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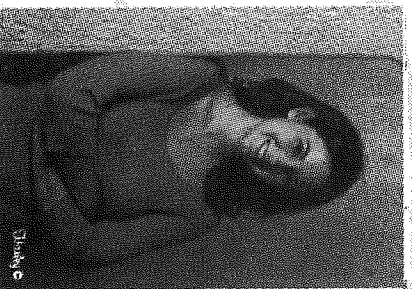
June 2001



Michelle Marie Morris

Daughter of Jerry and Nancy Morris

Michelle graduated 4th in her class of 304 students at Mishawaka High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society and carried a 3.96 GPA. She's an avid runner and has won several awards in cross country and track including; Team MVP, All Conference, Student Athlete of the Week and Kiwanis Athlete of the Month. She was Captain of the Cross County team for two years. Michelle plans to attend Indiana University in the fall to study Pre-Medicine.



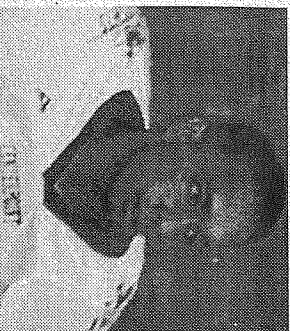
Maggie Parrish

Daughter of Mark and Donna Parrish

Maggie graduated from Grandville High School in Grandville, Michigan. She plans to attend Aquanis College in the fall to study Education.

The Pokagon Band Salutes our Graduates

2001



John Rader

Son of Kenneth Rader Sr.

John graduated from Center Point High School in Glenwood, Arkansas. He was named his Football teams Player of the year, which awarded him a \$500 scholarship. John's plans for the future are undecided.



Alicia Jackson

Daughter of Michael and Andrea Jackson

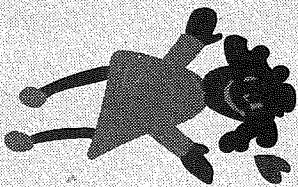
Alicia graduated from Dowagiac Union High School. She has been accepted to Southwestern Michigan College and plans to attend in the fall. She plans to transfer to either Northern Michigan University or Central Michigan University to pursue her goal of attaining a degree in Elementary Education specializing in Native American Programs.



Jessica Swisher

Daughter of Chet and Jolyn Swisher

Jessica graduated from Dowagiac Union High School. She plans to attend Southwestern Michigan College for one year and transfer to Kalamazoo Valley Community College to major in Criminal Justice.



Pokagon Band Head Start and

Early Head Start Programs

Has openings for the school year 2000-2001
And for the school year 2001-2002

*We provide limited transportation

*Healthy, nutritious meals

*Trained and qualified staff

*Fun, loving environment



Head Start services all children with disabilities
Children from other federally recognized tribes and non-natives are accepted thereafter

If you are interested, please contact Trish Sterling, Site Supervisor at 616-783-0026
or simply return your completed application.



Sarah Valdes



Shannon Hiler

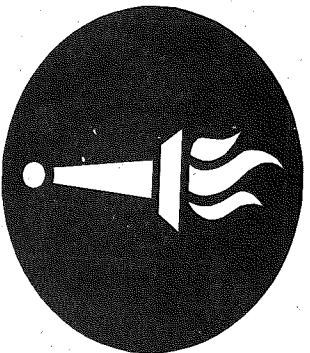
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14th Annual

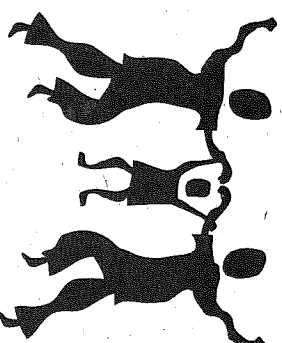
Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Sponsored by The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Monday June 25, 2001

Mt. Pleasant High School
Community Memorial Stadium
1165 South Elizabeth Street
Mt. Pleasant, MI



For more information please contact:
Charles Bauknecht or Renee Gilbert
(517) 557-4690





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HUMAN RESOURCES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

"POKAGON BAND TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES"

The Human Resources Department is employing Pokagon Tribal 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. 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". Or call to set up a time to bring in your resume and complete an application. 1-800-517-0777. A general interview will be with the Human Resources Coordinator.

SEND RESUMES TO:

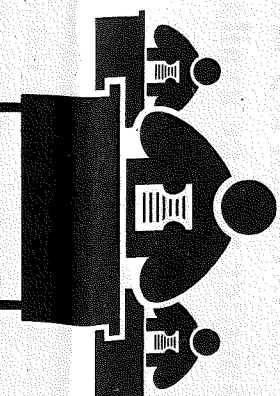
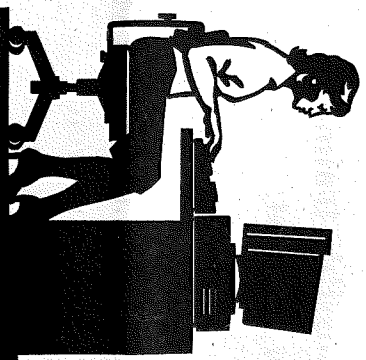
Pokagon Band Temporary Staffing Services

Attn: HRD

P. O. Box 180

Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Or email to: jobs@pokagon.com



ENROLLMENT

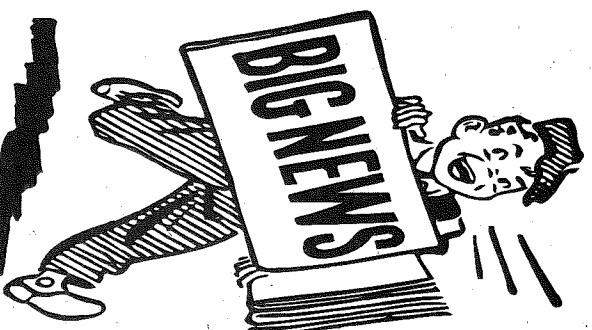
ATTENTION

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.



Send your July
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.

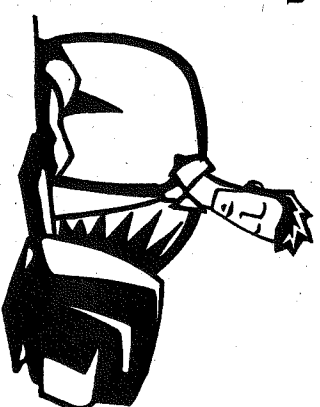
If you would like to request a specific class, time, or inquire about having mobile labs available in your area please let us know. Please allow us 3 days preparation for classes or 2 weeks for mobile labs. We are currently limited to mobile labs in South Bend. If enough interest is expressed in another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

Classes are held at the Pokagon Band IT Office and the Education Office. Unless otherwise specified, classes and 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.

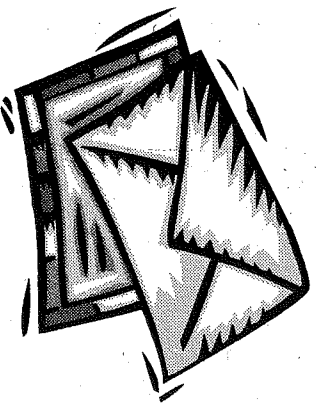
The following list is a sample of possible training you might want to request, additional subject matter may be available upon request:

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
Microsoft Outlook
Microsoft Internet Explorer
Microsoft Outlook Express



Interested in job training and technical certification?
Contact us!
We want to train you for A+ certification.



Education Department
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Education Department - Call (888) 330-1234 or (616) 782-0887
Information Technology Office - Call (616) 782-9602

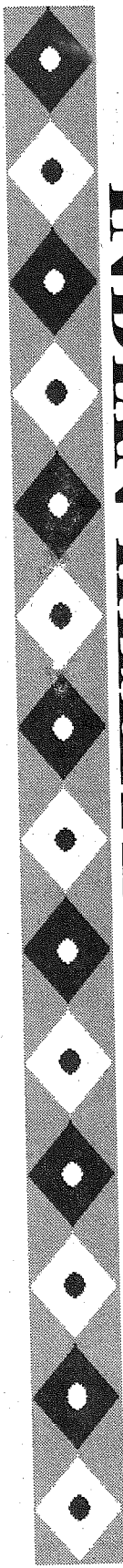
Summer Computer Labs for Kids
June 1 - July 14

Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons
from 1:00-3:00 P.M at the Education Office.



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INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES



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.

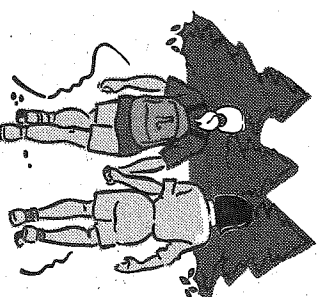
We are scheduling health classes to support and motivate teams to meet this challenge. Some of these seminars are: nutrition, exercise benefits, foot care, smoking cessation, and emotions and exercise.

*Walking/Jogging/Running

Organized exercise group activity; Aerobics, Aerobics, Softball
Push-mowing the lawn, Biking, Swimming, Tennis
Roller Blading/skating, Weights, Gym Equipment



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



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

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.

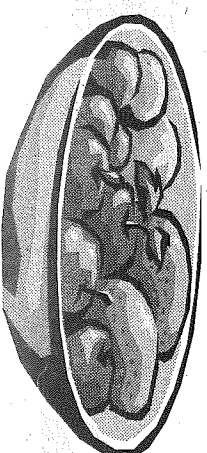
Tribal member, Cindy Rapp, CHR, has finished her optical training and is looking forward to meeting you and helping you get the glasses you need for your prescription. Call 616-782-4141 or toll free 1-888-440-1234 for an appointment, ask for Cindy!

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 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.

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

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

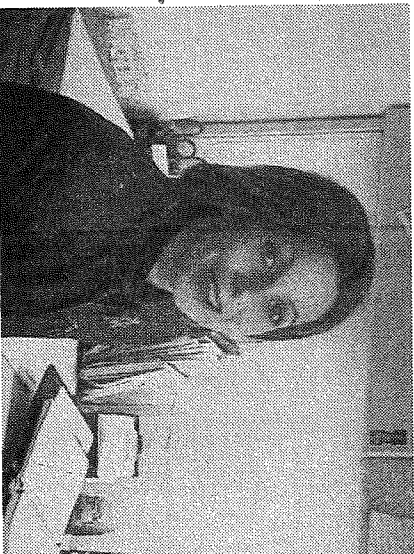


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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

We finally have full staff! In February we hired two new therapists! Mary Foley is our new adult/family therapist. She holds her Masters in Social Work and has a background in family therapy and foster care. Daisy Casanovas is our youth counselor. She comes from Puerto Rico and holds a Masters in Psychology. Her background is counseling youth. Both Daisy and Mary are full of energy and we have kept them very busy! We welcome both to our staff.



Daisy Casanovas

Youth Groups

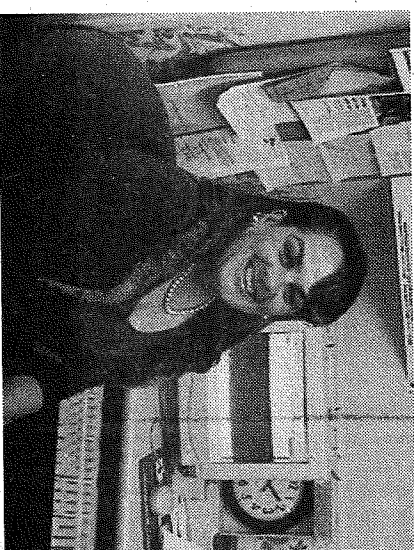
Daisy has been facilitating our youth groups for approximately one month. It is not too late for your child/youth to join. The youth group is for anyone from the ages 8-10 and is held on Tuesdays after school. The adolescent group is for anyone from the ages 11-16 and is held on Wednesdays after school. Transportation may be available for your child. The focus of each group is to learn socialization skills, alcohol/other drug prevention and fun! Once a month cultural teachings will be offered by John Warren our cultural coordinator. Please call us if you are interested in sending any family members.

Driver's License Reinstatement

We are licensed by the state of Michigan to perform assessments for the reinstatement of your driver's license. We do not charge for this service and would be glad to be of assistance to those of you who have lost your license due to use of alcohol. You will need to bring proof of a sober lifestyle which could be inpatient or outpatient treatment, or AA meeting attendance. Please call to schedule an appointment.

Counseling

Our staff can help you with outpatient counseling. We offer a full range of outpatient services for both substance abuse and mental health issues. We counsel individuals, couples and families. In addition to our regularly scheduled hours we also offer evening appointments. On Thursday mornings we are in the South Bend office for the convenience of those living in Indiana. If you want to make an appointment for the South Bend office, please call our office in Dowagiac to schedule in advance. At times we may be able to make a home visit. Please call us to schedule an appointment, or to just ask questions. We'll be glad to help. Our phone number is (616) 782-1142 or 1-877-622-2663.



Mary Foley

Intensive Outpatient Program

Twice a week we offer our Intensive Outpatient Program. This program is designed for those who need more support than counseling, but do not necessarily need inpatient treatment for alcohol/other drug use. Our program meets the requirements of those who are court ordered to this type of program. We do not charge for this program but we do request an assessment that enables us to receive state funding. The program is thirteen weeks long and during this time we meet twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Transportation may be available. If you are interested please call us.

Assessment and Referral

If you need assistance with admission to New Day or Three Fires we can help! If you need assistance to other treatment programs we can still help you make the appointment with the local agencies to begin the process and may be able to assist with transportation to that appointment and/or to treatment. Please call if you are interested.



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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

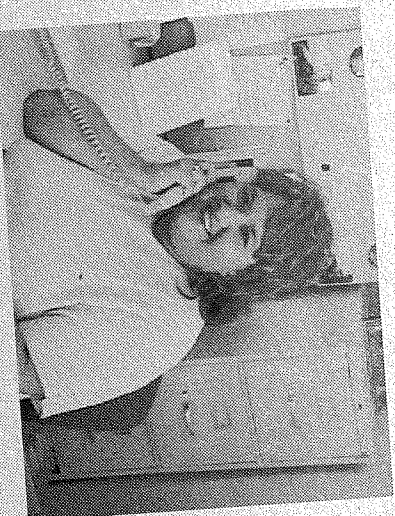
SUMMER TUTORING AVAILABLE

Students interested in receiving summer tutoring should contact the Education Department at 1-888-330-1234.



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.



Hello

I am Melissa Newcomer, the new receptionist in the Education Department. I am the daughter of Lawrence and Marie Manley and Grandaughter of Ray and Madeline Morseau. I was born in Dowagiac, Michigan but now reside in Niles with my Husband Richard and my two sons Michael and Richard IV. As well as clerical duties in the Education Department I will be handling the Scholarship Program. I am willing to help membership in any way that is possible, so feel free to contact me at (616) 782-0887 or toll free (888) 330-1234



WHAT'S UP!

MY NAME IS ROGER RADER I'M THE NEW YOUTH SPECIALIST IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. I'M 23 YEARS OLD AND HAVE LIVED IN DOWAGIAC MOST OF MY LIFE. THE FIRST COUPLE OF MONTHS IN MY NEW POSITION HAVE BEEN VERY EXCITING AND EDUCATIONAL. I'VE BEEN LEARNING A LOT ABOUT MY HERITAGE AND I HOPE TO PASS WHAT I LEARN ON TO EVERY STUDENT THAT I AM FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO MEET. I LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING OUR CHILDREN SUCCEED IN THEIR EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS. CALL ME ANYTIME AT THE EDUCATION OFFICE (616) 782-0887 OR TOLL FREE (888) 330-1234

Short Stories By Frank E. Person, Tribal Elder

The Ax-head and the Walking Staff

Mr. Stafford was a kindly old man. He made me a wooden whistle that warbled like a bird. He gave me a set of muskrat traps and showed me how to use them. One day I found an old ax-head laying in the woods. What a prize it was! If Mr. Stafford would make a handle for it, I would have my very own ax. He readily consented if my father approved. My Dad said, "Yes". When I returned, the old man was already working on the ax-head. It looked like new. "Now, I will show you how to make and fit a handle for it," Mr. Stafford said. This he did, shaving it down with a piece of broken glass. This was an art in itself, and hard to believe. Next, he sharpened the blade and made a sheath for it using the leather from an old high-top boot. It was a thing of beauty, and it was mine. Surely, I would repay his kindness. That day came when I saw a tall sapling growing at the edge of the woods. It would make him a fine walking staff. It would smell good too, for it was Sassafra. I cut and trimmed it to the right length, and with my pocketknife cut a spiraling groove around it, giving it a climbing vine effect. It was a work of art, and a labor of love for such a small boy. My friend would be pleased.

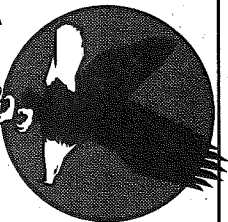
Rushing home, I found him sitting on his front porch. "A walking staff for you," I said. Tears were in the old man's eyes as he took it from my hand. "Do you like it?" I said. After a long pause, he said "I really like it, but Sassafra is a brittle wood and you have weakened it further with the deep and spiraling groove." Hurt and dismay showed in my voice. "No, No!" I cried. "Try it, try it. It is a fine staff. It will not break. His hands shook as he lifted his tired old body to bear upon the staff. It broke! That was many years and ax handles ago. Sassafra is not as fragrant as I once knew it, nor its tea quite so sweet, as before an old man trusted his friend and a staff that would not bear.

There is a staff that gives comfort. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalms 23:4

Two things I viewed on a woodland walk: Ugliness and Beauty. Ugliness in the lowly slug, and beauty in a Tiger Swallow tail. The lowly slug is a repulsive creature; a snail without shell or home. His eyes are mounted at the end of two long tentacles. Wandering eyes that see much, but he himself knows little. Does he go to the ant for instruction? To consider her ways and be wise? Prov. 6:6 He is content going through life walking in and on his own slime trail.

A butterfly emerges...a new creation! An ugly worm has changed. Set free from his old cocoon, a thing of beauty flies toward heaven, not looking back from whence he came.

What a picture of the regenerated man! Born again in newness of life in Christ Jesus. Out of darkness and into the light. Out of obscurity into the mainstream of God's love and grace. Thoughts of ugliness and beauty led me to pen the following poem:



"The Way Of The Eagle"

Eagles screaming overhead, wild and free. Unlike the wake of our canoe, the way of the eagle leaves no sky-trails. No evidence of their passing, where they have been, or where they are going. We continue down the river of life. Our paddles gorging out great whirlpools in the water. Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high? She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. From thence, she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off. Her young ones also suck up blood; and where the slain are, there is she.

Job 39:27-30

Anishnabe Future Leaders

Summer Camp 2001 Aug 1 - 5

Warrior Games

Camp Goal
To provide an opportunity for Native youth to learn and practice culturally-based leadership skills.

Nature Hikes

Swimming

Who Attends?

Youth from the 3 Fires: Ojibwe, Ottawa, & Potawatomi who are residents of MI, age 14 through 12th grade.

Drumming

Talking Circle

Sunrise Ceremony

Canoeing

Camp Setting
Camp Boedine Bay is located on Brevort Lake in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Bon Fires

Ropes Course

Anishnabe Staff

Staff are role models from Tribal communities who successfully work as craftsmen, teachers, youth workers, tribal service providers, university faculty / staff & tribal council members

Quiz Bowl for Prizes

Pipe Ceremonies

Anish Language

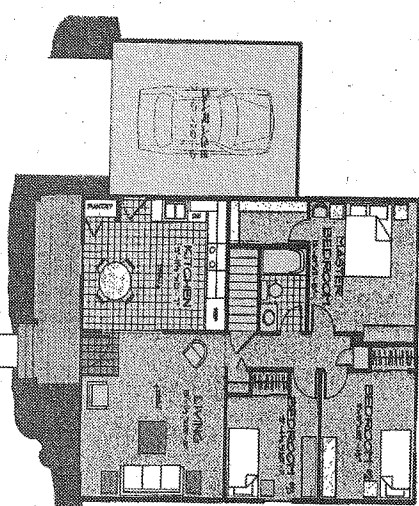
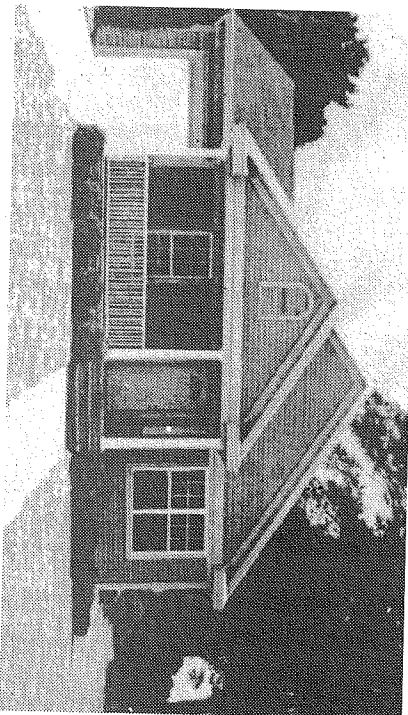
For Information Call: 1 - 800 - 987 - 0040

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HOUSING AUTHORITY



POKAGON BAND HOUSING AUTHORITY HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS

With the assistance of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), Garden Homes, Inc. is building four new homes on Division Street in Dowagiac, Michigan. The subsidies provided by MSHDA and other public housing entities will enable qualified buyers to purchase a new home, which carries the market value of \$82,200, for the reduced price of \$56,700 (house payments will average approximately \$564 per month for a period 30 years). The Pokagon Band Housing Authority can offer additional assistance to eligible households through its Down Payment Assistance Program.

In order to qualify to purchase one of the above homes, an applicant must:

- Meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of low-income, which equals \$33,200 per year or less for a family of four (however, these figures vary by household size, so please consult the Housing Authority regarding particular situations);
- Qualify for a mortgage to be administered by a lending institution. The Pokagon Band Housing Authority does not issue mortgages, but can facilitate the application process and identify mortgage sources.

In order to receive assistance under the Pokagon Band Housing Authority's Down Payment Assistance Program, an applicant must (in **addition** to the above requirements):

- Submit a **completed** application (including all supporting documentation) for Down Payment Assistance to the Pokagon Band Housing Authority, 714 N. Front Street, Dowagiac, Michigan, 49047;
- Purchase a home located within the Tribe's ten county housing service area;
- Submit the prospective home to an environmental inspection and lead based paint abatement (if applicable).

Regarding its Down Payment Assistance Program, 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
- Veterans

If you have any questions about the Garden Homes offering or the Pokagon Band Housing Authority's Down 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.

toll free (800) 555-1234

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 Friday, August 31, 2001.

After August 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 September 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.

POKAGON BAND HOUSING AUTHORITY AIR CONDITIONER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Housing Authority is now accepting applications for assistance under the Air Conditioner Assistance Program. In order to be considered for assistance, you must submit the following items:

- A completed Pokagon Band Housing Authority Air Conditioner Assistance Program application;
- Certification of a handicap or disability from two different sources (if applicable);
- Proof of Tribal enrollment (if applicable);
- Proof of ownership (in the form of a warranty deed or land contract) of the home proposed for assistance or, if the residence is a rental property, the prior, written permission of the landlord (the landlord's release must contain his or her signature, the name of the applicant, and an explicit authorization for the property to be equipped with an air conditioning unit); 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 for taxes. The Housing Authority cannot accept wage stubs or W-2 statements as proof of income.

In order to receive program assistance, you 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);
- Be elderly (sixty-two years old or older) or suffering from a disabling condition that is verifiable through two different sources;
- 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 62 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 or until September 1, 2001.

If you have any questions about the Air Conditioner Assistance Program, please call Amanda Proctor 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.

B.O.C. SEEKS TO FILL VACANT SEAT

The Pokagon Band Housing Authority seeks to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Commissioners. The Board meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm at the Housing Authority office in Dowagiac, Michigan. Time and mileage are modestly compensated. Please state your interest in writing no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, June 29, 2001. Declarations of interest are to be mailed or hand-delivered to the office of the Tribal Chairman at 53237 Townhall Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

POW WOW CALENDAR

June

21st Title 9 Indian Education, June 2nd, 2001, Edgewood College Campus, Madison, Wisconsin. 608-261-4614

8th Warroad Traditional Pow-wow, June 2nd-3rd, 2001, Warroad City Park, Warroad, Minnesota. 218-386-2834

Sah Gii Bah Gah, June 8th-10th, 2001, Pow Wow Grounds, Nett Lake, Minnesota. 218-757-3261

Stanjikoming Traditional Pow-Wow, 2001 TBA - Stanjikoming First Nation, Ontario, Canada 807-274-4746

Aitkokan Traditional Pow-Wow, 2001 TBA - Aitkokan Ontario, Canada Three Fires Homecoming, June 9th-10th, 2001, Riverside Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan 616-458-8759

Manitou Rapids Traditional Pow wow TBA - Manitou Rapids First Nation, Emo Ontario, Canada 807-482-2479

133rd White Earth Pow-wow, June 15th-17th, 2001, Tribal Grounds, White Earth, Minnesota. 218-983-3285 or 218-935-2392 <http://www.whiteearth.powowlinks.8m.net> email: kenike_levy@hotmail.com

16th Strawberry Moon Pow Wow, June 15th-16th, 2001, Campgrounds - Mole Lake, Wisconsin. 715-478-5106

Grand Valley American Indian Lodge Buffalo Traditional Pow Wow, June 16th-17th, 2001, Buffalo Ranch-4600 Fruitridge Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan 616-364-4697 or 616-363-3936 email: wabushna@aol.com

8th Two Worlds Intertribal Lodge Rendezvous, June 16th-17th, 2001, Benson Farm, Stanwood, Michigan. 616-344-7111 or 231-856-4451

Honor the Firekeepers, June 22nd-24th, 2001, Veterans Park-Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. 414-248-2784

Dancing by the Riverbank Traditional Powwow, June 23rd-24th 2001, LouisAdado Riverfront Park, Lansing, MI robin_menefee@yahoo.com

4th Annual Traditional Pow Wow, June 23rd-24th 2001, Durham College, Oshawa Ontario, 905-433-1650 stillgroen@sympatico.ca

25th Great Lakes Pow-Wow, June 29th-July 1st, 2001 - Hannahville Indian Community, Wilson, Michigan. 906-466-9230

6th Alderville First Nation Pow-Wow, June 30th-July 1st, 2001 - Minnetonka Road, Alderville, Ontario, Canada 905-352-2184

Munsee-Delaware Nation, June 30th-July 1st, 2001 - Munsee-Delaware Nation Park, Munsee Ontario-Canada. 519-289-5475 or 800-257-7279

July

Leech Lake Pow-Wow, July 6th-7th, 2001 - Leech Lake Veterans Memorial Grounds, Cass Lake, Minnesota. 218-335-8289 <http://www.leechlakeojibwe.org>

7th Little River Band Pow Wow, July 7th-8th, 2001 - Pow Wow Grounds-Manistee, Michigan 888-723-8288

Sheguiandah First Nation Pow-Wow, July 7th-8th, 2001 - Sheguiandah First Nation, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada 705-368-2781

19th Bear River Anniversary Pow Wow, July 13th-15th, 2001, location TBA, Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin. 715-588-9203

8th Fon du Lac Veterans Pow Wow, July 13th-15th, 2001 - Mas-Ka-Wisen Pow Wow Grounds, Cloquet, Minnesota. 218-879-4593

Honoring the Drums Traditional Pow Wow, July 13th-14th, 2001 Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds- Kalamazoo, Michigan 616-783-0302 <http://www.northernsky.com>

4th Honoring All Children Pow Wow, July 14th-15th, 2001 - Recreation Area, Ishpeming, Michigan. 906-475-7162

28th Honor the Earth Pow Wow, July 17th-22nd, 2001 - LCO Reservation, Hayward, Wisconsin. 715-492-5981 http://www.lcoschools.org/pw_list.html

Mee-Gwitch-Mahnomen, July 20th-22nd, 2001 - Pow-Wow Grounds, Ball Club, Minnesota. 218-246-8971

Honoring Our Heritage, July 21st-22nd, 2001 - Crossroads Village, Mt. Morris, Michigan. 810-239-6612

Keeweenaw Bay Pow Wow, July 28th-29th, 2001 - Ojibway Campgrounds, Baraga, Michigan. 906-353-6623

3rd Gagaguwon Pow-Wow, July 28th-29th, 2001 - Ausable Childrens Park, Oscoda, Michigan 517-739-1994 or 800-235-4625

17th Annual Little Elks Retreat Pow Wow, location to be announced, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 517-775-4072 or 800-225-8172 email: kwe_99@hotmail.com

Grand Portage Rendezvous, August 10th-12th, 2001 - Pow-Wow Grounds, Grand Portage, Minnesota. 218-475-2277 or 218-475-2653 www.grandportagemn.com

18th Big Grassy Traditional Pow Wow, August 10th-12th, 2001 - Pow-Wow Grounds, Big Grassy, Ontario-Canada. 807-361-7228

9th Gathering of the Eagles Pow Wow, August 17th, 19th, 2001, Three Mile Road, Hessel, Michigan. 906-484-3717

35th Millie Lacs Pow wow, August 17th-19th, 2001 - Iskiganizigan Pow-Wow Grounds, Millie Lacs, Minnesota. 320-532-7518

2nd Nations of Warriors Pow Wow, August 17th-19th, 2001 - Riverside Park, Pittsview, Wisconsin. 715-634-0595

Rocky River Rendezvous and Two Worlds Pow-Wow, August 18th-19th, 2001 - Memory Isle Park, Three Rivers, Michigan. 616-344-7111 or 616-279-9069

8th Whitefish River Pow Wow, August 24th-26th, 2001 - Sunshine Alley, Birch Island, Ontario-Canada. 705-285-4321

August

Pic Mobert First Nation, August 3rd-6th, 2001, Pow-Wow Grounds, Pic Mobert First Nation, Ontario Canada 807-822-2134 <http://www.picriver.com/>

Big Island First Nation Pow-Wow, 2001 TBA, Big Island First Nation, Ontario, Canada. 807-488-5602

Eagle Lake Traditional Pow wow, 2001 TBA, Eagle Lake Pow Wow Grounds, Eagle Lake, Ontario Canada 807-755-5526

23rd Honoring Sobriety, August 3rd-5th, 2001, Mash-Ka-Wisen Treatment Center, Sawyer, Minnesota. 218-879-6731

8th Dakota Wacipi, August 3rd-5th, 2001 - Upper Sioux State Park, Granite Falls, Minnesota. 320-564-2360

8th Honoring the Drum Pow-Wow, August 4th-5th, 2001 - Friendship Centre, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada 905-871-8931

25th Mohican Veterans, August 10th-12th, 2001 - Many Trails Park and Campgrounds, Bowler, Wisconsin. 715-793-4144

14th Algonquins of Golden Lake Pow-Wow, August 18th-19th, 2001 - Pow-Wow Grounds, Golden Lake, Ontario Canada 613-625-2800

17th Annual Northern Gathering August 24th-26th 2001, to be held at the Mouth of the Pic River, at the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation, Mobert, Ontario, Canada, (807)229-2749 <http://www.picriver.com/>

21st Bad River Manoomin Traditional Pow-Wow, August 24th-26th, 2001 - Pow Wow Grounds, Odanah, Wisconsin 715-682-7103 <http://www.badriver.com>

4th Rapid River Anishinabe Pow Wow, August 24th-26th, 2001 - Hiawatha Forest, Rapid River, Michigan. 906-474-9910

Honoring the Elders Pow-Wow, August 24th-26th, 2001 - 400 North Hiawatha, Pipestone, Minnesota 507-825-3734

Inger Pow Wow, August 24th-26th, 2001 - Pow-Wow Grounds, Inger, Minnesota. 218-335-8250

15th Mississaugas Pow Wow, August 25th-26th, 2001 - New Credit Indian Reserve, Hagersville, Ontario-Canada. 905-768-5147

Honoring the Standing People Pow Wow, August 25th-26th, 2001 - Silver Lake Provincial Park, Near Sharbot Lake Ontario, 613-548-1500

or 613-375-6356

Spirit of the North Pow-Wow, August 24th-26th, 2001, Shooting Star Casino, Mahanomen, Minnesota. 218-846-9749 or 218-573-2104

September

Michinemackinong Traditional, September, September 1st-2nd, 2001, Marquette Museum - St. Ignace, Michigan 906-863-9831 or 906-643-7436
9th Honoring our Elders Pow Wow, September 1st-2nd, 2001, Oceana County Fairgrounds - Hart, Michigan. 231-845-5034
13th Batchewana First Nation Pow wow, September TBA, 2001 Pow Wow grounds, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario Canada 705-759-0914
Grand Valley American Indian Lodge 40th Annual Traditional Pow Wow, September 8th-9th, 2001, Riverside Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan 616-364-4697 or email: Wabushna@aol.com

9th Gathering of Veterans and Their Families, September 14th-16th, 2001, At the Highground - Neillsville, Wisconsin. 715-743-4224
Autumn Gathering, September 14th-16th, 2001, Dunn Field - Genoa City, Wisconsin. 262-478-2784

Battle Point Traditional, September 15th-16th, 2001, Sugar Point, Minnesota. 218-335-8289

3rd Celebration of Sobriety, September 21st-23rd, 2001, Honor the Earth Pow-Wow Grounds, Hayward, Wisconsin. 715-634-5806 or 715-634-0595
5th Assinins, September 22nd-23rd, 2001, Holy Name of Jesus Christ - Assinins, Michigan. 906-353-6836 or 906-353-7159

Curve Lake First Nation Pow wow, September 29th-30th, 2001, Pow Wow

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishnaabe Nation Invites you to the 8th Annual Anishnaabe Family Language & Culture Camp

Honoring the speakers and students of our language
Mnajaadaa anishnaabenjik minawa waanishnaabenjik

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Thursday, July 26

12:00 * Opening ceremonies
12:30 - 1 :30 * Lunch
1 :45 - 3:00 * Workshops
3:15 - 4:30 * Workshops
5:00 - 6:30 * Dinner
7:00 - 9:00 * Storytelling

Friday, July 27

8:00 - 900 * Breakfast
9:15 - 10:30 * Workshops
10:45 - 12:00 * Workshops
12:00 - 1:00 * Lunch
1:15 - 2:30 * Workshops
2:45 - 4:00 * Workshops
4:15 - 5:30 * Workshops
5:45 - 7:00 * Dinner
7:30 * Presentations/Talent show
9:00 * Entertainment

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July 26,27,28,29**

Saturday, July 28

8:00 - 9:00 * Breakfast
9:15 - 10:30 * Workshops
10:45 - 12:00 * Workshops
12:00 - 1 :00 * Lunch
1:15 - 2:30 * Workshops
2:45 - 5:30 * Ceremonies & workshops
5:45 - 7:00 * Dinner
7:15 - 9:00 * Jingtamok/Pow wow
9:15 - 11 :00 * Entertainment

Sunday, July 29

8:00 - 10:00 * Brunch
10:15 - 11 :45 * Annual meeting
12:00 * Closing ceremonies

Grounds - Curve Lake First Nation, Ontario. 705-657-8045

October

19th Nijiji Sobriety Pow Wow, October 20th, 2001, Indian Bowl - Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin. 715-588-3324
23rd Autumn Traditional Pow wow, October 20th, 2001, Union Ball Room, UW-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 414-229-5880

November

9th Great Lakes Anishnaabek Traditional Pow Wow, November 3rd, 2001, LCC's Campus - Lansing, Michigan. 517-483-1059
Veterans Pow wow, November 10th-11th, 2001, Location TBA - Cass Lake, Minnesota. 218-335-8289
LCO Veterans Pow wow, November 11th, 2001, LCO High School Gym - Hayward, Wisconsin. 715-634-8924
2nd Menominee Veterans Pow Wow, November 11th, 2001, Senior High School - Keshena, Wisconsin. 715-799-3824 or 715-799-6226

December

Spirit of the New Year, December 29th-31st, 2001, Location TBA - Naytahwaush, Minnesota. 218-573-2104
LCO New Years Pow wow, December 31st, 2001, LCO High School Gym - Hayward, Wisconsin. 715-634-8934

Workshops include: Understanding ceremonies, storytelling, word origins, Traditional songs, learning language through games, basket making, pipe teachings, Anishnaabek sovereignty, natural medicines, learning styles and teaching styles, traditional medicine wheel teachings, traditional foods, C.D. Rom demo, etc.

These workshops are for all ages. Both Anishnaabemowin & English are used also. No registration fee. Meals are provided. Free camping on Pow wow grounds. Pow wow grounds are located at the corner of M22 & U.S. 31 S. next to the Casino. Come and enjoy this great gathering, everyone is welcome, please call to register.

This camp is proudly sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians To register: call Kenny Pheasant or Phil Memberto at 1-888-723-8288 Or 231-933-4406 or cell# 231-510-1324 or Email- Pheasant9@AOL.com

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 20, 2001**

Meeting Called to Order: 6:01 p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marij Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Warren, John Miller, Marie Manley, Henry White, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding and Elder's Rep. - Rae Daugherty

Also in Attendance: Tribal Attorney - Rob Gips (conferenced in), Joe Ciba - Finance Director, Amanda Proctor - Housing Director, Fred Schubkegel - Attorney, Stephen Blann - Rehmann Robson, Board of Commissioners - Jeffrey Riley, Bob Linn, Kenneth Antisdell, Tom Morris, Paul Jackson and Pam Mersereau. Ron Morseau (arrived at 6:05p.m.).

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by Faye Wesaw and 2nd by Henry White with voice approval at 7:16p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH GAMING MANAGEMENT TEAM
INTERIOR DESIGN CONCEPTS
MARCH 21, 2001**

Meeting Called to Order: 6:20p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: Clarence White, Spiritual Advisor

Roll Call: John Miller, Marie Manley, John Warren, Henry White, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marij Reno, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding and Elder's Rep. - Rae Daugherty.

Absent: Tom Wesaw, Jr. (other commitment).

Also in Attendance: Urban Design Group - John Novak, Jafar Mosleh, Ron Armstrong, Lynette Parks, Smart Associates - Jim Smart, Greta Johnson, and Janet Whaley, Hanscomb - Rob Lillich, Christman/Kraus-Anderson - Phil Fredrickson and Noel Peters, Lakes Gaming - Dick Bienapf and Nigel Nightingale, Gaming Manager - Rob Wyre and Spiritual Advisor - Clarence White.

Motion to adjourn was made by Henry White and 2nd by

Alice Overly with voice approval at 8:46p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH EMPLOYEE MANAGEMENT TEAM
(DIRECTORS, COORDINATORS, MANAGERS)
MARCH 29, 2001**

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:02p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation: John Miller

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marij Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Warren, John Miller, Marie Manley, Henry White, Faye Wesaw and Elder's Rep. - Rae Daugherty.

Absent: Trudy Loeding (swollen knee).

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

Also in Attendance: Becky Fisher - Compliance Coordinator, Jerry Ferrari - Accounting Manager, Kenneth Antisdell - Interim T.O.M., Kathy Deka - Education Director, Rob Willis - Computer Network Manager, Joe Ciba - Finance Director, Christine Daugherty - I.H.S. Director, and Judy Augusta - Enrollment Coordinator.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Marij Reno with voice approval at 7:26p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 29, 2001**

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:50p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given at Earlier Session

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

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 Marie Manley with voice approval at 8:52p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 2, 2001**

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

Chairman

Invocation Given by: Paul Jackson – Elder

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marij Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Warren, John Miller, Marie Manley, Henry White, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeiding and Elder's Rep. – Rae Daugherty

Also in Attendance: Board of Commissioners-Kenneth Antisdal, Tom Morris, Jeffrey Riley, Bob Linn and Paul Jackson, Housing Director – Amanda Proctor, Attorney – Fred Schubkegel, Rehmann Robson – Stephen Blann and Mike Engelter, Finance Director – Joe Ciba and Tribal Attorney – Rob Gips (conferenced in).

Motion to adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Alice Overly with voice approval at 9:55p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS CLOSED SESSION TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH SAPC COMMITTEE, HOUSING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BUTCH MENDEZ, BLOSSOM DESIGN GROUP

APRIL 5, 2001

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

Invocation given by: John Miller

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marij Reno, Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Trudy Loeiding, Faye Wesaw, John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley and Elder's Rep. – Rae Daugherty.

Also in Attendance: Butch Mendez - Blossom Design, Housing Board of Commissioners – Tom Morris, Kenneth Antisdal, Ron Morseau and Jeffrey Riley.

Strategic Action Plan Committee – Kevin Daugherty, Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris and Christine Daugherty and Housing Director – Amanda Proctor, Community Development – Mark Parrish.

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 Faye Wesaw with voice approval at 9:50p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 11, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 1:45p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

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

Absent: Marie Manley

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

The following resolutions were brought forth for approval by Executive Committee due to no meetings scheduled this week.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with voice approval at 1:50p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS CLOSED SESSION SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS TRIBAL COUNCIL APRIL 16, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:02p.m. by John Warren, Vice Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Warren, Vice Chairman

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marij Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Warren, Marie Manley, Rae Daugherty, Trudy Loeiding and Henry White (arrived at 6:17p.m.).

Absent: John Miller (ill).

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Trudy Loeiding with voice approval at 8:20p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 16, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:53p.m. by John Warren, Vice Chairman

Invocation given at earlier session.

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

Absent: John Miller (ill)

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with voice approval at 8:56p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS CLOSED SESSION

**TRIBAL COUNCIL
WAGE AND SALARY GRID
DISCUSSION
APRIL 19, 2001**

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:02 p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman
Invocation Given by: Ernie Daisy, Tribal Council member at large
Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Miller, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, and Trudy Loeding.
Absent: John Warren (employee issue), Henry White (out of town MHEA meeting), Rae Daugherty – Elder's Rep. (out of town MHEA meeting), and Marj Reno (work commitment).
Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.
Motion to Adjourn was made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with voice approval at 7:42p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
APRIL 23, 2001**

Discussion began at 7:00p.m. but quorum was not established until 7:10p.m.
Meeting Called to Order at: 7:10p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation given by: John Miller
Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Miller, Marie Manley, Elder's Rep. - Rae Daugherty, Faye Wesaw, and Henry White.

Absent: John Warren (family situation), Marj Reno (ill) and Trudy Loeding (ill).

Also in Attendance: Legal Assistant – Marchell Wesaw, Atty. – Greg Sample (conferenced in) and Constitution Committee – Kevin Daugherty and Mary Jo Morris.

Motion to Adjourn was made by: Marie Manley and 2nd by Alice Overly with voice approval at 8:15p.m.

Attention All Band Members!
Finance Board Meetings Are Held The Second
And Fourth Thursday Of Each Month At The Fi-
nance Office-109 Commercial St., Dowagiac, MI.
Meeting Times Are At 5:00 P.M. Michigan Time.
The Meeting Schedule For June Is June 14th And
June 28th.

MINUTES
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
ELDER'S COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 3, 2001-11:00 A.M.

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.
 The meeting was called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:05 A.M.
 The invocation was given by Clarence White.

Roll Call

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

Quorum Present

Attendance: 23 Elders

Marge Moody moved to approve the agenda of May 3, 2001. Seconded by
 Clarence White. All in favor: "aye" Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2001. Seconded by
 Marge Moody. All in favor: "aye" Opposed: 0 Motion Carried.

Chris Daugherty informed us of the Health Services One Hundred Miles To Kee-
 Boon-Mein-Kaa participant guidelines. HIS wants to promote and reward ha-
 bitual exercise. They are going to set up health seminars; one in May, June, and
 July. They have asked gerobics people to be honorary team members.

Jim Bussler, R.N. gave us an update on the men's health fair Saturday, May 12th.
 For the first time this year we have a Pokagon band Relay For Life Team walk-
 ing for the American Cancer Society May 5th. A lead grant approval came through
 and they will be testing all native children up to 6 yrs. Old in the ten county
 service area.

Our new Tribal Operation's Officer, Rich Landers is from Ponca City, Okla-
 homa. He has been familiar with tribal politics the last 10-11 years. He stated
 that we have some good programs; going to try to make them better. Also want to
 expand services to tribal members; add some new services; find some new mon-
 ies to do some things. He hopes that in the next 3-5 years that will happen. He
 stated that it was an honor to be here and appreciated the invitation to speak to
 the Elders.

Gerald informed membership that we have been trying to hold a raffle but we are having a hard time getting it through legal. The Officers thoughts are to drop this. The advise by legal is to put the Elders Fund money under the Tribes name. We would have two accounts; our regular budget account and an Elders Fund account. These are some things for us to think about.

Marge Moody read the MIEA Resolution #01-004. Those attending the MIEA Conference are to stay for the entire meeting and MIEA trip report upon return. Bonnie Parrish gave her MIEA trip report. They had excellent speakers on Legislative Affairs, Sacred Fires, Tribal Housing Updates, Alcohol & Substance Abuse, Language Preservation, and an Indian Care Center for the aged. Beautiful items were donated for the auction held. Clarence White also gave his MIEA treasurer's report.

Tammy Wesaw informed us all seven rooms are filled for the Elders going to the Potawatomi Gathering August 2-5, 2001. She has one Elder on the waiting list.

Tammy gave Tribal Council three bids on renting a bus.

Announcements:

There is reading material to take out.

Social Luncheon May 17, 2001.

Officers Open Meeting June 4, 2001 10:00 A.M. Dowagiac City Hall

Business Meeting & Luncheon June 7, 2001 11:00 A.M. Elders Hall

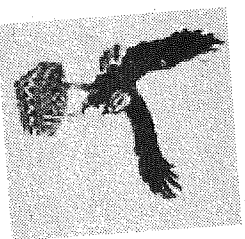
Business Meeting & Luncheon June 21, 2001 11:00 A.M.

Elders Picnic at Gage St. property June 21, 2001 11:00 A.M.

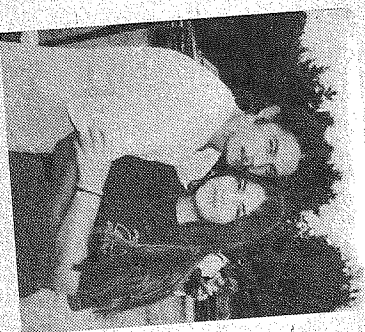
Officers Open Meeting cancelled July 2nd. Due to holiday

Business Meeting & Luncheon cancelled July 5th due to holiday

Marge Moody moved to adjourn at 12:20 P.M. Mary Jo Morris seconded the motion. All in favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0. Motion carried.



Rosemary & Erik
Graduated - June 3rd
Mercellus High School
Love,
The Whole Gang



Congratulations

Mary Jo Morris
Elders Council Secretary
May 10, 2001

Happy Birthday Rosemary
Love, The Whole Gang

June 2001 - Elder's Hall Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	GEROBICS 4 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. TRIBAL COUNCIL w/ Constitution Comm. 7 P.M.	5	6 GEROBICS 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	7 ELDERS BUSINESS MEETING AND LUNCHEON 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	8	9 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00 A.M.
10	GEROBICS 11 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. TRIBAL COUNCIL w/ Constitution Comm. 7 P.M.	12	13 GEROBICS 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. FOOT CARE 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.	14 Finance Board Meeting @ Finance Office 5:00 P.M.	15	16
17	GEROBICS 18 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	19	20 GEROBICS 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	21 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M.	22	23 MEET THE CANDI- DATES Come meet the candi- dates for the July election 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
24	GEROBICS 25 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	26	27 GEROBICS 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Elders Nutrition Class 11:00 A.M. - Noon	28 Finance Board Meeting @ Finance Office 5:00 P.M.	29	30

ALL POKAGON BAND TRIBAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4TH.

Happy Birthday

Ronald Heffington, Sr. - June 3
Love, Mom

Happy 87th Birthday

Mary Ann Shoemaker - June 1
Love, Your Daughter Stella

Happy Birthday

Grandma Mary Ann Shoemaker - June 1

Aunt Margaret O'Keefe - June 9

Brett Parker - June 19

Bradley Piper - June 21

We love you all - Kim, Fred, Brittany, Corey,
and Shane

Happy 32nd Anniversary
Marcia & Edward Brown
Love, Mom

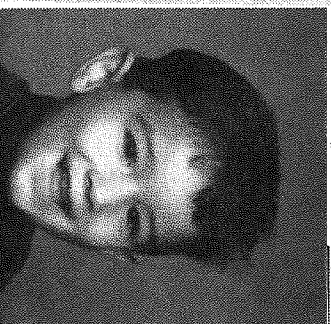
Happy Birthday

Brenda Heffington - June 28
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday

Margaret O'Keefe - June 10
Love, Sis Stella

Happy Belated Birthday



Happy 1st Birthday



Robert Lawrence Ledesma, Jr.
May 28, 2000

We love you with all our hearts.

From Mommy & Daddy

Parents:

Robert & Misty Ledesma

Grandparents:

Terry & Adeline Dixon

Congratulations!

Kim & Fred

On your marriage

Love - Aunt Stella &

Family

Happy 14th Birthday

Rhian Lynne Nelson - June 22

"Rhino"

Happy 3rd Birthday

Joey Lynne Riley - June 30th

We love you,

Mom, Bobby, Joey, Casey, Loni,

Audri, Grandma Paula, Grandma

(Gew) Genereaux, The Browns, The

Linnis and The Bennetts

Happy Sweet 16th

Birthday

Jessie Keene

Love, Dad & Rhonda

Happy Birthday

Brandy Jack - June 20

"Chubby Wubby"

From Your Family

Happy Belated 6th Birthday

Andrew Shepard - May 17

We love you!!!

Mom & Dad

Best wishes to Melissa
and Richard Newcomer
on their 11th Anniversary
Love, Mom & Dad
Manley

Happy Belated Birthday
Alex Parrish - April 16
Love, Grandma and
Grandpa Parrish

Happy Birthday

Mike Parrish - June 16

Love, Mom & Dad Parris

Happy Birthday

Missisa Parrish - June 22

Love, Mom & Dad Parrish

Congratulations to Private Buck Keene on his graduation
from Marine Corp Boot Camp in San Diego, California.
He is son of Dale and Rhonda Keene of Dowagiac.

Fred and Kim Wheelley would like to announce their marriage May 2, 2001. Attending the bride and groom were Patricia Dennis, sister of the groom, Stanley Siczek, friend of the couple, Eva Hoekstra, aunt of the bride, Deborah Reeves, friend of the couple, Larry Leonard, friend of the couple, and Shane Scott Meyers, nephew of couple. The bride has two children, Brittany and Corey Rangel. The groom has two children Anthony and Sydney May Wheelley.

Congratulations!!!!

Richard Newcomer IV

On your First Communion

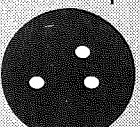
May 6, 2001

We are so very proud of you!

Love - Mom, Dad, Michael,

Grandma & Grandpa Manley

A big salute to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi woman's bowling team, they took 1st place in their league this year. Melissa Newcomer and Rechelle Herman won a big applause from the Tribal Council when they presented the trophy to Council to be displayed at Elder's Hall.



Congratulations to Matthew W. Morseau on your high school graduation! Your mother, Susie, will be looking down on you with pride, just as we all will be! You have accomplished so much on your own and we all know you will go far. Good luck in your future.

Lots of love,
From your sisters, Amy Jo and Katy, your dad Francis Morseau, and all your aunts, uncles, and cousins from the Morseau family.

Congratulations Michael Newcomer on becoming an altar server at St. Mary's in Niles, you are doing a great job!

Love, Grandma and Grandpa Manley