

POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"The Pokagons Tell It"



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Some staff members try to dig the GSA vehicles out of the snow. With snow as high as four feet, their work was cut out for them.

SNOW DAZE

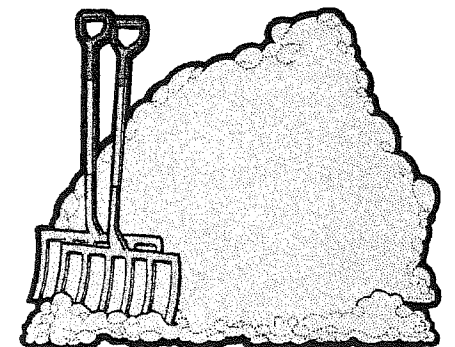
The Michigan and Indiana area was hit with a blizzard early in January. It was the worst snow that had been seen in about 20 years. The snow piled up and left many area businesses closed, including ours. The offices closed on January 3rd and 4th, and for employees who live outside of Dowagiac, there was no assurance of getting to work the next three days either.

Because the weather was so bizarre for the first two weeks of January, some services were interrupted, but it did not take long to get back to work. Transports could not be made, but that was not a big problem because so many of the area agencies were also closed.

Once we returned to work, some staff had to get caught up, but they also had to get to the GSA vehicles. That was no small feat, considering the amount of snow that had been falling. The staff pitched in to clear off the GSA cars that had been virtually buried by the snow.

The snow and cold also had an adverse effect on the Saturday Council Meeting. The meeting had to be postponed to Saturday, January 16 because of the poor conditions the previous weekend.

Things seem to be getting back to normal, but just remember, we still have to get through February.



COUNCIL CORNER

I have been asked to write a few words about some concerns I have as a Tribal Council member, so I will write about our latest "crisis". The Tribe has recently had one of our Program directors pass on, another has resigned and two more have given their resignations for the near future. On top of that, we were already short another director and executive director.

This all comes at a time when we should all be focusing as much attention as possible on picking a management company and creating a casino development plan as quickly as possible. The Tribal Council and the remaining directors will do some juggling around. Some people will have a few more duties added on and hopefully, everything needed will get done in a timely fashion until such time as we are able to hire the necessary people. This will happen because we have good employees and a dedicated Council, both of who are committed to providing the best services possible to our membership.

Our economic development plans are suffering because of a lack of manpower while the Council is tied up helping to attend to the day-to-day administration of our programs. Our former Tribal Chairman resigned because of the amount of work, and the effect it was having on his private and professional life. While John Miller, as acting chairman, has done an excellent job of stepping in to fill the gap, it is only a matter of time before the stress and duties of the position will get to him also.

At this time, we need a full time Tribal Chairman to represent the Tribe at all business and political meetings. Eventually we will need at least a full-time executive board and maybe council. There have been discussions on how we can do this, and where to get the funds. But right now, we need to make it possible for John Miller to devote his full efforts to Tribal goals and economic development. Hopefully, at a Council meeting, a temporary plan will have been proposed to accomplish this. This plan would be intended to carry us until the next regularly scheduled Tribal Council election occurs in July. At that time, we will elect a chairman as a full-time, paid position.

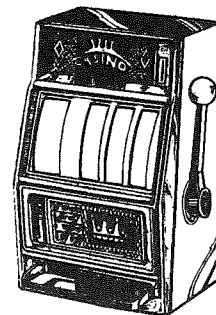
These are my own views and may not reflect the views of the whole Council but hopefully they might.

Thank you,
Greg Ballew

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1999
10:00 A.M.
SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
AUDITORIUM

The Tribal Council is calling a General Membership Meeting to present its process for selecting a new gaming investment partner. Interested tribal members are encouraged to attend. It is your opportunity to provide input on the selection process and the initial terms the Band will ask of potential investors.



TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 20, 1999
10 A.M.
ELDERS HALL

Because of the Gaming Membership Meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 1999, the regular Saturday Council meeting will be held on the 20th. This is a potluck, and the tribe will provide the meat and the beverages. Please bring a dish to pass.

POKAGON HEALTH NEWS

BASIC CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES 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 with proof of your insurance(s), 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, payment 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.

CHS payment is limited by medical priorities. Some treatments and procedures are not eligible for payment. We have Contract Health Services staff people available to assist you. Please call with your questions.

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

CHILD SAFETY WEEK

Mark Topash, Community Health Nurse for the Pokagon Band urges families to spread the word and recognize February 8-14, 1998 as National Child Passenger Safety Week. This year's theme, **Raising a Safer Community: Patterns For Life**, extends beyond the safety seat and seat belt to include good safety habits for young pedestrians and bicyclists.

According to Topash, "Motor vehicle injury is one of the leading killers of children more than one year of age. Whether as occupants in motor vehicles, pedestrians, or bicyclists, too many children are seriously injured or killed in preventable crashes."

"Parents can help establish these safe patterns of behavior by making sure that children age 12 and under always ride buckled up or in properly installed child safety seats in the back seat," Topash said. "And, rear-facing child seats should never be placed in the front seat of a motor vehicle equipped with passenger air bags."

"Not all injuries happen inside vehicles. Nearly one-third of all children between the ages of five and nine years who are killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes are pedestrians. Almost one-fourth of the traffic fatalities were pedestrians under the age of 16," said Topash.

According to Topash, bicycle crashes are one of the most frequent causes of injury-related deaths among children. During 1996, 761 bicyclists were killed in traffic crashes, and 236 of those killed were between the ages of five and 15. Seventy to 80 percent of the crashes involved head injuries.

Raising a Safer Community: Patterns For Life advocates teaching children the rules for safe walking and biking. Adults must teach children to look both ways, walk not run, use crosswalks when crossing the street, and take extra care when exiting school buses.

National Child Passenger Safety Week Kick-off Day Sunday, February 8

Kids in the Back Day Monday, February 9

Pedestrian Safety Day Tuesday, February 10

Child Safety Seat Check Day Wed., February 11

School Bus Safety Day Thursday, February 12

Bicycle Safety Day Friday, February 13

Buckle Up Your Valentine Day Saturday, February 14

For more information about National Child Passenger Safety Week activities, contact Mark Topash at (616) 782-4141 or 888-440-1234.



**Pokagon Potawatomi
Health Services**



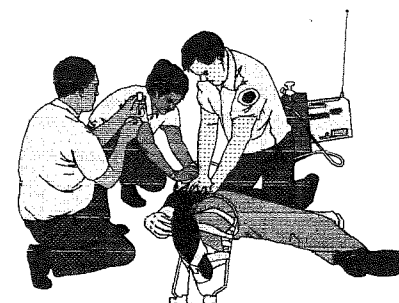
POKAGON OPTICAL PROGRAM

The Pokagon Optical Program continues its services to you. We offer a wide Variety of frames to choose from along with many options.

Who: This service is available to any enrolled Pokagon Band Member at no cost provided the selection falls within certain guidelines. Non-member spouses may also access this program, but full cost of the eyewear will be their responsibility to be paid at time of services. (Call Health Services for guidelines)

When: Appointments can be made for any Wednesday, from 9:00am – 5:00pm. Note: The Dispensary Opticians are willing to work with all work schedules. Please call our office for any questions.

How: To access our services, please call Health Services at 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234 and speak with our Dispensary Opticians *Susan Beavers* or *Trish Williams*.



Pokagon Potawatomi Health Services

CPR/Community First Aid Courses.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Health Services is offering CPR and Community First Aid for persons interested in obtaining certification. The content of the five basic level courses provides consistent guidelines that enable a person to give appropriate care, regardless of the type of emergency, beginning with the most important **decision to act** and help participants confront their fears of stepping forward to give assistance. All courses clarify when and how to access local emergency medical services, eliminating confusion that often causes delays in obtaining more highly trained medical care, and emphasizes the need for rapid medical assistance in life threatening emergencies. All courses provide information on the precautions and guidelines to prevent disease transmission. All courses teach how to recognize and care for respiratory and cardiac emergencies (performing rescue breathing, clearing an obstructed airway, performing CPR). Only the first aid courses, Standard First Aid and Community First Aid and Safety, teach the skills of bleeding control and splinting, as well as other first aid for soft tissue injuries: injuries to bones, muscles, and joints: and or sudden illness.

The basic level CPR and first aid courses are

- **Adult CPR. 4 hours**
- **Infant and Child CPR 5 hours**
- **Community CPR. 6 ½ hours**
- **Standard First Aid 6 ½ hours**
- **Community First Aid and Safety 9 hours**

Adult CPR and Infant and Child CPR are taught as individual courses. The Community CPR course is made up of those two course components taught as one course. The Standard First Aid course has two components-Adult CPR and fundamental first aid skills. Community First Aid and Safety comprises Adult CPR, Infant and Child CPR, and fundamental first aid skills in one course.

Please contact Mark Topash at the Health Office, 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234, for further information and scheduling of classes.



"COME JOIN US"
DIABETIC SUPPORT
GROUP !!

WHO'S INVITED?

ALL POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

Beginning February 2, 1999

WHAT TIME?

FIRST AND THIRD Tuesday 11-12, JUST AFTER
GEOROBICS CLASS,

SECOND AND FOURTH Wednesday

6-7 PM, FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T MAKE

DAY TIME CLASS (watch newsletter calendar for exact dates)

PLACE:

FIRST AND THIRD Tuesday class at
ELDERS HALL, (53237 Townhall Rd, Dowagiac, MI)

SECOND AND FOURTH Wednesday

PM class at I.H.S. Office, (210 S. Front St., Dowagiac, MI)

PLEASE PHONE I.H.S. OFFICE AND ASK FOR BECKY PRICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS

(1-800-440-1234 or 782-4141)

Come join us and learn how we can build a healthier Pokagon community.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN
UPDATE

January 22, 1999

The Community Development Department continues to work on a five year Strategic Action Plan being funded by ANA. On January 7th, 14th, and 21st David and I met with Floyd Gallegos to discuss how he intends to evaluate the *visioning process* involved in the SAP. Floyd also had many helpful suggestions on introducing the process to the committee.

A Strategic Action Plan Committee meeting was held Thursday, January 21st, at Elders Hall. It was very well attended and seemed to go well. Minutes for the meeting can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The next SAPC meeting is on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. at Elders Hall.

The latest updates to the planning process may be viewed on the Internet on the Community Development website @ <http://www.pokagon.com/sap.htm>

Any suggestions or comments on the SAP process should be forwarded to David Alexis or Thomas Morris at the Community Development office on Riverside Drive, Dowagiac or call us at (888) 782-1001 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or e-mail us at pokagon@pokagon.com.

Submitted by,
Tom Morris

Community Development's Web Page

The Community Development Department has established a website on the Internet at www.pokagon.com. At this site visitors may view the latest Strategic Action Plan update, Pokagon Band news briefs, eleven treaties the Band are signatories to, federal documents pertaining to the Band, Simon Pokagon articles, and Native quotations and opinions. Addition material will continue to be added.

Any suggestions or comments on the web page should be forwarded to David Alexis or Thomas Morris at the Community Development office on Riverside Drive, Dowagiac or call us at (888) 782-1001 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or e-mail us at pokagon@pokagon.com.

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN
COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for January 21, 1999

The meeting was held at Elders Hall and called to order by Thomas Morris at 7:37 p.m.

Dan Rapp gave the invocation.

Those in attendance were:

Ernie Daisy	Christine Daugherty
Kevin Daugherty	Loretta Edwards
David Alexis	Loraine Gideon
Alicia Jackson	Pat Klemm
Mary Jo Morris	Rebecca Morris
Thomas Morris	Dan Rapp
Jeffrey Riley	Maureen Shagonaby
Judy Winchester	Marchell Wesaw
Dave Weyant	Mariam Weyant.

Also in attendance was Floyd Gallegos in his role as evaluator.

The Committee was asked to nominate and elect Co-Chairpersons. Dan Rapp nominated Judy Winchester and she accepted. Mary Jo Morris nominated Dan Rapp and he declined. Mary Jo Morris nominated Jeffrey Riley and she accepted. No other nominations were made. The Committee then accepted Judy Winchester and Jeffrey Riley as the Co-Chairpersons. It is understood that Thomas Morris will act as the Secretary and SAP Facilitator for the Committee.

Thomas Morris handed out notebooks to all people present and then discussed the materials in the notebooks. Homework assignment regarding envisioning the Tribe's future was discussed.

Floyd Gallegos discussed the methods he is using in the SAP's evaluation.

Judy Winchester polled the Committee on their preferences on meeting days of the week and times. It was agreed the meetings would be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. It is also understood that the meetings will last no more than ninety (90) minutes each. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 3rd at Elders Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Judy Winchester adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by,
Tom Morris

POKAGON SOCIAL SERVICES

SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE MOVE

There are several open positions within the tribe. The Social Services Director, Community Development Director and Finance Director resigned and the Housing Director passed away. With the recent and upcoming vacancies, there will be some restructuring taking place within the Tribal Operations. This is an attempt to keep the operations running smoothly and ensure that membership services are not interrupted.

One change to take notice of is in the Social Services Department. The outreach workers will now be at the Indian Health Office. If you have business to do or you get services from the Social Services Department, please call them at (616) 782-4141 or 888-440-1234. Or you can visit them at 210 S. Front St.

The JTPA program will move over into the Education Department. If you need services, please contact Tracy Wesaw at (616) 782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

Butch White will remain in the Administration offices at the same number. (616) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777.



LIHEAP NOTICE

It's that time of year when the cold is setting in and the heating bills are adding up. 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.

Please contact Tracy Wesaw at:

Education
(616) 782-0887
or
888-330-1234

Or Contact Rechelle Herman or Shannon Hiler
(616) 782-4141
or
888-440-1234

POKAGON HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Housing Department Report

The new year is here and I see many new things coming to the membership this year and years to come. The Home Improvement Program (HIP) did a lot of work last year. There were many things done for members on their homes. The program ran pretty smoothly with very few complaints. The program started its third year back in August. With Jesse Howell on board as the Housing Director, we developed some policies and procedures that have helped the program work better. Everyone, who will have work done on their home, will receive a copy of these. I will be going through everyone's file and will request updated income verification. This is needed to be in compliance with the BIA and HUD for the HIP program. All applications are scored on a pointing system and that is how your application is placed on the priority list. The policy and procedure will be followed closely, so as to be fair to everyone. Also work is done according to availability of funds and the HIP coordinator will make every effort to assist all members who, qualify for the program.

The Sanitation Program has been put in winter clause which means no work will start until weather permits. All permits are good for one (1) year, so don't worry about that. The program is usually going by this time, but paper work between Indian Health Service in Bemidji, MN and Sault Ste. Marie office took time. Then, I had problems with two sites with where the systems were going. I have finally gotten this straightened out.

Now I have to get the bids done, and the work should start as soon as weather permits. This program has had many rough spots in it and with the changes made to it over the summer, it should run better this year. It's not a bad thing that it didn't start in the fall, since it should start in the spring anyway. Then maybe there won't be as many problems getting the yards back in shape.

The Housing Department has started the weatherization program for all members who live in the 10 county service area. This program is to put plastic up around the windows and weather stripping around the doors. It does not install insulation in the walls or ceiling. The Department is also accepting applications for Emergency Rent Payment and Emergency Housing. The

Pokagon Potawatomi Health Services

Injury Prevention Program

If you have been injured and required medical attention from your Doctor or the Emergency Room, please contact us. We can use this information to develop and design a **prevention** program that is specific to the type of injuries sustained by Pokagon Potawatomi Members. The goal is to lower or eliminate the occurrence of these injuries thus providing a safe and healthy environment for you.

If you have been injured, please contact:

Mark Topash
782-4141
Or
1-888-440-1234



Continuing February 1999, we would again like to invite all interested persons to join in this Health Wise Activity. You can improve your health and have fun while enjoying the company of others. Exercise can help you take charge of your health and maintain the level of fitness for an active, independent lifestyle. Exercise is the key to the “good life” and benefits everyone regardless of age.

One of the major benefits of regular physical activity is protection against coronary heart disease. Other benefits include protection against other chronic disease such as adult onset diabetes, arthritis, hypertension, certain cancers, osteoporosis and depression. Also, research has proven that exercise can ease tension and reduce the amount of stress you feel.

To put it simply – Exercise is one of the best things you can do for your health.

Gerobics and Chairobics are designed for persons of all ages and we would like to extend this invitation to all. Again, our next sessions are scheduled to continue through February 1999. Gerobics 10:00 - 11:00am and Chairobics 6:00 - 7:00pm at Elders Hall. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Contact:
Yvonne "Petey" Boehm
782-4141
Or
1-888-440-1234

Gerobics/Chairobics: Low impact aerobics done in and around chairs with hand weights and elastic bands.

February 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**If you are unsure of meetings or time, please call ahead for confirmation.	1	2 Gerobics 10-11 Chairrobics 6-7 E.H.	3	4 Elders Council Business Meeting 11 a.m.-4 p.m. E.H. Gerobics 10-11 Chairrobics 6-7	5	6 Basket Co-op 12-5
7	8	9 Gerobics 10-11 E.H. Diabetic Workshop 11-12 Chairrobics 6-7 E.H.	10 Closed Director/Coordinator Meeting with Council 6:30 E.H. Diabetic Workshop IHS Office 6-7	11 Gerobics 10-11 E.H. Chairrobics 6-7 E.H.	12	13 General Membership Meeting 10 a.m. SMC Auditorium
14	15	16 Gerobics 10-11 Chairrobics 6-7	17	18 Gerobics 10-11 E.H. Chairrobics 6-7 E.H. Tribal Council 7:00-E.H.	19	20 Tribal Council Meeting 10 a.m. E.H.
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Housing Department acquired six mobile homes from FEMA for the Emergency Housing. This program is set up to help families and elderly or handicapped individuals through temporary emergency housing problems. The program is to be used in cases that clearly constitute an emergency and only after other avenues of housing sources have been explored and/or used. The Social Service Outreach Workers will assist the Housing Department in coordinating this program. The Emergency Rent Fund is available to help families and individuals through emergency situations. The fund is to be used only in cases that clearly constitute an emergency and only after other funding sources have been exhausted. The Social Service Outreach Workers will assist the Housing Department in coordinating this program.

The Housing Director has gotten many of the Policies and Procedures in place that are needed for the development of housing. The Housing Plan has been done for this year and the Public hearing for compliance. There is still an enormous amount of work to be done before we start building homes. These homes will be yours, so I hope that membership attend any membership meeting about housing in the future and participate in any questionnaires or surveys on housing. All this information is important to the development of our reservation. Come to the council meetings so you are up to date on all that is going on with our housing. Things will start to develop, fast, so be up on housing issues.

For those of you that don't know, Jesse Howell passed away January 3, 1999. He had been the Housing Director since May of last year. Jesse brought a great deal of knowledge of Housing. He was respected all around the country at Indian Housing Authorities. Jesse had a pipe dream to one day start a Housing Department from scratch. He got that chance when he came to work here. Unfortunately he didn't get to finish his work before he had to leave us. But he did give us a very good start on our Housing Program. I guess that is why I got along with him so well. I have the same pipe dream he had, in wanting to have a Housing program and reservation designed, of which we can all be proud. He also had a big heart for Indian People especially elders and children. He would try to help everyone he could as long as they also tried to help themselves. I am the same way. So in ending this report, I say Thank You my Friend for helping our people during the little time we had with you.

*Respectively Submitted
Keith White*

LANGUAGE NEWS

Neshnabémwen Language Program

The Language Program was very fortunate to spend some time with Lorenzo Mattawaoshe and Walter Cooper, both of Kansas. We found their skills with the language a nice complement to the work established by Mae Weesaw and Martin Wesaw. While Lorenzo and Walter were in town, we were able to record a few stories completely in Potawatomi. We intend to have these and a collection of stories from other speakers, published and available to students.

Classes start on February 3, 1999 and conclude March 24, 1999. Classes meet Wednesday nights 6:00 at the Education Office. The class will address topics on: current and past means of writing the language; our relationship to language neighbors; developing language learning skills; refining study skills. No prior experience with the language is necessary. Please register with Frank Barker at 1-888-330-1234 or 782-0887 to reserve a seat.

*Bama mine,
Frank Barker & John Fox*



EDUCATION



During this time of restructuring, Frank Barker will take over as interim Education Manager. He will be taking calls on many issues and assisting with scholarships, reporting and many other duties that have not had the full time attention of a staff person.

If you have any questions for Frank, please contact him at the Education Department (616) 782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

Pokagon Band Youth Programs

Career Expo '99

Thursday & Friday, February 25-26
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

High school students are invited to attend the Fifth Annual Career Expo sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. This program provides students with the cultural teachings, financial aid information, and the chance to meet with college and university representatives. We will leave for the Expo in early afternoon on Thursday and return on Friday night. Interested? Please call Marie Willis at the Education Office by Monday, February 8 to register.



Cornell University Summer College

June 26-August 10
Ithaca, New York

Cornell University offers the Jerry H. Holland Memorial Scholarship for Native American students who will be entering their senior year.

The Cornell Summer College offers university-level courses for high school students who demonstrate outstanding academic ability. Also included in the summer program are exploration seminars where students learn more about careers that interest them. Application deadline is April 2.

Please contact Marie Willis at the Education

Keepers of the Fire Youth Council



It's not too late for junior and high school students to become involved in the Keepers of the Fire Youth Council. Do you have any suggestions on how you, as a Native American youth, can make a difference in your community? If so, please come. Know of any good services projects in which the Youth Council can participate? Please let us know.

Meetings in February will be on

Saturdays, February 6 & February 20

For exact times & locations, please call Marie Willis at 1-888-330-1234.

Pokagon Band Education Department
901 Spruce Street
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Saturday, February 13th

COMPUTER CRAFT WORKSHOP

FOR KIDS

10:00am - 11:30am
(Ages 5 - 13)



SATURDAY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP LAB FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 11-12TH

9:00am - 10:00am

Come and take an SAT/ACT pre-test or use the Internet to search for college scholarships for which you may be eligible. Call 1-888-330-1234 for information.

POKAGON ELDERS REPORT

MINUTES

ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING DECEMBER 3, 1998 - 11:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:20 A.M.

Invocation given by Clarence White

Roll Call

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

Attendance: 32 Elders

Additions to agenda: MIEA conference call - Joe Winchester
Colin Wesaw, story teller - Gerald Wesaw

Mary Church moved to approve the agenda of December 3, 1998. Rachel Daugherty seconded the motion. All in favor "aye", opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED
Marge Moody moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 1998. Clarence White seconded the motion. All in favor "aye", opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED

Becky Price, R.N.C. informed us that IHS wants to develop a diabetic support group that meets a couple times a month. CPR classes with Mark Topash, R.N. will begin January 11th. & 25th here at Elders Hall.

Gerald stated that the MIEA election would start after our business meeting. We will have one hour to vote.

Resolution for the use of Elders Hall. Resolution #98-027, dated December 3, 1998, made by Rachel Daugherty, seconded by Marge Moody.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Elders Council and Membership shall hold their business meeting and luncheon the first Thursday of the month; their social luncheon shall be held on the third Thursday of the month; both being held at Elders Hall from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The Elders Council Officers meeting shall be held the first Monday before their Elders Council business meeting; this meeting to be held at Elders Hall from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. If this schedule changes, the Elders Council Secretary will notify the Tribal Council Executive Secretary. All in favor: "aye" Opposed: 0. RESOLUTION ADOPTED by a Membership Popular Vote.

Resolution for the Elders Hall refund. Resolution #98-028, dated December 3, 1998, made by Marge Moody, seconded by Clarence White.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council has amended the Elders Hall Use Agreement to have all deposits refunded in full; un-refunded amounts would have been placed in accounts for Elders Programs. The Elders Council would like all expenses for these private social occasions to be paid out of the General Fund; not the Elders Fund. All in favor: "aye" opposed: 0. RESOLUTION ADOPTED by a Membership Popular Vote.

Gerald asked for a show of hands in favor of amending the Elders Council Ordinance and By-laws. All in favor: 6 Opposed: 12

Copies of a letter regarding the Head Start Program were passed out to membership. A vote was taken for the use of Elders Hall once a week for this program; called a Socialization day for the children, their families, and the community. All in favor: "aye", opposed 0. Colin Wesaw, the storyteller will be invited when we don't have such a busy schedule.

Our Christmas party will be held December 17th. Everyone is to bring a \$2.00 limit bingo prize. Also a \$5.00 gift exchange. We expect about 10 Huron Band Elders to attend.

All in favor of having one meeting in January, February, and March voted "aye", opposed 1.

Membership agreed on having an open auction January 7, 1999.

Copies were passed out of the Elder logos the committee worked on. Membership will vote on them at the January business meeting.

The MIEA Executive Board conference call made December 2, 1998 regarding the status of the newly elected Chairperson did not go through. Therefore a trip for a meeting was planned.

Resolution #98-029, dated December 3, 1998, made by

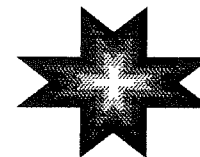
Marge Moody, seconded by Mary Church.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Elders Council shall send Joe Winchester and Clarence White to Mt. Pleasant for a MIEA meeting on December 10th & 11th, 1998. Per diem is to be paid for Clarence White and Joe Winchester; a Transporter and GSA vehicle. All expenses to be paid out of the Elders General Fund. All in favor: "aye" 0 opposed: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED by a Membership Popular Vote.

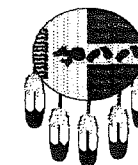
Announcements:

Gerald stated that at 1:25 the polls would be closed for the MIEA election. Next Elders Council Business Meeting January 7, 1999 11:00 A.M. at E.H. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

*Submitted by,
Mary Jo Morris
Elders Council Secretary*



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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Susie Morseau-February 7
Georgianna Morseau-February 7
Joseph Morseau-February 15
Angel Morseau-February 17
Love you lots, Sis/Mom

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Susie Morseau-February 7
Love, your family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joseph Morseau-February 16
Love, your family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Angel Morseau-February 17
Love, your family

HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY

Loren Alsup-February 18
Love, your family

Love, Todd and Chastity

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM

You are the best!

Love, Pam, Tracy, Jimmy, DeeDee and all of your grandchildren

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maxine Margiotta-February 22
Love, your younger sister

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 77th Bampa-February 3
We Love you

Susie, Rita, Jr. and Ashley

CONGRATULATIONS

Robert and Dawn (Wesaw) Harmon
on the birth of Cheyenne Rene
December 29, 1998
6 lbs. 11.5 oz.

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

Butch Wesaw-January 19
Love, your family

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Randy Crossno-January 16
Love, your family

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Matt Davidson-January 4
Love, your family

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Jackie Harrelson-January 19
Love, your family

MEMORIAL GATHERING

For Sinis Qua

Viola Graverette

August 5, 1917-March 2, 1998

Relatives and friends invited

MARCH 6, 1999

Elders Hall from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Please call

Val (616) 463-3669

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FEBRUARY 20, 1999 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

BIRTHDAY 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Dawn Lewis John J. Mix	4 Bill Lewis	5 Kelly Curran Maureen Shagonaby	6 Eric Harrelson
7 Susie Morseau Georgianna Morseau Justin Lewis	8 Shelby Lynn Thomas	9 Jim Lewis Sierra Temple	10 Kara Genereaux	11 Sandra Gatties Faye Wesaw	12	13 Corey Price Trish Williams
14 Jessica Gatties	15	16 Joseph Morseau Ken Antisdal Eric Winchester	17	18	19	20
21	22 Erin Genereaux Maxine Margiotta	23	24	25 Codie Grigsby	26	27 Michaelam Gartner
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