Potawatomi Win Again!!

Tribe Takes Two Top Trophies

The Potawatomi Indian Christmas float, built by the Potawatomi Intertribal Pow Wow Club members, won first place in the float division of the Shawnee, Oklahoma, Christmas Parade, held on December 6, 1980. The float also won first place in the Tecumseh, Oklahoma, Christmas Parade, held on the afternoon of the same day. The Potawatomi placed 2nd in the Shawnee parade in 1979, and 1st in the Tecumseh, 1979 parade.

The theme of the 1980 float was how the Potawatomi must have spent their first Christmas after the Catholic missionaries came to them. The title of the float was "Into the wilderness came the world of God..." It was written on the sides of the float. The rest of the float was a wilderness setting with Catholic missionary teaching people about Christmas using a small Nativity Scene mounted on the front of the float.

The crew that built the float are as follows: Beverly Hughes, Designer; Paul Schmidtkofer, Don Madole, Wanita Clifford, Naomi, and Marion Baptiste, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, Therin Johnson, Father Vincent Traynor, Kenneth Pelletier, Johnny Jones, Doris Halbert, and Judith Michener.

Members of the club that rode on the float were: Potawatomi Intertribal Pow Wow Club Princess, Ginger Tredway; Potawatomi Tribal Princess, Kim Suchy; Father Vincent Traynor, Chairman of the Pow Wow Club; Marion Baptiste, Vice Chairman of the Club; Becky Pecore, Secretary; Grace Weitenheimer, Shawna King, Ben Rhodd, Suzette Baptiste, Naomi Baptiste, Tanya Gaddy, Jeremy Gaddy, Bradley Gaddy, Kenneth E. Pelletier, Pauline Pelletier, Toni Patterson, Don Madole, Wanita Clifford, Majorie Neddeau, Gilbert Neddeau, Anita and Tony Hill, Doris Halbert, Chris Halbert, Ruth Jones, Pat and Ars O'Connor, Clara Wano Bridges, Max Wano, Franklin Wano (Hereditary Chief, on horseback), Beverly Hughes, Tony Marcus, Paul Schmidtkofer.

Prize money was $100.00 from Shawnee, and $75.00 from Tecumseh. The money will be used to help defray expenses on the Christmas float for 1981.

The Potawatomi Intertribal Pow Wow Club is now actively involved in the preparations for the 1981 Potawatomi Pow Wow which occurs in June. Anybody interested in joining the club simply has to attend two consecutive meetings, then be accepted by the membership. The club is very active in attending area Pow Wows, and was responsible for the extremely well handled Pow Wow for 1980.

The Pow Wow Club plans to have a Benefit Pow Wow in Stroud, Oklahoma, at the Sac and Fox Pow Wow grounds, on March 14, 1981. The public is invited. All other activities, except the annual Pow Wow, are held in the Long Room of the Ship-Sha-Wano Learning Center.

Some of the 1981 Pow Wow Head Staff have been chosen. They are: Potawatomi Pow Wow Princess, Ginger Tredway; Head Singers, Harrison Hunter and Joe "Fish" Dupoint; M.C.'s, Jolo Lane and Hammond Motah; Host Guard Clan, American Legion Post 212 (Com. Marvin Worchester); Senior Citizen Head Man Dancer, Andy Pratt; Senior Citizen Head Lady Dancer, Ann Shadlow; Head Man Dancer, Darrell Wildcat; Head Lady Dancer, Lisa Thomas; Head Boy Dancer, John W. Hamilton, Jr.; Head Boy Dancer, Thomas Kaudlekaule, Jr.; Head Girl Dancer, Joelines Guoldaddle.
June Berger — Education, Head-Start and Day Care Director.

These people are the Directors of the tribal programs. There are divisions of services under most of them. For example, Jackie Farley also directs the CHR and Title VI programs, under Health Planning. There are sub-directors who take care of these divisions, under the authority of the above named Directors.

The tribal newspaper, How-Ni-Kan, is a good source of information on the activities of the programs. If you do not have a subscription, get one. The rate is $1.00 per year, for four issues.

The members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Business Committee are:

Wanta Clifford — Chairperson (Shawnee, Okla.)
Jim Tacker — Vice Chairperson (Tecumseh, Okla.)
Christina Gifford — Secretary-Treasurer (Noble, Okla.)
Bill Birch — Councilperson (Tecumseh, Okla.)
Mary Lynn Hillmeyer — Councilperson (Midwest City, Okla.)

The Business Committee members share equal voting rights.

The members of the Business Committee are elected to act in their behalf in the interim between General Council meetings. But the general operating policies are determined by the tribal members who vote at the annual General Council meeting in June. So, which course of action the tribal Business Committee embarks on for the coming year is decided by the voting tribal member at the General Council, which means YOU.

I strongly urge you, as a fellow tribal member, to fulfill your tribal responsibility. Come to the General Council Meeting and Pow Wow, June 26, 27, & 28, 1981. Come and be informed. Come and have a Good Time!!

Wanta Clifford
Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Chairperson

‘Windwalker’ Deserves To Stroll Right into an Oscar

By Jack Matthews
Free Press Movie Critic

It will be one of 1980’s most interesting footnotes that “Windwalker,” arguably the most American movie ever made, is technically foreign. If it hadn’t been for some face-saving last-minute acquiescence by the committee that decides Academy Award eligibility, this epic Indian adventure, set in the 18th Century West, would be competing for Oscars with subtitled films about French gay couples, Italian labor unrest and medieval Japanese warriors.

It would have been a great embarrassment — not to mention a terrible injustice — to have a film made in America, by Americans, about Americans, enter in the foreign language category. So without metric testing and integer intensiveness to determine attitude and consciousness, the Academy Award went to a film that would have been completely out of its element.

Potawatomi Museum
Requests Items

The Potawatomi Indian Nation Archives and museum is sending out a request to all Potawatomi tribal members and anyone else who has Potawatomi historical items or artifacts in their possession. The museum needs artifacts, pictures, documents, etc., to develop a collection of historical material on Potawatomi history. The Library and museum is interested in Sacred Heart and Saint Mary’s Academy pictures and documents, books, etc. We are also looking for information and materials on the old Indian School located at Shawnee.

Any tribal member who has material (pictures, objects, information, documents, etc.) on Potawatomi history in Oklahoma, Kansas, Michigan, etc., and is interested in donating it, or loaning it to the Potawatomi museum for the purposes of having copies made, or for temporary displays, is requested to contact the museum curator, Judith Michener, at the Potawatomi Indian Nation Archives and Museum. The address is Route #5, Box 151, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801. The phone number is 405-273-3121. Please do not call collect. (The tribal museum cannot accept collect calls.)
C.H.R. Program-Annual Report

Contractor's Name: Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma.

Purpose of Award: Community Health Representative Service.

Date of Award: By Modification of Previous Contract, Effective October 1, 1979 through September 30, 1980.

IHS Contract No. and Procurement Authority: 246-79-C-7032 Buy Indian.

Amount of Award: $113,690.00.

ANNUAL REPORT

I. Objectives established for October 1, 1979 through September 30, 1980.

A. Provide home care and physical therapy services to the homebound elderly Indian people in the Shawnee Service Unit Area.

B. Provide services in the area of maternal child health to Indian clients in the Shawnee Service Unit Area.

C. Provide minimal home maintenance and repair services to Indian People in the Shawnee Service Unit Area.

D. Establish a fire safety plan for the Ship-She-Wano Learning Center and Tribal Complex Building.

E. Provide limited transportation for the Indian Clients in the Shawnee Service Unit Area.

F. Provide home care and physical therapy services to the homebound elderly Indian clients in the Shawnee Service Unit Area.

G. Gather information to be used to develop a resource manual for CHR staff and clients.

H. Conduct Education seminars for the CHR personnel.

I. Provide high blood pressure clinics at selected sites in the Shawnee Service Unit Area monthly.

J. Contact health agencies and individuals to provide health information to the Indian community.

K. Advise Indian clients of available community resources, functions of the CHR program, and policies and procedures of Indian Health Service.

L. Establish rapport with Indian Health Service throughout Oklahoma in order to collect information to establish a service unit resource guide.

M. Establish program procedures for the CHR program.

N. Identify training for the CHR staff.

II. Activities Performed as Outlined in the Objectives:

A. Provide home care and physical therapy services to the homebound elderly Indian people in the Shawnee Service Unit Area.

B. The Geriatrics Specialist provided physical therapy services and home care to homebound elderly Indians as needed and requested or referred to the program. Some physical therapy services to elderly Indians in nursing homes was provided upon request and under the directions of the physician.

C. Provide services in the area of maternal child health to the Indian client in the Shawnee Service Unit Area.

The Maternal Child Health Specialist provided numerous services to the Indian clients:

1. Home visits with the Shawnee Service Unit Indian Health Clinic Family Planner one day per week; (2) Well-child services at the Shawnee Service Unit Indian Health Clinic two and one-half days per week; (3) Follow-up by home visits on immunization referrals received from the Shawnee Service Unit Indian Health Clinic Public Health Nurse; (4) Implemented the fluoride rinse program to the Potawatomi Head Start School, (5) Administered the Denver Developmental Screening Test (DDST) to the Potawatomi Head Start School; (6) Assisted the Shawnee Service Unit Indian Health Clinic Public Health Nurse with the DDST, speech, articulation, and vision screening at the Potawatomi Head Start School; (7) Participated in on-job-training in sick child clinic one-half day per week under the supervision of the Public Health Nurse; (8) Administered FPD (skin test) to the Potawatomi Head Start School and the employees of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Office under the supervision of the Public Health Nurse.

C. Provide minimal home maintenance and repair services to Indian People in the Shawnee Service Unit Area.

The Environmental maintenance specialist provided minimal home maintenance and repair services to the Indian people upon request or referral from clients, CHR staff IHS employees. The charges were kept at a minimum in an attempt to particularly meet the needs of the elderly on a fixed income. A home maintenance repair request and referral form was developed and used in work and in establishing a home maintenance file.

D. Establish a fire safety plan for the Ship-She-Wano Learning Center and Tribal Complex Building.

A fire safety plan for the Ship-She-Wano Learning Center and Tribal Complex Building was developed by an environmental Maintenance Specialist and a copy of the plan is in the CHR office for referral and use.

E. Provide limited transportation for the Indian clients in the Shawnee Service Unit Area.

Transportation was provided to clients when needed and upon request if other means of transportation were not readily available. Transportation was provided to Indian Health Service and other health related agencies.

F. Provide home visits for homebound elderly Indian clients in the Shawnee Service Unit Area.

Home visits were provided to elderly Indian clients in order to provide Health related services such as delivery of medications, assistance with personal care, first-aid and Blood Pressure monitoring. Referrals to other agencies were made as needed.

G. Gather information to be used to develop a resource manual for CHR staff.

Information regarding alternate resources for clients from other agencies (public and private), was collected and filed to be used for developing a resource manual which would make it less difficult to make referrals to available resources from the various health agencies. Information regarding the full services of Indian Health Service and their policies and procedures was also collected.

H. Coordinate education seminars for the CHR personnel.

Three education seminars for CHR personnel were provided. Shawnee Service Unit Indian Health Clinic personnel presented information regarding policies and procedures of Environmental Health, Pharmacy, Contract Health Services and Audiology. This information was presented in a group session with opportunity for questions and answers.

I. Provide high blood pressure clinics at selected sites in the Shawnee Service Unit Monthly.

Blood pressure referral and screening clinics were held monthly at Wanette, Maud, Konawa, Shawnee High Rise Apartments, and The Citizen Band Potawatomi Council on Aging meetings. This service was provided at a location convenient to the clients in an effort to promote wellness and preventive treatment.

J. Contact health agencies, individuals to provide health information to the Indian community.

Information regarding health services and preventive medicine was presented by CHR staff Indian clients on a one-to-one basis and in group settings in conjunction with the blood pressure clinics.

K. Advise Indian clients of available community resources, functions of the CHR program and policies and procedures of Indian Health Services.

Available resources were made known to clients when needs were noted by the CHR staff. Attempts were made to make the community and Indian clients aware of the functions of the CHR program and the services offered by the program and the services of Indian Health Service.

Through coordination and utilization of available resources needs of the Indian clients can be better met and health care improved.

L. Establish rapport with Indian Health Service throughout Oklahoma in order to collect information to establish a service unit resource guide.

Some rapports was established with Indian Health Service throughout Oklahoma in order to collect information which is filed and available for developing and updating a service unit resource guide to be used by the CHR staff and clients.

M. Establish program procedures for the CHR program.

Some individual program procedures for different areas in the CHR program were developed which contributed to more efficient operation and coordination of those areas.

N. Identify training for the CHR staff.

Training relevant to the CHR program was identified and CHR personnel did attend training at the following meetings:

1 employee — attended Workshop on Indian Child Welfare Act.

1 employee — attended Emergency Medical Technician Training.

2 employees — attended First Responder Training.

1 employee — attended First Aid Training.

1 employee — attended Dental Workshop for Fluoride Rinse Training.

1 employee — attended Dental Training for Fluoride Rinse Training.

1 employee — attended Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Training (CPR).

2 employees — attended White House Conference on Family Workshop.

2 employees — attended Citizen Band Potawatomi Council on Aging.

CHR ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Do you have some minor home repairs (plumbing, carpentry, painting, etc.) that you need help with?

Call CHR office for details on our repair program, 275-3121.

*Annual Financial Report is pending due to obligated monies and will be reported as soon as that is received.

Home-Health Care Available

The Citizen Band Potawatomi CHR Home Health Care Program is now available to all Tribal members in the service unit area. If you know anyone that is homebound, has had a recent hospitalization, has a terminal illness (example: cancer), has a chronic disease (example: Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Arthritis) or has need of periodic monitoring visits please contact the CHR Office, 275-3121.

We will have the home health nurse make a visit and plan needed supportive care.

Doris Thysgesen, R.N.
CHR-Home Health Program

ATTENTION!! TRIBAL MEMBERS

Several newspaper renewals have come in with addresses which do not correspond with the addresses shown on the tribal payment rolls.

It is a policy of the tribe that each tribal member submit his or her request in writing or in person for a change of address on the tribal payment rolls. Changes by phone cannot be accepted.

The Choctaw Nation newspaper and the tribal payment rolls have two separate mailing lists and a tribal member may have different addresses on file.

If a change of address is needed on the tribal payment rolls, please submit this request in writing so our tribal rolls will remain current.
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GRADUATE DEGREES FOR NATIVE AMERICANS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

The University of Oklahoma School of Public Health

The School of Public Health at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is one of twenty-one accredited schools of public health in the United States. Graduates of the School are prepared for careers in the general field of public health with major concentration in one of many subspecialties. Major emphasis is on the interdisciplinary work, consulting, and research, preparing students for work in private and public health agencies at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as for traditional academic and research careers. The programs of graduate study, research, and field training within each department are flexible and designed to accommodate students with a wide range of academic and occupational backgrounds.

VARIOUS AREAS OF STUDY INCLUDE:
- Administrators within Indian Health Services or Tribal health departments
- Administrators of public or private health institutions
- Air/Water Quality Control
- Biostatistics (methods and theory with application in computer usage)
- Consumer Product Safety
- Cultural Stress Studies
- Epidemiology (chronic and infectious diseases and mental health)
- Health Education
- Health Planners with health systems agencies, state and local agencies, tribal health organizations
- Hospital Safety
- Occupational Health - Industrial Hygiene
- Problems of Aging
- Research and Teaching

DEGREES OFFERED:
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Science
- Doctor of Philosophy
- Doctor of Public Health

ADMISSION:
A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution; acceptable grade point average; good references; career goals in public health.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS:
The Health Professions Recruitment Program for Native Americans - M.H.P. assists Native Americans in gaining admittance to and earning a graduate degree from the School of Public Health.

FOR INFORMATION WRITE:
Dr. Mitchell V. Owens, Professor and Director
Health Professions Recruitment Program for Native Americans - M.H.P.
School of Public Health
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
P.O. Box 26001
Oklahoma City, OK 73190
(405) 271-2456

Announcements
The University of Oklahoma School of Public Health has a Health Professions Recruitment Program for Native Americans (M.H.P.). This program assists Native Indian students in entering and graduating with master's degrees in Public Health. Admission requirements and program offerings take on a continual basis for entry into Fall, Spring, or Summer sessions.

The School of Public Health has a new and exciting event offering innovative courses in Gerontology, Health Education and others. The Health Admissions are as follows:
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Potawatomie Spotlight...

Shawna King, daughter of Mrs. Linda Wolf, winner in candy sale.

Three Potawatomies have made it into the spotlight for this issue of the How-Ni-Kan. We want to extend our congratulations to Mr. John Burch and Mr. Raymond Pelletier who won 1st place in the Title VI Dominoes Tournament held January 20th & 22nd, 1981. They played as a team, and each man was awarded a nice trophy for their victory.

Congratulations also go to Shawna King, daughter of Mrs. Linda Wolf, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Shawna is a fourth-grader at North Rock Creek School in Shawnee. She won a beautiful trophy for selling the most Camp Fire Candy at her school. She sold one hundred and one boxes of candy. The candy sales were held October and November, 1980. Shawna is the grand-daughter of Mrs. Wanta Clifford, Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Chairperson.

The money raised by the candy sales will be used to purchase a new flag.

EMPLOYEE CLOSEUP...

The How-Ni-Kan recognizes Rita Collins as the “Employee Closeup” for March, 1981. Rita is a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian tribe. She has worked for the tribe for two years, as a cook. She prepares Breakfast and Lunch meals for the Head Start Program students; and Breakfast, Lunch, and a Snack, for the Day Care Program Students at the Learning Center. She also prepares the noon meal for the Senior Citizen Title VI Program.

Rita was born in Augsburg, Germany. Her mother, Anna Gail DeLonais, is German. Her father, William Bernard DeLonais, Jr., is from the Sacred Heart area. William was serving in the United States Army, in Germany, when he and Anna met and were married.

Rita was educated at St. Benedict’s School through the 9th grade. She finished her secondary education at Shawnee Senior High School and graduated in the spring of 1966.

Rita has four sisters and one brother. Her sisters all live in the Shawnee area. Her brother, Robbie, lives in Texas. Mrs. Collins has three children; Robbie Jo, five years of age; Robert William (Billy), three years of age; and Brandi Renee, two years old. The children all stay in the Day Care Program while Mother works in the kitchen.

Rita’s favorite food in Tacos; her favorite music is Country-Western. Her favorite singers are George Jones and John Anderson. Rita’s hobbies include reading — caring for her children doesn’t leave her “much time for anything else.” She is a member of the Shawnee P.T.A. at Wilson School, and a Home Room Mother-Helper for the three-year-old room in the Head Start. She is also a member of St. Benedict’s Catholic Church in Shawnee.

Meditations of MA-TAU-KON-YA

Among the corporeal works of mercy is the injunction to visit the sick. Surely Native Americans do not need to be reminded of this since it is well known that they take good care of their sick.

But there are two things we might be reminded of in this connection:

(a) the ‘sick’ include not only relatives but friends and others. Those in hospitals and rest homes should not be forgotten. A short visit with them can be of great help to them. To say a few words to ‘others’, even though we may not know them, can also be a bright spot in their day.

(b) We can and ought to pray for all who are sick. “Ask and you shall receive” encourages us to pray to God that those whom He visits with sickness may accept their condition according to His Will for them. We pray that their illness will not be of long duration.

“Father of heaven and earth, hear our prayers, and grant peace and consolation to those who are ill.”

MA-TAU-KON-YA

Fr. Vincent, OSB

Shawnee Indian Agency Officer Is Recognized

The following article is reprinted from the Thursday, January 22, 1981, issue of the Shawnee News Star.

Recognition of exceptional service at the Red Lake Indian Agency, Minn., with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, was given Joe Billy Walker, program officer of Shawnee Indian Agency, in a recent awards ceremony at the Sac and Fox Tribal Complex.

Walker was commended for his handling of the aftermath of violence erupting between opposing factions of the Red Lake Chippewa Indians in the summer of 1979.

He had been assigned to the Red Lake Agency and later appointed acting superintendent to restore peace and re-establish the working bond between the BIA and the tribal government — "no easy task in view of the continued tension," Commissioner of Indian Affairs William Hallett’s citation stated.

On May 19 and 20, 1979, the reservation was in total collapse and chaos," the citation read. "Federal and tribal buildings, facilities and private homes were destroyed by looting, vandalism and fire. Two persons were killed and several others injured when shots were fired.

"As the confrontation continued, even basic communications became almost impossible."

"The Bureau relied upon Mr. Walker’s experience and knowledge of the workings of tribal government and related documents to deal with these issues on a local basis as much as possible."

"Because of his knowledge and expertise, issues were solved locally, without every detail being referred to Central Office for approval."

"In recognition of his extraordinary professional competence, his cooperative attitude, his commitment for the good of the Bureau during this critical time, Joe Billy Walker is granted the Superior Service Award of the Department of the Interior."

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really settling the issue, the Academy simply made an exception of "Windwalker," and it is now an approved American film.

The Oscar talk is for real, too. In addition to being an original, "Windwalker" is a legitimate contender in several categories.

It is a stirring family saga, an epic Indian adventure that, without the presence of any fork-tongued white man, has as much action and dramatic tension as some of the best films of John Ford or John Wayne.

"Windwalker" was directed by Keith Merrill, a young filmmaker who won an Oscar in 1974 for his documentary, "The Great American Cowboy." His first feature is a stunning visual production, as chock-full of breathtaking mountain scenery as any of the wilderness movies, but with the added dimension of an uncompromising look at primitive Indian culture.

Without either patronizing or sentimentalizing the subject, "Windwalker" provides a clearer understanding of the Indian’s relationship with his environment — the awe, the fear and the love of nature that framed his life-style — than either the most sympathetic Western, or the most heavy-handed social documentary.

The story, based on a novel by Blake Yocum, overlays three generations of a Cheyenne family and its violent confrontations with their historical enemy, the Crows. It is told, partly in flashback, from the viewpoint of an old man (Trevor Howard) who has spent most of his adult life trying to find a son kidnapped as a child by Crows.

Joe Billy Walker, left, program officer of Shawnee Indian Agency, receives the Department of Interior citation for exceptional service from Stanley Speaks, Anadarko, regional BIA director.
Potawatomi Senior Citizens Active In Crafts

The Potawatomi Indian Title VI Program for senior citizens is actively creating all sorts of interesting items for sale in the Potawatomi Tribal Gift Shop. Items such as God's Eyes (large and small), beaded purses, pins, strips for handbags, etc., are being turned out by these very talented hands. The classes are trying to make a large number of items to sell in the shop around Pow Wow time, in June. The teacher of the crafts classes is Mr. Andrew Harjo, from Maud, Oklahoma. Mr. Harjo teaches two classes of craft students, in addition to his duties in the gift shop. One class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. The other class meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Both classes meet in the rock house behind the Learning Center.

The Craft classes exhibited some of their work at an outing sponsored by the Boy Scout Troop #413 of the Mormon Church, at 1505 E. Independence Street in Shawnee, on February 26, 1981. Mr. Harjo also supplied some young students who demonstrated some Indian Dances for the visiting area Scout Troops.

Members of the Day Class are: Ben Rhodd, Letha Tacker, Juanita Moore, Anita Hill, Rose Dossey, Elizabeth Madole, Raymond Peltier, and Mildred Peltier.

Night class students are: Marie Tredway, Eva Jordan, Ginger Tredway, Dorothy Lawson, Arlene Bush, Laura Bush, Sue Dunn, and Lovita McCraw.

Anyone interested in the Title VI Senior Citizen's Program, or the night crafts class, should contact the tribal offices at 405-275-3121. The tribe cannot acceptcollect calls.

“I AM AN ALCOHOLIC” by Anthony E. Levier

The following article was submitted to the how-Nik at by Mr. Anthony E. Levier, a Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal member, from Cimarron, Kansas. Mr. Levier submits this article in the hope that it may be help to anyone who has a problem with alcoholism.

When these four words become easy and willingly admitted to anyone, and I do mean “anyone”, you can, if you so desire, be well on your way to recovery. Denial and determination to obtain go hand-in-hand, so “ latch-on” and “hang-on” with a permanent grip. It can be done!!

This all happened to me eight years ago. Prior to my reformation, jobs weren’t scarce but were certainly difficult to keep. It seemed each day of work (when I went) was like taking castor oil and I definitely hate castor oil. Pay-day was a temporary respite because the taverns were swarming and my old drinking “buddies” were “all” present.

Awakening the next day or two remains vivid in my mind. Aside from feeling to ill to die, I had a feeling of disgust plus the puzzlement of “how” was I gonna pay my bills. Oh hell, I’ll pay them next week for such, gosh, where did Monday and Tuesday go? Now this can go on and on as a lot of you know.

I QUIT!!! Yep! Age “47”, is rather late but not too late. Well, to make a long story short, I held two jobs at once the first two years of my abstinence—too many hours. A decision was made that I’d go back to school. I left Kansas for Shawnee, Oklahoma.

A challenge like this cannot be accomplished by one’s self. With the help of several in the Shawnee area I was initiated into the Indian Action Team to attend the electrical course of which I boast a perfect attendance.

With Mr. Bruno’s teaching and a certificate signed by Mr. Barrett plus a course at the Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech School completed, I am proud to announce I’ve had five years now with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union at $14.50 per hour and a whole bunch of benefits. I’m now “55”.

Again, thanks a lot you good people.

Sincerely,
Tony E. Levier
Head Start Program In Full Swing —

The Potawatomi Head-Start is a pre-kindergarten, comprehensive, developmental, learning program for forty 3 & 4 year old children of low-income families with Indian preference.

The Head-Start program is based on the premise that all children share certain needs, and that children of low-income families, in particular, can benefit from a comprehensive developmental program to meet those needs.

Head-Start provided a learning environment and the varied experiences which will help them develop socially, intellectually, physically, and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development. Also, it provides a comprehensive health services programs which includes a broad range of medical, dental, mental health and nutrition services to pre-school children.

The Indian Culture is emphasized in the program and the children are encouraged by Markeeta Rumsey, Associate Director to take pride in their heritage.

Our program provides two well-balanced meals each day to help meet the child's daily nutritional needs. Head-Start provides a planned program of activities which support and enhance the parental role as principal influence in child education. It provides a program that recognizes parents as prime educators of their children and provides the opportunity for parent's direct involvement in decision making in the program planning and operations.

As a graduation, end of school, ceremony, the staff and parents sponsor an annual Pow Wow each May.

Last year's Pow Wow, 1980, was a great success with approximately five hundred in attendance. Local merchants and resource people from the Indian Community were helpful by donating time, labor, and merchandise.

The date scheduled for this year's Pow Wow is May 22, 1981 and will be held at the Potawatomi Pow Wow grounds east of the Children's Center building—the Public is invited! Booth space will be available at the Pow Wow. Those interested may contact Markeeta Rumsey at 273-5882.

Also, anyone interested in volunteering to help during the Pow Wow or for other Head Start activities are welcome and encouraged to get involved.

The present Potawatomi Head-Start staff are:

Jane Bernier - Director of Education
Marketta Rumsey - Associate Director
Denise Bettis - Teacher (4 year olds)
Francis McKinney - Teacher (3 year olds)
Donna Kidwell - Aide (4 year olds)
Van Driver
Don Tolpa - Aide (3 year olds) & Van Driver

POTAWATOMI P.I.P. CALENDAR FOR 1981

January 16 Dancing, Pot Luck, Meeting, Cards
February 20 Dancing, Pot Luck, Meeting, Pie Raffle and/or Cake Walk

MARCH 14 BENEFIT DANCE — Sac-Fox Grounds, Stroud, OK.

March 20 Dancing, Pot Luck, Meeting, Indian Hand Game

APRIL 10 Dancing, Pot Luck, Meeting, Bingo (This is on the 2nd Friday, instead of the regular 3rd Friday.)
The following article is reprinted, in part, from the INDIANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY, DECEMBER, 1925. It is the first section of the Journal of William Polke, conductor of the Potawatomi Indians on the “Trail of Death” from northern Indiana to Kansas. Future issues of the How-No-Kan will contain more sections of Polke’s Journal.

... In Indiana, the treaties of October 16, 1826, and October 27, 1832, followed by the activities of the United States Commissioner Abel C. Pepper, in securing cessions of former reservations, 1834-1837, paved the way for the removal of the Potawatomis. The band, whose removal is described in the document printed herewith, lived in and near the village of Menominee, near Twin Lakes, in Marshall County. Their memory has been perpetuated by an impressive monument, between the lakes, dedicated in 1909 to Chief Menominee.

In August, 1838, the Indians at Twin Lakes were taken unawares and herded together by Joel Tipton and volunteer militia, chiefly from Cass County, and, with the exception of a few who temporarily escaped, were escorted to Danville, Illinois. There they were turned over to William Polke, who conducted them the rest of the way across Illinois, Missouri, and part of eastern Kansas, to their future reservation in the neighborhood of the Osage River.

William Polke, son of Charles and Christine Polke, when a child, was taken captive by Indians, with his mother and two other children, in Nelson County, Kentucky. They were kept at Detroit, the mother being given in marriage by British officers. Polke was afterwards one of the founders of Plymouth, Indiana.

Dr. Jerolaman, the doctor who accompanied the Indians, was from Logansport.

Saturday, 1st Sept., 1838.

Commenced collecting the Indians at Twin Lakes Encampment, Marshall County, Indiana, and succeeded in gathering by night time, about one hundred and seventy.

Friday, 31st Aug.

Received considerable accessions to the numbers of yesterday. The day was employed in bringing in the Indians and their baggage.

S.M.