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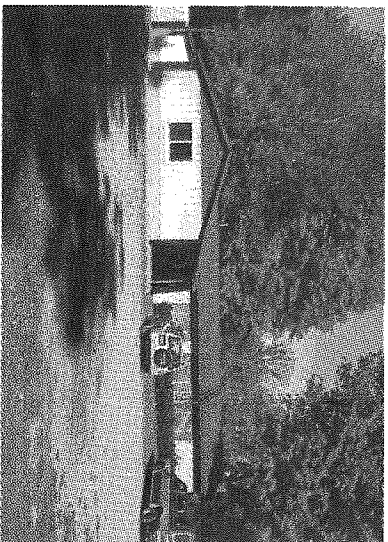
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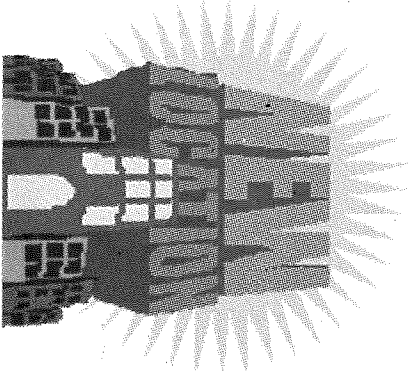
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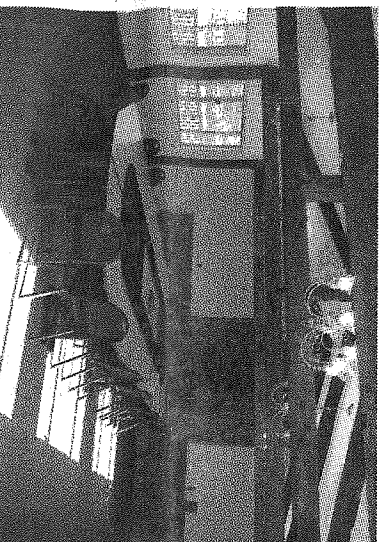
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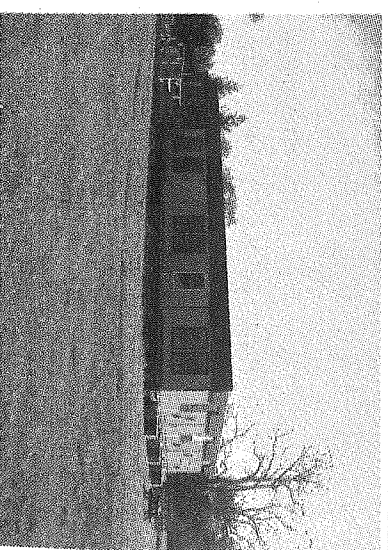
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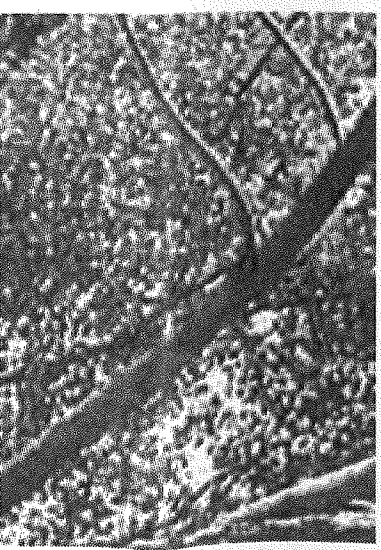
**Tribal Council,
Administration
and Social Services Offices
have moved to the
Rodgers Lake Property
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047**



Inside the Tribal Council Lodge



The Administration Building



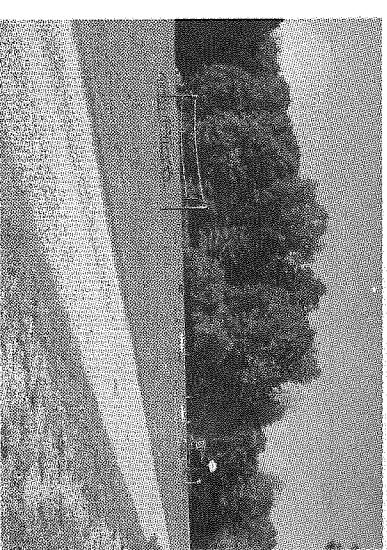
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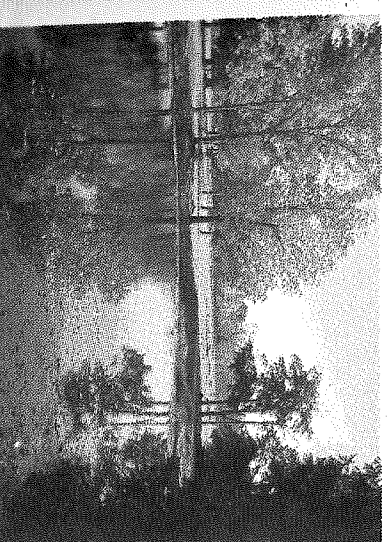
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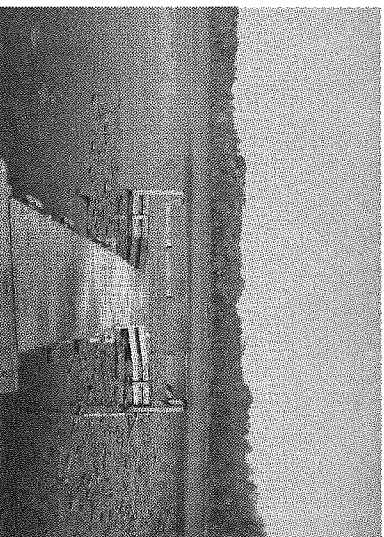
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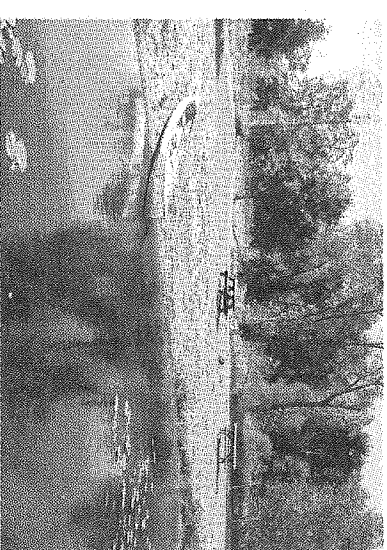
Recreation Area



View from the Lodge



Pier at Rodger's Lake



Rodger's Lake Front



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 Mishawaka office. Any Tribal Member meeting minimum requirements of the desired position may apply for the "temporary pool" of employment.

Membership completing applications, participating in general interviews, and meeting the 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 your resume and a 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

Send your December newsletter items to:



Pokagon Band Newsletter

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

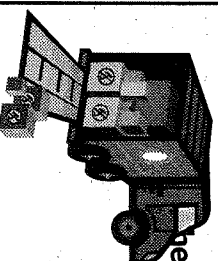
Newsletter Deadline is November 13th

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ATTENTION

THE FOLLOWING OFFICES HAVE ALSO MOVED



The **ELDERS OFFICE** is now located at:

53237 Townhall Road

Dowagiac, MI 49047

(616) 782-0765

fax: (616) 782-1696

TOLL FREE (800) 859-2717

The **NEW SOUTH BEND AREA OFFICE** is located at:

2705 East Mishawaka Avenue

South Bend, IN 46615

(219) 234-9114

TOLL FREE (800) 737-9223

fax: (219) 234-9306

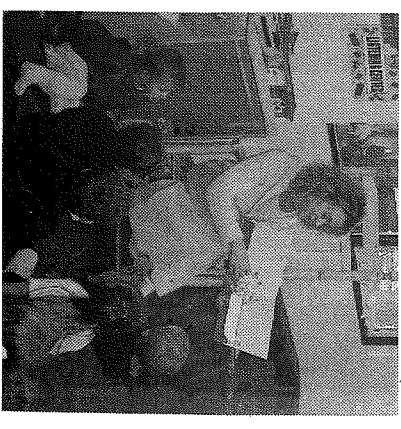
*Please call the South Bend Office for directions.



HEAD START



Pokagon Band Head Start and Early Head Start Programs



Has openings for the school year 2001-2002

- *We provide limited transportation
- *Healthy, nutritious meals
- *Trained and qualified staff
- *Fun, loving environment

Head Start services children with disabilities. Pokagon Band children will be accepted first and children from other federally recognized tribes and non-natives are accepted thereafter

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

ATTENTION PARENTS

Head Start has seven more openings for children ages 3-5 for the 2001-02 school year. Hours of operation are 9-12:30 Monday-Thursday. Our facility will be licensed by the beginning of November, changing our hours to 9-3 Monday-Thursday. Head Start offers bus transportation in limited areas. Head Start offers a nutritious breakfast and lunch, as well as snacks. Head Start is an educational program with trained staff and volunteers.

If interested, please contact us at (616)783-0026 for an application.





FALL FEAST

Although the day started out gloomy, it did not stop Pokagon's from attending the Fall Feast on October 14th and bringing plenty of food.

We were honored to have a total of 5 pipe carriers: Clarence White, Steve Winches-ter, Frank Barker, Clarence Syrette, Cleora Morseau, and Lucinda Graverette-Smith. John Warren also brought his drum, helping make the feast even more memorable.

Turnout for the first Feast held at the new Tribal Council building was impressive. Those who were present had a wonderful time judging by all the laughter and visit-ing. The food that everyone brought was delicious and plentiful, there were hardly any leftovers.

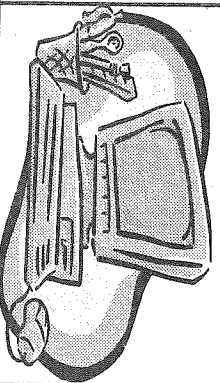
We would like to thank all of the people involved in the process of the event. Spe-cial thanks go out to Cleora Morseau and Lucinda Graverette-Smith, also to Clarence White for meeting with the Pipe Carriers. Thanks to Kathy Deka and Roger Rader for all the hard work they put in to the event and to those who graciously took on the tasks of preparing the Feast Foods including: Henry White who prepared the fry rice, Vic Starrett who prepared the fish, and Goldie Mangus who prepared the fry bread. A big thank you goes out to Richard Newcomer for manning the grill to keep the food warm and for all the other tasks he was given that day. Thank you to Steve and Tina Horner and family for helping with the clean up afterwards and also to everyone else who helped clean up. If we have forgotten anyone, please know that you are in our thoughts and all that you did for the Feast is appreciated.

Submitted by
Melissa Newcomer
Education Department

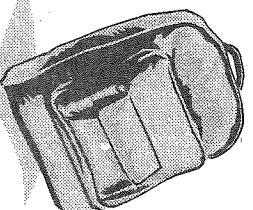
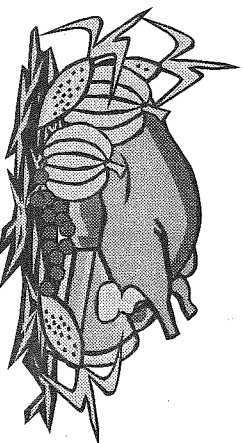
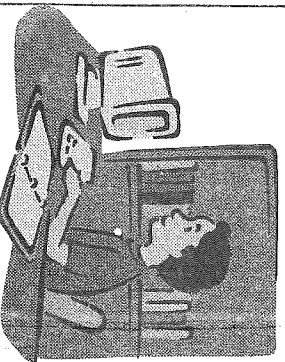
Computer Open Labs

- Computer Crafts/ Desktop Publishing
- Entertaining Games
- Educational Software
- Typing Tutor Software
- Access to the Internet.

Lab Hours:
2:30-5 P.M, Tuesdays
2:30-5 P.M. Thursdays



For
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Education
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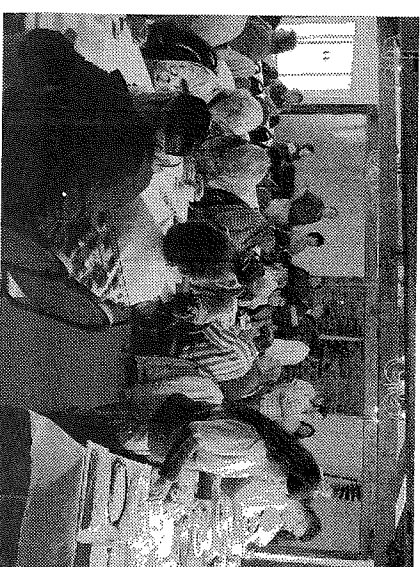


Attention Parents:

Pick up backpacks and school supplies in the Education Department. These items are provided for students ages 3 through grade 12 through our Johnson-O'Malley program.

Tutoring Available

The new school year has fallen upon us again. And once again we have started tutoring for the students. Open tutoring and also the computer lab will be available from 2:30 to 5:00 pm, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students are welcome to come in after school or we can provide transportation. Tutoring request forms were available for all parents at the pow wow. If you didn't receive one, you can stop by at the Education Department.





INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

Adult Onset Diabetes: It's Getting Younger

Doctors across the nation say that the disease is becoming an epidemic: *anyone* who is overweight and doesn't exercise is at risk. Diabetes has increased 76% in the last few years. Those especially at risk: Native Americans. A decade ago, screenings for diabetes was typically done around the age of forty. In the last few years, that age is getting younger and younger. The latest recommendation is to screen children 10 years of age and older because type 2 diabetes is being diagnosed in people as young as 10.

The reasons? Very simply: 'lack of regular exercise, poor dietary choices and sitting in front of the computer or television'. The link between diabetes and inactivity among youngsters is so strong that some doctors call it the 'Nintendo Syndrome.' Signs parents should be aware of:

- frequent urination,
- constant thirst,
- weight loss/or gain, and
- a darkening or 'ring' around the neck called 'acanthosis nigricans.'

For generations, much of our time was spent very actively and there were times we feasted and times we went hungry. From those days our bodies adapted to our lifestyle. We hold on to the fat in our bodies by way of a mechanism commonly known as 'the Survival Gene'. That mechanism worked to our advantage in lean days gone by, keeping us from starving, but today it is a link from our past that predisposes us to diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and many other diseases.

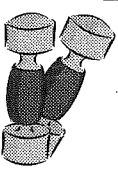
So what can we do for our children and ourselves? Get screened for diabetes, and make healthier food and activity choices!

The CHR's at Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indian Health Department will be calling on families in the months to come. We have a goal to screen all members 10 years of age and older. To screen for diabetes, our staff will ask you a few health questions and perform a quick and simple finger-stick screening on children and adults.

If you suspect the signs of diabetes in yourself or in your children, please contact your health provider right away. If you have any question about our screening project, contact us at 616-782-4141 or 888-440-1234, and ask to speak to one of the Community Health staff.

SECOND EXERCISE CONTEST

100 Miles to Red Road
November to February 28, 2002



Due to the popularity of the 100-Miles to Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa contest, we have decided to sponsor another contest: 100 Miles to Red Road.

Participants will earn Nu Balance athletic shoes if you have a diabetes diagnosis or impaired glucose tolerance and are one of our American Indian/Alaska Native clients. (First-time participants only.) Contact CHR Joy Duff about earning the shoes.

The rules are similar to the last contest:

- all Pokagon band members, family, employees and family are encouraged to participate.
- One-half hour of exercise will equal 'One Mile.'

New qualifiers for mileage are to participate in our holiday healthy cooking class, being held November 7, 2001, completed lab tests and other special mini-seminars.

Please contact Anna Marlen at I.H.S. office @ 616-782-4141 or 888-440-1234, ext. 26 to arrange for your lab tests and sign-up, this will be done by appointment.

Beginning lab tests are a requirement for the contest. The winner will be the person who has MOST improved their weight, cholesterol levels or glucose control.

Get your team together and exercise for health! Good luck!

**Health Director's note: Megwetch to Anna Marlen for all of her hard work in organizing the last contest and helping with this one. Also Megwetch to the contributing health staff!*



FOOT CARE NEWS



Change 1: Foot Care Specialist, CHR, Joy Duff is asking that foot care clients, if possible, come to her monthly clinic at Elder's Hall rather than scheduling appointments at the Health Office. **NOTE:** Home visits will continue for those who have been receiving their foot care in this manner.

Change 2: Joy will provide foot basins for participants. If necessary, towels will be provided as well. Clients are encouraged to take the basins and towels home with them and to bring these back at their next appointment.

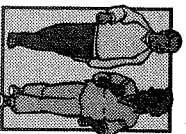
May you have 'Happy Feet' and your journey be soft!



CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES SERVICES NOT COVERED BY CURRENT CHS PROGRAM

Most of the Pokagon Band's Health Services are provided by federal funding for Contract Health Services (CHS). The services below are **NOT** generally covered by CHS, although in rare cases they might be covered when they are considered medically necessary. Some of the services below are not covered by CHS but are offered by the tribe. Those services are indicated on the list. Remember: To access Contract Health Services, a tribal member **MUST** notify the Pokagon Band Health Department three days in advance of any non-emergency appointment, or within three days following an emergency encounter.

1. Long Term Care
 - a. Nursing Home
 - b. Foster Care
2. Home Health Care
 - a. Skilled Nursing
 - b. Home Health
 - c. Respite Services
 - d. Home Physical Therapy
3. Hospice
4. Prolonged Services
5. Preventative Medicine Services
6. Surgical Sterilizations
 - a. Vasectomy
 - b. Tubal Ligation
7. Cosmetic Services
 - a. Cosmetic Surgery
 - b. Obesity Services
 - c. Cosmetic Dental Procedures
8. Substance Abuse Service
 - a. Outpatient (Offered by Tribe)
 - b. Inpatient-Detoxification
9. Mental Health
 - a. Outpatient (Offered by Tribe)
 - b. Inpatient
10. Transplants
11. Selected Durable Medical Equipment
12. Alternative Medicine
 - a. Acupuncture (Offered for stress reduction & adjunct to sub. abuse treatment)
 - b. Therapeutic Massage
13. Workers' Comp. Injuries
14. Disability Evaluations
15. Second Opinion, (Unless Requested by CHS)
16. Dental Services
 - a. Bleaching
 - b. Orthodontia, (Braces)
 - c. Implants
17. Alternative Funded Service
 - a. Out-of-Network Services
 - b. Available Under Other Insurance
18. Services to non-members
19. Artificial Insemination
20. Diet Prescriptions
 - a. Xenical
 - b. Meridia
21. TMJ
22. DNA Testing



100 Miles Wrap-up

Elder Wins Pendleton Blanket

Victor Starrett was the winner of the Pendleton blanket for the 100 miles to Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa contest. Vic showed the most improvement over all of the other participants. He has lost 25 pounds, improved his cholesterol numbers by 10-50 points and has been awarded with excellent control over his blood glucose numbers for his efforts.

You go Vic! Congratulations from all of the Indian Health Services staff.

Help shape Pokagon Potawatomi Health Policies
Health Board seeking one more member: If you are interested in serving on this volunteer board, please call the Health Office by November 30, 2002 and leave your name and phone number. We will return your call.

CHS Processors South Bend schedule change

CHS Coordinator, John Anderson, plans to be at the South Bend Office on November 6th and November 20th to answer questions about contract health services and to process any paperwork you may wish to drop off at that office. We're going to be available on Tuesday mornings twice a month now, to make better use of the new office. Because of the heavy workload back in Dowagiac, these visits will be limited to mornings only. Hopefully, we can get back to full days in South Bend by the first of the year.



SOCIAL SERVICES

Child Care Assistance

And

Individual Development Program

This is a new program now being offered by the Social Services Department. The purpose of the Child Care Assistance and Individual Development Program is to enable parents to receive child care assistance while participating in an approved educational plan or in productive employment or while training for employment.

General Requirements:

1. Parents must be participating in a job training or education program, employed, or actively involved in documental job searches.
2. Children must be 12 years or younger. Those with 3 or more children will be given priority.
3. Must reside within Allegan, Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties in Michigan or Elkhart, Kosciusko, La Porte, Marshall, St. Joseph, and Starke counties in Indiana.
4. Parent must be a member of the Pokagon Band. Documentation is required.

Verification Eligibility For Education Purposes:

1. Must have proof of registration in a post-secondary school or proof of involvement in a high school or GED program.
2. Must have a copy of official class schedule listing courses being taken, including times and days of classes.

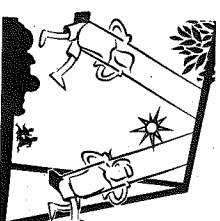
*Grades must be submitted at the end of each quarter to continue to be eligible for the next term. Preliminary verification and official number of hours to be paid for child care may be established as soon as the student registers for new classes.

For Employment Purposes:

1. Documentation of employer, job site, telephone number and name of immediate supervisor. Information provided on application must be verifiable.
2. Salary and length of scheduled training time must be provided in the case of a training program.

The Social Services Department has a list of licensed providers for each area. The providers will include center-based and group home care for full-day and before-and-after school care. In-home care will not be covered as yet. A sliding fee scale will determine each family's contribution to the cost of child care based on income and the size of the family. The Social Services Department will work with each family to facilitate the Childcare Assistance and Individual Development Program application process and aid in locating licensed childcare. For more information, please contact the Social Services Department.

Children's Place Daycare



4967 North Watervliet Road
Watervliet, MI 49098
(616) 463-8577

*Licensed Provider
*Nutritious Meals
*Arts & Crafts
*Storytime & Singing
*1st & 3rd Shift
*Safe Environment

We have openings!

Owned & Operated by
Senica (Cotman) Smith
Pokagon Band Member



Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program LIHEAP

The Pokagon Band Department of Social Services is currently able to assist eligible members meet their heating needs through the 2001-2002 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The department is currently accepting applications from income eligible members. Applications are available at the Social Services/ Administrative office. Applicants will need to bring the heating bill and a copy of last years filed income taxes for processing. Assistance will occur on a first come first serve basis.



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ELDERS PROGRAM

Pokagon band of Potawatomi Indians ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2001 at 11:00 a.m.

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.

Meeting called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:02 a.m.

Invocation given by Joe Winchester.

ROLL CALL

Present: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris, Rachel (Rae) Daugherty, John Wesaw, Jr.

Absent: Clarence White due to illness, excused

Quorum Present

Attendance: 23 Elders

Marge Moody moved to approve the agenda of October 4, 2001. Seconded by Rae Daugherty. All In Favor: "Aye", Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Marge Moody moved to approve the minutes of August 2, 2001. Seconded by Rae Daugherty. All In Favor: "Aye", Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Paula Hill, RN, is hosting a cooking class at the Elders Hall on Wednesday's from 11:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Flu shots will be available at the end of October or first of November. Starting date for 100 Miles to Red Road is November 1, 2001.

Melissa Newcomer, WIA Specialist, is organizing the Fall Feast October 14, 2001 at Rodgers Lake. Elders were asked to prepare some traditional food.

Results from Elders Council Officers election were: Vice-Chair, Marge Moody; Treasurer, Clarence White; 2nd Representative, Victor Starrett.

MIEA Resolution #01-016, dated October 4, 2001, made by Mary Jo Morris. Seconded by Rachel Daugherty. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council send our MIEA Committee Secretary, Marge Moody and MIEA Committee Members Gerald Wesaw, Bonnie Parrish, Ann Zimmerman, John Wesaw, Jr. and Rachel Daugherty to the MIEA Annual Conference to be held in Watersmeet, Michigan on October 16 - 19, 2001. Elder members to attend are Sam Wesaw, Jackie Generaux, Rose Mangus, Henry White, Evelyn Miller, William Morsaw, Joe Winchester, Victor Starrett, Darlene Tate, Rita Yount and Fred Klemm. All expenses to be paid out of the Elders General Fund plus a GSA Vehicle and Transporter, Yvonne "Pete" Boehm. Any days not in attendance, lodging and per-diem needs to be returned. Due to finance expenses may have to cut MIEA mileage. All In Favor: 5 Absent: 1 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Marge informed us we had seven (7) trip reports back on Bay Mills. Nineteen (19) people went. Membership agreed an oral report is good. Delegates can do a written report and have it put in the newsletter.

Marge asked membership if they wanted to host the April 2002 MIEA Conference with the Little River Band. Membership agreed that when Little River Band has a place to hold the conference, we would go in with them.

There was a sign up sheet for Elders going to the Mirabal Concert being held at St. Mary's College on October 30, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. There was also a sign up sheet for the Potawatomi Gathering in Kansas for July 2002.

Budget Resolution #01-013, dated August 27, 2001 made by Marge Moody. Seconded by Rachel Daugherty. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Elders Council approves the Elders Council Budget ending September 30, 2002 being presented to the Tribal Council for approval. All In Favor: 5 Absent: 1 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Grandmothers Gathering Resolution #01-014, dated August 27, 2001, made by Marge Moody. Seconded by Mary Jo Morris. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Elders Council approves sending up to seven (7) elder woman to the Grandmothers of the Original People Gathering September 7, 2001 at the Frederick Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Also, a GSA Vehicle and Transporter, Yvonne "Pete" Boehm. Cost to come out of the Elders General Fund. All In Favor: 5 Absent: 1 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Elders Specialist Resolution #01-015, dated September 18, 2001, made by Marge Moody. Seconded by Rachel Daugherty. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Elders Council approves travel for Yvonne "Pete" Boehm with the Pokagon Band Elders going to the Little River Band Casino in Manistee, Michigan on September 19, 2001. Cost to be paid out of the Elders Council General Fund. All In Favor: 6 Absent: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Yvonne "Pete" Boehm informed us the Project Fresh coupons have to be used by the end of October. Yvonne stated the Grandmothers Gathering was put on by the Grand Rapids Community Center. They met Fred Meijers and his wife. They also took a tour of the gardens.

Announcements: No social luncheon will be held on October 18, 2001 because of the MIEA. Open Officers Meeting will be held on October 29, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dowagiac City Hall. Elders Council Business Meeting will be held on November 1, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elders Hall.

Rae Daugherty moved to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Seconded by Marge Moody. All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0 MEETING ADJOURNED

After the meeting, an election was held for the two (2) MIEA delegates and one (1) alternate. Elected delegates are Joe Winchester and Bonnie Parrish. The elected alternate is Evelyn Miller. There were nominations for three (3) MIEA positions. Nominated for Vice-Chair was Henry White; Treasurer Gerald Wesaw; and Officer-At-Large, Marge Moody.

Mary Jo Morris
Elders Council Secretary

October 10, 2001

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Geraldine Sturgeon

Geraldine Surgeon was born on August 9, 1922 in Athens, Michigan. She is the daughter of Edward and Margaret Day, and the last surviving of her six siblings.

VACANT TRIBAL COUNCIL SEAT



Tribal Council will be accepting nominations for a vacant Member-At-Large seat on Tribal Council at the December 8th Tribal Council Meeting. Candidates for nominations must be present at the time they are nominated.

Seat may be filled at the January 12th Tribal Council Meeting.

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ELDER OF THE MONTH

Geraldine Sturgeon

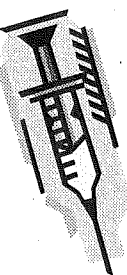
(nee Day)

Born August 9, 1922



Geraldine Sturgeon was born on August 9, 1922 in Athens, Michigan. She is the daughter of Edward and Margaret Day, and the last surviving of her six siblings. Geraldine has 14 children: Robert, Sylvia (Hall), Ronald, Adeline (Dixon), Phillip, Louella (Conger) Marjorie (Young), Thomas, Barbara (deceased), Marie (deceased), Otis, Peggy (McNew), Bert (deceased), and Marcia (Dunn). She has 36 grandchildren, 69 Great Grand Children and 1 Great-Great Grandchild. (4 more Great Grandchildren on the way!)

Geraldine resides in Hartford with her daughter Adeline. She enjoys reading Country Music Weekly Magazine and listening to Country Music including her favorite artist, Clay Walker. She loves keeping up with her Soap Operas, watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, and doing dishes 24/7.



FREE FLU SHOTS FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

There are nearly 1.4 million people in Michigan that are eligible to receive a free flu shot this year as part of their Medicare Benefits.

The elderly are at high risk for contracting the disease. The flu strikes 10 to 20 percent of the population yearly. Nearly 45,000 deaths result from flu and pneumonia, 90 percent of them among people 65 years of age or older.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recommend an annual flu shot for people over age 65, even if they are generally healthy.

Influenza, or "flu," is a highly contagious respiratory infection. It can cause extreme fatigue, among other symptoms, lasting for several days to more than a week. The name of the disease comes from the Italian word for "influence," named by people in the 1500s who thought it was caused by the "influence of the stars and planets."

The cost of both the annual flu and pneumonia vaccination is covered by Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance). The flu shot is free if the health care provider accepts Medicare assignment. This means that the cost will generally be paid if the vaccine is provided at a doctor's office, hospital, skilled nursing facility, home health agency, rural health clinic, federally qualified health center, outpatient physical therapy provider, comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility or health maintenance organization.

Influenza is most common in the U.S. from December to April, so it's best to have a flu shot from October through mid-November. The vaccine protection begins after one to two weeks.

Since different flu viruses are continually changing, the vaccine is updated each year to include the most current influenza virus strains. Antibiotics are not effective against the flu.

If you have questions about the flu shot or any other Medicare services, call 1-800-MEDICAR (1-800-633-4227) or visit www.medicare.gov on the Internet.

John Coupe is the district manager of the Social Security office in Benton Harbor. You can write to him c/o Social Security Administration, 455 Bond St., Benton Harbor MI 49022. You can also call the national office at (800) 772-1213 from 7am to 7pm weekdays. If hearing impaired, call (800) 325-0778.



TRIBAL CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Hello Everyone,

I would like to start off first by apologizing to everyone for not submitting anything in the newsletter for the last few months. Tribal Council and myself have been extremely busy administering, maintaining and developing our Nation on many fronts. As most everyone knows, we have been working diligently on developing our gaming establishment by acquiring the land, designing the actual gaming structure and filing for the land to be taken into federal trust so we can operate a class III gaming facility.

Currently, our fee to trust acquisition is held up in federal Court by a lawsuit filed by a group called TOMAC (Tax Payers of Michigan Against Casinos). The lawsuit was not filed against the Pokagon Band; it was filed against the federal government. The lawsuit basically states that the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) did not properly follow its own rules and regulations prior to issuing the notice to take our land into federal trust.

Defending the case on behalf of the federal government is the Department of Justice (DOJ). The DOJ promptly responded to the TOMAC lawsuit by filing a motion to dismiss the lawsuit by simply stating that the BIA did follow all the applicable rules and regulations. It also mentioned that the Pokagon Band went above and beyond what is normally required of an Indian Nation for a Fee to Trust land acquisition.

The good news is the motion to dismiss was fully briefed as of Monday, September 22nd. What that means is that both TOMAC and the DOJ have both fully responded to the lawsuit allowing the federal judge to have everything



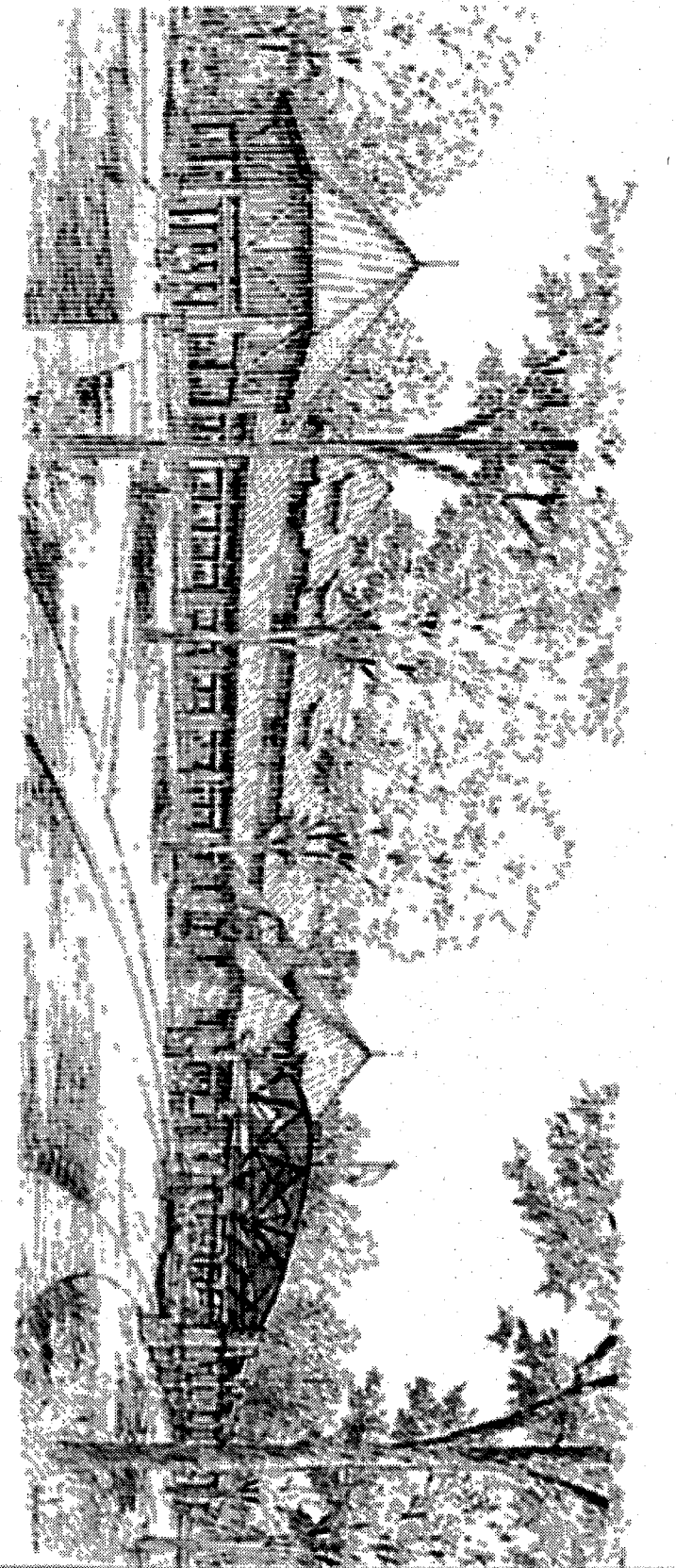
needed to make a decision. But as you know, with things like our federal court system, we really have no way of knowing when a decision on the motion to dismiss will come.

So to answer your question: How do we monitor the process so it does not stall? We are currently working with two Republican lobbying firms to push the process along. Although our Federal Court systems are unapproachable, they will be doing everything they can to give us an advantage. Currently, Tribal Council and our lobbyist are working with Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Neil McCaleb, who heads the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He will eventually be the one to take our land into trust.

Meetings are currently being held with Mr. McCaleb to explain the uniqueness of our situation. We are confident that these meetings will compel Mr. McCaleb to take our land into trust shortly after the judge dismisses the lawsuit. Tribal Council and myself monitor this process daily and when I have more news on the fee to trust status, I'll notify everyone.



Four Winds Casino Exterior Elevation



Since we anticipate the land going into trust in the near future, we have begun pre-site construction on the Casino. We have all the design, engineering and architectural work completed; "in the can" so to speak for the Casino project. We needed to prep the site so we can start to build in earnest when the land goes into trust.

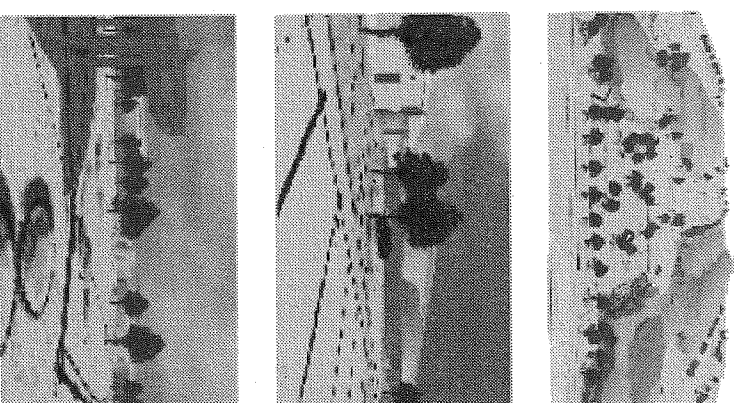
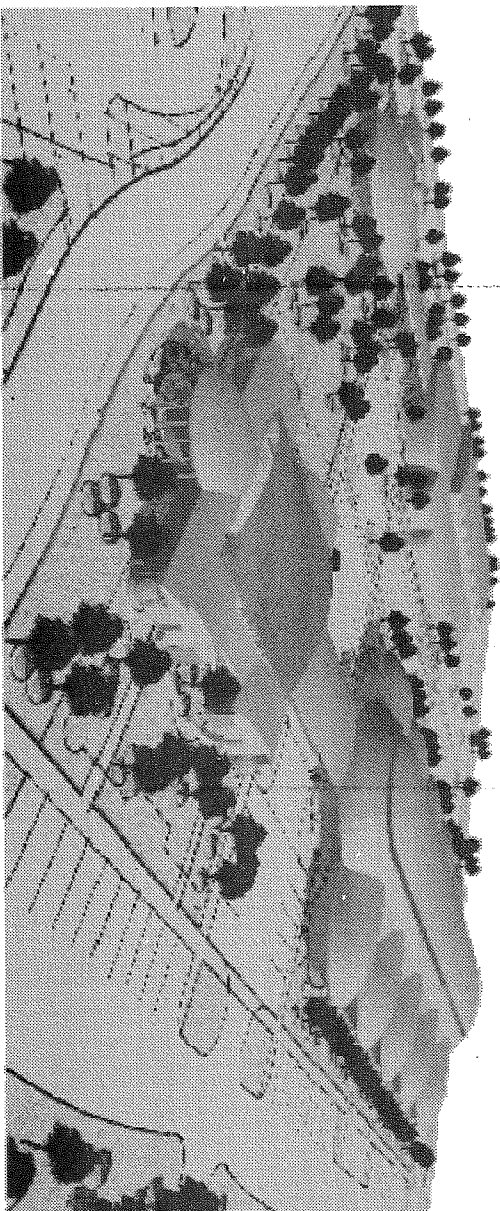
This pre-site work will last a couple of months and needs to be done before the frost line hits. This way we are ready to begin construction in the spring of 2002. Of course, we are following applicable local and state regulations since the land is not in trust. I make it sound simple and orderly, but we have worked very hard under challenging circumstances to get to this point. Eventually this project will be completed for the benefit of everyone and Tribal Council remains optimistic that we can hit these timelines.

If the architectural and site pictures are not enough, I recommend that you get down there and see the site. It's very impressive. This a construction site with heavy equipment speeding around and we need to have a safe and secure environment. Unfortunately,

this means no young children. The site is full of activity and it would be best to call in advance to schedule a tour.

Once you set your appointment and you're at the site, signs will direct you to a small house. Please check in, get a hard hat issued and don't forget to bring your boots. We'll try and schedule the tour groups together and I'll make myself available with our site professionals. Please call Mr. Cayedito at 616-469-9140 to schedule an appointment. Please remember to schedule a time and "check in" prior to going onto the site.

Directions to the Casino site: Follow I-94 to Exit 4 (US 12). Head east on US 12 to Hoder Road, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of mile and turn south on Hoder Road. Follow Hoder Road to Maudlin Road. Turn west (right) on Maudlin Road to the Casino site. The Casino site is approximately 1 mile down on the south side of the road.



On another front, we have also acquired 5000+ acres between New Buffalo, Hartford, Dowagiac, MI and North Liberty, Indiana. Each site other than New Buffalo has approximately 1200-1500 acres. Currently, we are in the stages of master planning so we can start constructing permanent Housing, Administration Facilities, Health services, Educational services, Commodities, Etc....

Actually, the Tribal Council office is now at a property we own in Dowagiac called Rodgers Lake. We have beautiful lake frontage with some outbuildings on this particular site. We selected two of the buildings within walking distance to the lake to renovate as offices for the Tribal Council and Administration.

The Administration offices will be relocated to Rogers Lake in late October. In addition to the photographs of our offices, we have attached photographs of some architectural renderings of our Tribal Complex. Tribal Council is still gathering data and discussing the overall approach to this project, but we hope to begin constructing this fa-

cility at the Rogers Lake property next year.

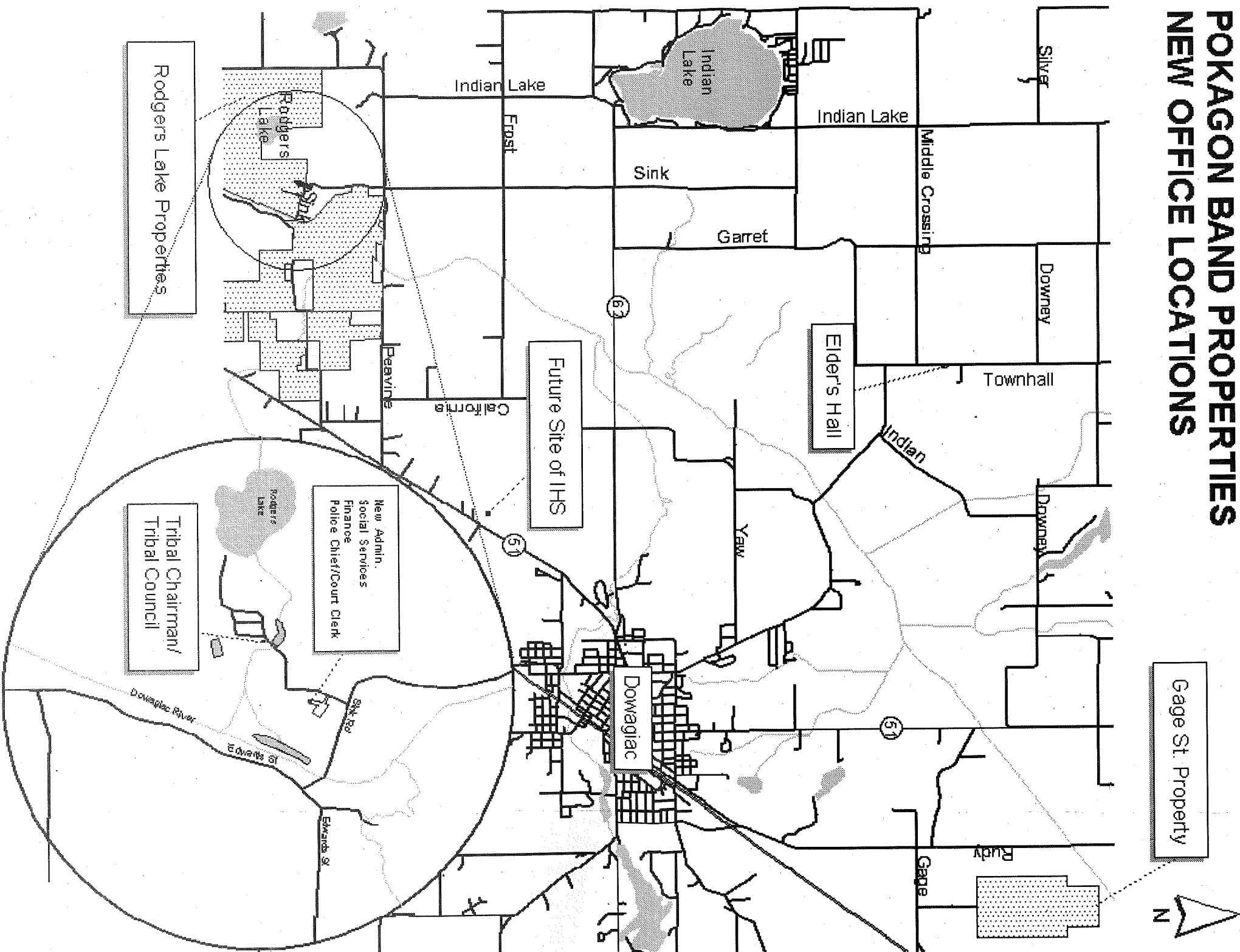
We have submitted the fee to trust application to the BIA for the consolidation sites of Hartford, Dowagiac and North liberty. The main thing is we have submitted for trust on these sites and are monitoring the process simultaneously with the New Buffalo application. Soon, we'll have some homelands we can really call sovereign but the Rodgers Lakes property is something we can currently take pride in. Lately things have really been moving with our trust applications, master planning and pre-site construction.

I thank everyone for their patience and perseverance for all of our efforts. Please stop by and we'll show everyone the new offices. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

*Sincerely,
John Miller
Tribal Chairman*



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Dear Fellow Tribal Members,

Hi! My Name is Jamie "jammer" Goss. I am twelve years old and I live in Indianapolis, Indiana. I am the daughter of Phillip and Karen Goss and the Granddaughter of Joyce (Wesaw) Green. I have a sister Amy who is seventeen and a brother Shano' who is eleven.

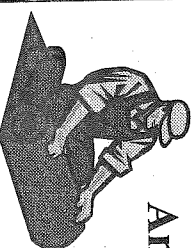
Recently, I have been selected as a member of the Indy Diamond Chix, a girl's fast pitch softball team. We started practice this fall and will continue throughout the winter. I attend instructional fast pitch lessons every day. My goal and dream is to someday become an Olympic caliber pitcher. To achieve this goal I must travel and train year round. In order for me to participate I must raise over \$800.00 to cover expenses such as: tournament fees, uniforms, equipment, insurance and also the World Series!

It is important that I raise this money by February 2002. If not in by this date, I will not be able to participate. Any donations are appreciated and accepted, and any extra donations will go toward a fund for traveling expenses. Thanks for all of your help!

Sincerely-
Jamie Goss

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November 2001 - Elder's Hall Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Elders Council Business Meeting & Luncheon 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	2 Gerobics 10-11:00 a.m.	3 BASKET CO-OP 12:00 p.m.-5:00p.m.
4	5 Gerobics 10-11:00 a.m.	6	7 Gerobics 10-11:00 a.m. Healthy Cooking Class 11:30-1:30 p.m.	8	9 Gerobics 10-11:00 a.m.	10 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00 a.m.
11	12 VETERANS DAY (OBSERVED) OFFICES CLOSED	13	14 Gerobics 10-11:00 a.m. Healthy Cooking Class 11:30-1:30 p.m.	15 Elders Social Luncheon 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	16 Gerobics 10-11:00 a.m.	17 BASKET CO-OP 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
18	19 Gerobics 10-11:00 a.m.	20	21 Gerobics 10-11:00 a.m. Healthy Cooking Class 11:30-1:30 p.m.	22 THANKSGIVING OFFICES CLOSED	23 OFFICES CLOSED	24 BASKET CO-OP 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
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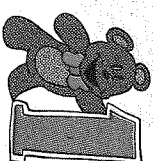
Thursday, November 29 - Little Theatre, Moreau Center, Saint Mary's College - 6pm to 7pm
Dallas Chief Eagle and Jasmine Pickner will hoop dance. Families are welcome for this community event.
For more information contact Marie Willis at (219) 284-4861.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SANTIAGO RAMOS 11/15
 LOVE, YOUR FAMILY

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy 1st Birthday Scotty!
 (our little blob-a-drool)



November 14th

We love and miss you with all our hearts and think of you every day. We miss seeing your smile every morning, hearing your laugh everyday and watching you grow.

You will always be our "little Beebers."

Love Always -

Aunt Kim, Uncle Fred, Brittainy, Corey, and all of your Wheelley Family.

HAPPY 7TH BIRTHDAY

JOSHUA WAYNE MCCLOTH



11/08

We Love YOU -
 Mom (Pam) and Aunt Josie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

KEISHA WOODARD 11/5

MEGAN HEFFINGTON 11/12

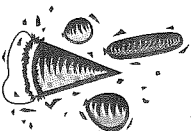
MICHAELA WOODARD 11/28

Love - Grandma

Happy Birthday Ger

11/12

Love - Carol



Happy 23rd 11/24 Holly Drake!!

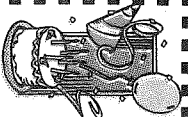
Happy Birthday
Jeffrey Lynne

The sand paper didn't work, eh? HA!
 Love ya! Cousin Gin

Happy Belated 9th Birthday

Skylar Herman

Love - Mom, Dad, and Jessica



Congratulations Jamie "Jammer" Goss!
On making the "A" traveling softball team. The first step in achieving your goal to be an Olympic Pitcher. We are all proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Amy, Shano, Aunt Rusty,
 Aunt Peggy and Grandma
 (Plus all of your Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.)

Go for the Gold!



Congratulations!

Jessica & Skylar Herman

On winning the 2001 Apple Festival Lip Sync Contest. The girls donated their \$200 prize to the American Red Cross September 11th Fund.



Happy Birthday
Taylor Falk

Love Always - Aunt Kim, Uncle Fred, Brittainy and Corey

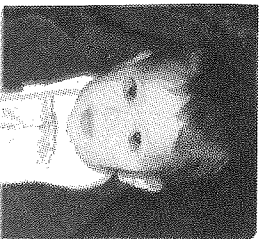
Happy Belated Birthday

Raymond W Morseau III



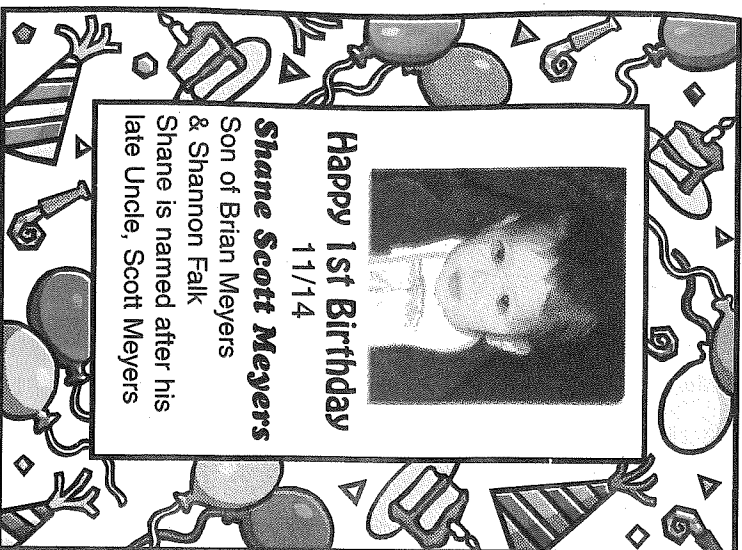
37 on 10/10, from your
 Hawaiian Fiance
 and our Mother, Bette Jean

Happy 1st Birthday
11/14



Shane Scott Meyers

Son of Brian Meyers
 & Shannon Falk
 Shane is named after his
 late Uncle, Scott Meyers

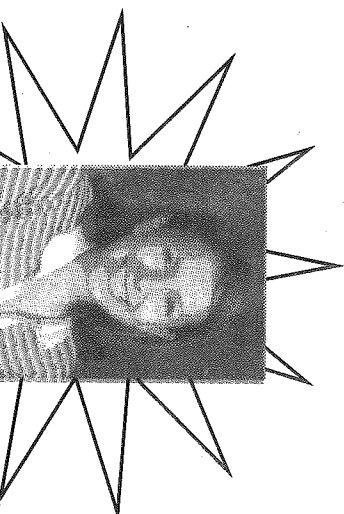


Happy 15th Birthday

Taylor Whitney Falk 11/17

We love you!

Mom, Grandma, Brian
 and your little brother Shane



Happy 37th

Mary Lois Swisher 11/02

Love Always -

William Swisher, Jr.



Happy Belated Birthday

"Big Guy"

Love - Mom, Dad,
 Shelby and Hillary

Happy Birthday

"Dahf"

November 3rd

Love you - Bobby, Rhian,
 Casey, Audi,
 Loni and Joey Lynne

Happy Birthday!

Marie & Marchell

Love -



Happy Birthday!

11/12/01

Gerry Lewis

Love, your family

