



# Prairie Band Potawatomi News

## A Report to the People of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Fall 2010

### Winners of the Tribal Council/Gaming Commission Election

Steve Ortiz, Warren "Junior" Wahweotten, and Rey Kitchkumme won seats in the Tribal Council/Gaming Commission election on July 24 but due to no majority-plus-one-vote winner for the secretary position, a run-off election was held a few weeks later. In that election Jim Potter beat "Sogi" Dawn LeClere for the position on August 21.

In the first election, Ortiz won the chairman's seat with 602 (62.84%) votes over Theresa L. Jessepe Murray who received 356 (37.16%) votes.

The position for council person # 1 resulted in a vote count for Warren "Junior" Wahweotten with 484

(50.36%), Juanita Jessepe with 278 (28.93 %) votes, and "Nis" Susie Wilbur with 199 (20.71%) votes.

The secretary position resulted in a vote count for Jim "Wabaunsee" Potter with 423 (44.76%), Dawn "Sogi" LeClere with 278 votes (29.42%), Paul

Vega with 95 (10.05%), and Noah Wahquahboshkuk with 149 (15.77%) which resulted in a run-off. The total run-off vote count on August 21 between Potter and LeClere was 768 votes with Potter receiving 438 (57.03%) and LeClere 330 votes (42.97%).

the election but the Election Board was notified after the open meeting that the announcement of a run-off for council person #1 that had been made on election day was not correct. After reevaluating the vote count and realizing that the elections team had misinterpreted

the 50 percent plus one vote Constitutional ruling, Wahweotten was officially declared the winner the following Monday. Shortly thereafter, the Election Board also posted a notice on the PBPN website that described the error in interpretation.

A swearing-in ceremony for Ortiz, Wahweotten and Kitchkumme was held on July 29 and outgoing gaming commissioner Tom

Tuckwin was also recognized for his years of service.

Jim Potter was sworn in to office on August 26 at the Bingo Hall.



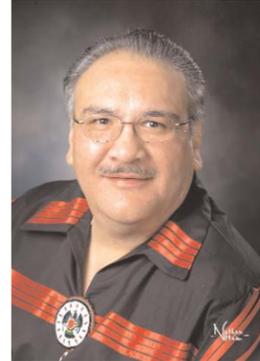
Rey Kitchkumme



Steve (Monwa) Ortiz



Warren "Junior"  
Wahweotten



Jim "Wabaunsee"  
Potter

For Gaming Commissioner Rey Kitchkumme won with 542 (56.11%) over Anna M. (Wahwassuck) Boswell with 265 (27.43%) votes and Jona (Potts) Rupnicki with 159 (16.46%) votes.

There were no formal protests filed during

### Tribal members section added to Nation's website

A new online link for tribal members only has been rolled out that is now available on the Nation's website at pbpindiantribe.com. Adult tribal members can now access member-specific documents by registering on a community extranet system using their tribal roll number and creating a password for security. Once this information is submitted the member's identity can then be verified for approval and access to this protected portion of the website will be granted.

The Tribal Member Login is located at the bottom of the navigation panel that is located on the home page's left side. By clicking there tribal members can begin the registration process.

An extranet is a private network that uses Internet technology but with registrations and the use of passwords so that information will remain private. Before the roll out of the PBPN Tribal Member Login everything that was posted to the Nation's website was available for public view. But with the extranet link, only

tribal members will be able to see certain postings. Documents like the General Council minutes, Tribal Council meeting minutes, and Tribal Council Resolutions are a few documents that are available on the new section along with other member-specific documents. Previously the only way to attain those documents was to request them through the secretary's office via email or by mail.

Tribal Council Secretary Jim Potter said that the goal of creating the Tribal Member Login is to communicate more quickly with tribal members, be more easily accessible to more of the tribes' members and reduce the labor and costs of reproducing paper records that members have a right to have. He also said that by having electronic records they will be easier to locate, take less storage space, and will be much less labor intensive thereby creating a cost savings to the Nation. Members who do not have access to computers, however, will still be able to request documents by mail through the Office of the Secretary.



Firekeeper Golf Course  
to open spring 2011



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

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation voters for electing me to a second term as chairman. During the next four years I look forward to working with Tribal Council and General Council. The Tribal Council will be working toward getting economic development established with a board and developing projects that will generate business revenues for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The Tribal Council will be challenged in 2012 with the opening of the Hollywood Casino at the Kansas Speedway and the possible impact it will have on the customer flow to our casino. In 2011 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds will also run out and Tribal Council will be looking for ways to keep costs in line. Also, the 13% increase given to tribes for Healthcare in 2010 is not guaranteed to be there in 2011 by Congress. In addition, a recent meeting with EPA leaders, whose organization provides funding to the PBPN for trash pickup and disposal, have told us that we will no longer be eligible to receive grant funds for that purpose due to having reached our maximum grant period eligibility. The EPA has suggested that we apply for funding to start our own trash pickup and disposal service based on charging a fee for service. On another note, the challenges facing Tribal Council concerning Shabehnay need to be brought forward again to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Larry EchoHawk in the 4th quarter of 2010 and 1st quarter of 2011. Within the Reservation Tribal Council will need to work on funding for maintenance and structural improvements to existing buildings and also for improving our social services programs. I look forward with positive insight to working with Tribal Council on finding solutions to the challenges that will face us over the next four years.

### In other activities

- On July 12, 2010 I attended a meeting of the Oklahoma City Inter-Tribal Health Board and learned that depending on election outcomes in November 2010 the Indian Health Service may not see an extension of the 13% funding increase received in 2010 for 2011. The Area I.H.S. Director informed the tribes that the Healthcare Improvement Act and Indian Healthcare Improvement Act (which were both passed by Congress) continue to be in the rule-making process. We hope to hear more how it impacts Indian Country later this fall. Several of the health improvements do not have funded mandates and where the funds will come from have not been determined.

- On July 23, 2010 I attended the retirement ceremony for Col. Wilson of the U.S. Corps of Engineering and met the incoming Director Col. Hoffman in Kansas City. The Corps of Engineers offers an 80% with 20% matching grant for flood zone improvements to tribes and assistance for engineering layouts for tribes but no construction funding.

- On July 28, 2010 I met with the Department of H.H.S. regional director and staff, Kansas health and environment representatives, and tribal representatives from the four tribes of Kansas to discuss funding for a cancer study on Native Americans in Northeast Kansas. Another meeting is being planned to discuss finding grants for the project. Also discussed at this meeting, was the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that could have a major impact for Indian tribes in providing healthcare coverage to their members. The tribal members will not be taxed on the cost of the insurance provided or counted as part of their gross income for income tax purposes. This concept would allow PBPN tribal government to pay for Medicare Part B for all of our Tribal Members age 65 and older. Currently we have 365 members in this age group. Also in the 65+ age group approximately 45% of them in our contract health service area have dropped their Medicare Part B coverage. A representative from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid informed us that the Medicare system is not setup to receive payments from tribes for payment of either Part A or Part B and would be difficult to do without overall policy change in the CMS system. This idea will have to be put on hold for the PBPN.

- A "soft" opening of the Fire Keepers Golf Course is being planned for the week of September 27, 2010. Management of the course will continue in 2010 under NBIII Consulting to ensure the course is successful with greens development and operations. The clubhouse entry road is finished.

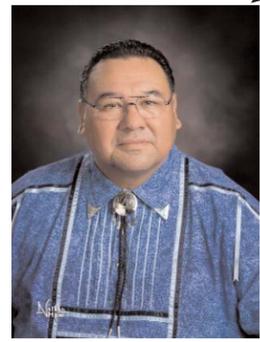
- On August 3, 2010 I attended a special meeting of the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board (OCAITHB) in Shawnee, Okla. to review our current building lease agreement, banking agreement and seeking grants for a new building to house the OCAITHB.

- On August 4-5 2010 I attended the Potawatomi Gathering Economic Development Summit with the other Bands' Tribal Council members. Casinos still continue to be the major revenue generator for the Bands. A Potawatomi Bands Casino meeting is being scheduled for late September to discuss ideas that can be shared with each other.

- Kansas' expanded gaming effort still continues to take unexpected turns. The Dodge City casino has opened. In addition, a new player in the casino arena has surfaced in Kansas and it is the Wyandotte Tribe in Oklahoma. The Wyandotte tribe plans to open a class two casino in Park City outside of Wichita, Kan. They made application to the Interior Department to open the class 2 casino in the mid-1990s and it was speculated that the Department of Interior would rule on the land's eligibility for gaming late this summer but as of this writing no decision has been made. In other gaming news, Harrahs Entertainment Corporation put in another bid for a casino in the Mulvane area but recently dropped out. Global Gaming, an arm of the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, has also put in a bid for the Wichita area casino but the State of Kansas has not yet selected who will get the bid.

- Lastly, Tribal Council met with Sen. Sam Brownback, candidate for Kansas Governor, and Stephen Six, incumbent Kansas Attorney General and 2010 candidate, to discuss their stances on working relationships with the PBPN should they be elected to those positions. Both candidates expressed a willingness to open their doors for talks concerning any issues that arise between the State and tribes in Kansas. Both candidates also said the Wyandotte Nation should be challenged by the State as to their eligibility to have gaming in Park City, Kan.

Steve Ortiz (Mon-wah)  
Tribal Chairman



### Calendar of Events

**October 16**  
General Council Meeting

**November 11**  
Veteran's Day  
PBPN Government offices closed

**November 24-25**  
Thanksgiving  
PBPN Government offices closed

**December 15**  
Early mailout for winter issue  
of Potawatomi News

**December 24**  
Christmas  
PBPN Government offices closed

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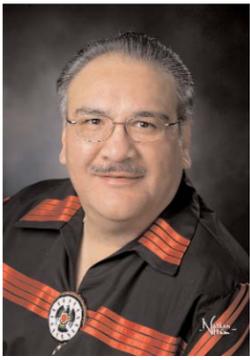
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## Message to the Nation from Jim Potter, Tribal Council Secretary

**The Election is Over  
Now Time to Get Back to Work**

Bosho Ni'kon  
Greetings Friends

As the title of this article alludes to, the election is now over and in the past. Thanks to everyone who supported me in the election and also to those who didn't because at least you voted and made your vote count. I also want to thank those that ran against me in the election. Everyone ran a very good, clean campaign which makes me appreciate the honor even more of having the privilege to serve on our Tribal Council and before you, the tribal membership.

As we look to the next four years and beyond, exciting opportunities await. Our decisions as a membership to become more aggressive in taking advantage of economic development ventures is unique and is coming at a crucial time which will afford us great success for reaping positive benefits for our people and particularly for our children in the future.

More explanation of these economic development opportunities will be forthcoming at our next General Council meeting, but I'd like to give you a sneak preview of some of the ventures we are examining. We are continuing to develop Prairie Band Construction, Inc. and are developing an Aquaponics operation which

includes the combination of aquaculture (growing fish) and hydroponics (growing plants such as vegetables, herbs and flowers) and we are evaluating a high grade beef cattle operation.

Informing the tribal membership about the progress of these economic development opportunities is also being made easier through the new Tribal Member Only portion of the Nation's website. Adult tribal members can now access documents that pertain to these projects and learn firsthand about the decisions that are being made by our Nation's Tribal Council. Currently there are approximately 115 tribal members that have already logged on and registered to access this new portion of the website that is located at the bottom of the navigation panel located on the left side of [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com).

In conclusion, I refer back to the title of this article. The elections are now over and our Tribal Council is busy getting on with the business affairs of our Nation. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next General Council meeting and pray that those who must travel have a safe journey.

Again, I thank everyone for their support and ask the Creator to look out for you and your families and to provide you with all your needs.

Pama mine',  
Your friend,

Jim Potter,  
Wabaunsee



Steve Ortiz, chairman, Junior Wahweotten, Tribal Council member, and Rey Kitchkumme, Gaming Commissioner, after being sworn in to office on July 29 at the Bingo Hall.

## Election snapshots (for full story see page 1)



Jim Potter shook hands with Dawn "Sogi" LeClere shortly after he won the Run-Off Election.



The elections team stopped to pose for a photo after working the Run-Off Election on August 21. Front row, left to right, Voncile Mitchell, June Barber, and Arlene Lingo. Back row, left to right, Leslie Marshno, Martie Mitchell, Marty Hamlin, Frank Shopteese and Tim Sanchez (Automated Election Services-Albuquerque).



Steve Ortiz and Jim Potter signing the official documents for Tribal Council secretary at the Swearing-in Ceremony on August 26.



Steve Cook, tribal police officer, and Arlene Lingo, elections, bringing in the ballots from the Mayetta Post Office.

In the foreground is Susie "Nis" Wilbur who was waiting for the results of the Tribal Council/Gaming Commission Election on July 24 at the Bingo Hall.



Photos by Micki Martinez and Suzanne Heck

## Firekeeper Golf Course news



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

Firekeeper Golf Course is scheduled to open to the public in spring 2011.

"While the golf course and clubhouse are completed, we feel that it's in the best interest of the course to wait until the spring of 2011 before we open it up for public play," said Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Chairman Steve Ortiz. "This is a difficult decision because we are excited to unveil the golf course to the Kansas market. However, this decision is being made with the best long-term interest of the golf course in mind."

Firekeeper Golf Course will be a traditional-style golf course in both playability and aesthetics. There is no surrounding housing along the walkable layout and the low-profile design will make it look like the course has been there for years. While the course measures 7,400 yards from the championship tees, the course offers multiple teeing options that will create an enjoyable experience for all levels of play.

The 240-acre course is located across the road from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Casino & Resort. This is the first signature course of four-time PGA TOUR winner Notah Begay III, the only full-blooded Native American on the PGA TOUR. Notah partnered with award-winning golf course architect Jeffrey D. Brauer of Golfscapes, Inc. "I am absolutely thrilled with the finished product at

## Firekeeper Golf Course prices

### Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal member rates with cart

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

<b>General Public</b>	
Monday-Thursday-\$50	Twilight: \$23
Friday-Sunday-\$60	Twilight: \$33



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

Firekeeper," said Begay. "I sincerely think that the golf course has the chance to become one of the top-rated courses in the Midwest. In addition, I think the northeast Kansas market will feel like they are getting a lot of value for their dollar."

The cost to play Firekeeper Golf Course in 2011 will range from \$30 to \$60. The land features three distinctive zones of prairie, heavy woods and scattered trees. The early holes at Firekeeper are mostly on the prairie, while the back nine offers more elevation changes and a wide variety of trees.

"One of the goals with the golf course was to create a five star experience at a three star price," noted Chairman Steve Ortiz. "I am confident to say that the development team of NB3 Consulting and Landscapes Unlimited have accomplished that goal."

Demand is already high for group events for 2011 as the calendar is filling fast.

**For more information or to book  
2011 group events  
visit [www.firekeepergolf.com](http://www.firekeepergolf.com)**

## Prairie Band Casino & Resort wins six Best of Topeka awards

Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBC&R) again ranks tops in six Best of Topeka categories for 2010 in a contest that was sponsored by the Topeka Capital-Journal.

The casino won Best Employer, Best Casino, Best Place for Live Entertainment, Best Hotel/Motel, Best Place for Lunch with the Longhouse Buffet, and Best Restaurant Service with Three Fires Steakhouse.

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

In addition to the first place rankings, the casino also placed in the following categories: second-Best Convenience Store with Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Station, Best Steak House with Three Fires Steakhouse, Best Place for Breakfast with Longhouse Buffet, Company with Best Receptionist with PBC&R; third-Best Deli, Sub or Sandwich Shop with Buffalo Grill, Best Margarita with

PBC&R, Most Romantic Restaurant with Three Fires Steakhouse, Best Area Lake/Reservoir/Campground/RV Park with the PBC&R campground; fourth-Best Place for a Wedding Reception with the PBC&R and fifth-Best Burger with Buffalo Grill; Best Locally Owned Restaurant with Three Fires Steakhouse, Best Bar with PBC&R, Best Place to Take a Day Trip/Sunday Drive with the PBC&R and Best Local Attraction with PBC&R.

The PBC&R, owned and operated by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, includes three dining establishments, a luxurious hotel, a spacious gaming floor that includes slots and table games and a 12,000 square-foot convention center. In addition, the enterprise operates an RV park and Nation Station convenience store and is also affiliated with the Firekeeper Golf Course, an 18-hole course scheduled to open next spring.

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## Brownback attends meetings of Tribal Council and four tribes in Kansas



Tribal Council with Kansas governor hopeful Sam Brownback in July when he paid a visit. Left to right, front row, Steve Ortiz, Brownback, and Joyce Guerrero. Back row, left to right, Chago Hale, Jim Potter, Ryan Dyer, and Junior Wahweotten.

U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., who is leaving the U.S. Senate and making a run for Kansas governor, stopped at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPN) on July 19 where he visited with Tribal Council and others in the Council's chambers.

Brownback, who won the August Republican primary, will face Tom Holland, a Democratic candidate from Baldwin City, Kan. in the November election.

Brownback has been pushing the passage of a Native American Apology Resolution that he introduced before the United States Congress in 2004

with former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, of the Northern Cheyenne Nation. Last October a version of the resolution did pass the Senate and President Obama signed the resolution into law as part of another appropriations bill on December 19. To date, however, there has not been any public acknowledgment of the apology from the President which is spelled out as part of the apology resolution. Brownback did discuss the resolution with the PBPN as well as other issues that members of the group brought forth. A reception was held following the meeting for tribal members and staff.



U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, third from left, was photographed with the chairs of the tribes in Kansas on September 7 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. From left to right is, Arlan Whitebird (Kickapoo), Steve Ortiz (PBPN), Alan Kelley (Acting chair-Ioway) and Twen Barton, (Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri).  
(Photo by Suzanne Heck)

U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback met with leaders from the four Kansas tribes at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort on September 7. The purpose of the meeting was to meet Brownback and to exchange information with each other. Brownback is making a bid for Kansas governor on the Republican Party ticket in the November election.

Topics brought up at the meeting that came from tribal leaders were about gaming, land to trust, and working toward a greater cross-cultural understanding between Native American and mainstream groups. Brownback said that, if elected governor, he would look into those concerns and that he was par-

ticularly interested in bettering the future of Haskell Indian Nations University and figuring out a way that the state and the tribes can more readily work together. He also reported that he was still working on the Native American Apology Resolution that he introduced to Congress in 2004 with former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of the Northern Cheyenne Nation and that it has been an arduous task.

Brownback has been on the campaign trail around the state since he won the primary this summer and has also been traveling back and forth to Washington, D.C. where he is winding up his work as a U.S. Senator.

## Charitable Contributions holds 2nd quarter event at Casino

*Tribes donate \$91,100 to charitable organizations*



Some members of the Tribal Council were photographed with representatives from the Kickapoo Boys & Girls Club that was given a donation at the 2nd quarter Charitable Contributions ceremony. Left to right are Junior Wahweotten, Joyce Guerrero, Mike Mattwaoshshe, Carrie O'Toole, Darren Buzzard and Chago Hale. Mattwaoshshe is on the Kickapoo Tribal Council and Buzzard is director of the Kickapoo Boys & Girls Club.

An awards ceremony was held on July 15 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort where \$91,100 was distributed to several organizations by the Tribal Council and Charitable Contributions Committee. The ceremony was held in the Prairie du Chien/Green Bay convention center rooms.

Native American organizations that received awards were the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410-Mayetta, Kan. (\$4,600), Kickapoo Boys & Girls Club-Horton, Kan. (\$5,000) and Shawnee County Allied Tribes-Topeka, Kan. (\$4,000).

Other groups receiving donations were from Topeka, Kan. including Stormont Vail Foundation Care Line (\$10,000), OLG Fiesta Mexicana (\$10,000), March of Dimes (\$5,000), 20/30 Topeka Children's Charities (\$5,000), Northeast Area Agency on Aging (\$3,000), Florence Crittenton Service (\$5,000), Big Brothers Big Sisters (\$5,000), Junior League of Topeka (\$4,000), Kansas Children's Service League (\$3,000), Midland Care (\$2,500), Topeka Civic Theatre (\$2,000),

and Race Against Breast Cancer (\$1,000).

Other organizations that had representatives at the ceremony included Fresh Start Learning Center-Holton, Kan. (\$7,000), Holton/Jackson Co. Chamber of Commerce (\$3,000), Audio Reader Network-Lawrence, Kan. (\$1,000), Rose Hill Historical Society-Rose Hill, Kan. (\$1,000), St. Marys Food Pantry-St. Marys, Kan. (\$5,000) and KSDS, Inc, Washington, Kan. (\$5,000).



The Charitable Contributions Committee: L. to R., Frank Tecumseh, Betty Rice, Wanda Treinen, John Tuckwin, Mary Carr and Lavera Bell.

### Steve Six, Kansas Attorney General, attends Kansas Four-Tribes Meeting



From, left to right, on the front row: Arlan Whitebird (Kickapoo), Steve Six, Kansas Attorney General, Steve Ortiz (PBPN), Alan Metzger, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Russ Bradley (Kickapoo) and Twen Barton (Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri). On the back row, from left to right, are: Junior Wahweotten (PBPN), Jim Potter (PBPN), Alan Kelley (Ioway), Carey Wahwahsuck (Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri), Joyce Guerrero (PBPN) and Edmore Green (Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri).

Leaders of the four tribes of Kansas met August 17 for their quarterly meeting at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort and were visited by Kansas State Attorney General Steve Six (D-Kan.) and Alan Metzger, Assistant U.S. Attorney for Kansas.

Six is running on the Democratic ticket for Attorney General in the upcoming Kansas election to be held in November and is facing Sen. Derek Schmidt (R-Kan), who is the Republican nominee. Metzger has worked for several years on Indian tribal litigation issues.

Six and Metzger held discussions about a variety of topics

including land trust, gaming, and law enforcement of sexual predator laws. The two men also lunched with the group that day along with Daniel Gibb, Assistant Attorney General, who accompanied Six and Metzger to the meeting.

Other presenters at the meeting included Dennis Hodgins, State Tribal Relations Committee, Robin Bellmard, Superintendent of the BIA-Horton (Kan.) agency, Nancy Blue, Kansas City Indian Center, Nancy Rios, Region VII Medicare/Medicaid Services, and Gail DuPuis, Native Nations Law Symposium.

### Tribal Council meets with Region 7 EPA



Karl Brooks, Regional Administrator for Region 7 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), makes a point to Tribal Council during a meeting held in Council chambers on August 17 to discuss what Brooks plans to do as the new administrator. With him (right) is Wolfgang Brandner, who is also with Region 7, and Virginia LeClere, Director of the PBPN Department of Planning and EPA.

### Kansas expanded gaming update

In 2006 the Kansas legislature approved four destination casinos throughout the state. Presently, only one casino has opened. Below are brief summaries of what is happening in the zones that were designated for the four gaming enterprises.

#### Southwest zone

Two developers have submitted plans to the Sumner County Commission for a casino. They are Peninsula Gaming Partners, of Dubuque, Iowa and Global Gaming, based in Oklahoma. The Kansas Lottery Commission is expected to make the final decision between the two proposals soon.

Last spring, Chisolm Creek Casino Resort had pitched developing a casino near Mulvane, Kan. but withdrew its plans in April and Harrah's dropped out September 7 after planning on developing a smaller scale casino in the zone.

#### Northeast zone

Development is underway for the Hollywood Casino being built by Kansas Entertainment which is a joint venture between International Speedway Corp. and Penn National Gaming. They are building a \$386 million facility next to the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan. that has a projected opening date of mid-2012.

#### Northwest zone

The Boot Hill casino near Dodge City, Kan. that opened in December of 2009 is reported to have made \$24 million since July. Twenty-two percent of gambling revenues go into the state coffers.

#### Southeast zone

No developers have applied for a casino resort in the southeast corner of Kansas since nearby casinos in Oklahoma have opened up creating competition in that gaming zone.

### Chairman Ortiz co-facilitator at Region 7 Health & Human Services Tribal Resource Day



ABOVE: A Region 7 Tribal Resource Day was held Sept. 7 and 8 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City, Kan. The two-day meeting was co-facilitated by Steve Ortiz, PBPN chairman, and Judy Baker, Director of the Health and Human Services Regional Office (foreground right). The meeting offered an informational exchange session about the health needs of the tribes and also allowed interaction between various state agencies including EPA and FEMA. Informational displays were also set up in a separate Resource Room and video remarks from Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, director of Indian Health Services in Washington, D.C. were aired during the meeting. Tribal representatives from the PBPN, Ioway, Kickapoo, Ponca, Winnebago, Omaha, Mesquakie, Santee Sioux, and Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri were invited to attend.

INSET: Chairman Ortiz gave the opening prayer and introductory remarks at the meeting.

# Diggin it!

**PBP Construction, Inc. and Maintenance Department work in sweltering heat this summer!  
American Recovery & Reinvestment funds and PBPN funded projects improve reservation  
infrastructure, help keep locals working, and economy flowing**



Solar panels on roof of Judicial Center installed in June.



Geothermal air conditioning heating expansion at the PBP Health Center.



New energy-efficient boilers installed in the Government Center.



New sidewalks and small drive way constructed in back of PBP Health Center.



PBPN electrician Jim Harvey, left, assisting some workers from Century Link who were placing fiber optic cable from their lines to the Government Center. This photo was taken facing north on Q Road near the entrance road to the Government Center. The fiber optic cables are providing faster Internet service for the Nation.



Ray Wahweotten of First Nations Painting working in the Social Services wing of the PBP Health Center in July. First Nations Painting was one of the sub-contractors for repair work that was done at the Health Center.



Left: A new occupant-sensor lighting system was installed at the Boys & Girls Club that is projected to save the PBPN a great deal on energy costs. Shawn Kelly, left, of Kelly Electric of Topeka, is seen here with PBPN electrician Jim Harvey who was helping to replace the lights in the gym.

**Landscaping is also being completed around the PBP government buildings**

*Special thanks to Carl Matousek for submitting photos*



Other work at the Boys & Girls Club this summer included a sewer line repair. Holding up a floor board inside the club is Doug Bass of McElroy's Plumbing, Electrical Heating & Air, Topeka, Kan. who was helping the Maintenance crews with the project this summer.



The PBPN Maintenance building is getting a 50 x 50 expansion on the west side. Schreiner Construction, and the Maintenance crew, were laying concrete on the day this photo was taken last fall. The extension will offer a larger storage space for maintenance equipment and a driveway that is also planned on the west side.



Maintenance crews began work this summer on an exercise walking path that is being placed behind the Government Center. In the photo, clockwise, is John Rupnicki, Jake Rodewald, Gary Buskirk, Tom Jim and Vern Wabaunsee.

## Road & Bridge update by Tim Ramirez, Road & Bridge Director

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) Road & Bridge crew has been doing an exceptional job. First- they should be commended for the fine job they are performing. This year has been the busiest construction season on record. In addition, the employees in PBPB Finance who are working on American Reinvestment & Recovery Act (ARRA) reporting activities and procurement, are also doing a big part too.

Seven major projects that are listed below require separate, funding agency and reporting.

**1)ARRA Bureau of Indian Affairs Routes & Bridges-**100% funded from the Interior Department, Washington, D.C. Repair & Restoration (R&R)/BIA/ARRA.

**2)Q Road (Rd) Reconstruction From 150 to 158 Rds-** 91% funded by Indian Reservation Roads High Priority Project (IRRHPP)/BIA funding from BIA/Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) and Federal Highway/Federal Lands and 9% Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

**3)U.S. 75 Highway and 150/158/162 Rds Intersections-** 80%, funded by Rural Safety Innovation Program (RSIP) funding from Federal Highway/Washington, D.C.; 15 % PBPB and 5% Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

**4)150 Rd Near Nation Station Safety Improvement-**100% funded by PBPB for engineer design and 100% allocation of construction BIA/IRR and PBPB IRR (2010).

**5)174 Rd, Hill Cut-**100% funding from IRR/BIA/ARRA.

**6) 126 & O Rds, Intersection Enhancement-**100% funded by IRR/BIA/ARRA.

**7) Pedestrian & Bike Trail, Phase I (2nd Cluster to K Rd Complex)-**100% funding from BIA/IRR-please note- these are non-ARRA, non-PBPB IRR Allocation, BIA interior funding.

The Tribal Council is aware of all of these activities as they are approved through official Tribal Government Resolutions to the awarding agency.

The priorities are also set as numbered above. R&R is the most important for the overall size within the Federally-recognized PBPB reservation boundaries of 121 square miles and 77,440 acres. With the ARRA stimulus funding, the BIA routes & 28 BIA bridges are getting much needed upgrades. So far 70% of the gravel has been laid on the routes and 80% of the BIA bridges are done. Almost all of the six pieces of equipment have been delivered which are a Motor Grader, Skid Steer (w/mill attachment), Roller, Equipment Trailer and Air Compressor. The Crack Sealer Melter is in production. The Ditch Liner is 30%, Bridge Rip Raff is 70%, and four ARRA employees (contract workers) are a big help. They account for half of the lost workers due to the PBPB government budget cuts due to the per-cap increase a while back.

The Q Rd project is well under way and was subcontracted out due to the workload. This main road from the Government Center to the casino complex was a 2001 priority but right of way problems persisted and other numerous projects through the years outweighed it. The right of way was finally obtained and

the road is being asphalted. Q Road is a reservation boundary road that divides it with Jackson County. Asphaltting the road is a real accomplishment as it will become much safer and is also located in the southeast corner intersection of the new Firekeeper Golf Course.

The U.S. Highway 75 project already has flashing beacons in operation at the 158 Rd intersection. Much of the project is in a testing phase and all underground wiring and dynamic message boards are being installed. A camera that will monitor the 150 interchange bridge is also in the works. The RSIP project is through a KDOT construction award. As an aside, I was asked to sit on two panels at the National Rural Safety Conference because entities were interested in knowing what the PBPB is doing. I met Congressman Nick Rahall (D-W. Va.) and told him that the Indian tribes at the conference are concerned about rural safety. He said that he had just helped pass a bill for tribal police jurisdiction and that he was aware of tribal issues on the Hill. Later, during my panel remarks, I told of four fatalities that had occurred at the 158 Rd & 162 Rd intersections since the Federal Highway grant was awarded. The PBPB grant was one of eleven projects funded nationwide out of \$14.7 million RSIP dollars available.

The Nation Station 150 Rd improvement was requested by Tribal Council for possible completion before the Firekeeper Golf Course opens up and the leaders at the Southern Plains BIA Region said yes to the project. However, design and construction cannot be funded at the same time by the



**Q Road between 150 and 158 Roads is being asphalted. The road is a main artery between the Government Center and the casino.**

BIA so if PBPB was to get it designed quickly and submit it for a project it can be obligated out of the PBPB/IRR 2010 fair share for construction. The work amounts to cutting about four feet off the rise on 150 Rd in front of Nation Station, removing the guardrail and building four turn lanes for casino entrances which are west employee/ RV, Nation Station (in front), Semi/Bus (in back) and the main casino hotel entrance.

The 174 Rd Hill Cut between H & I Rds is over 50% complete. This project requires moving 7,800 yards of excavation. From a work standpoint

this has taken the focus away from R&R but it is improving other roads in the process with the huge volume of clay to be moved out and other intricate work being done on the routes.

The 126 & O Rds Intersection Enhancement ARRA project is fenced to the new right of way with, the main work east of O Rd. The grade is 8% at the stop sign, thus most west bound traffic, especially loaded farm trucks, don't stop because it's hard to get



**The Road & Bridge Department had their photo taken recently with a new piece of equipment and an ARRA designation sign. The four ARRA contract workers also have their hands raised.**

*(Courtesy of Road & Bridge)*

going again at that grade. It is also a school bus route; the new grade will be less than 1%. It will be built this fall and re-rocked.

With all the added work the Pedestrian & Bike Trail is a tough one to fit in; Southern Plains BIA said it will allow 75% R&R completion by September 30, 2010. Culverts and traffic signs are being installed and the ditch liner fixed. The contract expires March 2011. Previous grade and drain construction was completed by tribal funds when it was not funded by KDOT back in 2003. A long range plan was with Phase II & III, and at the 2nd Cluster through Prairie Peoples Park. It looked like a better plan, so it was submitted to KDOT and approved and built. Placement of base rock and asphalt is what's funded and the crew is doing a great job in trying to get all the work completed.

Road & Bridge works as a team. Presently we have 19 tribal employees and 4 ARRA contract workers. The worker pool is broken into admin/record keeping, equipment operators, truck drivers, mechanics, welder, sign installers, asphalt/bridge deck & tire repair. Historically PBPB has taken care of 70% of the reservation roads and a higher percentage of the bridges. In addition, other tasks are performed at the request of tribal departments, BIA, OEH and tribal members. It's all about the Reservation infrastructure safety. If you are a tribal member and you want to know more, come by and visit the operation. The department headquarters are located at 14880 K Rd, Mayetta, Kan.

### Johnson O'Malley program



Above is Rudi Johnson who was picking up school supplies for her little brother on August 3 from Deb Matchie Wakolee who directs the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program. JOM provides financial assistance to eligible Indian children who range from age 3 to 12th grade in the following school districts: USD 335 - Jackson Heights, USD 336 - Holton, USD 337 - Royal Valley and USD 321 - Kaw Valley. Students are eligible for financial support of enrollment fees and basic school supplies if they meet specific criteria.

### Summer youth worker program



One of the highlights for two of the summer youth workers last July was getting to meet Sen. Sam Brownback when he came for a visit on July 19. In the photo, left to right, is Anthony Estes, 16, Brownback, Lance Wahquahboshkuk, 14, and Sam Mitchell. Estes and Wahquahboshkuk participated in the second session youth program and worked with Mitchell who directs the custodial services for the PBP.

### PBPN administration provides training for directors and staff to help improve workplaces and lives

New Directions Behavioral Health, the mental health provider for the PBP, held two sessions on teaching people how to better understand the needs for improving mental health.



Jefferson Davis gave a training to PBP directors on June 28 about how to look for employees who may need help with substance abuse or family issues. The training was held at the Bingo Hall.

To learn more about New Directions click on [www.ndbh.com](http://www.ndbh.com)



Myra Dillingham from New Directions Behavioral Health gave a presentation on parenting at the All-Employee meeting held July 23.

### Procurement training with Les Vallie



Les Vallie taught Procurement Training for Managers and Directors on August 25 at the Bingo Hall. Vallie is with PPG Consulting Service of Colorado Springs, Colo. that specializes in Federal acquisitions and other procurement processes.

## Department of Education partners with Friends University in offering college-degree programs on the reservation



Director of Education Kristen Aitkens and Dorothy Karnowski, Friends University, are coordinating the new collaborative program. Several open house sessions have been held to inform people about the college programs being offered.

For the first time, college courses will be offered on-site at the PBP Government Center. The PBP and Friends University have partnered to provide adult education programs including a bachelor's of organizational management and master's degree graduate program. Courses are scheduled to begin in the PBP Government training room this fall.

Dorothy Karnowski, Friends Education Program representative, has been available this summer for several question and answer sessions and the Department of Education is also working with Friends in helping individuals who may have unique past work experiences in acquiring college credit.

For more information go to [www.pbpindiantribe.com/education.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/education.aspx) or call Dorothy Karnowski (785)272-9595 or 1(800)794-6945 ext. 4304



Gabriel Chavez was looking at the Bachelor's of Business Management program at a Friends open house on June 30 at the Government Center. Chavez is the lead cook for Three Fires Steakhouse and has been at the casino for four years. He said he was interested in furthering his education and that the new program offered would be a great way to do it while continuing to work at the casino.

## Notes from Brennah Wahweotten: PBPN Princess quarterly journal

*Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of quarterly reports to be published in the Potawatomi News and written by Brennah Wahweotten, 13, who was selected to represent the Prairie Band Potawatomi as Pow-wow Princess this year.*

My name is Din-Wah and my English name is Brennah. I currently represent the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as Princess and live in Mayetta, Kan. My parents are Tony and Angie Wahweotten. I have a sister, named Chaumin, and a brother, Zach. I am writing this article from notes I took at each pow-wow so tribal members will know some of the things I am doing and the places I have been as their representative.

I have had a long summer, had lots of fun and many laughs and also made new friends. Here is what I've been up to.

### 1. Grand Hinckley Celebration-Hinckley, Minn., June 18, 19, 20

I rode to the pow-wow with Anna Boswell, her girls, Kacie, Taryn and Madison and Ann DeCoteau (my parents actually let me ride with the girls. Yeah!) I enjoyed doing Grand Entry as a princess in Hinckley's very nice arena. They have a lot of places where you can go swimming and also a good buffet. Anna Boswell ordered pizza at the casino there and they were HUGE. Later, my family left Hinckley's and went straight to Bay Mills, Mich. so I went back to riding with mom and dad.

### 2. Bay Mills Pow-wow-Bay Mills, Mich. June 25, 26, 27

I got to meet family in Michigan I never knew before. I placed 4th at this pow-wow, which seems difficult to do since I recently bumped up to the teen category - lol. The princesses all really liked my beaded sash and they were very nice and welcoming to me.

### 3. Oneida Pow-wow-Green Bay, Wis. July 2, 3, 4

This pow-wow was very interesting and they believe in sharing! If one princess has water, she shares it, or the arena director brings water for everyone. I got to hang out with my friends, Tusha, and Morning Star Roberts, Tiny and Bush Stonefish and Eya' Tash Byrd. They had a smoke dance category that was interesting to watch. I've only seen smoke dancing one other time before at Haskell.

### 4. Red Lake Pow-wow-Red Lake, Minn. July 6, 7, 8

This pow-wow was fun. They have an awesome arena with very tall, steep bleachers so everyone can see. And, the P.A. system was in the middle. It was nice to have the P.A. in the middle because the royalty got to stand around it and in the shade instead of in the direct sun. It was a cool mid-week pow-wow.



The Wahweotten family at Red Lake, Minn.

### 5. Wacipi Celebration/Prairie Island- Red Wing, Minn. July 9, 10, 11

At this pow-wow there was always something to do! You could swim, go bowling, or even go to the arcade. The competition was hard because this is a big pow-wow with lots of good dancers, and the arena was nice to dance on.

### 6. Otoe-Missouri Encampment- Red Rock, Okla. July 16, 17, 18

I got to see some Oklahoma friends that I don't get to see very often at this gathering. And, I placed 2nd in my category. They had very good food. The pow-wow committee doesn't do a feed here as they don't need to. The members think they need to feed family and visitors so each family prepares meals for one another and the visitors they invite to come eat with them. We have never gone without a meal at this pow-wow. This Nation also used lots of time to pass cultural stories, information, traditions and customs from one generation to the next. And, OH it was HOT!!!

### 7. 2010 Winnebago Homecoming Celebration-Winnebago, Neb. July 22, 23, 24, 25

I was SO happy and excited because I got to see my friend, Alicia Schofield. I never get to see her, ever, but at a few pow-wows. And, I got to hold Sinte, Tusha Roberts' little brother. I had so much fun speaking on the microphone. I entered, ran and completed the 5K with my friends. Tusha's mom passed us all up. After this pow-wow, we drove to Montana.

### 8. Milk River Indian Days-Milk River Indian Community, Mont. July 30, 31 and August 1

They had really good songs here and the Grand Entries were long. I especially enjoyed watching Tonk-shee Clairmont, the trick songs, and the double beats.

### 9. Rocky Boy- Rocky Boy, Mont. August 6, 7, 8

I saw pow-wow friends from Lawrence and PBP tribal members from Mayetta! It was cool. Also, I got to speak on the microphone and dance to some jammin songs. When I introduced myself, it came out just like I hoped it would. That was perfect.

### 10. Wacipi / Shakopee Pow-wow-Minn. August, 20, 21, 22

At this pow-wow I got to see so many friends I can't even begin to name them. Our Nation had two princesses represented here! Hannah Wahwassuck, We-Ta-Se Post 410 Princess, and me. They also had the best feed ever for the dinner break.

### 11. Sac and Fox Pow-Wow, Horton, Kan. August 27, 28, 29

This pow-wow was very homey. Mom and dad let me sit with my good friends, the Pelkey family. I saw friends from Lawrence, Mayetta and Horton and ALL of my grandparents and their spouses and friends (Ron Wahweotten, LaVeda Thomas Wahweotten, Marty Greemore, B-Jo Medicinehorse Greemore, Ginny Miller Peters and Kieth Stelling) came to watch us at this pow-wow. During Grand Entry, the Potawatomis had THREE representatives, Elaine Frank, Hannah Wahwassuck and me. And, I even got to dance to a double beat during competition (only the 2nd one this WHOLE summer)! I love dancing to double beats. I placed 3rd, my dad 1st, my brother 1st, and my mom 5th. We all had fun at this powwow. It was nice being close to home.

## Some summer activities at the Boys & Girls Club



Above: This group of youngsters from the Boys & Girls Club made a visit to the News Department last summer as part of the club's educational outreach program.

Right: The Potawatomi Food Distribution Program held a "Fun & Healthy Foods" day on August 3 at the Club.

(Special thanks to Tracy Potts)



Bottom right: Red apples were decorated to look like ladybugs and the kids also made Beans & Salsa, Parfaits, Banana Roll Ups and Snack Mix.



Power Panther, who is with the USDA "Eat Smart Play Hard" program, stopped by to say hello to the children

## PBPN national housing program applications still being processed

By: Leneé A. Nastav, National Programs Specialist

Tribal members have been anxiously waiting to hear about the status of their application and for those members who have already applied for assistance you may be wondering what is taking so long. Please note that there is an enormous amount of paperwork involved with each application and the programs have proved quite popular. Just so you know, applications are being processed in the order they were received and individual application status information will be sent to you via mail once your application process is complete.

Below is a tally of the number of applications received per program from the beginning to August 31:

- Down Payment - 47 (PBPN can fund only 25 with allotted funds)
- Rental - 123 (PBPN can fund only 100 with allotted funds)
- Renovation & Repair - 343(PBPN can only fund 80 total-40 for \$10,000 and 40 for \$5,000 with allotted funds)

Of the total above, 95 applications have been processed since June 8. Please remember that applications are approved based on income.

### The required documentation needed to process applications is:

**Household Income Verification:** (Examples: 2009 Individual Income Tax Return copies, 2009 - 1099 Form copy or Per Capita statement from PBPN Member Services). Other items considered and included in household income are: Employment, Unemployment, Self-Employment, Per Capita, Child Support, SSI, SSD, Retirement or Pension income.

### Identification:

- Social Security Card copy for applicant, spouse, and any other household member over the age of 18 receiving income (except for students)
- Tribal Enrollment Card copy for applicant only
- Driver's License copy for applicant and spouse (for Renovation & Repair only)

### Rental applicants should include the following information in addition to the application, household income verification and identification:

- Rental / Lease Agreement
- Landlord Letter
- Applicants will need to explain the terms of the rental program to their landlord as follows: Qualified applicants awarded assistance will have \$200/month paid directly to their landlord each month on their behalf. The landlord should give the applicant some form of a Receipt of Payment each month for the applicant to submit to the Housing Department for processing of the next month's award. (Please allow approximately 2 weeks for processing).
- Once the terms are explained, the applicant is required to obtain a letter from the landlord simply stating that he/she understand the terms of the program as explained and they are willing to accept payments from PBPN Nation. This letter should also include payment and mailing information for the Landlord / Property Management Company.

### Renovation & Repair applicants should include the following information in addition to the application, household income verification and identification:

- Warranty Deed copy
- Homeowner's Insurance Declaration copy

All applications are subject to an Environmental Review per HUD requirements. Down Payment and Renovation & Repair applications of homes built prior to 1978 will be subject to a Lead-Based Paint inspection based on a Federal Law requirement as of April 22, 2010.

Processing of the Renovation & Repair applications will begin in early September. Please ensure to have all the required documentation for your application. Lack of information slows down processing as well as high call volumes. Please correspond as needed.

**Harvesters Community Food Network  
with partner organization JCMA Food Pantry  
announce  
a  
Rural Mobile Food Pantry Distribution**

- What:** A distribution of fresh, nutritious food to individuals and families in need. Distributed from the truck into cars
- When:** The first Friday of every month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Truck leaves after that time. Start date Oct. 1
- Where:** Buffalo Drive Community Bldg, 8665 Buffalo Dr., Mayetta, KS
- Questions:** Call Jackie Cummings-785.966.2756

### What is Harvesters?

Harvesters is the only food bank that serves 26 counties of northeast Kansas and northwest Missouri. It is the community's response to hunger and helping people in need by collecting food, distributing food, and educating the public about hunger. This program is open to the general public.



### PBPN acknowledged for participation in U.S.Census 2010



Edgar Midkiff, second from left, a Regional Team leader for the U.S. Census 2010, presented an award to Tribal Council on Sept. 13 for the tribe's help with the census count last year. On Midkiff's right is Carrie O'Toole, who was the primary contact for the PBPN census drive, and on his left is Ryan Dyer and Jim Potter.

# Hot time at the Gathering

By: Gary Mitchell

The 2010 Potawatomi Gathering is now history. It was held in Shawnee, Oklahoma and hosted by the Citizen's Band of Potawatomi. One memory that will stick for all the participants was the oppressive heat. Temperatures were in the high 90s and low 100s and the heat index was 100-105 every day. That in any language is hot. One day the public announcer said, "There are showers everywhere in Oklahoma, but not here. It's supposed to be 98-degrees today. Welcome to our cold front." It's the Oklahoma heat I remember from past visits.

On the way down I saw a Confederate flag flying in one yard. I thought I'm surely not that far south, although I get lost easily on the road. I saw a Kickapoo Nation sign, a Sac and Fox Nation sign and a Iowa Nation sign and, for a second, I thought I was north of my reservation, but I guess there are other bands of them, too.

The first two days I attended the leadership sessions which allowed me to get out of the intense heat and was the primary reason I asked to go to this Gathering. I joined Steve Ortiz, Jimmy Potter and Carrie O'Toole at the meeting. Most of the days involved the tribal chairs discussing some of their tribes gaming accomplishments. For instance, the Citizen Band have a RV park, golf course, a concrete business with eight trucks, a grocery store that grosses \$50 million a year, their own clinic, and they are in the process of building a 240-room hotel by their casino. Rocky Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi chair, said Shawnee has had three motels pop up since their cas-

no opened. He also said a kick-boxing event held at their casino was a huge draw and made a big profit for the tribe. Boxing didn't do well here. Their casino allows no children on the gaming floor at all, including dining at the buffet. They had a tour of the casino one night and allowed the visitors into the surveillance room which isn't allowed here. They have a casino on Highway 40 and a small casino in Shawnee near their headquarters and both have a mix of Class II and Class III machines. In Oklahoma, tribes have to pay the state money from Class III machines but not Class II machines which is why there are more of those casinos.

In other discussion during the leadership session, the tribes discussed some joint ventures. One was a 7-tribe progressive game that has promise, according to many in the room, and forming a company that would replace worn out casino chairs was another idea. They also scheduled a follow-up meeting September 21-22 in Michigan to discuss the logistics of future joint ventures. They are getting a list of people from each tribe to attend. They were suggesting six from each tribe ranging from the general manager, directors, chairman and possibly a regulator (inspector) in case there would be hurdles there. Another idea is to form a charter to self-fund medical insurance for tribal and casino employees. Something like this could save a bundle of money for each tribe. There were many good ideas discussed and some of the tribes are on the right track with their economic development ideas.

In one session they asked me to talk about culture. I talked in general terms and said there is no

right way and no wrong way in our Indian religions. I know better than to go into details. That's been done in the past and people get mad. I'm no fool. What's the fastest way to get people mad? Talk about religion and politics. So I told them the most important thing in our lives is to give thanks to our Creator for what he has given us and that is through prayer. Prayer helps us all during the good and bad times of life. I talked a little about language and again it's not the method of learning but the most important thing is the ability to retain and to use the words on a daily basis. There were 125 people in the room so hopefully they took something away positive from the people who talked in this session and not necessarily from me.

The Citizen Band provided meals and had pow-wow sessions to keep everybody occupied and allowed plenty of time for people to visit each other and/or to sneak off to the small casino located close by. There was a golf tournament, horse shoe tournament, and volleyball tournament also going on during the days. All of this kept people busy and "by the end of the day," as Hot-Rod Stewart sang one time, people were pretty exhausted. If it wasn't the activities then it had to be the heat because it was a scorcher. I'm glad that the Gathering is headed to Michigan next year where it should be much cooler than the last two years.

**2011 Gathering  
will be hosted by  
Hannahville  
in Wilson, Michigan**



Tribal leaders from the Potawatomi Nations gathered for a two-day leadership conference hosted by the Citizen Band Potawatomi on August 5-6. From left to right is Gus Frank, Forest County, Joseph Gilbert, Walpole First Nation, D.K. Sprague, Gun Lake (Match E BE Nash She Wish), Rocky Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi, Matt Wesaw, Pokagon, Steve Ortiz Prairie Band, and Kenneth Meshiguad, Hannahville.

(Photo by Carrie O'Toole)

# and good time with other Potawatomi

By: LaVerne Hale, Fire Keepers Elder Center Activities Coordinator

The elders traveled to Shawnee, Oklahoma for the 2010 Potawatomi Gathering in August. We had about 55 with our group. Many other Prairie Band drove on their own so we had good representation.

It was very hot but everyone seemed to handle it okay. The Citizen's had a lot of very nice buildings that were close by and air conditioned. A lot of the workshops were inside. Outside most activities were under covered shelters. They have very nice facilities.

A lot of our elders participated in the activities offered. The first night some of them got into the hand games and really enjoyed themselves. The next day others joined in on many events and we had several winners. Most prizes were cash which they really enjoyed. I believe everyone enjoyed themselves and what the Citizen's offered.

We want to thank all that helped us prepare and to make our trip possible. Our helpers were EMTs Lance Wishkeno and Ben Green, who worked above and beyond the call of duty, and we appreciated their help. Also, Boney Pahmahmie, Bill Jim, Jr., and Charles Nez traveled with us and helped the elders with their chairs and whatever needed to be done. We also want to thank Jay for driving our elder bus. I would like to thank all those travelers because you all helped each other and looked out for one another. It was a very good trip!



Special thanks  
fo  
LaVerne Hale  
Carrie O'Toole  
and  
Jim Potter  
for submitting these photographs





The PBP Health Center and Prairie Band Casino & Resort cosponsored a Tribal Funfit Day on July 24 and Amber Tecumseh, above left, was the motivational speaker for the event. On the day this photo was taken, she was participating in the Boys & Girls Club Golf Fundraiser with her brother, Frank that was held August 16 at Alvarado Country Club in Lawrence, Kan. Amber is an accounting supervisor at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort (PBCR) and Frank is in charge of the PBCR Human Resources Department.

**Tribal Funfit Day held for youth**

Approximately 80 youth participated in Tribal Funfit Day held at Prairie Peoples Park on July 24.

Six different exercise stations were set up around the park for youth of varying ages who all participated in a variety of activities that day. Stations ranged from calisthenics to a football throw and everyone was given the opportunity to compete for fun.

A healthy lunch was served and there were also door prizes handed out.

The Prairie Band Casino & Resort and the PBP Health Center cosponsored the event.



Laura Rice, a tribal member, has been interning this summer in the Social Services Department. Her specialty is family counseling and the Indian Child Welfare Association program. She is a recent graduate from Washington University in St. Louis where she received a master's degree.



Dawn Masqua, left, who works for the Vocational Rehabilitation program in the Social Services Department received the employee of the quarter award at the All-Employee meeting on July 23 at the Bingo Hall. Micki Martinez, who chairs the selection committee, presented Masqua with her award.

**About Contract Health Services at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center**

Who is eligible for coverage with Contract Health Services? Registered patients that reside within the Contract Health Services Delivery Area (CHSDA) which includes: Jackson County in Kansas and PBP tribal members that reside in Doniphan and Brown Counties in Kansas and Richardson County in Nebraska.

Resources for members of the Kickapoo, Iowa and Sac and Fox Tribes of KS/NE are not included in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center (PBPHC) CHSDA. Please check with the Kickapoo and White Cloud Health Centers for information on their Contract Health Services coverage.

In order to be eligible for Contract Health Services funding, the patient must be an active patient at the Health Center and submit the following proof of address:

1. Driver's license or State ID card, **and** one of the following:
2. Voter's registration, vehicle registration, utility bill or property tax bill.

Contract Health will cover only the following:

1. Bills from referrals written by PBPHC providers (the referral and coverage letter must state that the appointment is a covered service).
2. Bills from ER visits that were approved by the CHS Committee.

Registered/Active Patients (or persons acting on behalf of the patient) must give ER notification within 72 hours of the emergency treatment/or hospital admission, to the PBPHC Contract Health Services Office.

Elderly patients that are 62 or over have 30 days to notify CHS of emergency care.

**Questions about Contract Health?**

Call

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**PARR Recovery House closes its doors after 11 years**



Above, are three house attendants who were working at PARR during its final weeks of operation. Left to right, John Matchie (PBPN), Darrell Antone (Tohono O'odham), and Evans Barr (Kiowa).

After 11 years of operation PARR House, a former recovery house for Native American men who were seeking a place for recovery from alcohol and drugs, closed its doors on July 30.

PARR Ranch opened in 1999 and through the years its staff assisted hundreds of Native American men in preparation for independent living. Services PARR offered included educational group counseling that focused on the the principles of the twelve-step recovery process of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Red Road to Wellbriety.

PARR offered a structured daily living environment for residents that also utilized cultural traditions like the Medicine Wheel. Sweat lodge services were also available in the preparation for full time employment.

Other programs in the Social Services Department such as Alcohol & Drug and Vocational Rehabilitation were big components of the program.

PARR's first home was located on the western edge of the reservation and then moved to a larger and more conveniently located building that was situated at 18367 U.S. Highway 75, Mayetta, Kan. The house was supervised by a director and staff and an advisory committee. It was partially funded by the PBPN and a grant from the Indian Health Services.

*Special thanks to the staff that has worked at PARR House during the last 11 years and to the PARR Advisory Committee who supported many Native American men in their recovery.*



--Elaine Mzhickteno Barr

## Briefly

### State health officials tour Kansas reservations to learn about health needs

Some Kansas health officials took a tour of the four reservations in Kansas on August 11 to learn more about the Native American communities and health facilities. Their guide for the tour was Dr. Dee Ann DeRoin (Ioway), a consultant with the Kansas Intertribal Cancer Data Project, who lives in Lawrence.

Included in the tour was Roderick Bremby, Secretary of Kansas Department of Health and Environment and other State health leaders who came to the PBPB reservation that afternoon. They visited with Tribal Council and the PBPB Health Center staff and toured the community gardens and other buildings.

### Grant to create Center for American Indian Community Health announced

On July 30 researchers at the University of Kansas Medical Center, the American Indian Health Research and Education Alliance, and Haskell Indian Nations University announced a \$7.5 million grant that will set up a pipeline to attract American Indian high school and college students in to entering the health professions and other health issues that affect Indian people.

The grant will also provide funding for investigating other health issues that particularly affect Indian people like diabetes, for example.

### PBPB Health Center hosts Tribal Consultation

The PBPB Health Center hosted the 2nd State Tribal/Consultation meeting on June 9. Jerry Briscoe, Health Administrator, and other key officials from the state of Kansas were on hand for the meeting.

### Singers & Dancers to perform at Medicalodge

The Royal Valley Native American Singers & Dancers will perform on September 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Medicalodge in Holton, Kan. Karen Kats, Adult Social Worker for the PBPB, Jeanette LittleSun, Community Health Nurse, and Janis Simon, Caregiver Coordinator, help coordinate elder activities in the area.

At right, is Carol Shopteese who gave a presentation about cultural and traditional treatments in social services at the vocational rehabilitation's quarterly meeting on Sept. 1. Gary Mitchell, not pictured, also gave a presentation that day. Shopteese is working on her doctorate in Social Work at the University of Kansas this fall and has worked in the area of Indian social services for several years.



## Two-day health training and information fair held



Health care professionals participated in a training on August 17-18 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort to learn more about Medicare and Medicaid services. In addition, the training also brought in experts from the Veterans Administration and Social Security area.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services hold Outreach and Education Training at Prairie Band casino



Nancy Rios is the Native American Contact for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in Region VII.



An information fair was held on August 17 where representatives from several service agencies were on hand to answer questions. In the photo, left, is tribal member Larry Berryhill (right) who is seen visiting with Natalie Duy, a Health Insurance Specialist from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in Region VII. The fair ran in conjunction with the two-day training.

## Three Rivers Independent Living Center Disability Summit

Submitted by Jeanie Combs, Three Rivers Independent Living Specialist, 785.966.8344

Twenty attendees, who were mostly youth, represented the PBPB at a Disability Conference held July 15 at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. Their views were insightful and should offer food for thought for programs in the future. They identified the following points of services/supports that they would like to see more of on the PBPB reservation:

### Children Services

- Sports: Increase facilities for tennis, skateboarding, miniature golf, go carts, soccer, lacrosse, stick ball, and kick ball.
- Increase community events: parties, dances, karaoke, pow-wows.
- Increase behavioral health counselors for children.
- More field trips: Visits to campus, local jail (experience what it is like to get arrested and go to jail; learn the consequences of bad choices).
- More volunteer projects: Start group to help elderly, etc.
- More special guest speakers/educational classes: Alcohol and drug prevention (again), smoking prevention, sex education/prevention, diabetic education, money management/bill payment, basic auto repair, driver's education classes.
- Safe environments for kids.
- Participation in future disability summits.

### Transportation

- Make available additional handicap accessible transportation.
- Increase transportation hours (evenings and weekends).
- Expand general transportation service routes (to go out of the service area; Kansas City and Brown County, for example).

### American Disability Association (ADA) Awareness and Enforcement

- Need more wheelchair accessible bathroom stalls.

Learn more at [www.threerivers.org](http://www.threerivers.org)

## Youth Transition Program coming into its own

The Youth Transitions Program, under the direction of Joanna "Dumps" Mitchell, Youth Services Coordinator, has made great strides since it began a little over a year ago.

Several activities and events have been held for youth including organizing a Youth Leadership Conference at the 2009 Gathering, sponsoring some motivational speech/potluck events for youth and their families that have proved quite popular, and creating a youth group that is dedicated to helping others while at the same time incorporating self-help and cultural components into its mission.

The program began as part of the Vocational Rehabilitation program in the Social Services Department and it has gained support through the Alcohol & Drug program, Three Rivers Independent Living program and volunteers who have come together from the PBPB community. Besides Mitchell, Kelly Mills has also begun working with the

program as a Youth Transitions Assistant in recent months. Both women have worked for the Social Services Department for several years and are also PBPB mothers and tribal members.



The Vocational Rehabilitation staff, from left to right, Joanna Mitchell, Dawn Masqua, and Morris Taylor. With them in the photo is Carrie O'Toole, Tribal Council member, at the Vocational Rehabilitation quarterly meeting held September 1 at the casino.

Some of the activities and events that the Youth Transition program has sponsored are a Create 4 Greatness night that featured motivational speaker Brian Frejo held on March 17 and an evening with Tiffany Eis who spoke about substance abuse at another family potluck on June 3. On August 21 a cultural retreat day was held for youth that included information about the history of the PBPB, a pumpkin harvest, traditional games and a sweat ceremony. On that day, tribal elder Cecelia Meeks Jackson also spoke to the youth about Potawatomi ways. The group has also had fun traveling outside the area where they have participated in ropes courses and other field day activities in Kansas City, Kan. and Atchison, Kan.

Mitchell was recently awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Service at the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation (CANAR) Mid-year Conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and she will also be honored for outstanding service at the Midyear National Tribal Vocational

Rehabilitation Conference in San Diego on December 7 of this year. She also received a plaque and recognition in the fall 2009 for having the youth group help with the Youth Health Initiative Fitness Day that was sponsored by the Health Center and PBPB.

Mitchell and other staff in the Social Services Department have big plans for the Youth Transition Program and they are pleased that the PBPB have embraced the youth program by the great turn out they have seen at the events.

The next event planned is the second annual Native Pride Parade that will be held before the Veterans Pow-wow on September 25.



In the photo above are members of the Youth Council "Gen S" group that was formed last year. On the day this photo was taken, the group was involved in a community project with Habitat for Humanity in Kansas City, Kan. Since that time several activities and events have been held throughout the year.



The Youth Transition program in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program in Social Services held a day of teaching cultural activities on August 21 at the Rock Building. Above, left, is Laverne Haag who is now on the staff in the Alcohol & Drug Program and is seen talking to Alexandra Potts. Haag taught a session on drying and storing pumpkins/squash. Another session was taught by tribal elder Cecelia "Meeks" Jackson in the afternoon on Potawatomi culture.

### Other Voc Rehab highlights

- Roger Lewis, a Vocational Rehabilitation Program Advisory Committee member, was recently featured in a national publication as a success story in tribal vocational rehabilitation. Roger works in the Transit Program for the PBPB.
- This past quarter eight vocational rehabilitation clients cases were closed as successfully being employed for over 90 days.

## Tidbits

The Boys & Girls Club will hold their Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 24 at 11 a.m. Food donations are requested. The youth will be spending the night and cooking for the dinner. Everyone is invited to the dinner to be with their families. Call 785.966.3031 for details.

The Boys & Girls Club has tutoring sessions on Monday & Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. Mondays is Julie Jensen, math, and Wednesdays is Connie Peters, general studies.

New audio/visual equipment has been installed in the Government Center training room. Smith AV of Topeka, Kan. installed the equipment along with the PBPB's I.T. Department and Maintenance Department.

Sheila LaLonde has been hired as the new office manager for Prairie Band Construction, Inc. Her office is located in the lower level of the Government Center.

## Department of Planning and EPA attend conference



A three-day meeting sponsored by EPA Region 7 took place from July 20-22 at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. The photograph above was taken during a Tribal Caucus meeting in which the PBPB were represented by Virginia "Osh" LeClere and Sharon Bosse. Several topics were covered during the three-day meeting including air-quality control and emergency response situations.

## Tribal Crime Victims Assistance Program

# kicks off program to help healing through art

By Suzanne Heck

The Tribal Crime Victims Assistance Program, administered by Rebekah Jones and Kent Miller, has begun a new program that they hope will help victims of crime heal by expressions through art.

Following a model that was created by a non-profit group called A Window Between Worlds (AWBW), Jones and Miller, who work together in the Tribal Crime Victims Assistance Program, plan to adapt a similar program into their work with Native American people. According to the AWWB website (awbw.org), the purpose of the program is to use art to help end domestic violence. The idea is that through creative expression battered women and children can recover a sense of renewal and power and that the images they paint of hope, survival and strength can also educate the public to become "a window between worlds" for survivors who want to take steps to change their lives.

Jones and Miller tested out the idea by creat-



**The traveling art display at the TTEAMS training on July 30 at the Prairie Band casino.**

ing a display of their own art work that they are using to call attention to the Tribal Crime Victims Assistance Program. The exhibit also includes information about

the program and was first displayed at a Tribal Community Police Problem-Solving TTEAMS training held at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort. Since then it has been relocated to the lobby of the Prairie Band Government Center. Plans are in the making for it to become a traveling exhibit that will make various stops to locations within the program's region.

The display has a dual purpose in that it also illustrates what Jones and Miller plan to do in their creative art expression program. Right now they are formulating their objectives and organizing a Providers Art Circle for people that want to work with adult survivors of trauma.

Jones has been the office manager for the Tribal Police

Department since 1998 and has been directing the Tribal Crime Victims Assistance Program since it began in 2008. The program is funded by a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice that serves the PBPB jurisdiction area. She is also working toward a bachelor of social work degree at Washburn University and interning this fall for the PBPB Social Services Department.

Miller began working as a Victims Outreach Advocate last March. Before that he worked for the PBPB Tribal Court (Judicial Center) and has been involved in corrections for over 20 years. He has also been a business owner.



**Kent Miller and Rebekah Jones seen in their office working on a new program they are developing that will help victims heal through creating works of art.**

Miller has always liked to draw cartoons and has been painting for about a year. Jones said that the paintings she created for the display was her first attempt as an artist and that she enjoys painting a lot.

The Tribal Crime Victims Assistance Program is housed in the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department. The purpose of the program is to assist Native American victims of crime and their families in meeting their immediate essential needs as well as providing support and assistance in navigating and understanding the criminal justice process subsequent to victimization.

The Tribal Crime Victims Assistance Program also works closely with the PBPB Family Violence Prevention Program that is located in the Social Services Department and housed at the PBPB Health Center.

**For more information about the new healing through art program call the Tribal Crime Victims Assistance Program with Rebekah Jones Kent Miller at 785.966.3024 email: rjones@pbpnation.org KentMiller@pbpnation.org**

## Notice from Motor Vehicle Department about license plates

By Micki Martinez, Motor Vehicle Department Coordinator

Our Motor vehicle code reads: *Chapter 17-10 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titles; Section 17-10-1 Purpose (B) Application "The provision of this chapter shall apply to vehicle owners who are enrolled members of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Tribe and who reside within the boundaries of the Potawatomi Reservation, and to vehicles owned and operated by the governing body of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi"*

*Section 17-10-14 Fraudulent Application for Registration or License "A person who with fraudulent intent uses a false or fictitious name or address, or makes a materially false statement" "shall be guilty of fraud and may be sentenced to a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$500.00 or six months in jail"*

We've received reports of vehicles with PBPB tribal plates living off of the PBPB reservation. We have and will verify addresses internally; and revocation of the tribal plate will begin. To avoid fraud do not let tribal member friends or relatives use your residential address.

We have implemented a "Proof of Residency Affidavit" that the applicant

acknowledges and states they are a "permanent resident of the PBPB reservation" and they understand that any false certification shall result in criminal prosecution." This acknowledgement is also stated on each registration signed by the tribal member.

We went through a lengthy court process for our tribal plates which we are proud of and we value our sovereignty. Please respect our Nation by not giving false information at the time of registration. Depositions are not fun and I sure do not want to go through another one.

Vehicle insurance is mandatory and five (5) tribal plate numbers are randomly drawn a month. When you receive a card that requests proof of insurance please follow up within the five (5) day request to avoid suspension of the tribal plate.

Our office may receive notification from law enforcement agencies that you were cited for not having valid proof of insurance while driving. You will receive a suspension notice for not having insurance. Please keep our office updated with any insurance renewal expiration dates or changes in insurance companies.

**Tribal flag dedicated at Highground Memorial Park in Wisconsin**

*Letter to the Editor,*

*It was a beautiful day on June 26, 2010 to have our tribal flag dedication to the Highground in Neillsville, Wis.*

*A heartfelt thank you to Steve Ortiz, the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410, along with the drum and singers.*

*You all gave up a weekend for a spiritual memorable event. I'm glad we were able to make this happen and to remember our fallen soldiers.*

*Thank you again,*

*Joanne Arndt, PBP member*



We-Ta-Se, above, and Little Soldier Singers, below left, at the tribal flag dedication in Highground Memorial Park held June 26 in Neillsville, Wis. Deceased Prairie Band veterans Martin Jim, Jr. and Victor Hale are listed on the memorial wall. In addition to the ceremony that weekend, a town hall meeting was held in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. that several PBPN attended.



*The United States of America  
honors the memory of  
John W. Seymour  
This certificate is awarded by a grateful  
nation in recognition of devoted and  
selfless consecration to the service of our  
country in the Armed Forces of the  
United States.*

*-Barack Obama  
President of the United States*

The message above was submitted by the family of John W. Seymour who received the acknowledgment from the White House last Memorial Day.

**See  
photos,  
listing of veterans  
and more  
at  
[www.pbpindiantribe.com/veterans.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/veterans.aspx)**



Members from the Keweenaw Bay Indian community in Baraga, Michigan visited the PBPN in June to learn about the PBPN motor vehicle registration process. Tour guides for the day were Micki Martinez, left, and Jim Potts, fifth from left. Others in the photo are PBPN Attorney Vivian Olsen, second from left, and Elizabeth Mayo, Jennifer Misegan, and Jeanne Kauppila who are all with Keweenaw. Martinez and Potts are both active in American Legion Post activities.



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We-Ta-Se American Legion Post #410 held a traditional flag retirement ceremony on June 15 at Prairie Peoples Park. The Ladies Post #410 Auxiliary also participated that day. We-Ta-Se conducts the ceremony annually where used or tattered flags are collected and burned in a respectful and dignified manner.



Charles Wakolee, in uniform, surrounded by his family shortly after he arrived home June 13. He and Jackson are part of the Kansas Army National Guard 2nd Battalion 130th Field Artillery and were gone for a year.

**Welcome home  
boys!**

Families  
and  
We-Ta-Se  
welcome  
Charles Wakolee  
and  
Robert Jackson  
back home  
from their deployment  
to the Sinai Peninsula  
in Egypt



Robert Jackson, in uniform, was greeted by his family. A Welcome Home ceremony was held at Hayden High School in Topeka. Both Jackson and Wakolee are We-Ta-Se members.

## Language Department news

Submitted by: Cindy LeClere

It's back to school time and we wish students everywhere a good school year. We had the pleasure, once again, to spend the month of June with our penoŋteyēk at the Boys and Girls Club. They are exceptional learners of the language and we know they will succeed in their school studies as well. We say Igwiēn to the staff at the Club for providing our children with excellent care everyday.

We are coming to the end of our second year of classes and we still have room for families with children K-12. If you would like more information please contact our office at (785) 966-2138.

In August, Olivia Pewamo, Billy Matchie, Larry Berryhill, and I traveled to Shawnee, Oklahoma for the Potawatomi Gathering. We presented on behalf of our band. Our presenta-

tion consisted of three activities: One activity was a skit that we performed with Lyman Shipshee (also a presenter and language student). The other two were interactive listening exercises. They were all done in the language. Lyman did an outstanding job on his presentation as did everyone. We had a great time and our hosts were very gracious.

Also, Billy and I attended a Potawatomi Immersion camp hosted by the Hannahville Potawatomi in Wilson, Michigan. It was the third, weeklong camp that was held this summer. We were unable to attend the first two held in June and July but we want very much to continue with this important project that is underway between the bands.

We are pleased to announce that the 2010 First Edition, *An Introduction to the Grammar of The Prairie Band Potawatomi Language* book is complete and ready to be dis-

tributed, because there is a limited supply some requirements are necessary for the distribution. (See below for details) There are many people who were involved in the production of this book and they are mentioned, but first we must pay homage to our fluent speakers past and present because without them none of it would have been possible. We are forever grateful to Cecelia "Meeks-sē-kwe" Jackson, Alberta "Neb-nek-to-que" Marshno, Alberta "Shawnokwe" Wamego, and Orlando "Masha" Green; for their wisdom, knowledge and insight. The one thought that everyone involved held in common was that the book would help with understanding of the language so that it would never die.

The Potawatomi Language Department is committed to carrying on their dream.

Bošo Nishnabek,

We at the Language Department are happy to inform you about the completion of *An Introduction to the Grammar of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Language* book. After many years of hard work and diligence folks past and present contributed their knowledge and expertise in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Language.

The book was composed to describe the structure of Potawatomi words and to complete phrases. Its original intent is to be used as a reference book for the Prairie Band Potawatomi people who are working on language skills.

It is not a dictionary or a translation book but an attempt to introduce the structure of our language.

If you are interested in having a book for your family please complete the given form. You may also stop by our office and fill out a form and pick up a book.

We are located at 15372 K Rd. in the basement of the Firekeeper's Elders Center.

Igwiēn,

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### Cut out the form on the right and fill it out

- Potawatomi members only
- one book per family (household)
- Must be 18 years of age or older

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Due to a limited supply there have been a few limitations:

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Please take a few minutes and acknowledge that you understand and have read the above guidelines. Please include your contact information below. Also please include a brief explanation as to how the book will be used in your home.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CDIB# \_\_\_\_\_

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How will the *An Introduction to the Grammar of the Prairie Band Potawatomi* be used?

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August 26, 2010

Member news and notes

**Congratulations**  
Laura Lynn "Cham-e-quah" Rice  
on  
graduating with a  
Master of Social Work Degree  
at Washington University  
St. Louis, Mo.

Laura and her parents  
Raymond & Jean Rice invite you  
to a  
Ttibekwe and Native American  
Church Service,  
6085 158 Road, Mayetta, Kan.  
on  
Sept. 25- Supper at sundown  
Sept. 26- Services conducted by  
Lester "Cork" Sumner with meal  
at noon served



In the pink!



Tim Shane, third from left, and his children, Carley, 12, Brian, 10, and Alyssa, 16, participated in the PINKS ALL OUT drag race event that came to Topeka's Heartland Park in July. Tim races the 87 Ford Thunderbird tube drag chassis car (seen in the photo) and his children act as his pit crew. The children all attend Royal Valley schools.

**Congratulations**  
to  
Brennen Grinnell  
on graduating from

St. John's Preparatory School  
Collegetville, Minn. May 29  
Parents: Kim Grinnell & Michael Grinnell

Brennan will enter the University of Mary,  
Bismarck, N.D. this fall on a Prep Jazz Band  
scholarship and play football for the school.



Join  
John & Jona Rupnicki  
at their  
Ruffnecks Bar  
917 N. Kansas Ave  
Topeka, KS  
for Friday night pool  
tournaments

**Congratulations Spank**  
on passing your  
board of cosmetology exam!  
Love,  
Mom, Roger, Angel, Wishbone & Jose

**Dawn Salisbury opens  
business in California:  
certified by  
American Message  
Therapy Association**  
Hours: Monday-Friday  
&  
Saturdays by appointment

Tribal member Dawn Salisbury has opened a business in Turlock, Calif. called Native Touch Body Therapy. Salisbury became a licensed massage therapist last spring after graduating from Golden State Massage School which is affiliated with the American Message Therapy Association. Salisbury completed over 500 hours of training and is certified in Swedish, deep tissue, Shiatsu, prenatal, sports, hot stone and chair massage therapies.

[www.amtamembers.com/nativetouchbodytherapy](http://www.amtamembers.com/nativetouchbodytherapy)

Meeting her hero!



Above, is a photo of Tara Mitchell taken by Dawson McAndrew (Ho Chunk) who both got to meet First Lady Michelle Obama when she made a visit to Camp Pendleton last spring to support the troops and their families. According to Tara, who submitted the photograph, Mrs. Obama gave words of encouragement and thanked all the soldiers and their families for the sacrifices they were making. Tara also reported that she wore her lucky shirt that day and got to meet movie star Adam Beach as well. She said she and Dawson were randomly picked to sit in the bleachers right behind the podium and that after the First Lady's speech she came over and shook their hands. Michelle Obama is one of Tara's heroes.

A message from Delores Nioce-Abrams

**Kansans please vote for Becky Nioce for  
State Representative**

Becky Nioce, wife of Frank A. Nioce (Andy), a tribal member, is a candidate for State Representative of the 56th Legislative District in Topeka, Kan. Frank (Andy) is the grandson of Frank and Pauline Nioce, whose children are Frank Jr., Delores, and Donald Nioce. Andy's brother is Paul who is an Air Force officer. His sisters are Lenora and Theresa. They are the children of Frank Jr. and Mary Nioce. They have lived in the Topeka/Silver Lake area their entire life. Our family is proud of Becky's commitment and dedication, and we invite you to look at her website ([www.electbecky.net](http://www.electbecky.net)) for more information. Be sure to look at the photo gallery showing Paul and Theresa Nioce and their families helping in the campaign. Becky would appreciate your vote if you live in the 56th district.



## Celebrations help honor Julia Kabance's 100th birthday



Left: Kabance, seated left, receiving a gift from Tribal Council, and in the photo above as a member of the Women's Army Corps in WW II.

A birthday celebration was held at the Firekeepers Elder Center for tribal elder Julia "A-wah-guh-win" Kabance who turned 100 years old on August 10.

Tribal Council, and approximately fifty others, including members of her family, were on hand for the celebration. She was given a Pendleton blanket with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation seal embossed on it along with several other gifts. An arrangement of flowers came from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and her celebration was also featured on a newscast with a Topeka, Kan. television station that day.

Kabance was born in 1910 on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation to Frank and Mary Kabance. One of twelve children she attended Kewanka grade school, high school in

Holton, Kan. and Haskell University (now Haskell Indian Nations University) in Lawrence, Kan.

She is a veteran of World War II having served in the Women's Army Corps where she was stationed at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, Wash. She is also a member of the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post # 410 that is located on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation.

Kabance has been a resident of St. Marys, Kansas since 1979 and is active in the Catholic Church. She has also been an active volunteer for the Topeka VA Hospital through the years.

Kabance was also feted with a party given in her honor by her family August 7 at the PBPB Community/Rock building.



This group of We-Ta-Se members was at the Elder Center one day and found visiting after lunch. From, left to right, are Emery Hale, Roy Hale, Steve Ortiz, and Glenn Levier. All four men have also been a part of the We-Ta-Se color guard through the years.



Happy Belated Birthday to Julia LaClair who turned 96 years old on July 15

## Julia Lewis Mayetta Pioneer Day Elder queen

Julia Lewis was selected the 2010 Mayetta Pioneer Day elder queen and was honored in a parade held downtown Mayetta (Kan.) on Sept. 11. We-Ta-Se Post 410 color guard also participated in the parade.

Festivities were held throughout the day including games and contests, a flea market and musical entertainment.

Lewis also organized the Community Talent Show that weekend that was held at the Community/Rock building.

## 4th Annual Honor the Elder Ceremony coming up

The Fire Keepers Elder Center will host the 4th Annual Honor the Elders Ceremony on October 13 at 6 p.m. An elderly male and female will be chosen and nomination forms are now available at the Elder Center. Honorees must be present at the ceremony. Deadline for submitting nominations is October 8 at 4:30 p.m. For more information call LaVerne Hale at 785.966.0041 or email to [laverneh@pbpnation.org](mailto:laverneh@pbpnation.org).

## Kansans Optimizing Health Program series begins at Fire Keepers Center

A six-week program on health that was developed by Stanford University is being held at the Fire Keepers Elder Center on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of the course is to help people improve their health in the areas of arthritis, heart or lung disease and diabetes. The classes run until October 12 and are being coordinated by Janis Simon, Caregiver Coordinator and Jeanette Little Sun, Community Health Nurse.

Fire Keepers Elder Center monthly luncheon calendar online at [www.pbpindiantribe.com/community-services.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/community-services.aspx)



At left is Lyman Shipshee who is seen giving a presentation at the Potawatomi Language Conference that was held in conjunction with the Potawatomi Gathering August 4-6. The conference was held in Shawnee, Oklahoma which is the home of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Shipshee is a student in the Language Program. The Language Program holds classes for adults and children in the evenings on certain days.

For more information go to [www.pbpindiantribe.com/language.aspx](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/language.aspx)

(Photo courtesy of the Language Department)

Ttiwenmo eginigyén  
(happy day you were born)

*Happy Birthday to all my relations  
& loved ones!*

- Dennis R. Shopteese-April 21
- Victoria A. Shopteese-April 24
- Irving Shopteese Jr. -July 28
- Nicole Martinez-Wahquahboshkuk-Aug. 10
- Damien Martinez-Aug. 27
- Larry Wahweotten-Sept. 16
- Edward Wahweotten-Sept. 20
- Orville Rice (Onwase)-Oct. 18
- Mary Brown-Nov. 3
- C. Rose Martinez-Dec. 7

*I wish you all  
happiness  
and blessings  
for years to  
come.*

*Love always,  
Mom, Grandma,  
Auntie  
and  
Sister  
Cheryl Walker*



Happy 1st Birthday  
to  
Taliyah Dorsch  
on  
July 22

We love you!  
All your family



Happy 2nd Birthday  
to  
Harper Melissa Jones  
on  
Sept. 16

We love you  
so much!  
Parents: Henry &  
Crystal Jones  
Misho: Kevin Aitkens



Happy 1st Birthday  
to  
Eviana Gail Evans  
on  
Sept. 1

Parents:  
Evan T. Evans &  
Terryn Proctor

Grandparents:  
Mando & Anita Evans  
and  
Terry & Jo Proctor

Birthday shout outs and love to the boys!  
Hugs and kisses,  
Mom and Dad

Preston, 8  
Oct. 17



Eli, 5  
Nov. 8



Ian, 5  
Nov. 8



Lucky # 7

Happy Birthday  
Auti!  
on  
Sept. 3  
Love,  
Mom & Abtakee



Share your good news.  
Send it to the  
Potawatomi News  
P.O. Box 116  
Mayetta, KS 66509

Happy Birthday  
shout outs  
to  
Patrick Mills, 18  
Oct. 5  
&  
Cidasnokwe, 2  
Sept. 15

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Happy 7th Birthday to Halina

Aug. 16

Love ya lots!  
From  
Auntie Michelle,  
Uncle Justin &  
Brothers



Enibowat  
(Weddings)



Congratulations  
to  
Tracy & Willie Potts  
married  
June 12, 2010

Love,  
your family

Ganifték  
(those who are born)

Welcome  
Kinsley Paige Jones



Born: July 21, 2010  
Weight: 8 lbs. 20 oz.  
Height: 21.25 inches

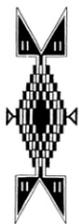
Parents:  
Henry & Crystal  
Jones  
&  
Misho:  
Kevin Aitkens

Kanibwēték  
(the one's that stood up together)

Happy 8th anniversary to Sharon and Dean Bosse  
September 28



Love,  
Mom & Eldon



**Kamboŕtĕk (those who died)**

**Honnell Dale "Nowaten" Thomas**

Honnell Dale "Nowaten" Thomas passed away on Thursday June 17, 2010. He was a spiritual leader of the community and he loved the people. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi from Mayetta, Kansas and served as a paratrooper during the Korean War. Dale always kept himself busy, one of his favorite things to do was tend his garden. He also enjoyed hitting the pow wow trail where he would dance and share stories that taught lessons and made people laugh. He had a gentle caring way about him and every person he met was made to feel welcome. Dale loved his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. When it came to cooking fry bread and soup, he was the "best in the west".

**SURVIVED BY:** Wife Cindy Thomas; Children Liz Aitkens, Mary Jane Thomas, Shelly Morgan, Mukwazit Teeple, John Wintu, Mzzhickkekahbah Thomas, Kiwadenokwe Thomas, Sospi Waubwa Thomas; Sister Laveda Wahweotten; Brothers Bob Hubbard, Ralph Tecumseh, John Pewamo, DonDon LeClere; Many Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren; Adopted Father Andrew Mitchell and numerous nieces and nephews.

**PREDECEASED BY:** His Parents-Charles and Lillian Thomas; Siblings- Alex Thomas, Laverne Thomas, Melvin Thomas, Kenneth Thomas, Marlin Thomas, Ethylene Chenault, Charles Thomas, and Adopted Mother Erma Pewamo.

Visitation will begin 6:00 p.m. on Friday June 18, 2010 at the Niigaanaagiizhik Ceremonial Building with Pipe Ceremonies being held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday all at 7:00 p.m.

Traditional Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. on Monday June 21, 2010 at the Niigaanaagiizhik Ceremonial Building with burial following at the Wil-Walk Cemetery Sugar Island, Michigan. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

*(Courtesy of Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home-Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.)*

**Henry Frank "Sonny" Young (Shohn) Jr.**

Henry Frank "Sonny" Young (Shohn) Jr. died on July 19, 2010 at the V.A. Hospital in Topeka, Kan. He was born September 10, 1945 and was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army. He is survived by a sister Augustine Hale, Topeka, Kan. His body was cremated and a military service provided by We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 will be held July 25 at 11 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Wall in Prairie Peoples Park located on M Road near 150 Road in Mayetta, Kan. Lunch will follow at the Prairie Band Bingo Hall that is located on Q Road.

*(Courtesy of the family)*

**Cora Louise Humm**

June 30, 2010 - Cora Louise Humm died June 21, 2010 at "The Monarch" in Lincoln, Nebraska on Monday. She was born on June 7, 1942 in Holton, Kansas to Rusty and Clara "Tapsee" Ogden. She and her husband owned Humm & Sons Construction Company. Member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe.

Visitation: Cremation. No visitation.

Service: Celebration of Life Service, Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 10:30 am; Havelock United Methodist Church, 4140 North 60th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorials to "The Monarch" in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Family Information:

**HUSBAND**-Charlie Humm; Elmwood (Eagle), Nebraska; **SONS / DAUGHTERS IN LAW**-Tim and Deb Humm; Eagle, Nebraska, Ira and Valerie Humm; Bennett, Nebraska, Dennis Humm; Eagle, Nebraska, Dan Humm; Eagle, Nebraska; **BROTHERS / SISTERS IN LAW**-Roy & Shirley Ogden, Larry & Kaye Ogden; **SISTERS / BROTHERS IN LAW**-Catherine & Gale Marlow; **GRANDCHILDREN**-Jessica Humm, Aubrey Humm, Allison Humm, Ira Humm II, Jubal "Tapsee" Ogden, Maizie Humm, & Brody Humm; **SPECIAL FRIENDS**-Mary Humm - special niece, Humm families, many nieces & nephews, and many special friends  
**PRECEDED IN DEATH BY** son, Tom, parents, Burns "Rusty" & Clara (Tapsee) Ogden grandparents, brothers - Lyman, Louie, and Herman Ogden

*(Courtesy of Aspen Cremation & Burial-Lincoln, Neb.)*

**Wilma Lee Wishkeno Anquoe**

**(January 17, 1931 - July 27, 2010)**

Wilma Lee "Munis no quah" Wishkeno Anquoe, 79, died Tuesday July 27, 2010 at North Kansas City Hospital. Wilma was born January 17, 1931, on the Potawatomi Reservation, the daughter of Arthur and Sara (Wapp) Wishkeno. She graduated from Haskell Institute and had been a lifelong resident in the Kansas City area. She was a waitress in the Kansas City area and was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and of the Drum Religion. She is survived by: her son, James L. Anquoe, of Kansas City, MO; her sister, Mary Wishkeno Delg, of Lawrence, KS; her grandchildren, April Marie Anquoe and Steven James Anquoe. She was preceded in death by her son, Steven E. Anquoe in 1995, her sisters Virginia Cadue and Alethia Bidwell, her brothers, Calvin Wishkeno, Wesley Wishkeno and Ivan Wishkeno, Sr. Drum Services will be Friday, evening, July 30 at the Danceground Building (west of Mayetta). Burial will be Saturday afternoon, July 31, at Wishkeno Cemetery.

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

**Theresa Wabnum Asselin "Osh"**

Theresa Wabnum Asselin, Osh, 72, of Topeka, formerly of Mayetta, died Saturday, August 21, 2010 at her daughter's home in Topeka. She was born August 28, 1937 at Delia, the daughter of Peter and Edna Keggmega Wabnum. She graduated from Haskell Institute in 1955 and later from Clarks Business School in Topeka.

Osh served in the U.S. Army with the Women's Army Corps. She then worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Topeka, and transferred with them to Denver in 1977. She retired in 1993 and moved back to Mayetta.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, 4/4, the Drum Religion, and served on the enrollment committee for the tribe.

Osh was preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta Keltner, a son, Anthony Asselin, a granddaughter, Elizabeth Martinez, and three brothers, Irving Shopteese, Eli Wabnum and Reuben Wabnum.

Survivors include her adopted mother, Voncile Mitchell, Mayetta; one son, Peter Asselin and wife Marion, Concord, N.C.; one daughter, Sandra Quintana and husband Dion, Topeka; an adopted son, Kabot Hale, Mayetta; two sisters, Maxine Begay, Mayetta, and Lorene Wahweotten, Denver; an adopted brother, Robert Roberts, Denver; seven grandchildren, an adopted granddaughter, Washos Doxtator, Horton, and nine great grandchildren. Cremation is planned. Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 24th at the Shipshee Cemetery, west of Mayetta. Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt is in charge of arrangements. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com.

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



**2nd Annual "Walk a Mile In Their Mocs"**

*An annual Domestic Violence Awareness event*  
Sat., October 9

8 a.m. - Registration (T-shirt based on first-come, first-serve)  
8:45 a.m.- Balloon Release  
9 a.m.- 5k Run  
Prairie Peoples Park  
(concludes by 10:30 a.m.)

sponsored by PBP Family Violence Prevention Program  
call Adele Wahwassuck at 785.966.8340 for details

**Red Road Workshop  
Healing for Native people**

October 13-14  
Prairie Band Casino & Resort  
contact: Katie McDonald  
phone: 785.288.0182 or 785.742.2041  
email: kmcdonald@sacandfoxcasino.com

Hosts: PBP and Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri



**Do you know where these missing members are?**

The Member Services Department needs your help in locating the following persons. If you know the whereabouts or status of the people below please contact the department at 785.966.3910 or toll free at 877.715.6789.

- Josephine Arnold
- Daniel Wayne Battista
- Mary A. Crawford
- Michael Dean Dametz
- Luis Harold Gonzales
- Ronald James Hart
- Gail Kathy Kabance
- Gerald Lee Mitchell Jr.
- Victoria Lynn Stone
- Anita M. Wapskineh

**FIREKEEPER**



**GOLF COURSE**



**The Heart of Jackson Humane Society has grant money available to fix your dogs. Please call 785.364.5156**

**PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION  
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC  
(3 POSITIONS)**

Duties and responsibilities include to protect life and property through fire suppression, prevention, rescue and emergency medical aid.

**Qualified candidates must have:**

- Current certification as a Kansas MICT
- Firefighter I and II (within 6 months of hire)
- Operations level Haz Mat

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation offers medical, dental, vision, life insurance; paid vacation, sick & holidays; 401K and a Cafeteria Plan.

For details please visit our website at:  
[www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com)  
or call Prairie Band Potawatomi Human Resources at  
1-866-694-3937  
Drug-Free Workplace -Indian Preference Exercised

**Historic Mayetta, Kansas  
Birthday Celebration  
Founded in 1886-124 years old**

October 9, 2010

- 9 a.m. Merchants sidewalk sale
- 10 a.m. Petting zoo  
Music by D. J. Dave
- 11 a.m. Birthday cake (while it lasts)  
Chili cook off  
(Enter your favorite chili, winner by people's choice with prize awarded)

Call 785.966.2710, 785.966.3015 or 785.966.2592. Sponsored by the Mayetta Pioneer Day Association

**Make it  
a day  
of fun  
Saturday,  
October 9**

**Traditional Dinner/Dance Pow-wow**

October 9, 2010  
PBP Bingo Hall  
Mayetta, KS

Intertribal & traditional dancing  
2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Specialty dances including the swan dance, snake dance, rabbit dance and more.

Potluck supper break  
(bring your favorite dish)  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Free admission and drawings-door prizes

MC: Chago Hale  
AD: Roger Lewis  
Drums: Little Soldier Singers & Big Soldier Singers  
For details contact Julia Lewis at 785.966.2182, Marilyn Brewer at 785.554-3226, Juanita Jessepe and Roland Matchie.

**Potawatomi Tribal  
Fire Department  
15482 K Rd, Mayetta, KS  
Open House  
October 9  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Demonstrations and family activities.  
Hotdogs, chips, ice cream and more!

**Fire Prevention Week  
October 3-9**

**Thank yous**

*The family of Mike Jensen would like to extend its sincere appreciation to all the people who gave us their thoughts, prayers, cards, and most of all support. There are not enough words to express the comfort it gave.*

*Thank you,  
Julie Jensen*

Bozho,

I would like to thank all who voted for me in the last election. Congratulations and good luck to those who were voted into the Prairie Band Potawatomi Council and Gaming Commission. It was good to be home and see family and friends during the Potawatomi pow-wow in June. God bless all of you.

Theresa Jessepe Murray