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"The Pokagons Tell it"

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New Casino Gets Name "Four Winds Casino"

(New Buffalo, Mich.) – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians has selected the name "Four Winds" for its new casino in New Buffalo Township in southwest Michigan.

The casino is expected to provide a major boost to economic development and tourism in southwest Michigan, creating 2,000 jobs.

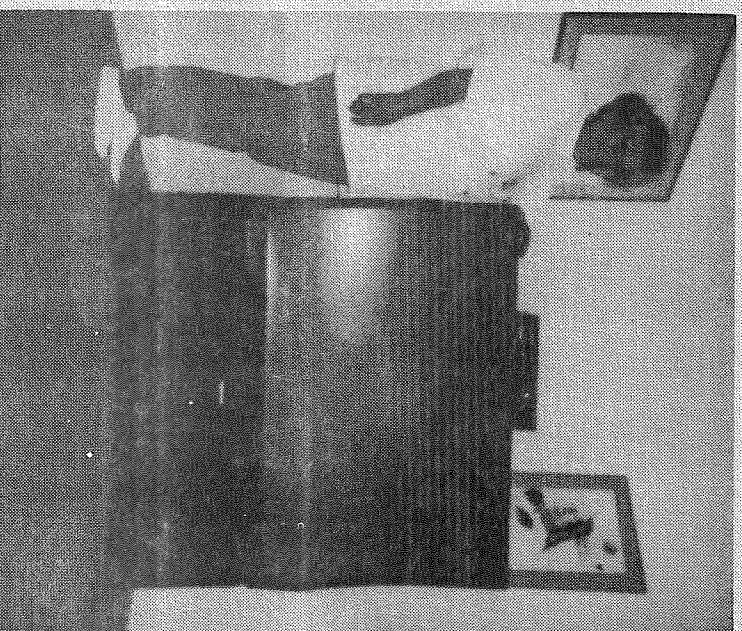
The name was submitted by five tribal members as part of a naming contest open to tribal members. Over 575 entries were submitted. The winners are:

- Faye Magnuson of Arizona City, Ariz.
- Daniel Heffington of Lacota, Mich.
- Kenneth F. Underwood of Mattawan, Mich.
- Elizabeth P. Serba of Comstock Park, Mich.
- Ginny Wesaw of Hartford, Mich.

Winning entries received prizes ranging from televisions to vacations. The winners of the contest will have their names displayed on a plaque in the casino.

"We're pleased to take another step in our drive for tribal economic development and to help the growth of all of southwest Michigan," said John Miller, tribal chairman. "This casino will bring tourists from all directions, so the name "Four Winds" is extremely appropriate."

The casino resort will provide 2,000 new jobs and provide more than \$5 million in revenues per year to local communities in southwest Michigan. The casino development is currently being delayed by a last minute lawsuit filed by a handful of people, many who are not from the township, against the federal government. The tribe expects the suit to be dismissed in the months ahead and construction to begin before the end of this year, with an opening of the casino in 2002.



*Grand Prize winner
Faye Magnuson
with her new big screen T.V.*

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HUMAN RESOURCES

"POKAGON BAND TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES"

The Human Resources Department will employ Pokagon Band Members on a temporary "as needed" basis. This includes the South Bend office.

Any Tribal Member meeting minimum requirements of the desired position may apply for the "temporary pool" of employment. Only Tribal Membership completing application, participating in general interview, meeting needs of required background checks and references will be asked to participate in the "temporary pool". Rate of pay will be determined by the position being filled and meeting minimum requirements of that position.

Temporary Employees will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Employee Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while aiding us to continue smooth delivery of our services.

Interested Tribal Members send cover letter stating interest as "Temporary Employee". General interviews to be conducted by the Human Resources Coordinator.

SEND RESUMES TO:

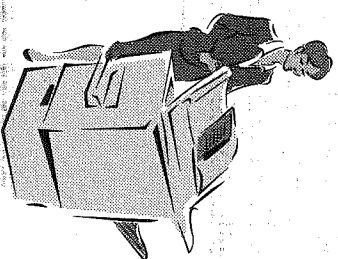
Pokagon Band Temporary Staffing Services

Attn: HRD

P. O. Box 180

Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Or email to: jobs@pokagon.com



ENROLLMENT

ATTENTION

Keep your records updated:

Tribal Enrollment Ordinance 2 P.B.T.C. Section 9 (C) (i)(b)

Address Changes – Notarized statements signed by tribal member or his/her duly authorized guardian, agent or representative. It is the duty of the member to provide a current mailing address to the Band's Enrollment Office. All correspondence from the Band will be mailed to the last address the member supplied to the Enrollment Office.

If you would like an Address Form from the Enrollment Office please call 1-888-782-1001 or 616-782-1763.

Michigan HERO COOPER MSP/IA IS FORTUNATE

By: Gordon Gotts



Mr. Matt Wesaw (formerly MSP D/Sgt. Matt Wesaw) has just crossed the line. He is no longer subject to the official orders, saluting, and dozens of other automatic responses he has acquired over the past quartercentury. To be separated from this way of life and the people involved is often a traumatic shock to many retiring members. A way of life some miss for the rest of their days.

For the first time in over 20 years the association will have limited experience in the combined top two offices. Fortunately, Matt can still be around the people and the way of life he loves. The MSP/IA membership is also very fortunate to have Matt looking after their best interest. In short, it is a perfect match!

Matt will be a valuable resource and advisor for the individuals serving in these positions. He has been the vice-president for the last five years. He served as Treasurer for three years prior to that. He has a great deal of involvement in the duties of the Labor Representatives (discipline and grievance) and will be filling the vacancy of Executive Liaison (legislative programs) where he also has considerable experience. He will begin his new job with a complete understanding of the Association, the Department, and Labor Relations issues, all of which are the reason the MSP/IA exists.

I am sure that many of our membership know Matt Wesaw only as a name, photo, or from a quick conversation. This is most unfortunate, if you were to know Matt he would be a special person to you. His loved ones sometimes refer to him as the "gentle giant". The name is fitting, but it should cast no reflection on his getting the job done. He is effective on behalf of the membership of the MSP/IA.

Just as important, Matt will bring with him some very special skills that come from within the individual. I could start using words like, honesty, integrity, character, trust, dedication, loyalty, family devotion, commitment and go on forever. In summary, he is the kind of person you like to be around, work with, and Trust.

I personally know that Matt had other attractive job options available to him that required deep and serious thought. I am certain his choice to continue his relationship with the Association was based on loyalty and a love for his chosen profession. Matt has served as a trooper for eleven years, 3 years as a K-9 handler, before his promotion to sergeant at Jackson. He transferred as a detective sergeant into the Organized Crime Unit, and the Auto Theft Unit. He has tasted joy and disappointment on the job, he has a goal to make things better for those who follow.

Congratulations on your retirement, and new job with the MSP/IA. Thank you for being a friend, and thank you on behalf of the MSP/IA membership for doing an excellent job serving the Association and the Department.



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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

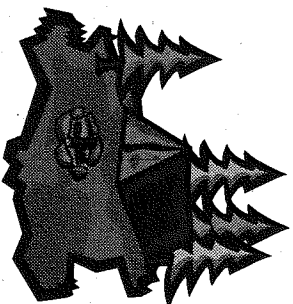
CAMP is COMING!

The Pokagon Band Summer Youth Camp will be held on the following dates:

June 10-June 12 For campers going into grades 2-6
June 12-June 15 For campers going into grades 7-12

Applications are available at the Dowagiac Education Office and the South Bend Pokagon Office. Also, please call the Education Office at 1-888-330-1234 or 782-0887 to have camp applications sent to you.

Please note: Camp Applications are due Friday, May 25.



National Unity Conference

The National Unity Conference will take place on Thursday June 28-Tuesday, July 3 in Grand Rapids, MI. Interested youth in Grades 7-12 should call the Education Department at 1-888-330-1234 for more information.

Congratulations Natalie Stauffer
Natalie represented her class at the Niles District Spelling Bee. She is a 4th grader at Ballard Elementary. Nice job little bookworm!



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The Summer Youth Employment Program is currently taking applications for this summer's program which will run for seven weeks, starting July 2 and finishing August 16. Pokagon Youth ages 14-18 are encouraged to apply. Participants in the program will have the opportunity to work in the Dowagiac offices and participate in leadership training. The Program runs for 24 hours a week from Tuesday-Thursday, except for the first week, in which the program will run on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday due to the Fourth of July holiday. Applications are available through contacting the Education Office at 1-888-330-1234. Applications are due Monday, May 21.

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Dowagiac Office
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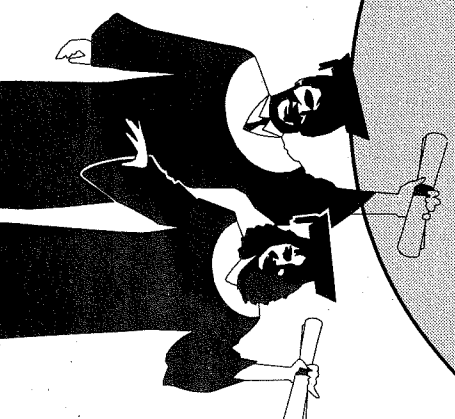
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Congratulations! We want to show that we are proud of you! Please send a senior picture along with information about your high school and your future plans so that we can put them in the June newsletter. Photos should be sent to Ginny Wesaw by May 12th. Photos will be framed and displayed in the Education Department, they will not be returned.





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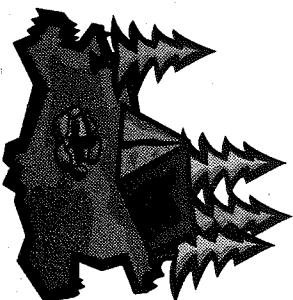
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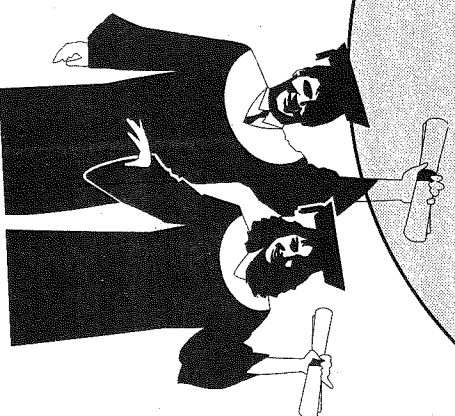
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Rush Lake Indian Cemetery

Have you ventured out to see the improvements at the cemetery lately? Volunteers and Cemetery Committee members are striving to ensure that the Pokagon Band people can be proud of the grounds that hold our ancestors and loved ones.

Tom Wesaw has volunteered as groundskeeper for many years using his own lawn equipment and has made all arrangements for its maintenance for a brief period last summer during his illness.

Many donations have helped in securing and beautifying the property. We have recently installed a flagpole, dusk to dawn lighting, two large rocks to be engraved, and landscaping. Benefit dinner, auction, and pow wow food booth proceeds have been used to improve the driveway and secure the property against vandalism.

Many goals yet to be accomplished include; a pavilion, and entrance sign, flags, outhouses, a memorial sign, and engraved rocks.

The Cemetery Committee wishes to thank the following parties for items, labor or time donated:

- American Pride Trust
- Knights of Columbus Council 4055
- Rush Lake Drum Group
- Henry Slonina
- Whirlpool Corporation
- Vince Oles
- Georgianna Morseau
- Bill Augusta
- Ray & Jeannie Mollett
- Gerald Wesaw & Family
- Evan Billings
- Terry Geer
- Karl Kraft
- Keeler Keg & Kitchen
- Andi Jackson
- Maxine Margiotta

All other fundraiser volunteers and attendees

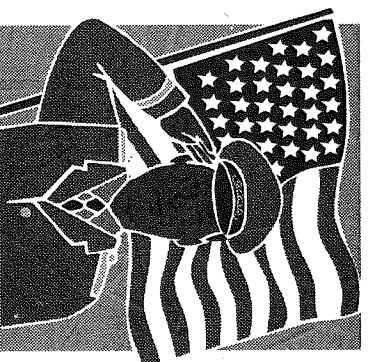
In order to comply with state laws and enable the Committee to keep track of grave locations and efficiently maintain the grounds, we ask that Tribal Members observe the following rules and requests:

1. Tribal members must provide a vault.
2. Tribal members must pay cost to excavate grave (currently \$350).
3. Flowers must be located on the grave (no shrubs please).
4. No mounds allowed (for maintenance purposes).
5. No drug or alcohol use on the grounds.
6. Insurance must be purchased for any public, non-church function held.
7. Gates are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (outside winter months).

Rush Lake Indian Cemetery

Memorial Day Mass & Potluck

May 28th, 2001



Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Pot Luck at 1:30 p.m.

(table service, drinks and meat provided)

All Veterans and their families

Please attend

*Bring your lawn chairs



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SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Pokagon Band Receives Booster Seats From Ford Motor Company

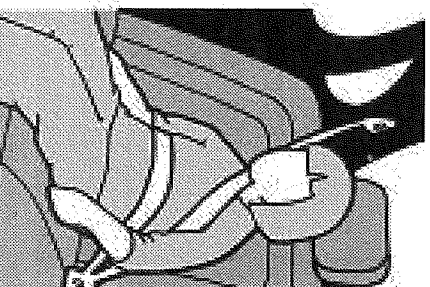
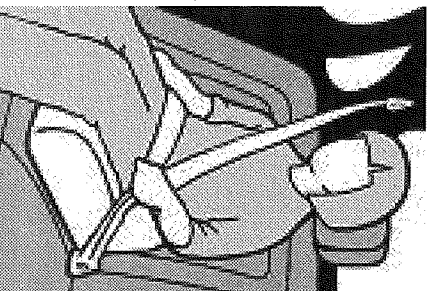
Boost America! Is a highway safety campaign designed to send the message to parents and children that booster seats are the safe and fun way to ride in a vehicle. With the support of Ford Motor Company Fund and its safety partners, Boost America! will carry this message to every preschool and elementary school in the United States. The Pokagon Band applied for a grant and were awarded 75 booster seats from Boost America!

Experts agree that children 20-40 pounds should be in a forward-facing child seat and that children weighing 40-80 pounds should use a belt-positioning booster seat, when restrained by a lap and shoulder belt. Most children who weigh 40-80 pounds are also four to eight years of age. Many children still ride unbelted. In 1998, more than half of the fatally-injured children ages four to eight were riding totally unbelted at the time of their crash. After age three, most children in America ride either incorrectly buckled up in safety seats, use adult seat belts that do not fit them properly or are not belted at all.

What is a booster seat? The belt-positioning booster seat raises the child up so that the lap and shoulder belts fit the child and provide the same level of protection as they do for adults. A booster seat provides a safe transition form child seats that have their own harness system to adult lap and shoulder belts. Booster seats can help. A child under 80 pounds, often between the ages of four to eight, is almost always too small for an adult seat belt. The lap belt rides into the stomach and the shoulder belt cuts across the neck. In a crash, poor belt fit can cause serious or even fatal injuries.

Booster seats are easy to use. As the name suggests, these seats boost the child to sit higher so the vehicle's lap and shoulder belts fit properly and more comfortably for the child. Boosters have a shorter seat cushion that helps children sit up straight which is important for good safety belt fit and protection. Children weighing approximately 40 pounds should transition from a forward-facing safety seat to a booster seat and continue to use the booster until they weigh about 80 pounds and adult belts fit. Booster seats are simple for parents to use, can be moved to different family vehicles easily and have the added benefits of enabling the child to see out the window and sit more comfortably.

The seats are now available in the Social Services Department located at 901 Spruce Street (next to Burger King). The distribution will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Seats will be distributed to families with children between 40-80 pounds, who are generally four to eight years of age. Also, families whose vehicles have no shoulder belts in the back seat **WILL NOT BE GIVEN A BOOSTER SEAT**. Placing the child in a front seat position (when no air bag is present) is not a possible option. If you have any questions please contact the Pokagon Band Social Services Department at (616) 782-8998 or toll free 1-800-517-0777.

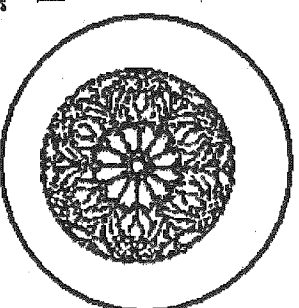


Picture on left shows proper fit of the combination of an adult safety belt with a child booster seat. By raising the child, the booster seat allows the lap belt to be properly positioned low across the thighs, while the shoulder belt is over the collarbone and away from the neck. In the event of an accident, the child would be properly restrained.

"Picture on the right shows why booster seats are needed to make adult-size safety belts work properly. Without the booster seat, the safety belt is incorrectly positioned over the stomach and across the neck. In the event of an accident, this could cause serious injury. Utilizing a booster seat also allows for a more comfortable ride for a child."

Date: 05/21/01
Time: 3 – 6:30 pm

The Reunion will be held at the:
West-side Complex
215 Straight St., NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

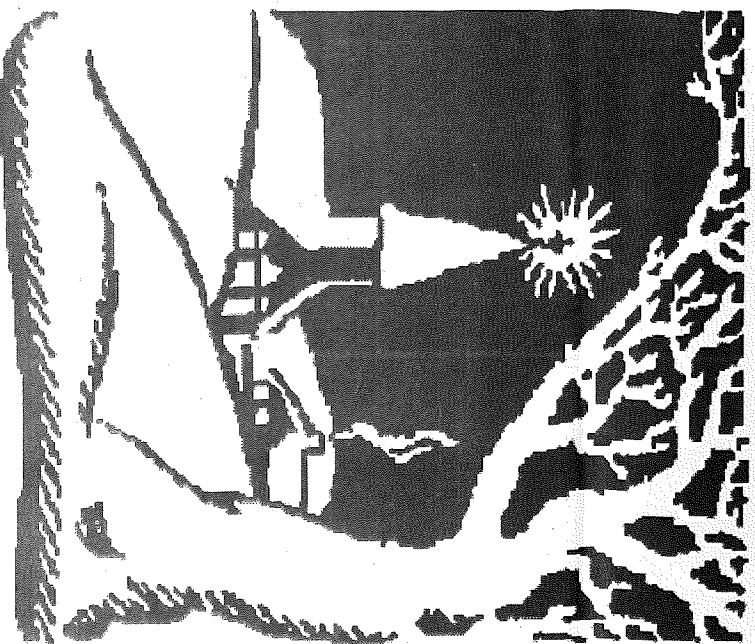


Holy Childhood Indian Boarding School Reunion

This is a coming together of generations of Native who were educated and raised at Holy Childhood. Through the years, I have ran into a number of natives who have many stories to tell, their overall experience seemed to be positive. I have been told, on a number of occasions, that their experience was life changing. One comment sticks with me, "Oh, Yeh, we had our share of discipline, but I wouldn't be the person I am now, if it weren't for the education I received at Holy Childhood, they educated you to succeed." The School shined like a sanctuary, nestled in the heart of one of the most beautiful areas in Michigan, Harbor Springs. We spend many days walking and exploring the lake front, socializing with the town merchants, and exploring the flowering, compassionate spirit, within us. Our days were filled with the many manifestations of this spirit.

Highlights

- ? Catching up with old friends and class mates
- ? Sharing your personal experiences and hear stories from different generations, how Holy Childhood evolved over the years.
- ? Receive a free health screening, get your cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar checked.
- ? Receive a comprehensive health assessment, a Personal Wellness Profile.
- ? Win one of many fabulous door prizes and test your luck with the 50/50 drawing.
- ? Enjoy a delicious potluck, by bringing your favorite dish to pass.



RSVP:

Mmin-nuh-gah-dah Healthy Heart Program
Native American Community Services
615 Turner Avenue N.W. Suite 32B, Ground Level
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Questions contact: John Aldred
Phone: 616-458-4078

Name _____

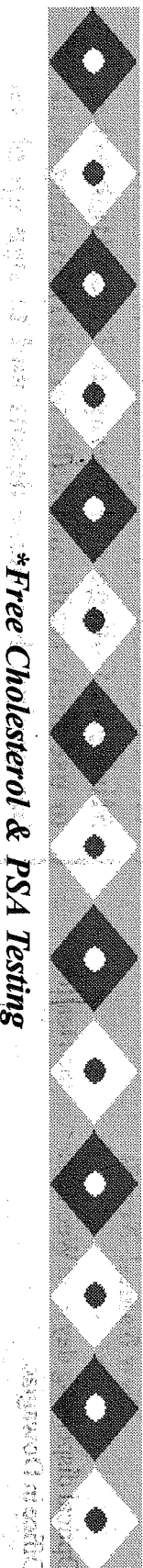
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INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES



*Free Cholesterol & PSA Testing

*Traditional Healing

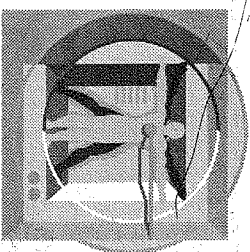
*Massage Therapy

3rd Annual Men's Health Fair
Honoring Men's Health 2001
Saturday, May 12th
 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

*Grab Bags & Prizes

Location: Cass County Health Department
 702 Orchard Street
 Dowagiac, MI

Lunch Served at 12 noon



An evening Sweat Lodge will be held at the Roger's Lake Property
 (Peavine Street, Dowagiac) at 6:30 p.m.

Remember that lab tests require fasting.

Please call for more information 1-888-440-1234

Do you know your blood cholesterol/glucose

or hemoglobin level?

Are You Diabetic and want to know your hemoglobin A1C?

If not, we can measure these levels and more for you for **FREE**, in less than 15 minutes.

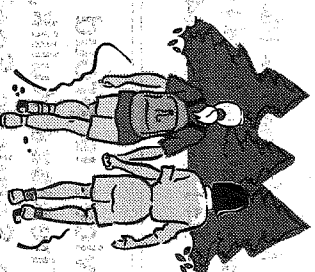
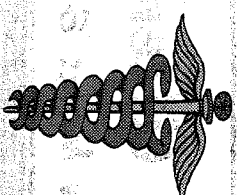
In 15 minutes and less, we can give you your current total cholesterol including HDL (good), LDL (bad), triglycerides, total cholesterol/HDL ratio, your glucose (blood sugar), your hemoglobin (detects anemia or low iron) and your hemoglobin A1C. Knowing these levels can help you understand and take control of your health.

We have special programs set up for people with a diabetes diagnosis and impaired glucose tolerance. We can supply a new glucometer to those who qualify. Our Health Staff is trained to work with you and your family towards your goal of health. But call first to set up an appointment. Call, 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234, Ext. 24.

Rebecca Price, RN
 Community Health Nurse/Diabetic Coordinator

*Acupuncture

*Hourly Raffle



It takes six weeks to form a habit,
 healthy or otherwise, the choice is
 yours every moment of every day.
 You decide your destiny.



You can start exercising at any age.
 Start an exercise habit today!

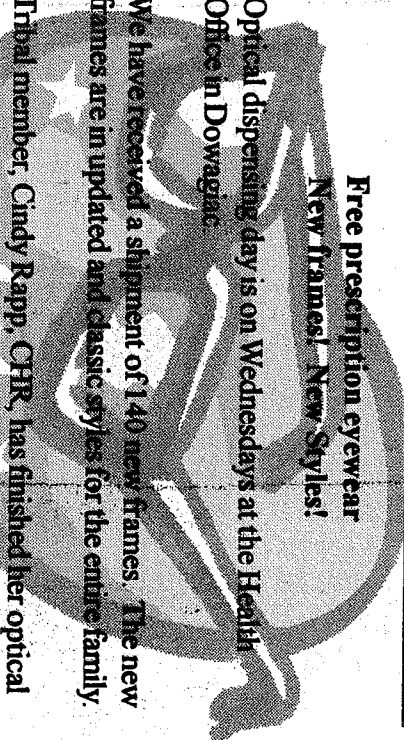
OPTICAL UPDATE

Free prescription eyewear
New Frames! New Styles!

Optical dispensing day is on Wednesdays at the Health Office in Dowagiac.

We have received a shipment of 140 new frames. The new frames are in updated and classic styles for the entire family.

Tribal member, Cindy Rapp, CHR, has finished her optical training and is looking forward to meeting you and helping you get the glasses you need for your prescription. Call 616-782-4141 or toll free 1-888-440-1234 for an appointment, ask for Cindy!



Attention:

New Moms & Moms To Be



Keep your baby and yourself healthy while earning Healthy Start Dollars

For More Information Please Call
Jim Bussler, Maternal Child Health Nurse
782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234

Health Services is proud to introduce....
Theressa Kullik, MSW
Health Services Social Worker

Hi Everyone,

My name is Theressa Wagner-Kullik, MSW, and I am the newest member of the staff at Indian Health Services. Some of the duties that I am responsible for are:

- Assessing for Medicaid eligibility and assisting with the application*
- Locating medically-related resources*
- Linking members to the services that the Band provides.*
- You can contact me at 1-888-440-1234 ext. 37. I look forward to meeting you!*

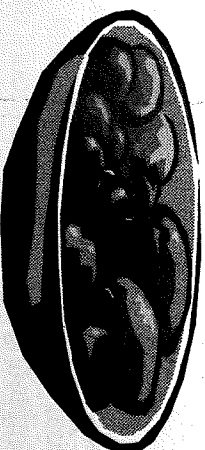
*Sincerely-
Theressa*

Dowagiac Area Walking Group

We have made arrangements with Southwestern Michigan College and Dowagiac Union High School to use their trails and halls for early evening walking groups. For more details and to sign up please call the Health Office at (616) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234, ext. 26 or 0.

The time you spend walking in this group may be used toward your miles earned for the "One Hundred Miles to Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa" contest—see separate article in this newsletter.

2001 Dietary Guidelines



Aim for Fitness!

- *Be physically active each day
- *Aim for a healthy weight.

Build a Healthy Base!

- *Use the Food Pyramid to guide your food choices.
- *Choose a variety of fruits and vegetables daily.
- *Choose a variety of grains daily, especially whole grains.
- *Keep food safe to eat.

Choose Sensibly!

- *Choose a diet that is low in saturated fat and cholesterol and moderate in total fat.
- *Choose beverages and foods to control your intake of sugars.
- *Choose and prepare foods with less salt.
- *If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

If you have any questions about these guidelines or other nutrition questions, please contact or call the Public Health Nutritionist, Nancy Appel, RD at the Health Office, (616) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234.

Staff from Contract Health Services will be available at the South Bend office every other Thursday, including May 10th, May 24th, June 7th, and June 21st. John will be available to help you register for health services, answer questions about CHS, review your medical bills, and to schedule medical and dental appointments. You may call the Dowagiac office (888) 440-1234, ext. 34, if you wish to schedule an appointment in South Bend. John welcomes clients with or without appointments.

CONTEST



One Hundred Miles to Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa

30 minutes of exercise = one mile
Exercise with a team and qualify for awards

One Hundred Miles to Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa is a contest to encourage a healthier lifestyle by rewarding habitual exercise.

Contest guidelines:

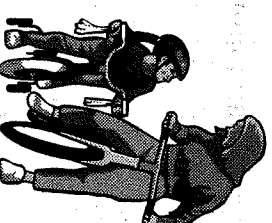
- Individuals of all ages form teams of three to five members each (a family can be a team).
- Each individual's goal is to complete at least 12-1/2 hours of exercise per month for his or her team.
- The team completing the most miles (hours of exercise) per month receives gifts.
- Prizes for the individual and the team with greatest improvement per objective measures will be honored and awarded at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow in September at St. Patrick's Park. (Need not be present to win.)
- Contest dates are from May 1 to September 1, 2001

The exercises (see the list of suggestions below) are to be done on the individual's own time and place of choice, such as, a gym, a park, home or at the Elder's Hall.

We are scheduling health classes to support and motivate teams to meet this challenge. Some of these seminars are: nutrition, exercise benefits, foot care, smoking cessation, and emotions and exercise.

*Walking/Jogging/Running

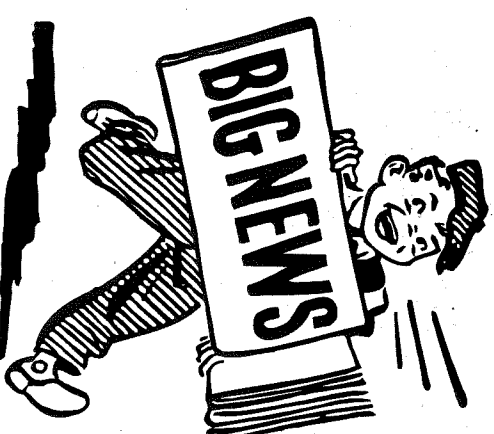
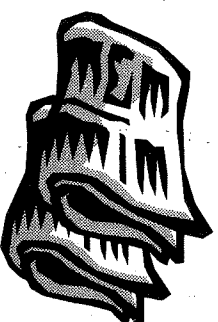
Organized exercise group activity: Gerobics, Aerobics, Softball
Push-mowing the lawn, Biking, Swimming, Tennis
Roller Blading/skating, Weights, Gym Equipment
Home Exercise videos, Dance



For details call Health Services at 1-888-440-1234 ext 26 or 616-782 - 4141 extension 26 or 0.
If it's been a while since you have participated in regular exercise check with your healthcare provider or call the I.H.S.

Send your June newsletter items to:

POKAGON BAND NEWSLETTER
901 SPRUCE STREET
P.O. BOX 180
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047



Request Your Own Computer Class!

We realize there are those interested in taking computer classes or attending labs that are unable to attend scheduled times, available locations, or are interested in a specific computer classes we have not offered. That is why we are making some changes to better serve you. Instead of offering computer classes on predesignated dates and times, we invite you to contact us and schedule computer training on the days and times you are available.

If you would like to request a specific class, time, or inquire about having mobile labs available in your area please let us know. Please allow us 3 days preparation for classes or 2 weeks for mobile labs. We are currently limited to mobile labs in South Bend. If enough interest is expressed in another area we will accomodate your need.

Classes are held at the Pokagon Band IT Office and the Education Office. Unless otherwise specified, regular computer labs are held at the Education office in Dowagiac, Michigan. A parent or guardian must accompany children who wish to attend evening classes. Computers are available on a first come first served basis. Call today to schedule your next class.

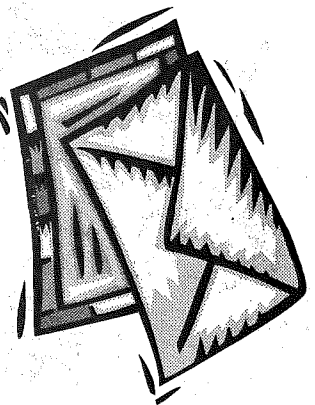
The following list is a sample of possible training you might want to request, additional subject matter may be available upon request:

Using a computer
Word processing
Creating and maintaining spreadsheets
Creating and maintaining databases
Using presentation software
Desktop Publishing
Using E-mail
Using the Internet
Web page design
Keyboarding/Typing
Home computer maintenance
Computer technical support training

Microsoft Windows 95
Microsoft Windows 98
Microsoft Windows Millennium Edition
Microsoft Word
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Access
Microsoft PowerPoint
Microsoft Publisher
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Microsoft Outlook Express



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Information Technology Office - Call (616) 782-9602

Scheduled Open Computer Labs:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday Afternoons
from 2:30-4:45 P.M.

Open labs are available to practice typing, browse the Internet, or to increase your computer related skills. Students are encouraged to attend these after school labs to access a computer for homework, or to relax and play educational computer games.



Pokegnuk Yajdanawa—"The Pokagon's Tell It"

HOUSING AUTHORITY

POKAGON BAND HOUSING AUTHORITY EMERGENCY MORTGAGE AND RENTAL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Pokagon Band Housing Authority can assist households experiencing temporary mortgage and rental-based housing crises through the Emergency Mortgage and Rental Payment Assistance Program. In order to be considered for assistance, an applicant must submit the following items:

- A completed Pokagon Band Housing Authority Emergency Mortgage and Rental Payment Assistance Program application;
- Certification of a handicap or disability from two different sources (if applicable);
- Proof of Tribal enrollment (if applicable);
- Verification of status as the current or prospective holder of a lease or a mortgage for a property for which you are unable to pay a pending rental or mortgage payment; and
- Proof of income in the form of an income tax return. If you do not have this form, you must sign and notarize a statement indicating the reason why you did not file a tax return. The Housing Authority cannot accept wage stubs or W-2 statements as proof of income.

In order to receive program assistance, an applicant must:

- Meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of low-income (these figures vary by county and by household size — please consult the Housing Authority regarding particular situations);
- Live in a situation that meets the definition of emergency outlined in the program's policy, including but not limited to situations involving involuntary displacement, substandard housing, or paying more than fifty percent (50%) of income toward a rent or mortgage payment;
- Live in a situation in which you are verifiably a lease or mortgage holder (persons who pay rent to close relatives are ineligible for assistance unless their arrest record or similar circumstances precludes any other type of living arrangement);
- Head of household must be at least 18 years of age;
- Live in the Pokagon Band's ten county housing service area; and
- Submit a completed application (including all supporting documentation) to the Pokagon Band Housing Authority, 714 N. Front Street, Dowagiac, Michigan.

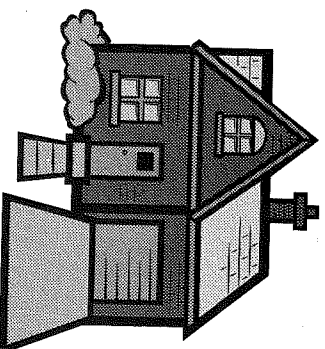
When allocating program resources, the Housing Authority will affix priority consideration to the following categories:

- Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians;
- The Elderly (persons age 55 and over);
- The Handicapped;
- Persons with very low household incomes;
- Families with minor children; and
- Veterans

The Housing Authority will distribute program resources until moneys reserved for the program are exhausted.

If you have any questions about the Emergency Mortgage and Rental Payment Assistance Program, please call Amanda Proctor, Director of the Pokagon Band Housing Authority, at (616)-783-0385. If you are elderly, homebound, or otherwise need assistance in completing the necessary forms, please contact the Housing Authority and we will arrange for a home visit.

Thank you in advance for observing these guidelines and for ensuring a fair distribution of Housing Authority resources.



714 NORTH FRONT STREET, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

POKAGON BAND HOUSING AUTHORITY HOME REPAIR AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Pokagon Band Housing Authority is now accepting applications for assistance under its home repair and rehabilitation program. In order to be considered for assistance, an applicant must submit the following items:

- A completed Pokagon Band Housing Authority Home Repair and Rehabilitation Program application;
- Certification of a handicap or disability from two different sources (if applicable);
- Proof of Tribal enrollment (if applicable);
- Proof of ownership of the home in the form of a warranty deed; and
- Proof of income in the form of an income tax return. If you do not have this form, you must sign and notarize a statement indicating the reason why you did not file a tax return. The Housing Authority cannot accept wage stubs or W-2 statements as proof of income.

In order to receive rehabilitative assistance, an applicant must:

- Meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of low-income. These figures vary by county and by household size; please consult the Housing Authority regarding particular situations;
- Head of household must be at least 18 years of age;
- Live in a substandard house as that term is defined in Title 25, Section 256 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Overcrowding, inadequate plumbing, heating, and electrical wiring typically characterize a substandard house;
- Live in the Pokagon Band's ten county housing service area;
- Live in a home that will pass an environmental inspection;
- Own the home proposed for repair and rehabilitation;
- Carry flood insurance if the home is located in a flood-prone area; and
- Submit a completed application (including all supporting documentation) to the Pokagon Band Housing Authority, 714 N. Front Street, Dowagiac, Michigan, 49047 by 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 31, 2001.

After May 31, the Board of Commissioners will review, rate, and rank all applicants, affixing priority consideration to the following categories:

- Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- The Elderly (persons age 55 and over)
- The Handicapped
- Persons with very low household incomes
- Families with minor children
- Veterans

The Housing Authority will then distribute program resources in rank order until moneys reserved for this particular cycle are exhausted. The Housing Commissioners reserve the right to reconfigure the rank order when an applicant's living environment presents an imminent health or safety risk.

The Housing Commissioners will initiate a new program cycle on or near June 1, 2001.

Please be advised, the Housing Authority must restore substandard homes to decent conditions; it cannot remodel, renovate, or modernize homes.

If you have any questions about the program, please call Amanda Proctor or Keith ("Butch") White of the Pokagon Band Housing Authority at (616)-783-0385. If you are elderly, homebound, or otherwise need assistance in completing the necessary forms, please contact the Housing Authority and we will arrange for a home visit.

Thank you in advance for observing these guidelines and for ensuring a fair distribution of Housing Authority resources.

The Crossroads of our Nishnabe Language

by JP Montano

For a long, long time our Indian people have held onto our languages. Now, some believe that we are at an important crossroads. They feel that many of our languages are about to be lost - forever. Maybe we are being too hard on ourselves. Or maybe we haven't seen the many accomplishments we've had recently, because it seems that most Native people are saying, "We want to hold on to our language. We don't want to walk in a bad way at that crossroads." And these words are being backed-up with action. Almost everywhere in Indian Country, our people are hard at work making audio-cassette tapes of the voices of our fluent speakers, teaching our children to speak, writing books in our languages, and offering language immersion camps. And this work is paying off. Some who are learning their language with these methods are staying with their Tribes to become teachers of their language. Of course, there are obstacles to overcome: excessive criticism from our own people, lack of funding, political favoritism, and all the other unpleasant realities that exist in our communities. Still, our people have survived the last 500 years of European, American and Canadian arrogance. Walking in a good way at this crossroads, and saving our languages for our generations yet to come seems alot easier than that.

Just to the east, the Mohawk Nation offers an elementary-school language immersion program. The school is under the control of the Mohawk people. Textbooks in the Mohawk language have been published, audio-cassette tapes and CDs have been recorded for at-home learning, and university-accredited language-teacher programs at local colleges are ongoing.

Down south, the Hualapai Nation in Peach Springs, Arizona has been running a bi-lingual/bi-cultural education program that teaches both Hualapai and English. Through this program, a written version of their language has been created. Computer programs are used to help learners of the language. The Hualapai people have published textbooks, recorded CDs and produced videos - all in their native language.

Out west, the Salish and Kootenai Nations in Pablo, Montana have developed writing systems for their languages. They offer an early childhood immersion program, and have developed a two-year college degree at Salish Kootenai College (SKC) to train their language teachers. The language instructors at SKC have produced a computer program that uses traditional stories, drawings and voice recordings to help learners of the Salish and Kootenai languages.

Straight north of us, the Cree Nation of Waskaganish in Quebec, Canada have used spring and summer cultural camps as part of a larger program to save their language. Language immersion is started at the pre-school age and continues through the high-school years. Those that complete the language programs go on to become teachers of their language. Today, some high-school classes use textbooks written in Cree, and are being taught by Cree people in their native language.

The success of these and other Native language preservation projects is good news for all of us trying to walk in a good way at the crossroads. Maybe we all can learn a little something from the stories that are being told about how each of our Tribes has gone about trying to save our Native languages. Some of these stories and lessons may say, "The more people involved, the better." They might suggest inviting young

people that are willing to learn from fluent elders that are willing to teach. They could recommend offering as many language classes as people are willing to attend. Or maybe they say to involve Head Start teachers so that they may in turn involve our kids. They might propose that each of us teach as we learn, because each one of us can play some part in bringing our language back into use. Maybe the stories are teaching us that it takes more than just one or two people to do this. Maybe they're saying it takes a whole village - a whole village that can come together in unity.

Right here in the Great Lakes, our *Nishnabe* people are trying to walk in a good way at the crossroads. We are making it a top priority to save our language. Here are some of the projects that our people are involved in:

- The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota offers a bi-lingual/bi-cultural teaching license through their education department's **Bi-lingual Ojibwe Program**.
- Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario offers a teaching certificate through their three-year long **Native Language Instructors' Program**.
- Bay Mills Community College in Brimley, Michigan - the only tribally controlled college in the State - offers a language teaching diploma through their three-year long **Nishnaabemwin Language Instructor Institute**.
- Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan offers training for language instructors through their **Bi-lingual/Bi-cultural Teacher Education** program.

There are quite a few home-study language materials available. Some of them are:

- The quarterly *Oshkabewis* Native Journal which is both written in the *Nishnabe* language and recorded in the language on audio-cassette tape.
 - Basil Johnston, from Cape Croaker First Nation in Ontario, has recorded a 30-hour audio-cassette tape language program which includes an eight-chapter textbook.
 - Shirley I. Williams, from Wikwenikong in Ontario, has published an in-depth introductory-level textbook on the *Nishnabe* language. Shirley is planning to have audio CDs available this summer for use with her book, which is part of the Native Studies program at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario.
 - Isadore Toulouse, also from Wikwenikong, has an introductory language book available which includes an audio-cassette tape.
- Of the language programs mentioned here, those from Wikwenikong - which are spoken in a south-eastern dialect of the *Nishnabe* language - may be closest to our dialect spoken here in the Pokagon Band.

Our different Bands of Potawatomi people are involved in quite a few language learning projects as well:

- Language classes are offered through most Potawatomi Band offices. Among our people here, Pokagon Band language classes are offered in Dowagiac, Michigan (at the Enrollment office) and South Bend, Indiana (at the South Bend office) on alternating Wednesday evenings.
- Our Pokagon Band Education department has available two language booklets with accompanying audio-cassette tapes that are recorded in the Potawatomi language. These booklets and tapes - written and recorded by one of our Band members, Frank Barker - are available for free to all Band members.

- The Prairie Band Potawatomi website offers a large dictionary with sound files so we can hear what each word sounds like when spoken by a fluent speaker.
- The Citizen Band Potawatomi website has language lessons available on-line.
- Jim Thunder, a Forest County elder, has created several manuals and audio-cassette tapes in the language.
- Donald Perrot, a Prairie Band Potawatomi, has a language program which is available both on the internet and in an audio-cassette/booklet format. It is available through the Hannahville Band's website.
- Mary Daniels and Billy Daniels Jr., elders from the Forest County Band, have co-authored an in-depth instructional textbook on the Potawatomi language.

These lists of available language programs and learning materials are not complete. Also, there may be a lot more available for us in the near future than is listed here. Some of our *Nishnabe* people have created materials on their own and haven't yet made them available to the general public. Others may still be planning a certain language project, a book, or an audio-cassette tape program. Maybe some of our elders do not yet feel comfortable speaking about our language to those who may not respect the sacred nature of our words. And maybe some of our people who want to help hold on to our language have not yet discovered where they fit in with all of this.

It seems though, that most of our Pokagon Band people are in agreement about one thing: We want to travel in a good direction at the crossroads and keep our *Nishnabe* language alive. "Preserving and recording our language" ranks as one of our most important goals to accomplish in nearly every questionnaire that we Pokagon Potawatomies have filled out.

Some of our elders say that we can do anything... as a people, as a united village. Keeping our language alive is not difficult to accomplish, they say. Coming together with a common goal, for the good of all our people, in a good way - this is the challenge. Some say that when we are willing to forgive each other for mistakes we have made, we eliminate the walls that separate us from one another. Some of our elders say that this is when we will be able to come together as one.

If we look in one direction at the crossroads we are at, we might see a people who are unable to speak the language that was given to them as a gift by the Creator, by God. We might see a people who could not forgive each other. If we look in the other direction, we might see our people who have found the spiritual strength inside of ourselves to hold onto this gift we call the *Nishnabe* language. Maybe we see ourselves showing compassion and understanding. Maybe we see ourselves forgiving.

Our prayers, along with the teachings that our elders share with us have enabled our people to keep our Indian ways alive for all this time. The Creator, and the words of the old ones, have carried us through the Indian Wars, the alcohol, the smallpox-infested blankets, forced military relocation, the boarding schools, termination and assimilation. There are a lot of Natives yet that believe that the words of our old people can help us walk in a good way at the crossroads. There are many yet that believe that our prayers and the teachings of our elders will allow us to hold on to our language.

Here is a contact list of the people, organizations and Native Nations that were mentioned in this article:

Email: pbcd@pokagon.com
 * The two language booklets with audio-cassette tapes are *Neod Giziget*: a story in the Potawatomi language, by Frank Barker (Dowagiac, MI: Pokagon Band Potawatomi, 1998); and *Giwami Kachoo*: a story in the Potawatomi language, by Frank Barker (Dowagiac, MI: Pokagon Band Potawatomi, 1998).

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 Admissions Office
 1200 Kenwood Avenue
 Duluth, Minnesota 55811-4199
 Toll-free: 1-800-447-5444
 Tel: (218) 723-6046
 Internet: www.css.edu/depts/teacher/biling.html
 Email: admissions@css.edu

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
 website
www.ukans.edu/~kansite/pbp/bwaka/home.html

Helen Wassegijig

Co-ordinator
 Lakehead University
 Native Language Instructors' Program
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 Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 5E1
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 Fax: (807) 346-7746
 Internet: www.lakeheadu.ca
 Email: hwassegjig@msl.lakeheadu.ca

Citizen Band Potawatomi Nation
 website
www.potawatomi.org/Language/default.asp

Bay Mills Community College

Nishnabemwin Language Instructor Institute
 12214 West Lakeshore Drive
 Birmley, Michigan 49715
 Toll-free: 1-800-844-BMCC
 Tel: (906) 248-3354
 Fax: (906) 248-3351
 Internet: www.bmcc.org

Jim Thunder Sr.

5032 Creek Haven Road
 Cottage Grove, Wisconsin 53727
 Tel: (608) 837-3789
 * His language learning manuals with audio-cassette tapes are *Book 1*, *Book 2*, and *Book 3*.

Central Michigan University

Admissions Office
 Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48859
 Tel: (517) 774-4000
 Internet: www.cmich.edu/bulletins/ug-bulletin/programs/interdisc/biling-ojive.htm
 Email: cmuadmtf@mail.cmich.edu

Donald A. Perrot

Hannahville Indian Community
 Nah Tah Walsh Public School Academy
 N14911 Hannahville B-1 Road
 Wilson, Michigan 49896-9728
 Tel: (906) 466-2932
 Fax: (906) 466-2933
 Internet: www.hvl.bia.edu/potawatomi/
 Email: dperrot@hvl.bia.edu
 * His two language booklets with audio-cassette tapes are called *Beginning Potawatomi: Volume 1*, and *Beginning Potawatomi: Volume 2*.

Oshkabeewis Native Journal

Indian Studies Program
 Stanford Hall, Box 19
 Bemidji State University
 1500 Birchmont Drive NE
 Bemidji, Minnesota 56601-2699
 Tel: (218) 755-3977
 Internet: www.glrain.net/glrain/onj.htm
 Email: atreuer@bjr.net

Mary Daniels

Billy Daniels Jr.
 Forest County Potawatomi Nation
 Cultural Language Project
 P.O. Box 340
 Crandon, Wisconsin 54520
 Toll-free: 1-800-960-5479
 Tel: (715) 478-7200
 Fax: (715) 478-5280
 Internet: www.fcpotawatomi.com/PotawatomiLanguageManual

Basil Johnston

RR #5
 Warton, Ontario N0H 270
 (519) 534-4483
 * The title of his language program is *Anishnabae Language Course Outline*.

Resource Materials and Training

Exercises, by Mabel Deverney, Mary Daniels, and Billy Daniels Jr., edited by John Nichols (Milwaukee, WI: Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1976)

Shirley I. Williams
 Project Coordinator
 Revitalization of the *Nishnabemwin* Language (RNL)

* This book is out of print, but photocopies are available from our Education department for all Pokagon Band members.

Trent University
 Native Studies Department
 Okonabee College
 Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7B8

Tel: (705) 748-1078
 Fax: (705) 748-1416
 Internet: www.trentu.ca/faculty/rnl
 * The title of her textbook is *Eshkintem-Nishnabemang: Introduction to Nishnabemwin*.

Isadore Tomhouse

Isadore can be contacted through the Native Studies Department at Trent University.
 * The title of his language book and audio-cassette tape is *Kidwenan*.

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS CLOSED SESSION TRIBAL COUNCIL

WITH ROB GIPS, TOM SHIELDS & FRED
SCHUBKEGEL
MARCH 5, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:10p.m. by John Warren,
Vice Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Warren

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John
Warren, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw and Henry White.
Absent: Trudy Loeeding (ill), Marj Reno (ill) and John Miller
(family situation).

Also in Attendance: Tribal Attorney - Rob Gips
(conferenced in), Tom Shields, MRG (arrived at 6:58p.m.)
and Fred Schubkegel - Attorney along with Mark Parish -
Community Development.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secre-
tary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Coun-
cil.

Wesaw and Trudy Loeeding.

Absent: Henry White (medical)

Also in Attendance: Elder's Rep. - Rae Daugherty,
Owners Representative (Hanscomb) - Rob Lillich, Chris
Harris and Phil Wade, and Rob Gips - Tribal Attorney.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 10, 2001

Meeting Called to Order: 10:01a.m. by John Miller,
Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Warren, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Ernie Daisy,
Alice Overly, Marj Reno, John Miller, Marie Manley, Faye
Wesaw, Trudy Loeeding and Elder's Rep. - Rae Daugherty
Absent: Henry White (medical).

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal
Council approves the proposed travel for two Pokagon
Band Education staff members and up to six high school
students to attend a campus visit to Bay Mills and Lake
Superior State University on April 2-4.

Costs will include hotel costs, per diem and travel totaling
approximately \$1440.00. These costs to be paid by the
Education Department are budgeted in the JOM and Title
IX grant funds.

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

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

RESOLUTION #2 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by
Ernie Daisy
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal
Council adopts the name "Fourwinds" as the name for the
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Casino.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE & STEPHEN BLANN MARCH 6, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:00p.m. by John Miller,
Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Marj Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John
Warren, John Miller, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Rae
Daugherty, Henry White and Trudy Loeeding.

Absent: Alice Overly (medical).

Also in Attendance: SAPC Members - Kathy Deka, Ken-
neth Antisdal, Judy Winchester and Christine Daugherty.
Rehmann Robson - Stephen Blann, Finance Director - Joe
Ciba, Community Development - Kevin Daugherty and Tom
Morris. Rob Gips - Tribal Attorney (conferenced in at
6:11p.m.).

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS CLOSED SESSION TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH HANSCOMB (OWNERS REP.) MARCH 8, 2001

Meeting Called to Order: by John Miller, Tribal Chairman
Invocation: John Miller

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, Tom
Wesaw, Jr., John Warren, John Miller, Marie Manley, Faye

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

WHEREAS, The Healthy Start Program has been a vital component of the Tribal community for the past four years and is recognized as a link to building the foundation for the next generation,

Christopher Ballew	Stephanie Ballew
Tina Barger	Loretta Edwards
Lorraine Gideon	Alicia Jackson
Rebecca Morris	Dan Rapp
Maureen Shagonaby	John Warren
Marchell Wesaw	Mariam Weyant

RESOLUTION #3 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Mari Reno **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** In order to maintain these important services, which will help to make our children and families healthier, and strengthen future generations, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Council wholeheartedly supports the Inter-Tribal Council's proposal to re-compete for four more years of funding for the Healthy Start Program in order to continue program services.

John M.	Y	Henry W.	Absent
Faye W.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Absent
John W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Mari R.	Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 7. OPPOSED: 0. ABSENT: 2. ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4 made by Mari Reno and 2nd by Marie Manley **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to use Wightman and Associates for the architectural drawing services for a medical facility at the Save-A-Lot building in Dowagiac, Michigan as stated in the letter agreement as here to attached.

RESOLUTION #7 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Marie Manley **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves sending up to three (3) Tribal Council members along with the Elder's Representative to the NIGA Conference to be held April 9-11th, 2001. Travel days being April 8th and 12th in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Costs include per diem, airfare, lodging, registration and possibly a rental car totaling approximately \$5600.00. To be paid for out of the Development Loan.

John M.	Y	Henry W.	Absent
Faye W.	N	Marie M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Absent
John W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Tom W.	N	Mari R.	Abstain

ALL IN FAVOR: 5. OPPOSED: 2. ABSENT: 2. ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #5 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Mari Reno **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council adopts the Social Services Client Transport Policy and Procedure as presented 3/10/01.

RESOLUTION #8 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Alice Overly **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision to extend John Morseau's cleaning contract until April 30th, 2001.

John M.	Y	Henry W.	Absent
Faye W.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Absent
John W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Mari R.	Y

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

RESOLUTION #6 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Faye Wesaw **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council removes the following people from the Strategic Action Plan Committee due to lack of attendance in the year 2000:

John M.	Y	Henry W.	Absent
Faye W.	Y	Marie M.	Abstain
Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Absent
John W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Mari R.	Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 7. OPPOSED: 0. ABSENT: 2. ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #9 made by Ernie Daisy and 2nd by John Warren **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves of a set-aside fund to be put in place in the amount of \$500,000. This Fund shall be established as an Expendable Trust Fund, in accordance with governmental generally accepted accounting principles, and titled the "Economic Development Expendable Trust Fund".

FURTHERMORE: The Finance Director is further authorized to transfer the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Trust Fund from the Gaining Fund. Assets of the Trust Fund are to be invested in

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

WHEREAS, The Healthy Start Program has been a vital component of the Tribal community for the past four years and is recognized as a link to building the foundation for the next generation;

RESOLUTION #3 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marij Reno **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** In order to maintain these important services, which will help to make our children and families healthier, and strengthen future generations, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Council wholeheartedly supports the Inter-Tribal Council's proposal to re-compete for four more years of funding for the Healthy Start Program in order to continue program services.

John M.	Y	Henry W.	Absent
Faye W.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Absent
John W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Marij R.	Y

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

RESOLUTION #4 made by Marij Reno and 2nd by Marie Manley **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to use Wightman and Associates for the architectural drawing services for a medical facility at the Save-A-Lot building in Dowagiac, Michigan as stated in the letter agreement as here to attached.

John M.	Y	Henry W.	Absent
Faye W.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Absent
John W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Marij R.	Y

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

RESOLUTION #5 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marij Reno **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council adopts the Social Services Client Transport Policy and Procedure as presented 3/10/01.

John M.	Y	Henry W.	Absent
Faye W.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Absent
John W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Marij R.	Y

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

RESOLUTION #6 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Faye Wesaw **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council re-moves the following people from the Strategic Action Plan Committee due to lack of attendance in the year 2000:

Christopher Ballev		Stephanie Ballev
Tina Barger		Loretta Edwards
Loraine Gideon		Alicia Jackson
Rebecca Morris		Dan Rapp
Maureen Shagonaby		John Warren
Marchell Wesaw		Mariam Weyant

John M.	Y	Henry W.	Absent
Faye W.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Absent
John W.	Abstain	Alice O.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Marij R.	Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 7. OPPOSED: 0. ABSENT: 2. ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #7 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Marie Manley **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves sending up to three (3) Tribal Council members along with the Elder's Representative to the NIGA Conference to be held April 9-11th, 2001. Travel days being April 8th and 12th in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Costs include per diem, airfare, lodging, registration and possibly a rental car totaling approximately \$5600.00. To be paid for out of the Development Loan.

John M.	Y	Henry W.	Absent
Faye W.	N	Marie M.	Y
Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Absent
John W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Tom W.	N	Marij R.	Abstain

ALL IN FAVOR: 5. OPPOSED: 2. ABSENT: 2. ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #8 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Alice Overly **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision to extend John Morseau's cleaning contract until April 30th, 2001.

John M.	Y	Henry W.	Absent
Faye W.	Y	Marie M.	Abstain
Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Absent
John W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Marij R.	Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 7. OPPOSED: 0. ABSENT: 2. ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #9 made by Ernie Daisy and 2nd by John Warren **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves of a set-aside fund to be put in place in the amount of \$500,000. This Fund shall be established as an Expendable Trust Fund, in accordance with governmental generally accepted accounting principles, and titled the "Economic Development Expendable Trust Fund".

FURTHERMORE: The Finance Director is further authorized to transfer the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Trust Fund from the Gaming Fund. Assets of the Trust Fund are to be invested in

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00p.m. by Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary

Invocation Given by: Henry White, Member at Large and Elder

Roll Call: Henry White, Alice Overly, Marij Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeiding and Elder'sRep. - Rae Daugherty.

Absent: Ernie Daisy (work), John Warren (speaking engagement) and John Miller (family illness).

Also in Attendance: Kathy Deka – Education Director

ANA Language Grant

RESOLUTION #1 made by Trudy Loeiding and 2nd by Marij Reno **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the proposed submission of an ANA language Grant proposal in the amount of \$149,921.00. This is a two-year grant to provide funds for a comprehensive Potawatomi Language program.

The submission of this grant proposal remains pending until the final approval of the budget by Joseph Ciba, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Finance Director.

John M.	Absent	Henry W.	Y
Faye W.	Y	Marie M.	Y
Ernie D.	Absent	Trudy L.	Y
John W.	Absent	Alice O.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Marij R.	Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 7. OPPOSED: 0. ABSENT: 3. ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

NOTICE

To All Members Of The Pokagon Band:

The Tribal Council proposes to make two changes in the Pokagon Band Of Potawatomi Indians By-Laws in connection with management of the Band's finances. In accordance with the procedures for By-Law Amendments approved by Tribal Council Resolution 00-09-09-02, Band Members are hereby notified of the following proposed changes.

1. To establish a Finance Board as a Standing Committee, Article VI, Section 1 of the By-Laws is proposed to be amended by adding the following new language at the end of that section:
- (d) **FINANCE BOARD:** The purpose of the Finance Board is to assist Council in budgeting and financial management. The purposes, powers and duties of the Finance Board are more fully set out in the Finance Board Ordinance.
2. To revise and update the duties of the office of Treasurer of the Pokagon Band per Tribal Council Resolutions 00-05-13-01 and 00-05-13-02, Article V, Section 5 of the By-Laws is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for monitoring the financial activities of the Pokagon Band. The Treasurer shall serve on and be Chair of the Finance Board, shall perform those duties assigned the Treasurer in the Finance Board Ordinance, and through the Finance Board shall oversee the Finance Director of the Band and the Finance Department and shall monitor all tribal finances and transactions. In the exercise of these oversight functions, the Treasurer shall have access to all records and documents relating to tribal finances and transactions. The Finance Director and Finance Staff shall make such records and documents available and otherwise assist the Treasurer as requested, without interference from Tribal Council. The Treasurer shall require records of account to be maintained, and made available to the Finance Board and the Tribal Council as requested, showing accurately at all times the receipts, disbursements, and financial condition of the Pokagon Band. The Treasurer shall ensure that reports on the financial condition of the Band are submitted to the Tribal Council, including reports by the Finance Board or the Finance Director, as appropriate, at such time as may be requested by Tribal Council. The Treasurer shall further report to Tribal Council any findings relating to tribal finances. At the Band's expense, the Treasurer shall acquire a surety bond in an amount and with a surety company satisfactory to the Tribal Council, to administer the Band's financial affairs.

Copies of the current By-Laws and the Finance Board Ordinance are available for review at Elder's Hall. These proposed changes will be read at Regular (Saturday) Council Meetings On April 14th, 2001 and May 12th, 2001 at Elder's Hall.

The following resolutions support these amendments:

RESOLUTION:

00-05-13-01

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Treasurer shall have access to all Tribal finances, monitor all Tribal financial transactions. This includes payroll and all payables.

FURTHERMORE: The Finance staff will assist the Treasurer in any way when asked without interference from the Tribal Council or Directors. The Treasurer will report any findings to the Tribal Council.

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

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION:

00-05-13-02

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Treasurer's request to have legal staff change the language in the By-Laws for the Treasurer. The new language should change the duties of the Treasurer to match the language or improve the language of the resolution just passed.

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

CARRIED.

ELDERS COUNCIL MINUTES

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING APRIL 5, 2001 – 11:00 A.M.

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.

Gerald Wesaw called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

The invocation was given by Clarence White.

Roll Call

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

Quorum Present

Attendance: 25 Elders

Additions to agenda: 50/50 Fund, Potawatomi Gathering

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the agenda of April 5, 2001 with additions.

Seconded by Marge Moody. All in Favor: "aye" Opposed: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Marge Moody moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2001.

Seconded by Clarence

White. All in favor: "aye" Opposed: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Becky Price, RNC gave her health report and introduced Theresa Kullik, Medical Social Worker. We were informed Cindy Rapp is now working in the Optical Department.

MIEA Resolution # 01-004, dated April 5, 2001 made by Marge Moody. Seconded by Mary Jo Morris.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council send our MIEA Treasurer, Clarence White, Delegate, Bonnie Parrish, Delegate and MIEA Committee Secretary, Marge Moody, Alternate Ann Zimmerman and MIEA Committee Members, Gerald Wesaw, John Wesaw, Jr. and Rachel Daugherty to the MIEA fifth Annual Conference to be held in Suttons Bay, MI April 17-18-19-20, 2001. Elder members to attend are Sam Wesaw, Jackie Genereaux, Rose (Goldie) Mangus, Henry White, Evelyn Miller, William Morsaw, Joe Winchester, and Victor Starrett. All expenses to be paid out of the Elders General Fund plus a GSA vehicle and Transporter Yvonne (Petey) Boehm. Any days not in attendance, lodging and per diem needs to be returned. Due to the Gathering expenses, may have to cut MIEA mileage. All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Gerald stated that at our last meeting membership signed a paper asking Tribal Council to pay for seven (7) rooms reserved for us and they said we would have to take it out of our budget. We decided to reserve seven (7) rooms, and if we run short of money toward the end of our budget

time we'll have to cut expenses. Mileage would be a start.

Diary Resolution # 01-005, dated April 5, 2001, made by Marge Moody.

Seconded by Rae Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council purchase six (6) zippered desk diaries from the Myron Manufacturing Corporation, Maywood N.J. Costing \$19.95 ea. Plus a \$1.10 ea for individual names in company imprint, total of \$6.60 Total cost \$126.30 to be paid from the Elders General Fund. All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Amanda Proctor, Housing Director gave us information on income limits for programs. Proof of income can be in the form of an income tax return. She had all the applications for these programs and assisted the membership filling these out. Amanda informed us that they are trying to expand our service area to include Kent Co., Muskegon Co., and Kalamazoo Co.

Rae Daugherty stated that the Pokagon Head Start Program wanted to participate in the Annual Children's Pow Wow, which was held in Hamaville March 17th. Unfortunately none of our children were able to go. We sent four Elders and a driver and let them know we supported their program. John Wesaw, Jr. commented they were treated very nice as special guests.

Literature was available to membership for the Tekakwitha Conference 2002 and the American Indian Veterans Memorial.

Clarence White informed us that we have found out our 50/50 account is under a non-profit number. We have used the money to pay for bills we have approved. Clarence has a statement with all the figures.

Marchell Wesaw stated that when we take out \$10.00 checks for the membership at the end of the year from that account, that's not non-profit activity; it's for profit activity. If we put the money in another account under the tribe we can use it in any way we want.

Marchell also informed us that the raffle has been put off because of paper work on part of the state. Figuring it all out will take four (4) months. Marchell will also check with other tribes.

Robert Willis, Election Board Chairman was in attendance for the Elders Council Second Representative Election. Requirements and procedures were passed out to membership.

Robert Willis took nominations from the floor.

Gerald Wesaw nomination Victor Starrett-declined
Henry White nominated Ann Zimmerman-declined
Bonnie Parrish nominated John Wesaw Jr.-accepted
Ann Zimmerman nominated Frank Person-declined

Nominations were closed by Robert Willis.

John Wesaw, Jr. was unopposed, therefore automatically gets the seat.

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Marge Moody moved to adjourn at 12:32 P.M. Rae Daugherty seconded the motion. All in favor: "aye"
Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED



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April 5, 2001

Date

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Trail of Death commemoration marks forced removal of Native Americans from Indiana

By Kevin Cullen / Journal and Courier

February 11, 2001

LAGRANGE — About 850 depressed Potawatomi Indians straggled through western Tippecanoe County on Sept. 13, 1838, stopping for the night on high ground along the Wabash River.

Soldiers guarded them as they lit their fires and settled in. The next day, they resumed a 10-week forced march from their ancestral homes in northern Indiana to the Kansas frontier.

"It was a sad and mournful spectacle to witness these children of the forest slowly retiring from the home of their childhood," wrote early settler Sanford Cox.

Forty perished on the so-called "Trail of Death."

LaGrange has vanished, but a new marker now stands nearby at 2970 S. County Road 950 W., marking that long-ago camp. When it is dedicated on March 3, all 17 campsites in Indiana will be commemorated.

"We still have five campsites left to mark — two in Illinois, two in Missouri and one in Kansas," said Shirley Willard, director of the Fulton County Historical Society in Rochester.

Her son built the first Trail of Death marker in 1976 as a Boy Scout project. The idea of marking every campsite began in 1988.

The 1838 removal was unusually well-documented. A scribe rode along to keep notes, record names and list locations.

A Girl Scout from Monon erected a marker for the LaGrange site in 1998, but research showed it was placed four miles from the actual site. Made partly of wood, it was knocked over by a ditch mower.

Willard asked Jim Crites if he would allow a permanent marker to be placed on his property near LaGrange. He agreed, donated a 500-pound boulder and fastened the 30-pound bronze plaque purchased by the Elder Council of the Pokagon Band, Potawatomi Indians.

His sister-in-law, Verna Yoder, painted an Indian head on the boulder.

"Not a lot of people know about this end of Tippecanoe County," he said of the hilly, wooded region on the west



Members of the Pokagon Band Elders Council standing near the Trail of Death monument.

side of the Wabash. "LaGrange wasn't here very many years."

The refugees camped on a flat area above the river, just west of LaGrange, "so I have to assume they camped around my house. It's the only flat spot above the river," Crites said.

The project commemorates a march that otherwise could be forgotten, said Marge Moody of South Bend, vice chairman of the Elder Council.

Sixty-three markers now line the "Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail," which has been recognized by the state legislatures of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

"I think it is a great honor for all Indian people, regardless of where they are from," Moody said. "The Trail of Death march was absolutely horrible."

Every five years, Willard leads a caravan that retraces the entire march, stopping at every monument. Descendants of the original Potawatomis rededicated each marker with prayers and the sprinkling of herbs.

Details of the March 3 marker dedication haven't been finalized, but there probably will be a blessing and appropriate remarks.

Perhaps the plaque itself tells the story best:

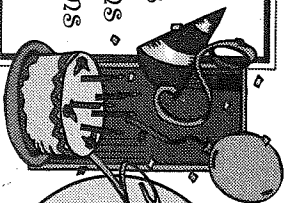
"Over 850 Potawatomi Indians camped here on the Wabash River in Tippecanoe County, Indiana Sept. 13, 1838 on the forced removal from Indiana to Kansas. There were 106 sick so two doctors were called in, Drs. Ritchie & Son. Sanford Cox later wrote in Old Settlers: 'Tears fell from the cheek of the downcast warrior, old men trembled, matrons wept, the swarthy maiden's cheek turned pale ... sad as a funeral procession.'"

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Happy Birthday

May 9th- Mike Lewis
May 15th- Mary R. Lewis
May 27th- Jordan Williams
May 31st- Lindsay Williams
Love- Your Family



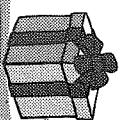
Congratulations

On your Graduation
John Rader
Love- Mom & Dad



Happy BELATED Birthday

April 10th
Kathryn Miller
Love- Your Family

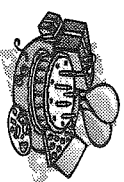


Happy Belated Birthday

Kenny Daniel Little
(my little Ken-Ken)
I love you- Mom

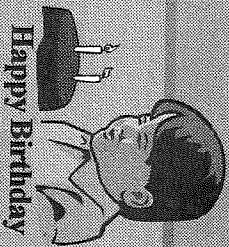
Happy Birthday

Jim Gideon, Jr.



May 19th

Love- Your Family



Happy Birthday
May 15th

Jackson paul little
(my little jay)

I love you-mom

Have a Happy,
Happy Birthday
Beverly Nelson
We love you-
Your Family

Happy Birthday!

Ceajara Heffington May 7
Ronald Heffington May 13
Johnny Reed May 27
Angel Woodward May 30
Love- Grandma

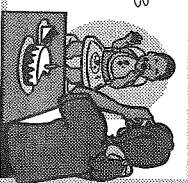
Happy Birthday
Michelle Piper - May 6th
Love- Mom, Tamara, Bobby,
John, Bradley, Kaitlyn,
Kelcey, Kayley, Kim,
Brittany, Corey and Fred.



Happy Birthday
Kathy Parker!
Love- Aunt Stella

Happy 1st Birthday 3/3

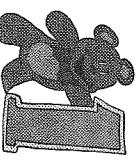
Austin Brown
Love- Great Grandma



Happy Birthday
James Bright
We love ya!

Dave, Mary Jo & Deacon

Happy 1st Birthday



May 2nd
Kelcey Gillette

Daughter of Tamara Piper
and Steven Gillette
Love- Mom, Dad, Grandma
Hoekstra, Aunt Michelle, Uncle
Bobby, Uncle John, Kaitlyn,
Kayley, Bradley, Kim, Brittany,
Corey and Fred

Happy Birthday

Ernie Shoemaker - May 5
Mary Watson - May 19
Love- Sis Stella

Happy Birthday

"Miss Senica"
Love- Debi, Ginny and Quinn

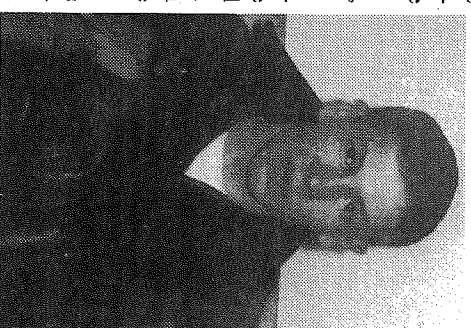


Happy 30th Birthday
Chet Winchester
May 15th
Love- Aunt Suzie Q



Happy Birthday
Kaitlyn Hoekstra - May 23rd
Daughter of John Hoekstra
Love-
Grandma Hoekstra, Aunt Michelle,
Aunt Tammy, Uncle Bobby
Dad, Bradley, Kelcey, Kim, Brittany,
Corey and Fred

In loving memory of
Thomas Eugene Rader
July 28, 1936-May 28, 1994



A Military memorial service
to bury the remains of Tho-
mas Eugene Rader will be
held Saturday May 26, 2001
at Sacred Heart Cemetery,
Dowagiac Michigan.

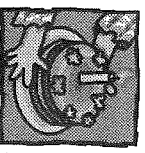
Born in Hazel Park Michi-
gan, he was the son of the
late Roger Eugene Rader and
Cecelia (Rapp) Blackmond.
Grandson of John and Nora
(Alexis) Rapp and Lawrence
and Mary (McClain) Rader.

Thomas was survived by his
wife Michal (Carruth) Rader
of Lubbock, TX and one son
William Rader of Lima, OH.

Two brothers, Lawrence Fredrick Rader of Greenville, S.C.
and Kenneth Bruce Rader of Glenwood, AR, stepbrother
Danny Rader of Jefferson City, MO, three step sisters, Sarah
(Blackmond) McWhorter of Horatio, AR, Mary (Rader) Patton
of Lima, OH, Kathy (Rader) Fryer of Lima, OH, two beloved
Aunts, Mildred (Rapp) Mix of Coloma, MI and Agnes
(McSnaby) Rapp of Berrien Springs, MI, also several cousins,
nieces and nephews.

Tom was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and served in the Ko-
rean War. He was an employee of the Marriott Corporation of
Lubbock, TX.

As well as a Traditional Native ceremony, Lawrence F. Rader,
Sr., elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints
will officiate and perform the dedication of the gravesite. A
luncheon for family and friends will follow at the Pokagon
Band Elder's Hall.



Happy Birthday
May 15th
Jackson Little
We love and miss you-
Aunt Kim, Brittany,
Corey and Fred

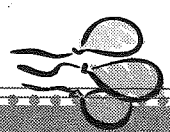
Happy BELATED Birthday



April Wesaw
April 15
Love- Housing Authority

Happy Birthday

Priscilla Ann Swisher
May 19th
Love Always- mom & dad
Grandpa & uncle



Andrew Ridenour

Andrew was selected because of ex-
emplary Chieftain Spirit, leadership,
perseverance in achieving goals,
thoughtfulness toward others and all
around being a good student-citizen.



Happy 9th Anniversary

Mary and William Swisher Jr.
May 19, 1992-2001
Love always
Mary Swisher

