



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Spring 2011

Kansas tribal leaders attend White House Tribal Nations Conference



L to R: Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians, Twen Barton, Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri chair, Laura Razo, Kickapoo of Kansas vice chair, Steve Ortiz, PBPN chair, and Tim Rhodd, chair of Iowa Tribe of Kansas, were in attendance during President Obama’s speech at the second White House Tribal Nations Conference on Dec. 16 in Washington, D.C.

Tribal representatives converged on Washington, D.C. the third week of December to meet and hear an address from President Obama at the second White House Tribal Nations Conference.

On December 16 Obama spoke to tribal leaders in the audi-

torium of the Department of Interior. Leaders from all four Kansas tribes were in attendance and actively involved in several activities throughout the week.

For more information and photos see page 3 inside this issue of the *News*.

Firekeeper Golf Course set to open April 1

The Firekeeper Golf Course will officially open for business April 1.

Right now, Randy Towner, golf pro/manager, Michael Powell, assistant golf pro, and Morgan Rockhold, food and beverage manager, are busy putting on the finishing touches inside the clubhouse and coordinating efforts with the grounds crews to get the business ready.

A grand opening is scheduled for May 15 with sports celebrities Notah Begay, Bill Self and Roy Williams.

See pages 6 and 7 inside this issue of the *News* for more information on Firekeeper.



**Tribal members
are invited
to free rounds of golf
on
March 28-29**

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Chairman Ortiz and Little Soldier Singers participate in Kansas Governor inauguration ceremony at Capitol

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On January 10 Tribal Chairman Steve Ortiz and Tim Rhodd, chair of the Iowa tribe, gave Sam Brownback a Pendleton blanket during his inaugural swearing in. Following the presentation, the Little Soldier Singers sang an honor song. The ceremony was held at the House chambers inside the Capitol building.

Brownback was elected as Kansas’ 46th Governor last November. Before he was elected, he made two visits to the PBPN including one in October, where he met with the four Kansas tribes, and another in July when he made a campaign stop to meet with Tribal Council and attend a reception in his honor.

Before he was elected Governor, Brownback was a U.S. Senator. During his tenure he pushed for the passage of a Native American Apology Resolution that he introduced in 2004 before the United States Congress with former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, of the Northern Cheyenne Nation. Before becoming a Senator in 1996, Brownback served in the House of Representatives for one year and prior to that was an attorney, radio broadcaster, teacher and administrator. He was raised in Linn County, Kan. and graduated from Kansas State University and the University of Kansas Law School.

Mark your calendar!

April 1	Firekeeper Golf Course opens
April 16	General Council meeting
April 17	PBP Earth Day
April 22	PBP government offices closed
	Good Friday/Easter
May 15	Firekeeper Golf Course grand opening
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Message to the Nation from Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Chairperson

The challenges facing Tribal Council, concerning the Shabehnay land, have been brought forth again this quarter. The Tribal Council has decided to seek a proposal from Anderson Law on the options and consequences of placing the Shabehnay land into Trust for Gaming Purposes, Land into Trust for Non-Gaming Purposes and starting Class II gaming with the current documentation. At this point, the National Indian Gaming Commission will not rule on the Shabehnay land eligibility for gaming unless the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs rules the Shabehnay land is a reservation. There will be no ruling unless an application is made to take the Land into Trust for the Assistant Secretary to make a determination as to its reservation status. Then, adding to this complex situation, the Forrest County Potawatomi are inquiring as to the land's status. As chairman, I have advised the Tribal Council to make an application for Land into Trust for Gaming Purposes, but ultimately the decision of placing an application for the Land into Trust will need a vote of four to the affirmative to do so. The Illinois Attorney General has not heard from the Department of Interior on the land's reservation status, but to our knowledge, the Attorney General stands committed to challenging the Shabehnay land eligibility for gaming. The local community near Shabbona, Ill. has also seen changes on the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and is waiting to see what action the PBPB will take on gaming.

This year the PBPB will also have to look closer at what its funding priorities are. For one, the PBPB has lost its public transportation grant due to meeting its maximum grant eligibility period but the PBPB will be able to fund public transportation until the end of 2011 in a limited capacity. Secondly, there are concerns regarding the possible lack of funding by the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) to guarantee funding of the Language program beyond Sept. 30 but Tribal Council has committed to providing limited funding until Dec. 31. On a positive note, President Barack Obama is continually working with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to fund Indian health care. For the Federal Year (FY) 2012, a \$4.6 billion budget is proposed, which is a \$571 million increase over the FY 2010 budget. Secretary Sebelius, in a recent meeting of members of her Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC), in which I am a member, informed us that she has reduced funding in the other nine agencies of DHHS and increased funding to the Indian Health Service (IHS). However, no one knows at this point what Congress will do to reduce spending and the IHS may be impacted in the end. The Office of Personnel has been assigned the responsibility to devise a plan for the tribes and their affiliates to purchase health insurance for their employees through the Federal Government Health Plan. The plan is currently being developed but we were told that we will not have any information for at least five or six months.

Other activities:

- Tribal members can play golf for free on March 28-29 in a second soft opening of the Firekeeper Golf Course and the Grand Opening is scheduled for May 15; check the website for updates about these events.
- The PBPB gave testimony to some members of the Kansas Legislature about the impact of the State of Kansas entering into a Class III compact with the Wyandotte Tribe in Oklahoma, regarding its casino in Kansas City, Kan. The Wyandotte Tribe is also planning to open a Class II casino in Park City outside of Wichita, Kan. In the mid-1990s, the Wyandotte Tribe made application to the Interior Department to open the Class II casino, but as of yet, the Department of Interior has not ruled on the land's eligibility for gaming. Also, in the Wichita area Peninsula Gaming has won the bid to build a casino near Mulvane, Kan. Lastly, the Hollywood Casino at the Kansas Race Track in Kansas City, Kan. is also tentatively scheduled to open in the fall 2012 with construction underway.
- On February 18-19, I attended the 66th Annual Ira Hayes celebration and IWO JIMA flag raising ceremony, in Sacaton, Ariz., with our We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 group. There were 128 groups that attended the celebration.
- On February 24-25, I attended the DHHS Region 6 & 7 Tribal Consultation meeting in Oklahoma City. The meeting consisted of tribes in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas and regional directors. The regional directors brought collected comments from their tribal groups regarding funding opportunities and problems that were addressed about the 10 agencies under DHHS. I served as the moderator for Region 7 during the two day meeting.
- On February 27- March 2, I attended the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Winter Legislative Summit and Congressional update and DHHS STAC committee meeting in Washington, D.C.
- On March 3-6, I travelled to Neopit, Wis., to meet the family and attend the funeral of former PBPB Tribal Police Officer Steve Cook.



Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)
Tribal Chairman



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**Trip details and more
in the next issue of the News**

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Kansas Tribes attended events and activities

President Obama speaks at White House Tribal Nations Conference



Meetings were held Dec. 13-16, 2010 in D.C.



Jancita Warrington, Tribal Council member, left, and Twen Barton, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Chair, at the Tribal Leader Preparatory Meeting that brought leaders together to discuss important issues to present to Obama and his staff.



President Barack Obama spoke to tribal leaders at the White House Tribal Nations Conference on December 16. His speech made news when he announced that the U.S. would support the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for the first time. Obama also met with tribal leaders and held a reception at the White House during the week.



Navajo Code Talkers provided the Color Guard for the ceremony and the young boy in the photo is Hunter Street, 7, (Hidatsa/Dakota) who sang a flag song.



Jancita Warrington at the Legislative meeting held on Dec. 13 at the Dirksen Building.

Photos by Suzanne Heck



Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) spoke at the Legislative meeting. The meeting was sponsored by the National Indian Gaming Association and National Congress of American Indian.

Receptions with dignitaries kept Tribal Council members busy



L to R: Steve Ortiz, Nedra Darling, Karl Brooks and Tim Rhodd. Ortiz and Darling are PBPN and Karl Brooks is the Region 7 Administrator for EPA. Rhodd is an Iowa. Darling is in Public Affairs for the DOI.



L to R: Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Yvette Roubideaux, Indian Health Services Director, Louis Maynahonah, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma Chair, Steve Ortiz, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Chair, Gus Frank, Forest County Potawatomi Chair, Michael Burgess, Comanche Nation Chair, and Burton Warrington, Policy Advisor for Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs.



Chairman Ortiz, front row, far right, is a member of the Tribal Consultation Team that met at the Indian Affairs Office in the Department of Interior on Dec. 15.

Kansas tribes testify against Wyandotte Nation Class III bid for gaming before Joint State-Tribal Relations Committee



Chairman Steve Ortiz presented testimony at the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations meeting on Jan. 26 at the State House.

The Joint Committee is comprised of several Kansas legislators that meet periodically to discuss issues that affect Native Americans and the state of Kansas.



The four tribes of Kansas met with the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations at the Capitol on Jan. 26 to discuss a proposed tribal state gaming compact between the State and Wyandotte Nation.

The proposed compact would allow the Wyandotte Nation to have Class III gaming at its existing 7th Street Casino located in Kansas City, Kansas. Presently the casino is authorized for Class II gaming which allows only for electronic bingo and pull-tabs. Class III gaming, as spelled out by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), would allow slots and table games.

Carol Forman, a designee from the former Governor's office, gave an overview of the compact to the Committee. Following her presentation, chairpersons from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, and Kickapoo of Kansas presented testimony in opposition of the compact along with Mark Gunnison, attorney for the Iowa Tribe, and Mark Dodd, attorney for the Sac and Fox.

The compact was negotiated when former Governor Mark Parkinson was still in office in

2010 and in order for the compact to be approved, the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations must review and recommend it first before it is sent to the 2011 Kansas Legislature. Some committee members are new to the Kansas Legislature since the last election.

One of the major concerns voiced by tribal leaders was that they were not consulted or made aware of the negotiations about the proposed compact before it was announced by Parkinson's office. Another argument was that the Wyandotte Nation is not headquartered in Kansas and does not have its casino located on a reservation which makes it different from the other Kansas tribes. Some tribal representatives said they are concerned with some of the terminology that is in the proposed compact and do not want to incur any regulatory costs should the compact be approved.

The Wyandotte Nation presented their testimony to the Joint Committee on Feb. 9 and the following week the Joint Committee met and made their recommendations to Gov. Brownback who will have the ultimate decision.

At press time, no announcement had been made from the Governor's office regarding the decision.



Attending the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations meeting were, left to right, Mark Gunnison, Jancita Warrington, Carrie O'Toole, Laura Razo, and P.J. McKinney. Gunnison is an attorney who spoke on behalf of the Iowa Tribe that day. Warrington and O'Toole are on the PBPB Tribal Council and Razo and McKinney are Kickapoo Tribal Council members.

Retraction: In the winter 2010 edition of the *Potawatomi News* on page 5, it listed Vernon Wahweotten as deceased which was incorrect. The *News* regrets the error.

We-Ta-Se color guard march in Arizona



Six members of We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 traveled to Sacaton, Ariz. where they marched in the 66th anniversary of the IWO JIMA flag raising ceremony on Feb. 18-19. We-Ta-Se was one of 128 entries and are seen standing in back of some Navajo Code Talkers who were in the parade. We-Ta-Se members who made the trip were, left to right, Ralph Lundin, B.J. Darnall, Jim Potts, Steve Ortiz, Tim Ramirez, and Frank Shopteese.

The IWO JIMA ceremony honors Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian, who was made famous for helping to raise the American flag on Mount Suribachi in a photograph that helped symbolize the ending of World War II.

(We-Ta-Se photograph)

Leaders converse



Left to right is Tim Rhodd, Gov. Brownback, and Steve Ortiz visiting after Brownback received his Pendleton gift from the Kansas tribes at the inauguration ceremony January 10 at the Capitol building.

(photo courtesy of the Topeka Capital-Journal)

Prairie Band members participate in Kansas Day Commemoration ceremonies

*We-Ta-Se performs at kick off of Kansas Day
on Capitol steps*



**Kansas
became
a state
in 1861**



We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 participated in a ceremony at the Capitol on Jan. 28 that kicked off a year-long series of events planned to commemorate the Kansas Sesquicentennial. The event began with a performance by the 35th Infantry Division Band that was followed by We-Ta-Se honor guard posting colors. The rest of the ceremony included the singing of the national anthem, speeches by Governor Sam Brownback and other Kansas legislators, and a poem that was read by Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg, Kansas' Poet Laureate. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the state song "Home on the Range".

The Kansas Sesquicentennial Commemoration officially began on Kansas Day which was January 29. Festivals, concerts, theatrical performances, quilt shows, and more took place across the state as Kansans recognized this 150th year of statehood.

ABOVE: Left to right, Robert Jackson, Jim Potts, Steve Ortiz, Frank Shopteese, Gov. Brownback, B.J. Darnell, and Lorrie Wahwassuck.

CENTER: Shopteese shaking hands with the Governor after the ceremony.

FAR RIGHT: Tribal dignitaries at the event.



*Tribal members participate in
Kansas Day at the Museum*



Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) members, who belong to the Shawnee County Allied Tribes (SCAT), an intertribal group of Native Americans from the Topeka region, also participated in Kansas Day events that were held for children at the Kansas Museum of History on Jan. 28-29. Performances, hands-on learning activities, and demonstrations by historic reenactors were included in the two-day event. Gov. Brownback also made a special appearance at the museum on Jan. 28.

LEFT: Daniel Martinez (PBP) is seen standing next to the new Kansas stamp exhibit that was unveiled on Jan. 27. He is a member of the Standing Bear Gourd Society that is affiliated with the Shawnee County Allied Tribes (SCAT).

BELOW LEFT: Galen Hubbard (PBP) is photographed leading a ceremonial dance that was held as one of the performances. The Standing Bear Gourd Society is in the back.

BELOW RIGHT: Gov. Sam Brownback pictured, fourth from left, with members of the SCAT group. PBP members in the photo are Hildred Vilander (third from left), and Daniel Martinez (fifth from left). Other people in the photograph are unidentified.



*Special
thanks
to
Daniel Martinez
for
submitting the
Kansas Day at the
Museum
photographs*



Firekeeper Golf Course ready to go



The new clubhouse has a full-service golf pro shop and snack bar. A driving range and practice greens are also available near the clubhouse.

On March 28-29 PBPB will members get to play golf for free and also experience the clubhouse’s new snack bar and pro shop.

The pro shop is stocked with several items including golf shirts and hats with the Firekeeper logo on them and a lot of other items for sale.

Morgan Rockhold, food and beverage manager, told the *News* that the snack bar will offer cold sandwiches and hotdogs along with soft drinks and a bar. Beverage carts will be stocked each day for convenient sales on the course and in between rounds golfers can stop to refresh themselves in a rocking chair on the patio. A beautiful fire pit has also been built that is in keeping with Potawatomi traditional ways that sits on the outskirts of the patio facing the western sky.

Meet the Firekeeper management foursome



Randy Towner, Head Golf Professional

Before coming to Firekeeper, Randy Towner was the golf professional at Alvamar Country Club in Lawrence, Kan. for 22 years.

He has also been a U.S. Senior Open qualifier and was voted Golf Professional of the Year by his peers in the Midwest section of the PGA last year.



Michael Powell, Assistant Golf Professional

Michael Powell is from Lawrence, Kan. and worked as the assistant golf professional at Eagle Bend Golf Course before coming to Firekeeper. He was also on the golf teams at Ottawa University and Haskell Indian Nations University and is an enrolled member of the Osage Nation.



Rob Christie, Golf Course Superintendent

Rob Christie has been at Firekeeper since it first broke ground a couple of years ago. He has participated in the construction of several golf courses in several states and is now a permanent member of the Landscapes Golf Group management team that will oversee the golf enterprise.



Morgan Rockhold, Food and Beverage Manager

Morgan Rockhold has been hired as the food and beverage manager for the clubhouse. She holds a degree from Washburn University and formerly managed Henry-Ts restaurant in Topeka for almost three years. She is originally from Lindsborg, Kansas.

Firekeeper Golf Course prices

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal member rates with cart

Monday-Thursday-\$30	Twilight: \$23
Friday-Sunday-\$40	Twilight: \$33

General Public	
Monday-Thursday-\$50	Twilight: \$23
Friday-Sunday-\$60	Twilight: \$33

Tee times may be reserved up to 7 days in advance. Stay and Play packages with casino may be made 60 days in advance.

The 240-acre course is located across the road from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Casino & Resort that is coordinating a lot of stay-and-play packages with Firekeeper that are filling up fast.

The course is designed with the first seven holes located on open prairie land and the back 11 are designed with great fairways that are nestled in between trees and creeks. Jeff Brauer of GolfScapes, Inc. was the course architect for the project that was constructed by Landscapes Unlimited, Inc. and designed by Notah Begay Consulting. This is Begay’s first signature course.



Facts

- Greens/tees: Bent grass
- Fairways: Bent grass
- Roughs: Turf type tall fescue
- Hazards: creeks (few) and tall native prairie grasses
- Course: par 72
- Long tees: 7,500 yards
- Forward tees: 4,500 yards

Log on to receive the latest updates on the golf course at
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Grand Opening May 15



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the grand opening at
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featuring

Notah Begay
PGA professional golfer & course designer

Bill Self
Univ. of Kansas basketball coach
&
Roy Williams
Univ. of North Carolina basketball coach



*Notah Begay at Firekeeper's soft
opening held for tribal members
last fall.*

Golf course entry way being designed by Hardy Eteeyan



ABOVE LEFT: Last winter Hardy Eteeyan (PBPB) was seen at the Government Center drawing plans for a new entry way to the Firekeeper Golf Course. The design will be similar in structure to the metal archway at Prairie Peoples Park but will include design elements found in the Firekeeper golf course logo. ABOVE RIGHT: Reservation resident Dave Abeyta, right, is doing the stone masonry work on the entry way and is seen with Tom Jim (PBPB) who is doing the concrete work for the project. Eteeyan's design is being cut out by Topeka Metal Specialties and, weather permitting, should be constructed soon. Eteeyan, an artist and employee of the PBPB Road and Bridge department, also drew the PBPB logo that has been used as the Nation's seal for many years.

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Food Distribution Program holds open house



From left are Jackie Mitchell, Angie Hester, Jim Potter, and Tracy Potts at the Food Distribution Program open house held Dec. 21. The open house was held to show off a new storage room that was added to the building and new equipment that was made possible through funds made available from the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

An open house was held on Dec. 21 at the Food Distribution building to show off some new equipment and an expansion that was made to the facility.

Thanks to funds made available from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), a new storage room and hydraulic fork lift were added.

Several people attended the open house and were taken on tours of the facility by Tracy Potts and Angie Hester who work in the Food Distribution Program. Appetizers were served that were made from commodity foods and Tribal Council Secretary Jim Potter cut a celebratory cake that was purchased for the occasion.

The Potawatomi Nation has operated a food commodity program since the early 1980s. Service is based on income-eligible individuals who reside within the 11-square-mile Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation. In addition, the program also serves income-eligible households who live off the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation, but within Jackson and Brown Counties, Kan., in which at least one member of the household is a member of a recognized Indian nation.

The Food Distribution Program building is located at 15189 K Road, Mayetta, KS, 66509. For more information call (785) 966-2718 or fax (785) 966-2529.

Applications are available online at www.pbpindiantribe.com/community-services.aspx

The following is a notice from the PBPB Attorney's office regarding the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation becoming a sex offender registration and notification jurisdiction.

Legal Notice

Pursuant to a 2007 Tribal Council Resolution, the Nation will become a sex offender registration and notification jurisdiction pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Notification Act (SORNA), Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. The SORNA establishes minimum national standards for sex offender registration and notification in jurisdictions that include all fifty states, certain Indian tribes, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. The Nation is in the process of amending the Potawatomi Law and Order Code to add provisions for sex offender registration. The Potawatomi Law & Order Code amendment will require individuals who are convicted of certain sex offenses to register with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Police Department if they do any one or more of the following: live on the reservation, work on the reservation, are a student on the reservation, visit the reservation over 24 hours, or if they are convicted in tribal court as a sex offender. The frequency and duration of registration and personal appearances with the Police Department vary according to the offense committed. The planned date for the law to go in effect is July 1, 2011. For more information, please contact the PBPB Police Department at 966-3024.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLIENTS
OF THE POTAWATOMI FOOD DISTRIBUTION
PROGRAM

Submitted by:
Tracy Potts

income guidelines, please call us at 785-966-2718, or email tracy-potts@pbpnation.org.

As a reminder to our clients, gambling profits paid to tribal members must be counted as income for purposes of determining eligibility for Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits. However, we only count the household's current income. Our program considers current to be income received within the past 30 days. Therefore, we urge you to pick up your commodities BEFORE your per capita payment is received. You may then pick up your commodities the following month AFTER the 16th day of the month, as long as 31 days have passed since the per capita payment was received. This way you will not be required to skip a month.

The Food Distribution Program will also be closed June 6 - 10. We will be attending the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR) Conference in Catoosa, Oklahoma. This conference is the primary forum for discussing issues of national significance involving the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). USDA will be addressing a wide range of important initiatives during the conference. These include food package changes under consideration, pending regulatory changes, the fiscal year 2012 President's Budget, food safety issues, and the upcoming Farm Bill.

For example: Jane is a tribal member who receives a quarterly per capita payment from her tribe. Jane came in and picked up her commodities on March 1. Jane then received her per cap on March 15. Jane will be eligible to pick up commodities anytime from April 16-April 30 because 31 days have passed since she received her per capita payment. This way, Jane does not have an interruption in benefits.

Currently, there are approximately 276 tribes receiving benefits under the FDPIR through 100 ITOs and five State agencies. Representatives from all ITOs and state agencies will be in attendance. Attendees will acquire knowledge and skills from interaction with other tribal and state FDPIR staff, USDA staff, industry, and other members that will help us do our jobs more effectively.

The Potawatomi Food Distribution Program will be closed April 18-22. We will be attending our Regional Conference in Rapid City, S.D. Our region is called the Mountain Plains Region and is comprised of 30 Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs), which are located in Wyoming (2), Montana (7), North Dakota (5), South Dakota (7), Nebraska (3), Kansas (3), Colorado (2), and Utah (1).

Since the Potawatomi Food Distribution Program will be closed June 6-10, our clients that will receive a per capita payment on June 15 will need to order their commodities BEFORE June 15 (or before the payment is received.) Last year's June per capita payment was a week early, so keep that in mind. Since we will be closed that entire week, please plan accordingly!

Clients who received a per capita payment on March 15 will need to order their commodities the week of April 25-29. As stated above, this is due to the fact that we must count income for the past 30 days, which means if you received a per capita payment on March 15, we must count it as income received up through April 15. We have been reminding our clients about this policy for several months now. Notices have been going out in the food packages since July 2010. This is not a new rule. It is required by federal regulations. Please remember our program is income-based. If you have questions about the monthly

As stated above, we have been disseminating information about how per capita payments are factored into the household's monthly income for several months now, and some clients are still unaware, or they do not understand the policy. I sincerely apologize for the confusion, but I hope my clients realize that it is to their advantage because they are no longer required to skip a whole month as they did in the past. Skipping months caused undue hardship for many of our clients, so we are pleased that we can work around per capita payments and still distribute commodities on a continuous basis.

Government Center offices switched

Some of the offices in the Government Center have been switched around recently in an effort of serving tribal members more efficiently.

A major reason for the move, according to General Manager Liana Onnen, was to centralize tribal member services on one floor in lieu of having them scattered throughout the two-story building. For example, Member Services has been relocated to the lower level of the Government Center and is near the Education Department and Human Resources offices which are departments tribal members use frequently.

Other departments that were previously on the lower level, like the News, Construction/Maintenance, and Grants have been moved upstairs for easier access to the government's administration.

Below is a brief description of the office relocation changes:

- Upper level-south side
 - *What used to be the **General Managers** office is now the **News** office
 - *What used to be **Member Services** office is now the **Attorneys** office
- Upper level-north side
 - *What used to be the **Attorneys** office is now the **General Managers office /Information Technology (IT) Director's** office
 - *What used to be the **IT Director's** office is now the **Construction/Maintenance Director's** office

- Upper level-east side (near Finance Department)
 - *What used to be an unoccupied Per Capita office is now the **Grants** office
- Lower level-south side
 - *What used to be the **News office/PBP Health Services/PBP Construction** office is now the **Member Services** office
- Lower level-north side
 - *What used to be the **Construction/Maintenance Director's** office is now **PBP Health Services Inc-PBP Construction Services Director's** office

Contact information including phone numbers and email/fax connections is unchanged.

Member Services is now located on the lower level of the Government Center. For easy access, use the outside entrance to the Government Center located on the west side of the building.

For more information call 785.966.4000

Benefit held for family of Steve Cook

A breakfast and lunch fundraiser to benefit the family of Steve Cook was sponsored by the Tribal Police Department on March 7 at the Bingo Hall.

Cook, 43, had been an officer with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Police Department and died at his home on February 27 of an apparent self-inflicted gun shot wound. He had been with the Tribal Police Department since 2006 and was a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal member. He was also a member of the We-Ta-Se American Legion #410.

Funeral services were held on March 5 in Neopit, Wisconsin. His obituary appears on page 23 in this issue.



Rick Burns, left, and Herb Nance, of the Tribal Police Department, preparing chili in the kitchen of the Bingo Hall for the benefit luncheon on March 7. In the morning breakfast was also served for a donation.

Shipshee sworn in to Healing to Wellness Court



Left to right: Joyce Guerrero, Norma Shipshee, and Stacy Leeds in the court chambers at the Judicial Center.

Norma Shipshee was sworn in as a member of the Healing to Wellness Court by Tribal Council Vice Chairperson Joyce Guerrero and District Court Judge Stacy Leeds in January. Shipshee will serve as the community representative and replaces Juanita Jessepe who resigned last fall.

Other members on the Healing to Wellness Court are Mike Boswell, Laverne Haag, Mary LeClere, Benny Potts and Nathan Hale.

The Healing to Wellness

Court is designed to work with offenders of alcohol and drug-related crimes through addressing Native American traditional and cultural values. The goal of the court is to help individuals gain the tools and knowledge to become whole and healthy both mentally and physically.

The Court has been in operation for a little over a year.

For more information about the court contact Raphael Wahwassuck, coordinator, at 785.966.2242.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation 2010 4th Quarter Charitable Contributions	
•TDC Learning Center	\$ 5,000.00
•Topeka Symphony League	\$ 1,000.00
•Three Rivers Inc./ Miss Wheelchair Kansas	\$ 1,000.00
•LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center	\$ 5,000.00
•Sheltered Living	\$ 5,000.00
•Douglas Public Library	\$ 1,000.00
•Washburn Jazz Coalition	\$ 3,500.00
•Lulac(League of United Latin American Citizens)11071	\$ 1,800.00
•TARC	\$ 5,000.00
•Blue Earth Initiatives, Inc	\$12,000.00
•American Heart Association	\$ 5,000.00
•Brewster Foundation	\$ 2,385.96
•National Alliance on Mental Illness	\$2,500.00
•Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas	\$9,500.00
•Ronald McDonald House	\$5,000.00
•Lawrence High Native American Club	\$5,000.00
•Pottawatomie Recycling Committee	\$1,500.00
•Salvation Army	\$5,089.52
•Topeka Rescue Mission	\$5,089.52
•Sandra Rucker's Veterans Organization	\$2,000.00
Total	\$83,365.00

The Boys & Girls Club sold gifts for Valentines Day that they created as a fundraiser to earn money for a spring-break trip. In the photo to the right, is Derek Otero, left, and Erin Pahmahmie who delivered the gifts at the Government Center on Feb. 14. Both Otero and Pahmahmie are on the staff at the club.



Judicial Center marks
one year anniversary



The Judicial Center has been in operation for a year now and this group of individuals, who are all affiliated with the Center in various ways, were photographed in the Court chambers after Norma Shipshee, front row, right, was sworn in to the Healing to Wellness Court.

In the photo with Shipshee on the front row is Marilyn Brewer. In back, from left to right, is Terry Barr, Stacy Leeds, Royetta Rodewald and Ed Colazzo.

Mowing season beginning: Please remove cemetery items

RIGHT: Ernie Coleman is a landscaper in the Maintenance department and was photographed planting flowers in the islands of the Government Center parking lot last fall.



The landscapers are getting ready for spring and want to alert people that memorial displays and other items need to be picked up at the cemeteries by April 1.

Ernie Coleman, who works in the Maintenance department, said that crews will begin cleaning the cemeteries and mowing soon and they don't want to throw away memorial items that may have sentimental value.

To contact the Maintenance department call 785.966.4023.

For
PBPN law and order codes
log on to

www.pbpindiantribe.com/pbpn-law-and-order-code.aspx

Education news



The start of the new year is keeping the files stacked high on the desk of Ida Nadeau who handles student services for K-12 students in the Education Department. The program provides financial assistance of up to \$250 per calendar year for each K-8 grade student and \$400 per calendar year for each 9-12 grade student for school related activities. Eligible students must be an enrolled member of the PBPN and enrolled in public, private or home school programs.

Student Services applications can be downloaded at www.pbpindiantribe.com/education.aspx

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Dr. Jay Johnson, the director for Friends University's Masters of Business (MBA) program, (far right) was at the Government Center on Jan. 27 to answer questions about the program. In the photo are two people (unidentified) who came to learn about the program. Friends University has partnered with the PBPN in offering college-degree courses that are being taught on the reservation.

In a flash



LaVerne Hale, standing, with Carol Dewitt working at the Firekeepers Elder Center Christmas party held Dec. 21.



A large crowd attended the Christmas party held at the Firekeepers Elder Center. The group played bingo and other games winning prizes and going home with fruit baskets as gifts.



Joyce Guerrero represented Tribal Council in a "Minute to Win It" challenge with employees at the All-Employee Christmas luncheon held Dec. 20 at the Bingo Hall.



Mae Joslin was drawing a Christmas decoration when this photograph was taken at the Community Christmas party sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club and Social Services Department on Dec. 22. The party was held at the Bingo Hall and families shared a supper and other arts and craft activities.

(Photo by Micki Martinez)

The Curtis Masquat Pool Tournament was held on Mar. 12 at the Firekeepers Elder Center



The Boys & Girls Club provided the place for a book fair that was held Dec. 13-14. World Carriers Trading Post, an Indian business, sold books about Native Americans during the two-day fair that was open to the public.

Family Violence Prevention Program supports National Teen Dating Violence and Stalking Months

Staff from the PBP Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) sent out informative materials by email to the PBP community regarding Stalking Awareness Month in January and National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in February.

The Family Violence Prevention Program is housed in the Social Services Department

and serves enrolled members of Federally recognized tribes who are victims of family violence of sexual assault.

The FVPP is located in the Health Center. For details about the program call 785.966.8343.

*Toll free crisis line
1.866.966.0173*



Easter-egg-Stravaganza

Saturday, April 9
Prairie Peoples Park
Lunch at noon
(bring a dish to share)
Egg hunts at 1 p.m.

Fun for the whole family-children must be accompanied by an adult
door prizes, egg decorating contest or bring your already decorated egg for judging

Sponsored by:
Boys & Girls Club; Tribal Victims Assistance Program; Diabetes Prevention Program;
Family Violence Program

Another brutal Kansas winter kept government offices closed a few days

Over 30 inches of snow has been recorded in Kansas this winter and for three days in January and four in February hazardous road conditions kept PBPB workers at home.

It didn't mean that everyone at the Nation didn't have to venture out, however, as essential personnel were required to report to work. Reservation roads and parking lots needed to be scraped, the buffalo fed, and other needs of the community met.

For crews in Road & Bridge and the Maintenance/Lands departments the

work just intensifies during big snow storms and for those that normally work 24-7 shifts, like employees in the Tribal Police and the Fire Department, their workloads also increase with a higher level of accidents and slide-offs on the roads.

Along with the watchful eye of the General Manager's office, Tribal Council, and the News that posts closures to the media, Finance also works during "snow days" to ensure that workers get paid. The Health Center and Housing department staffs should also be mentioned as groups that are placed "on-call" to help when individuals are in need.

Winter snaps



Road conditions were icy on U.S. Highway 75 as workers headed home Jan. 19 but new message boards, like the one above, gave early warnings to drivers as to what to expect on the roads. Partial funding for the signs came from the Kansas Department of Transportation and the PBPB. Cross section warning signals have also been placed on the highway.



The Road & Bridge Department has installed new road signs that are more distinct and have the PBPB logo on them.



Chuck Jacobson shoveling the sidewalks in front of the Government Center.

**Special thanks to
Prairie Band Potawatomi
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and the
PBPB administration
for
making sure people
stay safe**



Left: John Rupnicki working on one of the snow plows that Maintenance uses to clean the parking lots.



Robbie Lange in front of the Bingo Hall during the last snow that fell on March 14.



Snow beginning to fall on Jan. 19 at the rez. High winds have also accompanied a lot of the storms this winter.

Emergency Medical Technician-B Course

The Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department and Highland Community College are offering an EMT-B Course Mon. and Thurs. evenings and 6 Saturdays beginning Mar. 28.

Cost is \$1,320 and includes 12 hours of college credit, books and supplies.

For details call Eric Ganson at 785.966.2164 or to enroll 785.285.1487

Closures are posted at
www.pbpindiantribe.com

Come celebrate EMS Week

May 15-21
at an
open house
at the
Potawatomi Fire Station

May 21
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Refreshments, prizes and games for the kids

Call 785.966.2164 for details

Tips on how to prepare for spring emergencies

Emergency information on the reservation
If you are in trouble
Call 911
Not sure what to do?
Call
785.966.3024 or 785.966.2164

Wildfires/Grassfires

wear protective clothing, sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, gloves and handkerchief to protect your face
take your supply kit
choose a route away from fire and hazards, if possible
lock your home and tell someone where you are going

If you have time to protect your home

close windows, vents, doors, blinds, curtains
shut off gas meters
open fireplace damper, close fireplace screens
turn on lights in every room to increase visibility of home in heavy smoke
outside the home if the garden hose is hooked up wet roof and surrounding area

Emergency information
provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, PBN Fire, and Police Departments

Disaster supply kit

(keep these items on hand and ready to go)

bottled water
food that won't spoil
battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries,
weather-alert radio
change of clothing including shoes
blanket, sleeping bag
first aid kit with family medications
special items for children, elders, disabled
sanitation supplies like baggies, toilet paper and trashbags
extra set of keys, money, credit cards and documents

Tornadoes/Flood

listen for outside warning sirens but remember they are an outside system and you may not hear them inside your home
watch for emergency vehicles in your neighborhood and check on your neighbors, if possible
tune to your local television or radio station for information.
Weather radios are also a good idea
have your supply kit ready and battery-operated radio and flash lights if the power goes out.

Know these different weather terms

<u>Watch</u>	when conditions are favorable for severe weather
<u>Warning</u>	when severe weather is occurring or imminent
<u>Take cover</u>	you are in the path of severe weather so get to a place of safety as soon as possible

FEMA and Tribal governments: honoring a partnership

Submitted by: Jonathan Weinberg

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Region VII Office -- consisting of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska -- recently established a work group to address issues relating to tribal governments. While the work group is internal to FEMA, it is comprised of program office experts who will address a wide variety of emergency management issues that could have a positive impact on reducing the effects of natural disasters in Indian country.

The workgroup is dedicated to working with tribal leaders and representatives to support the efforts of tribal communities to prepare for and respond to disasters. At its first meeting, the group discussed updating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FEMA and tribal nations in Region VII, which authorizes the creation of a Tribal Emergency Management Coordinating Council (TEMCC). The Council, to be comprised of representatives from each of the nine federally

recognized tribes in Region VII, provides a forum for FEMA tribal partners in Region VII to build emergency management capabilities and to reduce the effects of natural disasters in Indian country.

When the original MOU was established on May 22, 2002, tribal leaders from across the region presented FEMA's leadership with a tribal blanket. The blanket was recently hung in a prominent location at FEMA Region VII headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. The quilt is a constant reminder of FEMA's partnership with tribal governments throughout the region.

FEMA is part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and its mission is to support citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

For more information, please contact FEMA's Tribal Liaison, Scott Weinberg at: jonathan.weinberg@dhs.gov or 816-809-4128.

Tribal Fire Department meets with regional emergency response leaders



Last month the Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department hosted a meeting with regional fire chiefs and other emergency service personnel from Northeast Kansas. The group, comprised of representatives from Lawrence, Manhattan, Topeka, and the surrounding communities, get together once a month to share ideas and to coordinate efforts they might use in responding to fighting fires, natural disasters or other emergency situations. In the photo on the front row, second from left, are Prairie Band Fire Department representatives Matt Conger, Mike Mills, Ben Green, and Ron Sellens. The meeting was held in the training room of the old tribal court building on March 2.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Division of Planning/EPA begin residential waste disposal/curbside trash collection to Housing department homes

Instead of relying on an outside trash/recycling collection service the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) Division of Planning/EPA is now providing its own.

On March 3 reservation housing clusters and homes that are listed under the PBPB Housing jurisdiction began being served.

Homes in the following vicinities: Pheasant Run/Quail Court/Buffalo Drive/Prairie Village (Cluster 5) /K-1 Homes/156th Lane (Cluster 3); scattered rental homes/152nd Lane (Cluster 1)/L-4 Lane (Cluster 2)/N-1 and N-2 Lane (Cluster 4) were given green plastic trash bins and are now getting their trash picked up weekly.

Blue bins were also distributed for curbside recycling that is also being picked up on staggered days. On Tuesdays collectors are at Pheasant Run/Quail Court/Buffalo Drive/Prairie Village (Cluster 5) /K-1 Homes/156th Lane (Cluster 3) and on Wednesdays at scattered rental homes/152nd

Lane (Cluster 1) /L-4 Lane (Cluster 2)/N-1 and N-2 Lane (Cluster 4).

All residents living in the designated groups listed are required to utilize the service and being charged a monthly fee of \$15. The fee is assessed through rental/lease payments in the PBPB Housing department. Exempt from the charges are elders that live in the Prairie Village complex or 156th Lane senior/disabled duplexes or any home with a head of household 62 years and older.

The new disposal service is supported by the Potawatomi Law and Order Code, which requires that all tribal-owned homes and cluster homes utilize the Nation's service. The purpose of the law is to eliminate health and safety risks associated with the dumpsters in the neighborhoods, and to encourage environmentally-responsible practices from all that live on the reservation.

For more details call 785.966.2946.



Charles Wakole in front of the new PBPB trash truck, on the first day of collection service that began Mar. 3. The PBPB purchased the truck and is now providing weekly curbside pick up service to reservation residents.

**For policies, rates, curbside collection schedule and recyclable materials
go to
www.pbpindiantribe.com/epa.aspx**

How does your home measure up? Use the Energy Star Yardstick to find out

Submitted by: Adam Irvin,
PBP Division of Planning & EPA

The Energy Star Yardstick is a home improvement tool that can help give you an idea of how energy efficient your home is. This tool is a simple do-it-yourself assessment that was created by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The yardstick lets you compare your home's energy use to similar households across the country to see how yours measures up. In order to complete the yardstick you will need four things: collect the last 12 month's utility bills; the amount of gallons that you used in your home (example: natural gas, propane, kerosene), the square footage of your home, and the number of people living there. Once you gather this information, you can input it into the yardstick program that can be found at the website listed at the bottom of this article which will give you a rating on a scale from 1 to 10 with 10 being the most energy efficient. Along with this rating, it will also give you ideas of things that you can do to make your house more energy efficient.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi (PBP) Division of Planning and Environmental Protection conducted an experiment using this tool that can be found on the energy star website. We chose two houses on the reservation to assess, a Phase 1 home on 142 Road & N-1 Lane and a Phase II home on 142 Road & N-2 Lane. The Phase I home has 2,469.28 sq. ft. and used 12,013 kWh of energy

and 376 gallons of propane last year with four residents living there. This house scored 7.7 out of 10 on the energy yard stick measurement. The Phase 2 style home has a square footage of 2,649.66. Last year it used 13,192 kWh of electric energy and 403 gallons of propane with five residents living there. It scored 7.8 out of 10. Both performed fairly well in the test, but there are still things that could be done to bring scores even higher.

The first and easiest improvement that you can do is to make sure that there are no air leaks in your home. If there are some, seal those areas with caulk, spray foam, or some weather stripping to make your home more comfortable and energy efficient. Another recommendation is to add more insulation to your home. The easiest and most effective place for extra insulation is in the attic. Installing it correctly can greatly reduce your energy bills. Something else that could be done is to replace any old and outdated heating and cooling equipment that you have with newer, more efficient equipment. One other thing that can also increase home energy efficiency is a programmable thermostat. By setting the temperature back when you're sleeping or out of the house, can save around \$180 a year in energy expenses. In addition to these recommendations, there are many other great ideas for you to learn when you try out the Energy Star Yardstick yourself.

The Energy Star Yardstick is located at:

www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=home_energy_yardstick.showGetStarted

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Potawatomi Language Department news

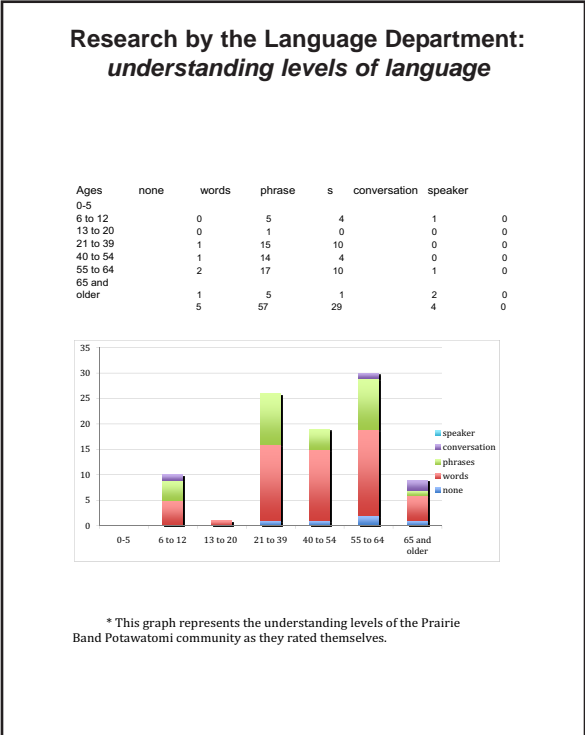
Submitted by: Cindy LeClere

The Language Department staff is well into the 12th Session. We are working on cooking phrases. The students are creating their own video by preparing a recipe of their choice and using the language that they have learned. It is a fun project and they are seeing all the sides of creating a professional DVD.

On February 7, Larry Berryhill, Immersion Instructor, and I traveled to Carter, Wisconsin to participate in, Mko Kisès Storytelling, sponsored by the Forest County Band of Potawatomi. We listened to stories in the language that are only told in the wintertime. Some of the stories that were told are sacred stories so audiotaping was not appropriate. But we were allowed to tape some speakers talking about how it was when they were growing up. It was a good experience and, as always, it is good to see and hear our relatives from the North. We all share the common goal of continuing our language.

In November and December 2010, we held three community meetings to discuss the future of our language and part of the data we collected was to determine which direction we should focus on for our next grant application. The main reason, however, was to promote awareness that we are in a very critical state and need to recruit support for the language effort that is happening in our community.

As always, we invite you and encourage you to participate in the language effort. Our next session of classes begin on March 28th and 29th. Feel free to contact our office for any questions. Our phone number is (785) 966-2138.



Amber Walker chosen Employee of the Year



Amber Walker was awarded 2010 Employee of the Year at the All-Employee meeting held Jan. 21 at the Bingo Hall. With her is Walt Racker, who gave Walker her award, and is on the Employee Committee.

Congratulations Debby!

Debby Lowe was named the Employee of the Quarter at the All-Employee meeting. Lowe is a dental hygienist in the Dental office at the Health Center.



A room in the old tribal court building has been converted into an activity area for the Tribal Victims Assistance Program. On the day this photograph was taken, Kent Miller, second from left, was leading the Providers Art Circle that is held on Wednesdays. With Miller is Micki Martinez, facing camera, and Tracy Potts who were on their lunch hour and creating some art.

The purpose of the program is to explore art as a tool for creative expression and healing through individual and group art projects. There is another open studio available on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and workshops are also provided for women who are survivors of domestic or other violence.

Here are some cooking phrases for you to learn and use:

Kpořtesan	bake	petwiwēk pkweshkēn	flour
Saskokwesan	fry	kottkēn	baking powder
Wřtanta	cook	wawen	eggs
Kwikishan	cut	sispakwēt	sugar

Join the
Providers Art Circle
Wednesdays, noon to 1 p.m.
Old Tribal Court building

Come relax and create some art
To learn more call 785.966.3024 and ask for Rebekah or Kent



Rebekah Jones was recently selected for an Advocacy Fellowship by the Sunflower Foundation. The mission of the foundation is to serve as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans.

Jones is the Office Manager/Tribal Victim Assistance Program Manager for the Tribal Police Department and has been with the department since 1998. Presently she is working toward a bachelor of social work degree at Washburn University and, as part of that program, is completing a practicum requirement in the PBP Social Services Department.

The Tribal Victim Assistance Program was made possible with a three-year grant and serves the four tribes in Kansas.

Health Center to get electronic health record system

The PBP Health Center is moving toward the use of a new electronic medical record system that will store patient medical records into one centralized computer system.

Presently medical records are kept in hard-copy files and stored in a room at the health center. Every time a patient is seen, their medical file is added to, and the larger it grows, the heavier it is to hand carry from place to place.

With the new electronic medical record system, health care providers will have instant access to a patient's medical record through a computer in their office and also have the added benefit of being able to update records right there. The electronic system should also speed up the ability to get medicines ordered and ready for pickup from the pharmacy.

To ensure that all the records are safe, a back-up buddy-system computer program is also

being installed in the event that the primary system crashes or goes down.

For added security measures, only authorized providers and staff will be able to look at the electronic health records that will be protected by two passwords.

Plans call for the system to be activated in April and phased in over time. Patients may notice that visits to the clinic may be slower at first but much more efficient in the long run after providers get used to it.

Physicians and other medical staff are in the process of acquiring laptop computers and patients will begin seeing them used during their upcoming office visits.

For more information about the new system call the Health Center at 785.966.8200.



Social Services update



Left: Joanna "Dumps" Mitchell received an Outstanding Staff Member Award from the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation during their annual conference in San Diego last December. With her is Morris Taylor who directs the PBP Social Services Department Vocational Rehabilitation program. Taylor nominated Mitchell for the award for her work directing the Youth Transition Services program for the PBP.

The GEN S Youth Council is one of the groups that has been organized as part of the Youth Transition program. The group conducts community service projects and, at right, are seen with members of the Gaming Commission during an Adopt a Family gift/food drive that GEN S coordinated with the PBP Childcare/Head Start program last Christmas season.



Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI)/Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP)

Hello fellow PBP members,

If you're interested in being healthier this year and would like to prevent/maintain diabetes, please email or call Kathy Sterbenz, Diabetes Nurse Educator/Case Manager at 785-966-8207 or kathys@pbpnation.org. She will be glad to visit with you about your participation or any questions you have regarding diabetes, your lab results, etc. This includes you or your family members.

New eligibility criteria for participation in the SDPI DPP include:

- An A1c* range for pre-diabetes is now 5.7%-6.4%;
- Fast blood sugar between 100 to 125 mg/dl;
- Blood sugar 2 hours after a meal should be from 140 to 199 mg/dl; and,
- Obtaining an Albumin/Creatinine (A/C) ratio.

*An A1c test measures the average glucose (sugar) in the blood over the previous two to three months. Readings should be similar to that of a non-diabetic, which is 4 to 6 percent. In diabetics, 7 percent is good. An A1c level of 6.5 on two tests indicates a predisposition for diabetes. Source: (http://www.ewhow.com/facts_5645853_normal-range-a1c-test-results.html)

Cory Wabski, lifestyle coach, will be assisting Kathy with the DPP classes and is available to help you design an exercise program. We have additional monies and will be fixing/replacing some equipment in the Wellness Center and purchasing more pedometers. Keep an eye out for "new toys!"

** The Wellness Center is open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday

***The Community Step Challenge continues-if you haven't enrolled, it's not too late. Team leaders/winners and treasures were announced March 11. The goal is to "INCREASE YOUR STEPS" weekly. Get moving-be more active this year! A St. Patrick's Day Fun Walk was also scheduled on March 17 at the Health Center.

The CDC "Return to a Healthy Past" grant will assist individuals with individual/family gardens this year as well as learning to compost, can food, etc. Call Eddie Joe at 785-966-8243, if interested or email: EddieJoe@pbpnation.org.

From,
Carol A. Shoptease, DPP Manager

Upcoming SDPI/DPP Activities

- April: Earth Day Activities - April 22 (Earth Day)
- May: Out of School Celebration and/or Mother's Day Walk - late May Softball Tournament
- June: Pow-wow (includes Horseshoe Tourney) and/or Father's Day Walk & Mud Volleyball Tournament Softball League



Pathways to Healing Conference

April 14-15

Prairie Band Casino & Resort

To download brochure and information go to www.pbpindiantribe.com and look under community events on the home page or call 785.966.8355

Tribal buffalo program makes new improvements

Submitted by: Chris DeCoteau

The PBPB buffalo program began in the early 1980s with the Kickapoo Nation giving three buffalo to the program. Shortly after that, 26 more were offered that came from two national parks up north. Currently the program has 150 buffalo ranging from yearlings to adults.

The Lands department staff is responsible for feeding the herd and using anywhere from 6 to 10 large round bales of hay per week that come from other PBPB land tracts. In addition, during the winter months the herd is fed 12 to 24 bags per week of range cubes specifically formulated for nutritional needs.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Land Management Department has been responsible for the well being of the Tribal Buffalo Program for some time. With cooperation from local and regional USDA departments, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Intertribal Buffalo Council (ITBC), the staff have been able to make several improvements to the program. Some of these include brush control, weed control, and a fertilizer program. In addition, the staff recently oversaw the construction of a corral that has been a boon to the buffalo program. The corral allows for the ability to cull or separate the animals when needed and also makes it easier to capture and trans-

port them for administering vaccinations, as an example.

Presently the herd is grazing on two different tracts of land that are separated by a bridge crossing on N road between 150 road and 158 road. There is approximately 393 acres of land in this section and 291 acres of it are natural grass that allow for grazing. There is a need for more ground, however, to hold the growing herd, and future plans are in the works to construct some new fencing on Potawatomi Tract-130 near 158 road and I road to hold a portion of the herd.

Each year two mature bulls are carefully selected for harvesting and transported live to a local processing company with the help of USDA

representatives who approve the processing so that the USDA grade seal appears on the packages. The meat is then donated to some of the other programs on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation and used for funerals, naming ceremonies or given to Potawatomi groups, committees, and Native American churches. Last year over 2,500 pounds of meat was distributed.



A new corral has been installed for the buffalo program that is making separating the buffalo easier when needed for vaccinations or transporting to other areas.

(special thanks to Chris Decoteau for submitting these photos)



ABOVE: The tribe's herd numbers around 150 and can usually be seen grazing on the north side of 150 road.

BELOW: The Lands Department crew recently donated from 700-800 pounds of meat to the Firekeepers Elder Center along with a stuffed buffalo head. In the photo, from left to right, is Chris DeCoteau, Duane Daugherty, Elliot Masquat, Jason Davis, Travis Darnall, and Russell Jim. Not pictured, but also part of the Lands department are Melvin Lewis and Ahnah Wahwassuck.



Royal Valley concert choirs perform at Elder Center



Vocal groups from Royal Valley School District performed at the Firekeepers Elder Center March 4. The boys in the photo are, from left to right, Ivan Levier, Kwaki Spoonhunter, and Anthony Riggles who are singers with the Middle School choir. With them is Rose Jessepe who attended the performance that day.

About the PBP Infant Toddler Services: tiny-k program

By: Melinda Feldkamp, PBP tiny-k coordinator

Tiny-k is a program whose goal is to provide FREE quality services to PBP tribal members and reservation families with children ages 0 to 3 years with developmental delays, to improve the functioning and well being of the child and the family. Infant toddler services can benefit the child, family and community as a whole.

The partnership formed between the family, community and tiny-k service providers assist with: enhancing capacities of families to meet the needs of their child; assisting infants and toddlers to attain age-appropriate developmental levels; maximizing the significant development that occurs during a child's first three years of life; reducing feelings of isolation, stress and frustration that families may experience; reducing long-term educational costs to society by minimizing the need for special education and related services at school age; and helping children grow up to become productive, independent individuals.

Kansas families with infants or toddlers who have developmental delays/disabilities are entitled to early intervention services. Eligibility for services is determined using parent reports, clinical opinion, and evaluation and assessment measures. Evaluations are provided at no cost to the families.

Once determined to be eligible, your family will work with a team to define your priorities, to learn about resources available to you and to discuss your child's strengths and needs. You and your team will identify what you want for your child and how everyone will work together to achieve your family goals.

To make a referral
please contact
Melinda Feldkamp, LBSW at 785-966-2707
or
Make a Difference Information Network
at 800-332-6262
to find your local network.



Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of quarterly reports being written by Brennah Wahweotten, 13, who was selected as the Prairie Band Potawatomi princess this year and published in the Potawatomi News.

Bozho,
I hope this update and third report finds you well and happy! As you know, I have been writing about the pow-wows I've been to as princess for our Nation. I want to add my parents have been a very big help and have supported me all the way. My little brother, Zach, has kept me company, too.

November 26

Indio (Calif.) Pow-wow

I loved California; it was warm, bright and sunny. You could go swimming in the evening and the exercise room was awesome. This was a new pow-wow for me. They had some rockin' drums and good dancers. The princesses were very nice and they always had a smile and a spot for me in grand entry. I got some really good songs and placed 3rd.

December 31

Tulsa (Okla.) 10th Annual New Years Sobriety Pow-wow

This was in a building similar to the Expocentre in Topeka, Kan. I spent time with another princess, who is one of my best friends, Nawnee LittleAxe. She and I entered the grand entry together and danced intertribals. There were about three drums. Lately, I have been dancing jingle and there was a jingle special! I ended up getting 1st place.

January 1, 2011

Comanche Complex 2011 New Years Pow-wow Lawton, Okla.

Happy New Year! This pow-wow was in a small community building. It had concrete floors and a vendor corner. It was nice. The grand entry line was in single file. They had a very good announcer and a big arena with a center drum. I danced in the 15-and-under head girl's special and made it into the finals. They had all four finalists pick an envelope and the winner was the

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person who picked the highest amount of cash. That was cool. Then, after that, they had a men's vs. women's fancy special. I didn't get in but it was fun to dance to a really fast song like the men's fancy dancers.

January 14

Battle of the Plains 2011 Bartlesville, Okla.

This was close to a performance for Royal Valley (RV) Native American Dancers and Singers, our school dance troupe. It's a youth pow-wow where schools compete based on the total points they get from their individual dancers. I've been attending ever since about 2nd grade. They had really good fast songs for the teens' fancy and a double beat. But, I didn't dance fancy at this pow-wow. I danced jingle to try to make points for our school. Our school got the most points. Whew! This was our 6th year of winning the competition.

January 27

Performance at the RVHS-Kansas Day Hoyt, Kan.

This was a small performance, but not for me. I decided to dance both jingle and fancy. I thought I did very well and danced 15 songs in one day. It was very tiring. But I still had fun and didn't have to run that night (hee hee). I felt very proud that I could show my school and friends my style and my Native culture.

February 5

Haskell Welcome Back Pow-wow Lawrence, Kan.

This was an old home pow-wow that was nice to relax at. I danced fancy in the women's category because there were no teens the first night. I didn't place, but I did have fun. The next day I danced fancy in the beginning. I found out about a jingle special, got in it, and enjoyed dancing the style. I didn't place, but I had fun (lol). After the special, I dressed fancy and got in an endurance dance where you had to be the last one dancing. My hair fell out (whoops) so I walked off the arena. One of my cousins, Tamo Thomas, who is in the 5th grade, lasted soooo looonnnng! I didn't know she could dance that long and she made me really proud of her.

February 19-20

SDSU Brooking Pow-wow Brookings, S. D.

I love going to this pow-wow because they have the best drums ever. My favorite drum is Elk Soldier and they were there! I was so excited. I made new friends and got into a team dance special. They had an extra day for fun stuff, but the weather was bad, so they did the awards that night. I ended up getting 2nd. Zach did a good job and got 1st. Since the weather was bad,

we went home and got out of that storm!

February 26

Shawnee High Pow-wow Shawnee, Okla.

This was a good little pow-wow. I went last year and got 1st place. I didn't place this year but I got to see friends. They had some northern drums (NOT common down south) with good songs. I didn't get any crow-hops or double-beats, but it was still a good night.

So far, my family is looking forward to around nine pow-wows to attend in my final quarter. I will share details in my last report. A few tribal members have asked how they can help us and thanks. Many people have and are helping me in their own way. If you want to send any financial help this is what you can do. Make a check or money order to Brennah Wahweotten and send to (Oh, and they will accept cash at the bank only).

Denison State Bank
Attn: Prairie Band Potawatomi Princess, Brennah Wahweotten
PO Box 283
Hoyt, KS 66440

Any money I receive will go toward my pow-wow travel and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow-wow Princess Special.

I want to let everybody know that my family is sponsoring a teen girl all around dance special, ages 13 - 17, during our annual pow-wow so girls have time to get ready. There will be 5 places, along with a jacket for 1st place, AND I won't be competing). IDs will be checked, so bring your ID. Our pow-wow is June 10-12. I hope to see everyone there.

Pa ma mi na

Brennah Wahweotten



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

- Competed against eight other teams from Oklahoma and Alabama*
- 200 dancers at contest: RV had 63 attend; 59 compete, and 23 place*
- 28 dance categories: RV entered 25*
- Grand champions since 2004*



Did you know?

- RV Native American Singers/Dancers are the only school-sponsored dance group in Kansas
- There are 81 members in the group that range from kindergarten to 12th grade

Girls Jingle (5-7)
1st place
Shanokwe Price
2nd place
Autumn Wabaunsee

Boys Fancy (5-7)
1st place
Nahconbe Wahwassuck

Boys Grass (5-7)
2nd place
KJ Miller
3rd place
Ruben Tinajero

Girls Cloth (8-10)
1st place
Kiikto Thomas
2nd place
Jaiana Serna-Blakemore

Girls Fancy (8-10)
1st place
Tamo Thomas
2nd place
Mae Joslin
3rd place
Kishno Bell

Boys Fancy (8-10)
1st place
Zach Wahweotten

Boys Traditional (8-10)
1st place
Jayden Serna-Blakemore
2nd place
Masen Spoonhunter

Boys Grass (8-10)
1st place
Komesh Spoonhunter
2nd place
Bryce Garrison

Girls Cloth (11-13)
2nd place
Mittna Hale

Boys Grass (11-13)
1st place
Meskwes Knoxsah

Boys Fancy (11-13)
1st place
Daniel Scholfield

Girls Cloth (14-18)
1st place
Sylvana Levier

Girls Fancy (14-18)
1st place
Alicia Scholfield
2nd place
Rebekah Navarro

Girls Jingle (14-18)
1st place
Brennah Wahweotten

Boys Traditional (14-18)
1st place
Doug Thomas

Special thanks to Gubba Hale and the Little Soldier Singers and all the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who keep the group functioning.

-Anita Evans & Connie Peters, sponsors



This group of boys danced in the boys grass category in various age divisions for the Royal Valley Singers & Dancers at the Battle of the Plains contest. The singers and dancers perform at several activities and events throughout the year and also like to compete at area pow-wows. The group is supported by the community and U.S.D. #337 Impact Aid and Title VII Indian Education funds at Royal Valley.

(photo submitted by Anita Evans)

Dale ‘Mad Dog’ Messmer gives straight talk to
Royal Valley students on crime

Dale "Mad Dog" Messmer, an ex-convict who did a laundry list of crimes then turned his life around, was the guest speaker at Royal Valley High School gym Feb. 10.

After his release from over a decade in prison, "Mad Dog" founded The Straight Talk Outreach Program (S.T.O.P.) where he gives presentations about what not to choose in life. He spoke about the dangers of drugs, gangs, violence, and prison from the perspective of one who has been there.

"Mad Dog" has been a regular on the Maury Povich Show and is a life member of the Screen Actors Guild. He is a certified stunt coordinator and has appeared in numerous programs and films. He is also a medically/honorably discharged United States Marine, former

mercenary, bounty hunter, body guard and pilot.

Royal Valley School Resource Officer Sgt. Russell Whiteside said that "Mad Dog's" presentation was intended for students, parents, adults and anyone who wanted to come hear a dose of reality. He said that he had seen "Mad Dog's" presentation before and was impressed with what he had to say.

A school resource officer has been provided by the Tribal Police Department since 2005 when formal agreements were made with U.S.D. #337 and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Whiteside makes daily visits to all three schools in Mayetta and Hoyt and is also active with the Boys & Girls Club activities on the reservation.

Member news and notes



Tracy Stanhoff, president and creative director of AD PRO, was featured on the cover and in an article in the 2011 *Indian Country Today* Business magazine. In the article, Stanhoff discussed her advertising and graphic design business called AD PRO and provided information on her background.

She resides in Huntington Beach, Calif. and is also the president of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. Stanhoff was PBPN chairman from 2006 to 2007.

Congratulations to **Levonna Big Goose**, 7th grade, and **LeRain Big Goose**, 8th grade, for making the fall honor roll at South Junior High in Lawrence, Kan.



Jona Rupnicki was appointed Director of Human Resources at the Sac & Fox Casino, according to an article in the Holton Recorder (Dec. 6, 2010). Rupnicki has more than 10 years of gaming experience and served as a gaming commissioner for the PBPN for four years.

Linda Shopteese made television news on January 23 on KSNT-TV 27 for a snow sculpture she created in the front yard of her home in Topeka. She constructed a sculpture out of snow that depicted a Native American on a horse that took her about five hours to make. She said on the newscast that she just wanted to show her heritage as a Native American.



Peggy Houston was named the Sac and Fox Casino General Manager in August. She has several years of experience in the gaming industry having worked as the Director of Human Resources for FireKeepers Casino in Michigan and Downstream Casino in Oklahoma. She was also the Casino Transition Manager for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and held other casino management positions before that time.



Tim Ramirez received a Community Action Award at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship and Awards Banquet on Jan. 15 in Topeka, Kan. The awards were given to individuals whose actions have made a positive difference in their community. Micki Martinez nominated Ramirez for the award and he was selected based on his many years of service to the PBPN's reservation roads and membership on transportation organizations both local and nationwide.



Happy 91st Birthday to Mary Wishkeno Delg who celebrated her birthday with family and friends at the Bingo Hall March 12

Morgan “Tamo” Thomas



Morgan “Tamo” Thomas, 10, won the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest in her age category by shooting 9 out of 15 baskets. Following that, she advanced to the regional competition where she lost by one basket to a fellow teammate. Both competitors play for the Kickapoo Rez Ballaz that are in the Sportzone and YMCA basketball leagues in Topeka. Morgan is in the 5th grade at Royal Valley Middle School and is also active with the Royal Valley Singers & Dancers.

Kishno Bell



Kishno Bell, 11, bowled a 236 game in the Youth Girls category at Gage Center Bowl in Topeka last January. It was the third time she has scored a 200-plus game. Kishno is in the 5th grade at Royal Valley Middle School and has been bowling since she was 6 years old. In addition, she is a member of the Royal Valley Singers & Dancers.

Congratulations

Charissa “Se-be” Wawasuck-Jessepe



for making the dean’s honor roll last fall at Wichita State University

“We are so proud of you!” Love, Mom, Dad, Mko-kwe, & Ba-Bisg-i-na

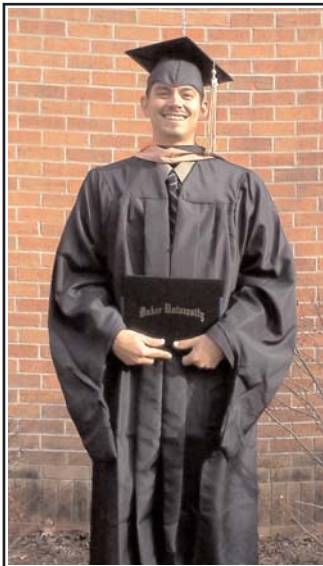
Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed the article that appeared in the Winter 2010 issue that was written by Brennah Wahweotten, PBPN princess. She documents her experiences on the pow-wow circuit. I am not personally involved in the pow-wow endeavors, but I was enlightened by her article and found it very interesting. I enjoyed a college course in creative writing, and think it should be encouraged in the younger set in our tribe. Writing sparks an interest in more education, encourages creativity and promotes a strong feeling of self worth. I applaud this young lady and her literary journey. Brennah’s passion has empowered her, and should serve as an inspiration to her peers.

William Eteeyan, Jr.

Graduation shout outs!



Congratulations
Noah O. Wahquahboshkuk
on
graduating
with a
Masters of Business Administration
from
Baker University
December 2010

“We are very proud of you.”
-Your family



Congratulations
Lenora Ann Steward Dickens
on
graduating with honors as a Health Care
Assistant from Meridian (Miss.)
Community College in December.
She also became a certified nursing
assistant through the state of Mississippi
and plans to further her nursing
education to become an LPN.
At her graduation ceremony she was
supported by her husband, Phillip, and
niece, Keisha and husband, Reece Bazor.



Congratulations
Angela Guerrero Del-Real
on
making the dean’s honor roll
at Washburn University.
Your family is so very proud of you.

Keep up the good work.
We love you.
Mom, Aiyana, Alonzo and all your family.

PBP Department of Education stats
(as of spring 2011)

- Higher Education is funding 171 undergraduates; 30 masters; 2 doctorates
- K-12 (Student Services) is funding 184 students at Royal Valley Schools and 12 students that attend Kickapoo Nation School

(statistics include only tribal families who have chosen to participate)

Community Notices

5K Run to honor
Jerry & Terri Tuckwin

Jerry Tuckwin (PBPn) was the director of athletics at Haskell Indian Nations Univeristy for over 20 years and heavily involved in the cross-country track program.. His wife, Terri, was also a mentor to the students.

4th Annual Native American
5K National Championships
& Community 5K Run

EVENTS

Special recognition of
Jerry & Terri Tuckwin
and Esther Felipe

Time: 8:00 am

Race will be held on the campus of Southwestern
Indian Polytechnic Institute located at 9169 Coors
Rd NW Albuquerque, New Mexico
The course is a flat, paved, 2 loop course and is
considered one of the fastest courses at altitude.
This course is designed for very fast times.

Register Early for HUGE discounts
Teachers, families, clubs,
organizations & businesses.
Contact SWTC to discuss discounts
for multiple entries.

For more information or to have a
entry form sent to you, email:
SportsWarriorsTC@aol.com

Call: 505 710-3323

5k Runs (competitive)
1K Kids Race (12 & Under)
(competitive)
1 & 2 Mile Fitness Walks
(non-competitive)
400 Meter toddler dash
(non-competitive)

All entrants in the toddler 400
meter dash receive awards.

Awards in multiple age
divisions

Goodie bags to all toddler and
1k runners

Post race refreshments
included with your entry

Proceeds benefit SWPI
Rodeo Club and SWTC

SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2011
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

There will be a traditional Pueblo style throw
after all the events have been contested

Many other activities are being planned for
the participants enjoyment.

Sign up for Boys & Girls Club Summer Activities
online at www.pbpindiantribe.com/boys-and-girls-club.aspx

Summer Fun and
Activities!

Summer Session 2011

- Who: (Limited to first 150 applicants)
 - Any youth ages 5-18 (All Youth must have current membership applications on file & the annual membership fee must be paid.)
- What:
 - Fun summer activities for Youth
 - Breakfast & Lunch will be provided
 - Concession Stand Available
- When:
 - May 31st 2011 – Aug 5th 2011
 - Mon – Fri (8 AM – 4:30 PM)
 - Doors open at 7:30 AM
 - Doors close at 5:00 PM
- Where:
 - The Boys & Girls Club of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation – located at 15424 K Rd Mayetta, KS 66509

MUST PROVIDE OWN
TRANSPORTATION!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE PRAIRIE BAND
POTAWATOMI NATION

A few of our BGC Girl Talk
Members from the 2010
Summer Camp!

15424 K Rd Mayetta, KS 66509
Phone: (785)966-3031
Fax: (785)966-3018

Summer Program

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE PRAIRIE BAND
POTAWATOMI NATION

Sign your
Kids up
for Fun in
the Sun!

Summer Session 2011
May 31st – Aug 5th

“Keep your
dreams alive.
Understand to
achieve
anything
requires faith
and belief in
yourself, vision,
hard work,
determination,
and dedication.
Remember all
things are
possible for those
who believe.”

Financial aid is
available call the
BGC for more info
@ (785)966-3031.

Daily fees
available - \$5/day
per child.

Summer
Fieldtrips!

Guest speakers!

Summer Session
Sign up Form

Choose which week your child will attend and add the
total cost. Payment must be made BEFORE attendance.
(Check all that apply) *EARLY BIRD FEE \$20/week
if paid before or on March 31st 2011.

☐ Week 1 – May 31st – June 3rd - \$20

☐ Week 2 – June 6th – June 9th - \$20

☐ Week 3 – June 13th – June 17th - \$20

☐ Week 4 – June 20th – June 24th - \$20

☐ Week 5 – June 27th – July 1st - \$20

☐ Week 6 – July 5th – July 8th - \$20

☐ Week 7 – July 11th – July 15th - \$20

☐ Week 8 – July 18th – July 22nd - \$20

☐ Week 9 – July 25th – July 29th - \$20

☐ Week 10 – Aug 1st – Aug 5th - \$20

Total Cost:

Parent/Guardian Information:

Child's Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Cell Phone

Home/Work Phone

Parent/Guardian Signature

Daily Activities:

- Swimming
- Arts & Crafts
- Games
- Language
- Gym Activities
- Outdoor activities
- Girl/Boy Talk
- Fieldtrips
- Story Time
- Cultural Activities

For office
use only:

Date received:

Processed by:

Amount Paid:

Paid: Y / N

Current BGC
Member: Y / N

Ttiwenmo eginigyèn
(happy day you were born)

Happy 6th Birthday Jordy Wade
on
March 16
and
Happy 7th Birthday “KJ”
on
May 26

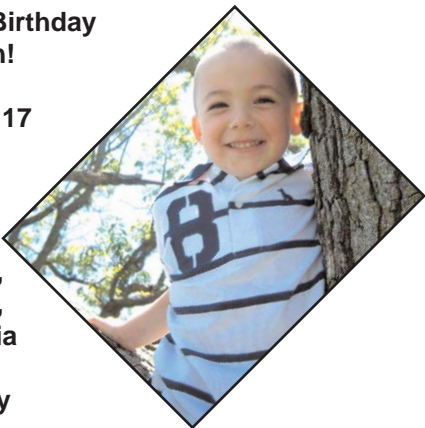


Love you both!
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Karis

Happy 5th Birthday
Ethan!

March 17

Love,
Mom,
Victoria
&
Family



Birthday Greetings
to

Emma Raven Martinez
(March 13)
Anthony (Tony) His-Law
(March 25)
Amber Dawn Walker
(March 31)
Mariah Levelle
(April 3)
Inez Dodds
(April 7)
Ahshoni Dawn Stanley
(May 6)

Birthday blessings to all my
relatives and much happiness on
your special day with many more to
come.

Love always,
Cheryl Walker,
Mom, Grandma & Sister

Happy 19th Birthday
to
Roman C. Adame



Love,
Mom & Damon

Happy 2nd Birthday
“Bear”

March 25

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Sisters & Family



Happy 3rd Birthday
to
Daylan Wayne Mzhickteno II
April 21

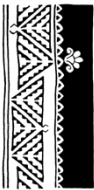
*You are an amazing son and
good brother.*
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Lil Duane



Happy Birthday

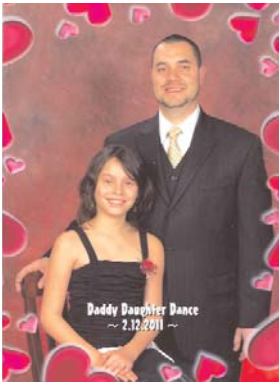
A.J. Rogers
Skyler Mahkuk
Xavier Rogers
Darrin Rogers
Telissa Mahkuk

Shis-sha Dan loves you



Happy 13th Birthday
Koby!

From:
Your Misho
Kevin Aitkens



Happy Birthday
to
Peytan & Henry Jones

From:
Misho Kevin Aitkens
&
Crystal Jones

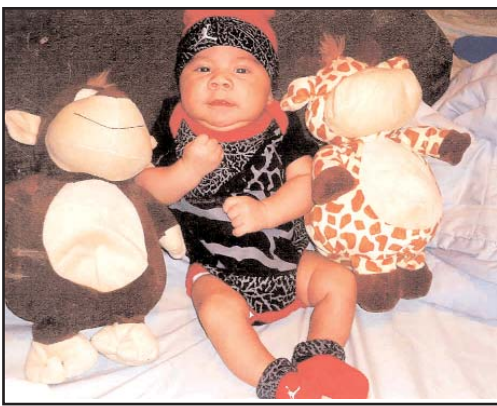
Happy Birthday
Banks kids!



Happy Birthday
and much love
to
Ethan Doc-March 12
Zaw Zee-April 25
Tatyum-May 13

From: Your Family

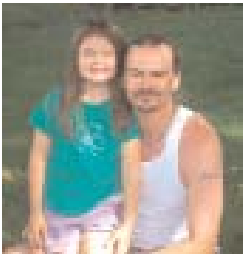
Ganiřtëk
(those who are born)



Xavier Thomas Alvarez
Born: Jan. 17, 2011

I love you my grandson!

Gramma



Happy Birthday
to
Jeff & Charlee Goins
March 31

From:
Misho Kevin Aitkens

Kamboŋtēk (those who died)

JOSEPH W. HALE, SR.
WEK MA BI TUK

MAYETTA – Joseph W. Hale, Sr., Wek Ma Bi Tuk, 62, of Mayetta, died Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at the VA hospital in Topeka.

He was born October 26, 1947 on the Potawatomi Reservation at Mayetta, the son of William and Blanche Wahgo Hale. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1965 and attended Haskell University, Kaw Area Vo-Tech, and Kansas State University.

Joe worked in various jobs as a laborer and for the Potawatomi Nation, including the enrollment office.

He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the Big Drum Religion, had served on the Tribal Council and had worked with the Royal Valley Native American Dancers. Joe was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He served in Viet Nam where he was combat wounded and received the purple heart.

He married LaVerne Kitchkommie. They were divorced.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Victor Hale and Cecil Hale.

Survivors include five sons, Chago Hale, Naseka Hale, Gubba Hale, Wahpi Hale, and Kwake Hale, all of Mayetta, an adopted son, Wamp Shopteese, six adopted daughters, Lori Shopteese, Renee Shopteese, Lemon Shopteese, Tracy Shopteese, Jodi McIntosh, and Toni McIntosh, one brother, Philip Hale, Portland, OR, one sister, Larene Thomas, Horton, and nine grandchildren.

Drum services will be Saturday evening at the Dance Ground, west of Mayetta. Burial with military honors by We-Ta-Se Post No. 410 will be Sunday afternoon in the Matwe-Shobney Cemetery on the reservation. Joe will lie in state until 3:00 p.m. Saturday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

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

PATTERSON



MAYETTA- Sarah Blandin Patterson, 97, of Mayetta, passed away Wednesday February 16, 2011 at Medicalodges Jackson County in Holton.

She was born May 14, 1913 on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation in Mayetta to James V. and Ptis-Saw (Kozee) Blandin. She attended Blandin Grade School and graduated from Delia High School. Sarah married Floyd "Pink" Patterson. He preceded her in death on February 25, 1990. Sarah was a housewife and teacher's aide at Royal Valley Schools. She also owned and operated Pink's Place tavern in Mayetta with her husband in the 60s and 70s. Sarah was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

She is survived by her granddaughters, Shawn Reed and Shannon Patterson both of Aurora, CO; her two great granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by her sons, Gary Joseph Patterson and Forrest J. "Duke" Patterson, her sisters, Jane Blandin Puckkee, Elizabeth Blandin Tuckwin and Rose Blandin Burke, her brothers Jacob and James Blandin and her 22 half brothers and sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Monday February 21, 2011 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta. Burial will follow in Mayetta Cemetery. The rosary will be recited 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon at the church. She will lie in state at Mercer Funeral Home until 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Memorials are suggested for Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church and may be left in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton 66436. To leave a special message for the family, visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

STEVEN J. COOK



Steven J. Cook, age 43 of Mayetta, KS, passed away Sunday, February 27, 2011 in Kansas. Born on December 23, 1967 in Sheboygan, he was the son of Michael B. and Kay L. (Rabideaux) Cook, Sr. After graduating from Menominee Indian High School in 1986, Steven enlisted with the United States Marine Corps. After serving his country for more than seven years he was honorably discharged from service. Steven was a Tribal Police Officer for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Kansas and was very proud of his position as a police officer. During his career he became a BIA Certified Officer for the Prairie Band Police and had also done detective work. In November of 2010 he was happily united in marriage to Denise Fouraker in Mayetta, Kansas. Steven attended St. Michael's Catholic Church in Keshena as well as St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Neopit. He was a member of the Wa-te-se V.F.W. in Kansas and a member of the Prairie Band Tribal Veterans Association. In his free time he enjoyed fishing, watching the buffalo on the Potawatomi Reservation and was an avid Packer fan. He also had a love for his cats, Grace and Felix.

Steven is survived by: his wife, Denise; 2 children, Dustin Cook of Mayetta, KS, Rachel Cook of Fond du Lac; a grandson, Elijah Cook; 2 stepchildren, Nathan Powers and Amy Powers both of KS; his parents, Mike and Kay Cook of Keshena; 7 siblings, Michael Cook, Jr. of Keshena, Ronald Cook of Bismarck, ND, Ken (Sheila) Cook of Freedom, Christopher (Misty) Cook of Gresham, Melissa Cook of Shawano, Melinda Cook of Shawano and Tricia (Justin) Broshear of Cincinnati, OH; several nieces and nephews; and a God Daughter, Megan Smith of Shawano.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30pm on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Neopit with the Rev. Robert Rank officiating. Military Rites will be conducted by the Veterans of the Menominee Nation and the Menominee American Legion Post #497 at the church following the service. Visitation will be held at the Mike and Kay Cook residence located at N306 Pine Meadows in Keshena after 4pm on Thursday until the procession leaves for the church on Saturday. A Parish Wake service will be held at the residence on Friday at 7pm. Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano is assisting the family with the arrangements. Flowers and condolences may be sent to the family in care of Michael and Kay Cook, N306 Pine Meadows, Keshena, WI 54135 at www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

(Courtesy of Swedberg Funeral Home-Shawano, Wis.)

LEROY WESLEY JESSEPE
SHAWNAKUK



MAYETTA - Our brother, and father, Leroy Wesley Jessepe, Shawnakuk, passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka.

Leroy was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma on July 11, 1951. He was the son of Leroy Jessepe and Constance Magnauck Lewis. He attended schools throughout Kansas and graduated from Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, Oklahoma where he made numerous friends that he enjoyed seeing from time to time on his travels around the United States. He attended vocational school in Denver, Colorado. He was a free spirit who traveled to all four corners of the United States, working various jobs from construction, farm work, mechanic, chemist, to office clerk. He was a jack of all trades. Whenever he visited family he was always willing to dig in and help out. He was a member of the Christian faith and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

In his younger years he was a well accomplished athlete, he played football, basketball, and learned how to box at a young age.

He is survived by two sons, Paul Jessepe and Cody Nozhackum, both of Mayetta, two granddaughters, Marissa Jessepe and Raelynn Daniels, brothers Charles Lewis of Kansas City, MO, Joseph (Mary) Jessepe, of Mayetta; sisters Theresa (Robert) Murray, of Poplar, MT, and Imelda Jessepe of Mayetta; nephews James Lewis of OK, Michael (Rachael) Jessepe, of Denison, Robert (Elisa) Jessepe of Mayetta, Andrew Joseph "A.J." Ortega, Topeka, Isaac (Cira) Murray of Hilo, HI, Robert Murray, III, of Poplar, MT; nieces Tamara (Will) McClammy, Charlene (Terry) Butler, Leslie Marshno, and Kristin Potter, all of Topeka, Jackie (John) Jessepe-Levier, Jodi Jessepe, and Angela (Gary Chee) Jessepe, of Mayetta, and Jessie Murray, of Santa Fe, NM; and many great nieces and nephews.

His favorite pastime was reading and working outdoors. Leroy will be missed by all who knew him. He was a kind and honest man who lived life on his own terms.

Leroy was preceded in death by his parents, step-father Joseph Lewis, sister-in-law, Christine Lewis, and nephew Billy Potter.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 5th, 2011 at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church on the Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will follow in the Old Dance Ground Cemetery on the reservation. Leroy will lie in state until 3:00 p.m. Friday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt. He will lie in state after 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Snows Hall where a rosary will be prayed at 7:00 p.m., followed by an all night wake. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

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

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**Prairie Band
Potawatomi
Childcare Center
Public Hearing**

June 3, 1 p.m.

**Ben-no-tteh
Wigwam
15380 K Rd
Mayetta, KS
66509**

Voice your ideas and concerns

Plan Process:

1. Coordinate the provision of services with Federal, State and local childcare and early childhood development programs.
2. Consult with appropriate representatives of local governments.
3. Hold at least one public hearing to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the provision of childcare services.
4. Incorporate any changes to the program as a result of the input received during the public hearing.

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go to
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The website contains important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement.

On December 21, 2010, The United States District Court for the District of Columbia granted preliminary approval to the Settlement. On December 8, 2010, President Obama signed legislation approving the settlement and authorizing \$3.4 billion in funds.

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**Community Blood Drive
March 25
8:30 a.m. to 11: 30 a.m.
Bingo Hall**

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Spring Health Fair & Head Start Round-Up

**Where: PBP Early Childhood Education Center
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When: Friday, April 15, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**The Health Fair focuses on providing a well-child clinic for
children ages 3-5 years.
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