

# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

*"The Pokagons Tell It"*



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## COLUMBUS DAY; NO CELEBRATION!

Vernon Bellecourt, an Indian activist, lead a protest in front of Congressman Tim Roemer's office in downtown South Bend.

Bellecourt was visiting the Notre Dame campus on Monday, October 12, for a multicultural awareness program on Columbus Day. Bellecourt is a long time Indian activist, and he has been involved with the American Indian Movement for many years.

Bellecourt and his group research areas before they arrive. He said they were appalled at what they found in the newspapers.

Despite the fact that Congressman Roemer was instrumental in the Pokagon's federal restoration, he has since waged a battle to keep the tribe from pursuing its rights under the federal law.

Bellecourt burned an effigy of Columbus in front of Roemer's local office, which ironically was closed to celebrate the Columbus holiday.

Bellecourt spoke at Notre Dame about what Indians and other minorities face. He talked about the colo-

nization of Indians. He reminded the crowd that Indians functioned quite well before Columbus "discovered" America.

Bellecourt also talked about the Pokagon Band and the institutional racism we face in Indiana. It comes from many areas. He included some of the church groups that have fought the tribe. Unfortunately, they can hide behind their concerns over gambling.

Bellecourt reminded listeners that when opponents fight tribes on gambling, they are also fighting the abilities to get land. Land is very important so we can build a stronger community.





## COUNCIL CORNER

This is the first in a series of articles from individual council members to our membership. I am grateful for the opportunity to be the first in this series. As most of you know, I have been given the privilege to serve not only as the treasurer for the Band, but also its finance director. Much of my focus has been directed towards pursuing the Band's opportunity to establish casinos in both Michigan and Indiana. I've also been reviewing other business opportunities that are presented to the Band. Until recently, there hasn't been anything new to report.

On the casino front, the council has voted to terminate the Band's development and management contract with Harrah's. Circumstances dictated it was in the Band's best interest to move in a different direction with a new developer and manager. Much has been learned about the business of gaming which should prove to be to our advantage in future negotiations with a new developer/manager. I am confident we will not miss a beat once a new deal is negotiated. There have been a number of inquiries from interested parties to become involved with our project(s). Especially in light of recent news on the Michigan compact. Currently, there exists a real desire on the part of politicians to address our compact. There is a whole multitude of political reasons as to why this is happening. The most significant of 'which is protecting the progress Detroit has made in accomplishing their casino goals. We are cautiously optimistic that the political leaders in the state will live up to their recent commitments to approve our compact. Keep an eye on the activity in the state legislature after the November elections. If it is to happen politically, it should happen before the end of the year.

Members of our community development and housing staffs, along with myself have investigated business opportunities in the commercial housing and injection molded plastics industry to determine their viability as a Band business. Discussions, along with proper due diligence, are ongoing to make sure these opportunities benefit the Band and its members. We will continue to investigate any potential opportunity presented to the Band for consideration.

Not all of the council's efforts have been devoted to Casino and business ventures. We have been dealing with the increased opportunities to expand services to members through our health, housing, education and social services departments. Each respective department head -along with the community development department has been exploring potential new services which can be offered to membership.

Each of you can take a role this process by letting council and staff know what you need in the way of services. This can be done either through letters or phone calls. The most effective way may be to join a committee in an area of particular interest. Hopefully, we can address those areas which can serve you best.

*Submitted by,  
Mike Wesaw*



## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 14, 1998  
10 A.M.  
ELDERS HALL**

This is a potluck, and the tribe will provide the meat and the beverages. Please bring a dish to pass. The Saturday meeting includes program and committee reports. The business meeting for Tribal Council will not take place because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

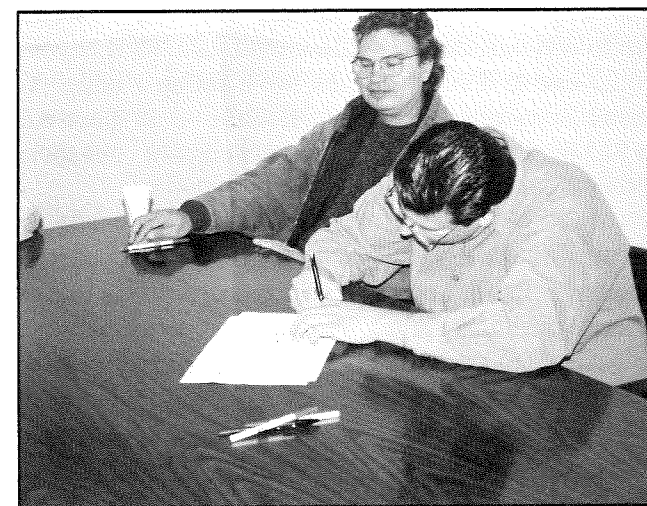
## POKAGONS BUY LAND

The Pokagon Band has purchased more than 300 acres of land near Dowagiac. It is northeast of Dowagiac on Gage St. The property, for those familiar with Dowagiac, is the old Holloway property. It is a perfect piece of land to start the anchor point in the Dowagiac area.

It is a beautiful piece of land, that includes a lake on its premises. The land committee had put in a great deal of work on the acquisition of this property. As the tribe attempts to build its land base, it becomes more important than ever to get land.

There is speculation that we purchased this land for a casino. The final say on land usage belongs to Tribal Council, however it is important to remember the tribe has many other needs aside from the casino. It is more likely that the tribe wants to use this site to start its reservation for housing, government offices and/or a health clinic or school. Those are just some of the potential uses.

Nothing has been decided upon, and the land committee will continue to work to find more land that fits the needs of the tribe. We will be planning an open house for members to see the land for themselves. Please watch your mail for dates and times. If you have questions about the latest purchase, please call Kevin Daugherty at 888-782-1001.



Members of the Tribal Council finish the closing on the land.

## POKAGON HEALTH NEWS

### FLU SHOTS

The time is now to get your flu shots. The shots are available at the Health Office at no cost to Tribal Members.

#### Why do I need a flu shot every year?

The viruses that cause influenza are genetically unstable. They change both gradually and abruptly, and each change may enable the virus to skirt around your hard-won immunity from a previous viral bout, invade your respiratory tract and cause the flu. This genetic instability is why people get influenza over and over again, why they get it some years and not others. This is why some attacks make them much sicker, and why it's necessary to get a new flu shot every year for maximum protection.

#### Who should be immunized?

Anyone over six months old with cancer or an immunosuppressed disorder (including HIV) or those on medications that suppress immunity and lower the body's resistance to infection.

Child or adult with chronic heart or lung disease, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, kidney disease, anemia or severe asthma.

Kids between six months and 18 yrs. old who are on long-term aspirin therapy.

Anyone 65 or over.

Residents of nursing homes and chronic care facilities.

**CALL THE HEALTH OFFICE AT  
(616)782-4141 OR 888-440-1234**

### CPR Community First Aid

The Pokagon Band will soon be offering CPR and first aid classes for people interested in certification. The content of the five basic level courses provides consistent guidelines that enable a person to give appropriate care, regardless of the emergency. It begins with the most important decision to act and help participants confront their fear of stepping forward to assist.

Among the things this course teaches is the ability to recognize and care for respiratory and cardiac emergencies (rescue breathing, clearing an obstruction, CPR). Please call Mark Topash at the Health Office.



## POKAGON HEALTH NEWS

### BASIC CONTRACT HEALTH INFORMATION

For Contract Health Services to make payments on your behalf for your health care services you must:

1. Be a Pokagon Band member.
2. Live within the Contract Health Service Delivery Area.
3. **Register for Contract Health Service benefits.** This includes providing our office proof of your insurance or if you have no insurance, you must provide to this office a copy of the denial letter from your local Family Independence Agency. **You will be asked to update your file once every 12 months and on an ongoing basis as you make requests.**
4. **Seek prior authorization at least three working days before** scheduled health care appointments. You must request CHS coverage before you go to your appointments. Seek separate authorizations for all follow-up appointments, treatment plan follow-up dates, plus any and all labs. **CHS cannot pay for health care services without prior authorization.**
5. Seek authorization **within 72 hours** of the start of **emergency or urgent** care. Elders or disabled clients have 30 days to notify our office in case of emergency care.
6. Get copies of provider bills to our office. Without the bills, payments cannot be processed.
7. If you have health care insurance(s), you must provide copies of your insurance Explanations of Benefits (EOBS) to our CHS staff. The EOB is the paper from the insurance company, which explains what they have paid and the unpaid balance. Without an EOB, payment will not be processed.

We have Contract Health Services staff people available to assist you. Please call with your questions.

### Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Contract Health Services

Phone: (616) 782-4141  
Toll Free Phone Number- 1 (888) 440-1234  
Fax: (616) 782-8797

*Submitted by,  
Christine Daugherty*

### Groups-

Adult Intensive Outpatient Group-Mon-Wed. 5-7pm  
Adolescent Group-Wed. 5-7pm  
Youth Group-Mon. 3:30-5:30pm  
Adult Anger Management-Thurs. 6-7:30pm  
Women's Bead Group-Tues. 8:30-10:30am  
Noon AA Meetings-Tues. & Thu Noon  
Evening AA Meetings-Thu. 7:30-8-30pm

### Alumni Night

All previous and current clients and their families are invited to join us for an evening of fun on Friday, November 13" at 6:30 p.m. at the Elders Hall. There will be food, guest speakers and the Manitou Nodin Singers. For reservations, please call Jeffrey at 782-1142.

### Membership Pot Luck

On Tuesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. all interested Band members are invited to a pot luck supper at the Substance Abuse office at 714 N. Front Street, Dowagiac. We are planning quarterly meetings with membership to ask your input concerning programs and services. Please come and join us for food, good conversation and a great time!

### Craft Fair

On December 5th the Substance Abuse Task Force will hold its 3rd annual craft fair from 9:00 am-4:00 p.m. A light lunch will be available. This year we would like to combine our fair with a bake sale, so if anyone would like to donate goodies, we'll set up a table. All Native American crafters are welcome; booth space will be \$15.00. Please call our office and reserve your space before November 20th.

### Items for sale...

Needing gifts for Special occasions? Come and look at the new additions in our display case. Our red travel mugs are \$5.00 each. We have wonderful dreamcatcher earrings; gold and silver and some with multicolored beads. They come in both french hook and post styles. While you're there, look at the tiny ceramic moccasins for \$4.00/pair. Little canoes, teepees and drums will be added any day! We have some locally harvested herbs as well as a supply of birch bark available for sale. Larger Native American ceramic pieces will be arriving. All items are made by Native American crafters only.

## POKAGON SOCIAL SERVICES



### WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN GOING?

About 25 people heard an alarming fact about the Pokagon Band on Wednesday, October 21. Only one Pokagon family is licensed to host a foster child.

There have been several cases of removal in Pokagon families, and the small amount of foster care homes makes it difficult to keep Indian children with Indian families.

The Pokagon Band Social Services Department hosted a seminar about the Indian Child Welfare Act and its effect on tribal children. An attorney with Michigan Indian Legal Services spoke about what her services could do for members and the types of situations they can help resolve.

The Social Services staff continues to work hard at educating the Michiana area Family Independence Agencies about ICWA and what rights Indian parents and children have.

The second half of the program involved the licensing process for potential foster parents. Two MICWA workers explained the process and procedures that members would face if they wanted to become involved. They handed out packets and went through many different scenarios and ways members could become license. There was some real interest from some members in attendance. That is good news for our Social Services Department as they try to find different ways to keep Indian families together.

### WINTER COAT DRIVE

### DON'T THROW THAT COAT OUT! WHY NOT DONATE?

The Social Services Office will be accepting your old coats and boots and even gloves! These will be used for any Pokagon family in need of winter accessories. If you have any questions, please contact Rechelle Herman at:

**800-517-0777 or 782-8998**

### REPAIRS AND RENOVATION

For those who qualify for any of the funding for repair and renovation there are some restrictions. There is a cap of \$35,000 per home. You may not all of the funding at once. The funding is spent according to the availability, and the number of members on the waiting list. It may take a year or two to get your priority list done. Please call Keith White if you have questions or concerns.

**(616) 782-8998 or  
1-800-517-0777**

### NEED WEATHERIZATION?

The Housing Department is starting a Weatherization Program for all members who live in the 10-county service area. There are no income guidelines and you do not have to own your home. All you have to do is fill out the simple application, and we will send a crew to install plastic on the windows and weather stripping around the doors.

The purpose of the program is to conserve energy and reduce the impact of rising energy costs to members. The elderly, handicapped and households with young children will receive preference first. We will make an effort to serve all who apply for this program. For an application to get on the list, call 800-517-0777 and ask for Keith White or Jesse Howell. Or come on into the office.

**ALSO: If you are interested in a temporary job putting up the weatherization, please call the Social Services Department.**



# POKAGON ELDERS REPORT

## ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS & MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 1998 - 11:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:17 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: 25 Elders

Guests: Linda Mangus, Tom Russell, Jesse Howell

Additions to agenda: Tom Russell, Jesse Howell

Communications: David Alexis, Kelly Curran

Marge Moody moved to approve the agenda of September 3, 1998.

Mary Church seconded the motion. All in favor "aye", opposed 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Marge Moody moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 1998.

Clarence White seconded the motion. All in favor "aye", opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED

Indiana land viewing with David Alexis will be on September 16th., leaving Elders Hall at 9:00 AM.

Kelly Curran called and said they needed people for the gate at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow September 5th & 6th.

Gerald asked Tom Russell to introduce himself. He stated he is from Arkansas and visiting with the Tribe for the month of September. He will be working with David Alexis primarily on strategic planning.

Gerald stated that the by-laws have been approved by the popular vote of the Membership. So we will not be violating our by-laws; the Officers will be approving the minutes and resolutions; unless it calls for a popular vote.

Gerald introduced Rechelle Herman as our temporary Coordinator. Rechelle is a Social Service outreach staff

person.

Copies of Gerald's annual report were available for everyone.

Clarence gave his updated budget report.

An amendment was made to our Elders Council Ordinance by Marchell Wesaw.

Resolution #98-024, dated August 31, 1998, sponsored by Mary Church, seconded by Marge Moody.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council propose the following addition to the Elders Ordinance: The Elders Council may, without further approval or ratification from Tribal Council, appoint or otherwise select delegates, committee members, or other such representatives to national, state or local organizations promoting Elders affairs. If the Elders Council decides it necessary, the Elders Council may deem the selection of these representatives an "election" for purposes of Section 4 of the Elders Council Ordinance. This provision is to be incorporated into the Elders Council Ordinance.

Marge Moody contacted the MIEA Secretary Mary Antilla and submitted the changes for the MIEA By-Laws. Nominations will be taken at the October 1st business meeting for two (2) Delegates and one (1) Alternate.

The Prophetstown trip on September 21st is sponsored by the Education Department. John Warren, Cultural Coordinator was not able to attend this meeting; so Clarence gave us some details of the trip. Elders will meet behind the Education Department at 8:00 A.M. Clarence thanked Mary Church for all the work she did at-the Huron Potawatomi Gathering. He also thanked the Elders who helped her. There was also a discussion with membership about the Gathering.

Gerald introduced our Housing Director, Jesse Howell. Tribal Council has directed Jesse to do a survey on housing. He needs input from Elders which way to go with housing rules; what Elders want. There is a need for an Elder to be on the Housing Committee.

Linda Mangus, Social Services Director was here to explain some of the services under this program. Pro-

grams being: JPTA, LIHEAP, EMERGENCY, INJURY PREVENTION, and COMMODITIES. She also works with the IHS staff and the MICWA Agency. Linda stated that they will be filling the Elders Coordinator position this fall.

Announcements: Un-opposed for Elders election are Gerald Wesaw, Chairman & Mary Jo Morris, Secretary. Officers for next two years.

Social luncheon-September 17th 11:00 A.M. Elders Hall  
Elders Council Business Meeting, October 1, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Elders Hall

Gerald adjourned the meeting at 1:07 P.M.

*Submitted by,  
Mary Jo Morris  
Elders Council Secretary*

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

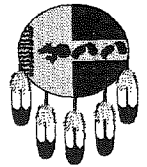
The Community Development Department continues to work on a five year Strategic Action Plan being funded by ANA. The department has mailed information concerning the strategic plan process to the Membership, Tribal Council, Elders Council, Youth Council, Pokagon Band employees, and the Traditions/Repatriation Committee asking for volunteers for the Strategic Action Plan Committee. As of October 20, we have had one response. The department is planning to submit the names of all those that volunteer to the Tribal Council at a special planned meeting on November 3.

The SAPC will meet November 4, to develop a proposed Tribal Mission Statement to be sent out to the membership for comment. Townhall meetings are being planned for November to discuss the mission statement and plan process with the membership.

Any suggestions on townhall sites or comments on the process should be forwarded to David Alexis or Thomas Morris at the Community Development office on 104 Riverside Dr. Dowagiac, or call us at 888-782-1001 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Submitted by,  
Thomas Morris*

## AA MEETINGS



AA Meetings are held Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 p.m. at the Substance Abuse Program offices, 714 N. Front St. Dowagiac, MI. We also hold one evening session on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Please feel welcome to attend. If you have questions, please call (616) 782-1142.

## LIHEAP NOTICE

It's that time of year when the cold is setting in and the heating bills are adding up. The tribe has not yet received the funding for energy assistance program, but we anticipate funding sometime in November. It is never too early to get your applications. The eligibility is based on income. People who live in subsidized housing or are on ADC are not eligible for LIHEAP. We are taking applications in preparation of getting the funding.

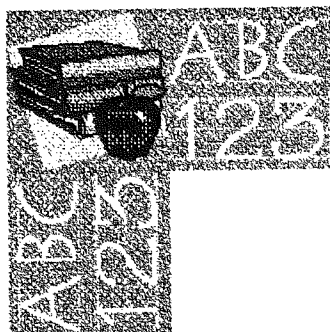
## STAFF NEWS

The Pokagon Band staff meeting is scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month. The offices will be closed down for the time period. This month we will be out from 3-5 on November 17, 1998.

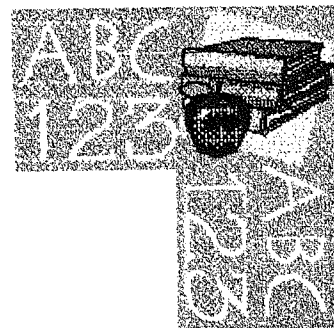
## GRIEVANCES

If you have any grievances you would like to present, please send them to Maureen Shagonaby at P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047 or call her at (616) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777.





## EDUCATION REPORT



### College Corner Information for College Bound Students

If you are a high school junior or senior, you may be feeling overwhelmed about everything that needs to be prepared before you go to college. The Education Department would like to help you through the following services that we provide:

#### Scholarships & Financial Aid Info

Scholarship information packets are available. If you are interested, please contact Marie Willis at 1-888-330-1234. While these packets will help you to get started on a scholarship search, students and their families are encouraged to also look for other available scholarships and financial aid sources. The Education Department can help you in this search through the Internet that is available in the computer lab.

#### Campus Visitations

Before deciding on which college to attend, students are greatly encouraged to visit college campuses whenever possible. Trips are being planned to colleges in Michigan and Indiana. If you want to visit a specific university in Michigan or Indiana, the Education Department can help arrange a visit. If interested, please contact Marie Willis at 1-888-330-1234.

#### SAT and ACT test preparation

SAT and ACT preparation is available in the computer lab. After-school labs are weekdays 3-5 p.m., and Thursday open lab is 6-8 p.m. If you are interested in this test preparation, but have problems with transportation, please contact Marie Willis at 1-888-330-1234.

#### University of Michigan Trip Ann Arbor, MI

**When:** Friday morning November 20- Saturday late afternoon, November 21

**What:** Trip to check out the campus including visiting classes and dorms and meeting with Native American Groups on campus. Chance also to talk with financial aid and admission officers.

#### Neshnabémwen: Potawatomi Language Project

The Mission of this project is the preservation and promotion of the Potawatomi language. It sounds simple, until you think about how to do it. Let's look at it.

**Preservation:** Webster defines preservation as protecting against injury or peril, or to maintain unchanged. How do we preserve our language? How can we protect a language from injury or peril? How can we maintain a language? From this definition, we have three topics to cover.

**Injury:** We injure a language when we argue over the "proper" way to spell it. We injure a language when we dispute the appropriateness of a reference. We injure a language when we argue over the amount of money a speaker receives for their cooperation. The only way the Potawatomi language will survive these injuries is by working together; like the old saying goes; don't point a finger, lend a hand.

**Peril:** The peril the Potawatomi language faces is extinction. When a language is not taught to children, as their first language, it is considered *Moribund*. A word literally meaning 'bound to die'. Our dialect has faced this for two generations. We can change it by teaching our children what we know, and learning wherever we can.

**Maintain:** We maintain a language by speaking it and encouraging (promoting) others to also speak that language. That is what we're working towards.

Currently, the language program is working with cooperative elders, specifically, Martin Wesaw and Mae Wesaw. We're developing our speaking skills and developing materials to use in our upcoming head start program. Speaking Potawatomi in the future requires the language program has to start with the children. We will have materials for all ages, but that takes time. Although materials we're developing are intended for children, they are informative. If we remember the child within us, they can be interesting as well. The materials are available to any member. Just contact Frank Barker or John Fox at the Education Department.

# November 1998

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 * Denotes Weekly Events E.H. = Elder's Hall	2 * Intensive Out-patient Group- Sub Ab 5-7p * Youth Group Sub Ab 3:30-5:30p	3 * Women's Bead Group Sub Ab- 8:30-10:30a * AA-Sub Ab 12p * Membership Potluck Sub Ab 6p	4 * Adolescent Group Sub Ab- 5-7 p.m.	5 Education Committee 7p.m.-Edu. Office * AA Meeting Sub Ab 12p * Adult Anger Management Sub Ab 6-7:30p	6 IHS & SUBSTANCE ABUSE OFFICES CLOSED	7 Tribal Council Meeting 10 a.m. Elder's Hall
8 Trade Silver Workshop 1p.m.-E.H. 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th	9 Trade Silver Workshop-E.H. Daily 10a-3p & Evenings 6p-10p	10 Veteran's Day CLOSED	11 Education Committee 7p.m.-Edu. Office	12 Substance Abuse Alumni Night Sub Ab-6:30 p	13 Education- U of Michigan Visit Contact Marie Willis	14 CLOSED
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					



## NOTICE

**THE POKAGON BAND HAS THE FOLLOWING POSITION AVAILABLE:  
EDUCATION DIRECTOR**

**GENERAL SUMMARY:** The Education Director is responsible to create, implement and promote educational programs that foster the preservation of our culture and instill a desire for life long learning in our tribal members of all ages. Directs day to day operation of education department. Performs administrative duties, i.e. develop/implement department policies and procedures, statistical data compilation, file/grant maintenance, and reporting/follow-up. Works in conjunction with Education Committee in the development of department budget, goals and programs. Works in conjunction with resource development staff to secure additional funding sources. Responsible to hire, fire, discipline, promote and demote departmental staff in accordance with the written policies of the Band. Performs supervisory duties, i.e. executes written personnel policies, assigns and directs the work of departmental staff, reviews staff performance. Acts as advocate for tribal membership. Participates in state/federal Native American education associations. Maintains quality communication with staff, membership and tribal council. Reports to Education Committee and Tribal Council monthly. Attends assigned Tribal Council meetings. Performs other related duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

--A Bachelor's degree in an education curricula.

(A Masters degree in education is a plus.)

--Demonstrated experience in a related administrative or managerial position responsible for the supervision of educational programs and staff.

**MUST BE:**

--Knowledgeable in all levels of education, i.e. pre-school, elementary, secondary, adult education, higher education and curriculum development, in order to design and implement appropriate programs.

--Willing to travel throughout the service delivery area, out of state and overnight as required.

--Sensitive to the needs of the Native American community and must have a sincere desire to promote the educational success of all tribal members who seek such advancement.

--Willing to commit to the goals of the Pokagon Band.

**SALARY:** Commensurate with experience and education.

**TO APPLY:** Send a narrative to describe your related skills, talents, additional course work, special accomplishments, and culturally significant experiences along with your resume, credentials and the names/addresses of 3 employment references to:

## The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

ATTN: HRD: E.D.

P.O. Box 180

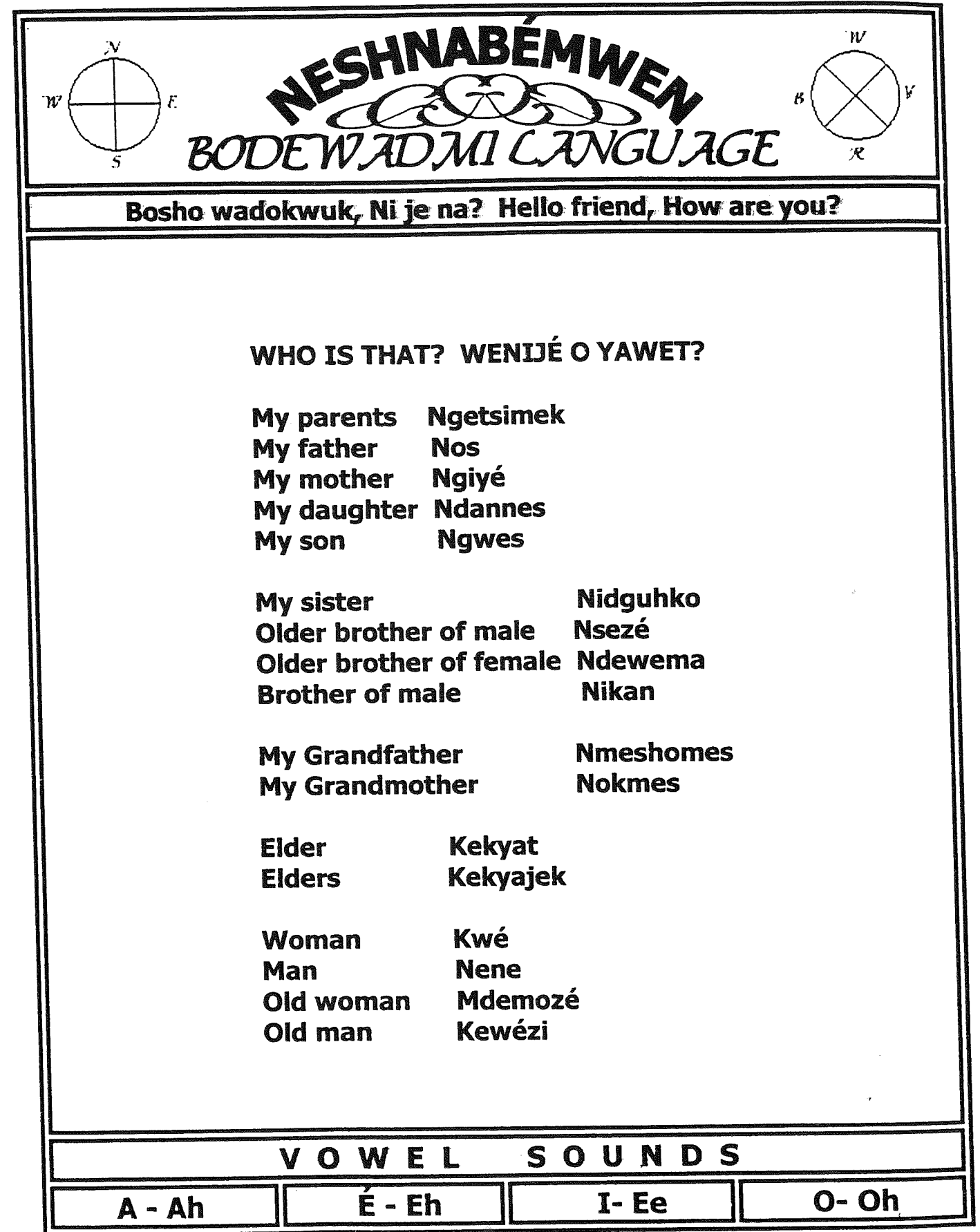
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**SALARY:** Commensurate with education and experience.

**CLOSING DATE: 4:30 p.m. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 1998**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Pokagon Band is a drug and alcohol free workplace. Testing is a condition of employment. All employees working with our minor youth must participate in a criminal background check. The Pokagon Band exercises Native American hiring preference in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 479. Please provide proof of tribal affiliation.

**IN ADDITION:** EXPECTED availability January 6, 1999.

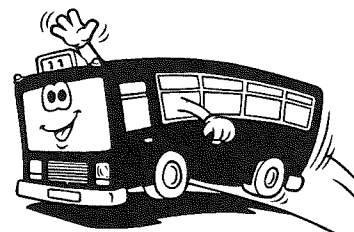




IHS & the Youth Programs/Education  
Department present:

# SATURDAY ROAD TRIP

A Visit to the "Survive Alive" Fire Safety House and the  
"Hannah Lindahl Children's Museum"  
Saturday, November 14  
1402 S. Main Street, Mishawaka, IN



For children in grades 1 and up  
Parents/ guardians are welcome  
Bag lunch at the Potawatomi Park

Rides will be available from Dowagiac & Niles or you can  
meet us at 10:15 am at the Museum

Come join us learn about fire safety by going to the "Survive Alive House" where fire-  
fighters will show us how to get out safely from a smoke filled house.  
Parents/guardians are invited to share this time with children so that the whole family  
can know how to react in an emergency situation.  
After the presentation, we will explore the Hannah Lindahl Children's Museum and then  
eat lunch at Potawatomi Park

To sign up-Please call Marie Willis at the Education Office by November/2 to reserve a  
space.

Transportation available on a first-call, first served basis.

Please call the Education Department at 1-888-330-1234 if you need directions or have  
any questions.

## Computer Class Information November 1998

November is the right time to get involved with the Pokagon Band  
Education Department. The Education Department would like you to  
participate in computer classes this fall. We have classes for kids and adults.  
We value your input and hope that you can help us better serve you and your  
family.

Students must sign-up no later than November 3<sup>rd</sup> for Tuesday night classes.  
Late registration will be allowed under special circumstances. It is  
recommended that students sign-up as soon as possible. No children will be  
allowed to participate in night classes without a parent or guardian in  
attendance. Please let us know if childcare arrangements are preventing you  
from taking any of these classes.

### Just For Kids

- After-School Open Computer Lab (Grades K – 12)  
Monday – Friday , 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- FUN FRIDAY!!!! Games & Computer Crafts (Grades K – 12)  
Every Friday 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

### Tuesday Night Classes

<b>Microsoft Office '97</b>	This class teaches word-processing, spreadsheet,
<b>Begin: November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	and database building for use in the home. This is
<b>End: December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	a good class for students with no prior experience
<b>Time: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.</b>	using computers.

### Wednesday Night Classes

<b>Destination G.E.D.</b>	Need a G.E.D.? This class will prepare you for
	taking the G.E.D. exam. This class is at your own
<b>Every Wednesday</b>	pace and you can take as many breaks as you want.
<b>6:00 – 8:15 p.m.</b>	No pressure! Students use a computer which tests
	and assigns lessons to them as needed. No prior
	computer experience is necessary to take this class.

### Thursday Night Classes

<b>Open Lab</b>	This is a general open-lab for anyone who wishes
	to use the computer lab. Come type letters,
<b>Every Thursday</b>	practice typing, make cards and signs, surf the
<b>6:00 – 8:15 p.m.</b>	Internet, play games, or use our G.E.D. and S.A.T.
	software.

Pokagon Band Education Department  
901 Spruce Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047  
1-888-330-1234 or (616) 782-0887  
Fax#: (616) 782-0985



## TRADE SILVER WORKSHOP November 15-18, 1998

Elders Hall  
53237 Townhall Rd.  
Dowagiac

The Pokagon Band Education Department is honored to bring Don Secondine, to teach the basic art of making silver brooches.

**Nov. 15th: 1:00 p.m.** introductions followed by history of trade silver among the woodland people, followed by the making of some tools needed for the workshop.

**Nov. 16, 17, 18:** Monday thru Wednesday the workshop will start at 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. for those who wish to attend earlier hours. For those who wish to participate in the evening class, the time is 6:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.

**Tools one needs to bring:** Hammer, assorted number of files(round, flat, triangle, etc.) tin snips, 6 in. scale rule, Ice-pick, hacksaw. **Here are some tools we need help with to insure projects will be finish in a timely manner.**

Portable 3 in. to 4 in. clamp on vises, and some propane torches, dividers for drawing circles. One should wear entire suitable for working with metal, which can soil one's clothes.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided by: the Pokagon Band Education Department.

For more information, contact the Pokagon Band Education Dept. Ask for John Warren/Cultural Coordinator at 616-782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234



### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AVAILABLE



There are still fire extinguishers available. Any household who is in need of a fire extinguisher is eligible to receive one. Please come in or contact the Social Services Department at 901 Spruce St., Dowagiac, MI 49047. Call (616) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777.

### ADMINISTRATION REPAIR & RENOVATION SOCIAL SERVICE/JTPA

P.O. Box 180  
901 Spruce St.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(616) 782-8998  
1-800-517-0777  
FAX (616) 782-6882  
FAX: (616) 782-6027 (Soc. Services)

### INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

210 Front St.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(616) 782-4141  
1-888-440-1234  
FAX (616) 782-8797

### EDUCATION

P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(616) 782-0887  
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FAX (616) 782-0985

### ENROLLMENT

104 N. Riverside  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(616) 782-1763  
1-888-782-1001  
FAX (616) 782-1964

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE

P.O. Box 180  
714 N. Front St.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(616) 782-1142  
FAX (616) 782-1653

### FOOD COMMODITY

52366 M-51 North  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(616) 782-3372  
1-888-281-1111  
FAX (616) 782-7814

### ELDERS HALL

P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(616) 782-6323  
FAX (616) 782-9625

## ADDRESS CHANGE UPDATE

The Enrollment Office would like to update addresses for the following Tribal members.

Please remember to call the Enrollment Office each time you move. We will notify the newsletter of all changes we receive.

Adams, Lora R.  
Alexander, Victor Damet  
Alexis Jr, Philip V.  
Anthony, Ellen  
Ashby, Lewis Henry  
Barrick, Wanetia  
Barrick, Marilyn A.  
Beer, Tonya Lynn  
Brooks Jr, Carl David  
Brown, Kevin Lindsey  
Bush, Raymond Lee  
Campbell, Howard Lee  
Campbell, Richard Alan  
Campbell Jill Angelia  
Clark, Howard Everett  
Clark, John Howard  
Collett, Cory Matthew  
Collett Jeffery Allen  
Collett, Stacy Lee  
Davison, Terisa Ma  
Davis, Rhonda Jane  
Empson, Ann Louise  
Liggett, Shannon Lee  
Finn, Shane Frederick  
Gibson, Eric Paul  
Van Holt, Sandra Lee  
Gonzalez, Cindy  
Goodrich, William Bernard  
Goodrich, Patrick James  
Hamilton, Francis David  
Hamstra, Gloria Anne  
Hamstra, James Ryan  
Heffington, Timothy Charles  
Henslee, Deena Marie  
Hill Jr, Johnny H.  
Hollars, Eddie L.  
Hollars, Lillian I.

Kelley Jr, James E.  
Lee, Patricia Kay  
Lewis, Dale Wayne  
Mattner, Debra Lynn  
Meier, Terina D.  
Mix Jr, Lawrence E.  
Molnar, David Louis  
Morseau, Christine M.  
Morseau, Gary Lee  
Parker, Ranella Joy  
Pitcher, Daniel A.  
Rader, Bruce Joseph  
Rader, Diana Lynn  
Ridenour, Brian Lee  
Robinson, Pauline Joan  
Savage, Kim Louise  
Schoetzow, Lisa Ann  
Ser, Joseph Jay  
Shaw, Ronald A.  
Smith, David Bruce  
Starrett, Donna Ann  
Starrett Jr, Ervin Al  
Stover, Teresa Annette  
Sturn, Paula Rae  
Sullivan, Tricia Anne  
Thompson, Phyllis Ann  
Topash, John Wayne  
Van Steenberg, Monica  
Walters Sr, Alvaro Luis  
Weatherwax, Jodi Kay  
Wesaw, Lawanda Lee  
Wesaw, Mark Robert  
Williams, John Michael  
Winchester, Craig F.  
Winchester, Jeffrey H.  
Winchester, Michele R.

## THIRD ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY GATHERING

September 26, 1998 was a day of fun and sharing for many Pokagon Band members. The annual event has become a time that many members look forward to receiving needed health screening and education. This year Pokagon Health services invited several speakers. Maria Meyers presented members with herbal medicines and explanations on their uses. Karen Snake discussed Native American Women and their Health. Bea Pamp discussed Women's traditional dress and supplied printed Potawatomi regalia patterns for all. Everyone also enjoyed a traditional meal and nutritional presentation given by Patricia Williams CHR, and Adela Newell from the MSU Extension. Again this year's co-sponsor was Mona Hale, R-N.C., GNPOGPN, of the Van Buren/Cass Health District Health Department. Mona has been a great support and advocate for our Pokagon Potawatomi community. We want to thank everyone who participated in this annual event, making it a great success. We look forward, to seeing all of you again next year.

## CAR SEATS ARE HERE

The car seats are here! If you are interested in getting one, please call Becky Price at the Health Office.



(616) 782-4141  
888-440-1234

## JOM School Supply Reimbursement CORRECTION!

The \$25.00 per student reimbursement is NOW available. To be eligible for the reimbursement the student must be an enrolled JOM participant. Please call or stop into the Education Department for the reimbursement forms, information, or to verify current JOM enrollment status. Education Dept. phone is (616) 782-0887 or toll free 1-888-330-1234.

The Education Committee is looking for new committee members with fresh ideas to join us in planning for future youth & adult Education activities and programs. If interested please attend the next Education Committee meeting, Thursday, November 5. The meeting will be held in the Education Department at 7:00 p.m. Or you may contact Marie Willis in the Education Dept. if you would like to join the committee.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mandy Leigh Wessell  
November 5

Love, Mom and Steve

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY

Sarah Valdes  
November 26, 1998

Love, Mom

Happy 20th Anniversary

Carl and Kelly Wesaw  
November 2, 1998

MAKE YOUR VOICE  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

At some time, everyone has been unhappy or disagreed with Council, whether it be a decision about policy or the direction of the tribe. Committee involvement is your chance to make a difference in those decisions. Committees often make recommendations to Council.

GET INVOLVED WITH A  
COMMITTEE!

These committees are currently looking for members. Personnel, Constitution, Education, and Pow Wow. Watch the newsletter for future openings. If you are interested in any of the above committees, please call and leave your name with Kelly Curran. (616) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777.

TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS

PLEASE BE ADVISED TRIBAL COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION STATING THERE WILL NOT BE A FEE CHARGED FOR LEGAL NAME CHANGES, OR STOLEN, WITH PROOF OF POLICE REPORT. ALL OTHER INSTANCES A CHARGE OF \$5.00 WILL BE LEVIED, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 8, 1998.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Edward Brown

October 2

Anthony Heffington

October 7

Jeremy Heffington

October 11

Patti Heffington

October 13

Lynn Heffington

October 14

Lindsey Woodward

October 12

Steven Block

October 12

Ryan Spicher

October 17

Matt Spicher

October 21

Joy Jensen

October 28

Love, your family

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

John "the Flash" Rader

October 30

Love, your family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Santiago "Chago" Ramos

November 15

Love, your family

NOVEMBER 20, 1998  
DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please submit the newsletter articles to  
Maureen Shagonaby  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
FAX (616) 782-6882

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

S	S	F	T	W	T	M	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Denise Genereaux Santiago "Chago" Ramos	Eric Brown	Jeffrey Riley	Siloman Temple	Carla Wesaw	Lee Parker	Joseph Blevins	Trudy Loeding
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	14
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						