



Prairie Band Potawatomi News

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

Cecelia "Meeks" Jackson passes away *began Language program on PBP reservation*

Cecelia Miksekwe Jackson, 88, a well respected elder and one of the last fluent speakers of the Potawatomi language, died May 29 in Topeka.

Meeks was born on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation in Kansas where she lived all of her life. She was a lifelong member of the Drum Religion and dedicated to the teaching of Potawatomi ways and preserving the language. It was through her efforts that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBP) Language Department began in 1998 and is still maintained by a full-time staff and several volunteers who are revitalizing the language and culture.



Meeks was noted for having the ability to comprehend and bridge together four languages-Potawatomi, Odawa, Ojibwe and English-for use in composition which was then used to teach the language and culture to others. Among her accomplishments, in collaboration with the language department, were a Prairie Band Potawatomi dictionary, grammar book, two audio/video DVD books and a book titled "Stories of the Potawatomi" that were all written in the Potawatomi language. Last year, she was honored with a ceremonial dinner given by the Prairie Band people and leaders for her life's work. In addition, Meeks also worked at Slimaker Dress Factory for many years and at the PBP Bingo Hall. She was also a member of the We-Ta-Se Post #410 American Legion Auxiliary.

Her obituary appears on page 21 of this issue of the *News*.

Firekeeper Grand Opening draws sports celebrities



Left to right: Roy Williams, Bill Self, Randy Towner, and Notah Begay who played in a skins game on May 15 as part of the grand opening of the new Firekeeper Golf Course. Williams and Self are NCAA championship basketball coaches and Begay is a four-time PGA tour winner golfer who also designed the Firekeeper course. Towner is general manager and head golf professional for Firekeeper. Williams and Towner beat Self and Begay in the nine-hole round with Williams donating \$6,500 to the PBP Boys & Girls Club. Self donated his earnings to the Self Assist program. Williams coaches for the University of North Carolina and Self is basketball coach at the University of Kansas.

Pow-wow a success
Over 300 dancers and 14 drum groups
\$80,000 in prize money
Winners listed at www.pbpindiantribe.com
more photos on back page



Ethics Commission Election canceled

Due to no candidates filing, the Ethics Commission Election was canceled.

Tribal Council made the official determination at their May 11 meeting.

Four positions were available on the six member commission and a determination as to the future of the commission will be forthcoming at a later date.

Important Prairie Band Potawatomi dates

July 4	PBPN Government Offices Closed-Independence Day
July 16	General Council Meeting
Aug. 10-13	Potawatomi Gathering-Hannahville (Wilson, MI)
Sept. 5	PBPN Government Offices Closed-Labor Day

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Message to the Nation from Steve Ortiz, Tribal Council Chairperson

During the 2nd quarter Tribal Council met with Mike Anderson of Anderson Law firm and Jennifer Hughes and Fran Ayer of Hobbs and Strauss Law firm to discuss the Land into Trust application concerning the Shabehnay land. The Tribal Council has heard opinions concerning the consequences of placing the Shabehnay land into trust for gaming purposes, land into trust for non-gaming purposes and starting Class II gaming with current documentation. At this point the Tribal Council has made no decision on making an application for placing the Shabehnay land into trust. The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) will not rule on the Shabehnay land eligibility for gaming unless the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs rules the Shabehnay land is a reservation. The Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Larry Echo Hawk will make no ruling on Shabehnay land status unless an application is made to take the land into trust.

In DeKalb County support for the Bingo Hall continues and a few local community members have made inquiry to the Illinois State Attorney's office as to the Shabehnay land eligibility for gaming. Community members were informed the Illinois State Attorney office has received no opinion from the NIGC.

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 the Shabehnay land application into trust will take a vote of four to the affirmative to do so. Until then, I will await the Tribal Council's decision.

So far this year, Kansas' new casinos have had a minimal impact on our casino revenues. However, Peninsula Gaming has won the bid to build a casino in Mulvane, Kansas which is south of Wichita and the Hollywood Casino, under construction at the Kansas Raceway, is hoping to open their casino floor in late summer or early fall of 2012.

On a positive note, President Barack Obama is working with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to continue funding Indian healthcare. For the 2012 fiscal year a \$4.6 billion budget is proposed which is a \$571 million increase over the 2010 budget. Sec. Sebelius said in a recent meeting with the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) members 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 it may impact the IHS in the end. The Office of Personnel has been assigned the responsibility to devise a plan for tribes and their affiliates to purchase health insurance for their employees through the Federal government health plan. The health insurance implementation should happen in the fall 2011.

Other activities:

- The grand opening of the Fire Keepers Golf Course on May 15 was a success. Bill Self, University of Kansas basketball coach, and Roy Williams, University of North Carolina basketball coach, were our guest VIPs for the opening.
- The Dodge City casino has opened. Negotiations between Kansas Governor Sam Brownback and the Wyandotte tribe in Oklahoma on its casino in Kansas City, Kan. being made a Class III operation continues. The Wyandotte tribe also plans to open a Class II casino in Park City outside of Wichita, Kan. The Wyandotte tribe made application to the Interior Department to open the Class II casino in the mid-1990's and as of yet the Department of Interior has not ruled on the land's eligibility for gaming.
- On April 11-12 I attended the Oklahoma City Intertribal Health Board meeting and was re-elected vice-chairman of the board. At that meeting, I announced the PBP Health

Clinic has begun implementing the Electronic Health Records System. Oklahoma Indian Health Service verified our system is operating and connected. It will take several months to complete inputting all of the patient information into our system.

- On April 14-15, Tribal Council worked with our Drug and Alcohol Program to host the Pathways to Healing Conference. Jeri Brunoe was our guest speaker and moderator for the event. Jeri Brunoe is a motivational speaker and trainer for the Native Wellness Institute.

- On May 5, Judy Baker, Regional DHHS Administrator and Pat Brown, ACF Administrator, met with me as a representative of Tribal Council and the Finance, Childcare, and Social Services Directors about current grants and the reporting process.

- On April 19-20, I attended the National Indian Health Board meeting in Washington, D.C. as a voting member representing Oklahoma City Intertribal Health Board. Also, the NIHB asked me to moderate panels dealing with the Affordable Healthcare Act, State Health Insurance Exchanges, and Grant Opportunities with Department of Health and Human Services.

- On May 11, PBPN Enrollment Committee members were sworn in to office. Micki Martinez and Roy Hale (alternate) are new members of the committee. Also, that day Tribal Council was in session and met with newly appointed Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse and Undersheriff Darrell Chapman to discuss tribal policing issues and cooperation between the Sheriff's office and our Tribal Police Department.

- On May 17-18, PBPN hosted the Southern Plains Tribes meeting with B.I.A. Area Director Dan Deerinwater and his staff who led the meeting and discussed the current budget funding, water issues, and tribal road and bridge projects.

- On May 23- 24, I attended the Native American Healthcare Conference in Las Vegas. I was a panelist on the Tribal Leaders panel on the Affordable Healthcare Act and State Health Insurance exchanges.

- Lastly my condolences go out to all the families that have experienced a death in their family these past few months.



Right: Tribal Council hosted a luncheon meeting between the four-tribes and the Office of the Governor (Kansas) on May 18 at the casino. Kim Borchers, second from left on the front row, and Mark Dodds, fourth from left on the back row, are from the State.



Editor's note: Borchers is Director of Appointments for the Office of the Governor and Dodds is Executive Director of Kansas State Gaming.

**2011 Potawatomi
Gathering
hosted
by
Hannahville Potawatomi
Wilson, MI
August 10-13**

- Economic Development conference
- Golf tournament
- Language conference
- Youth conference
- Pow-wow/Parade of Nations and more

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Grand opening activities feature PBPN

Sports celebrities Notah Begay III, four-time PGA Tour winner, and national champion basketball coaches Bill Self (University of Kansas) and Roy Williams (University of North Carolina) played in a celebrity skins game along with Randy Towner, head golf professional and general manager of Firekeeper, at the grand opening of the newly constructed Firekeeper Golf Course on May 15.

Despite the chilly temperatures approximately 250 people showed up for the event with several following the golfers on their round. Begay and Self competed against Williams and Towner with the

Williams/Towner team winning the game 4-2 with three holes tied that were played on the back-nine.

Opening events included remarks from Chairman Steve Ortiz and Junior Wahweotten, a flag raising by the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post # 410 color guard, and performances by Little Soldier Singers drum group and the Royal Valley Singers & Dancers.

Firekeeper is Begay's first signature course that sits on 240 acres owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation across the street from the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. The course opened on April 1 and includes a 2,750 square foot clubhouse with full-service golf shop and snack bar. Begay's company, NB3 Consulting, designed the course in conjunction

with Jeff Brauer, an award-winning golf course architect of GolfScapes, Inc., and Landscapes Unlimited, who constructed the course. It is an 18-hole traditional-style course that is 7,400 yards of Bent Grass (greens/fairways) and Turf Type Tall Fescue (roughs), and has a few creeks (water challenges) with five sets of tees. The course was built by the partners to respect the land and tribal traditions of the Prairie Band Potawatomi and is also the first course designed by a Native American on Native American land.

For more details about Firekeeper Golf Course go to www.firekeepergolf.com; Prairie Band Casino & Resort go to www.pbp gaming.com and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation go to www.pbpindi-atribe.com



Left: Royal Valley Singers & Dancers share a photo with Roy Williams, Notah Begay, and Bill Self.



Right: We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 were photographed with Roy Williams, Bill Self, and Notah Begay. We-Ta-Se princess Sylvanna Levier-Jesse is on the far right.

Message to the Nation from Warren "Junior" Wahweotten, Tribal Council Member

Bosho,

I am writing this article to provide an update for all Prairie Band Potawatomi members.

As always, I want to thank all the elders and past leaders for the sacrifices they endured in giving us what we have today. I am proud, humbled, and honored to be a part of such a great nation.

The Firekeeper golf course project was a vision the Nation had long before I became a council member and I was so honored to be asked to oversee the project. I am proud to report that the project has far exceeded our initial expectations as Firekeeper is a gem in the Midwest and is receiving rave reviews from people everywhere.

As you know, Notah Begay III and architect Jeff Brauer did a fantastic job designing the course and Landscapes Unlimited has done a tremendous job with its development. Jack Morgan, who was the construction manager for Landscapes, kept the Nation's vision of building a course that fit with the natural lay of the land which was more easily accomplished through the input and work of the Road & Bridge department. As a bonus, this collaborative effort came in under budget. The Firekeeper theme that reads "changing the nature of golf" also fits with the goal of having a course that is free of housing developments, unlike most.

We have assembled a great team at the Firekeeper. Our grounds crew is led by Rob Christie, who was the construction superintendent for the

development of the course, and is permanently staying with Firekeeper as the grounds superintendent which is a tremendous asset for the Nation. Rob has a number of tribal members working on his team who are truly awesome, learning, and growing together to provide wonderful playing conditions for our guests. Our general manager and head golf pro Randy Towner, who left the comforts of a previous long-term employer to work for Firekeeper, has also assembled a team that is providing the best quality customer service in the area. For those of you who do not golf, the clubhouse staff also provides a great breakfast and lunch menu that is sure to please. The casino team has also been a great asset in the marketing of the course through providing leverage/buying opportunities along with many other advantages for optimum growth of the Firekeeper.

We have also built a beautiful entry way to the course. Master brick mason, David Abeyta came out of retirement and constructed two attractive stone structures at the entrance that are supporting two stainless-steel Fire Eagles that were designed with the help of Hardy Eteeyan.

The grand opening of the course was a success with the help of college basketball coaches Roy Williams and Bill Self. Notah, Bill, Roy and Randy golfed in a charity skins game and Roy and Randy won \$6,500 that was donated to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Boys & Girls Club.

I am humbled, honored and thankful to have been a part of this wonderful project and am looking

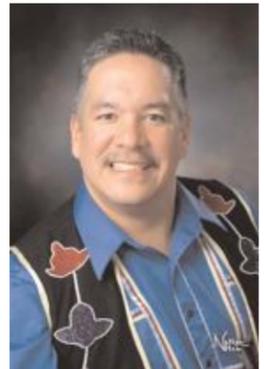
forward to watching it grow. It is providing the Nation 's youth with life-learning skills and providing economic growth.

The next venture for the Nation is developing the Prairie Band Potawatomi LLC Economic Development Corporation and I am vice-chair. The LLC was designed to diversify the Nation's assets and there are great opportunities ahead that will hopefully ensure success in providing growth and stability for our Potawatomi Nation. I assure you that I will do my best to help make this a successful venture for the Nation in leading to the future sustainability for all our children, grandchildren, and generations down the road.

In conclusion, these are a few of the many things that I am honored to be a part of and I thank the creator for blessing me with a beautiful family and being able to play a part of something so near and dear to my heart.

Megwetch,

Warren "Junior" Wahweotten



www.firekeepergolf.com

Steve Ortiz participates in National Tribal Health Reform Implementation Summit in Washington, D.C.



Left to right: Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director of Indian Health Service (IHS), Chairman Ortiz, and Randy Grinnell, Deputy Director of IHS, during the conference in Washington, D.C.



Chairman Ortiz with Charles Galbraith, Associate Director, Office of Public Engagement for the White House, at the conference.

Steve Ortiz, tribal chairman, was in Washington, D.C. in April where he moderated several panels at the National Tribal Health Reform Implementation Summit sponsored by the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) www.nihb.org. The summit was a two-day event that brought federal leaders and those from Indian Country together to discuss issues relevant to American Indian/Alaska Native health policy.

Ortiz is on the NIHB board whose purpose is to maintain communication with area health boards, and national Indian organizations, Tribes and American Indian and Alaska Native people. The NIHB gives voice to American Indian and Alaska Native health policy concerns through participation in national organizations ranging

from the Association of State Medicaid directors to the Indian Health Service Leadership Council. Also at the national level, Ortiz was selected to sit on the Health & Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee that first met last December under the Obama administration.

The sessions Ortiz moderated were titled "To Insure or Not Insure: A Panel Discussion", "Grant Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Organizations under the Affordable Care Act, Administration for Children and Families (ACF)", "State Based Health Insurance Exchanges: What Do They Mean for Individual Indians and Tribes" and "Public Health and Prevention and the Affordable Care Act".

Enrollment Review Committee sworn in



Some members of the Enrollment Committee were sworn in May 11 by Chairman Ortiz. On the front row, left to right, is Micki Martinez, Lavera Bell, Marilyn Wakole Hale and Arlene Lingo. Back row, left to right, Chairman Ortiz, Tom Tuckwin, Roy Hale, and Rose Hale. Lingo heads the Member Services Department. Not pictured is Larene Thomas who also sits on the committee.

New Jackson County sheriff and undersheriff meet with Council



Tribal Council met with the newly selected sheriff (Tim Morse) and undersheriff (Darrell Chapman) of Jackson County on May 11 at one of their meetings and Potawatomi Chief of Police Mike Boswell. On the front row, left to right, Chapman, Steve Ortiz, and Morse. Back row, left to right, Jancita Warrington, Joyce Guerrero, Chief Boswell, Jim Potter, and Carrie O'Toole. Chapman and Morse have both worked for the tribal police department in the past.

Chairman Ortiz and others meet with regional groups



Some PBP directors were invited to a meeting May 5 hosted by Chairman Steve Ortiz to meet with representatives from various regional Health and Human Services (HHS) organizations. On the front row, left to right, Elaine Mzhickteno-Barr, Social Services, Chairman Ortiz, and Judy Baker, Regional Director of HHS. Back row, left to right, Audrey Oliverius, Finance, Hope Adame, Early Childhood Education, Patricia Brown, Regional Administrator ACF/Region VII HHS, and Nancy Rios, Regional External Affairs, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

- The Chair's other appearances**
- May 12 •Invocation at AFL/CIO conference-Casino
 - May 23 •Panelist at Native American Health Care Conference-Las Vegas
 - May 30 •All Veterans Memorial Ceremony at Great Overland Station-Topeka



The Board of Directors for the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board. The purpose of the non-profit organization is to provide a unified voice for the 41 federally recognized tribes located in the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Board membership includes representatives from the 12 service units in the Indian Health Service Oklahoma City Area. In the photo, front row, left to right, Thomas John (chairman), Steve Ortiz (vice chairman), Mickey Perry (treasurer) and John Ballard. Back row, left to right, Chris Tall Bear, Seneca Smith, J.T. Petherick, Marshall Gover, Cheryl McClellan, Diddy Nelson, Kevin Meeks, and Tom Anderson. Not pictured is Diana Autaubo (secretary), Lupe Gooday, and Nick Gonzales.

Trainings and conferences

Tribal Law and Government Conference University of Kansas Law School



ABOVE: From left to right are Antoinette Houle, Richard Reeh, Vivien Olsen and LaVerne Haag at the 15th Annual Tribal Law and Government Conference held April 21 at the University of Kansas. Houle is the Realty Officer for the BIA branch office in Horton, Kan. and Reeh is a judge with the U.S. Department of Interior in Oklahoma City. Olsen is the PBP tribal attorney and Haag is with the Alcohol & Drug program.

BELOW: Attorney Olsen moderating a panel on Practical Probate Implications at the conference.



Criminal Drug Interdiction Course Bingo Hall



Tribal Police officers and other law enforcement personnel from the region received training on drug intervention at the Bingo Hall April 11. The Bingo Hall has become a popular place for holding trainings and other events.

Enhancing Community Safety in Indian Country: Sex Offender Management Bingo Hall

A two-day workshop on comprehensive approaches to sex offender management was held at the Bingo Hall on April 18 that brought in experts and other social service and law enforcement personnel. At right, leading a session at the workshop is Dr. Kirk Johnson, a psychologist and sex offender treatment specialist.



Public Notice

In a 2007 Tribal Council Resolution, the PBPN "opted in" to 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, Indian tribes, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

The Potawatomi Law and Order Code Chapter 15-7 et seq requires individuals who are convicted of certain sex offenses to register with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Police Department if they:

- Live on lands subject to the tribe's jurisdiction, or
- Work on lands subject to the tribe's jurisdiction, or
- Are a student in a facility located on the tribe's jurisdiction, or
- have been convicted in tribal court of a sex offense, or
- have been sentenced by tribal court of a sex offense.

The frequency and duration of registration and personal appearances with the PBPN Police Department vary according to the registration level.

The Nation's law will take effect July 1, 2011.

For questions, please contact the PBPN Police Department at 966-3024.

Pathways to Healing Conference Prairie Band Casino & Resort



A conference that revolved around traditional ways of healing and utilizing prevention tips and techniques was held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort on April 14-15. Kicking off the conference, from left to right, was Jeri Brunoe, Steve Ortiz and LaVerne Haag. Brunoe is an actress, motivational speaker and trainer for the Native Wellness Institute, who was also the keynote speaker for the conference. Ortiz is Tribal Chair and gave the welcoming address, and Haag works in the Alcohol and Drug program and moderated the two-day program.

Southern Plains BIA Meeting Prairie Band Casino & Resort

Right: Robert Tippeconnie, a member of the BIA Tribal Consultation Board, was a speaker at the Southern Plains BIA meeting on May 17-18 that was held at the casino. Chairman Steve Ortiz also sits on the national Tribal Consultation Board.



Construction/Maintenance



Chris DeCoteau, who directs the bison program for the Lands Department, led a tour of approximately 50 children from a Y.M.C.A. day camp, Topeka, on June 3. He informed the group that 44 babies were born this spring and that the herd numbers around 170. This photo was taken near 150 Road and in Prairie Peoples Park.



The playground at the Early Childhood Education Center was asphalted this spring.



The circumference in the arena at Prairie Peoples Park was paved and several other improvements to the arena made which made the pow-wow more enjoyable.



In this photo, David Daubon was busy sweeping inside the Maintenance building that was being remodeled at the time. The remodel included creating a larger common area for the workers and separate office space for administrative personnel.



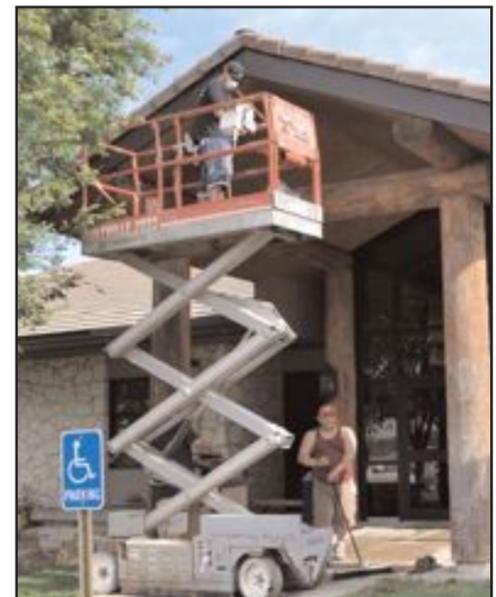
Aaron Hale, left, and Ernie Coleman stopped for a pose last spring while they were conditioning the lawn mowers behind the Maintenance building.



The construction/maintenance crews kept busy at the Boys & Girls Club on the outside and in. The bathrooms at the club were remodeled and this photo shows work being done to keep water funneled away from the building.



PBPN electrician Jim Harvey was spotted one day installing a new and improved electric box at Prairie Peoples Park. In addition, he and other electrical subcontractors and maintenance workers have added more electrical hook ups and other wiring capabilities for use at pow-wows in the future.



Derek Otero, was photographed cleaning the eaves at the Government Center recently, while B.J. Jones swept up the debris.



Left: Colorful tulips began appearing this spring throughout the reservation which gave hope to everyone that the long winter was over. Landscapers in the Maintenance Department have been working hard to improve the curb appeal at buildings on the reservation.

Special thanks to Carl Matousek, Director of Construction Management for submitting photos

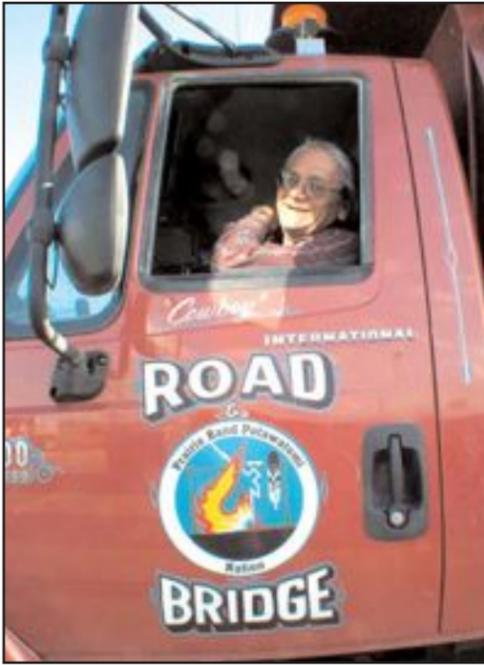


Left: Gunzy Wahquahboshkuk shows off his work in one of the new offices in the Maintenance Building. He also built a new stage floor at the park.

Road & Bridge



“Bronco Billy” Jim digs out a damaged patch of surface at the Government Center parking lot. The old surface was taken to a storage area and will be recycled for other road purposes in the future.



Benny Potts has worked for Road & Bridge for several years and is seen above driving one of the dirt-hauling trucks.



The Road & Bridge crews have constructed a ceremonial center called the Brave Dance building. It is located near 158 Road and K Road and is in its final stages of completion.



Road & Bridge staff seen installing one of the two metal sculptures at the entry way of Firekeeper Golf Course. Hardy Eteeyan designed the sculpture.



The pedestrian/bike trail was made possible with a collaborative grant with KDOT.



Ronny Hester., asphalt specialist/truck driver, driving a roller on the pedestrian/ bike trail that is being completed. The last phase of the trail, where this work was being done, is on 158 Road facing west and then angling south on K Road.



The Government Center parking lot was repaved during the last week in May. Bettis Asphalt with the help of Road & Bridge and the Construction/Maintenance Department completed the work that was done fairly quickly despite heavy rains that fell during that time.

Special thanks to Hardy Eteeyan, Road & Bridge foreman, for submitting photos



Construction/Maintenance placed new signage which is making it easier for visitors to find departments and buildings on the reservation.



O Road facing west from 150 Road is one of the paved roads Road & Bridge has completed through the years.

Early Childhood Education Center holds spring round-up and end-of-year pow-wow



Daylan Mzhickteno II, holding the coloring book, was all smiles after going through a good check up at the Spring Health Fair & Headstart Round-up April 15. In the photo with him are his parents, Daylan Mzhickteno and Heather Porter. Heather works at Ben-no-tteh Wigwam where the event was held.



The Early Childhood Education Center end-of-year pow-wow was held May 19 at the Boys & Girls Club. Little Soldier Singers performed (right) and the We-Ta-Se color guard were also part of the grand entry (in back with flags). Children graduated from Headstart and other classes that day and teachers and parents were recognized for their work.

The Early Childhood Education Center is accepting child applications for Head Start 2011-2012
 Call Miyah Danielson at 785.966.2707 or apply online at <http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/early-childhood-education-programs.aspx>
 Deadline: July 1, 2011

Social Services happenings



Left to right, is Chris Mzhickteno, Alisha Sellens, and Ben Joslin, of the PBP IT Department, who set up a computer laboratory in the Social Services Department. Partial funds for the lab came from the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation (www.cprf.org) who are working in conjunction with the PBP Vocational Rehabilitation program to establish a training center for disabled Native American people.



Left to right, Marlena Wahwassuck, Kek Mitchell, and Jade Wahweotten are members of the Gen S. Youth Council that held a taco sale to raise funds for the group. Gen S conducts community projects throughout the year and were organized through the Youth Transition Program that is housed in Social Services.

National Housing Program Update

Home Renovation & Repair

This program received an astounding 366 applications! Due to Tribal member's interest and need, the Nation supplemented this program in addition to the HUD grant that was received. At this time, all funds for this program are allocated and Housing is no longer taking applications. However, if you currently have an application on file it will remain in its current spot, and if additional funds

become available you will be notified, and your application will be processed in order of receipt.

Down Payment

All monies for this program are now allocated and this program is no longer available.

Rental Assistance

All monies for this program are now allocated and this program is no longer available.
 Call 785.966.2756 for details

Charitable Contributions ceremony held



Jane Metzger, second from left, retired as the President/CEO from Meals on Wheels of Shawnee & Jefferson Counties recently and was recognized at the Charitable Contributions ceremony on April 19 at the casino. In the photo, to her left, is John Tuckwin, and to her right is Frank Tecumseh, Steve Ortiz Jr. and Heidi Pickerell who took Metzger's place. Meals on Wheels was one of 22 organizations that received a \$6,000 donation out of the \$69,500 given overall for the quarter.

Farewell Linda!



Linda Tecumseh (PBPN), a long-time employee in Finance, was feted with a retirement luncheon on June 8 at the Bingo Hall. She worked for the tribe for 12 years.

Washburn law students visit



Students from Washburn Law school stopped in to visit with Tribal Council members and the tribal attorney in Tribal Council chambers June 9. The students were in a Tribal Court Practice Seminar taught by Professor Aliza Organick who also accompanied the group on a tour of the reservation. Staff at the Judicial Center hosted the group.

We-Ta-Se news



Left: Jim Potts, Roy Hale, and Frank Shopteese are standing in front of the military displays that they have created at the We-Ta-Se building located at 15434 K Road. The staff collects photographs and momentos of Prairie Band Potawatomi veterans and also maintain the Veterans Memorial Wall located in Prairie Peoples Park.

For more information
call 785.966.2580
or visit

www.pbpindiantribe.com/veterans.aspx



Above: Frank Shopteese, left, Roy Hale, center, and Jim Potts sorting through new bronze flag markers they were planning to place on all the veterans graves last spring. Since that time, they have also completed a booklet that lists what veterans are buried in each of the 17 cemeteries on the reservation.

On May 29 We-Ta-Se visited the cemeteries beginning at the Potts Place and on May 30 posted colors in a Memorial Day ceremony at the Great Overland Station in Topeka where Steve Ortiz, Tribal Chairman and Marine Corps Vietnam veteran, was the featured speaker.



We-Ta-Se presented 25 years of service plaques to the Tribal Council during the pow-wow in recognition of PBP support of We-Ta-Se since 1985.



Three We-Ta-Se vets elected 1st District officers

Jim Potts	Vice Commander
Frank Shopteese	Committee Member
Lorrie Wahwassuck	Sergeant of Arms

Housing Department update

The Housing List

Submitted by Susie "Nis" Wilbur

The most common question the Housing Department receives is "What number am I on 'The List'." The infamous "List" is a running tally of everyone waiting for general housing. Currently, we have 245 people on "The List." This is not including the 21 people waiting for Rent-To-Own homes, or the 41 elders waiting for senior housing. These are separate lists, and need to be applied for each independently.

If you call the office and ask where you are on the list, please be prepared to give an address, income, and household size update. These factors weigh in greatly on how quickly you will obtain housing. In addition, our office places families in homes based upon, among other things, 1) size of family relative to bedrooms available and 2) income.

The office will contact you via land mail when we have a home that matches your family. If you do not have a current address on file, we cannot send you a rental screen or inform you of your upcoming placement. A returned screen will cause you to be moved to the bottom of the list.

Applications for all three programs can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/housing.aspx>, mailed by land, or faxed. However, we will not accept filled out applications that are faxed back. If you have any questions, would like to update your file, or want an application, please call our office at (785) 966-2756 or toll free: 1-866-966-2756.

**In case of an emergency
call 785.966.3024
or 911**

Tribal Fire Department News

Free Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide detectors were installed last spring in homes that qualified for the free units through the Fire Department.

The Fire Department has also been on call as emergency responders this season during the severe storms that have been occurring and keeping the Nation informed about severe weather forecasts.



Steve Duryea, who works for the Potawatomi Fire Department, shows off an ambulance at an open house held at the Fire Department on May 21 in honor of National EMS week. Food, displays, and other activities were also available that day.

Tornado sirens were upgraded in Prairie Peoples Park by the Construction/Maintenance Department last spring. An upgraded PA system has also been installed so that sound is distributed better throughout the park during activities and events.



Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center receives accreditation from Joint Commission

The Prairie Band Health Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™ for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety in ambulatory care organizations. The accreditation award recognizes the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center's dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission's state-of-the-art standards.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site survey last winter. A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated the health center for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

Since 1975, The Joint Commission has developed state-of-the-art standards for outpatient ambulatory care organizations. Nearly 1,900 free-standing ambulatory care organizations maintain Joint Commission accreditation.

"Organizations that strive for accreditation in ambulatory care from The Joint Commission are demonstrating the highest commitment to quality and safety to their patients, staff and their community," says Michael Kulczycki, executive director, Ambulatory Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission. "I commend the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center for successfully achieving this pinnacle and for its dedication to continually improving patient care."

"We recognize Joint Commission accreditation as the Gold Seal for providing safe, high quality patient care. Achieving accreditation from The Joint Commission is a team effort that will bring confidence to our patients and give us a framework to provide the best care possible," says Dr. Terry Harter, Medical Director of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center.

The Joint Commission's ambulatory care standards address important functions relating to the care of patients and the management of an ambulatory

care organization. The standards are developed in consultation with health care experts, providers, measurement experts and patients.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 18,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. The Joint Commission also provides certification of more than 1,700 disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.



photo courtesy of Gayle Babcock

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center opened in 2006

Indian Health Services directors from Oklahoma City take tour of Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center

Max Tahsuda, director of tribal self-determination (left), and Kevin Meeks, area director of the Oklahoma City Indian Health Services, came to the Health Center in April to take a tour of the Prairie Band Health facility.

(Photo by Eddie Joe Mitchell)



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

Submitted by Carol A. Shopteese, LMSW, MBA - DPP Manager

Hello, fellow PBPB members:

Do you know your numbers (blood pressure, fasting glucose, BMI, etc.) to be healthy? If not, find out.

DPP classes will begin on August 3, 2011.

You can prevent diabetes if you act now!

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'd 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.

(http://www.eshow.com/facts_5645853_normal-range-a1c-test-results.html)

Upcoming SDPI/DPP Activities

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| June: | Pow-wow (include Horseshoe Tournery) and/or Father's Day Walk & Mud Volleyball Tournament
Softball League |
| July: | Youth Camp Out and Community Celebration |
| August: | Back to School Walk - mid August |
| September: | American Indian Day Walk |
| October: | Healthy Halloween Information Dissemination/Activity |

Cory Wabski, Lifestyle Coach, will be assisting Kathy with the DPP Classes and is available to help you design an exercise program. **The Wellness Center** has new equipment, so come check it out! New pedometers have arrived and you may order N7 (Native) Nike shoes from Cory. Call him @ 785-966-8272, if interested.

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

The Community Step Challenge continues-if you haven't enrolled, it's not too late. Team Leaders/Winner's and Treasures were announced in April 2011. The goal is to "INCREASE YOUR STEPS" weekly. Get moving-be more active this year!

The CDC "Return to a Healthy Past" grant assisted individuals with individual/family gardens this year as well as learning to compost, canning, etc. Call Eddie Joe at 785-966-8243, if interested in upcoming classes.

Social Services has new faces



Dezaree Harding began her duties as a Family Support Worker on March 1. She has a B.A. degree from Washburn.



Vicky Miller, LBSW, is a new Foster Care Social Worker. She is from Soldier, Kan. and began work April 19.

Community Celebration Event
July 9
6 p.m.
Prairie Peoples Park

**Cookout, carnival games, fireworks show
(No personal fireworks allowed)**
For details call Daniel Goombi at 785.966.8343

Dental Clinic
The Dental Clinic at the Health Center is unable to accept walk-in appointments at this time and future appointments will be limited temporarily. For more information call the dental clinic office at 785.966.8290.

AA meetings
Wednesdays, 7- 8 p.m.
Stone Building

Recognizing Child Abuse

The following signs may signal the presence of child abuse or neglect.

The Child:

- Shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance
- Has not received help for physical or medical problems brought to the parents' attention
- Has learning problems (or difficulty concentrating) that cannot be attributed to specific physical or psychological causes
- Is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen
- Lacks adult supervision
- Is overly compliant, passive, or withdrawn
- Comes to school or other activities early, stays late, and does not want to go home

The Parent:

- Shows little concern for the child
- Denies the existence of or blames the child for the child's problems in school or at home
- Asks teachers or other caregivers to use harsh physical discipline if the child misbehaves
- Sees the child as entirely bad, worthless, or burdensome
- Demands a level of physical or academic performance the child cannot achieve
- Looks primarily to the child for care, attention, and satisfaction of emotional needs

The Parent and Child:

- Rarely touch or look at each other
- Consider their relationship entirely negative
- State that they do not like each other

Types of Abuse:

The following are some signs often associated with particular types of child abuse and neglect: physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse. It is important to note, however, that these types of abuse are more typically found in combination than alone. A physically abused child, for example, is often emotionally abused as well, and a sexually

abused child also may be neglected.

Signs of Physical Abuse:

Consider the possibility of physical abuse when the child:

- Has unexplained burns, bites, bruises, broken bones, or black eyes
- Has fading bruises or other marks noticeable after an absence from school
- Seems frightened of the parents and protests or cries when it is time to go home
- Shrinks at the approach of adults
- Reports injury by a parent or another adult caregiver

Consider the possibility of physical abuse when the parent or other adult caregiver:

- Offers conflicting, unconvincing, or no explanation for the child's injury
- Describes the child as "evil," or in some other very negative way
- Uses harsh physical discipline with the child
- Has a history of abuse as a child

Signs of Neglect:

Consider the possibility of neglect when the child:

- Is frequently absent from school
- Begs or steals food or money
- Lacks needed medical or dental care, immunizations, or glasses
- Is consistently dirty and has severe body odor
- Lacks sufficient clothing for the weather
- Abuses alcohol or other drugs
- States that there is no one at home to provide care

Consider the possibility of neglect when the parent or other adult caregiver:

- Appears to be indifferent to the child
- Seems apathetic or depressed
- Behaves irrationally or in a bizarre manner
- Is abusing alcohol or other drugs

Signs of Sexual Abuse:

Consider the possibility of sexual abuse when the child:

- Has difficulty walking or sitting

- Suddenly refuses to change for gym or to participate in physical activities
- Reports nightmares or bedwetting
- Experiences a sudden change in appetite
- Demonstrates bizarre, sophisticated, or unusual sexual knowledge or behavior
- Becomes pregnant or contracts a venereal disease, particularly if under age 14
- Runs away
- Reports sexual abuse by a parent or another adult caregiver

Consider the possibility of sexual abuse when the parent or other adult caregiver:

- Is unduly protective of the child or severely limits the child's contact with other children, especially of the opposite sex
- Is secretive and isolated
- Is jealous or controlling with family members

Signs of Emotional Maltreatment:

Consider the possibility of emotional maltreatment when the child:

- Shows extremes in behavior, such as overly compliant or demanding behavior, extreme passivity, or aggression
- Is either inappropriately adult (parenting other children, for example) or inappropriately infantile (frequently rocking or head-banging, for example)
- Is delayed in physical or emotional development
- Has attempted suicide
- Reports a lack of attachment to the parent

Consider the possibility of emotional maltreatment when the parent or other adult caregiver:

- Constantly blames, belittles, or berates the child
- Is unconcerned about the child and refuses to consider offers of help for the child's problems
- Overtly rejects the child

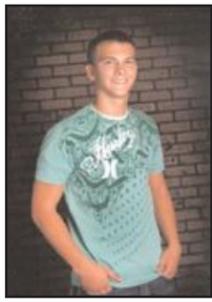
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DeCoteau Jackson
Tiospa Zina Tribal School
Agency Village, S.D.
Parents: Lori Wabnum
& Rocky Jackson
*Congratulations
from
Vicky Wahquahboshkuk*



Schye Simmons-
Tooahnippah
Independence
High School
Brentwood,
Calif.
Parent: Tanya
Erck (Thomas)
*We are very proud
of you and your
accomplishments.
You are smart and
independent and
will go far.
Love,
Mom & Dad*



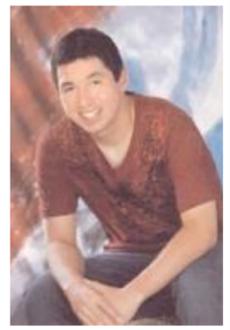
**Aaron James
Gamino-Pfaff**
Great Bend High
School
Great Bend, Kan.
Parent:
Tammy Gamino



Patrick W. Mills III
Royal Valley
High School
Hoyt, Kan.
Parents:
**Patrick & Kelly
Mills**



Kira Vega
Royal Valley High
School
Hoyt, Kan.
Parents: Bert Vega
and
Ella Mzhickteno



**Steve
Wahweotten**
Royal Valley
High School
Hoyt, Kan.
Parents: Warren
(Junior) & Gina
Wahweotten
*Congratulations
and love from
your family.*



Freddie Lew Catron
Rossville High School
Rossville, Kan.
Parents:
**Maggie Catron &
Roger Catron**



**Martin Alan
Doxtator**
Horton High School
Horton, Kan.
Parent:
**Sharon Wewanes
Doxtator**



Kyle L. Arndt
Lincoln High School
Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
Parents:
Larry & Julie Arndt

*Special thanks to the parents and
families of graduates who
submitted photos and information
to the News.*



**Rayne Marnel
Kingfisher**
Anadarko High
School
Anadarko, Okla.
Parents:
**Gilreath Aitkens
& R. Kingfisher**
*Congratulations
Baby Nashewashuck!
Love from the rest of
your family.*



**Megan Hale
Holton**
High School
Holton, Kan.
Parents:
**Martin & Donna
Hale**
*Congratulations
from your family
on your scholar-
ships and awards.
Your family is very
proud of you.*



2011 Student Recognition Awards

- All-Around Student (High School)-Ramzey Ingels
- All-Around Student (Junior High)-Trent Terrel
- All-Around Student (Elementary)-Komesh Spoonhunter
- Outstanding Achievement-Fred Catron
- Outstanding Male Athlete-Cody Barger
- Outstanding Female Athlete-Kira Vega
- Outstanding Teacher-Anita Evans
- People Who Make a Difference-Austin Hester
- Outstanding Parents-Lucie & Richard Morris
- Unsung Hero-Marcus Nichols

**Surplus items from the PBPN can be bid
by auction
at
www.GovDeals.com
Registration online and open to the public
(except for PBP Purchasing staff)
For questions call 1-800-613-0156**

This 'N That

Office of Special Trustee Whereabouts Unknown List

The following persons are on the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians Whereabouts Unknown list. If you know the where abouts of any of these individuals, please call the Horton Agency @ 1-785-486-2161 or the Trust Beneficiary Call Center @ 1-888-678-6836.

- Allen, Louis J; Anwash, Cory J; Armell, Robert P.; Battista, Daniel W; Cannon, John L.; Catron Evans, Barbara; Chenault, Earl L.; Courchene, Elizabeth M.; Demetz, Michael D; Fitzherbert, Easton; Fitzherbert, Edikka; Fitzherbert, Ezra; Fitzherbert, Keaton; Garcia, Joseph C.; Gentile, Kathleen J. Dunn; Gonzales, Luis H.; Grinnell, Elise V.; Guerrero, Richard; Jessepe, Boyce E.; LaClair, Renee M; Mahkuk, Albert; Mitchell, Verinna R.; Mzhickteno, Tanya; Nasky, Gregory; Nioce, Paul A.; Ray, Florian S.; Rodriguez, Gloria; Shane, Vivian M.; Shuckahosee, Glenn; Shuckahosee, Robert J.; Vaughn Dudoit, Lea E.; Wabaunsee, Clifton J.; Wabnum, Joshua D; Wabskie, Luella A.; Wahweotten, Tracey; White, Deon V.; Wishteyah, Christine; Woosley Holmes, Janice M. (Jackson); York, Leticia R.

Craig Treinen receives Ph.D.

Craig Treinen received a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction/jazz studies from Kansas State University this spring.

He is director of jazz studies/applied saxophone at Washburn University.

He has recorded three albums with the Kansas City Boulevard Band and performed with the Trilogy Big Band and Tony Diaprdo Band, to name a few.

He also has an extensive music background with the United States Air Force



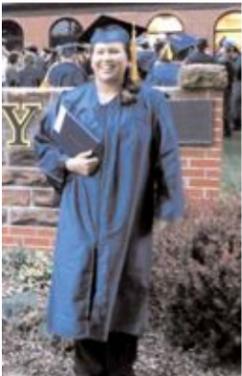
James "Nebi" Wabaunsee received a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the University of Kansas

His family is very proud of him and would like to congratulate him.

*From:
Natalie, Ishta, Kwe Kwe and Amyah*



Congratulations to Stephanie Lyn Jim who graduated from Highland Community College with an Associates Degree in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education
Keep it up TUFF!
Love,
your Mom & Family



Congratulations to Reina D. Rodriguez Higue who graduated from Highland Community College with an Associates Degree in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education



*Message from Reina:
Thank you to all my family and friends who supported me when I needed a helping hand. I know my mother is smiling down on me.*



Congratulations to Tara Mitchell on receiving an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from Haskell Indian Nations University

Nolan Pahmahmie graduated from Virginia College Golf Academy of America and received an Occupational Associate Degree- Golf Management & General Management

*Message from family:
Put your heart, mind, and soul into every effort. Hard work spotlights the character of people and keep up the hardwork and let your character shine.*



Thanks to graduates and families for submitting items and photos to the News



Timothy Michael Chandler
Hiawatha Middle School
Hiawatha, Kan.

Parent:
Doris A. Shopteese
Congratulations on receiving the John F. Severn award for excellent scholarship, citizenship and overcoming obstacles.



Ashtyn Raylynn Keo graduated from Kickapoo Headstart

*We are very proud of you sister, way to go!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Dutch and all your family*



Congratulations to Adam Rickert on graduating with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Western Michigan University
Your family is very proud of you.



Congratulations to Tavia "Kish-bian" Tsotaddle (far right) an All-Tourney Team Player 2010-11 ORES State Champions Pleasant Grove, Okla. Congratulations from Papa & Mema
Daughter: Christa Tsotaddle
Grandparents: Michael & Lea Tsotaddle
Great-grandparents: Mavis McKinney & (late) Joseph Tsotaddle



Congratulations to Bob Hester who graduated from Rossville Jr. High Rossville, Kan.
Parents:
Ronny & Angie Hester



Congratulations to Pat-ko-shuk Good luck at Royal Valley Middle School
Love ya, Mom



Meet Stephanie Jim



Stephanie Jim is the new Student Services Coordinator in the Education Department and replaced Ida Nadeau who retired last spring. Stephanie is a tribal member and previously worked in the Head Start program at the Early Childhood Education Center for four years. She also completed an associates degree in Early Childhood Education this spring.

Student Services handles K-12 students with financial assistance for school-related activities.

In addition, the Department of Education also has a higher education program and a JOM program that is located on the lower level of the Government Center.



Movie star Chaske Spencer visits Kansas

Chaske Spencer of the Twilight Saga Series Eclipse and New Moon fame is doing something different than simply "doing good". He wants to make a sustainable, lasting difference with his people. And ALL people.

That is why the actor came to Kansas on April 25-26 and made a stop at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to tour the facilities and to individually meet employees and members of the community. He formally presented workshops on drug and alcohol abuse and bullying prevention issues to tribal youth (11 to 17 years) and their parents at the Golden Eagle Casino in Horton, Kan. and held separate autograph sessions at the Kickapoo reservation the first day and at the Prairie Band reservation the next.

Spencer's visit was sponsored by the four tribes police departments of Kansas, the Prairie Band Casino & Resort, Golden Eagle Casino, and other departments and programs of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, and Iowa Tribe of Kansas.

According to Amanda Cryer, who made the visit to Kansas with Spencer and is a project coordinator and media professional, Spencer learned how to source his own power, to actually shift systems, and solve problems - beyond the usual band aid solutions while attending the United Global Shift workshops.

Cryer, has also participated in the United Global Shift workshops and is just as committed to creating sustainable solutions and change, as Chaske is. She's also the Project Director at UGS. Utilizing the powerful and effective platforms of film, TV, and social media - Chaske and Amanda are bringing awareness to the current water situations (little to no access to clean water) on many reservations in the United States.



PBP Chief of Police Mike Boswell escorted Chaske Spencer and Amanda Cryer on the day they came to the PBP reservation to visit with the community.

Kristen Aitkens was selected Employee of the Quarter

As Director of Education she was selected for helping to develop a partnership with Friends University in offering college-degree programs on the reservation.



Chaske Spencer and Kristen Aitkens in the Education office.

Chaske Spencer completed a tile for the Community Story Tree Project at the Tribal Victim Assistance Program's art studio located in the Old Tribal Court building during his visit. The art work is made up of individual tiles that are creating a mosaic of images that will form a tree of expression. The purpose of the art project is to raise awareness to end family violence in the community. For details about creating your own tile call Kent Miller at 785.966.3024.

Providers Art Circle Wednesdays, noon to 1 p.m. Old Tribal Court Building

Summer Youth Worker Program underway

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation summer youth worker program is underway and 39 students were selected to participate in a two (2) month summer work program. The students have been divided into two sessions and each worker hired may only participate in one session only. The first session kicked off June 6 and will run to July 1. The second session will be held from July 5 to July 29.

Students must be enrolled members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and between the ages of 14 and 18 years old. They are presently enrolled in school, a GED program, or have recently graduated from high school. Workers must provide their own transportation to and from work and work a maximum of 30 hours per week. There are also career-planning workshops that will be held each session.



Tribal police officers become certified Recently completed Kansas Law Enforcement Training Course

Police officers Terry Wilson and Michael Daugherty completed course work at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) last spring near Hutchinson, Kansas and became certified full-time law enforcement officers.

KLETC is a center that trains the majority of police officers in Kansas at most levels of government.

Officers must satisfactorily complete a 560 hour training course over a 14-week period and maintain their certification through continuing education courses.

Officer Wilson, who was recently interviewed by the *News*, said that completing the train-

ing was a huge accomplishment for him.

He said, "To be certified as a full time law enforcement officer in the state of Kansas is something I've had my heart set on for a long time. That's why I chose the path of law enforcement by getting into corrections first and then becoming an officer."

Before working for the tribal police department in August 2010 Wilson worked as a corrections officer at the Jackson County Detention Center in Holton, Kan. for about a year and a half.

He said that he was very thankful for the opportunity to work for the tribe and that he is approachable and a firm believer in treating others how they want to be treated.

Student Awards Night honors seniors and 8th grade graduates



A large crowd was on hand for the banquet that was held at the Bingo Hall April 20.



Seniors created posters of their years in school that were mounted around the room.

Sponsors were Title VII (USD #337) JOM Boys & Girls Club and Department of Education



Youth show off their award certificates.



The Family Language class put on a short play during the banquet.



Families came together to help celebrate their graduate's accomplishments. From left to right are Emery, Megan, Martin and Donna Hale. Megan is a senior this year.



Lucy and Richard Morris (far right) received an award as outstanding parents of the year and are seen shaking hands with committee members that helped organize the awards banquet this year.

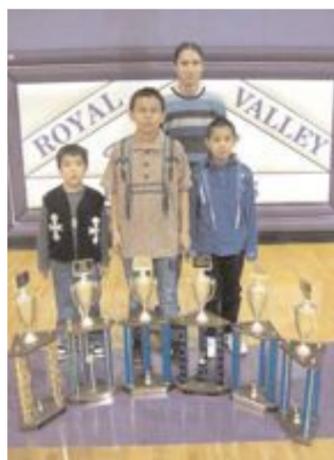
Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers



Girls Jingle Dancers



Anita Evans and Connie Peters, Sponsors



Youth Singers



Girls Fancy Shawl Dancers



Boys Fancy Dancers



Boys Grass Dancers



Girls Traditional Dancers



Right: Boys Traditional Dancers

special thanks to Anita Evans for submitting photos

Ah...spring!

Easter Egg-Stravaganza event draws Kansas Governor



Kan. Gov. Sam Brownback, far left, made a stop at the Easter Egg-Stravaganza on April 9 and visited with families as well as these two youngsters who appeared pleased to meet the Governor. The day's event included Easter egg hunts and lunch and also included door prizes and a gift bag for participants.



Leaders from the Boys & Girls Club, Family Violence Prevention Program, Tribal Victims Assistance Program, and Tribal Council Member Carrie O'Toole (back to camera), met briefly with Gov. Brownback (far right) that day. O'Toole also hosted a group of college students (not pictured) that were affiliated with the Governor's office who volunteered at the event held in Prairie Peoples Park.

13th Annual Earth Day held April 17



Left to right: Joy Matchie, Tarin Blalock, and Adrian Figueroa participated in the contests and fun. Events included bike and walk races, Crazy Legs Relay, drawings, health information and food vendors.



The Division of Planning & EPA sponsored the event that wouldn't have been made possible without lots of volunteers.



A contestant in the Potato Sack race that was sponsored by the Diabetes Prevention Program.



Pami Hubbard seen edging out Raphael Wahwassuck in the three-mile fun run. Both runners won medals and a trophy for their efforts.



Mi-kes Potts was the master of ceremonies throughout the day and is seen hamming it up for the camera.



L to R: Tamo Thomas, Kishno Bell, Jolene Thomas, Bella Thompson, and Bishiwe Noriega were involved in the Crazy Legs races.



Goffy had a food booth.

Farewell notes from Brennah Wahweotten: PBPN princess quarterly journal

Bohzo!!!

Once again, my name is Brennah Wahweotten, Dinwe. This is the last article I'll be doing for our Nation's newspaper. I'll finish my term on June 9th, 2011 and pass the title to our incoming princess as we have our annual pow-wow. In my personal life, I worked hard in school, just completed another year of tap, jazz and lyrical with a dance recital, run a certain number of miles for my cross-country log, practice my cello, and try to get good rest and food. Now on to the latest pow-wows.....

March 18-20; Denver, CO

Denver March Pow-wow

This pow-wow was one of the first big pow-wows that I went to when I began to pow-wow big time. My birthday is March 23, which is usually around Denver March Pow-wow. We got my new beaded outfit that Dad got me for Christmas put together!! Mom made me a shawl and Grandma made me a dress in my favorite color, yellow. I had lots of fun and saw a lot of people that I only get to see at pow-wows. It had good contest songs, too. There are a lot of princesses that come to this pow-wow...sooooo they usually just announced us during grand entry. But for one session, they had us come out and introduce ourselves. I had to stand out there for about 1 hour and 30 minutes! My feet and hips hurt so baddd! Then we had to go walk and stand out at grand entry for another two hours because of how big this pow-wow was. Then, we shook hands with all the color guards. They sure liked my firm handshake, lol. The whole weekend, I stood about nine hours on my feet in total.

March 25-26; Durango, CO

47th Annual Hozhoni Days Pow-wow

This pow-wow was very small but it had a lot of people and a lot of good drums. It was very hard to breathe out there so I had a hard time dancing. Manny King was announcing at this pow-wow so it was cool to see someone from home. I usually get altitude sickness when I go to Colorado but this time I didn't! Yay! None of us placed. Maybe next time.

April 2; Lawrence, KS

Lawrence High School Native American Club Pow-wow

Yayyy! Finally, one of the first, close to home pow-wows of the season! I stood with many princesses out there that are very good friends to me. Ruben Littehead was MC there and I enjoy him. Me, Erin Johnson, and Wea Edwards made a team dance and didn't place but they liked our routine. I placed 2nd in the headgirl contest special and 2nd in my category contest.

April 9; St. Louis, MO

Washington University Pow-wow

My dad went up to time out pow-wow, which was out of state, so I couldn't go. I had school to worry about. So, I went with the Pelkey family to St. Louis! I was very excited that I got to go somewhere that weekend. I got to see many friends there. My moccasin started to come off because the tie broke. But I managed to finish the song and still get 1st!!! Whew.

April 16; Lawrence, KS

23rd Annual KU Pow-wow

Another close to home pow-wow!! I almost didn't make this one because I had dance pictures that day. But, we went to do dance pictures and still made it to the pow-wow. It was a lot of work but it was worth it. I was joking around and told Manny he should announce me first! HE did!!! I was happily surprised! I danced jingle here because there were too many little girls in my category and I didn't want them to have to compete with a big girl. I used to not like that. Sooo, I got in the jingle category which had girls closer to my age. I got into a tie with a good friend, but the upside is that we both placed.

April 23; Lawrence, KS

Haskell Pow-wow

This wasn't a competition pow-wow, just exhibition, even though they gave us two songs to dance. I was glad to be dancing and had a good time, always nice to be local.

April 28-30; Albuquerque, NM

Gathering of the Nations Pow-wow

Long trip, but not the longest, heh heh. I decided to dance jingle again because I just finished crimping my black polka dot dress' jingles. Now I have two jingle dresses! I danced fancy on the exhibition sessions because I love fancy and that is what I consider my style. I felt that I did a really good job in the contest but I didn't place. I tried hard and did my best, so I was okay with not placing. Their princess pageant is a BIG deal, so they probably don't have time to announce visiting royalty, but I still wore my crown and sash for grand entry.

May 6-7; Overland Park, KS

5th Annual AIHREA Health & Wellness Pow-wow

This pow-wow has been growing and the committee FINALLY decided to have a two-day pow-wow and three sessions. YES!! It's getting better and better every year. I danced fancy to a double beat and, then, a straight song. No ties and I placed 2nd. Also, friends from Nebraska came down for this pow-wow. Two of their girls stayed the night with us and my brother, Zach, stayed with their brother, Josh.

May 13-14; Lawrence, KS

Haskell Spring 2011 Commencement Pow-wow

The last close to home pow-wow I represented at that wasn't Prairie Band. I saw a lot of local people and hung out with Erin. I didn't shake hands the first time with anyone because no one started the line. So, third session I started the shaking of hands!! And to this day, I still get "Wow, you have a firm handshake!" lol. I had lots of fun, got 1st, and actually got to drink a Dr. Pepper (I don't get to drink pop because my mom thinks it's just wrong).

May 20-22; Marksville, LA

Tunica-Biloxi Pow-wow

The pow-wow air was humid as ever!! Louisiana's Tunica-Biloxi Pow-wow was a really good pow-wow. (Besides the heat! Arghh it was intense!) It had rock'n songs and nice people. I was awarded 2nd place. It got up to 102 degrees. The Roberts families were there and I was happy to hang out with them. Me and my friend, Tush, got to go swimming and hang out in a hotel. They have a great big casino, an arcade, two pools, hot tubs, a fabulous buffet, and they actually had a movie theater in the casino!!!!

May 27-29; Thief River Falls, MN

7th Annual Seven Clans Casino Pow-wow

Another three-day powwow!!! I could get use to this. Ha, ha. This was an awesome pow-wow because they have an amazing waterpark right by the pow-wow. During dinner break, after, or before the pow-wow, you can just go swim!! Also, if you get tired of swimming, you can go to the arcade right next door. They had a cafe were you could also go get free drinks. The songs and dancing were the best. Pretty cool. During the grand entries, some of the princesses weren't really sure where to go so I led them around to behind the color guard and got us a good spot out there. I got to see good friends and I had a very good time.

May 30; White Earth Ojibwe Tribe of Mississippi at Rice Lake; Rice Lake, MN

Rice Lake Pow-wow

This was the Monday after Thief River Falls and we decided to eat with some friends before we left. We ate, left, and got to the pow-wow. It was very muddy and back in the trees behind a little neighborhood. There were a million mosquitoes that bit me and left purple spots on me. We got there too late to register and so we couldn't dance in time for the exhibitions. My dad went out there with his street clothes and danced anyway!!! He still looked smooth and cool out there. We ate at their feast and met some new people. We left to go home, but got caught in a 90-mph wind. Luckily we were at a gas station and our camper didn't get blown away. Some friends from the pow-wow trail put us up safe and sound at their house for the night. We got back home Tuesday night about 8:00. Finally home!!!

I didn't get a chance to go to Red Earth pow-wow in Oklahoma City because of my dance recital!!! Just poor timing. So in closing, I'd like to thank Suzi Heck for her work and time in printing these. Mr. Eteeyan for his comments to encourage me and my peers. My parents, too, who made this year possible by supporting, transporting and leading me along one of the biggest and most important responsibilities of my life. And last, but not least, our Pow-wow Committee because they have a big job and they have helped me out while taking care of all the other things for our pow-wow at the same time. I had a good time and enjoyed being a representative for my Nation. I hope good health and safe travels to you.

Once again,

pama and egwien.



Member news and notes

Hello from the mountains!

Daniel Adler (Laura), Matthew Mahkuk (Rhonda), Joseph Mahkuk, and Mary Mahkuk Cahoon (Elijah) would like to officially welcome Susep Whitworth into their family as their little brother. Susep's parents are Rusty and Anita Whitworth of Moiese, Montana.



L to R: Joseph Mahkuk, Mary Mahkuk Calhoon, Susep Whitworth, Daniel Adler, and Matthew Mahkuk.



Nicole Wabaunsee came for a visit to the PBPB last spring before heading to Dubai where she is working in recruiting and admissions for Michigan State University.



Jim Wahwassuck, left, (News file photo)

Jim Wahwassuck has recently completed seven pieces of work that he titled Indigenous Signature Art that is now hanging in the court chambers of the Judicial Center. Wahwassuck, a tribal member and retired commercial painter/artist, has also gotten notoriety recently for a large limestone sculpture that honors Native American women that will be placed on the reservation. He has also donated several other pieces of art throughout different PBPB buildings through the years, like the one above.



Left: Larry and Ramona Cole provided the luncheon entertainment for the Elder Center a couple of days in March. The Coles offer Plano-Larry DJ music for all occasions and were here for some fun and a visit with Ramona's sister, Linda Yazzie, and other relatives.

Roman Harjo represented the Prairie Band Casino & Resort as a new member of the Holton Chamber of Commerce last spring. He and Dawn Pence, who also works at the casino, were given plaques and photographed in the *Holton Recorder* with Pam Doyle, Chamber president. Harjo is a tribal member and has worked in management at the casino for several years.

Jona and John Rupnicki, owners of Ruffnecks Bar 917 N. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kan. extend an invitation to tribal members to get involved with them in the new North Topeka Arts District (NOTO) where their bar is located. Call Jona or John at 785.235.1601 to learn more or for details about NOTO go to www.notoartsdistrict.com

Editor's note: Cornelia Donahue presented this message in person to a group of Cub Scouts in Topeka on March 28 and wanted to share it with *Potawatomi News* readers.

A message to the young from Cornelia Donahue

Greetings young cub scouts,

We are alike and I'll tell you why. When we aim high we always hope to reach our goals and they are the following words and actions: honesty, being healthy, helpful, studious, friendly, thankful, careful and respectful.

Remember daily, the use of our eyes and ears to help us reach these goals. Also, while growing up, use your strong bodies to enjoy swimming, playing, exercising, and working too. I want to interject that another part of you, your memory, will be used in the future of your life when you'll be looking at your own young ones. They just might ask you about computers and cell phones and TVs.

Let me tell you about a family of twelve who teacher was a remarkable old lady named Nah-ah-gah-quah. Her life in American ended three generations ago and now she's gone to heaven with her creator Cosnon. Long ago, her dad was a tribal leader. This lady grew up not in town but in the country. She did not speak English but spoke the Potawatomi language. All her people were taught to call God, Cosnon, which means Father. Her tribe saw beauty and goodness in their surroundings, and practiced honesty, being healthy, helpful, studious, friendly, thankful, careful and respectful. Cosnon then said to her people "I love you. Is there anything you want?" Her people said to Cosnon: You already gave us this land and everything in it, on it, and under it. Father, but now, there is one more thing we ask of you. That is heaven or what they call the Happy Hunting Ground. (By the way, she was my great-grandma. We would like to share a few stories, music, pow-wow regalia, and traditional food with you now.

Thank you or "Migwetch" for the opportunity to speak on behalf of our family and native culture.



Congratulations to Landri "Mikites" James 1st Place Teen Jingle at Gathering of Nations Albuquerque, NM



Tribal member Micki Martinez's photos, have been appearing in the "spotted" photo section of www.cjonline.com where she is a photographer intern. Above, she displays a photo that was used on the front page of the sports section of the *Topeka Capital-Journal* (May 16) about the Firekeeper grand opening. To see Micki's photo gallery of local events and future gallery's go to <http://spotted.cjonline.com/staff/mickijean/>

Ttiwenmo eginigyán
(happy day you were born)



Happy Birthday
Sam, Kek-Kaw-Quah
(Sweet 16), Niki &
Neow-Waskeh



Lexi Hester
June 15



Austin Hester
August 10



Tyler Shobney
July 3



Jimmy & Weeze
July 18

We love you all very much!
Mom and Dad



Happy Birthday Mike
June 19
Love, Mauds

Happy Birthday Delphine Knoxsah
June 10
Love, Roger & Family

Happy Birthday
Roger Lewis
June 18

Love,
Dawn, Spank, Chill, Angel, Jose,
and the-lost-but-not-
forgotten Feesh?

Share your celebrations with the News
fall issue deadline: Sept. 1



Happy 18th Birthday
Megan
June 26

From:
Mom
Dad
&
Micco

Happy
1st Birthday
Thomas
on
July 17

*The little engine
that could.*
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Hayley
&
Alex



Happy 10th
Birthday
Desi!
July 10

Love, Mom,
Dad, Sister,
Brother &
Family



Migwetch

*The Cecelia "Meeks" Miksekwe Jackson (Potts) family would like to thank
EVERYONE
for their thoughts and prayers during our time of need..*

Migwetch

*On the reservation here, there is a very special place
where a woman's sweat lodge takes place. In honor of our
grandmothers, only the women enter into the sweat lodge. The
prayer of women, together, is powerful.*

*Many of our Potawatomi men have contributed to the
preparation of this lodge and fundamental makings. All of
these men are thought about and mentioned during the ceremony.
Although, there is a very special leader that humbly assists
the women in stacking wood and rocks, starting, taking care of
and keeping the fire going and heating the rocks until they are
red hot. He is "on call" whenever there is a last minute decision
or even a well planned woman's sweat lodge set to take
place. He takes time away from his family to tend the fire. He
sacrifices his evening and puts forth tremendous effort to help
his people. He tends to the fire and rocks for hours until the
ceremony is over. His efforts will be of great benefit for his
parents, himself, his wife, his children, his grandchildren and
future generations to come after him. The effort he puts forth is
not expended for recognition from "people" but from "The
Creator." This moment of recognition from people is, simply, a
well deserved and a much obliged "thank you" to Warren "Jr."
Wahweotten, a notable, subservient, humble and instrumental
overseer of the people.*

-Laverne Haag

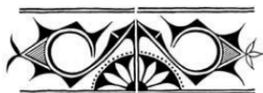
*The family of Geraldine Masqua would like to
extend our gratitude and appreciation for the
many words of comfort and support throughout
the loss of our mother. This thanks especially
goes out to our extended family members, to our
employers and co-workers, and most importantly
to our devoted drum members and church group
that offered us so much spiritual strength and
worship service.*

*This has all helped us and will continue
to help us in the days, months and years to come.
Thank you all.*



*The family of Julia Barber wishes to
say thank you to everyone for their acts
of kindness during the passing of our
mother.*

Emily Aitkens
Nancy Barber
Jeff Barber
Lori Molina
Tony Barber
Dwayne Barber



Ganiŋtĕk (those who are born)



Welcome
to
this world!

Kylan Jayst Panther
Born: Feb. 9, 2011
Weight: 8 lbs, 14 oz
Height: 19.5 inches

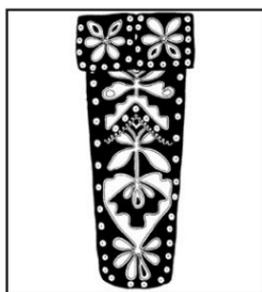
*Congratulations
Stephanie & Deino
(parents)
on our new grandson.*

*From:
Grandma Wanda Lewis
and Larry Crowe*

Enibowat (Weddings)



*Congratulations
to
Cork "Kitchkomme" Sumner
and
Rosemary Bachmurski
who were
married
March 11, 2011
in
Miami, Oklahoma*



Announcing
the birth
of
Jayla Lenae Williams
Born: April 21, 2011
Weight: 7 lbs
Height: 20 inches

parent:
Daylene Johannes
grandmother:
Tiffany Perry
great-grandmother:
Emily Aitkens
great-great
grandmother
June Barber
(deceased)

Kamboŋtĕk (those who died)



MARTHA R. RODRIGUEZ

Martha R. Rodriguez, age 52, of McHenry, died Monday, May 30, 2011, at her home.

She was born September 25, 1958 in Eufaula, OK, and was raised by her parents, Larry and Philomine (Cadue) Favero. She graduated from Eufaula High School, and then resided in Broadview, IL. She married her husband, Ruben Rodriguez, on Feb. 14, 1979. They were residents of McHenry County throughout their marriage, and resided in Woodstock, Richmond, and Johnsbury, before settling in McHenry for the

past 15 years.

After receiving her associate degree, Martha worked for the past 14 years in the Information Systems Department at McHenry County College until earlier this year. Earlier in her career, she was employed in custodial services at the middle school in Johnsbury.

Martha was proud of her Native American heritage as a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She was a popular speaker for area schools regarding the Native American Culture, dressing up in her buckskin dress and explaining the past way of life to the kids through demonstrations. She also participated as a volunteer at the Trail of History yearly fall event at Glacial Park, explaining the Native American culture to event attendees.

Martha's adventurous and fun-loving spirit will be remembered by her family and friends. She liked to fly, and was not afraid to try bungee-jumping or mountain climbing. She loved dressing up and acting the part at Halloween. When her sons were younger, Martha was the most vocal fan during their football and basketball games. She enjoyed playing video games with them, and loved the outdoors and playing outdoor yard games and badminton with her family. Favorite interests were the Three Stooges, Looney Tunes, and David Cassidy, and her favorite city to visit was Chicago.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Ruben; her sons, Adrian Rodriguez of McHenry and Adam Rodriguez of Crystal Lake; a sister, Joyce (Archie) Hall of Alden; and a brother, James Douthitt of Janesville, WI.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Justen Funeral Home & Crematory, 3700 W. Charles J. Miller Road, McHenry.

The funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, with the Rev. Rebecca Gordon officiating.

The cremation rite will be accorded privately.

(Courtesy of Justen Funeral Home & Crematory-McHenry, Ill.)

DONALD ETEEYAN

Mayetta- Donald Dwyitt Allen Eteeyan, 64, of Mayetta, KS passed away Thursday, May 26, 2011. He was born January 6, 1947 in Manhattan, KS the son of Virgin and Elizabeth Dorothy Eteeyan Harness.

Donald graduated from Haskell Indian Nation University with an Associates Degree in nursing. He was a member and a Community Health Resources Driver for Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include 2 sons, Donald Criss Eteeyan and AByah Ky Eteeyan both of Mayetta; a daughter, Doneka Kylii Eteeyan of Ohio; a sister, Rose Eteeyan of New Jersey; 2 brothers, Jeffrey Harness of Topeka and Hardy Eteeyan of Mayetta and 4 grandchildren, Pe-sha, Pah-shay, Quamell and AByah Ky Eteeyan, Jr.

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

ELIZABETH A. VANDERBLOMEN

Mayetta- Elizabeth A. Vanderblomen, 68, of Topeka, formerly of Mayetta, died Wednesday June 15, 2011.

She was born February 3, 1943 on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation the daughter of Levi and Marie (Wishteyah) Wahquahboshkuk. She was raised and educated in Mayetta and had lived in Topeka for the last several years. Elizabeth worked at Stormont Vail Hospital in surgical preparation and the dietary department. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Native American Religion. On April 5, 1965 she married James S. Vanderblomen in Holton. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by: her son, James Vanderblomen of Topeka, KS; her daughter, Celeste Murphy of Mayetta, KS; her sister, Connie Moore of Topeka, KS; her brothers, Roy, George, Pete and Gonzalo Wahquahboshkuk all of Mayetta, KS; and her five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Alice and Ada Vanderblomen and Christine Cruz, and her brothers, Leonard and Wallace Wahquahboshkuk.

Native American service will be Friday evening June 17, 2011 at the Native American Church (west of 158th and I Road). Burial will be Saturday in Wezo Cemetery west of Mayetta. Go to www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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

Kamboŕĕk (those who died)

CECELIA MIKSEKWE JACKSON



MAYETTA- Cecelia Miksekwe Jackson, 88, of Mayetta, KS passed away Sunday, May 29, 2011 at a Topeka hospital. She was born October 2, 1922 on the Potawatomi Reservation, the daughter of Joseph Bill and Rosann Lasley Potts. She had lived all of her life on the reservation and was a lifelong member of the Drum Religion.

Meeks had worked at Slimaker Dress Factory for many years. She had been a volunteer for the PBPB Language Program and worked as a cook at the Bingo Hall. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the "We Ta Se" Post #410 of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Meeks is survived by her daughter, Jan Pom Hubbard of LeCompton, KS; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Johnny "Jack" Jackson in February 2001; her sisters, Minnie LeClere and Angelina Seymour; her brothers, Maynard "Naw Kweh Kishhek" Potts, William Potts, Nelson Potts, Frank Tecumseh, James Wabnosah and Garnett Potts.

Drum services will be Wednesday evening June 1, 2011 at her home. Burial will be in Potts Cemetery on Thursday afternoon. Meeks will lie in state at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton Tuesday until Wednesday morning. To leave a special a message, visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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

AARON EDWARD STREITBERGER

(November 19, 1970- May 21, 2011)



Aaron Edward Streitberger, born 19 November 1970, beloved son of William Streitberger, Seattle, WA, and Elaine Mzhickteno, Mayetta Kansas, brother of Ona Fralinger, Gallup NM, father of Hayden Streitberger, Mill Creek WA, and Marissa Naslund, North Bend WA, died suddenly and unexpectedly on 21 May 2011 in his apartment in Bellingham. Aaron was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, a veteran of the US Army Corps of Engineers and an Oiler with the Washington State Ferries. Most recently he was attending Northwest Indian College, Bellingham WA. He was accepted as a transfer student to Western Washington University for fall quarter 2011 where he planned to major in sociology. His family and friends will miss him.

(Courtesy of Howden-Kennedy Funeral Home-Seattle, Wash.)

MAURICE FLOYD PAHMAHMIE

Kansas City, KS- Maurice Floyd Pahmahmie, 77, of Kansas City, KS passed away Friday, May 27, 2011 at his home. He was born November 5, 1933 on the Potawatomi Reservation (west of Mayetta, KS) the son of Pete and Gertrude (Moore) Pahmahmie. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.



Maurice graduated from Marty High School in Marty, South Dakota. He moved from Mayetta to Kansas City in 1960. Maurice worked for Davey Tree Company and later for the Y.M.C.A. in Kansas City as head custodian.

He is survived by many nieces and nephews and was preceded in death by his eight siblings, Lorraine Shenk, Elizabeth Morstorf, Orville Pahmahmie, Lena Wishkeno, Delores Wilson, Grace Wahwassuck, Edward Pahmahmie and Wanda LaHue.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta. Interment will be in the Shipshee Cemetery west of Mayetta. Family will greet friends from 9:30 to 10:30 Wednesday at the church. Maurice will lie in state Monday and Tuesday at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton, KS. To leave a special message for the family, visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

**JOSEPH "JAY" MATTWAOSHSHE
NANIMNEKSHKEK**

MAYETTA - Joseph "Jay" Mattwaoshshe, Nanimnekshkek, 70, of Mayetta, died Thursday, May 26, 2011 at the Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

He was born January 1, 1941 at Holton, the son of Lorenzo and Victoria Wabaunsee Mattwaoshshe. He graduated from Hoyt High School in 1960 and attended Haskell Indian Junior College.

Jay retired from Goodyear and was presently employed with Auto Drive Away.

He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, an active volunteer at the Firekeepers Elder Center, and was vice chair of Region VII of the American Indian Council Board of Directors.

Jay was married to Geneva Upton. She survives of the home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, former wife, Mayme Hubbard Mattwaoshshe, great grandson, Timothy Wahweotten, and a step-son, Robert Willoughby.

Other survivors include his children, Nona Wahweotten, Cindy LeClere, Paula Moore, Rick Rector, Frank Rector, and Charles Seymour, all of Mayetta, Laura Abeyta, Delia, Dennis Harrison, Omaha, NE, Julia Masquat and Kathy Boldt, both of Topeka, and Karen Thomas, Horton; two sisters, Charlotte "Charlie" Valdez, Hoyt, and Wilma Skenadore, DePere, WI; 29 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Drum services will be Monday evening at the Dance Ground, west of Mayetta. Burial will be Tuesday in the Shipshee Cemetery. Jay will lie in state from 10:00 a.m. Sunday until 3:00 p.m. Monday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt where visitation will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. On-line condolences may be made at chapelofaksfuneralhome.com

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

**Member Services information can be found online at
<http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/member-services.aspx#enrollment>**

Kamboŕtĕk (those who died)

PAULINE "NA-BIT-NO-KWE" PERSINGER

MAYETTA- Pauline Marie "Na-bit-no-kwe" Mzhickteno DeWitt Persinger, 84, of Mayetta, KS passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka. She was born October 2, 1926 in Mayetta, KS the daughter of Pete and Mary Ann (Matchie) Mzhickteno. Pauline graduated from high school in Oklahoma. She lived in Oklahoma, Topeka and Kansas City. She worked as a silk finisher in dry cleaning until her retirement in 1992. She then moved to Mayetta in 1993. She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Pauline married Howard DeWitt, he preceded her in death. She later married Harold D. Persinger, he preceded her in death. She was also preceded by 3 brothers, Marvin, LaRue and Vern Mzhickteno.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Diane Reynolds of Roland, OK and Carol DeWitt of Mayetta, KS; 2 sons, Harold D. "Buddy" Persinger, Jr. of Mayetta, KS and Marshall D. Persinger of Topeka, KS; 5 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and 1 great great granddaughter.

Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 14, 2011 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in the Mary Matchie Cemetery at the Matchie home place. Family will greet friends from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Friday evening. Memorials may be given to the Pauline Persinger Memorial Fund c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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

RUDOLPH "NE-SE-KA" GONZALES

MAYETTA- Rudolph Gonzales, 67, of Mayetta, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away peacefully at home on May 10, 2011. Rudy was born March 3, 1944 in Chicago, IL the son of Walter and Vivian Kitchkummie Gonzales. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Rudy is survived by his mother, Vivian Kitchkummie Gonzales of Mayetta, KS; his brothers, Daniel M. Gonzales and Francis Gonzales both of Chicago, IL, Rey Kitchkumme of Mayetta, KS; his sister, Mary E. Campos of Juno Beach, FL; his nieces, Gina Roxas of Skokie, IL, Veronica Strange of Lantana, TX, Jessica Galindo of Chicago, IL and Jennifer Campos of Jacksonville, FL; his nephews, John Campos of Wheaton, IL, Joseph Campos of Montgomery, IL, Francis-Charles Gonzales of Cypress, TX and Angelo Gonzales of Joliet, IL.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2011 at Our Lady of Snows Catholic Shrine on the Potawatomi Reservation. Rosary will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Our Lady of Snows Parish, 5971 166th Road, Mayetta, KS 66509. www.pbpindiantribe.com/sub/snow/index.html Online condolences may be given at www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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



PBPN member obituaries online
www.pbpindiantribe.com/gambottek.aspx

BERNICE V. HOLTZMANN

Bernice V. Holtzmann, 84, passed away on Friday, March 18, 2011. Bernice was born in Mayetta, Kansas on February 9, 1927, the daughter of Frank and Eleanor Moore. Bernice worked as the manager of the Libbey Glass Outlet Store, was a clerk for Elder-Beerman on Secor Rd, and worked for Hallmark Cards at the Kroger Store on Glendale. Bernice was an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church where she sang in the choir and volunteered on many activities. She also sang with the Toledo Choral Society. She was a devoted mother and cherished the time spent with her children and grandchildren.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents and loving husband, Edward. She is survived by her sons, Joel and Frank (Victoria) Holtzmann; brothers, Terry and Melvin Moore; sister, Carolyn Moore; grandchildren, Stephanie Surprise and Kenny Holtzmann, and great-grandchildren, Savannah and Lillian Brewer, Gabriel Surprise and Reanna and Melina Holtzmann.

Family and friends may visit Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the W.K. Sujkowski & Son Funeral Home where the Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Funeral services will begin with prayers at the mortuary Friday at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

(Courtesy of W.K. Sujkowski & Son Funeral Home-Toledo, Ohio)



On April 2 a memorial service was held at the Veterans Memorial on the reservation in honor of former police officer Steve Cook who died February 27. We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410, the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department, and members of Officer Cook's family participated in the service. In the photo above, are members of We-Ta-Se with Cook's parents, Mike and Kay Cook (center front row). Other members of Cook's family were present and a reception was held following the service.

Thank you to everyone in the Nation and community for all your support during our time of need.

Denise and family

Kamboŕtĕk (those who died)

BARBARA J. TIMS



MAYETTA - Barbara J. Tims, 61, of Mayetta, died Sunday, April 3, 2011 at the Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

She was born June 26, 1949, at Horton, the daughter of Maynard and Coraline Keesis Potts. She graduated from Chilocco Indian School in 1967.

Barbara worked for Indian Health Services in various places for 24 years.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Potawatomi Pentecostal Church.

She married Forrest Tims on April 4, 1984. He died December 12, 2000 in Oklahoma City.

Barbara was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Vernon Potts and Norman Potts.

Survivors include sons, John "Sam" Potts and wife Rebekah, and Chad O'Neil Wanatee, all of Mayetta, Jesse Potts and wife Sarah, Florence, AZ, and Isiah Potts and Ian Cook, of the home; two daughters, Bridgette Whitehorse, Montezuma Creek, Utah, and Paula Jo Potts, Oklahoma City; two brothers, Eddie Potts, Mayetta, and Lloyd Potts, Oklahoma City; two sisters, Voncile Mitchell, Mayetta, and Doris Potts-Zyganiuk, Parry Sound, Ontario; six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two special friends, Juanita Jessepe and Paula Moore, and a very special friend, Bebes Tims.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 6th at the Potawatomi Pentecostal Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Barbara will lie in state at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt where family and friends will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday. She will also lie in state an hour before service time at the church. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

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

ROSETTA M. ANDERSON



Emmett-Rosetta M. Anderson, 82, passed away Monday, March 28, 2011 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka.

She was born November 12, 1928 at Mayetta, the daughter of the late Joe and Edith A. Nocktonick Mattwaoushe. She grew up in the Mayetta community and had lived in Topeka until moving to Emmett in 1976.

Rosetta had worked in several different nursing homes and had worked in restaurants and bars. She had owned and operated the Bedspread Bar and Grill in Emmett for many years. Rosetta was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and also was a member of Post No. 400 American Legion Auxiliary in Topeka.

She was married to Eulojio M. Gomez, he preceded her in death in 1948. She married John K. Poe, they were divorced. She later married William Anderson, he died in 1998. A son, Joseph M. Gomez died January 15, 2004.

Survivors include a grandson, Mike (Julie) Gomez, St. Marys; a granddaughter, Melissa Gomez (Chris Kittle), Topeka; great grandchildren, Amber Mae, Kory, Kason Gomez and Kylie Mae Kittle; two sisters, Melvina R. Guerrero and Ophelia J. Nicholson both of Topeka.

Mrs. Anderson will lie in state and the family will receive friends Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M. at Piper Funeral Home in St. Marys. Cremation will follow the visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rosetta M. Anderson Memorial Fund and sent in care of the funeral home.

(Courtesy of Piper Funeral Home-St. Mary's, Kan.)

GERALDINE L. MASQUA

(October 28, 1925 - April 19, 2011)

Geraldine L. Masqua, 85, of Mayetta, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at her home in Mayetta, Kansas. She was born on October 28, 1925 in Horton, Kansas the daughter of Francis and Josephine Thomas Cadue Shoptheese. Geraldine was a homemaker, member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe, Drum Religion, was a good seamstress, singer and loved to cook. In 1947 she married Sylvester Masqua in Horton, Kansas. He preceded her in death on June 8, 1987. Survivors include four daughters, Lynia Eagle of Horton, Kansas, Lily Hall of Mayetta, Kansas, Deniece Masqua of Horton, Kansas and Gina Wahweotten of Mayetta, Kansas; two sons, Sylvester D. Masqua and Darrell R. Masqua both of Mayetta, Kansas; two brothers, Steve Cadue of Lawrence, Kansas and Thomas Cadue of Kansas City, Kansas; sister, Angie Cadue of Horton, Kansas and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents; son, Donald Masqua; three grandchildren, Ronald Allen Jr., Timothy Wahweotten and Christopher Masqua; four brothers, Vernon, Thurman, Virgil and Lorenzo Shoptheese. Drum services will be at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at the Kickapoo Community Building on the Kickapoo Reservation. Burial will be at 10:00 A.M. on Friday at the Kennekuk Indian Cemetery on the Kickapoo Reservation. A special message may be sent to the family at www.dishon-maple-chaney.com

(Courtesy of Dishon-Maple-Chaney Funeral Home-Horton, Kan.)

JULIA ANN BARBER



DELIA - Julia Ann Barber, 84 of Delia died Wednesday April 20, 2011 in Topeka. She was born July 29, 1926 in Laona, WI, the daughter of Jesse and Evelyn Wally Whitefish Cook.

She graduated from Indian Vocational High School in Flandreau, SD in 1945. She worked as a waitress in South Dakota and Savorin Turnpike Restaurant in Topeka, at Stormont Vail Hospital in the laundry department and as an LPN in a nursing home.

Julia was a member of the Episcopalian Church and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She served on the PBPN election board for 12 years.

Julia married Willis Lee Barber. They were later divorced. He preceded her in death in 2008. Julia was also preceded by a son, William Lee Barber in December 2010; a half-sister, Mildred Engles and a great grandson in infancy, Steve Travis Perry, Jr.

Julia is survived by her children, Emily Ann Aitkens and Nancy Marie Counts both of Mayetta, Lori Lynn Molina, Jeffrey Scott Barber, Tony Dale Barber and Dwayne Charles Barber all of Delia; a sister, Helen Cantrell of Afton, OK; and brothers, Hal Blakeslee, John Blakeslee and William Blakeslee all of Muskogee, OK; 16 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23, 2011 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be at the Potawatomi Pentecostal Church Cemetery. Family will greet friends 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Julia Ann Barber Memorial Fund c/o Mercer Funeral Home, PO Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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

Prairie Band do it up right



Head Man Dancer
Dana Warrington



Northern Cree were the host drum.



Alvina LaClair



Mittena Hale is the new Prairie Band Potawatomi princess for 2011-2012.



Mike Shobney
Honored Veteran

- over 300 dancers
- 14 drum groups
- \$80,000 prize money



Head Lady Dancer
Jancita Warrington



L to R: Arena directors
Michael Roberts, Chago Hale
and Doug Schofield.



Little Soldier special song.



Saturday night.



In front, left to right, is Nona, Warren, and Junior Wahweotten with Doug Schofield, arena director, getting ready to take part in the honored elder song. Nona and Warren were selected honored elders this year.



Eddie Joe Mitchell gave the invocation Saturday night.



Junior Wahweotten (left) being interviewed by the media.



Emcees Wallace Coffey and Ruben Littlehead



Richele Pahmahmie and Melvin Lewis of the Pow-wow Committee.



Young dancer



Juanita Jessepe (left) and Patty Potter in grand entry.



The PBP Division of Planning & EPA provided sanitation services. Above, are Kyle Miller (left) and Charles Wakole.



Outgoing PBPN princess Brennah Wahweotten waves goodbye to the crowd Saturday night.