino & Resort 2014 Employees Awards Banquet winners



Misty Mathis  
(Front Desk Clerk)

Front of House  
Employee of  
the Year



Michelle Simon  
(Services Supervisor)

Supervisor of the  
Year



Banquet  
held  
February 25



Chase Myher  
(Casino Host)

Casino  
Host of the Year

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to work!



William Sample  
(Lead Grill Cook)

Back-of-House  
Employee of  
the Year



Amber Oliveira  
(Accounting Manager)

Manager of the Year



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2013 Summer Interns  
(Left to right) Steve Wahweotten, Nes Hubbard, Forrest Cox, Kira Vega and Curtis Pahmahmie.

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## Shawna Wabaunsee shares her weight loss journey

My weight loss journey began after my birthday and when the candles were blown out and the birthday dinner was over. I sat in my house on a Saturday afternoon and thought to myself: "I am tired of looking the way I do. I want to live again and not be tired. All I seem to do is sit and watch TV. I want more than that."

I thought of my sister, Elizabeth, and how great she looked. She had lost 20 pounds since July and I told myself that if I had begun a weight-loss program with her, I too, may be now 20 pounds lighter. I asked myself what was stopping me and knew the answer lay with me.

I recalled watching Dr. Phil one time when he asked a guest who wanted to lose weight an important question that rang true with me. When did you give yourself permission to start gaining weight? I told myself that he was right. When did I allow myself to gain the weight and not to be the person I want to be?

After that, I talked to my children and my cousin, Jamie and decided I was going to lose the weight. I asked Jamie what to do and he told me that I should weigh myself and then write the weight down. Next, I should record what I was eating and also list my physical activities for each day. He told me to weigh myself once a week, to begin walking for 30 minutes a day and to stop drinking pop and to drink only water. After following his advice, I weighed myself a week later and had lost 7 pounds. Jamie had also warned me that after the first week there would probably be a gradual loss but that I should stick to losing 1-2 pounds a week because I was losing fat and not lean muscle.

Since then, I have become aware of my physical activity and what foods I am eating. I have faithfully weighed myself each week and continue to

see the scale dropping from 1 to 2 pounds a week. I tell myself that since it took me a long time to gain the weight, it will take a long time to lose the weight.

In January, I joined the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) classes and am soaking up knowledge from Kathy Sterbenz, Melinda Williamson, and Cody Wilson who are on the DPP staff. They are teaching me to become more aware of what I need to do to achieve a balance in my daily habits. They also provide me support, encouragement and the continual coaching so that I will attain my ultimate weight-loss goal. In addition, I utilize the walking trails close to my house and attend water aerobics, zumba, and boxing classes. The best part is that these classes are free and held at the Boys & Girls Club. Just recently, I've kicked up my exercise routine and have started what is called an insanity workout.

The physical change I am seeing is great and another bonus has been that many of my family and friends are also adopting the healthy lifestyle program. We are encouraging and supporting each other in our journeys and it is contagious.

To illustrate, there was one week I was discouraged because I did not meet my target loss. However, I did lose a little but when I told my daughter Elena about being discouraged she showed me photographs she pulled from Google of what pounds of fat looks like. That was inspirational and her encouragement was just what I needed at the time.

Presently I am still on my journey but I have lost 30 pounds. I plan to continue until I reach my goal and encourage all of you to learn and have fun.



Before



After

*Editor's note: Shawna Wabaunsee is a PBPB and works in the Human Resources Department at the Casino*

Diabetes Program Weekly Activity Calendar								
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
M o r n i n g	Exercise in the AM 5:30am-7:00am	Exercise in the AM 5:30am-7:00am	Exercise in the AM 5:30am-7:00am	Exercise in the AM 5:30am-7:00am	Exercise in the AM 5:30am-7:00am			
		Chair Exercises @ Elders Center 10:30-11:30am	Wednesday Walk @ the Govt Center 9:30am	Chair Exercises @ Elders Center 10:30-11:30am				
			Wednesday Walk @ Elders Center 11 am					
A f t e r n o o n	Noon Yoga @ the Health Center 12:00pm	Diabetes Self Management Classes Starting in Feb 2014 12:30pm-1:30pm	Noon Yoga @ the Health Center 12:00pm	Diabetes Prevention Classes @ Health Center 12pm-1pm				
		Wednesday Walk @ the Court 1:30pm						
E v e n i n g	For the Zumba Schedule Please see Zumba Calendar!							
	Water Aerobics @ BGC 5:15pm-6:15pm		Diabetes Prevention Classes @ the Health Center 5pm-6pm	Water Aerobics @ BGC 5:15pm-6:15pm	Water Aerobics @ BGC 5:15pm-6:15pm		Boxing @ BGC 4pm-5pm	
							Boxing @ BGC 5:15pm-6:15pm	
							Boxing @ BGC 6:30pm-7:30pm	

### Diabetes Self Management Classes

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

Call Kathy Sterbenz, R.N. at 785.966.8271 for details

For more health and wellness tips and Diabetes Program newsletters click on [www.pbpindiantribe.com/health-and-wellness.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/health-and-wellness.aspx)

Thank you to the Prairie Band community who came to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center to donate blood to the Community Blood Center on February 7

# Disc Golf Course proposed for Prairie Peoples Park

Submitted by Nathan Hale

A newly formed Native Disc Golf, Inc. Committee, comprised of PBPN tribal members and employees, is currently working to bring an 18 hole Disc Golf Course to Prairie Peoples Park.

The committee's goals include raising funds for the course and then having it constructed at Prairie Peoples Park. Promoting the sport is another component of the fundraising process. The initial goal is to raise \$10,000 and then to continue fundraising efforts for maintenance and improvements for the course. The board hopes to engage numerous community members and partners to help make this endeavor a success.

There are now more than 2,000 Disc Golf courses in the United States and Canada, nearly all installed by city and county parks departments. The closest courses to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation are Banner Creek, Perry Lake and Topeka.

There are few recreational activities that offer the high benefit-to-cost ratio of disc golf. Disc golf has relatively low capital and maintenance costs compared with other recreational installations, is environmentally sound, is played year-round in all climates and is enjoyed immediately even by beginners of all ages.

### What Is Disc Golf?

Disc Golf is played much like traditional golf. Instead of hitting a ball into a hole, you throw a more streamlined looking Frisbee® disc into a supported metal basket. The goal is the same: to complete the course in the fewest number of shots. A golf disc is thrown from a tee area to each basket, which is the "hole." As players progress down the fairway, they must make each consecutive shot from the spot where the previous throw has landed. The trees, shrubs and terrain changes in and around the fairways provide chal-

lenging obstacles for the golfer. Finally, the "putt" lands in the basket and the hole is completed.

### Who Can Play?

The simple answer is that everyone can. In studies measuring participation in recreational activities, "throwing a Frisbee" has consistently been a top-ten activity. A disc golf course serves a broader portion of the community than many narrower interest activities with higher cost, skill or fitness levels required to even begin to play. Men and women, young and old, families with small children -- all can play disc golf. Because disc golf is so easy to understand and enjoy, no one is excluded. Players merely match their pace to their capabilities and proceed from there.



**Native Disc Golf, Inc. Committee members showing a demonstration of the proposed 18 hole disc golf course in Prairie Peoples Park. (Left to right) Cody Wilson, Jason Sherman, Eric Hale, Frank Tecumseh, Roman Harjo, and Nathan Hale. The game can be played year-round and is available to all ages.**

**HOW DOES THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY:** The installation of a disc golf course in Prairie People's Park will benefit the surrounding community by increasing and enhancing recreational opportunities, park safety and conservation goals. Disc golf is great for getting outside and getting some low stress exercise and presents an opportunity to appreciate a beautiful park.

According to testimonials from groups that have installed a disc golf course in recreational spaces, the disc golf course should increase foot traffic in the park at random times during the day and steadily during evenings and weekends. The influx of purposeful visitors should also discourage the presence of individuals who are only in the park to cause mischief and perhaps engage in crime. Areas that are infrequently used and considered unsafe would be "opened-up" by the course. The installation of a disc golf course has led to significant decreases in vandalism and litter as users have a stake in keeping the course and surrounding area clean and well-kept.

### Got needles or lancets?

**Let the Pharmacy in the Health Center safely dispose of your used needles and lancets. We also have "Sharps" containers distributed in buildings on the reservation**

**Please use "Sharps" containers or bring them to the PBP Health Clinic Pharmacy for safe and proper disposal. "Sharps" containers are compliments of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) grant funds.**

### Be safe and smart!

**Unused or expired prescription medications can be dangerous. Bring them to the PBP Health Clinic Pharmacy for proper disposal.**

#### More facts:

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

## Cultural and Language Department news

### *Kids have fun learning during language classes*



Photo left: Jessica Youngbird teaches a class of kindergarten through 6th graders with language cards. Above: Hannah Tuckwin tells Kibo Throssell a secret in Potawatomi during one of the exercises.

The Language Department was featured on Kansas First News television from Topeka last January and Dawn "Sogi" LeClere, Language Department director, is seen above being interviewed and filmed by Natalie Davis, KSNT-27 morning news anchor.



Meet  
**Lyman Shipshee**  
the new language  
apprentice  
in the  
Language Department

Open  
to the  
public

Language Department (located in basement of the Firekeepers Elder Center)

*Adult Language classes*  
Mondays- 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Youth (K-12) Language classes*  
Wednesdays-5:30 p.m. -7 p.m.

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[jessicay@pbpnation.org](mailto:jessicay@pbpnation.org)

Come  
join the  
fun

## Environmental Protection Program Notices



### Customer Notice

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

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

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



### 17th Annual Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 27  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Prairie Peoples Park

- EPA information booths
- Shrub/plant giveaway
- Predictor's walk/bike event
- Raffles

Free Earth Day T-shirts to those that register

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

For details or to register call 785.966.2946

# Around the Rez



Large icicles formed outside the Early Childhood Education Center last February. Photo was taken by Juliet Carlisle from the childcare staff.



Shirley Rice holds her Thirty Years of Service award and is photographed with Chairman Steve Ortiz at the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence event held in Topeka on Feb. 13.



Rose Potts and Leland Matchie were chosen as Valentine's Day princess and brave at the Round Dance held at the Elder Center on Feb. 12.



(Left) Samantha Wahquahboshkuk poses with Kathy Ray from the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence after Samantha received the Project of the Year Award on behalf of the Tribal Victim Services staff at the Sunflower Safety Breakfast in Topeka on Feb. 13.



Kelly Morris works in the Diabetes Prevention Program.



Singers from Little Soldier provided the music for the Round Dance.



Chris Brewer was sworn in as a new member of the Peacemaker Circle. He also works in the front lobby at the Government Center.



Carol Shopteese and Arlene Wahwasuck.



(Above) an unidentified student in the kids language class.



(Above) Tony Wahweotten, with First Nation's Painting, has been working in the Government Center during the last few weeks putting on fresh paint and new wallpaper in the offices and hallways. In the photo he is in the Treasurer's office.

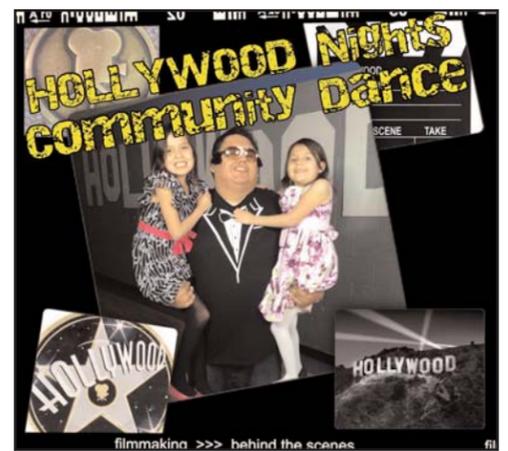


(Left to right) Jerry Tuckwin, Jim and Patty Potter smile for the camera at the Hall of Fame banquet on Feb. 6 in Holton.



Tom Wabnum

(Right) is Daniel Goombi with a couple of young dancers at the Hollywood Nights Community Dance held Feb. 15 at the Boys & Girls Club. Goombi works in the Tribal Victim Services program.



# Roy Hale inducted into Holton/Jackson County Hall of Fame

By Suzanne Heck

A great contributor to the Prairie Band Potawatomi and Holton community, tribal member Roy Hale was honored on Feb. 6 by being inducted into the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame at the EUM Family Life Center. He, along with the late Dr. Carlos Chavez and Rich and Lynne Mulroy, were recognized for their many years of work and contributions to the community.

Many members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation attended the banquet including members of the Tribal Council, We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410, Our Lady of the Snows Church and several other individuals from the community and surrounding area.

During the banquet a power-point presentation about Hale was featured before he came to the stage to be formally honored. Interviews with Jim Potter, Tribal Secretary, Cathleen Reed, longtime neighbor and friend, and Laura Thackery from Our Lady of the Snows Church, were included in the recorded presentation. Following that, Reed and family member Jerry Tuckwin spoke on Hale's behalf and then the PBPN Tribal Council came forth and presented Hale with a Pendleton blanket. Hale concluded by speaking at the podium to give his thanks.

Hale was honored for his contributions to promoting the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and his past work as a military veteran who helped found the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 in 1985. We-Ta-Se, which means "one who is brave" in the Potawatomi language, is one of the oldest American Indian American Legion posts in the country. In addition, Hale was instrumental in the construction of a building on the reservation named We-Ta-Se that is staffed with two full-time veterans who assist other tribal veterans and their families. For many years Hale was on the We-Ta-Se staff and also served as an elected officer within Post #410. He is still active in the organization that includes approximately 80 members.

Hale was also recognized for other contribu-



Roy, standing in front of the We-Ta-Se vendor stand that is located in Prairie Peoples Park. Roy painted the We-Ta-Se sign seen in the photo and helped build the stand that provides a place for veterans to meet during pow-wow weekends at the park.

tions he has made. He is active with Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church on the reservation and was the primary caretaker for the Shipshee Cemetery for several years. It was also Roy who initiated placing specially-made military markers on the graves of Potawatomi veterans buried in cemeteries on the reservation. He has also been an active member in the Jackson County Historical Society.

Roy Aloysius Hale was born on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation in Mayetta, Kan. on Oct. 19, 1929 to Jane (Blandin) and Joseph P. "Shakey" Hale. During his youth, he and his brother Lawrence "Emery" were raised by their grandmother "Pit-ti-saw" who spoke only the Potawatomi language and lived on the Potawatomi reservation.



The old Blandin Home where Roy Hale was born. The home was located on the reservation near I Road. The photo was taken in 1915.

In 1942, after the boys became teenagers, they left Kansas to attend Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma until the 11th grade. Following that, they returned to Kansas and both graduated from Circleville High School in 1948.



Circleville High School class photo 1948. Roy Hale is on the front row, seventh from left. His brother, Lawrence "Emery" is to his right.

In 1951 both men were drafted into the Army and became involved in the Korean conflict. Roy became a corporal and worked for the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers of Europe (SHAPE) that was under General Eisenhower at the time and was headquartered in Paris, France. Emery became a platoon leader in the infantry and received several medals and badges for his service.

After the Army, Roy returned to Kansas and began working for the Sunflower Ordnance Army Ammunition plant near DeSoto, Kan. and shortly thereafter joined the Air Force where he served over-

seas and in the states until 1964.

When he returned he attended and graduated from Haskell College and then became employed there until 1989. Following that, he began his work with We-Ta-Se that is mentioned above.



Roy Hale, was in the Army from 1951-1953.



Hale (left) shares a moment with his lifetime friend Louis (Bozo) Wabaunsee at the outdoor shrine located in back of Our Lady of the Snows Church.



In front are Jerry Tuckwin (left) and Roy (right) at the banquet. Over sixty people were in Hale's section that attended to honor him.

### Message from Roy Hale

*A special thanks to the Jackson County/Holton Chamber of Commerce, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council, We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410, members of Our Lady of the Snows Church, the Firekeepers Elder Center, and others who attended the Hall of Fame banquet despite the hazardous weather conditions. Additionally, I want to thank everyone who sent gifts and cards congratulating me.*

## News and Notes



**Meet  
KanCare Outstation Eligibility Specialist  
Robin Evans**

Robin Evans is an Outstation Eligibility Specialist for the KanCare program and has an office located in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center. KanCare is the State's medicaid expansion program. Her job is to help individuals determine eligibility for KanCare and to process initial medical assistance applications with the State. In addition, she can help transfer information to the appropriate Kansas

Department of Health and Environment agencies when needed.

To contact Robin call 785.966.8267 or reach her by email at revans@kdheks.gov.

**For more information about KanCare  
go to  
www.kdheks.gov**



**Congratulations  
Gil and Lyman  
on your retirements!**

The family of Gilreath Aitkens and Lyman Shipshee would like to congratulate them on their many years of service to the U.S. Government. Gil recently retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Anadarko (Oklahoma) Agency after 29.5 years of service. Lyman also retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Topeka, Kansas after 25 years.

**It's time to mow again!  
The Maintenance Department requests your help in removing  
plastic/styrofoam flower arrangements from reservation cemeteries.  
For details call 785.966.4023**

**General Council meeting  
April 19**



## We-Ta-Se update

**Veterans  
march in 69th Iwo Jima  
Flag Raising  
parade in Arizona**

Five members of the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 including Jim Potts, Benny Potts, Charles Jacobson, B.J. Darnall, and Charles Wakole traveled to Sacaton, Arizona on Feb. 22 to participate in the 69th Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising. The event brings veterans together to commemorate Ira Hayes, a Native American soldier who was immortalized as one of six-flag raisers made famous in an iconic WW II photo that signified the end of the War.



Several We-Ta-Se members attended the Holton Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame banquet on Feb. 6 in honor of Roy Hale who was selected into the 2014 Hall of Fame class.

## PBP Early Childhood Education Center Information

### Interested in Head Start for your children?

By Nis Wilbur

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

Enrollment is determined through a parent designed point criteria system that includes tribal affiliation, age, income, residence (on or off reservation), and other special circumstances. We currently offer four half-day classrooms (2 morning, 2 afternoon), and 1 full day classroom (7.5 hours), as well as transportation both to and from the Center for children living in our service area.

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

If you are interested in your child attending Head Start, please complete an application and return it to the Ben-no-tteh Wigwam no later than JUNE 30, 2014. Applications are available online, in the center, or by phone at 785-966-2707. \*\*Children must be age 3 before September 1st, 2014 to be eligible for the 2014-2015 school year.

**Spring Health Fair  
and  
Head Start Round-Up  
(Well-child clinic  
for children 3-5 years)  
Date:  
April 11  
8:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.**

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

**Screenings available along with information  
handouts and door prizes.**

**Event in collaboration with PBP Interagency  
Coordinating Council/Health Advisory Board**

**Details call 785.966.2707**

**Prairie Band Potawatomi  
Early Childhood Education Center  
is accepting  
2014-15 Head Start applications  
Deadline: June 30, 2014**

# News and notes



**Professional boxer**  
 Marcus Oliveira was narrowly defeated in his fight for the light heavyweight world championship in Neubrandenburg, Germany on Dec. 17.  
 Oliveira lives on the PBPB reservation and is a Menominee tribal member.  
 He was also on the cover of the 2013 winter issue of *Topeka Magazine* that received over 100,000 online hits, according to *Topeka Magazine* editors. Check it out at:  
[http://issuu.com/sunflower\\_publishing/docs/tmw13](http://issuu.com/sunflower_publishing/docs/tmw13)



**For sale**  
**1976 Chevy Food Truck**  
 (originally used for Indian tacos and fry bread and can hold up to nine workers )  
 354 manual transmission; air conditioning (roof) and heat in rear. New stainless salad station; 2 fryers with range hood and vent; small 3-bay sink area with plexiglass cover to use as counter top. Handwash sink with soap dispenser and paper towel rack.  
 One movable work table, magnetic utensil bar, one small refrigerator and one small beverage refrigerator.  
 Added extras: 2-100 cup coffee pots; 2-Gott 5-gal. coolers; citrus press; 1 large roaster and other miscellaneous items  
 (Also have 2 electric pressure cookers at \$45 each)  
**\$18,000**  
 To view contact:  
 Fawn Cadue at or 785.506.2484 or Steve Whiteside at 785.220.6567  
 18783 O Road  
 Mayetta, KS 66509

Jessica Rickert, D.D.S. will be the keynote speaker at the 6th Annual Tribal Epidemiology Center Public Health Conference on April 29-230 at Firelake Grand Casino in Shawnee, Oklahoma

Congratulations to Sarah McKinney and Pallas Tye on being crowned the 2014 Royal Valley King & Queen of Courts

Congratulations to Brennah Wahweotten, junior at Royal Valley High School, for being selected into the National Honor Society. Parents: Tony & Angie Wahweotten



Congratulations to Kaylyn Rupnicki on signing a letter of intent for weightlifting at Coffeyville Community College. Kaylyn is a senior at Royal Valley High School Parents: Jona and John Rupnicki



## Messages of thanks

Miigwetch to Judy, Rose, Sandra, Meekta, Kabot, Guada, Ann Kish, Kanney, Thomas Wabnum & We-ta-se Post 410 for your kindness which is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.  
 From, The family of Philip "Now-ki" Hale

*The family of Patricia Matchie would like to thank the community for the support and prayers for our mother and her family. She was loved and will be greatly missed.*  
 Love, her Daughters & Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

## Ganiñtëk (those who are born)

Welcome Senachwine Wahbnosah Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk  
 Born: July 15, 2013  
 Weight: 7 pounds, 10 ounces  
 Height: 19.5 inches  
 Parents: Gary Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk & Rosewita Briet  
 Sister: Kayla Briet  
 Grandparents: Gary Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk Sr. & Charlotte Jeanotte Nukon  
 Great-Grandparents: James Wahb-No-Sha Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk & Rhodie Burnett  
 Great-Great Grandparents: Wis-Ki-Ge-Amatyuk & Ke-O-Ko-Mo-Quah  
 For more family history visit [www.wiskigeamatyuk.com](http://www.wiskigeamatyuk.com)  
 Correction: The News incorrectly identified some family members and birth weight in the spring 2013 issue.



## Kanibwettek (the ones' that stood up together)

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Randy Jessepe who were married on Feb. 15, 2014 in Anadarko, Oklahoma



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

Happy Birthday to our two favorite guys!  
Ivan Wesley (Now nee mhuk shkuk)-Jan. 23, 1998  
Arrow Lee Levier (Kish kwi)-Feb. 4, 1998

Love you both!

From: Parents: Jodi Messepe & Lee Levier and  
Jacquelyn & John Levier

Grandparents: Misho Joe and Mary Jessepe; Ron & Rose  
Jessepe; Edgar & June Levier; Mike & Dolly Richards;  
Sisters and Brothers



Happy Birthday  
Shoughnesee  
( Michael ) Simon

From,

all your  
family



Sylvana Levier was  
PBPB Princess in 2009

Happy Birthday  
to  
Sylvana (Kee wat no kwe) Levier, 19  
on  
Feb. 21

and her family congratulates her on a 4.0 GPA last semester  
and  
being a member of the  
Haskell Indian Nations University Women's basketball team

Message:

*We are proud of you!*

Parents: Jacquelyn & John Levier

Grandparents: Misho Joe and Mary Jessepe; Ron & Rose Jessepe; Edgar & June Levier;  
Mike & Dolly Richards  
and the rest of your family



Happy Belated  
14th Birthday to Bella  
Thompson and  
Happy Birthday  
to Michelle Simon

Love, all your family



Happy Birthday to our baby girl!

Alyssa (O zowi) Levier, 8 years old  
on  
Feb. 2

Love,

Mom & Dad: (Jacqueline & John Levier)  
Sisters: Sydney, Sylvana, Aislen & Andre  
Brothers: Ivan & Arrow

Happy  
Anniversary  
to  
Mokie & April  
Keo  
of  
Horton, Kansas  
on  
April 26

Happy Birthday

Dutch Keo, 11 years old-March 14  
Love, Mom, Dad & Ashtyn

Raylee Faye Wahwasuck-March 14  
Love, the Keos

Misho Raymond Wahwasuck Jr.-March 2  
Love, your grandkids

G-Ma Donnis Keo-April 19  
Love, Dutch & Ashtyn Keo

Happy 2nd Birthday  
on Feb. 23  
to  
Julian "Shenweshkwa" Otero



Love,  
Dad, Mom, and All  
Your family



Happy  
9th Birthday

Chemako  
Wishkeno

on  
Feb. 17

Love,  
Daddy, Sissy,  
and your  
family



Happy 21st  
Birthday  
on  
April 20  
to  
Rayne  
Marnel  
Kingfisher

From,  
your family

Happy Birthday



Koby Goins, 16  
March 7

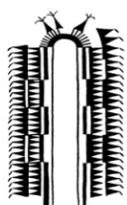


Peytan Goins 14  
Feb. 16



Charlee, 11, &  
Jeff, 41, Goins  
March 31

From: Misho Kevin Aitkens



Happy 22nd Birthday  
to  
Roman  
on  
March 13  
Love,  
Mom & Damon

## Kambottek (those who died)

### Edwin R. "Buzz" Burns, Sr

Edwin R. "Buzz" Burns, Sr., age 86, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Saturday morning, February 15, 2014, at his residence.

He was born on March 1, 1927, in Mayetta, Kansas, the son of George Raymond and Lucy (Blandin) Burns.

Ed was raised on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation where he was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe. He attended secondary education classes in Holton, Kansas. Following a tour of duty with the U.S. Armed Services, he returned home and finished his senior year of high school in Circleville, Kansas.

In August of 1945, Ed was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served with the 10th Army Combat Engineer Battalion with an assignment to Okinawa. His military honors included being the recipient of the Army Occupation Medal, the WW II Victory Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. He was discharged in August of 1947 with the rank of Tech Sergeant.

Ed was a member of the Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation where he was baptized, received his first communion and went through confirmation. Upon moving to Manhattan in 1951, he joined the Seven Dolores Catholic Church. Other memberships include the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 in Mayetta, and the V.F.W. Post 1786, American Legion Post 17 and Eagles Club, all of Manhattan.

For over 20 years, Ed worked for the local Western Auto Store in Manhattan. He later went to work for USD 383 in custodial services at the former Junior High School (now Manhattan High East Campus) and later for the Education Center. He retired from the school system following many years of service.

On July 4, 1950, in Holton, Kansas, he was united in marriage to the former Bonnie Mae Hamlin. She preceded him in death on August 13, 2009. He was also preceded in death by his parents, by an infant daughter "Ann" and by four brothers: Billie, Jim, Philip and Martin Burns.

He is survived by eight children: Sandy Spiker, Towanda, KS; Linda Correll, Soldier, KS; Doris Bolicki and husband Bill, Copperas Cove, TX; Ray Burns and wife Nancy, Riley, KS; Frank Burns and wife Donna, Manhattan, KS; Beth Fateley and husband Kevin, Manhattan, KS; Sharon Runyan and husband Ryan, Manhattan, KS and John Burns and wife Dawn of Wamego, Kansas. Also surviving are his three sisters: Mary Carr and husband Darrell, Topeka, KS; Theresa McNary and husband Wayne, Ozawkie, KS; Julia Kennedy and husband Skip, Topeka, KS; and his sisters-in-law: Donna Burns, Holton, KS; Ruth Burns, Columbus, GA; Bernadette Burns, Wichita, KS; Geraldine Hamlin, Hoyt, KS and a brother-in-law: Dick Hamlin of Circleville, KS. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, numerous step grand and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at the Seven Dolores Catholic Church located at the corner of Juliette and Pierre Streets in Manhattan. A Vigil Service and Rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. following the visitation.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at Seven Dolores Catholic Church with Father Joseph S. Popelka as celebrant. Interment with military honors will follow in the Sunrise Cemetery.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for the Riley County Seniors' Service Center. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

*(Courtesy of Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, Manhattan, Kan.)*



### Philip M. "Nowki" Hale

Mayetta--Philip M. Hale "Now-Ki", 69, died Saturday morning, February 22, 2014, at the Sabetha Manor.

He was born on the Potawatomi Reservation, December 11, 1944, one of five children born to William and Blanche Wahgo Hale. He spent most of his growing up years at Topeka, where he graduated from Topeka High School with the class of 1962. Philip later attended Haskell Institute receiving a certificate in 1964 as a printer. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War before receiving a medical discharge. He later returned to Haskell Junior College earning an associate's degree in electronics. Philip moved to Portland, Oregon and spent most of his working life in the printing/binding business, retiring in 2010. He returned to Kansas in January 2014, and had been a resident of the Sabetha Manor a few weeks.

Surviving are his sister Larene Thomas of rural Horton; six nephews; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews, Victor Thomas, Chago, Naseeka, Gubba, Whapi and Kwake Hale.

Now-Ki was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Cecil, Victor, and Joseph.

Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton until 4 p.m. Tuesday. Drum services will be held Tuesday evening at the Dance Ground on the Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will be Wednesday at the Met We-Shobney Cemetery.

On-line condolences may be made at [chapelofaksfuneralhome.com](http://chapelofaksfuneralhome.com)

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

### Patricia A. "Nog-ge-quah" Matchie

MAYETTA- Patricia A. "Nog-ge-quah" Matchie, 68, of Mayetta, passed away Sunday February 9th, 2014 at Jackson County Medicalodges in Holton.

She was born December 9, 1945 in Topeka, Kansas the daughter of George and Marcella (Nozhackum) Hernandez. She was employed for several years in the central supply department at Stormont-Vail. Pat was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Mayetta.

She is survived by: her daughters, Nina Hinds of Mayetta, KS and Dolly Potts of Keshena, WI; her sister, Toni Dodds (Randy) of Topeka, KS; her brothers, Vincent Hernandez of Mayetta, KS, Bobby Padilla of Mayetta, KS, Daniel Hernandez of Topeka, KS and Harold Hernandez of Topeka, KS; and her 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

The rosary will be Tuesday evening at Sister Theresa Hall in Mayetta with the wake to follow. Mass will be Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Burial will be in Prairie Peoples Cemetery in Mayetta. [www.mercer-funeralhomes.com](http://www.mercer-funeralhomes.com)

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### Kurlin Patrick Marshno

Kurlin Patrick Marshno, 70, of Topeka, died February 21, 2014 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka. He had been in failing health for some time. Kurlin was born February 27, 1943, the son of Joseph and Savina Kurly Marshno. He spent most of his life in Topeka where he worked at Skinner's Nursery prior to working at KP & L as a custodian.

Survivors include daughters: Teresa Marshno of Mayetta, Patricia (Ralph) Kostecky of Billings, MT; a son Shannon Sullivan of Billings; a sister Berdina Marshno of Topeka; 8 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a number of brothers and sisters. Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt after 5 p.m. Sunday, and until 4 p.m. Monday. A rosary will be recited Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Drum services will be held Monday evening, February 24, at the Dance Ground on the Pottawatomi Reservation west of Mayetta. Burial will follow Tuesday at the Dance Ground Cemetery.

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

Kambottek (those who died)



**Faye Louise (Shegonee) Perry**

Our mother, grandmother, auntie, babysitter, and friend Faye Louise (Shegonee) Perry went home to be with the Lord, her brothers, sisters and parents on December 26, 2013 at the Faith Lutheran Home in Wolf Point, MT.

The cause of death was due to cancer.

Faye was born to Gilbert Ahn-Wap-Nah Harrison-Shegonee and Melvina Wewasson Shegonee on July 22, 1943 in Crandon, Wisconsin. As a child, Faye was raised in the woodlands of the central United States. She attended school and graduated on May 11, 1966 from Neilsville High School in Neilsville, WI and later moved to Chicago, Illinois. She is a tribal member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians in Kansas but lived majority of her life in Poplar, which she considered her home.

On July 20, 1968, she was joined in holy matrimony with Victor Perry in Chicago, IL. The couple moved to Poplar and for the next 14 years they raised their daughters, LeeAnn, Lisa and Vicki Perry. The couple later separated and she remained single devoting all her time and energy on raising her girls. She was also a Second Mother to Louis Montclair. She loved him very much and took him as her adopted son.

Faye was a dedicated and hardworking employee throughout her life. In her early years, she worked as a sewer at A & S Tribal Industries, a teacher's aide at Fort Peck Head Start, and also worked at numerous Day Care Centers in Poplar. Her last job was at the Poplar Schools working with the special needs children in the elementary school. However, due to heart surgery in 2007 and a stroke in 2009 she was forced to retire.

In 1994, she became a college student and enrolled at Fort Peck Community College. During her first year she joined the FPCC Knowledge Bowl Team and placed 2nd at the annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). The next year, she helped carry FPCC to first place. This was one of the proudest moments of her life.

Faye loved taking care and teaching all children whether it was at home, a day care center or at school. Her true love of life was children.

Her second love was reading and many times she would finish a novel in a day. She also really enjoyed "rummaging." Whether it was a yard sale, a second hand store, a community clothes dig or the flea market this is where she had the most fun. You could always count on her to be one of the first ones there and she made sure she got "treasures" for everyone.

She knew the true value of rummaging and passed this on to her kids and granddaughters.

Faye was a very humble, giving and kind hearted lady who was always willing to help in anyway. She will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Faye is survived by daughters LeeAnn, Lisa, and Vicky Perry, and adopted son Louis Montclair; granddaughters Kaylyn (John Frank) and Alisa (Al) Perry and Trolynn Brown and Shelby Renz and her one and only grandson Schon Michael Youngman; great granddaughters Eva Joyce Figueroa and MacKenzie Faye Charbonneau and great grandson Zeke Jack Brown, all of Poplar; and a brother, Loyal Shegonee of Albuquerque, New Mexico. She also has numerous relatives in Illinois, and Wisconsin and many in Poplar too numerous to name.

Family children she cared for were: Clifford Country, Charley, Vern and Randy Red Elk; Silas, John and Thomas Montclair; Carly Sioux Stump; Joseph and Taylor Buckles, Casey Ferguson, and Miles Buckles.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Delbert and Joseph "Joby" Shegonee and an infant brother, who died at birth; sisters Catherine "Cathy" Shegonnee Rockman, Laura E. Shegonnee Marquez, Barbara A. Shegonee Marin and Verna M. Shegonee.

A family service will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at the Activity Center in Poplar. A funeral service will be held 11 am. Thursday, January 9, 2014 at the Activity Center in Poplar. Interment will follow at the Poplar City Cemetery.

Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel of Wolf Point has been entrusted with the arrangements.

*(Courtesy of Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel, Wolf Point, Mont.)*



**Charles J. "Charlie" Levier**

WAMEGO- Charles John "Charlie" Levier, 77, of Wamego, KS passed away January 4, 2014 at Westy Community Care Center. He was born May 22, 1936 on the Potawatomi Reservation, where he was raised, the son of Cecelia (Aitkens) Levier and stepson of Joseph P. Levier.

Charlie attended Marty Indian School in South Dakota. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the American Legion in Manhattan. Charlie always kept busy and was a hard worker. He worked construction, railroad and as a mechanic. He was manager of Skelly Gas Station and Skelly Oil Company, owned by Gary Carlson in Manhattan and later retired at K-mart in Manhattan in 2006.

He married Joleen Turner-Scott in 1980. She survives of the home. He is also survived by a stepson, Ron W. Scott (Sheryl) of Olathe, KS; 2 sisters, Judy Sebo of New Mexico and Atha Kerr of Nevada; 2 brothers, Mike Levier (Stephanie) of Topeka, KS and Francis Levier of Nevada; 2 grandsons, Noah and Lucas Scott and numerous nieces and nephews, including: Debbie Stich, Joanie Cook and Diane Wilmoth who have helped Charlie through the last two years.

Charlie was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Lero and a brother, Cletus Levier.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton with Pastor Rick Hernandez officiating. Burial will be in the Shipshee Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Westy Community Care Home c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

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



**Mary E. "No-zhack-ko-quah" Delg**

LAWRENCE- Mary E. "No-zhack-ko-quah" Wishkeno Delg, 93, of Lawrence, KS passed away January 20, 2014 at her home. She was born March 4, 1920 in Lincoln Township, KS the daughter of Arthur "Sa-sa-wa-ash-kuck" and Sarah "Wap-pi-son-iah" (Wapp) Wishkeno.

Mary attended Chilocco Indian Boarding School. She was an electrical engineer for Lockheed. Mary was a member of the Drum Religion and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

She married Salvador Delg in 1941. He preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by 2 sons, Donald Ray Delg and Robert Aaron Delg; 3 sisters, Alethia Bedwell, Virginia Cadue and Wilma Anquoe and 3 brothers, Calvin Wishkeno, Ivan "Cotton" Wishkeno and Wesley Wishkeno.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Ferguson of Green Valley Lake, CA; 2 sons, Dale Delg of Topeka, KS and Darrell Delg of Lawrence, KS; 9 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Drum services will be Thursday evening, January 23, 2014 at the Dance grounds west of Mayetta. Burial will be Friday afternoon in the Wishkeno Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangement. To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

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

## Kambottek (those who died)



### Floyd H. LaClair

Floyd Harold "Cha ga be" LaClair, 62, of Topeka, KS formerly of Mayetta, passed away March 9, 2014 at Midland Hospice House. He was born July 12, 1951 in Manhattan, the son of George James and Julia Gertrude (Eteeyan) LaClair.

Floyd attended Manhattan Grade School and graduated from Topeka High School and Kansas City Trade School. He retired from USD 501 School District after 20 years.

Floyd was a member of the Drum Religion and had attended Sullivan Methodist Indian Chapel in Topeka. He was a member of Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, lifetime member of Shawnee County Allied Tribes, board member of Topeka NIA Hicrest, charter member of Native American Smithsonian in Washington D.C., honored member of Native American Girl Scouts and Native American Education. Floyd was arena director, drummer, singer and chair member of the Pow Wows.

He married Sara Slocum on September 12, 1981 in Topeka. She survives of the home. Other survivors include an honorary sister, Rae Wang of Topeka; a brother and many nieces and nephews.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents and twin infant daughters, Clarissa Dawn and Creda Lynn LaClair.

Wake/Drum Services will be Thursday evening, March 13, 2014 at Nozhackum Brave Dance Building. Burial will be Friday morning, March 14, 2014 at Danceground Cemetery. Floyd will lie in state at the Mercer Funeral Home until Thursday afternoon. Memorials may be given to the Floyd LaClair Memorial Fund (to be designated at a later date) c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

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



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