

# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

*"The Pokagons Tell It"*



Vol. IV, No. VII

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## TRIBE SELECTS LAKES GAMING, INC.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi has signed a non-binding term sheet with Lakes Gaming, Inc. Lakes is based out of Minnesota and has extensive experience developing and managing casinos for other Indian tribes.

Among the tribes Lakes Gaming has worked with are: Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana and Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana.

"We feel this is a management company that can help our tribe move ahead," said John Miller, Tribal Chairman. "Our membership has been waiting a long time to see some progress on the gaming front, and we feel confident that Lakes will make this next step for the tribe easier and also a success."

The tribe is looking to finish contract negotiations in the next few weeks. Once that is complete, the Council will be scheduling a general membership meeting to cover the terms of the contract and introduce the group.

The tribe separated from Harrahs several months ago. Although the compacts came through in December, the tribe could do little until this important piece of the puzzle was solved.

The tribe opened up a request for proposal process last February. At a general membership meeting, the Council showed the terms of what the tribe was requesting from a potential management partner.

The tribe received several proposals, but only a few very serious ones. The Council felt that Lakes' proposal was the strongest of the final three.

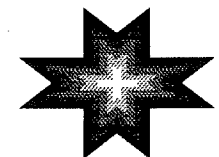
One strong point was the group's involvement with Indian gaming. Lakes has been involved with many as-

pects of development. Those include site selection and acquisition, financing, master planning, management of environmental issues, legal and regulatory matters, and architectural and theme conception.

Lakes has experience with management of a casino that ranges from asset protection to employee relations.

It will be important to the tribe to have a partner with expertise in so many areas. The Pokagon Band and Lakes Gaming still need to follow federal procedures to begin the development process. Both groups are anticipating a great working relationship.

The tribe has been assisted throughout this process by Rob Gips, Eric Marshall and Marchell Wesaw. The Council will be announcing a date, so please watch your mail for a general membership meeting announcement.



## COUNCIL CORNER

Hello Everyone,

I have written several times on the status of the 97/98 audits. The '97 audit is complete with the '98 audit nearing completion. The timeline for the '98 audit has changed due to the current information from the United States Grants Office. Apparently, we never submitted an audit for 1995. The Grants Office notified us that we are responsible for completing and submitting the 1995 audit. Work has already begun to resolve this problem. As this audit unfolds, I will keep you aware of its progress along with the progress of 1998. I know these are hard things to read but nothing is insurmountable, and we have a very competent staff to get things done.

We have some great things happening this summer. One of which is the Summer Youth Work Program. It will employ young Tribal members at many of our offices this summer. What a great way to expose our youth to our organization. I anticipate great things from this experience for all parties. Welcome aboard, people!

We have been working with John Dosset from the NCIA. He has informed us that Congressmen in Indiana are rallying to attack us based on taxation. Meaning, they want Tribes to work out tax compact agreements between the state and the Tribes. Maybe it can be best explained by example. The individual states want the Tribes to assess taxes on goods they sell on reservation. This tax would keep the goods sold on reservation approximately the same price as taxed goods sold off reservation. Our Tribe would keep the taxes we assess. Obviously, the Congressman's fear is that if we sell goods too cheaply, it would take patronage away from the off reservation businesses. Of course, I want us to make as much profit for our people as possible. I will work diligently to protect our best interest. I will be attending a meeting in Washington to address this issue. The good news is that we are not in this alone. This attack is being waged on all Indian Nations. So, we will have the much-needed support from Indian Country. I will keep you posted on this issue as well as the many others I see daily.

*Submitted by,  
John Miller*

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Hello, Everyone,

Well, once again I thank the Pokagon Band for the opportunity to serve you as your Executive Director. These past few months have been unerringly eventful and rather fulfilling, indeed; especially as the Pokagon Tribal Administration is experiencing quite a jolt of activity as of late. Fortunately, I inherited a fine administration that is overflowing, with talented employees, who are fully capable of assisting the Pokagon Band in providing an exemplary service to the membership.

The management philosophy that is currently in effect, within the administrative branch of the Pokagon Band is teamwork; and the overall focus of each department is to be sure, the need of the membership. With that in mind, each department is empowered with the ability to work in concert, or with the other branches of administration to provide a holistic approach to problem solving. This concept is intended to assist the administrative branch as we embark upon our journey into the next millenium.

To assure that our journey is productive and efficient, a task oriented management structure, that is of a more formalized nature, has been implemented. This management approach evaluates the performance of the staff while simultaneously pledging to the membership, that the fruits of our labor shall not go untended... or, that the membership shall reap the benefit of our accomplishments.

Please be notified that the administrative staff has already commenced our journey. Policies and procedures that govern each department are currently subjected to either review, amendment, or implementation, for the purpose of guaranteeing that services are provided in a timely, orderly, fair, and equitable manner. In addition, a checks and balances system, that is being designed to safeguard the financial resources of the Pokagon Band, is in the final stages of completion.

Finally, a primary goal to engage in long range planning and reorganization of the existing departments and programs, is in process. This pursuit shall enable the

staff to diversify services that are currently provided to the membership, through enhancement of current services and establishment of future services. At this time, the Finance, Housing, Community Development, Indian Health Service, and Social Service Departments are addressing this pursuit. And, to assure that prompt and effective long range planning and reorganization occurs, as intended, the Compliance and Community Development staff will join forces with the departments, to assist with the fulfillment of this goal. The intended date for completion of the long range planning is the end of July, 1999. I commend each employee for exhibiting tenacity and ambition in embracing this pursuit.

In closing, I sincerely hope that this message provides insight into the management style that is being utilized within the Pokagon Tribal Administration, and the generalized principles and anticipated results that accompany and are the logical consequence of this approach. If you have further questions or concerns about the Pokagon Tribal Administration, please do not hesitate to contact our office for assistance. Thank you.

*Submitted by,  
Ralene Butler*

## NEED THE MINUTES?

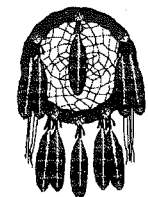
If you would like a complete set of the minutes, please contact Kelly Curran.

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P.O. Box 180  
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(616) 782-6323  
888-376-9988**

## MINUTES APPROVED AT JUNE 12TH TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The following minutes were approved at the June 12, 1999 Tribal Council Meeting. All open meeting minutes are available for you to review in the Tribal Council Office. Please feel free to contact Kelly for more information, at 1-888-376-9988 or local callers 782-6323.

- FEB. 6 (Closed) Tribal Council Executive Director interviews/tribal council worksession
- FEB. 10 (Closed) Tribal Council worksession
- FEB. 13 General Membership meeting on gaming
- FEB. 18 Tribal Council informational meeting with Education Department
- MAR. 13 Tribal Council informational meeting on Finances
- MAR. 15 (Closed) Special Council Meeting client contract
- MAR. 15 (Closed) Tribal Council with Executive Director
- MAR. 16 Tribal Council with Michigan Gaming Commission
- MAR. 16 (Closed) Executive Committee meeting
- MAR. 23 Tribal Council with Gathering Committee worksession
- APR. 7 (Closed) Executive Resolution for training
- APR. 10 Tribal Council meeting
- APR. 13 Tribal Council with Gathering Committee
- APR. 15 (Closed) Tribal Council with Executive Director
- APR. 19 (Closed) Tribal Council and Executive Director interview of Education Director
- APR. 19 Tribal Council and Housing Manager worksession
- APR. 20 (Closed) Tribal Council with Health Director/gaming discussion
- APR. 22 Tribal Council meeting
- APR. 29 (Closed) Tribal Council land options in New Buffalo



## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

### POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 10, 1999

**RESOLUTION #1** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Greg Ballew.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council continues participation in the voluntary permanent CAB/Contract Acreage Reductions Program with USDA for the Gage Street property.

**FURTHERMORE:** Council authorizes the Tribal Chairman and the Tribal Secretary to sign the appropriate paperwork.

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Christine Daugherty to Contracting for Consultants and Professional Services training to be held in Reno, Nevada or May 4-6, 1999. Costs to be estimated at \$1,000.00. To be paid out of IHS funds.

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**RESOLUTION #3** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Marie Willis, Kelly Wesaw, Rebecca Price, Stephanie Ballew, and Keith White to Supervision and Management for New Supervisors and Managers to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on May 10-11, 1999. Costs to be estimated at \$4500.00. To be paid out of IHS, Education, and Housing funds.

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**RESOLUTION #4** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Bonnie Katlun and Rebecca Drake to New Audit Guidelines/Procedures to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 18-19, 1999. Costs to be estimated at \$1800.00. To be paid out of indirect cost pool.

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**RESOLUTION #5** made by Wayne Holleman and Mary Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Ruth Morsaw and Virginia Wesaw to Personnel Files and Record Keeping to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 25-27, 1999. Costs to be estimated at \$1800.00. To be paid out of indirect cost pool.

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Rebecca Drake to Internal Auditing/ Preventing Fraud and Abuse to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on June, 2-3, 1999. Costs to be estimated at \$1000.00. To be paid out of indirect cost pool.

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**RESOLUTION #7** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Bonnie Katlun to Fund Accounting For Tribal Finance Departments to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 8-10, 1999. Costs to be estimated at \$1000.00. To be paid out of the indirect cost pool.

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**RESOLUTION #8** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Paula W. Geer, Christine Daugherty, and Rebecca Drake to Tribal Employment Laws Employee Rights and Laws Affecting Employees to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on 6/28-7/1, 1999. Costs estimated at \$3000.00. Paid out of indirect cost pool and IHS funds.

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**RESOLUTION #9** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council accepts the wording amendments to the Emergency Rent/Mortgage Payment policy as presented by the Interim Housing Manager, as approved by the Housing Committee on April 7, 1999.

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**RESOLUTION #10** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council supports Executive Committees actions on April 7, 1999 approving the staff training.

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**RESOLUTION #11** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the application for the Library Grant for 1999-2000 in the amount of \$4245.

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**RESOLUTION #12** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to send Becky Price to a CDC Diabetes Translation Conference and a tour of the Indian Health Services Diabetes Program Facility in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 22-29, 1999. Cost to include airfare, per diem, and hotel expenses estimated at \$1200.00.

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**RESOLUTION #13** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves Lisa Wolfe's travel plan to attend the Healthy Start Quarterly Meeting in Escanaba, MI April 13-14, 1999 and Art of Birthing Conference in New York April 16-19, 1999. Cost include airfare, per diem, registration fee, lodging, and car rental estimated at \$1600.00.

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**RESOLUTION #14** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves travel plans for Mark Topash to attend the "Introduction to Injury Prevention Course" April 27-30, 1999 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Cost to include use of a GSA vehicle, lodging and per diem estimated at \$500.00.

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**RESOLUTION #15** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council authorizes up to four (4) people to attend the National Indian Gaming Association NIGA "99" Annual membership meeting and tradeshow to be held in Tucson, Arizona on April 25-28. Costs estimated at \$5000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION #16** made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mary Church

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council authorizes two people from the Elders Council to attend the Hesburgh Roast at Notre Dame.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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The Community Development Department would like to welcome Terra Wilson, our Summer Youth Program participant to our office. Terra will be a sophomore at Lawrence High School in the fall. She likes sports, music and being with her friends. Her interests for the future include being a teacher. Terra is the daughter of Laurie and Mark Wilson; we are delighted to meet her and look forward to working with her.

Suffice it to say that the summer is here, and the children are home or in this case.... at work. We are pleased to be included in this very special project. Our thanks to everyone who worked so hard to get this project up and running.

I attended the Oweesta Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona this month and was delighted to be honored, on behalf of the tribe, to be a recipient of a special award given by the Phillip Morris Company for the work that we do to alleviate hunger. This award rightfully goes to many people, Rebecca Drake, Mike Wesaw, John Miller, Linda Mangus, Candace Wesaw, and Bobby Linn, to name a few, for their work over the past four years to develop and implement the USDA Food Program. Our sincerest appreciation also to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the First Nations Development Institute (host of Oweesta) for their support of the program.

The Strategic Action Planning Committee has nearly completed its work. The next phase is surveying the community. You should all be aware that in the next few months you will be asked to participate in numerous surveys once again. Our data must be updated as we seek to implement more service related programs. Please take the time to participate in these efforts to understand what our current needs may be.

One of the areas that First Nations is interested in is the economic development of Indian Nations and of individual Indian entrepreneurs. I will soon be seeking a grant from the Eagle Staff Fund to do a feasibility study of the community to determine how many of you are interested in owning your own business. Rebecca Sieb, Program Officer at First Nations explained to me that many of the operations and/or services that would ordinarily be vendored out to the community-at-large, for our casino and hotel services, could very well be owned and operated by our own people. This is a great idea! Once the research is complete and I can justify

the need to go ahead with this program, I will then apply for a grant for a Revolving Loan Fund that our members can access for start-up capital for their businesses. Watch for more information in the next several months.

*Submitted by,  
Jo Ellen Leith*

### STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Tribal Council passed the following Tribal Mission Statement by resolution at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting:

**The mission of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is to respectfully promote and protect the culture, dignity, education, health, welfare, and self-sufficiency of our elders, our youth, our families, and our future generations while preserving Mother Earth. We will strive to give our people a better quality of life. The Band will also strive to be economically independent from federal and local governments allowing the Band to fully exercise its sovereignty.**

Thomas Morris met with survey experts from Community Information System at Western Michigan University on June 10<sup>th</sup>. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, they sent us a proposal for doing our survey and it was sent to Ralene for review and approval. On June 18<sup>th</sup> we received notice from the Tribe's legal Council that we will not be permitted to use cash incentives to induce Members to return the survey forms. The SAPC Co-chairpersons have been notified and a meeting to discuss alternatives is being set-up.

The latest updates to the planning process will continue to be posted on our web page at pokagon.com. Please send any suggestions or comments on the strategic action plan process to Jo Ellen Leith or Thomas Morris at the Community Development Office by mail, telephone, fax, or e-mail at [pokagon@pokagon.com](mailto:pokagon@pokagon.com).

*Submitted by,  
Tom Morris*

## PERSONNEL REPORT

Interviews were completed for the Youth Specialist position. I expect to complete the hiring process in early July. We are currently reviewing resumes received for available director positions. I would expect to be interviewing for these positions very soon.

**IMPORTANT NEWS:** Summer Hours are in effect through Labor Day weekend for staff. All departments close at 3:00 on Friday afternoons. All staff, with the exception of Ralene Butler, Kevin Daugherty and Keith White, will work later hours for four days in order to be off at 3:00. These three will maintain their Friday afternoon schedules until 5:00 for the summer months. The Substance Abuse and Commodity Food sites will close at noon, keeping their regular schedules for the summer. Please note: telephone answering machines will be on in all other buildings as of 3:00 Friday afternoons with instructions for emergency calls.

In addition, the Fourth of July holiday is quickly upon us. We will be closed on Friday and Monday, July 2 and 5.

*Submitted by,  
Paula Winchester Geer*

### REPAIRS AND RENOVATION

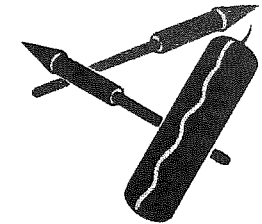
**For those who qualify for any of the funding for repair and renovation there are some restrictions. There is a cap of \$35,000 per home. You may not get all of the funding at once. The funding is spent according to the availability, and the number of members on the waiting list. It may take a year 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**

## POKAGON HEALTH NEWS

### DON'T FORGET FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTH!

Handle fireworks with care and prevent burns, blindness. Have a great Fourth of July!



### Chairobics Cancelled for the rest of the Summer!

Instead we have a walk scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Please meet by the train depot We also walk at the nature trail at Southwest Michigan College

We provide rides.  
Call Petey Boehm for information.

**(616) 782-4141  
888-440-1234**

### 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.



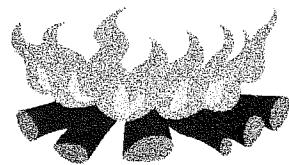
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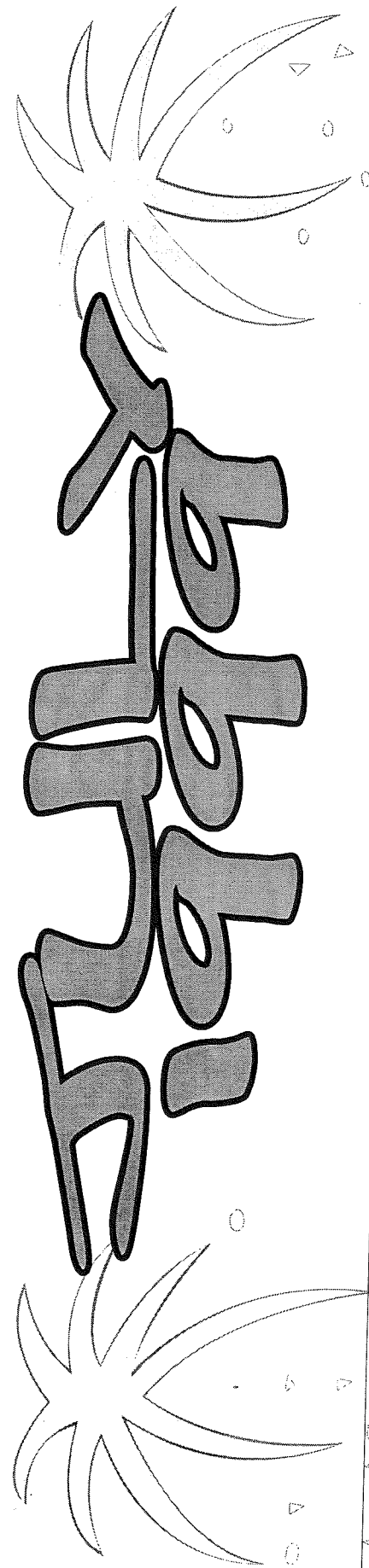
Summer Youth Camp

August 1st - 6<sup>th</sup>



All applicants must be over 18. Please contact Marie Willis,  
Youth Programs Coordinator, by July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

Telephone: (616) 782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234



Sat	Fri	Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun
3 Basket Co-Op 12-4 E.H.	2 Tribal Offices Closed	1 Gerobics 10-11 a E.H. Elders Business Mtg. 11a-4p E.H. Personnel Comm. Mtg. 4:15 E.H.				
10 TRIBAL ELECTIONS	9 E.H. Closed at 4p for election prep.	8 Gerobics 10-11a	7	6 Gerobics 10-11a E.H.	5 Tribal Offices Closed	4 Gathering Committee 1-6p E.H.
17 Basket Co-Op 12-4p E.H. Youth Gathering 5-7p E.H.	16	15 Gerobics 10-11a E.H. Elders Social Luncheon 11a-4p E.H. Personnel Comm. 4:15 E.H.	14	13 Gerobics 10-11a E.H. Luncheon for Sisters of Holy Cross 11a E.H.	12	11 Gathering Committee 1-6p E.H.
24 Basket Co-Op 12-4p E.H.	23	22 Tribal Council Mtg. Gerobics 10-11 a	21	20 Gerobics 10-11 a E.H.	19 Gathering Committee 1-6p E.H.	18 Gathering Committee 1-6p E.H.
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## POW WOW COMMITTEE

Planning has begun for Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow for 1999. Dates this year are September 4 & 5, the Saturday and Sunday before Labor Day. The event is again scheduled at St. Patrick's Park in South Bend.

There was some discussion as to whether to actually hold the event this year. Both Co-chairs, Dan Rapp and Kevin Daugherty, are very busy and cannot devote the same amount of time to it as in the past. Many other Committee members would like a little time off, too, for the holiday. But after asking around the community, enough people expressed an interest in having the Pow Wow continue for the Committee to agree to put it together again.

Dan and Kevin agreed to serve as Co-chairs for one more year, just to get the ball rolling. The Pow Wow will be a bare bones operation this year, because of the late start date and the poor turnout at the gate for last year. The current Committee members will work on getting the basic operations in place so that the Pow Wow can take place.

A bare bones Pow Wow can and will be put on this year by the existing Committee, but new blood is needed for the Pow Wow to continue into the future. New ideas and new energy are welcome.

For any questions or information on the Pow Wow, please contact Kevin Daugherty at (616) 782-0160, or Judy Augusta at (616) 782-1763.

*Submitted by,  
Kevin Daugherty*

## ENROLLMENT OFFICE

The tribal card printer is back from repairs. Cards are now being printed.

- Lost your card? Submit a check or money order for \$5.00 for a new card.
- Wallet/purse stolen? Send your request along with proof of police report, the fee will be waived.
- No police report, a \$5.00 fee will be levied.
- Marriage/Legal name change? Return card along with proof of name change, and a copy of driver's license or social security card.
- Does your card have a typo? Return card indicating the error.

Call 616-782-1763 or 1-888-782-1001 if you have any questions.

## GATHERING COMMITTEE

### Gathering Committee

The Gathering Committee is still working very hard on the property. There has been no one from the membership, other than the committee volunteers and the elders that have volunteered their time as of yet with helping to clean or to help at the Gathering itself. So we are doing the best we can to make sure everything is going to look nice for the Gathering. I, as chairperson of this committee, would like to express my gratitude to each person who is on this committee for all your time and effort, for your support and hard work to make sure this Gathering will make memories for everyone to remember for years to come.

Also, thank you very much to Jerry Ashby for volunteering to make the picnic tables. You did a great job on them. In addition to his handiwork Jerry Ashby has volunteered his time to make a new pier. We appreciate the donation of the baseball equipment from Charles Barker.

A big thank you to Majael DeMarsh who was the only one that submitted artwork for the logo. Thanks to P.J. Ashby who donates the use of his grill every time the Gathering Committee meets for clean up or meetings. Plus, we are especially grateful for the kids from the ages of 6-16 who have put in their time by picking up brush and sticks, because every little bit helps.

We are still having a difficult time getting lifeguards, although we might be in luck and possibly have two lifeguards.

We will be cleaning up at the property every Saturday from now until the Gathering. We will more than likely be there on Sundays also. If you are interested in volunteering, please come on out and help. We never turn away a helping hand!

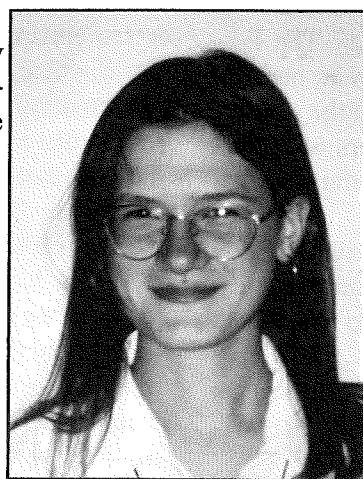
*Submitted by,  
Marie Morseau Manley*

## POKAGON YOUTH WORKERS



**ELENA DEWEY**

She is entering the 8th grade at Calvary Bible Academy. She like skating and listening to music. She is working in the Education Department.



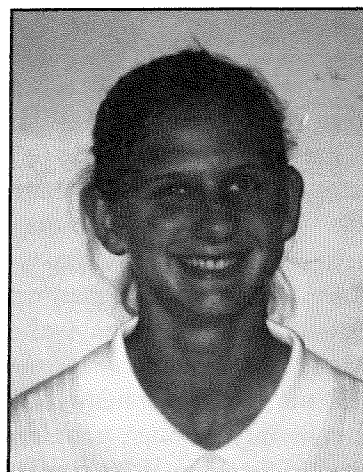
**REBECCA MORRIS**

Rebecca will be a junior at Washington High School. She likes animals, country music and children. She is currently working in the Education Department.



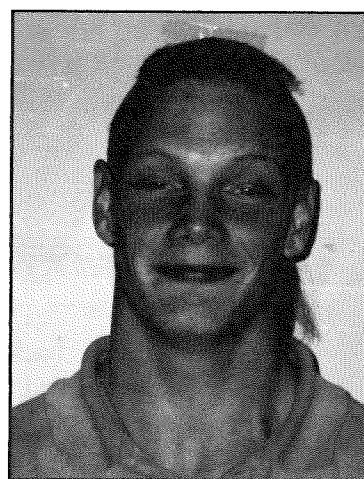
**LEAH MORRIS**

Leah will be a freshman at Washington High School. She likes computers, shopping and communicating. She is working in Indian Health Services.



**BETH ANN  
HUSTON**

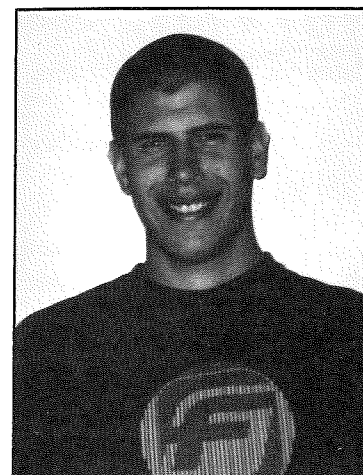
Beth will be a senior at Decatur High School. She likes sports, and spending time with friends and family. She is working with the Tribal Council.



**JOSEPH  
STARRETT**

Joseph will be a sophomore at Dowagiac. He is working in the Housing Department.

## POKAGON YOUTH WORKERS



**JUSTIN STRAHL**

Justin will be a senior at Hartford High School. He likes basketball. Justin is working in the Housing Department.



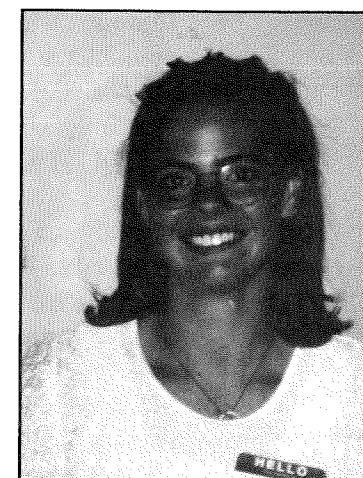
**MINDY WILSON**

Mindy is going to be a freshman at Lawrence High School. She likes sports, band and computers. She is working in Indian Health Services.



**FRANK WESAW**

Frank will be a junior at Hartford High School. He likes pow wows, basketball and drumming. He is working in the Commodities Department.



**TERRA WILSON**

Terra will be a sophomore at Lawrence High School. She likes sports, music and computers. Terra is working in Community Development.



**MICHELLE  
WOJTAS**

Michelle will be a junior at Washington High School. She likes computers, photography and silence. She is working in Administration.



## POKAGON ELDERS REPORT

### POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 3, 1999 - 11:00 A.M.

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.  
Meeting called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:12 a.m.

Invocation by Frank Person.

#### Roll Call

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

Attendance: 25 Elders, 2 Guests

Marge Moody moved to approve the agenda of June 3, 1999.

Mary Jo Morris seconded the motion. All in favor "aye",  
opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 1999.

Marge Moody seconded the motion. All in favor "aye",  
opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED

Becky Price gave the health information report. The Wednesday night Diabetic Support Group has been cancelled. Petey Boehm has started a walk program Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. meeting at the depot in Dowagiac. For the Healthy Start program, Lisa Wolfe is looking for more women needing her services. Becky is still continuing the outreach program.

Michele Vargas, Coordinator of the Geriatric Assessments Plus (GAP) introduced Kathy Fuller, Director of GAP. Kathy stated there is a new service in Van Buren County which would include Pokagon Band members and their spouses. Michele Vargas and one of our CHR's would do a home visit. After the home visit, the Coordinator would schedule an appointment for additional assessment at the GAP Clinic in Van Buren County Health Services Complex in Hartford.

Elders Fund Resolution #99-004, dated May 10, 1999, made by Rachel Daugherty, seconded by Marge Moody. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Elders Council wants to change the date of the Elders Fund fiscal year from March 4, 1998 to October 1, 1999. All in favor: 6 Opposed: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Marge Moody stated the dates for the MIEA Meeting in Baraga, MI. are July 20-travel day, July 21-22 meeting, July 23-24 Pow Wow, and return on Sunday, July 25.

Gerald announced there is Trail of Death marker dedication on June 19, 1999 in DeWitt, MO if anyone wants to attend.

Resolution #99-005, dated June 1, 1999, by Rachel Daugherty, seconded by Marge Moody. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Elders Council would like to dedicate a marker for the Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail. Markers are needed in Illinois. Estimate cost is about \$400.00 and can be monuments or metal plaques attached to boulders. A membership popular vote was taken June 3, 1999. All in favor: 17 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Gerald gave us information on using the Head Start bus. We need to let Heather Lufkins know two weeks ahead of time. We can use Gordon Wesaw as our driver. If he's not available, anyone who has a chauffeur's license.

Membership agreed to have an open auction at our luncheon, July 15.

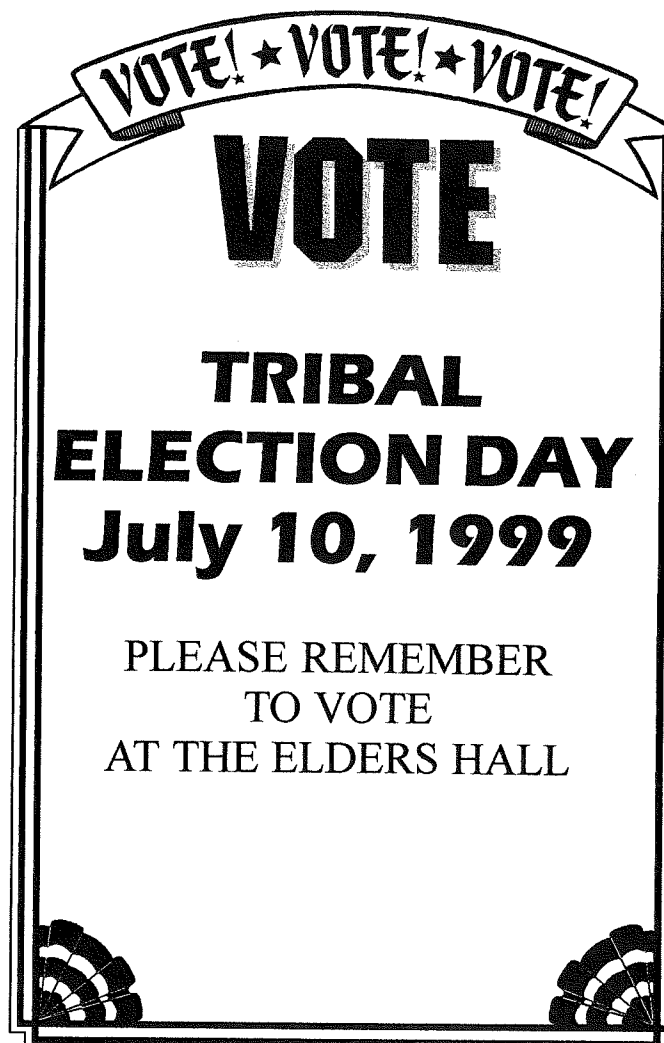
Gerald stated the hearing grant ran out; but there is still a program for people in the area. The Health office supplies batteries to any Pokagon Band member.

Elders picnic on June 17th Gage St. property 11:00 a.m. Huron Band of Potawatomi Elders picnic June 26, 1999 12:00 noon at 2221 1 1/2 Mile Rd. in Fulton, MI.

Next Business Meeting & Luncheon July 1, 1999 11:00 a.m. Elders Hall  
Next Elders Social Luncheon July 15, 1999 11:00 a.m. Elders Hall

Gerald adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

*Submitted by,  
Mary Jo Morris  
Elders Council Secretary*



**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY  
JULY 22, 1999  
7 P.M.  
ELDERS HALL**

PLEASE REMEMBER: There will be no Saturday meeting because of the general elections.

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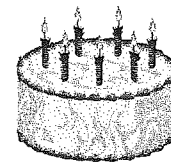
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Pam Mersereau-July 20  
Love, Tracy, Scotty, Marissa,  
India, Michael and Gage; Kim,  
Fred, Brittainy and Corey

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kim Falk-July 16  
Love, Tracy, Scotty, Marissa, India, Michael  
and Gage

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Josh Price

Love, Mom, Dad, Corey and Jared

## HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY

Gage Topash Warren-July 26  
Love, Mom, Scotty, Marissa, India, and Michael

## HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY

Ryan Matthew-Charles Rice

We love you, Mommy, Daddy, Grandma and  
Grandpa Williams, Uncle Andy and Aunt K.C.

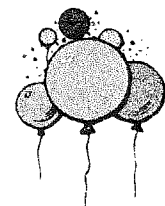
## CONGRATULATIONS

Art Morsaw

He was ordained as a permanent  
deacon to the Diocese of  
Kalamazoo on June 27, 1999

We're proud of you!

Love, your family



Twilight Ferguson

She earned her certificate of achievement at the  
Semi Academy in Lawton. She successfully com-  
pleted the training to earn her commercial drivers  
license class A.

Love, your family and friends

## HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

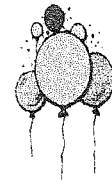
Justin Strahl-June 11

Love, Your family

## HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Art Morsaw-June 25

Love, Your family

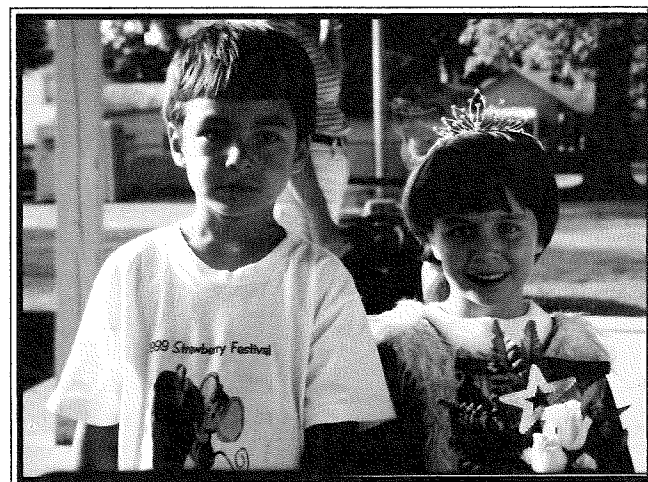


## IN MEMORY

of Donald James Williams

Donald James Williams, 64, of Santee died Friday,  
May 21, 1999. He was born in Holland, MI on  
January 8, 1935. He was retired after working as a  
chef and had served in the Air Force.

Survivors include: mother Goldie Cogswell, sisters,  
Ruth Saldivar of Lakeside, Judy Richardson of  
Lemon Grove, Faye Magnuson of Muskegon, Elaine  
Underwood of Mattawan and Betty Sue McKinley of  
San Diego, and brother Roger of Grand Rapids.



## congratulations

Madolyn Wesaw

1999 Strawberry Festival Princess

We are proud of you!

Love, your family

Also pictured: Chris Robinson, good job!

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Sylvester Wesaw	5 Rhonda Warren Catherine Carlton Jeff Williams Jeff Williams	6 David Malinski Jr.	7 Joyce Genereaux Denise Marks	8 Collin Banghart Paula Vandendingham Lois Wesaw George MacMurtre	9 Tina Barger Casey Kasper Julie Johnson	10 Rachel Reed Brian Andrews
11	12 Clancy Wesaw Wayne Holteman Jim Lepel Jerry Goodson	13	14 Robbie Huffman	15 Jordan Alexis Wesaw	16 Becca Drake Kim Falk Janet Wesaw	17
18 Janet Skylar Alex Richardson Jacob Miller	19 Jeff Zimmerman Anthony Wilcox Valarie Yindra	20 Johnny Shagonaby	21 Dean S Dale Lewis Judy Winchester Heather Wilcox Ed Williams III	22 Butch White Josh Williams	23 Wendy Hargett	24 Tammy Sorters Joyce Winchester Shane Runnaga
25	26 Zita Meyer Shari Carroll	27 Derrick Hiller Deana Austin	28 Julius Williams	29	30 John M. Wesaw Kyll Cardo Tammy Wesaw Doreen Bennett	31

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