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**POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA**

"The Pokagons Tell it"

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

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## OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI JULY 14, 2001 TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

### VICE-CHAIRPERSON

PERSONS RECEIVING THE VOTES	NUMBER OF VOTES IN WRITTEN WORDS
1. WILLIAM AUGUSTA	SIXTY EIGHT
2. ERNEST A. DAISY	FIFTY

NUMBER  
68  
50

### MEMBER-AT-LARGE

PERSONS RECEIVING THE VOTES	NUMBER OF VOTES IN WRITTEN WORDS
1. MICHAEL L. ZIMMERMAN SR.	SEVENTY ONE
2. JEFFERSON R. BALLEW IV	SIXTY SEVEN
3. CLEORA L. MORSEAU	FIFTY NINE
4. MAXINE MARGIOTTA	FORTY FIVE
5. LUCINDA GRAVERETTE SMITH	FORTY FIVE
6. KATHERINE BLEVINS	THIRTY SEVEN
7. BONNIE WHITE DAISY	TWENTY THREE
8. VALERIA TAYLOR-BAKER	NINETEEN

NUMBER  
71  
67  
59  
45  
45  
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37  
23  
19



Pokagon Band is proud of  
**Jenny Green**

Jenny graduated from LaCrosse High School. She was involved in Volleyball, Basketball, Softball and was also named Homecoming Queen and Softball MVP. Jenny will be attending Purdue University in the fall.

## Pokagon Youth Health Fair

August 18, 2001  
8:30 a.m.-3:00 P.m.

Sacred Heart Hall  
518 Leach Road, Dowagiac, Michigan  
Opening Ceremonies at 8:30 a.m.



### Events Scheduled:

Immunizations  
Head Start & Sports Physicals  
Dental & Chiropractic Screening  
Native Games & Lacrosse  
Beading & Basketmaking  
T-Shirts (kids who get blood screening)

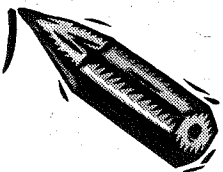
Food  
Kid Safe ID's  
Bike & Gun Safety  
Hoop Dancing  
Face Painting

\*Parents: Remember to  
have your child fast for 8  
hours for Lipid Profiles.  
Bring Immunization records  
for children who need Im-  
munizations.



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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](mailto:JOBS@POKAGON.COM)



Send your September  
newsletter items to:

Pokagon Band Newsletter

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

## **"The Pokagon's Tell It"**

### **Writer's Guidelines for Your Views (editorials)**

#### **What to do:**

After you write a letter, make sure your full name and mailing address is on it. "Your Views" does not publish anonymous or "name withheld" letters. We also don't publish letters that carry only a set of initials for the author. Your address is needed for verification, but it will not be published. Nor will we disclose your address to anyone who might ask for it.

#### **Where to send letters:**

"Your Views"

C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Or email: [gvesaw@pokagon.com](mailto:gvesaw@pokagon.com)

**Verification:** All letters must carry the author's full name and mailing address, in addition to your e-mail address if available. We acknowledge every letter with a postcard mailed the same day your letter arrives. Letters without a return address are automatically excluded.

**Identification:** Authors willing to have their full name published are given preference over writers who ask that only their first initial and last name used.

**Sloppiness:** E-mail is convenient and quick, but unfortunately many e-mail writers ignore basic rules of writing when sending a letter. Please use the same care you would if the letter were being prepared for standard mail. Follow common punctuation, grammar and spelling rules. Writers who ignore these rules decrease their chances of being published.

**Originality:** Letters written to a third party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokegnek Yajdanawa are not original. We prefer not to publish these "open" letters to officials.

#### **What we look for:**

**Brevity:** Cover the topic in the fewest possible words

**Focus:** Your letter should make a point, and you should get to that point quickly.

**Style:** Avoid adjectives such as "really" or "extremely". Avoid phrases such as "in my opinion" or "as I see it". Readers know that opinions are being presented; these phrases are unnecessary.

**Fairness:** Avoid personal attacks and disparagement of a group of people based on the actions of a member of that group. Argue your points on the merits, not on emotions.

**Edit Yourself:** After writing the letter, read it aloud. Put yourself in the place of the reader. Is your point clear? Is there a faster, better way to say what you're trying to say?

**Readability:** Readers are attracted to short sentences. Keep to one idea per sentence. Avoid using more than three numbers in a sentence.

#### **Why do we edit letters?**

All letters to Your Views are accepted with the condition that we reserve the right to edit. We make every attempt to preserve the writer's essential meaning. Editing is done throughout the newspaper, whether the writer is a paid professional or letter writer. The main reason for editing is that it allows us to accept more letters to the editor. An editor's job is to determine which part of piece of writing is most essential to make a point. We also correct errors of grammar and spelling and delete inflammatory material. The most likely candidate for extensive editing is a letter that is twice the length it needs to be to make a point, or one that tries to make too many points.

#### **How can I tell if you're going to publish my letter so I can send it to someone else?**

Please have your letter in by the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month to assure it will be in the following month's newsletter. Call 1-800-517-0777 or e-mail: [gvesaw@pokagon.com](mailto:gvesaw@pokagon.com). If it's not published within that range, chances are it was not accepted for one of several reasons. Unfortunately, we cannot respond to every letter we don't accept with a reason for its rejection.





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# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

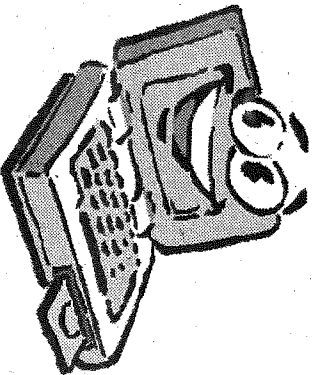
## Computer Labs and Classes

### Kids Labs:

3-5 P.M., Tuesdays  
3-5 P.M. Thursdays

- Computer Crafts/Desktop Publishing
- Supervised Internet Access
- Entertaining Games
- Onsite Computer Instruction
- Educational Software
- Typing Tutor Software

Kid's labs will take place at the Pokagon Education Department, across the parking lot from the Burger King drive through in Dowagiac, MI.



### Hot Keys:

Do you want to learn to use your Windows computer more efficiently? Do you work with Microsoft office programs and wish you could accomplish your tasks quicker? If so than "this" is the course for you!

7:00-8:30 P.M., Tuesday  
August 21st and 28th

In this two day course you will learn hot keys and other time saving tricks to use on your computer.

Contact Daniel Porter through the Education Department or at 1-616-782-9602 if you have any questions about labs or classes.

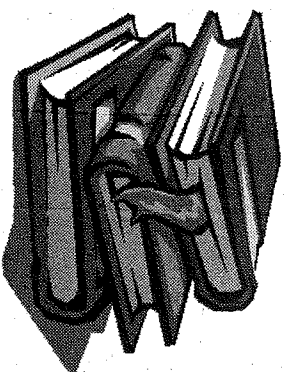
### Adult Computer Classes:

Adult Computer Classes are requested through Pokagon Band's Education Department.

*Request your own classes on the computer subject you need.*

- Basic computer use.
- Accessing the Internet.
- Job related software programs.
- As well as classes to help start a career in the computer field.

**Pokagon Band  
Education Department**  
Tel: 782-0887  
Or 1-888-330-1234  
901 Spruce Street  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047



ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!!

Fall classes are just around the corner. It is now time to prepare ahead and get those scholarship applications in. Another way to be prepared is to have your FASFA application already filed for the up-coming school year, these can be found at the college of your choice. If you need scholarship packets please contact Melissa at the Education Department 616-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

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# Bodéwadmi mwen Mzenegen

(Potawatomi Language Page)

by JP Montano and Frank Barker

á - like *ah* in "swan"    é - like *eh* in "sap"    í - like *ee* in "sweetgrass"    O - like *o* in "snow"  
 E - like *ih* in "dish", or like *uh* in "sun"    OO - like *oo* in "soup"

## Review of July newsletter:

Ni jetso e <u>      </u> mine <u>      </u> ?	How much is <u>      </u> and <u>      </u> ?	Ni pi je wéj bya yen?	Where are you from?
Ni jetso e nish mine shwatso?	How much is two and eight?	Hartford ndoj bya.	I am from Hartford.
Mdatso.	Ten	N mno bmadés.	I am doing well.
Ni jetso e noeg mine ngot?	How much is seven and one?	Bama mine.	I'll see you later.
Shwatso.	Eight.	Bama pi.	I'll see you again.

Colors	Animals	Things in or around the house
white      wabshka	bear/s      mko / mkok	table/s      dopwen / dopwenen
black      mkedé	deer/s      seksí / seksik	door/s      shkwaém / shkwaémén
red      mskwa	rabbit/s      mzhwé / mzhwék	chair/s      pedyébwen / pedyébwenen
yellow      wizawa	dog/s      kaji / kajik	dish/es      nagen / nagenen
green      zhkebga	cat/s      kazho / kazhoyek	window/s      waséchgen / waséchgenen
blue      wizhkebga	fish/es      gigo / gigoyek	cup/s      wanagen / wanagenen
brown      zawa	pig/s      kokosh / kokoshék	knife/s      koman / komanen

<u>What color is he (or she)?</u>	<u>Ni je énazot?</u>	<u>What color is the bear?</u>	<u>Ni je énazot mko?</u>
He (or she) is white.	Wabshkeze.	The bear is black.	Mko mkedéwze.
He (or she) is black.	Mkedéwze.	What color is the fish?	Ni je énazot gigo?
He (or she) is red.	Mskeze.	The fish is yellow.	Gigo wizawze.
He (or she) is yellow.	Wizawze.	What color is the deer?	Ni je énazot seksí?
He (or she) is green.	Zhkebeze.	The deer is brown.	Seksi zawze.
He (or she) is blue.	Wizhkebeze.	What color is the cat?	Ni je énazot kazho?
He (or she) is brown.	Zawze.	The cat is white.	Kazho wabshkeze.

## POTAWATOMI WORD SEARCH

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 g i g o y e k p t r z w e q t p s r n  
 o a u i o d k o k o s h q j o r a o w

<u>What color is it?</u>	<u>Ni je énadék?</u>
It is white.	Wabshka.
It is black.	Mkedéwa.
It is red.	Mskwa.
It is yellow.	Wizawa.
It is green.	Zhkebga.
It is blue.	Wizhkebga.
It is brown.	Zawa.
<u>What color is the table?</u>	<u>Ni je énadék dopwen?</u>
The table is brown.	Dopwen zawa.
<u>What color is the chair?</u>	<u>Ni je énadék pedyébwen?</u>
The chair is green.	Pedyébwen zhkebga.
<u>What color is the cup?</u>	<u>Ni je énadék wanagen?</u>
The cup is blue.	Wanagen wizhkebga.
<u>What color is the door?</u>	<u>Ni je énadék shkwaém?</u>
The door is red.	Shkwaém mskwa.

How many Neshnabé words can you find in the box?



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# INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

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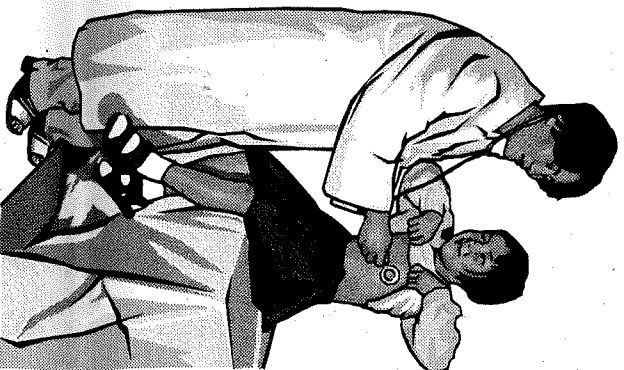
Food

Kid Safe ID's

Bike & Gun Safety

Hoop Dancing

Face Painting



**\*Parents: Remember to have your child fast for 8 hours for Lipid Profile. Bring Immunization records for children who need Immunizations.**

*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. Please call 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!**

## Youth Groups

Daisy Cassanovas 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 Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Transportation may be available for your child. The focus of each group is to learn socialization skills, alcohol/other drug prevention and fun! Please call us if you are interested in sending any family members.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.





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# ELDERS PROGRAM

## POKAGON BAND ELDERS COUNCIL

### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2001

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.

Meeting called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:18 A.M.

Invocation given by Clarence White.

#### Roll Call

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

Quorum Present

Attendance: 23 Elders

Additions to agenda: Elders Specialist Report, MIEA-Bonnie Parrish, Elders Fund-Clarence White, Health Report-Joy Duff, LPN, Larry White

Communications: Crazy Horse Monument-Gerald Wesaw

Marge Moody moved to approve the agenda of June 7, 2001 with additions. Clarence White seconded the motion. All in favor: "aye" Opposed:0. MOTION CARRIED

Marge Moody moved to approve the minutes of May 3, 2001. Seconded by Rae Daugherty. All in favor: "aye" Opposed:0 MOTION CARRIED

Fifteen (15) Elders voted to go to Little River Band Casino. Cost to come out of Elders Fund. Marge Moody will set this trip up.

Marge Moody informed us that Bay Mills hasn't made any plans for the MIEA Conference in July yet. Marge had a sign up sheet for those who would like to go if the conference is held.

Joy Duff, LPN informed us of the guidelines for the 100 Miles to Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa. Diabetics involved will be measured for New Balance shoes. There is also a lead testing kit for children under 6 yrs.old.

Resolution #01-006, dated June 4, 2001, made by Mary Jo Morris, seconded by Rachel Gerald adjourned the meeting at 12:22 P.M. Marge Moody seconded the motion. All in favor: "aye" MOTION CARRIED

Gerald Wesaw, Elders Council Chairman, June 11, 2001

Mary Jo Morris, Elders Council Secretary, June 9, 2001

## ELDER OF THE MONTH

*Mae Mokas-Kenar (Nee Hamilton)*

*Born April 20, 1906*



Mae is the daughter of Alice Cecelia Rapp and Frank Hamilton. One of 10 children; Bessie, Oliver, Paul, Jonas, Mae, Frederick, Lewis, David, Christena, and Cecil. She is the only surviving child.

Mae has two children, her daughter Elaine Renicke (She has lived with Elaine and her husband, Roger Renicke for 17 years). of Glen Ellyn, Illinois and her son William Mokas of Hanover Park, Illinois.

Mae is the proud grandmother of Debbie Nunez, Deandra Licko, Peter Renicke, and Philip Renicke; and even prouder great-grandmother of five great-grandchildren, Tyler and Vanessa Nunez, Stephanie Licko, and Elizabeth and Valerie Renicke.

She is a descendant of Chief Leopold Pokagon.

Her parents, Frank & Alice, are buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery along with her brothers Fred, Oliver, Cecil and baby sister Christena.

Bay Mills Indian Community  
Brinley, Michigan 49715

Grand Traverse Band  
of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians  
Suttons Bay, Michigan 49682

Hannahville Indian Community  
Wilson, Michigan 49896

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

Little Traverse Bay  
Bands of Odawa Indians  
Petoskey, Michigan 49770



Keewenaw Bay Indian Community  
L'Anse, Michigan 49946

Lac Vieux Desert  
Indian Community  
Watersmeet, Michigan 49969

Sault St. Marie  
Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783

Little River Band  
of Ottawa Indians  
Manistee, Michigan 49660

Potawatomi Indian Nation  
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

## PROJECT FRESH PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

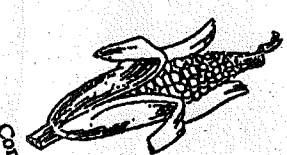


**PROGRAM START DATE: JUNE 1, 2001**

**PROGRAM END DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2001**

**YOUR TRIBAL CONTACT PERSON IS: YVONNE BOEHM**

**TELE: (800) 517-0777 / (616) 782-8998**



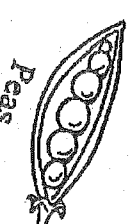
Potatoes



Onions



Strawberries



Peas

1. **SENIOR PROJECT FRESH** is sponsored by USDA and the Inter-Tribal Council of MI, Inc.
2. **ELIGIBILITY.** Native American Tribal Elder; Age 55 or older;
3. **APPLICATIONS.** Get an application from the tribal worker listed above.
4. **COUPONS.** If eligible, you are sent \$100. - in Project FRESH Coupons. The coupons can be sent at any Participating Farmers Market in MI. The coupons are valid through October 31, 2001.
5. **INCOME GUIDELINES.**

HH SIZE	INCOME LIMIT (185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines)
1	15,448
2	20,813
3	26,178
4	31,543
5	36,908
6	42,273

6. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.** Contact the tribal worker, or Inter-Tribal Council of MI, 1-800-562-4957, Ext. 3038. (leave a message if worker is unavailable)

This is an Equal Opportunity Program. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap, write immediately to Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.



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# HOUSING AUTHORITY

## 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 money's 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 (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

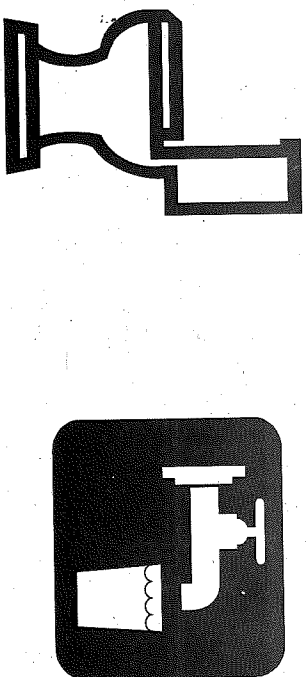
The Housing Authority will distribute program resources until money's reserved for the program are exhausted or until September 1, 2001.

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.



## IHS SEWER SANITATION PROJECT



Families with satisfactory environmental conditions in their homes, which include safe water and sewerage systems, require approximately 75% fewer medical services and place fewer demands on the Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribal primary health care delivery system. The Indian Sanitation Facilities Act, P.L. 86-121, authorizes the IHS to provide essential sanitation facilities, such as safe drinking water and adequate sewerage systems, to Indian homes and communities.

Currently the Pokagon Band has a contract with IHS to provide essential sanitation facilities to existing homes and new home construction. This is not an emergency repair or replacement program. However, we are able to replace wells and septic systems to those who qualify. There are no income guidelines. If you are having problems with your sanitation facilities please contact:

Rebecca Fisher at the Pokagon Band Administration Office, 901 Spruce Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047, telephone # 1-800-517-0777 for further details.

### **BEREAVEMENT FUND**



A reminder to all Pokagon Band members: the Band has set aside funding to assist members with funeral expenses. Currently, the fund pays the following: \$700 to the Funeral Home, \$250 to the Monument Company and \$100 for the funeral dinner all of which must be verified from receipts. The Pokagon Band Social Services Department can assist you with any questions you have about this program and the details regarding how to apply. Please contact the department at 1-800-517-0777.



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# PNBROIIMIENTN DEPARMIENTN

## Office of Trust Funds Management

The Office of Trust Funds Management (OTFM) is responsible for managing trust funds for individual Indian Money (IIM) Account Holders and is working on a project to locate IIM Account Holders that they have lost contact with for one reason or another.

They are asking for assistance in locating these individuals. These individuals must complete the required forms which can be obtained from any OTFM office, or they can call 1-888-OST-OTFM, and enter the first three digits of their account number, which is 478, for further information.

The Office of the Special Trustee maintains a website of Whereabouts Unknown IIM Account Holders which is updated on a monthly basis: <http://www.ost.doi.gov/whereabouts.html>.

### Potawatomi Indians Whereabouts Unknown

Andrew, Terri L.	Hines IV, William D.	Slater, Jeremy D.
Anewishki, Beatrice H.	Irish, Daniel C.	Smith, Amber N.
Antoine Jr, Thomas M.	Isham, Raini M.	Smith, Roger O.
Blevins, Joseph A.	Johnson, Chelciel L.	Sprague, Virginia A.
Brown, Kyle L.	Johnson, Russell J.	Stein, Timothy D.
Bush, Kenneth J.	Lewis, Timothy J.	Stover, Daniel M.
Cauffman, Darrell R.	MacCready, David T.	Swisher III, William E.
Chamberlain, Markus L.	Mark, Nichol L.	Swisher, Allan M.
Chivis, Jason A.	McFadyen, Jenny A.	Topash, Todd S.
Chivis, Russell W.	Montoya-pegno, Juan L.	Vernia, Kristopher T.
Cloud, Dalton J.	Moorer, Marcherie E.	Wagner, Colleen
Cloud, Jerry L.	Morrow Jr, Daniel E.	Walter, Jose E.
Cloud, Marsha M.	Morrow, Donald D.	Weatherwax, Shelly R.
Collett, Theresa K.	Nelson, Jeffrey L.	Wesaw, Brian V.
Cornelissen, Daniel M.	Nichols-Olivari,	Wesaw, Kristina A.
Cunningham III, Robert E.	Samantha J.	Williams, John M.
Daisy, Rosemary R.	Olivari, Tanya R.	Wilson, David A.
Edgington, Denise E.	Oskaboose, Karen M.	Wilson, Kenneth L.
Eness, Irene D.	Pamp, Matt	Wojtas, Michelle L.
Fox, Andrew R.	Paul, Dawn	Younts, Penny J.
Fox, Audra R.	Paul, Diane	Zimmerman, Dawn
Francis, Leana J.	Poole, Shelly R.	
Gannon, Debra S.	Powell, Judy	
Good, Jessica L.	Priboj, Linda L.	
Goodrich, David c.	Price, Corey L.	
Grubb, Kannstance H.	Rice, Virginia M.	
Harris, Kevin L.	Rueckert, Marilyn R.	
Henslee, Philip M.	Sawmich, Adam P.	

# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Potawatomi Gathering and Pow Wow

The Wasauksing First Nation will hold the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Potawatomi Traditional Gathering and Pow Wow on August 2-5, 2001 at Parry Island, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada. A forty-seven (47) seat passenger bus is available to transport tribal members to and from the Gathering. Please call Tammy Wesaw to reserve your seat at 616/782-8998 or 800/517-0777. A proposed schedule of events is listed below. This promises to be a great event! I hope to see you there.



## **Day 1 – Thursday – August 2**

5 a.m. Lighting of Sacred Fire  
5:45 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony  
7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
9 a.m. Eagle Staff  
Welcoming  
Introductions  
Open Forum  
12 noon Lunch  
Medicine Lodge  
Tribal Business (1 of 2)  
Social/Community Interaction  
Open Forum  
Artists, Artwork Display, & Sale  
Charcoal Portrait Sketching  
Music, Singing, & Performers  
Traditional Games  
Drumming and Dancing  
5-7 p.m. Traditional Feast  
Visitation/Community Interaction  
9 p.m. Sweet Lodges

## **Day 3 – Saturday – August 4**

5:45 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony  
7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
Visitation/Community Interaction  
Youth Activities (TBA)  
Tribal Business (2 of 2)  
Open Forum  
Turtle Rock & Snake Rock Visit  
11:30-1 p.m. Lunch  
Honor Guard  
1:30 p.m. Pow Wow Grand Entry  
4-5 p.m. Miss Potawatomi Princess  
5-7 p.m. Traditional Feast  
Grand Entry Pow Wow  
Honor Guard

Retire Flags  
Women's Full Moon Ceremony  
(Moonrise at 9:29 p.m.)

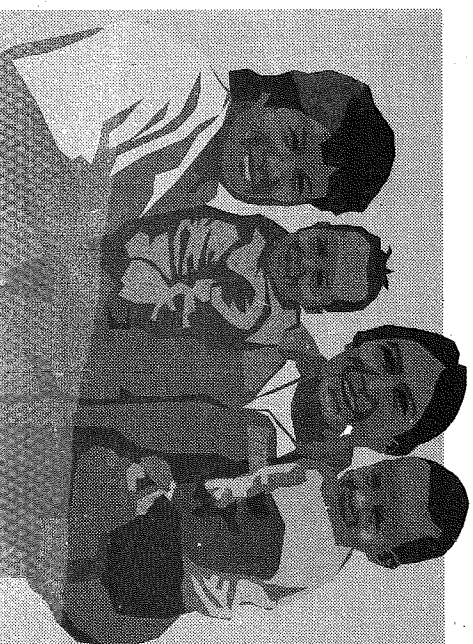
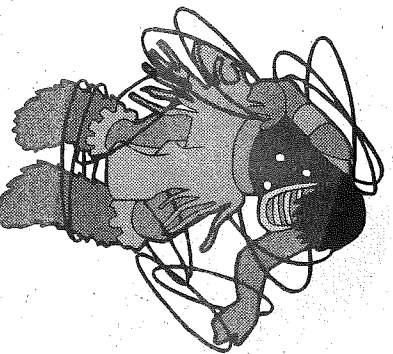
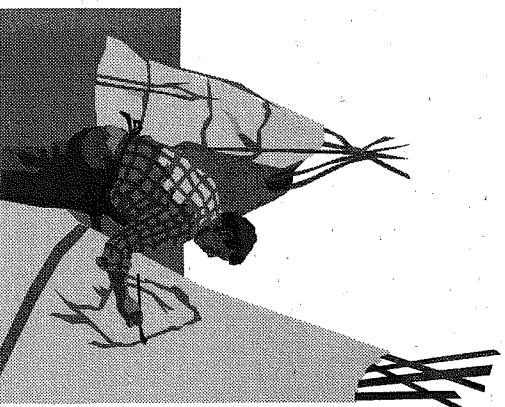
## **Day 4 – Sunday – August 5**

5:45 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony  
7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
9-10 a.m. Christian Offerings  
Tribal Giveaways  
12-1 p.m. Lunch  
Closing Ceremonies, Eagle  
Staff, & Announcements

## **Day 2 – Friday – August 3, 2001**

5:45 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony  
7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
9-12 noon Traditional Teachings \*(16)  
Youth Activities (TBA)  
12-1:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:30-4:30 p.m. Traditional Teachings \*(16)  
5-7 p.m. Supper  
7:30-9 p.m. Drumming and Dancing  
8-10 p.m. Boat Cruise (max. 500) (moonrise at 8:56 p.m.)  
9 p.m. Sweet Lodges

Note: \*Two (2) sessions of eight (8) instructors per session







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# RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

## INTERESTED IN APPLE ORCHARDS?

**BAND HAS 80 ACRES NEEDING MANAGEMENT**



The Pokagon Band recently acquired approximately 80 acres of apple trees, plus about 5 acres of peaches, in the Hartford area. The Band has no management or maintenance program in place at present for the orchards, and wishes to solicit proposals from tribal members for maintenance and harvest.

The Band is interested in a sharecropping arrangement, where profits are split between the tribe and the sharecropper. Members who are interested in managing and harvesting the orchards are encouraged to be creative in their proposals. The tribe has little equipment for harvest and maintenance, so interested bidders should expect to furnish most or all equipment needed.

Proposals should be submitted to the **Resource Development Department, P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047**. To obtain maps or for any other questions, call Kevin Daugherty or Mark Parrish at **(616) 782-8998** or **(800) 517-0777**.

Tribal Council will have final decision on awarding the bid.

## HOUSE FOR RENT

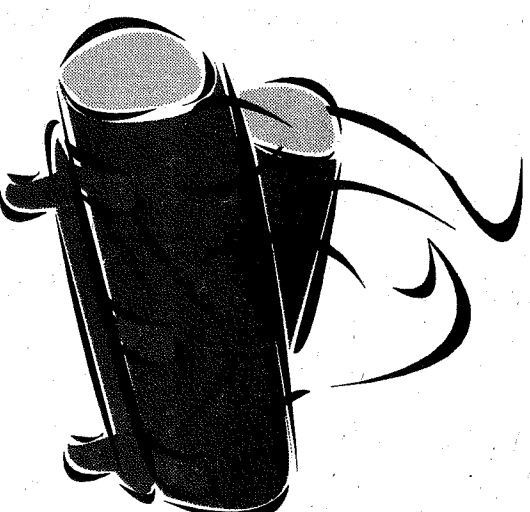
The Band has a house for rent on the newly-acquired tribal land north of Hartford. The house is one-story with 3 bedrooms, located on the Sassafra Lake property. Any tribal member interested in renting the house should contact the Administration Office for an application, at **(616) 782-8998** or **(800) 517-0777**.

## FIREWOOD AVAILABLE

Firewood is available for tribal members at the Sassafra Lake property north of Hartford. Tribal members may collect firewood from the designated areas for personal use.

The previous owner of the property cleared a section of woods on the south side of the lake, and left several piles of logs. Tribal members can cut and haul away what they need for firewood from the piles of downed logs in the marked-off areas only. Members are discouraged from collecting firewood from other areas.

Tribal Council policy states that members should get a permit from the tribal offices before collecting any type of resources from tribal land. Please contact Mark Parrish at **(616) 782-8998** or **(800) 517-0777** to obtain a permit.



# Tribal Council Minutes

## POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

JUNE 4, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:10p.m. by  
John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: Ernie Daisy, Member  
at Large

Roll Call: Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr.,  
John Miller, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly,  
Marie Manley, Trudy Loeding and Elder's  
Rep. I - Rae Daugherty and Faye Wesaw (ar-  
rived at 7:10p.m.).

Also In Attendance: Kevin Daugherty -  
Constitution Committee and Greg Sample -  
Attorney, Marchell Wesaw - Legal Assis-  
tant.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley - Tribal  
Council Secretary and Kelly Curran - Ex-  
ecutive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Kevin summarized for Tribal Council and  
membership the outcome of the previous  
meeting on the review of the Constitution  
and then continued on with Article V: Sec-  
tion 2: Band Membership.

Motion to Adjourn was made by: Alice  
Overly and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trudy Loeding with voice  
approval at 9:40p.m.

## POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS CLOSED SESSION TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH RICK LANDERS (T.O.O.) JUNE 5, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:00p.m. by  
John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, Tom Wesaw, Jr.,  
Marie Manley, Henry White, Trudy Loeding,  
Faye Wesaw, and Elder's Rep. - Rae  
Daugherty. Ernie Daisy (arrived at  
7:00p.m. due to a flat tire).

Absent: Alice Overly (medical)

Also In Attendance: Tribal Operations Officer  
- Rick Landers

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

## Tribal Operations Officer Duties Administrative Issues

Motion to adjourn was made by: Henry White and  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Faye Wesaw with voice approval at  
8:34p.m.

## POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JUNE 5, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:45p.m. by John  
Miller, Tribal Chairman.

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

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

## Eugene Brown - Storyteller for Youth Camp

Norman Kiker - Potawatomi Language Instructor  
for Youth Camp

Walter Cooper - Potawatomi Language Instructor  
for Youth Camp

Dallas Chief Eagle - Hoop Dance Instructor for  
Youth Camp

## Preventative Maintenance work on Elder's Hall

## Land Options

Casino Project Construction Meeting in Dallas,  
Texas

Motion to adjourn was made by: Tom Wesaw, Jr.  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marie Manley with voice approval at  
9:00p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
WITH CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

JUNE 11, 2001

This meeting was conducted as a work session due to two (2) Tribal Council members being absent due to travel business for the Tribe.

All in Attendance: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Miller, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty, Marchell Wesaw - Legal Assistant, Greg Sample - Attorney (conferenced in), and Kevin Daugherty - Constitution Committee.

Discussion began at 7:10p.m.

Kevin Daugherty gave a short overview of what was covered at the previous meeting.

The following portions of the Constitution were covered with possible amendments

Article VIII - Membership Meetings

Section 1: Membership Meetings called by Tribal Council

Section 2: Membership Meeting called by petition

Section 3: scope of Meetings

Article IX - Duties and Powers of Tribal Council

Section 1: Duties of Tribal Council

Section 2: Powers of Tribal Council

Section 3: Action by Tribal Council

Meeting ended at: 9:30p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
JUNE 14, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:13p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

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

Property by Southwestern Michigan College

Motion to adjourn was made by Marie Manley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with voice approval at 7:15p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE HANDBOOK  
& MC CLURKEN - TREATY ISSUES  
JUNE 14, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:17p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

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

Absent: Trudy Loeding (medical).

Also in Attendance: Marchell Wesaw - Legal Assistant

Issues at Hand:

Jim McClurken

Committee Handbook

Committee Members (pg. 4)

Discussion was held on how many immediate family members should be allowed to sit on any given committee. The suggestion was made to not allow more than two (2).

Marchell will make the revisions to the handbook and set up a meeting with Tribal Council after the Elections have taken place to finalize the committee handbook.

Possible By-law Change

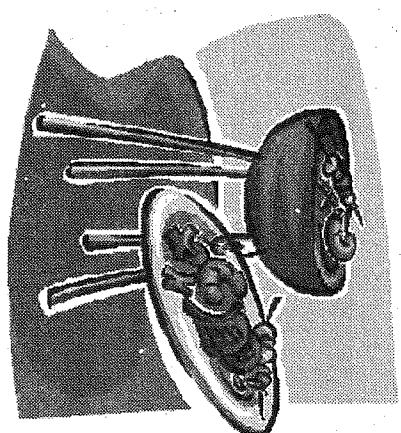
Marchell announced she is working on verbiage for appointment of standing committees by the chairman for a possible by-law change.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alice Overly and 2<sup>nd</sup> Faye Wesaw at 8:30p.m. with voice approval.



## ANNUAL EMPLOYEE PICNIC

by Tammy Wesaw



The Annual Employee Picnic was held on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Rodger's Lake property. Although the weather was extremely hot, humid, and wet (storming actually) about 60 employees, council members, and their families attended the get together.

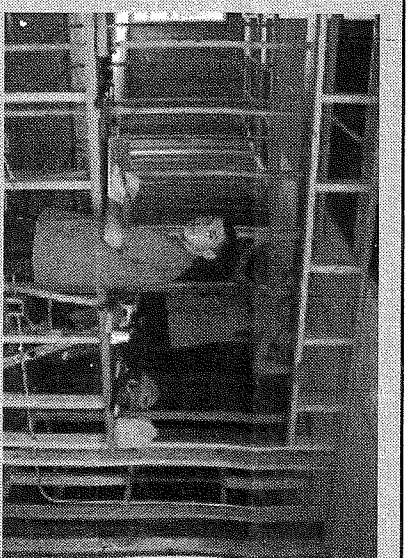
Tribal Operations Officer, Rick Landers and his son Jad did a fine job grilling the hamburgers, hot dogs, and bratwursts.

An awards ceremony was scheduled for the employees who have given five years of service as Pokagon Band employees. Those honored with beautiful engraved awards were Christine Daugherty, Health Services Director; JoEllen Leith, Resource Developer; and Julie Rodriguez, Accounting Clerk. Congratulations to you all for you have earned it!!



John Pigeon did a wonderful demonstration of black ash basket preparation and weaving.

\*A special thanks goes out to the Tribal Parks Staff who did a great job of cleaning the grounds and preparing the horseshoe pits and volleyball area.



Tribal Parks staff hard at work

*I would like to extend a big "Thank You" to all the Pokagon Band Members who took time to vote in the July election. Especially those who placed their faith in me to serve the membership as a member of the Tribal Council. I am deeply honored and will give it my best.*

*Sincerely-  
Cleora Morseau (aka Stitch)*

# **We need Volunteers for Court Appointed Special Advocate's**

Children have a right to a safe and permanent home where they can grow up to be strong, healthy and productive individuals.

## **What is a CASA?**

CASA's, Court Appointed A special Advocates, are citizen volunteers, appointed by the Cass County Family Court Judge to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in child protective proceedings. They are recruited and screened prior to receiving over 30 hours of training in court process, Michigan law, and child development, dynamics of abuse and neglect and effective advocacy. Following the completion of training a CASA volunteer is sworn in as an officer of the court.

## **Why are CASA's Needed?**

The Cass County Family Court is involved with 450 children per year. There is much concern that this number will continue to increase. Working with existing services for children in Cass County, the CASA volunteer can help assure what is best for a child's future.

## **Who may become a CASA volunteer?**

Any adult age 21 or older may submit an application. No special background is required. Volunteers should be mature, responsible people with good judgment who have the ability to remain objective, to relate to families in stressful situations, and to communicate orally and in writing.

## **How will I learn to become an effective CASA?**

Each CASA goes through an initial in-depth training program, followed by continuous in-service training.

## **How do I become a CASA?**

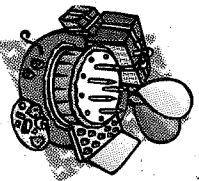
Please call the Cass County CASA office at (616) 445-0259 or Contact Rebecca Fisher at the Pokagon Band Administration office at (616) 782-8998 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

In Michigan we have:  
11 active CASA programs  
12 CASA programs in development  
8 communities exploring CASA  
Over 200 CASA volunteers  
Speaking for over 560 abused and neglected children.

# August 2001 - Elder's Hall Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>GEROBICS 1</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  <b>CLOSED Tribal Council</b> w/Larry Rosenthal 6:00 p.m.	<b>ELDERS BUSINESS 2</b> <b>MEETING AND LUNCHEON</b> 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. <b>CLOSED Tribal Council</b> Lobbyist Interview 6:00 p.m.	<b>3</b>  <b>SUMMER YOUTH</b> <b>W/MARIE WILLIS</b> 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>GEROBICS 6</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  <b>TRIBAL COUNCIL</b> w/Constitution Comm. 7:00 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>GEROBICS</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>SUMMER YOUTH</b> <b>W/MARIE WILLIS</b> 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	<b>11</b>  <b>TRIBAL ELECTION</b> <b>AT ELDERS HALL</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>GEROBICS</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	<b>14</b>  <b>TRIBAL COUNCIL</b> w/Mike Larson 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	<b>15</b>  <b>GEROBICS</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	<b>16</b>  <b>ELDERS SOCIAL LUNCHEON</b> 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	<b>17</b>  <b>SUMMER YOUTH</b> <b>W/MARIE WILLIS</b> 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>GEROBICS</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>FOOTCARE 22</b> 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. <b>GEROBICS</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. <b>NUTRITION CLASS</b> 11:00 - 12:00	<b>23</b>  <b>TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING</b> 7:00 P.M.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>BASKET CO-OP</b> 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>GEROBICS</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>GEROBICS</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	





Happy Birthday  
Brad Hacker 8/20  
Mike Spichen 8/25  
Love, Mom

# August Announcements

Happy Birthday  
August 25  
Jennifer  
Genereaux  
Love - your Family

Happy Birthday Fred Wheately 8/21  
I love you-Kin

**Happy Birthday Tamara Piper 8/30  
We love you-Kim, Fred,  
Brittany, Corey and Scotty**

Happy Birthday to:  
 Heather Hefington 8/2  
 Issiah Hefington 8/21  
 Mikey Spieher 8/29  
 Love- Grandma

# CONGRATULATIONS!

# RHIAN IYME NELSON

**VOTED FRESHMAN CLASS  
VICE PRESIDENT**

**WATERYLLET HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2001-2002**

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!  
MOM, BOBBY AND JOEY**

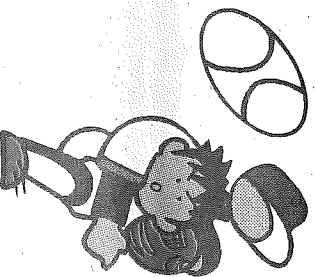


Happy BELATED Birthday  
Jacob Miller 7/18-9 years  
Dakota Bennett-7/30-6 years  
We love you- Mom, MoMo, Paupy  
Bobby, Jeffrey, Rhian, Joey and the  
Bennett's

# Champions I

**Nikki Bennett & Jacob Miller**  
**Russom minor league**  
*baseball tournament*

**We are proud of you  
Bobby, Jeffrey, Rhian & Joey**



**Happy Birthday 8/23**

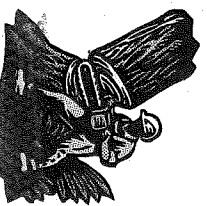
**Sam Wesaw  
We Love you!  
Your Family**

Happy Birthday  
Martin Mesaur, Sr. 8/5  
Luella Lewis 8/6  
Love- Your Family



Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Madolyn Rose Wesaw  
Love-Mom, Steven, Kyle  
And the Family

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday  
Zoe Lynn Smith  
Love-Mom, Dad  
& Your Family



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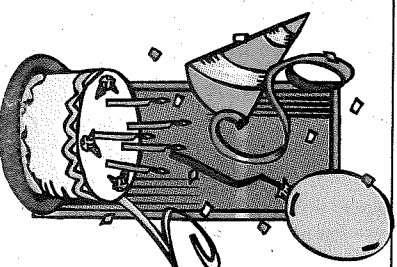
Happy Birthday  
8/22  
J.R. (Buck) Olds  
Love- The Whole  
Gang

Congratulations Rhonda Purcell  
 for being one of the  
 5% of the nation  
 to be included in the,  
 "Who's Who, among American  
 High School Students"  
 We are very proud of you!  
 Love The Big Girls

Happy "Sweet 16" & Never Been Kissed

Donnerstag 8/1

Love-Hunt April, Uncle Scott, Andrew & Megan



Happy Birthday  
Debi Gethington 8/1  
Joan Olds 8/15  
Candy Wesaw 8/30  
Johnny Day 8/30  
Love- Your Family