



# POKÉGNEK YAJDANA WA

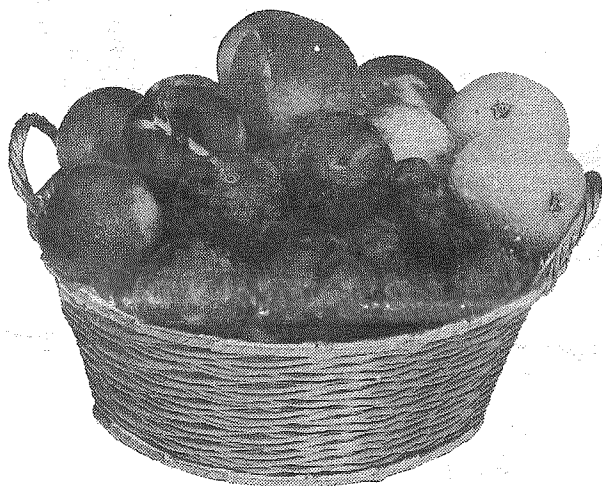
## "The Pokagons Tell it"

901 Spruce Street, P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047

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## POKAGON BAND FARMER'S MARKET



### At the Commodity Food Warehouse

We will be offering fresh fruits and vegetables

On the following dates: July 27th, August 10th & 24th and September 7th. Each week we will begin distribution at 9:00 a.m.

The Band has been awarded a grant to provide healthy, nutritious foods. We will be offering fresh produce on a first-come-first-serve basis throughout the summer. We hope to feature home-grown produce. Every other week the items will vary depending on what is in season.

### ALL POKAGON BAND MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE!

Regardless of what County you live in or your income all Pokagon Band member may participate. If you have any questions please contact the Food Commodity Warehouse at (616) 782-3327 or toll free 1-888-281-1111 or contact Social Services Department at (616) 782-8998 toll free 1-800-517-0777

## Computer Lab

We are beginning to schedule computer lab classes. Let us know what kind of classes you would be interested in taking so that we can create a schedule that best serves your needs. We encourage you to stop by the lab during open lab hours to try our computers or to pick up an updated class schedule. Remember all classes and lab hours are available FREE for all Pokagon Families.

-Pokagon Band Education Staff  
Phone#: 1-888-330-1234

### Open Lab

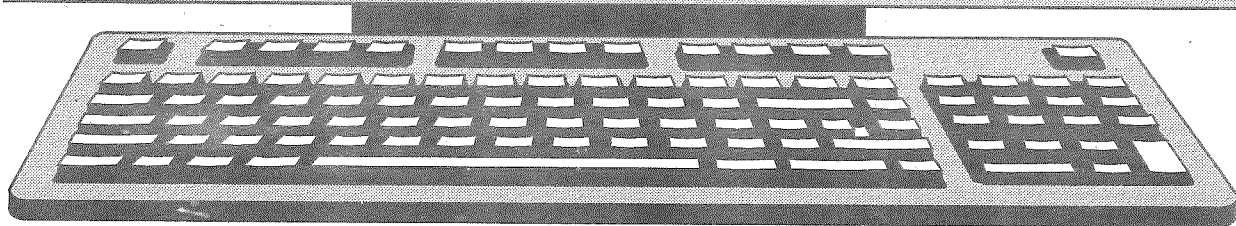
Monday 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday Night 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thursday Night 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Friday 2:00-5:00 p.m.

The Computer lab is currently open for members who wish to use our computers. We have Windows 95, Office 97, Internet access, and software for kids. We can help you get started on accessing the Internet, typing, or basic computer use. Children are not permitted to attend evening hours, unless a parent or guardian accompanies them.



# Strategic Action Plan Committee

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## SAPC Meeting Minutes

06/28/00

Jeffrey Riley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. at Elders Hall. Jeffrey asked for a moment of silence for silent prayer. In attendance were Co-chairpersons Jeffrey Riley and Judy Winchester. Also in attendance were Kenneth Antisdell, Jessica Ballew, Ernest Daisy, Christine Daugherty, Bobby Linn, John Miller, Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris, Thomas Morris, Corey Price, Rebecca Price, and Robert Willis.

The May 31st, 2000 SAPC meeting minutes were reviewed and no corrections were made.

Thomas Morris distributed handout materials containing the presentation of the Hippensteel Project as presented to the Tribal Council on Thursday, June 22nd. Also included in the handouts were SWOT analysis sheets for use at the meeting. The handouts are attached.

The handout materials were quickly reviewed and the group began discussing the SWOT for the Band's purchase and renovation of the Hippensteel building. The results of that discussion are:

### Strengths

240,000 square feet  
Location  
Government to government relations  
Railroad access  
Owner really wants to sell to Tribe  
Loading docks  
Substantial water, sewer, electric service  
Zoned heavy industrial  
Income potential  
Easier access for Membership services  
Sense of community with recreation  
Spend our money on us rather on others  
Purchase in relatively short period of time as opposed to building?

### Weaknesses

Unknown variables - age, condition, etc.  
Eyesore  
High rehabilitation costs  
Image of factory hard to overcome  
Difficulty of putting in "trust"  
Tribal vision & leadership in planning is lacking  
Wasted space (due to splitting up existing space)  
Upgrading variables - plumbing, electrical, walls, etc.  
Location - Dowagiac  
If no "trust" status, government to govern-

ment relationships  
240,000 square feet

### Opportunities

Keep more money inside the Tribe  
Business incubator  
Attention - public relations  
If in "trust", trade taxes void  
Outside manufacturing  
One stop shopping  
Economic development  
Recreation facilities  
Keeps commercial site off of reservation  
Vision (realistic) (Membership services)  
Physical possession  
Tribal growth / Build capacity  
More Membership employment  
Provide services in Dowagiac not available

### Threats

Unsure of purchase financing  
Condition of building  
Public image - too visible  
Unknown degree of support by TC, Staff, and Membership for an unknown prospect  
Time  
Too much space (?)  
Project overwhelming (?)  
No one in charge  
Public support  
If disaster occurs, we lose it all  
Astronomical costs, planning, etc. (rehabilitating to suit our needs)  
Will there be a Tribal market?  
Transportation problems?  
Would Dowagiac development extend to us?  
Structure stability?  
Environmental concerns?

The discussion then turned to the SWOT for the Band's construction of a new facility on reservation land. The results of that discussion are:

### Strengths

Good possibility of "trust" status  
Brand new  
Design what you want  
Design to suit needs, etc.  
Looks "pretty"  
Sense of pride  
Chance of employing Pokagon Members to build  
Location  
Build to suit department growth potential  
Chance to build more satellite sites for department services  
No costs to refurbish

Unlimited expansion space  
Use carry over money to build from departments  
Keeping children out of town

### Weaknesses

Unknown infrastructure - water, sewer, electric  
Future "needs met" in jeopardy - courts, day-care, etc.  
Costs of new building  
Time frame  
Business / Commercial building on reservation land  
Allowing outsiders on reservation land  
Lacking of Tribal leadership & development  
Unknown location / zoning  
Vision, what is it?  
Cost analysis  
No railroad, no international trade?  
Decision on where it will go?

### Opportunities

Build where most geographically beneficial to Membership  
Customize to needs  
Keep money in Tribe  
Business incubator  
Our physical possessions  
Provide services wherever unavailable  
Growth potential  
We would have a vision

### Threats

Time - location / deciding which property to start  
Perception of being too rich  
Only build to provide minimal services & not see vision through  
Lack of vision  
Expansion decisions, what next?  
Financing

Those present were asked to review the SWOT analysis done this evening and to add their comments to them for the next SAPC meeting. A full discussion of the concept of consolidating services at one location will be taken up at that time. The next SAPC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th at 6:00 p.m. MI time at Elders Hall.

Jeffrey adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Prepared by Thomas Morris



# Housing Authority

## POKAGON BAND HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS:

,Due to lack of housing funds at this time all programs except emergency rent and mortgage payments are on hold. We will only be accepting applications for other programs to be placed on a waiting list until funding is available

The Housing Authority has had many inquiries regarding emergency housing and job placement. All inquiries regarding job placement should be directed to the JTPA program in the education department. The Housing authority does however have temporary transient housing in Mishawaka, Indiana. Temporary housing is based on qualifications and availability.

The Housing program also offers the emergency rent/mortgage payment program. This program helps assist in paying back rent and mortgage payments to avoid eviction and forfeiture of property. Members may also use this program to assist with first month rent and deposit to move in to a rental property.

The down payment assistance program is also available to Tribal Members wishing to purchase a home. This program is to assist with the down payment.

All of the programs offered by the band are income and service area based except for the transient housing program.

The services area for the Pokagon Band is:

Michigan Counties- Allegan, Van Buren, Berrien, and Cass

Indiana Counties- LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall, and Kosciusko.

Check with the Housing office for a listing of Dowagiac/, Cassopolis area rental properties. This listing includes apartment complexes and landlords in the area.

Applications for the housing to be constructed this fall are available at the office. Upon return of your application you will be placed on a waiting list.

### The South Bend Office continues to provide services to the Membership as follows:

#### Behavioral Health

Counseling provided Monday 7 to 11 a.m. & as scheduled by client

#### Education - Services by appointment

Housing - Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. & as scheduled by the client

#### Indian Health Services

Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Diabetes education

Diabetes testing supplies

Blood pressure & blood glucose checks

Optical (glasses) services

Foot care provided by appointment

Blood Lipid profiles & Hemoglobin A1C Labs by appointment

Nutrition counseling by appointment

#### Social Services - Services by appointment

#### USDA Food Commodity

Bread & bakery products delivered Monday afternoons to office for Member pick-up

#### Forms & Applications Available at the South Bend Office

Adult Vocational Training  
College Application Fee Request  
Financial Aid  
Higher Education Application  
Higher Education Check List  
Johnson O'Malley Refund  
Michigan Tuition Waiver  
Scholarship Packet  
Head Start Information

Air Conditioner Program  
Emergency Rental Payment Request  
Housing Down Payment Assistance  
Housing Repairs & Renovation  
Sanitation Facilities  
Weatherization  
Commodity Food Distribution  
LIHEAP Application

This information, along with other useful information, is included in a new pamphlet that is available now at the South Bend Office. For more information, please call (800) 737-9223 or (219) 234-9114.

### FROM THE GUARDS AT THE GAGE STREET PROPERTY:

Hal Weatherwax Joseph Riley Erik Winchester

We collectively would like to say to the membership that we are proud to be a part of the Pokagon Band Staff.

We have a great appreciation for Mother Earth and the preservation of our Homeland. Please join us in this overall outlook and respect your land and be proud of it.

Such rules as having to show your tribal ID card upon entering should not be a point to argue or be disgruntled about. In fact, every member should have a sense of POKAGON PRIDE in displaying their card anywhere. We have plenty of time to observe what goes on at the property and to see who comes and goes.

Having to follow rules that are set forth and posted should not be a difficult task for any member that has POKAGON PRIDE. Only a small percentage of our membership has used and enjoyed the property, which is all the more reason they should be the ones setting the example for the rest. Remember, the rules are made for the benefit and useful purpose of the majority, not a special set of rules for just a few.

- \*Help us keep the beach and house area clean
- \*Put all trash in it's place
- \*Do not use soap in the lake
- \*Keep dogs on a leash (clean up after your pet)

**COME OUT AND ENJOY YOUR LAND!!!**

# Education

## Youth programs is in the process of planning campus visits for the Fall.

**August Campus visits-** These visits will be to colleges and universities in Indiana and Michigan. Junior high and high school students are encouraged to call the Education Department if they are interested. More information is to come!

The JOM reimbursement program is for students from pre-K through high school that are enrolled in the 2000-2001 school year JOM program. JOM participants must live in one of the ten service counties: Allegan, Cass, Berrien, Van Buren, Kosciusko, Starke, Marshall, Elkhart, St. Joseph, & La Porte). This program allows for a \$25.00 reimbursement stipend for school related items. Interested families should contact the Education Department.

**Youth Health Fair!** The Youth Programs will be participating in the Pokagon Band Youth Health Fair on Saturday, August the 12th. We will have a variety of games and activities. See you there!

**Tutoring Available-** Summer tutoring is now available. Also, families that are interested in tutoring for the fall semester should contact the Education Department as soon as possible since we are in the process of planning our fall schedule.

**Summer Celebration is almost here!** Everyone who has participated in summer youth programs is invited to attend the summer celebration of the youth programs on Friday August 18 from 7-8:30 pm at Elders' Hall. For more information, please contact the Education Department.

Youth Council would like to start having regular meetings. In order to keep Youth Council alive we need more participants. If you are interested but cannot attend either of the meetings below,

Thursday, August 10	Tuesday, August 15
5:30-6:30 pm	5:30-6:30 pm
Education Department	Education Department
Dowagiac, MI	Dowagiac, MI

## POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS

### Eligibility Criteria:

Must be an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

### Instructions:

Fill out the attached College Application Fee Request form. Mail the completed form back to the PBOP Education Department.

Education Department will submit a check request to the Finance Department.

Check will be made out to the college, University or other eligible institution.

Check will be mailed to the student.

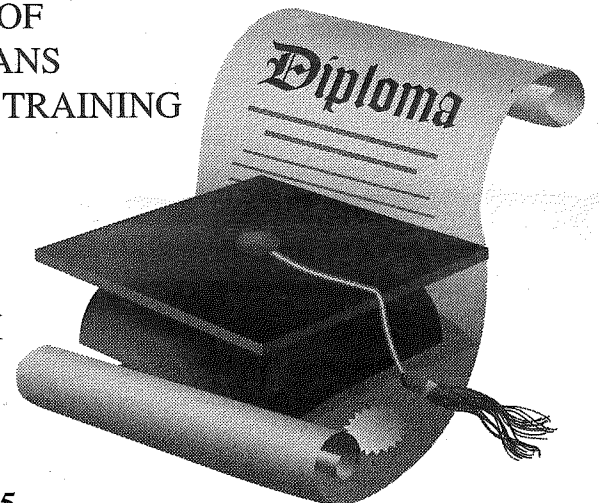
Attach check to the application and submit to the institution of higher learning.

POKAGON BAND OF  
POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
DEPARTMENT

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STREET, P.O. BOX  
180,

DOWAGIAC, MI  
49047

FAX: (616) 782-0985



## COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE REQUEST

College application fees will be covered for enrolled Pokagon Band members, up to a total of \$100 per eligible member on a one-time basis.

Payment will be issued to the student by check made out to the appropriate college, university or other eligible institution. Include this check with the application.

Complete the following information and return form to:

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
Attn: Education Department  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



# REMINDER TO CLIENTS

## 3 DAY NOTICE

Please call the Health Office at least 3 days before ordering medication, filling prescriptions or before scheduling any dental, doctor or optical appointments. Get PRIOR approval FIRST, otherwise, you risk being financially responsible for all costs associated with this medical episode because not all medications, appointments or procedures are covered under Contract Health Services. Contract Health staff is expected to follow the same rules as you.

Denial letters are mailed out *after* a claim has been reviewed and researched. It is not easy to mail out denial letters. It puts a strain on staff who know that within a day they will be expected to respond to phone calls from unhappy clients. Please don't ask staff to bend the rules for you and put their jobs in jeopardy.

## REFERENCE NUMBER

Contract Health Services staff has been issuing a reference number for some time now to clients calling in appointments. There still seems to be some confusion as to the purpose of this number.

This number does not guarantee payment. This reference number is used to verify that you notified Contract Health of an appointment when Contract Health staff is processing your requests for payment. *This is very important* because if your appointment *is not* recorded in the Health Services appointment record book AND you do not have a reference number, Contract Health Services has no choice but to deny your claim. This is a CHS rule which requires prior approval. All other rules and regulations must also fall into place.

*Each* time you call the Pokagon Health office to report an appointment you will be given a new number, please ask to be given a reference number if you are not assigned one at the end of your call.

**If you also need transportation to any appointment you are calling in, you must let us know at this time.** Tell the staff person who is taking your call that you will need transportation to this appointment. Anyone in the Health office can take this request.

POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES  
WELCOMES STAFF  
AND FAMILIES TO THE

## WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR

SEPTEMBER 16th

10 AM - 4 PM

LUNCH AT NOON  
FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

MASSAGES

MANY EXHIBITS

RAFFLE EVERY HOUR

VAN BUREN/CASS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
702 ORCHARD ST.,  
DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN

## FOOT CARE CLINIC

JOY DUFF, LPN

FOOT CARE SPECIALIST

WHEN: 2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

TIME: 1 PM - 4:30 PM

WHERE: ELDERS HALL - BY APPOINTMENT

Also available for band members is in-home foot care for those that are home bound. Please contact Community Health Nurse Becky Price. The Nurse must inspect the feet first to determine if a podiatrist is needed or if the Foot Care Specialist Nurse can do the service.

If you would like to set up an appointment for the Elders Hall Clinic, you may call the Health office and talk to the Patient Registration Clerk. **Patti Pelto 1-888-440-1234 or 616-782-4141**

*It is not good to  
waste food, but  
whether it goes  
to waste  
or waist makes pounds of difference!*

Marilyn Potter, RD, CDE

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
WITH  
LAKES GAMING  
MAY 23, 2000

Meeting Called to Order: 7:20p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Jefferson Ballew III, Tom Morris, Henry White, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marj Reno and Faye Wesaw.

Also in Attendance: Lakes Gaming - Lyle Berman, Tim Cope, Rob Wyre, Rob Gips, Fred Schubkegel and Marchell Wesaw.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marj Reno and 2nd by John Warren.  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

RESOLUTION OF THE  
TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE POKAGON BAND  
OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

WHEREAS, this Tribal Council (the "Tribal Council") is the governing body of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians (the "Band"); and

WHEREAS, the Band has the legal authority to conduct gaming operations pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (the "IGRA"), including Class II and Class III Gaming as defined in the IGRA; and

WHEREAS, the Band has determined that the conduct of gaming operations will generate critically needed tribal governmental revenue, will reduce tribal unemployment and provide job opportunities for Band members and the general community, and will promote tribal economic development, tribal self-sufficiency, tribal self-determination and strong tribal government; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to provide for the orderly management of the Band's gaming operations through the chartering by Tribal Council of a division of the tribal government that will conduct the Band's gaming operations and which will have segregated assets and liabilities from the rest of the tribal government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Band hereby establishes the Pokagon Michigan Gaming Enterprise (the "Enterprise"), as a division of the Tribal government to conduct the gaming operations of the Band in the State of Michigan. The Band hereby adopts as the organizational charter of the Enterprise the Charter attached hereto, which together with any subsequent amendment hereof adopted by the Tribal Council, shall constitute the Charter of the Enterprise. The Band further adopts as the initial by laws for the Enterprise those bylaws attached hereto. The Enterprise shall include such associated food and beverage, retail sales, resort operation and ancillary services which the Band may elect to pursue and include within the Enterprise as Assets of the Enterprise as defined in Section 4 of the Charter. Assets of the Enterprise shall be segregated from and managed discretely from other assets of the Band, but the Enterprise, as a division of the Tribal government, shall be clothed with all the rights, privileges and immunities of the Band, including but not limited to the sovereign immunity of the Band from suit absent express consent as described in the Charter.

That this Resolution take effect immediately.

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Chairman, and I, the undersigned Secretary of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, do hereby certify that a meeting of the Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians was duly called on May 23, 2000, and do further certify that the presence of a quorum of the Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians was determined by a roll call taken and recorded at the beginning of the meeting, and that the foregoing Resolution was circulated in writing to all members of the Tribal Council present at the said meeting prior to being voted upon at the meeting, that the foregoing Resolution was duly moved, seconded and adopted by the affirmative vote of members who at the time of the vote constituted a majority of the \_\_\_ members of the Tribal Council then present and voting.

August, 2000

Dated: May 23, 2000

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Miller, Chairman  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marie Manley, Secretary  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Y	Henry W.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John M.	Y	Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 11, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn was made by Henry White and 2nd by Marj Reno with voice approval at 10:17p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 1, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 11:15a.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren and Marie Manley.

Absent: Tom Wesaw, Jr. (couldn't reach).

This meeting was called to review the lawn care bids submitted with recommendation, approval to bring in Norman Keiker for Youth Camp 2000, and submission of the Title IX Grant.

Language Assistant

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by John Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Executive Committee approves of Norman Keiker assisting with language classes at Youth Camp 2000. Cost of airfare not to exceed \$265.00 to be paid out of the camp budget.

John W.	Abstain
Marie M.	Y
John M.	Y
Tom W.	Absent

ALL IN FAVOR: 2, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 1, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #2 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by John Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Executive Committee accepts the recommendation to contract with Tobin Lawn Care, L.L.C. for the lawn care service for three (3) offices and the Gage Street property for the year 2000. Effective as of June 2, 2000.

John W.	Y
Marie M.	Y
John M.	Y
Tom W.	Absent

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

RESOLUTION #3 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by John Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Executive Committee supports the submission of the Title IX 2000-2001 grant.

John W.	Abstain
Marie M.	Y
John M.	Y
Tom W.	Absent



ALL IN FAVOR: 2, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 1, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Marie Manley with voice approval at 11:20a.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
LAND ISSUES  
JUNE 5, 2000**

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:15p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Jefferson Ballew III, Tom Morris, Henry White, Ernie Daisy, Marj Reno and Faye Wesaw. Alice Overly (conferenced in at 7:27).

Also in Attendance: Tribal Attorneys - Fred Schubkegel and Rob Gips (conferenced in), Midwest Realty - Jeff Chrystal and Rob Wyre (arrived at 7:47p.m.).

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Faye Wesaw with voice approval at 9:50p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
WITH  
ROBERT MENDEZ  
LAND USE PLANNER  
JUNE 6, 2000**

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:07p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, Marj Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Warren, Marie Manley, Alice Overly, Tom Morris, Faye Wesaw, Henry White and Jefferson Ballew III.

Absent: Ernie Daisy (unexcused).

Also In Attendance: Robert Mendez - Land Use Planner, Fred Schubkegel - Attorney, Rob Wyre and Tim Cope ñ Lakes Gaming.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Motion to Adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Marj Reno with voice approval at 8:43p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2000**

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:20p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: Marie Manley, John Miller, John Warren, Tom Wesaw, Jr.

This meeting was called to appoint a Finance Committee for the Pokagon Band.

Motion to Adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Marie Manley with voice approval at 8:25p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 08, 2000**

Meeting Called to Order: 5:10p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Roll Call: Marie Manley, John Warren, John Miller and Tom Wesaw, Jr.

August, 2000

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Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

This meeting was called about the "Board of Commissioners Finances" and recommended by the Finance Committee.

Meeting adjourned by John Warren and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with voice approval at 5:13p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:04a.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, Tom Morris, Alice Overly, Ernie Daisy, Marie Manley, Rae Daugherty, Marj Reno, Faye Wesaw, and Jefferson Ballew III (arrived at 10:07a.m.).

Absent: Tom Wesaw, Jr. (medical), John Warren (ceremonial engagement).

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Faye Wesaw and 2nd by Jefferson Ballew III.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves per capita for Tribal members from the age of 18-64 in the amount of \$500.00 a month. The payment of per capita is to start the beginning of September 2000.

Jefferson B.	N	Tom W.	Absent	Alice O.	N
Marie M.	N	Tom M.	N	Marj R.	N
John W.	Absent	Rae D.	N	Faye W.	Abstain
John M.	N	Ernie D.	N		

ALL IN FAVOR: 0, OPPOSED: 8, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 1, FAILED

RESOLUTION #2 made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Ernie Daisy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints John Low to the Constitution Committee as of 6/10/00.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Absent	Alice O.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Absent	Rae D.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John M.	Y	Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #3 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Rae Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Base Roll of May 02, 1996, derived from the Cadman and Shelby Roll, be added to the Pokagon Band Tribal Council Enrollment Ordinance and by-laws as means to make lineal descent.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Absent	Alice O.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Absent	Rae D.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John M.	Y	Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Faye Wesaw

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Administrative Director use of portions of the membership roll to develop programs and services for the Band's membership; with the assurances that.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Absent	Alice O.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Absent	Rae D.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John M.	Y	Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #5 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Faye Wesaw

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the applications for enrollment of the people as presented this day 06/10/00.

Adair, Josiah Don	Ridenour, Cory Anthony
Carango, Haley Paige	Robinson, David Aaron
Hiler, Nathan Joseph	Vantubbergen, Dylan Michael

Jefferson B. Y	Tom W.	Absent	Alice O.	Y
Marie M. Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W. Absent	Rae D.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John M. Y	Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #6 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Rae Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council rejects the application for enrollment of Barbara K. LeJeune presented this day 06/10/00 for lack of lineal descent.

Jefferson B. Y	Tom W.	Absent	Alice O.	Y
Marie M. Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W. Absent	Rae D.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John M. Y	Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #7 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Marj Reno

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council rejects the application for enrollment of Sharlene L. Lasorda presented this day 06/10/00 for lack of lineal descent.

Jefferson B. Y	Tom W.	Absent	Alice O.	Y
Marie M. Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W. Absent	Rae D.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John M. Y	Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #8 made by Ernie Daisy and 2nd by Rae Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints John Low to the Election Committee as of 6/10/00.

Jefferson B. Y	Tom W.	Absent	Alice O.	Y
Marie M. Y	Tom M.	Abstain	Marj R.	Y
John W. Absent	Rae D.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John M. Y	Ernie D.	Y		

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

RESOLUTION #9 made by Ernie Daisy and 2nd by Rae Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committees decision authorizing the MIS training proposed by Christine Daugherty on May 15, 2000.

Jefferson B. Y	Tom W.	Absent	Alice O.	Y
Marie M. Abstain	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W. Absent	Rae D.	Abstain	Faye W.	Y
John M. Abstain	Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 6, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 2, ABSTAIN: 3, CARRIED.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Rae Daugherty and 2nd by Jefferson Ballew III with voice approval at 12:27p.m.



August, 2000

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
WITH  
I.H.S. DEPARTMENT  
JUNE 12, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:02p.m. by John Warren, Vice-Chairman

Invocation Given by: Jefferson Ballew III.

Roll Call: John Warren, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Jefferson Ballew III, Tom Morris, Henry White, Ernie Daisy, Marj Reno, Faye Wesaw and Alice Overly (arrived at 7:10p.m.)

Absent: John Miller (family commitment).

Also in Attendance: Contract Health Coordinator - John Anderson, RN - Jim Bussler, Community Health Nurse - Becky Price, Behavioral Health Coordinator - Stephanie Ballew, Health Director - Chris Daugherty, Community Health Representative - Trish Williams and Administrative Assistant - Pat Wattles.

ISSUES AT HAND

Christine Daugherty gave a short introduction of new staff at the Health office and a brief overview of what each individual will be talking about this evening.

Each individual presented a short summary of what they do in their department and talked about how within certain grants an amount is set aside for training to keep everyone up to speed on computer programs that are used along with techniques to help the program run smoothly.

Stephanie Ballew gave a short presentation on Behavioral Health and announced that within two weeks she will be going through an inspection of the Behavioral Health Program. This inspection came earlier than she was anticipating and she is asking Tribal Council to approve allowing her to review the Substance Abuse Manual so that it is ready for the inspection.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Alice Overly

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Program Director be appointed for reviewing R325.14107 operating manual, Administrative Rules for Substance Abuse Service Programs in Michigan.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Y	Henry W.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John M.	Absent	Ernie D.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 10, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 1, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

Discussion was held surrounding the Substance Abuse Advisory Committee and a meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 29th at 7:00p.m.

Independent Contractor

Christine brought forth along with her department the contract agreement for Lorraine Day, Independent Contractor. After apprising Tribal Council of the need for Lorraine, Tribal Council was asked to approve of her contract.

RESOLUTION #2 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Alice Overly

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves contracting with Lorraine Day, Independent Contractor at the cost of \$30.00 per hour, per the Health Directors review through August 31st, 2000.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Tom M.	Abstain	Marj R.	Y
John W.	Y	Henry W.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John M.	Absent	Ernie D.	Y		

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

Certified Accredited Records Technician

Becky Price along with Christine Daugherty announced that Anna Marlin was recently hired as the Certified Accredited Records Technician and will begin work the first part of July.

Motion to adjourn was made by Faye Wesaw and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with voice approval at 8:58p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 15, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 11:25a.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Roll Call: Marie Manley, John Miller and Tom Wesaw, Jr.

Absent: John Warren.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

This meeting was called to decide who would take on the duties of Executive Director on an interim basis due to Floyd Gallegos' resignation.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Wesaw, Jr. and 2nd by Marie Manley with voice approval at 11:27p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
WITH  
KAIGHN SMITH  
JUNE 13, 2000

Meeting Called to order at: 7:05p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, Tom Morris, John Warren, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marie Manley, Henry White and Jefferson Ballew III, (arrived at 8:40p.m.).

Absent: Faye Wesaw (family matter) and Marj Reno (ill).

Also in Attendance: Trudy Ware - NATIVESUN, Kaighn Smith - Tribal Attorney, Floyd Gallegos - Interim Executive Director.

Executive Director search

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Henry White.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves contracting with NATIVESUN & Associates, Inc. to provide a head hunting search for a Tribal Operations Manager. Effective as of 6/13/00.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Absent
John W.	Abstain	Henry W.	Y	Faye W.	Absent
John M.	Y	Ernie D.	Y		

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by Henry White and 2nd by John Warren with voice approval at 10:35p.m.

**ELDER'S HALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

<b>AUGUST 1ST</b>	<b>GEROBICS 10:00A.M.-11:00A.M.</b>	<b>12TH</b>	<b>TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00A.M.</b>
	<b>7:00P.M. TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>15TH</b>	<b>GEROBICS 10:00-11:00A.M.</b>
<b>2ND</b>	<b>11:30A.M.- 4:00P.M. SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM</b>		<b>BIRCH BARK BASKET CLASS 1:00-4:00P.M.</b>
	<b>6:00P.M. STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	<b>16TH</b>	<b>11:30-4:00 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM</b>
<b>3RD</b>	<b>ELDER'S BUSINESS LUNCHEON 11:00A.M.-4:00P.M.</b>	<b>17TH</b>	<b>ELDER'S SOCIAL LUNCHEON 11:00-4:00</b>
	<b>7:00P.M. TRIBAL COUNCIL /ARCHITECT INTERVIEWS</b>	<b>18TH</b>	<b>7:30-9:00P.M. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SOCIAL</b>
<b>4TH</b>	<b>7:00P.M. TRIBAL COUNCIL /ARCHITECT INTERVIEWS</b>	<b>22ND</b>	<b>GEROBICS 10:00-11:00A.M.</b>
<b>8TH</b>	<b>GEROBICS 10:00-11:00A.M.</b>	<b>24TH</b>	<b>GEROBICS 10:00-11:00A.M.</b>
	<b>FOOT CLINIC 12:00-4:30</b>		<b>TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 7:00P.M.</b>
<b>9TH</b>	<b>11:30A.M.-4:30P.M. SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM</b>	<b>29TH</b>	<b>GEROBICS 10:00-11:00A.M.</b>
<b>10TH</b>	<b>GEROBICS 10:00-11:00A.M.</b>	<b>31ST</b>	<b>GEROBICS 10:00-11:00A.M.</b>

**MINUTES  
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
JULY 6, 2000 - 11:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:03 A.M.

Invocation was given by Frank Person.

Roll Call: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris, Rachel (Rae) Daugherty, Henry White, Jr.

Absent: Clarence White - excused - funeral

Quorum Present:

Attendance: 27 Elders

Additions: sweatshirts, tee shirts - Fred Klemm

Membership concern: Men's bathroom door - Bill Morsaw

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the July 6, 2000 agenda with additions.

Marge Moody seconded the motion. All in favor "aye" Opposed: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2000. Marge Moody seconded the motion. All in favor "aye" Opposed: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Becky Price, RNC informed us that Joy Duff's foot clinic will be held every 2nd Tuesday instead of the 4th Tuesday, from 1:00 - 4:30. Becky introduced Anna Marlin, IHS Registration Health Information Technician.

Marge read the MIEA Conference Resolution #00-013, dated July 6, 2000, made by Mary Joe Morris, seconded by Rachel Daugherty/

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council send our MIEA Treasurer, Clarence White; Delegate, Bonnie Parrish; Delegate and MIEA Secretary, Marge Moods; Alternate, Ann Zimmerman and MIEA Committee Members Gerald Wesaw, John Wesaw, Jr. and Rachael Daugherty to the MIEA Conference to be held in Baraga, MI. July 18-19-20-21, 2000. Elder Members to attend. All expenses to be paid out of the Elders General Fund: plus a GSA vehicle and Transporter Larry White. Any days not in attendance, lodging and per-diem needs to be returned.

All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Gerald reminded the membership of the up coming September election for the Elders Council Chairman and Secretary.

Fred Klemm will have sweatshirts for people who ordered them at the picnic when we go to Baraga for the MIEA Conference. Fred also ordered 1 doz. creme colored and 1 doz. blue colored tee shirts. If you are interested in buying one, see Fred.

A membership concern is the men's bathroom door being warped. Gerald will take this concern to John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Mary Jo read the Elders Council Budget Resolution, #00-011, dated June 29, 2000, made by Clarence White, seconded by Rachel Daugherty. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders' Council budgets for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1998, 1999, and 2000 are amended and/or adopted as follows:

1. The Elders' Council shall receive an appropriation of \$50,000 for fiscal year 1998 to be used at the discretion of the Elders' Council. This appropriation shall be paid by cash transfer to the Elders' Council checking account.

2. The Elders' Council shall receive an appropriation of \$60,000 for fiscal year 1999 to be used at the discretion of the Elders Council. This appropriation shall be reduced by the unspent portion of the 1998 appropriation, and paid by cash transfer to the Elders' council checking account.

3. The Elders' Council shall receive an appropriation of \$60,000 for fiscal year 2000 to be used at the discretion of the Elders' Council. This appropriation shall be reduced by the unspent portion of the 1999 appropriation, and paid by cash transfer to the Elders' Council checking account.

4. Unspent budgetary appropriations do not lapse at the end of each fiscal year (i.e., the Elders' Council may retain the unspent portion). However, subsequent appropriation will be reduced by the unspent portion of any prior appropriations.

5. Cash transfers for future appropriations will be made on or about that later of (1) the first day of the fiscal year, or (2) the date on which the Tribal Council approves the budget appropriations.

All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

RESOLUTION ADOPTED



Mary Jo read the Pokagon Band Burial Fund Resolution #00-012, dated July 6, 2000, made by Marge Moods, seconded by Rachel Daugherty. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band Elders is recommending to Tribal Council to raise the Pokagon Band Burial Fund to \$1,050.00. Designated amounts to be paid would be: \$700.00 to the Funeral Home; \$250.00 to the Monument Company; \$100.00 for the funeral dinner, verified from receipts. A membership Popular Vote was taken.

All in favor: 20 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Mary Jo read the Pokagon Band Burial Trust Fund proposal to Tribal Council to take into consideration. There was a sign up sheet for signatures supporting this.

Chris Maynard is asking the Elders for support for the development of a part time social services' program aide. The purpose of this position would be to assist Elders and other eligible Tribal members in accessing the community for personal business and social purposes in order to enhance the quality of life. Sign up sheets were passed around to members to sign. Cost would come out of 638 funding.

Judy Huffman attended our meeting today to ask membership to ask Elders Council to go to Tribal Council to give a choice to use the stipends for utilities. Judy informed us that when an Elder is on Medicaid, they run into a special spend down situation. In an over income situation they could lose their medicaid. Judy brought in a Family Independence Assistance policy item that if anyone comes in and applies for assistance, any refusals to pursue potential benefits, results in a persons ineligibility. They would have to exhaust all possible sources of income. If the elders could take the stipend and put it in a utility company; they wouldn't lose medicaid or have to pay taxes on this money.

John Anderson, IHS employee stated that IHS is the payer of last resort. John and Sue Mesko will talk to case workers about the medicaid spend down.

#### Announcements:

No social luncheon July 20th, because of the MIEA Conference. Next Elders Council Business Meeting & Luncheon August 3, 2000.

Marge Moody moved to adjourn at 12:20 P.M. Rae Daugherty seconded the motion. All in favor "aye" Opposed: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Mary Jo Morris  
Elders Council Secretary  
7-11-2000

## Employee Introductions

*I wish to introduce myself as the Environmental Coordinator for the Band. This position provides a special opportunity for me to become involved with the Band and utilize some of my professional experiences. I began service on June 6th, and have been busy setting up the office infrastructure and becoming acquainted with the goals of the environmental program.*

*Initially, I will be researching the ambient air, groundwater, surface water, and drinking water qualities within our service area and adjacent counties to identify any issues that may affect us. Also, we plan to implement a home testing program for radon accumulation in indoor air this late fall and into the winter months.*

*Prior to arriving here, I worked with several environmental consulting firms in the Grand Rapids, MI area over the past 10 years. My experience in the environmental industry has been preceded by 10 years of oil and gas exploration work in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Michigan.*

*I look forward to working with everyone. Please feel free to contact me regarding any questions you may have regarding the program; I'm located in the Administration Office.*

MARK PARRISH

### Kathy Deka - Education Director

It is my pleasure to return to work in Michigan where I was born and raised. My family came to the area during the 1940s when my father took a job at Studebaker. They settled in Niles. I am the youngest of three girls.

After marriage I became a Hoosier and have lived in northern Indiana for many years. My daughter, Samantha lives in Los Angeles and Jason, my son moved to Phoenix last December. I graduated from Indiana University South Bend in 1990. For the last eleven years I have worked in Museum Education at the Northern Indiana Center for History. I became Director of Education there in 1996. The history interpreted at the Center was that of the St. Joseph River Valley which happens to be the same counties in northern Indiana and southern Michigan where Pokagon Band members live. I was fortunate to have worked with students, teachers, professors and lots of other people who love education and history as much as I do.

Since beginning work with the PBOP on June 26, I have met many new people who are also interested in education, particularly that of the Pokagon Band. Unfortunately I don't know everyone yet, please stop by the Education Department and introduce yourselves to me. During my years at the Center for History there was lots of growth and change, it was an exciting time. I look forward to similar experiences here.

We would like to wish a  
**Happy 1st Birthday**  
to Deacon Topash Varga. 7/24/99

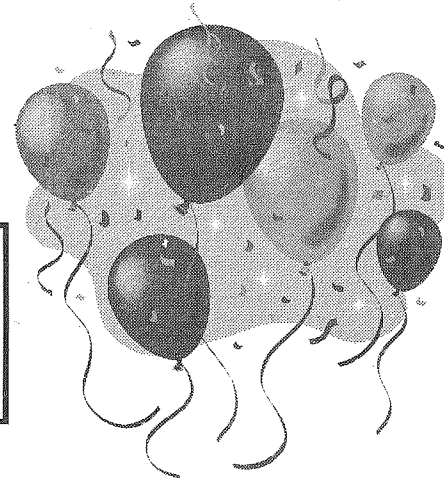
We would like to wish a  
**Happy 2nd Birthday** to  
Gage Topash Warren. 7/26/1998

From: Mom, Dad,  
Grandma and Grandpa Warren

**Happy Birthday 8/1 Debi Yerington(Wesaw)**  
We love you-  
Pete, Ginny, Scott, Lexie, Alec, and Sarah  
Quinn

**Happy Birthday**  
8/5 Martin Wesaw, Sr.  
Love- Your Family

**Happy Birthday 8/6**  
**Luella Lewis**  
Love-  
Your Family



**Happy Birthday**  
to all of our Children,  
Grandchildren, and  
Great Grandchildren  
Love you- Martin and  
Voila Wesaw

**Happy Birthday**  
to my loving mother,  
**Norma Jean Miller**

AUGUST 4


Love you,  
Julie

**Cora Wesaw Born June 28th, 2000**  
Congratulations Jimmy Wesaw and  
Deanna Boyer on the birth of your  
new little girl. Cora was born at  
5:02 am and weighed 7# 7oz.  
(Congratulations Amara Wesaw on  
your new baby sister!!!)  
Love,  
Your Family

**Happy Birthday**  
**Tamara Piper,**  
Love, Kim Fred, Brittainy,  
and Corey, AUGUST 30  
AND!!  
**CONGRATULATIONS**  
on the birth of  
**Kelsey Renee Gillette!!!**

**Happy 1st Birthday**  
8/19 to my favorite  
cousin!

**Zoe Lynn  
Smith**

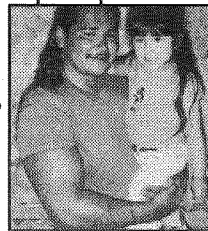


Love-  
Quinn

**Congratulations**  
**Faye Wesaw and Trudy Loeding** For being  
elected two of the newest council members at the  
Tribal Elections held Saturday July 8th. We are  
proud of you and we know you'll make a differ-  
ence!!!  
Love, Your Family

**Happy Birthday**  
to the Wesaw Clan:  
Joan Olds 8/15  
Madolyn Rose Wesaw 8/19  
J.R. Olds 8/22  
Candy Wesaw 8/30  
Johnny Day 8/30

**Searching for Tom & Karen Wesaw,**  
If you see this Please write to me also  
anyone else looking for a pen pal can  
write to me also.  
address is:  
Micheal Frank #174708  
P.O. Box 1888  
Adrian, MI 49221



**Congratulations Scotty Liggett...**

For a spectacular baseball season for  
Dowagiac Little League. This season  
was Scotty's third year playing. Scotty  
was one of the top players for his team  
and was chosen for the All Stars. During  
the regular baseball season and the All  
Star season Scotty was in the Dowagiac  
Newspaper various  
times. He was third  
baseman. Scotty's  
All Star team, the  
Dowagiac Cheiftains,  
won the Champion-  
ship over Harris  
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Indiana on their first  
round of tournaments  
and will proceed to  
the next level of tournaments.

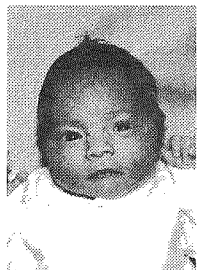


Love, Mom, Marissa, India,  
Micheal & Gage.



**BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY**

**Congratulations**  
**Robert and Misty Ledesma**  
On the birth of your baby boy



Robert Lawrence Ledesma, Jr.  
Born 5-28-00

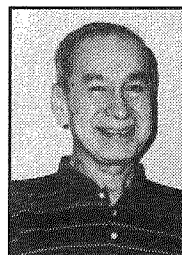
Grandparents: Terry and Adeline  
Dixon

Great Grandparents: Geraldine  
Sturgeon & the late Mitchell  
Lewis

**BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY BABY**

**Happy 70th Birthday to our**  
**favorite "Grumpy Old Man"**

Sam Wesaw  
8/23



We love you- Debi, Joan,  
Candy, Tammy  
John, Karen Kay, John Day  
And  
All of your Grandchildren  
(Sarah Quinn, too!)



# Potawatomi Legend of the Creation of Man

By Simon Pokagon 1901

There is an old tradition among our people dimly seen through the mists of time, that Ki-ji Man-i-to (The Great Spirit) after he had created nomash (The fish) of nibi-nong (the water) and b-nessig (the fowls) of nodin mine mo-naw-to-auk (wind and beast) of the aki (the land). His work still failed to satisfy the grand conception of his soul. Hence he called a great council of man-i-to-og (spirits) that ruled over the land and seas, his agents, and revealed unto them how it was his great desire of nin-odaw (his heart) to create a new being that should stand erect upon hind legs, and to possess the combined intelligence of all the living creatures he had made.

Most of those spirits whom behad permitted to hold dominion over the earth, when they met the grand council, encourage his divine plans, but Manito O-gi-maw-og (spiritual chiefs) when they considered the great power the proposed being might wield, quietly withdrew themselves from the council, and held a private pow-wow of their own to frustrate, if possible, the plans of How-waw-tuck (the Almighty). The loyal Mon-i-tog who remained at the grand council stood as Ki-ji-man-i-to revealed unto them his divine plan, explaining the great possibilities that awaited the new creature he had conceived in heart to create.

The Divine Council was prolonged by debate from the set of the sun until morning dawn. Ke-sus (the sun) arose in greater brilliancy than ever before. The spirits anxiously began to inquire of His Majesty, "How many suns and moons would pass before he could accomplish his wonderful work?" While yet the inquiry hung on Ki o-don-og (their lips), He said unto them, "Follow me." He led them in a great wilderness to Sa-gi-i-gan, (a beautiful inland lake). And as he stood upon the shores thereof in the presence of them all, his eyes flashed waw-waw mo-win (lightning)! The lake became boiling water! The earth trembled! He then spoke in a voice of thunder; "Come Forth Ye Lords of Auk-Kee (the World)!"

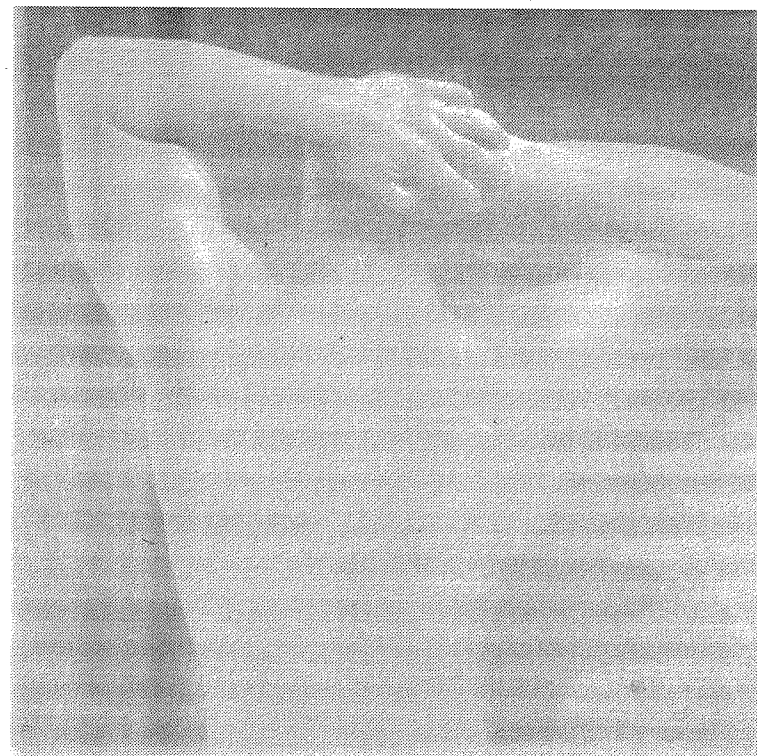
The ground opened! And from the red clay that lined the lake came forth Au-ne-ne mine IkwÈ (man and women) like kego (flying fish) from out the water! In presence of the newborn pair all was still as death! A dark cloud hung over the lake! It began to boil again. The awful silence was then broken! The earth shook! And Ki-ji-man-i-to said, "Come forth ye servants of Au-nish-naw-be (man)!" Forth leaped at once from out the lake Mi-ji-wa-be-gon O-nim-og (a pair of snow-white dogs) and laid down where stood the new made pair, kissing their feet and hands.

The bride and groom then each other kissed, as hand in hand they stood, in naked innocence, in the full bloom of youth, perfect in make and mold of body and of limb. Ki-gi-nos-maw-kaw-mis-taw-kaw (their long black hair) almost reached the ground, which, gently waving in nip-nong oden (the morning breeze) in contrast with their rich color, grace, and forms erect, out reveled in beauty all other creatures he had made. They looked all about them in wonder and surprise. Surveyed all living creatures that moved in sight. Gazed upon the towering trees, grass, flowers, the lake, sunshine, and the shade. And again each other fondly kissed, as their eyes looked love to eyes, with no other language their feelings to express.

At length IkwÈ (maiden fair) slowly let go Os-ki-nawe-o-ning-i-maw (the young man's hand) and stole away into the dark shades and hid, where she might watch to test his love, and learn thereby if his feelings were akin to hers. Long he sought in vain to find his mate, until at length the snow-white dogs, following on her track, joyfully howled out, "We have found her."

Now when mau-tshi man-i-tog (the spiritual chiefs) first learned that Ki-ji-manito had finished his crowning works, as he had proposed to do, sought diligently for the new made pair until they found them. And as they surveyed the beauty of their forms erect and the surpassing loveliness of body and limb, their wonder and admiration was unbounded. But when they saw the soul of the Divine shining in their faces, like the noon-day sun, their hearts were stung through and through by maw-tch-a-mog (the cruel wasps) of envy and jealousy. Hence they resolved, in nin o-da-q (their hearts) that instead of trying to live in peace with them, as they had once with the first creation, they would do all they could to make them discontented, unhappy, and miserable.

As time rolled on, our first o-nig-go-maw (parents) and generations after them, began to realize there were mau-tchi-dash -meno-Manito (bad spirits and good spirits) that exercised dominion over mountains, lakes/streams, and plains, and that they were in a measure controlled by them. They also began to learn that au-nish-i-naw-be possessed the nature and the intelligence of all the animal creation; and that he was endowed with spiritual nature which was given him by mi-mi-ge-go ga-gi-ji-tod (the Creator of all things) in Wawkwing dash Au-kee (in heaven and on earth). Hence when they were unfortunate in securing game, or unsuccessful in battle it was all attributed to the bad spirits that held





dominion over the country wherein they dwelt.

And when game was plenty and they were successful in battle, this they attributed to the good spirits that controlled the land in which they lived. Sometimes in order to appease bad spirits, they made offerings of fruit and grains. But they sacrificed animals only to Ki-ji Manito waw-quin (God in Heaven) who alone they recognized as the great Creator and Ruler of all things in Heaven and on earth.

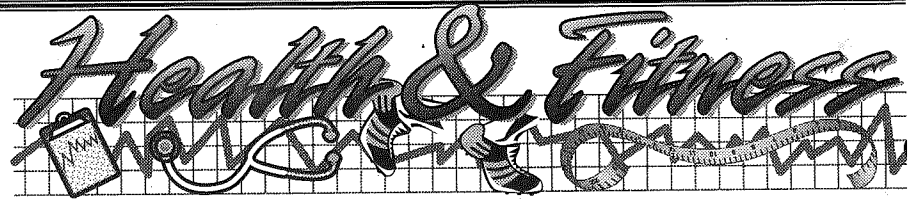
Our fathers and mothers in their primeval state did not name their children, as do civilized races, simply that they might be known and designated by them. But when their children were born, whatever animal or bird they imagined they most resembled they were called by that name; and as strange as it may appear to the white race, in after generations those bearing the name of some animal believed, at least they claimed, to have descended from such animal whose name they bore. It might be maw-qua (the bear) or waw-goosh (the fox) or mi-gi-si (the eagle). The same rule followed each individual case. And so it was in succeeding generations each tribe or clan adopted as their Do-dem (totem) the animal or thing whose name the patriarch of the tribe was called when a child.

Sometimes when at war, the animal was taken with them alive, but generally it was painted on a tanned hide and used as white men use their flags. It was an emblem of royalty as well as a symbol of loyalty. And when engaged in battle a warrior would rather die than surrender his totem.

It matters not how foolish our legends may appear to those races who call themselves civilized, still they were as sacred to us as holy writings to them.

## **NUTRITION NOTE FROM NANCY R.D.**

### **DIABETES/NUTRITION CLASS**



We started our nutrition classes on Tuesday, April 25th and have been holding them on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday ever since with a growing number of participants! While enjoying a healthy snack containing two "carb" exchanges, and those members that have been attending are learning what that means. We have been learning how to control our blood sugars by:

- Identifying foods that contain carbohydrate (sugar)
- How to "count" the grams of carbohydrate in our meal or snack in order to control our blood sugar.
- Label reading: How many carbohydrate grams are in a particular food and what portion size is appropriate.
- Slide show: carbohydrate counting/

We have a good time in class and it is especially helpful and interesting since many class participants are willing to share the foods they eat at mealtimes/snacks and how it affects their blood sugars.

In August/September classes we will focus on:

1. View a video entitled "People with Diabetes Can Enjoy Healthier Lives"
2. The Heart Healthy Diet
3. Some participants will share their food records.
4. More "carb" counting! How to keep blood sugars from climbing too high after a meal.

If you haven't joined us yet, please feel free to come to class...there is so much to learn and it is more fun learning TOGETHER.  
If you have questions please phone Pokagon Health Office and ask for Nancy.

When: 2nd/4th Tuesday of each month

Where: Elders Hall

Time: 11:00 - 12:00

Who Invited: Every Pokagon Member

## **CONSTITUTION UPDATE**

As reported in last month's Newsletter, the Constitution Committee is reviewing the last series of comments and recommendations from tribal legal staff. The Committee has had to reschedule its meeting to review the first four articles of the draft Constitution. The new meeting date is Saturday, August 19th, at 10:00AM at Elders' Hall.

The Committee will be scheduling meetings to cover the remaining articles in the coming weeks. The goal is to recommend a final draft to Tribal Council in the fall. Council's role would then be to finalize a draft with the BIA for the BIA to conduct a ratification vote of the tribal membership.

Please contact Kevin Daugherty with any questions or concerns at (616) 782-8998 or 1(800) 517-0777.

Submitted by Kevin Daugherty.

July 13, 2000

Dear Tribal Community;

The Repatriation program has been continuing to provide protection to Native American burial areas in Michigan and Indiana.

Recently the Traditions & Repatriation Committee reburied two ancestors that were found in Niles, Michigan along the St. Joseph River. These remains were reburied at Silverbrook Cemetery in Niles. We have also been working with a private landowner in Hartford, Michigan to rebury remains found during the construction of his home. These remains will be reburied on the property where they were originally found.

There are numerous Highway projects throughout Michigan & Indiana that will cut through both sacred prayer areas as well as burial grounds. These projects are time consuming and eventually end up destroying historical sites that are in the way of the overall project. Fortunately, the Department Of Transportation agencies have shown they are responsive to the concerns of the Tribe. We will continue to monitor these projects and inform you if any disturbances occur.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians has also received a grant from the National Park Service to establish a Historic Preservation Plan. Examples of some of the possible projects through the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 are, language preservation, historical site preservation, cultural properties preservation as well as many others.

The Traditions & Repatriation Committee is looking for input from the Tribal community and extends an invitation to all to attend our next committee meeting. The meeting will be held at the South Bend Office at 3:30pm (Indiana time) on August 2, 2000. Through this grant we have funding to provide Cultural & Historical Resource Protection Law training. If any Tribal Member is interested in attending this training it will be held on August 16-18, 2000. For more information please call Jefferson Ballew at (888) 330-1234.

Respectfully,

Jefferson Ballew IV  
Repatriation Consultant

The Band's Environmental Program coordinated a survey of the black ash tree population on the Gage Street property on June 28-29, and the initial figures indicate there are probably 1500-2000 trees on the property, all in good health and propagating nicely.

This is good news for tribal basket-makers. Black ash basketry is one of the traditional crafts for which the Potawatomi are widely recognized. While the Dowagiac River Watershed, in which the Gage Street property is located, is one of the historic gathering areas for black ash, the trees are getting harder to find. The idea behind the survey was to see just how many trees are on the property, how healthy they are, and what can be done to help preserve an ongoing population.

It is very encouraging to see such a large number of trees. With such a healthy population, little work should be needed to keep the trees perpetuating themselves beyond protecting the woods on the property as a whole.

Participating in the survey were Lynn Sampson and Corey Van Wyhe, foresters with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), area NRCS contact Alex Bozymoski, tribal basket-maker John Pigeon from Allegan County, and Kevin Daugherty, who coordinated the project for the Band's Environmental Program. Mr. Sampson is preparing a formal report and his recommendations for a management plan to provide to the Band. The plans and the survey mapping will remain the tribe's property.

*Submitted by Kevin Daugherty.*

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Yearly Activity Report

By - Thomas Morris  
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July 14, 2000

### **BAND PLANNING**

The Community Development Department continues to facilitate the Band's strategic action planning process with the Strategic Action Plan Committee (SAPC). Last summer, Community Information Systems (CIS) of Western Michigan University was contracted to do a Membership survey on the behalf of the SAPC. The purpose of this survey was to do an assessment of the Members' current and future needs and wants that could possibly be provided by the Band. The survey questions were provided by the SAPC and reviewed by CIS. The survey was mailed to all Pokagons sixteen years old and older. In order to get the highest number of Member responses possible, the SAPC purchased incentive gifts that included Pendleton brand blankets, coach bag, backpack, and roll bag. Two black ash baskets were also purchased as incentive gifts. The SAPC received the survey results from CIS at the end of October and responses were received from 394 Members. The winners of the incentive gifts were:

Joseph Labadie (South Bend, IN) — Great Spirit Pendleton blanket  
Corey Price (Niles, MI) — Iroquois Turtle Pendleton Blanket  
Carol Thomas (Benton Harbor, MI) — Chief Joseph Pendleton Blanket  
Kenneth Antisdell (Skokie, IL) — Pendleton Coach Bag  
Shirley Reisdorf (Jackson, MI) — Round Black Ash Basket with Lid  
Robert Antisdell (Dowagiac, MI) — Strawberry Black Ash Basket  
Thomas Abercrombie (Florida) — Pendleton Back Pack  
Ronda Keene (Dowagiac, MI) — Pendleton Roll Bag

After the SAPC reviewed the survey results, copies were printed and distributed to the Membership, Tribal Council, SAPC, and the Band's program departments. In November, Floyd Gallegos was contracted to provide a written and graphical report of the survey results for the SAPC and meetings were held to discuss his draft report beginning in January 2000. The SAPC continues to work on recommendations for Tribal Council from data provided in this survey.

Another survey concerning education issues was conducted in April 2000. The short survey was mailed to all Pokagon households and 368 Members responded. Results of this survey have been reported to Tribal Council, SAPC, and the Band's program departments. The SAPC will soon begin to work on recommendations for Tribal Council from data provided in this survey.

### **SOUTH BEND OFFICE**

A satellite office was opened in South Bend, Indiana on January 10th, 2000 with Community Development staffing the office full time. An office receptionist was added on April 17th. A full range of health and optical services are provided at the office every Thursday by IHS staff, with the other departments providing services on an appointment basis. The office also provides forms and applications for all of the services provided by the Band, along with a conference room that is used for meetings and instruction by staff and committees.



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