

# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

*"The Pokagons Tell It"*



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## HEALTH FAIR TURN OUT POOR

The health fair held on March 28, 1998 in Dowagiac suffered from low attendance. Despite that, those who did participate were treated to a relaxing afternoon.

The fair was done in conjunction with the Cass County Health Department and was aimed at tribal men, however women were also welcome to take part in the event. There were cholesterol checks, tests for blood pressure and sugar levels. Staff was on hand to do vision and hearing tests, and to administer EKGs.

Once members finished with the hard stuff, the relaxation started. There was acupuncture for stress, massages and martial arts lessons. Although some people had to be convinced to try acupuncture, most came out feeling very relaxed. Clarence White also led talking circles for any members that chose to participate in it.

After members got tested, the health staff could then refer members to see their physicians if need be. Some in attendance agreed this type of health fair may have saved them a trip to the doctor. The Health Department also gave away a variety of prizes, including gift certificates from local businesses, a Pendleton blanket and t-shirts.

There were several booths set up from area services. There was a nutritionist with several pamphlets and tips for improving eating habits. There was also a CPR exhibit complete with the dummy.

The staff provided a nutritious lunch and the drawings for the various prizes were the entertainment.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
P. O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

## ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

As we come out of the winter months and work into warmer weather, the Tribal administration is undergoing some changes. A major change is the relocation of the food commodities site. The new site is about four miles north of the current site, at the former Michigan Liquor Control Commission building. It offers much needed space and is setup better for the handling of products. The extra space will allow the expansion of the program and may even be used to provide some much needed office space.

Your administrative staff is also expanding. As we grow, we will offer more services to the membership and improve the services that we currently offer. During expansion, we often find ourselves searching for qualified individuals. Currently, there are several positions open and our hiring policy provides preference to Pokagon Band members. If you know of anybody that is qualified for a position and is willing to work for the Band, please urge him or her to contact Paula in the Personnel office.

There are also many jobs available in the community at large. These are posted in the Social Services office. Mr. Mike Zimmerman is our training specialist and he would welcome the opportunity to help any Tribal member become gainfully employed. Feel free to stop in and see what he can do for you.

I am presently working with our Community Developer and the Tribal Council in developing a Tribal plan. We are reviewing and helping to develop mission statements for the various departments and committees. Once the missions have been developed we can begin work on developing the details of both a one-year plan and a five-year plan. As things grow and develop, the Tribal administration must keep up. The staffing and organizing must be integrated into the plan and all areas must be coordinated or the plan will not be effective.

I would also welcome any comments or suggestions that the membership may have on improving the delivery of services. Please write them down and send them to my attention. I will be happy to review them and incorporate them into the day to day operations, if they will help us to serve the membership better. I would emphasize that any suggestion that is to be incorporated into the operation of the Tribal administration must improve services equally to all membership. We also

must adhere to the regulations that come attached to the service dollars-regardless of how senseless they may seem.

In closing, I would like to urge all membership to take an active part in the operation of the Pokagon Band. I have attended many Tribal Council meetings and have noticed that I see the same few people in attendance. Your input is valuable and necessary to the operation of the Tribe in the best interest of all membership. I understand that the membership is quite large. However, I have met only a handful of them. I would like to meet more and would encourage all to stop into my office and introduce yourselves.



### 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**

## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 14, 1998

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council directs John Warren and David Alexis to continue to pursue an archeological survey of Leopold Pokagon's Village Site near the St. Joseph River at the Indiana/Michigan border and to pursue the feasibility of placing this site and other potential sites on the National Register of Historic Places, in cooperation with Notre Dame and the Eiteljorg Museum; and,

**Furthermore:** John Warren and David Alexis shall work with the Resource Development Department to pursue funding for this project.

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

**RESOLUTION #2 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Mike Wesaw**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the recommendation of Gerald Wesaw and Rachel Daugherty to be the Elders Attendees to the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs.

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

**RESOLUTION #3 made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd Dan Rapp**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council adopts Request for Statement of Qualifications as presented by Keith White and Mike Wesaw.

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

**RESOLUTION #4 made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Barbara Ann Warren**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council allow Mike Wesaw and Sonny Miller to negotiate and bring back to Tribal Council a lease on the building located at 52366 M-51 North for the new USDA location.

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

**RESOLUTION #5 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Wayne Holleman**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council directs John Warren and David Alexis to continue to investigate the authenticity of the treaty and deed documents in the Wisconsin collection; and, **FURTHERMORE:** Tribal Council directs John Warren and David Alexis to pursue the possibility of purchasing the documents for the Tribal archives.

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

**RESOLUTION #6 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council authorizes the establishment of a separate Elders budget of \$50,000 per annum to be utilized at the discretion of the Elders Council. The Tribe will continue to fund the Elders' Coordinator's wage and benefits and overhead costs as provided in the 638 contract.

**FURTHERMORE:** The Band will continue to fund the monthly Elders stipend.

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

**RESOLUTION #7 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Tribal Council approves the proposal to the Administration for Native American's entitled, "The Pokagon Potawatomi Language Preservation Project".

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

**RESOLUTION #8** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council certifies that the preliminary number of Pokagon Band families that are perceived eligible for the Housing Improvement Program for funding year 1999 is 284 families.

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

**RESOLUTION #9** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the proposal to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Program for the "Pokagon Band Housing Rehabilitation and Preservation Project".

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

**RESOLUTION #10** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Tom Wesaw

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the Executive Board decision for the reduction of the ANA Budget.

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

**RESOLUTION #11** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council hereby grants the Health Director approval to send Rebecca Price, to the "Injury Prevention Course Level II" to be conducted April 6-10, 1998 in Tucson, Arizona. Costs include per diem, hotel and airfare totaling \$981.00.

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

**RESOLUTION #12** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council directs the Health Director to forward the letter prepared by our legal council to Congressman Fred Upton to request an expansion of our Contract Health Service Delivery Area.

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

**RESOLUTION #13** made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council authorizes the Education Department to send four staff people to the Michigan Indian Education Critical Issues Conference in Sault Ste. Marie on March 26-28, 1998. Costs will include registration, lodging, per diem and GSA transportation.

ALL IN FAVOR: 6      OPPOSED: 1      ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 2 CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #14** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council authorizes the Education Department to send up to three staff people to the Fourth Annual Anishnabe Language Conference in Sault Ste. Marie on April 2-6, 1998. Costs will include registration, lodging, per diem and GSA transportation.

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

**RESOLUTION #15** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Barbara Ann Warren

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council authorizes the Vice Chairman to sign Real Estate Agreements involving Realtor Bob Moody, Sr. Vice Chairman replacing the Chairman in this process due to conflict-of-interest.

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

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 31, 1998**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Executive Committee approves Vice-Chair Dan Rapp signing the letter of intent for lease of the proposed new commodities building, in the absence of the Chair, along with Secretary Kevin Daugherty.

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Executive Committee approves the travel of David Alexis and Keith White to Chicago on April 9, 1998 to meet with HUD.

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



**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 26, 1998**

**RESOLUTION #1** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Dan Rapp

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Christine Daugherty and JoEllen Leith to a Diabetes Grant Workshop in Rhinelander, WI on April 8th, 1998. Costs include per diem, lodging, and the use of a GSA vehicle.

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

**RESOLUTION #2** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Dan Rapp

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Lois Wesaw and Christine Daugherty to a Seminar on Children's Health Insurance Program to be held in Chicago, IL on April 8 & 9. Christine to attend only April 9. Costs include per diem, lodging, registration and hotel.

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

**RESOLUTION #3** made by Greg Ballew and 2nd by Mike Wesaw

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to submit the C.A.R.F. application with proper signatures and application fee for the required inspection.

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

**RESOLUTION #4** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council accepts the Personnel Committee's recommendation to change the Accounting Manager's job description and re-post the position.

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

**RESOLUTION #5** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Barbara Ann Warren

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the regular scheduled meeting for April 11

to be held Thursday, April 9th at 7:00p.m., due to the holiday.

**ALL IN FAVOR: 6   OPPOSED: 3   ABSENT: 1   ABSTAIN: 1   CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #6** made by Greg Ballew and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Holleman

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council shall proceed with feasibility studies and negotiations for alternate gaming sites.

**ALL IN FAVOR: 10   OPPOSED: 0   ABSENT: 0   ABSTAIN: 1   CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #7** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Mike Wesaw

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council chooses the Hartford area as one of its potential alternate gaming sites.

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

**RESOLUTION #8** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council authorizes the use of John Jacobson as legal counsel of record for those tribal members who have been or will be subpoenaed for deposition in the lawsuit between PDC and Harrahs.

**ALL IN FAVOR: 6   OPPOSED: 0   ABSENT: 1   ABSTAIN: 4   CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION # 9** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Legal Counsel is authorized to reply to the draft MOU received on March 12th, 1998; and, **FURTHERMORE:** Legal Counsel is also authorized to set a deadline of April 15th, 1998 for finalization of the MOU.

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

**RESOLUTION #10** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council adopt the Policy and Procedures as outlined by Christine Daugherty in her memo dated March 14, 1998, for the dispensing of eyewear through Twin Cities Optical.

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

**RESOLUTION #11** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Brian Morseau

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Ginny Wesaw, Lucinda Graverette Smith, Loraine Gideon, Kim Falk, Jeffrey Riley, and Kelly Curran to The 1998 Conference for Tribal Secretaries and Administrative Assistants held in Anaheim, California from April 18-23. Costs include per diem, airfare, lodging, and registration estimated at \$6001.95.

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

**RESOLUTION #12** made by Mike Wesaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Daugherty

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Linda Mangus, Marchell Wesaw, and Jodie Palmer to the Indian Child Welfare Act: Rights and Procedures Seminar to be held April 15-18 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Costs to include airfare, per diem, lodging and registration estimated at \$3900.00.

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

**RESOLUTION #13** made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council authorizes sending Council members Kevin Daugherty, Barbara Ann Warren and staff member, Maureen Shagonaby to attend Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes meeting in Washington D.C. April 27-May 1, 1998. Final budget for trip to be approved at next Council meeting.

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

**RESOLUTION #14** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Brian Morseau

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council authorizes the USDA program to move to new building at 52636 M-51 North in Dowagiac, Michigan. All contracts and negotiations will come back to Council for final approval.

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

**RESOLUTION #15** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Mike Wesaw

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RSOLVED:** Tribal Council accept the bid for PA System from J & P Computer Services, Inc. as presented by Sonny Miller on 336-98.

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

**RESOLUTION #16** made by Greg Ballew and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council shall receive a copy of each mailing from every department.

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

**RESOLUTION #17** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Mike Wesaw

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council will pursue the property on Marcellus Highway at auction on March 30, 1998 with a top bid of \$500.00 an acre.

**FURTHERMORE:** The Band shall pursue at least the 5 parcels without the home.

**FURTHERMORE:** The Band shall provide its agent at the auction with a check to cover the 10% down payment should the Band's bid be accepted.

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
AT ELDERS HALL  
THURSDAY  
MAY 9, 1998  
10:00 a.m.**

The tribe will provide lunch. Tribal Council holds its business meeting the fourth Thursday of each month.

***If Anyone Is Interested In  
Receiving A Full Set Of The  
Minutes, Please Contact  
Kelly Curran  
At The  
Administration Office.  
(616) 782-8998 or  
1-800-517-0777***

## POKAGON BAND HEALTH SERVICES

### Contract Health Services

The Health Office is trying to get all providers' bills current. If you are experiencing slow payments to your providers for your CHS accounts, call Lois Wesaw, Pam Mersereau or Christine Daugherty at (616) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234. After business hours, you can leave a message on our answering machine and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IF** you are receiving bills at your home, our office most likely is not receiving those bills. We 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.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR EOBs IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO.** If you have questions, call the health office. We will be happy to try to help you.

### 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.

Submitted by,  
Christine Daugherty  
IHS Director



## POKAGON BAND SOCIAL SERVICES

The Commodity FDP is moving this month and will **service participants out of the new building beginning May 1!** It is located two miles north (toward Decatur) on M-51, on the same side of the road as the old building. Look for the large yellow truck with the Pokagon Band sign on it. It will be parked in front of the building until a permanent sign is in place. This larger building will enable staff to service members efficiently and safely; and allow for opportunities to expand the program. More information on the new building will be in the next newsletter.

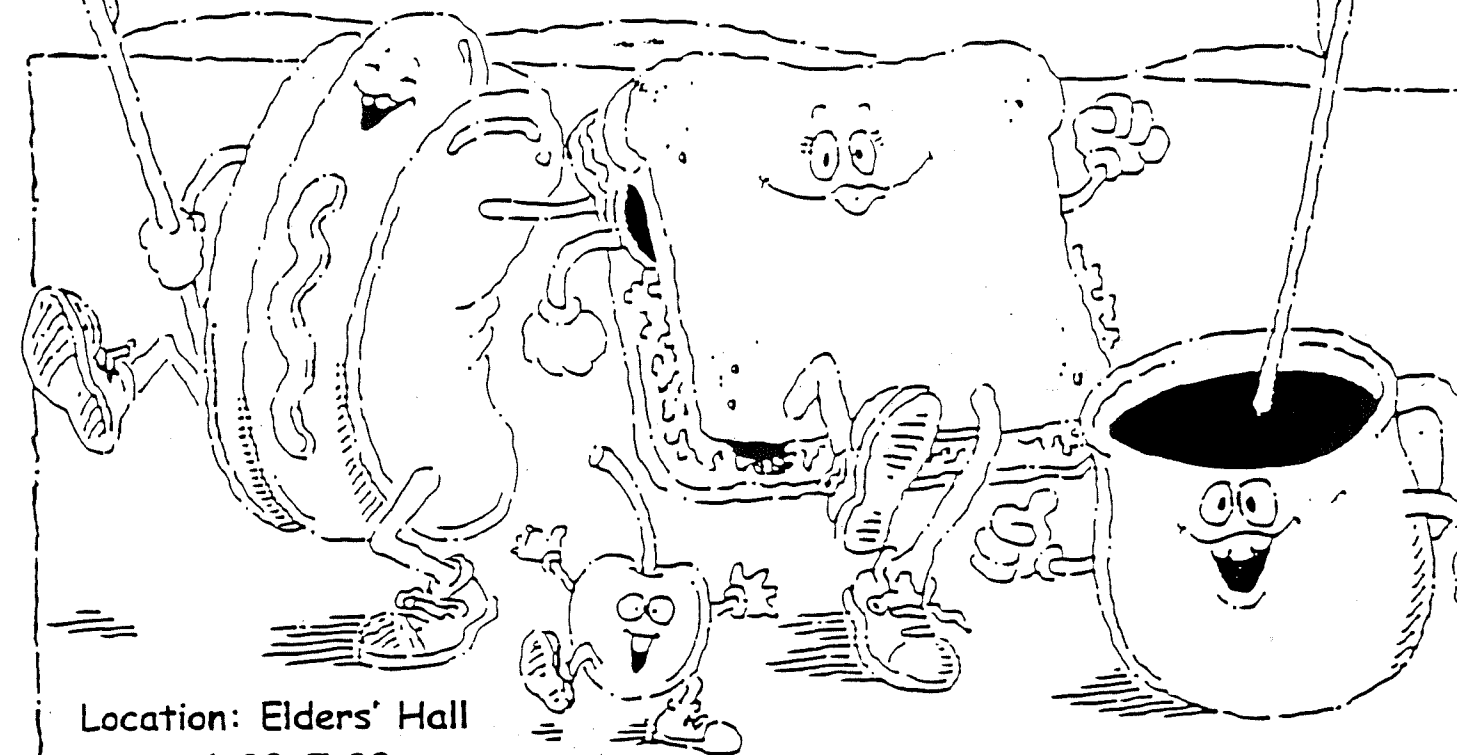
Reminder: We are required to cross-check Commodities FDP participants with Family Independence Agencies on a *monthly* basis to prevent dual participation. As a result, many participants have been disqualified from the program! **Dual participation in the Pokagon Band Commodity Food Distribution Program and Food Stamp Program is illegal and subject to possible fraud charges and/or losing benefits of both programs.** This notification is on the application and posted in the food commodities building. If you know family or friends who participate in the commodity program, please help us to remind them that they may not receive food stamps and food commodities, so that they will not be in a position to lose these benefits.

We are also reviewing the building hours to determine the need to adjust our schedule to better meet your needs. Specifically, we are looking at closing operation on Saturdays because of little or no activity on this day for the past five months. During the month of May, you will be asked your preferences about scheduling. Please express your need, so that we can adjust (or continue) accordingly. If you need to make special arrangements to get your commodities or have questions on the new building, please contact John Miller, FDP Site Supervisor at 888-281-1111 so we may accommodate your needs.

**Current schedule:**  
Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm  
Saturday 8am - 12:30pm  
Sunday Closed

**Reminder of changes to Emergency Funds:**

# Family Nutrition Classes



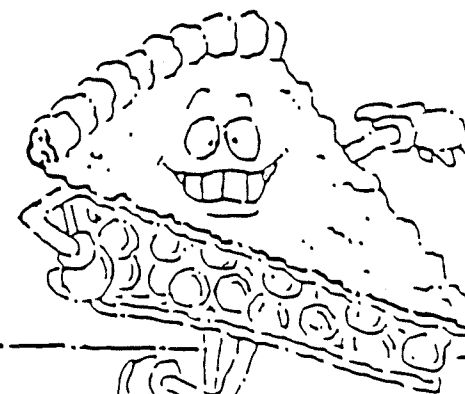
**Location:** Elders' Hall  
**Time:** 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Topics** April 30, May 7, May 14

Starting With the Basics  
The Food Guide Pyramid and Cooking Demo  
Menu Planning & Making the Most of Your Food Dollars  
Understanding Food Labels and Cooking Demo  
Food Safety  
Choosing Healthy Snacks

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## Computer Workshop Just for Kids!



Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Children will learn to use a computer as a learning tool.  
Children will use the Internet and educational programs.  
Don't forget the games! A variety of educational games will make learning fun for your children.

Snacks will be provided during breaks.  
Children should bring a brown-bag lunch and a smile.  
Please call to make reservations for your children.  
Limit 2 children (ages 8 to 18) per household.

Contact Robert Willis or Marie Wesaw  
at (616) 782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234

Parent(s) / Gaurdian(s),  
We ask that you respect the 2 children per household  
limitation. We only have 10 openings for this class, but we will  
make arrangements to provide for more children if necessary.

### May Computer Class Schedule Pre-register TODAY!

#### Day Classes

- ♦ Keyboarding, Windows 95 & Microsoft Word  
Monday thru Wednesday, 1:00 to 2:30pm

#### Night Classes

- ♦ Internet & Web Page Design  
Monday & Tuesday, 6:00 to 8:00pm  
(You must attend both nights!!!)
- ♦ Keyboarding & Word-processing  
Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00pm

Children will not be permitted to attend night classes without parent or guardian!  
Please contact Robert Willis at (616) 782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234

May 1998

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3	4 Youth Culture Classes 6:30-8 p.m. Elders Hall Health Board 5:30 p.m. IHS	5 Personnel Committee 5 p.m. Administration	6 Education Committee 7 p.m. Education Dept.	7 Elders Council & Lunch 11 AM Elders Hall Parents Meeting 6:30 p.m. Elders Hall	8	9 Tribal Council Meeting 10 AM Elders Hall
10	11 Youth Culture Class South Bend, IN 6:30-8 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16 Kids Computer Workshop 10 am to 2 pm Education Dept.
17	18 Youth Culture Classes 6:30-8 p.m. Elders Hall Health Board 5:30 p.m. IHS	19 Personnel Committee 5 p.m. Administration	20 Elders Field Trip Eiteljorg Museum Indianapolis Newsletter Deadline	21 Elders Council Meeting 11 AM Elders Hall	22	23
24	25 Closed for Memorial Day	26	27	28 Tribal Council Meeting 7 PM Elders Hall	29	30
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## POKAGON BAND SOCIAL SERVICES

1. As of March 2, 1998, all applications for emergency funds will be taken to the Emergency Fund Committee meetings on Mondays at 10 am. 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.

I welcome your suggestions for improving our Social Services Department and can be reached at 800-517 0777.

*Submitted by,  
Linda A. Mangus,  
Social Services Director*

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 build housing. You will have your credit cleaned up and know how to manage your money so you can have your dream come true of owning your own home. So call me at **800-517-0777** and let me know if you are interested in this program.

If you have any other questions about this or housing repair and renovation give me a call. I am also here for anyone who may have a question about a home project that you are doing yourself. If you don't qualify for the programs but need to find a contractor for a project around the home, please contact me.

*Keith White  
HIP Coordinator*

### RENOVATION AND REPAIR FUNDING

**I would like to remind those who qualify for any of the funding for repair and renovation. Just because there is a cap of \$35,000 per home doesn't mean that you will receive all of the funding at once. The funding is spent according to the availability of funds and the number of members on the waiting list. It may take a year or two to get all of your priority list done. Applications will be updated yearly,**

### REPAIR AND RENOVATION NEWS

**Attention All Pokagon Band Members!!**

**As of April 1, the Down payment assistance program has been eliminated until further notice.**

I am also trying to start up a credit counseling seminar once a week or every other week either at the administration building or at 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

### ELDERS REPORT

We are nearing warmer weather and it's time to plan what you want to do this summer. What do you want to see us do about meals?

Should we start to have cold luncheons and maybe eat more of the rabbit food? **LET US KNOW.** We may also want to try other activities such as arts and crafts or gathering old pictures, etc. Please contact Rita at **(616) 782-6323.**

The Elders Council and membership would like to say "Thank-you" to Bill Klemm for your contribution to the Elders Hall. He was kind enough to share the Totem Pole with everyone.

There are so many others to "THANK" who have supported the Elders and helped to make our program a success. Pokagon staff have donated their time; those who have helped cooked, and serve meals, and just gave us the help we needed so badly. Thanks to those who helped us with our food and supplies. We still need volunteers and ideas for our Elders program and luncheons. Let us know if you are interested in serving our Elders.

We would like to say to those who have recently been in the hospital, or are in the hospital now. "We send this get-well message that many thoughts and wishes are with you everyday, and hope you're feeling better and will soon be well to stay. Thinking of you" We have not seen some of you for quite sometime. Where are you? Give us a call. Let us know what you are doing, write us a note or give us a call. The Elders miss your presence.

Our Mission Statement, Ordinance and By-Laws have been completed. If you are interested in receiving a copy, give us a call. (616)782-6323. The Elders Council have put in long hours to try and make sure they fit the needs of the Elders today and in the future.

The Elders would like to say, "Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you." To those who have lost a loved one, we are so sorry. And to those we have missed in the past. They are not forgotten. Let us know if someone is the hospital or just not feeling well, someone who has passed on or someone who needs a cheery note. We want to include everyone because they are important to us. Call (616)782-6323.

*Submitted by  
Rita Yount*

## 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

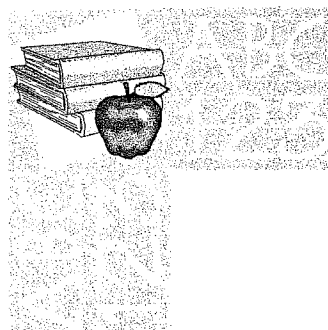
## RED ROAD POW WOW

Thank you to the volunteers that came and worked hard making this year's pow wow such a success!!! Behind the weekend's activities were people in the kitchen setting up, unloading groceries, etc., selling tickets, working at the gate, making tobacco bags and making sure that the parking lot stayed in shape! The committee appreciates all of you.

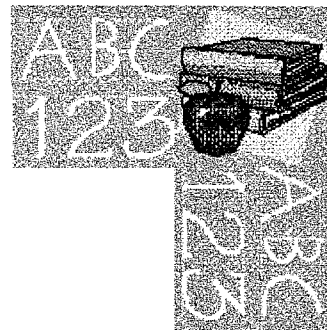
THANK YOU,  
ROBBIE HUFFMAN  
HOLLIS & KRISTIN LISKA  
ANDY JACKSON  
KAREN WINCHESTER  
JEANNIE MOLLET  
MARY JO MORRIS  
ANNIE BAXTER  
DEE DEE GUSTAFSON  
JAMIE WESAW  
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MARTHA MORSEAU  
JARED, JOSHUA & COREY PRICE  
LINDA & JENNY REGOLEAN  
JOE RILEY  
LARRY THOMAS

## SENIOR PICTURE NOTICE

With graduation just around the corner, the June newsletter will include pictures of Pokagon members who are set to graduate. Please include a little information about the student such as high school, family, interests and what they plan to do after graduation. Please send photos and bios to: P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
by MAY 20, 1998



## EDUCATION REPORT



### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

#### Youth Programs

#### Youth Culture & Drumming Classes

Youth and their families are invited to attend ongoing classes.

**Michigan Participants**  
Elders Hall  
53237 Townhall Road  
Dowagiac, MI

**Indiana Participants**  
South Bend Regional  
Museum of Art Century  
Center  
120 S. St. Joseph  
South Bend, IN

**Mondays**  
May 4 & 18  
June 15  
6:30-8 p.m.

**Mondays**  
May 11  
June 8  
6:30-8 p.m.

**Note: There will be no culture & drumming classes on May 25 & June 1**

#### Tutoring

Weekly tutoring is available at the Notre Dame campus in South Bend on Thursdays at 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the CSC building (behind the main library). Please contact the Education Department for directions.

#### Youth Council Meeting Date

All junior high and high school students are invited to join the youth council. Youth council provides young Native Americans with a chance to meet on a regular basis and share ideas, address common concerns, serve others and have fun together. The meeting time for May is: **Wednesday, May 27** from 7-9 p.m. at Elders Hall in Dowagiac.

#### Parents' Meeting

All parents/guardians of students in the youth programs are invited to attend the next parent meeting. Thursday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. at Elders Hall

#### Youth Roller Skating Party!

The Youth programs is sponsoring a roller skating party! Tentative date is Friday, May 15 from **5:15 7:15**. Please call the Education Department for exact date and location.

#### Head Start

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan has proposed expansion of their Head Start Program to include -Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. Jo Ellen Leith is helping gather the information they need to embody our service area. We also have the opportunity to begin an Early Start Program- for 0-3 year olds. The projected program start date is January/February, 1999. At this time, we are forming a list of families interested in participating in either program, Head Start for 3-5 year olds, Early Start for 0-3 year olds. If interested, please call the Education Department and leave your name, address, and phone number along with your child's name and age. 1-888/330-1234, 782-0887

#### Summer Youth Programs

The Youth Program Coordinators are working on filling the summer with many activities for the youth. Please watch the newsletter for information on culture and computer classes, field trips, camping opportunities, and youth council events. We also have information about many summer college programs that are available at little or no cost.

#### Elder Field Trip

We have arranged an educational field trip for the Elders on May 20, to the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis, Indiana. Education Department staff will accompany the Elders to the museum. The bus will be stopping to pick up Elders in Dowagiac and South Bend area. We do have limited seats available so please call to reserve one as soon as possible. Leave your name with Rita at Elders Hall, 1-616/782-6323, Lucinda in the Education Department, 1-888-330-1234.

*Jodie Palmer*

*Marie Wesaw and  
Donald Sumners*



# ELDERS REPORT

## POKAGON BAND ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 5, 1998 - 11:00 A.M.

Meeting was called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:10 A.M. Invocation was given by Clarence White.

### Roll Call

Present: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Clarence White, Mary Jo Morris, Mary Church, Rachel Daugherty  
Attendance: 27 Elders

Ann Zimmerman made a motion to approve the agenda of March 5, 1998; Bill Klemm, Sr. seconded the motion. All in favor 'aye', opposed 0. Motion carried.  
Bill Klemm, Sr. made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 1998; Rae Daugherty seconded the motion. All in favor 'aye', opposed 0. Motion carried.  
Resolution for Harrahs casino trip, Resolution #98-003, dated February 5, 1998, Resolution made by Marge Moody; seconded by Rae Daugherty.  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council would like to send up to thirty (30) Pokagon Elders; aged 60 and over to Harrahs Riverboat, Joliet, IL, February 19, 1998. Cost of \$15.00 per Elder includes bus and buffet; To be paid by the Elders Discretionary Budget Fund.  
All in favor: 6; opposed 0 RESOLUTION PASSED

Matthew Wesaw has been appointed by Governor Engler to the Michigan Commission of Indian Affairs. Matt would like the Elders Council to recommend two (2) Elders to set in as attendees.  
Resolution #98-004, dated March 2, 1998. Resolution made by Marge Moody; seconded by Mary Church.  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council recommend Gerald Wesaw and Rachel Daugherty to be the Elder Representatives to the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs.  
All in favor: 6; Opposed 0 RESOLUTION PASSED  
Amendment to Resolution #98-004, Resolution #98-005, dated March 5, 1998. Resolution made by Mary Jo Morris, seconded by Clarence White.  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council amend Resolution #98-004, changing the word Representatives to Attendees and the word on to of.  
All in favor: 6; Opposed 0 RESOLUTION PASSED

Loretta Yount's February report was available to membership. Loretta also had two fundraisers to make some extra money if membership is interested.

The Elders Council Budget Meeting report is available to membership. Clarence White gave his fundraiser report, Ways suggested to spend this money was demonstrations, speakers, or crafts. Gerald appointed Ann Zimmerman chairperson of a committee for this; also Rae Daugherty and Jim Topash.  
Gerald stated that the By-Laws will be mailed soon. We will vote on these April 2, 1998.

The MIEA Conference trip is April 13-16, 1998; in Watersmeet, Michigan. Gerald asked if any members wanted to attend. There was no show of hands.  
Marge stated that on the Harrahs casino trip Carl Wesaw donated a medallion he made to raffle off for the Elders fundraiser.

Gerald stated that some Elders are selling crafts at the Red Road Pow Wow, March 21 & 22; 10% of sales goes to the Elders fundraiser.  
Membership did not want a luncheon March 19<sup>th</sup>, because of the upcoming Pow Wow.  
There were sign-up sheets for the funeral dinner Friday at Sacred Heart Church; help at the Red Road Pow Wow; raffle tickets to be sold for the Michigan State Police.

Membership concerns - Speakers for Elders Hall and I.D. cards.

Announcements - Pow Wow at Notre Dame, Stepan Center March 28, 1998, 12:00 - 6:00 P.M.  
Next Elders Council Business Meeting and Luncheon April 2, 1998, Elders Hall 11:00 A.M.  
April 16th, luncheon date changed to April 23rd. because of the MIEA Conference. Silent auction to be held on April 23rd, April luncheon & ticket volunteers are Gerald & Evelyn Wesaw.

Rae Daugherty motioned to adjourn and Jim Topash seconded the motion. All in favor 'aye'; opposed 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Mary Jo Morris  
Elders Council Secretary

## POW WOW SCHEDULE

- May 2 **Munising's 7th Annual Pow Wow**  
**Munising, Michigan**  
Alger Centennial Arena, corner of Varnum and Park.  
Contact Kim Swanberg (906)387-3861 for more info.
- May 9-10 **Free the Children 5th Annual Traditional**  
**Pow Wow Climax, Michigan**  
For more info, call Karen (313)763-8631 or Sue (616)964-1506 or Kerri (616)381-1307.
- May 23-24 **7th Annual Holton Pow Wow**  
**Holton, Michigan**  
Muskegon County-Holton Fairgrounds. Contact Brian Gibson (616)773-8312 or Roxanne (616)739-4721.
- May 23-24 **Gissiwass Creek Pow Wow**  
**Marion, Michigan**  
For more info, call Bruce or Rose (616)281-3640
- May 23-25 **Moon When the Ponies Shed Pow**  
**Wow Columbus, Ohio**  
Fort Hayes, 540 Jack Gibbs Blvd. For more info, call (614)443-6120.
- May 23-24 **Ohio Valley Pow Wow -**  
**Honoring all Veterans Nelsonville, Ohio**  
Hocking College, Hocking Parkway. For info, call Carolyn Bartlett (513)425-7222.
- May 29-31 **Indian World & Native**  
**American Events Taylor, Michigan**  
Gibraltar Trade Center, Eureka Rd. and I-75. For more info, call Adrienne Brant James or Art Brant at (313)535-9728.

## NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT

We have received some complaints about birthdays, weddings, and congratulations being omitted from the newsletter. If we run out of space, the announcement area is the first to get edited down or removed completely. Meetings, legislative happenings and program reports take precedent over announcements. Although we like "happy news" too, it is necessary to forsake it at times to put in news that membership MUST have. If it is still timely, we will always try to include it in the next issue. We will put announcements in the newsletter in the order they are received. If you have any questions, call Maureen at (616) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Please remember the deadline is the 20th of each month. If we need to adjust it, we will give notice in the newsletter.

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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FAX: (616) 782-6027 (Soc. Services)

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1-888-330-1234

FAX (616) 782-0985

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DOWAGIAC, MI 49047  
(616) 782-3372  
1-888-281-1111

FAX (616) 782-7814

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
BEVERLY NELSON**

May 19

**Love, your family**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**MARGARET LINN MERSEREAU**

May 1

## Love, your family

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**JILL SHAGONABY**

**May 8**

**Love, your family**

**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY**

**LIL' JOHN MORSEAU**

## April 15

## Love, Auntie

## TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

The enrollment Committee has contacted Debra Mattner, Alexandria Gonzalez and Moises Gonzalez to provide required documentation. Based on information supplied by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and according to our Tribal Enrollment Ordinance 2 P.B.T.C. Sec 11 (b), it is our recommendation to Tribal Council that the above named individuals be disenrolled from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

**MAY 20, 1998  
DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Please submit the newsletter articles to  
Maureen Shagonaby  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
**FAX (616) 782-4573**

Please submit birthdays to appear on the birthday calendar by the 20th.

## ELECTION NEWS!!

## ATTENTION!

THE POKAGON BAND ELECTION  
COMMITTEE IS INSTITUTING VOTER  
REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE  
BALLOTING FOR BAND ELECTIONS.  
IN ORDER TO VOTE IN THE JULY 1998  
TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION,  
**YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO  
VOTE BY 5:00 PM ON JUNE 20,  
1998.**

**You may register in person at all Regular Tribal Council Meetings and any General Membership Meeting held on or between May 9, 1998 & June 20, 1998. Please call the Administrative Office at 1-800-517-0777 or check your Pokagon Band Newsletter for a schedule of these meetings. Elders may also register in person at any Elders Membership meeting held between May 7 and June 20, 1997.**

**OR You may mail your completed  
Voter Registration Form to:**

Election Committee/Pokagon Band  
PO BOX 696

Dowagiac MI 49047

But either way you register, remember  
the election committee

MUST RECEIVE YOUR

REGISTRATION FORM BY

**5:00 P.M. ON JUNE 20, 1998.**

Watch for the forms in upcoming mailings.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS REMINDER

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

***Please call (616) 782-1763 or  
1-888-782-1001***

May 1991

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3 Teka Wilcox	4	5	6 Michelle Piper	7	8 Jill Shagonaby	9
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17	18	19 Beverly Nelson	20 Michelle Wesaw	21	22 Liz Wesaw	23 Greg Wesaw Jackie Genereaux Kathy Parker
24	25	26	27 Kaitlyn Hoekstra	28	29	30
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