

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
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POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"The Pokagons Tell It"



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RED ROAD POW WOW KEEPS GROWING

It is being called one of the most successful Red Road Pow Wows yet. And it is possible the Pokagon Band Substance Abuse Task Force is outgrowing its current space in the Dowagiac High School. Attendance was high, and there were many, many dancers to participate in the events.

The traders had high quality merchandise and the crowds really enjoyed browsing, and more importantly buying! The food booth was also a popular place for pow wow visitors. The cooks ran out of most things early, and had to make at least one emergency trip to ensure there would be food for Sunday.

Another treat for the audience was the hoop dancer, Dallas Chief Eagle who entertained the crowd. He invited some of the children out to give a quick les-

son to them. He then danced for the crowd using his hoops to dance in and out of. He also created a little cover with his hoops while he danced, and he sat in it when he was finished.

The head dancers John Warren and Candy Wesaw led the dancers through many Intertribals and the audience took part in most of them. There was a great deal of participation by the audiences in honor songs and Intertribals.

Because the goal of this pow wow is to fund a substance abuse half-way house, the large numbers in attendance is even more special. And because this pow wow continues to grow, it will be exciting to see what next year brings.

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 10, 1998

RESOLUTION #1 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council authorizes the purchase of Invest Destinations software curriculum and accepts the Partnership Grant offered by Invest Learning to reduce the cost by \$1,350 and to include 1 stand-alone station of the Aptitude and Interest Inventory product. We will receive the Workforce Development Basics and the GED Success Packages described in the quotation #4069 for the reduced price of \$30,000.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 1 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #2 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council supports the budget provided by Renovation and Repairs Department as recommended by the Housing Committee.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 1 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #3 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Mike Wesaw

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council supports the proposal to Kellogg Foundation for the Supplemental Food and Health Needs Project (POO56361). The \$5,000 grant will be used to expand services to tribal members, particularly those who live outside the tribal service area and are not eligible for assistance under the USDA Food Program or Contract Health Service's.

ALL IN FAVOR: 9 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #4 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to send Marchell Wesaw and Kevin Daugherty to Washington D.C. on January 13 and 14, for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) meeting. Costs will include per diem, cab fare, hotel, and airfare totaling \$1027.48.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 2 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #6 made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council adopts the Grievance Procedure for tribal members as presented by Tribal Operations Manager, Sonny Miller and reviewed by our legal department.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #7 made by Dan Rapp and Greg Ballew

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to send up to three (3) Elders Council members to the January 15, 1998 ITC meeting in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Per diem to be paid for one day plus a GSA vehicle and driver by the Band.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #8 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to send six (6) people to the Forest County Potawatomi Social Gathering at Carter, Wisconsin on January 16, 17 and 18, plus a GSA vehicle and driver. All expenses to be paid by the Band.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 1998

RESOLUTION #1 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Dan Rapp

WHEREAS: The Elder's Council is sponsoring a casino trip to Harrahs riverboat on February 19, 1998 to be open to both Elders and their spouses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the cost of the trip for the Elders to be paid for by the Band as part of the Elder's trip budget. This cost is \$15.00 per elder and total cost to the Band is \$240.00. The cost of \$15.00 for anyone attending this trip other than a Pokagon Band Elder is to be paid by that individual.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #2 made by Barbara Ann Warren and 2nd by Tom Wesaw

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council supports the Election Committee for funding in the amount of \$4,500.00 to cover the cost of (2) day Tribal Elections Seminar to be conducted on March 28 & 29, 1998, at Elders Hall by Falmouth Institute for up to ten (10) participants.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #3 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Maxine Margiotta

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council authorizes the Election Committee to seek out two (2) alternate committee members in addition to existing seated committee members as soon as possible.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #4 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Tom Wesaw

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council directs the Land Committee to perform the search for the Band's non-gaming trust land sites. The Committee is to search for parcels in the Hartford, Dowagiac, and South Bend areas, in accordance with the overall plan previously approved by Council and submitted to the Department of the Interior (i.e. M.O.U.)

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #5 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Barbara Ann Warren

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council authorizes Bob Moody, Sr. and his employer Century 21 Realty Plus of Mishawaka to pursue non-gaming trust land sites for the Band as per the previous agreement between Mr. Moody and Council. This work shall be done under the immediate oversight of the Land Committee.

FURTHERMORE: In light of the current political pressures on the Band and the inherent difficulty of finding large available parcels in the Band's service area, Council urges Mr. Moody and his firm to take an aggressive and wide ranging approach to the land search.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 6 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Dan Rapp

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council directs Community Development Director David Alexis to work with the Land Committee on the Band's land acquisition strategy and process.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #7 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Julie Stauffer

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the job description for Housing Director as presented and to post the position within the Pokagon Band and the regional Native American Community.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 1 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #8 made by Greg Ballew and 2nd by Brian Morseau

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Executive Committee's decision to send Mike Wesaw to Mesquite, Nevada to review a gaming venture.

ALL IN FAVOR: 5 OPPOSED: 1 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 3 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #9 made by Greg Ballew and 2nd by Barbara Ann Warren

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Executive Committees decision of Sonny Miller's trip to Indian Human Resource Development Conference.

ALL IN FAVOR: 5 OPPOSED: 1 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 3 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #10 made by Maxine Margiotta and 2nd by Barbara Ann Warren

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians accepts the additional names as Tribal members as prepared by the Enrollment Staff and Enrollment Committee.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #11 made by Greg Ballew and 2nd by Barbara Ann Warren

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council will support a Dowagiac Little League Team for one year at \$250.00. We will also look into supporting other teams in the service area.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #12 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Dan Rapp

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council gives Sharon House a deadline date of February 26, 1998, to produce tangible results on a Gaming Ordinance. Council directs Marchell Wesaw to carry out proper correspondence.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 1 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #13 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Julie Stauffer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Pokagon Band Elders Hall Use Agreement as presented today and amended today on an interim basis pending input from Elder's Council.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #14 made by Kevin Daugherty and Greg Ballew

WHEREAS: The Grand Kankakee Marsh was one of the great wetland and wildlife habitats of the world prior to American settlement;

WHEREAS: The Kankakee Marsh is part of the historic Potawatomi estate;

WHEREAS: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is dedicated to both the preservation of its heritage and protecting the welfare of its people;

AND WHEREAS: The Pokagon Band considers the health of its community to be connected to the health of its environment,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians supports the Kankakee Marsh Restoration Project.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #15 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Greg Ballew

WHEREAS: The Grand Kankakee Marsh was one of the great wetland and wildlife habitats of the world prior to American settlement;

WHEREAS: The Kankakee Marsh is part of the historic Potawatomi estate;

WHEREAS: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is dedicated to both the preservation of its heritage and protecting the welfare of its people;

AND WHEREAS: The Pokagon Band considers the health of its community to be connected to the health of its environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band opposes the establishment of the proposed Lake County, IN. Landfill until an environmental assessment can be performed to determine the potential damage by the landfill to the Kankakee River wetlands;

AND FURTHERMORE: The Pokagon Band opposes the establishment of the landfill until an archeological survey can be made to determine the extent and significance of any pre-contact village and burial sites at this location.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #16 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Dan Rapp

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to send Mike Wesaw and Julie Stauffer to Washington D.C. for the NCAI Conference and lobbying efforts February 22-24. Hotel, per diem, and airfare to be picked up by Tribal Council.

FURTHERMORE: Mike Wesaw is attending as Tribal Finance Director and Julie Stauffer as Tribal Council Representative.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #17 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Dan Rapp

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to send Paula Winchester Geer and Kelly Curran to Bill Helmich's "Maintaining Personnel Files" training in Reno, Nevada on March 10-13. Costs include tuition, airfare, hotel and per diem totaling \$1787.00.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #18 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Greg Ballew

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council shall form a Bereavement Committee with Paula Winchester Geer as the Chair, to work in cooperation with the Emergency Fund Committee.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 1 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #19 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Brian Morseau

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council directs Kelly Curran to pick up Personal Planners for Tribal Council members.

FURTHERMORE: Council members are charged with recording all their activities in the Personal Planners that they carry out in their official capacity starting February 16, 1998.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED



**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 1998**

RESOLUTION #1 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Robert J. Moody, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Executive Board agrees to send Donald Sumners and Marie Wesaw to "Career Expo 98," in Mt. Pleasant, MI. along with 9 high school students on February 26-27. Costs include hotel, meals, and lodging along with the use of a GSA vehicle.

ALL IN FAVOR: 3 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

POKAGON BAND HEALTH SERVICES

Contract Health Services

If you are experiencing slow payments to your providers for your CHS accounts, give Lois Wesaw, Pam Mersereau or Christine Daugherty a phone call at **(616) 782-4141** or **(888) 440-1234**. If after business hours, you can leave a message on our answering machine and someone will return your call as soon as we are able.

IF you are receiving bills at your home, our office most likely is not receiving those bills. We have asked the providers to send the bills directly to our office, but too often this does not happen. Send your bills into our office or bring them in yourself so that we can process these for you. Without the bills or your insurance (if you have insurance) Explanation of Benefits forms we cannot process payments for you, so send these in or bring these in as soon as you get them. We want to pay your pre-approved CHS accounts.

Contract Health Services and Tribal Enrollment Cards

Enrollment cards are being sent to members through the mail! On your enrollment card you will read the notice: This member may be eligible for Contract Health Services. Call **1-888-440-1234** for verification. This notice is intended to help our CHS eligible clients when they access pre-approved CHS health services. Or in cases of extreme emergency care. The enrollment card does not automatically signify that a client is enrolled or eligible for CHS, members still must be entered into the Patient Registration system, must live within the 10-county Contract Health Service Delivery Area, and must seek prior approval through our office for each health care visit to receive CHS benefits. Call our office for more details.

Twin Cities Optical

We have over 140 eyewear frames to choose from. On Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Trish Williams and Susan Beavers are here to help you choose suitable and attractive eyewear according to your optician's prescription. When necessary, Susan and Trish can arrange other times to suit your scheduling

requirements. Call for program guidelines.

Health Board Vacancy

The purpose of the Board is to help develop or implement policy for the Pokagon Potawatomi Health Services. The Pokagon Band Potawatomi Health Board is seeking names of Band members who are interested in serving on the Health Board. A health care or human services background is preferred but is not necessary. Anyone interested in volunteering for consideration for Council appointment to this Board please contact Christine Daugherty or Patricia Wattles at the Health Office. You may also pass your name, address and phone number along to any Tribal Council member by April 23, 1998.

Submitted by,
Christine Daugherty
IHS Director



AA MEETINGS

AA meetings are held
Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.
at Sacred Heart of Mary Church,
Silver Creek.
Please feel welcome to attend.
If you have any questions, call
(616) 782-1142

POKAGON SOCIAL SERVICES

Commodity Food Distribution Program (FDP):

Our FDP underwent a technical assistance visit on February 11-13 by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. It consisted of a review of our inventory management, warehousing, computer training, and an inspection of files (random five) to examine household application and certification procedure. The third day concluded with an exit conference to discuss the evaluation findings. Overall, it was a positive review but deficiencies were located in several areas of the certification/eligibility process. We must now respond with corrective action and expect a follow up visit by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to review the action taken.

Staff are working diligently to make these corrections and need cooperation from the participants to do so. Participants will receive notification by mail indicating when it is time for renewal. To expedite this process, please bring the required documents for proof of income and/or other verification to update your case.

Another area of concern is dual participation. **Dual participation in the Pokagon Band Commodity Food Distribution Program and Food Stamp Program is illegal and subject to possible fraud charges and/or losing benefits of both programs until the matter is resolved.** This information is written on the application, posted in the food commodities building and staff verbally reminds participants. As a preventive measure, we are required to cross-check participants with the Family Independence Agency and unfortunately as a result, some participants have been disqualified from the program.

As you can see, the program underwent an in-depth review. Food Commodities staff and the Social Services Director are working to serve the needs of tribal members as well as satisfy regulations of the USDA. The USDA is the major funding source of this program and our compliance with these regulations is essential for future funding.

To improve accessibility, we are also reviewing the Commodity Food Distribution Program building hours to determine the need to adjust the schedule to better suit your needs.

Current schedule:

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

Saturday 8am - 12:30pm

Sunday Closed

If you have any questions about your certification or need to make special arrangements to pick up your commodities, please contact John Miller, FDP Site Supervisor at **888-281-1111**. I welcome your suggestions for improving our food commodities program and can be reached at **800-517-0777**.

Notice of changes to Emergency Funds:

1. As of March 2, 1998, all applications for emergency funds will be taken to the Emergency Fund Committee meetings on Mondays at 10am. **No determinations will be made by phone except for requests for funeral assistance.** This will improve the review process by allowing committee members time to consider all information submitted with the request.
2. As of November 20, 1997, Tribal Council passed a resolution to "remove the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) from the Emergency Fund Program and let it stand alone." Since that time, all energy assistance is provided through LIHEAP. Eligibility is based on income, and the participant is responsible for providing proof of 30-day income and vendor information to qualify for assistance.
3. As of October 1, 1997, the Emergency Fund Program is only available to enrolled Pokagon Band members located within the 10 county service area. At that time, there was a change in funding from the general fund to '638 monies' (federal fund); therefore, federal guidelines apply, which limits eligibility to the service area.

Submitted by,

Linda A. Mangus,
Social Services Director

SOCIAL SERVICES

Attention All Pokagon Band Members!!
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE CANCELED!

On Monday, March 23, I was told by Gerald Parish from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) that, on April 1, 1998, the Down Payment Assistance Program will no longer be funded by the BIA. This came as a big shock to me because there was no mention of it in the new Rules and Regulations published on March 2. It is because of the revisions to the rules and procedures governing the Housing Improvement Program that the Down Payment Assistance program was canceled. So until further notice this program is officially closed.

I am also trying to start up a credit counseling seminar once a week, either at the administration building or at the elders hall. This would be a great time to start to get all of your questions answered about what needs to be done to clear up your credit history. This is the number one problem most of us have when it comes to buying a home. So if you think you would like to attend, call and let me know. This will also benefit anyone who might want to buy a home on the reservation when we start to put up housing. It is a chance to clean up your credit and learn to manage your money, so your dream of owning your own home will come true. So call me at 800-517-0777 and let me know if you're interested in this program.

If you have any other questions about this or housing repair and renovation, give me a call.

Keith White
HIP Coordinator



FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS SEMINAR

Keith White (HIP Coordinator) set up a seminar for people interested in buying a home, and not sure where to start the process.

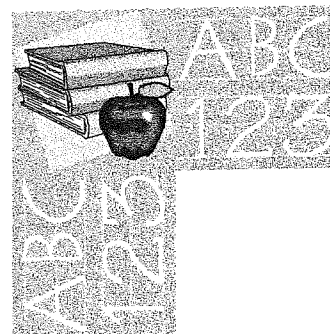
Four people from different agencies explained various programs that help low to moderate income leveled families obtain homes. If people do not qualify for those programs, there was advice on how to qualify for commercial loans.

The advice ranged from various agencies that could help to the cleaning up of credit records. The presenters stressed the importance of a solid credit rating when anyone goes to buy a home.

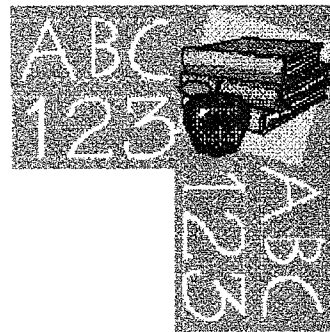
Some of the presentations addressed the hidden problems or pitfalls that first time home buyers go through. There are hidden costs along with issues many people don't associate with owning a home. The presenters offered assistance or recommended some information people should gather before they even start searching for a new home.

April 1998

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 Elders Luncheon Business Meeting 11 am Elders Hall	3	4
5	6 Youth Drumming & Regalia Elders Hall Health Board 5:30 p.m. IHS	7 Personnel Committee 5 p.m. Administration	8 Education Committee 7 p.m. Education Dept.	9 Tribal Council Meeting 7 p.m. Elders Hall	10 Offices Close at 12:00 p.m.	11 Tribal Council Meeting Held April 9, 1998
12	13 Youth Drumming & Regalia South Bend	14	15 TAX DAY	16	17	18 Peace Shield Teaching Elders Hall
19	20 Youth Drumming & Regalia Elders Hall Health Board 5:30 p.m. IHS	21 Personnel Committee 5 p.m. Administration	22	23 Elders Easter Lunch 11 am Elders Hall Council Meeting 7 p.m. Elders Hall	24	25
26	27 Youth Drumming & Regalia South Bend	28	29	30		



EDUCATION REPORT



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

Education Committee Meeting

The next Education Committee meeting will be Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Department, 901 Spruce Street, Dowagiac, MI. Meetings are open to the membership.

Scholarship Program - Summer Sessions

The Bureau of Indian Affairs requires us to have a separate application for summer college sessions. Application packets have been developed and are now available by calling the Education Department at 616-782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234. Please leave your name and address with Lucinda, and we will mail you the application materials. Funds are available for part-time and full-time summer attendance.

Reminder - Students seeking financial aid for Spring and/or summer sessions must complete 1997-98 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) if they have not done so already.

Scholarship Program for 1998-1999 Award Year

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now available at the financial aid office of colleges and universities. You will use your 1997 Federal 1040 to complete your FAFSA for 1998-99. If you are a dependent student as defined by federal regulations, you will also need to use your parent's Federal 1040. Make photocopies of these documents before mailing the originals. If selected for verification, you may need to bring copies to your college's financial aid office. All students must apply for FAFSA prior to applying for the Pokagon Band Scholarship.

Vocational Scholarships Available

The Tribe funds student participation in accredited vocational programs and/or courses. For example: we have funded a computer repair program, beautician training, and paralegal courses. It is a great opportunity to obtain marketable job skills without attending a traditional college. Students must apply for the institute's available financial aid before applying for the Pokagon scholarship. The tribal scholarship will cover unmet financial need up to \$1000.00. Continued funding is based on satisfactory progress as well as unmet need.

Scholarship Search Services

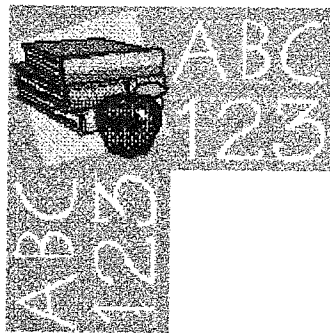
Five FREE scholarship search services are available on the Internet. These sources will identify scholarships based upon your personal characteristics such as academic standing, enrollment plans, colleges, major, career goals, memberships in clubs, etc. They can be accessed at www.finaid.org. You should search at least three of the five databases as information is not always duplicated: FastWEB, CollegeNET MACH 25, ExPAN Scholarship Search (FUND FINDER), SRN Express, and Sallie Mae/CASHE (College Aid Sources for Higher Education). These searches merely identify potential scholarship sources. You must write to each source to request application materials.

Jody Palmer
Education Director

POKAGON BOOKS FOR SALE

*The Pokagons 1633-1983
by James Clifton
are for sale to membership.*

*The price is \$8 for any Pokagon Band member.
If you are interested in purchasing a book, please
contact the Administration Office at
(616) 782-8998 or
1-800-517-0777*



EDUCATION REPORT

Youth Culture and Drumming Class

This is a time to get together to share and learn about our Native American culture. Activities include regalia making, drumming, dancing, cooking & more.

Michigan Location

Elders Hall
53237 Townhall Road
Dowagiac, MI
Mondays
April 6, 20
May 4

Indiana Location

South Bend Regional Museum of Art
Century Center
120 S. St. Joseph
South Bend, IN
Mondays
April 13, 27
May 11

Tutoring Help

Tutoring is available for all students. We can help you with your research papers and projects too. We can put you in contact with tutors in your area, or you can come to a tutoring session.

Mondays & Wednesdays

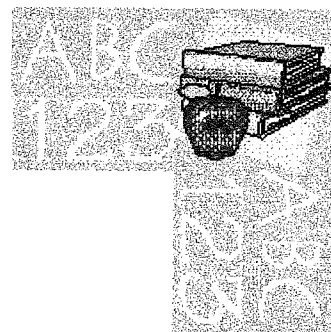
Education Department
Dowagiac
Please call for an appointment.

Thursdays

Notre Dame Campus
Center for Social Concern 7-8:30 p.m.

Summer Opportunities

American Indian Workshop in Biology, Computers,



& **Geology** Michigan Technological University, August 9-15 Grades 6-9. Application due on June 6.

Native American Environment Awareness Summer Youth Practicum

Evergreen, Colorado June 17-27, Grade 10-12, sponsored by the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Application due on April 17.

King Chavez Parks Extended College Day Programs
Central Michigan University Applications due April 30.

June 21-25

1. Objibwe History & Traditions - for middle school students
2. Teaching as a Career- for high school students
3. Life Skills- for middle school students

June 28- July 2

1. Diversity, Peace, & Healing- for high school students.
2. Native American Concepts in Science & Technology for middle school students.

July 5-July 10

1. Preview to Engineering- for middle school students. Applications for summer programs available through the Education Department.

Youth Class- Ancient Peace Shield Teaching

Saturday, April 18 12-4 p.m., Elders Hall (with a pot-luck)

John Morseau will present the "Ancient Peace Shield" teachings to the youth as a Special Saturday youth culture class.

Any questions? Please contact the Education Office at 1-888-330-1234.

Submitted by,
Marie Wesaw and
Don Summers

ELDERS REPORT

ELDERS COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 5, 1998 - 11:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:15 am.

Invocation was given by Clarence White.

Roll Call

Present: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Clarence White, Mary Jo Morris, Mary Church, Rachel Daugherty

Attendance: 28 Elders

Guests: David Alexis, Community Development Director, Linda Mangus, Social Services Director Yvonne (Petey) Boehm, CHR,

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the agenda of February 5, 1998. Bill Klemm, Sr, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 1998. Georgia Davidson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Loretta Yount passed out the language questionnaire sheets for Jo Ellen who couldn't make it. Membership is to fill these out before they leave.

Petey Boehm explained the exercise program to the Elders. The program will start February 11.

Joe Winchester's report on the Inter-Tribal meeting in Mt. Pleasant on January 15, 1998 was passed out to Membership. Joe stated that the Summer MIEA Meeting will be held August 6th and 7th. Kevin Chamberlain, Chairman of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has verbally committed to host the meeting to coincide with their annual Pow Wow.

Clarence White gave his report on the Forest County Potawatomi Gathering at Carter, Wisconsin. Their next Gathering will be hosted by the Huron Band at Athens, Michigan. This is set for August 14-16, 1998. Marge Moody stated that 29 people signed up for the Harrahs Riverboat trip in Joliet, IL February 19, 1998. Gerald Wesaw stated there will be a MIEA Conference in

Watersmeet, MI, April 14th & 15th.

Loretta stated that the Lansing Elders will wait and come to a luncheon in the spring.

There is a sign-up sheet for the Elders craft table at the Red Road Pow Wow.

Membership concerns- I.D, cards and trips,

Announcements - Casino trip to Joliet, IL on February 19; leave 9:30 A.M. and meet behind Old Kent Bank, Dowagiac.

Luncheon volunteers for March are Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gibson and Mr. & Mrs. Vic Starrett.

Ticket sale volunteers for March are Pat Klemm & Mary Jo Morris.

Next Elders Council Business Meeting & Luncheon is March 5, 1998, Elders Hall - 11:00 A.M.

Rae Daugherty made a motion to adjourn and Marge Moody seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Mary Jo Morris
Elders Council Secretary

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Sinisqua's (Viola Graverette) family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and help in our time of need. We would like to especially say THANK YOU to all the employees of the Pokagon Band for all the homemade dishes they contributed to the luncheon. Me gwetch! Eagle Lake Singers for the fine singing. Mom would have been proud. Me gwetch! Butch and Paul, Jr. for your services. Mom enjoyed listening to her nephews preach the word of Wis kay. For those of you who know our mother, her dream and desire was to bring back the Potawatomi language, so I encourage you to learn and teach children our language, only then will our Mother's dream become reality.

Moses, Val, Lucinda,
Gregory and Grand and
Great Grandchildren



April 2-5 **4th Annual Anishinaabe Language Conference Sault Ste. Marie, MI** Kewadin Casinos & Convention. Call (705)772-3543. Ext. 198.

April 4-5 **NASO 9th Annual Pow Wow Western Michigan University Arena, Kalamazoo, MI**
For trader info, call Doug Craven (616)388-4134 or NASO office (616)387-2279.

April 9 **American Indian Symposium 98: Promoting a Healthy Circle Eberhard CenterGrand Rapids, MI.** Call Levi Rickert (616)336-4194.

April 23-25 **Gathering of Nations Pow Wow Albuquerque, N. Mexico UNM Arena.** Call (505)836-2810

April 24-26 **10th Annual CMU Pow Wow Mt. Pleasant, MI Finch Fieldhouse.** For info, call (517)774-2508. For trader info, call Ann Danielski (517)774-3945.

April 25-26 **American Indian Council, 7th Annual Traditional Pow Wow Lebanon, IN Boone County 4-H Community Bldg.** Contact Susie Deem (317)545-5057 or Nancy Malaterre (765)482-3315

April 25 **American Indian Festival Algonac, MI Algonac Elementary School.** Parade, Pow Wow. Call Sharon Kota at (810)984-3101 x337

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AT ELDERS HALL THURSDAY APRIL 9, 1998 7:00 p.m.

The tribal council meeting is being re-scheduled for Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. because of the Easter holiday. Tribal Council holds its business meeting the fourth Thursday of each month.

The Silver Creek Plaza is located on 901 Spruce St., between Burger King and Subway. To fax anything to Tribal Council or Public Relations, please use (616) 782-4573.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TONI WESAW MCDONALD

April 19 33 and catching up with me! All my love, Sis! Kim

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

KIM WESAW STEPHENSON

April 4 The big 35!

I love you, Randy

HAPPY 4th BIRTHDAY

MARAH STARRETT

Love, Dad, Mom, Khitt, Taylor and Becky
**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTH
OF ABIGALE SINIS TAYLOR**
7 lbs., 12 oz.

Today you are blessed with your beautiful baby girl. May her feet be to the east, her right hand to the south, her head to the west, her left hand to the north. May she walk and dwell on Mother Earth peacefully. (Child blessing prayer) Your family can't wait to get their hands on SINISQUA and spoil her rotten.

Love y'all, Grandma Val, Papa, Nana, Uncle Charles, and Auntie and Uncle Smith, John and Crystal

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTH OF ERIN PAIGE

February 22, 1998

8 lbs. 2 oz.

Kris, Diana, Kara Genereaux Love,
your family

HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY

MICHAEL JAMES

April 27

Love, Grandma & Grandpa
Winchester, Uncle Jeff, Uncle Erik,

Aunt Melissa and Daddy

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

WAYNE A. WESAW

March 9

Your Eldest, Kim

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BRIANNA MUSSELS

2 Years Old

February 14

Love, Aunt Carol and all of us

APRIL 20, 1998

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please submit the newsletter articles to
Maureen Shagonaby
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Please submit birthdays to appear
on the birthday calendar by the 20th.

NEWSLETTER NOTICE

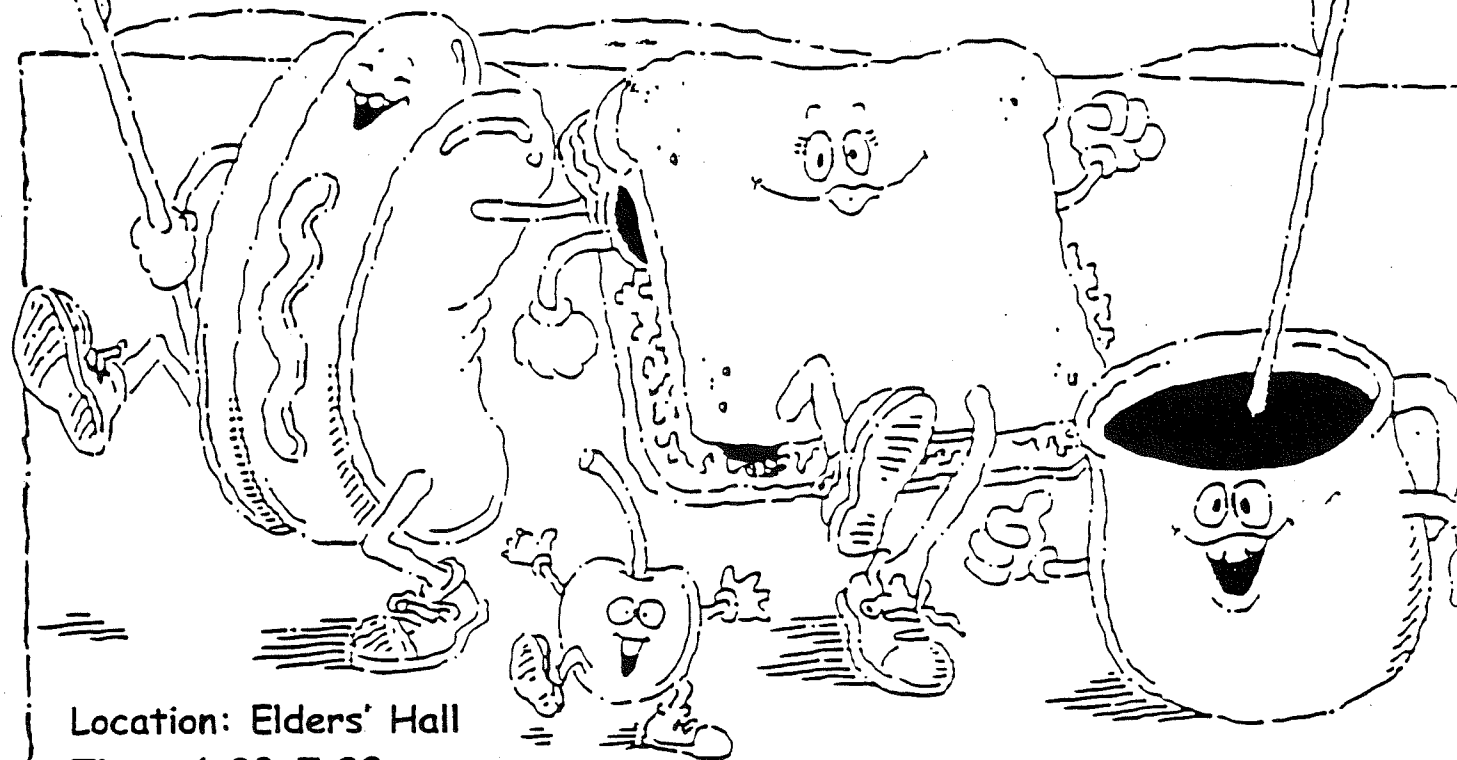
The Pokagon Band Administration Office has changed the mailing system. It has been brought to our attention that many of the out of state members did not receive their newsletters. We apologize for the inconvenience, and we will try to work the kinks out of the new system. If you know of family or friends who do not receive the newsletter, please have them contact the office at 800-517-0777.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you move or change your address, please contact the Enrollment Office. There are forms available through that office.

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Family Nutrition Classes



Location: Elders' Hall
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

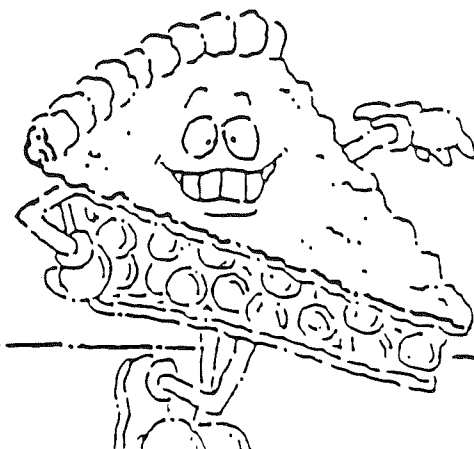
Topics

- April 2 Starting With the Basics
- April 9 The Food Guide Pyramid and Cooking Demo
- April 16 Menu Planning & Making the Most of Your Food Dollars
- April 30 Understanding Food Labels and Cooking Demo
- May 7 Food Safety
- May 14 Choosing Healthy Snacks

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5 Carl Vincent Wesaw	6 Scott Zimmerman	7 Kathie Grigsby	8	9	10	11 Ricky Wesaw Cathy Wesaw	
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