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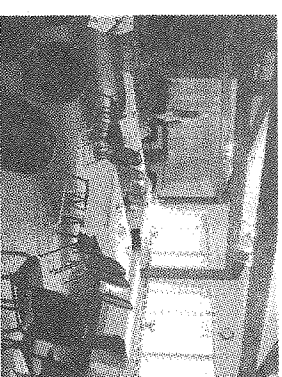
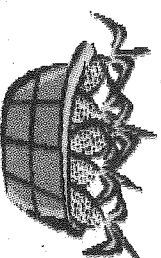
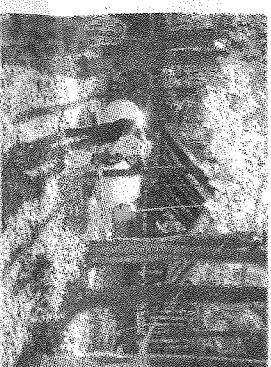
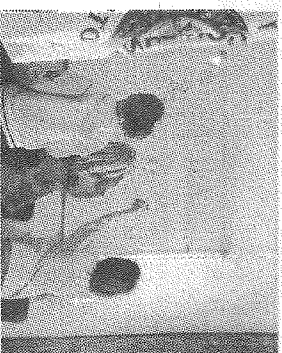
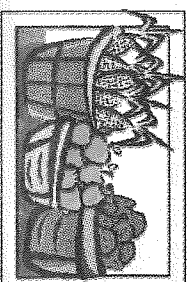
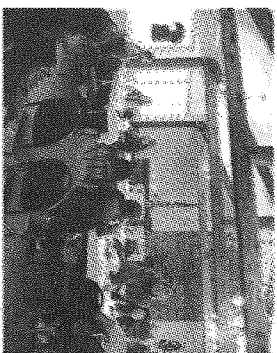
Fall Feast 2002

This years Fall Feast focused on giving thanks to the Creator for this seasons bounty. Beginning with the skote (fire), which was tended by Greg Winchester and Robbie Winchester. Teachings were shared about this important part of the ceremony. Many prayers of thanks were sent up for all the gifts of the season by our Powagon (pipe) carrier, Clarence White. The Dewegin (drum) Big Star honored us with songs. Our relatives from Prairie Band provided Pkocskuke" (buffalo) Suksi (deer) and Pna' (turkey). The youth group played a big part in the feast this year by providing a pumpkin piñata for the young ones and pumpkins for all. Most importantly, they carried on the tradition of serving the elders. Maintenance provided the tent outdoors and the tables and chairs, and we are grateful to them for a job well done. We had a wonderful feast, which included almost all of the traditional foods on our wish list as well as many other dishes. The Pokagon Band Education Department would like to thank everyone involved, from the beginning to end in the activities for the day. Participants learned about some traditional foods such as the black walnuts that were gathered just for the event, thanks to Mark Parrish and Gary Morseau for their help in foraging around Rodgers Lake properties. We look forward to your participation in next years Spring Feast; if you are interested in participating, please contact the Pokagon Band Education Department. (269) 782-0887 or toll free 1 (888) 330-1234.



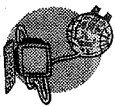
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"POKAGON BAND TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES"

The Pokagon Potawatomi are employing Tribal Members on a temporary "as needed" basis. This includes the South Bend office Tribal Members meeting minimum qualifications of the desired position and requirements of the Band may apply for the "temporary pool" of employment. Minimum qualifications include a High School Diploma or G.E.D., a safe driving record for the past five years. Membership completing application, participating in a general interview, meeting needs of required background check and references, will be asked to participate in the "temporary pool". Rate of pay is \$8.50 per hour. Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

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

Interested Tribal Members send resume and cover letter stating interest as a "Temporary", 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

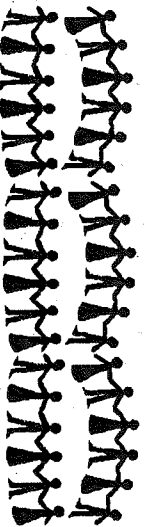
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Or email to: jobs@pokagon.com

MILLION NATIVE AMERICAN MARCH

Attention all Pokagon Band members, lets get as many people as possible together to attend this rally! The Pokagon Band Education is willing to provide some transportation for this event.

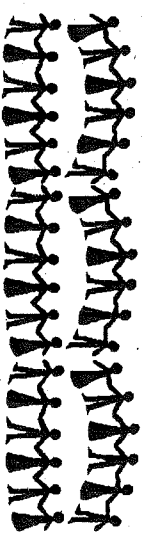
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Million Native American March

June 27, 2003

Washington, DC.



It's time to take a stand! The Native American community is calling on all first Indigenous nations to support the Million Native American March, set for June 27, Washington, DC. The wind of change is in the air for Native Americans, the need to take a united stand is once again upon us.

After decades of asking our states and federal government to work with our nations to bring about much needed change for the Native American community, we have to stand before them as one, to bring it about.

The issues at hand are ones that should have been taken care of years ago. First nations sovereignty, Indian trust fund, honoring treaties, health care, education, land issues conduct business freely, the list goes on and on.

It's past time for the Native American nations to take a stand and deal with our issues with the federal and state government. Time to set the record straight. America is all about the Native Americans, it's time for our schools to teach true history as to the crucial role our ancestors played in bringing about the freest country in the world, this includes blueprint of our state and federal government we live under today.

The news flash here is, "the Indians are off the reservation." No more little Big Horn's, no more Wounded Knees or Sand creek massacres. This time we are marching to the front door of the federal government to demand action on our issues. Native Americans have supported America from the beginning, they have been back stabbed all the way made out to be the bad guy's, kept out of site and mind as to the formation of America, they have as a race endured the worlds longest and most costly holocaust in human on mother earth.

Today, the Native American community stands in support of America, we have issues that need to be taken care of now! The first Americans stand with all Americans to make the American dream a reality for all Americans. The time of exclusion in our society is over, the days of containment are over, time to stop teaching Columbus is a hero to our nations children, time to admit how America came about is at hand.

Our ancestors had the back bone to stand up for us, now it's our turn to stand up for future generations. Native Americans are citizens of their nations and citizens of America, this will never change, we all stand together as one in defending our home land from within and world wide.

For first American nations defending our rights began with the landing of Columbus and continues today. Your support of the Million Native American March is welcome, it's all about Native American issues, all that support Native American government sovereignty and America are welcome to show that support by marching with the first Americans June 27, 2003, Washington, DC.

Website information on march:

THE DRUM: MILLION NATIVES MARCH

<http://groups.msn.com/THEDRUM/>

[millionnativesmarch.msnw](http://millionnativesmarch.msnw.com)

The wind of change moves toward Washington DC

<http://www.sovrun.org>

Walk For The Wall

<http://www.warriorwalk.com/>



EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS

Pokagon Band Christmas



You are invited to attend the children's Christmas Party. This party will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2002 from 1:30 - 3:30 and the Tuttal Lodge, 58620 Sisk Road, Dowagiac, MI.

Come and enjoy refreshments, play games, and talk with Santa! / / / / /

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Education Department

782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

LAST READING CLASS BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS!!

November 16, 2002
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Dowagiac Education Office

Youngsters bring your Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles. Pick up materials to start new projects or finish up existing ones.

Linda Yazel will be here with great ideas for Holiday gifts and decorations.

- Why not decorate an Anishnabe tree!
- Stocking Stuffers!
- Beaded surprises for special friends!

Join us for hot cider, holiday goodies and light refreshments.

Language Committee Update

The Language Committee met Tuesday evening, October 16, 2002, at the Education Department.

We are aware that language preservation is at the top of the list of priorities for the membership. Therefore we are planning a nature and language walk on one of the Pokagon Band properties. This plan is twofold in that it will identify native plants and identify them in nishnabemoin(our language.).

If you are interested in participating in the nature/language walk, please call the Pokagon Band Education Department for further information.

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PROJECTS IN THE WORKS



Look for more information regarding these activities in the coming months



Book Club

We will be suggesting a book for different age groups and hosting monthly talking circles regarding these books. School age children will have a reward system in place. We plan to begin with Pokagon or Potawatomi specific books.

Peer Tutoring

We are exploring the possibility of having peer tutoring as an opportunity to have older youth tutoring youth.

Pokagon Band Presenters Presentation

In order to find out whom among the band presents what, we will host a Pokagon Band members Presentation. Plans are to hold a one-day event where any Pokagon band member who has a talent to share with the band members or outside interested parties will be given the opportunity. We will then have a complete list to use as a reference for future presenting opportunities.

Adopt a Pokagon Band member

Loosely based on several other Native communities Adopt-an-Elder Program, we could adopt an elder or any other band member who may need some TLC.

Recipe Book

This will be a compilation of our own recipes, both traditional and contemporary.

If you are interested in becoming involved with any of these activities, please contact the Pokagon Band Education Department. 901 Spruce Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047 (269) 782-0887 or 1 (888) 333-1234

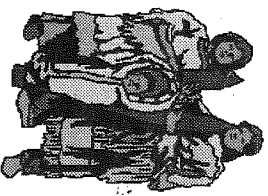
November Quote

From "Indian Sketches" by Cornelia Steketee Hulst - Longmans, Green and Co. Fourth Avenue and 30th Street, New York, London, Bombay, and Calcutta 1912

The living still gave honor to the dead, and twice every year, with solemn songs and spirit dances, the whole tribe met and held the "Feast of the Dead" when they shared with the departed the best food that the Great Spirit has given to man - the flesh of the buffalo and the pigeon. The last solemn service was held in the night, when great bonfires were lit, and all of the tribe, old and young, looking like spirits themselves as they moved in the dance from fire to fire of the camp, cast bits of the flesh of their feast into the flames while they chanted, "We are going about like spirits, feeding the dead." If their lands were sold and strangers came into possession, who would honor their dead?



Trail of Death in memory of our relatives



November 4, 2002 is the anniversary of the arrival of our relatives who were removed to Kansas from Indiana in 1838. The Fulton County Historical Society is planning another trip on the Trail in 2003. Many of our Pokagon elders went on the last trip they held. The Fulton County Historical Society hopes to further authenticate the reenactment of the Trail of Death by adding an additional six markers to the existing trail before the 2003 caravan. There are 68 Trail of Death historical markers currently in place. The caravan lasts for 6 days and all are welcome to participate one day or the entire trip

For more information please contact Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E375 N, Rochester, IN 46975 or call them at (219) 223-4436. Our thanks to Shirley Willard and to Fulton County Historical Society for allowing us to share this information with you. September's issue of Highlights for Children included an article written by Penny King Anderson, titled 'The Long March.'

*The removal of the Potawatomi Indians from northern Indiana to Kansas took place September to November 1838. Nearly 900 Indians were rounded up by soldiers and marched at gunpoint for 61 days. So many died on the way and were buried by the roadside that it is called the Trail of Death.
Total miles traveled 660
Total deaths 39*

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ORIGIN OF OUR TRIBAL FLOWER THE TRAILING ARBUTUS

Taken from:
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Electronic Text Center, University of Virginia Library



Many, many moons ago, there lived an old man alone in his lodge beside a stream in the thick woods. He was heavily clad in furs; for it was winter, and all the world was covered with snow and ice. The winds swept through the woods; searching every bush and tree for birds to chill, and chasing evil spirits over high hills, through tangled swamps, and valley's deep. The old man went about, and peered vainly in the deep snow for pieces of wood to sustain the fire in his lodge. Sitting down by the last dying embers, he cried to Kigi Manito Maw-kwi (the God of Heaven) that he might not perish. The winds howled, and blew aside the door of his lodge, when in came a most beautiful maiden. Her cheeks were like red roses; her eyes were large, and glowed like the fawn's in the moonlight; her hair was long black as the raven's plumes, and touched the ground as she walked; her hands were covered with willow-buds; on her head were wreaths of wild flowers; her clothing was sweet grass and ferns; her moccasins were fair white lilies; and, when she breathed, the air of the lodge became warm and fragrant. The old man said, "My daughter, I am indeed glad to see you. My lodge is cold and cheerless; yet it will shield you from the tempest. But tell me who you are, that you should come to my lodge in such strange clothing. Come, sit down here, and tell me of thy country and thy victories, and I will tell thee of my exploits. " For I am Manito." He then filled two pipes with tobacco, that they might smoke together as they talked. When the smoke had warmed the old man's tongue, again he said, "I am Manito. I blow my breath, and the lakes and streams become flint." The maiden answered, "I breathe, and flowers spring up on all the plains." The old man replied, "I breathe, and the snow covers all the earth." "I shake my tresses," returned the maiden, "and warm rains fall from the clouds." "When I walk about," answered the old man, "leaves wither and fall from the trees. At my command the animals hide themselves in the ground, and the fowls forsake the waters and fly away. Again I say, "I am Manito." The maiden made answer: "When I walk about, the plants lift up their heads, and the naked trees robe themselves in living green; the birds come back; and all who see me sing for joy. Music is everywhere." As they talked the air became warmer and more fragrant in the lodge; and the old man's head drooped upon his breast, and he slept. Then the sun came back, and the bluebirds came to the top of the lodge and sang, "We are thirsty. We are thirsty." And Sebin (the river) replied, "I am free. Come, come and drink." And while the old man was sleeping, the maiden passed her hand over his head; and he began to grow small. Streams of water poured out of his mouth; very soon he became a small mass upon the ground; and his clothing turned to withered leaves.

Then the maiden kneeled upon the ground, took from her bosom the most precious pink and white flowers, and, hiding them under the faded leaves, and breathing upon them, said: "I give you all my virtues, and all the sweetness of my breath; and all who would pick thee shall do so on bended knees."

Then the maiden moved away through the woods and over the plains; all the birds sang to her, and wherever she stepped, and nowhere else, grows our tribal flower — the trailing arbutus.

The trailing arbutus (*Epigaea repens*) is a small, prostrate plant. This plant rarely produces fruit, ants disperse its seeds. It requires a certain type of fungus to grow with its root system or it will not establish and it is virtually impossible to transplant. The species is thought to be a relict from the time of the glaciers. Once the trailing arbutus is gone from an area, it is likely gone forever.

The plant is best observed on steep south or west-facing slopes where soils are thin and leaf litter does not bury the plant. Unfortunately, it is absent from most habitats where it could occur. An uncommon species, the trailing arbutus has become even more rare as human activities have altered its habitat.

It is also the official flower of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The Moore's Creek site of the Indiana University Research and Teaching Preserve supports a remnant population of trailing arbutus. Mid-April is an ideal time to observe this interesting and rare plant in flower. For more information, contact the Preserve Office, preserve@indiana.edu



ELDERS PROGRAM

MINUTES

ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2002 - 11:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Marge Moody at 11:12 A.M.

Invocation given by Clarence White.

Roll Call Present: Marge Moody, Clarence White, Mary Jo Morris, Rachel (Rae) Daugherty, Victor Starrett

Also Present: Yvonne Boehm, Becky Price, Jill Lund, Candi Wesaw
Attendance: 24 Elders

Additions to agenda: Candi Wesaw, Clarence White

Clarence White moved to approve the agenda of October 3, 2002.

Seconded by Victor Starrett. All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Clarence White moved to approve the minutes of August 1, 2002.

Seconded by Rachael Daugherty. All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Becky Price, RN gave us an update on a lead program, a walk program and the Men's Health Fair, being held November 2, 2002. Becky introduced Jill Lund, our new dietitian. Becky also informed us that Kay Tansey, Nurse Practitioner is in the IHS office now, if you don't have a doctor.

Candi Wesaw, our new Cultural Associate, informed us of the Harvest Feast being held October 13, 2002, from 12-6 p.m. at Rodgers Lake. If we have anything culturally that we would like to see going on, give Candi a call.

Resolution #02-017, dated August 26, 2002, made by Mary Jo Morris.

Seconded by Clarence White. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band Elders Council shall donate \$200.00 for meat purchased for the Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow, August 31 - September 1, 2002. Cost to come out of the Elders General Fund. All In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution #02-018, dated August 26, 2002, made by Mary Jo Morris. Seconded by Clarence White. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band Elders Council approves travel for Marge Moody, Rachel Daugherty and Henry White to attend the National Indian Council on Aging 2002 Conference, September 3-7, 2002, in Albuquerque, N. M. September 3rd and 7th are travel days. All expenses to be paid out of the Elders General Fund. Any days not attending meetings; lodging and per-diem needs to be returned. NICOA membership fees to be paid; also car rental. Trip reports due upon return. All In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution #02-019, dated September 11, 2002, made by Clarence White. Seconded by Rachael Daugherty. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band Elders Council approves the Elders Council Budget ending September 30, 2003 being presented to Tribal Council for approval. All In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution #02-020, dated October 1, 2002, made by Rachael Daugherty. Seconded by Clarence White. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band Elders Council approves a reimbursement of \$50.83 to Yvonne Boehm for the plaque purchased from Premier Promotions Twin City Engraving, St. Joseph, MI for

Sister Monica. Cost to be paid out of the Elders General Fund. All In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED
Resolution #02-021, dated October 1, 2002, made by Rachael Daugherty. Seconded by Clarence White. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band Elders Council approves travel for Yvonne Boehm with the Pokagon Band Elders going to the Little River Band Casino in Manistee, MI, October 2, 2002. Cost to be paid out of the Elders General Fund. All In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution #02-022, dated October 1, 2002, made by Clarence White. Seconded by Mary Jo Morris. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band Elders Council approves the cost of \$21.37 for ten (10) certificates of appreciation from Preferred Printing, Dowagiac, MI. Check made out to Rob Willis. Cost to be paid from the Elders General Fund. All In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution #02-023, dated October 1, 2002, made by Clarence White. Seconded by Mary Jo Morris. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band Elders Council approves the total cost of \$982.08 for replacing the two bathroom floor tiles in Elders Hall by Gary Heuser. Cost to be paid out of the Elders General Fund and reimbursed from the Title VI Grant. All In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution #02-024, dated October 3, 2002, made by Marge Moody. Seconded by Clarence White. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council send Delegate, Bonnie Parrish; Delegate, Joe Winchester; Alternate, Evelyn Miller; MIEA Committee Chair, Gerald Wesaw; MIEA Committee Secretary, Marge Moody; and MIEA Committee members Clarence White, John Wesaw, Jr., and Rachael Daugherty; to the Annual MIEA Conference to be held at Sault Ste. Marie, MI on October 14th - 17th, 2002. Elder members to attend are Ann Zimmerman, Patricia Klemm, Jackie Generaux, Mary Jo Morris, Rose Mangus, Victor Starrett, Louis Wesaw, Loretta Yount, and Harold Wiggins. All expenses to be paid out of the Elders General Fund, plus a GSA vehicle and Yvonne (Petey) Boehm as transporter. Any days not in attendance, lodging and per-diem needs to be returned. Trip reports due upon return. All In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Announcements:

No Social Luncheon on October 17, 2002 because of MIEA Conference.
Officer Open Meeting on November 4, 2002 at Elders Hall, 10:00 a.m.
Elders Council Business Meeting on November 7, 2002 at Elders Hall, 11:00 a.m.

MIEA Committee Meeting on March 2003.

Marge Moody moved to adjourn at 12:08 p.m. Seconded by Clarence White.

After the meeting an election was held for two (2) MIEA Delegates and one (1) MIEA Alternate. Elected Delegates are Marge Moody and Evelyn Miller. The elected Alternate is Henry White.

Mary Jo Morris, Elders Council Secretary, October 8, 2002



ELDER OF THE MONTH BETTY (KLEMM) SCHNEIDER ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN



Betty Jane (Klemm) Schneider was born December 19, 1922 to Emil (Butch) and Bernice (Bonnie) Klemm in St. Joseph, Michigan. Betty has five sisters and four brothers.

Betty is very musically inclined and talented. She can play the piano and also has a very beautiful singing voice. Locally she sang in many choirs and for different functions. She was the vocalist for Chic Bell at the House of David on many occasions. In the early 1940's, she won the Chicago Land Music Festival Lyric Soprano contest. She remained living in Chicago, again singing in several choral groups and choirs. While in Chicago she sang on radio station WEN for Colonel John R. McCormick.

She left Chicago to live in New York City in the late 1940's. At one time she auditioned for the Arthur Godfrey Talent Show. After working at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church for several years, she moved on to Fort Yukon in Alaska to become a missionary. It was while she was in the west she married and became the mother to three children, Joanne Spica and Richard Klemm, both of St. Joseph, and John Schneider of Stevensville. She has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Betty has been a very active member of St. Augustine's Church in Benton Harbor, involved in the choir and various women's groups. Before retiring, she worked at Lake Michigan College and Peoples Savings Bank as an accountant. She now enjoys being active in the Pokagon Band Elders community attending geriatrics, and Elders meetings.

IF YOU'RE DISABLED, YOU NEED TO FILE NOW By: John Coupe, District Manager

If you've become disabled and think you might be eligible for Social Security disability benefits, here's an important announcement. Apply as soon as you can. When you do, you'll need proof of your age, and the names and addresses of doctors, hospitals and clinics where you have been treated. You'll also need a summary of your past employment and a copy of your most recent W-2 wage and tax statement. If other family members will be getting benefits on your Social Security record, you'll need your marriage certificate and their Social Security numbers, as well as proof of age for each person. It is so easy to file. All you need to do is call the toll free number at 1-800-772-1213 and you can do the entire interview right over the phone. If you are unable to conduct the interview, someone in your family may be able to do it for you as long as you give us verbal permission to do so. Apply as soon as you can... even if you don't have all of the information you'll need. We can help you get it, and help make sure that your checks will begin as soon as you're eligible to receive them.

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.

In Loving Memory of Martin Joseph Wesaw, Sr.

"Seventy is the sum of our years, or eighty, if we are strong, and most of them are fruitless toil, for they pass quickly and we drift away" (Ps 90:10).

Daddy,

It has been a year this month since you've been gone and I miss you. You died peacefully on my birthday. The day will never be the same again, but in a bittersweet way it seems like life has come full circle for me. Mom told me how much happiness you both shared when I came along... you really hoped it would be Sonny but got me instead... (smile), so I got part of your middle name... (Joseph). Mom also told me that you adored your children and always thanked her when someone new came along. That sounds so like you... kind, gentle and humble and respectful. Thank you Daddy.

Did I tell you how much I loved you? More then words can express. I loved the way you made me laugh, what a wit you had. I loved it when you invited me for breakfast after you moved back to Hartford and when I got there you had your best china out and the table all set. Or how when you were weak and frail from your first surgery to relieve the pressure from fluids on your brain and I couldn't get up from the couch, because of my arthritic knees, you stood up and offered me your hand. You were such a gentleman. I loved how you were always decent and good-natured. I saw the good times and the hard times but through it all one thing never changed... you always loved us and we knew it. How blessed we are to have you as our Papa.

Physically you have faded away but your powerful legacy will remain in the many hearts that hold you dear. You were strong, you were our hero, I knew you were Santa Clause, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy. I'll never get over you having to leave, and the hole left in my life, but I promise you this Daddy I'm going to go on and live a full and joy filled life because I've had the best of all possible worlds. I know you and Mom are watching and I don't want to do anything to shake your belief that we are the most beautiful and gifted children in the world because we are yours. Every parent must feel this way and all children should be so fortunate. I have nothing to complain about... except that seventy or eighty seems like an eternity to me to wait to see you again. Until then, I'll be seeing you in my dreams. I love you.

Jo

Tribal Citizens,

Some of you have expressed an interest in purchasing a smaller version of our Tribal flag for personal use. I have obtained information on a smaller version as follows:

Flags: 2' tall x 3' long-\$39.50 each (price based on qty. of 200)

Banners: 2' wide x 3' long-\$44.50 each (price based on qty. of 200)

As you can see, these flags are not cheap. In order to maintain these prices, the quantities ordered would have to meet or exceed 200 of either, but not a mix of both. Those who are interested are asked to send a written statement of interest to justify ordering. Please submit the statement before November 15, 2002. Send all statements to:

Tribal Operations Officer
P.O. Box 180
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047



Thank you for your interest and attention to this matter.

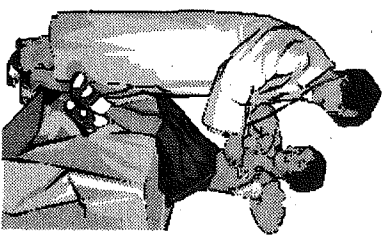
Sincerely,
Michael L. Zimmerman Sr.
Tribal Operations Officer



POKAGON SERVICES

NEW Service **Primary Care Services**

Starting November 5, 2002 Clinical Care services program is opening at Pokagon Potawatomi Health Department.



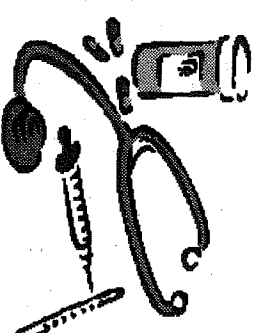
Care provider: Kay Tansey, FNP.

Office hours are:

Tuesday 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Wednesday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.



Kay is a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) with over ten years of professional practice. As an FNP, Kay is licensed to perform physical examinations, diagnose and write prescriptions, treatment plans and referrals for specialty care.

This is free care for clients who live both inside and outside the boundaries of the service delivery area.

You can schedule an appointment by calling 1(888) 440-1234 or 1 (269) 782-4141, speak to Kay or a scheduler.

Flu Shots



In the interest of community and public health we offer **flu shots** free-of-charge to Band members and members of their households and, as a direct service, to other American Indians and Alaska Natives on request.

Kay Tansey, FNP, will start giving flu shots on November 5, 2002. Last year more than 190 people received their flu shots through the Band's Health program.

Kay intends to follow a priority guide. Elders, people with Diabetes, and people who have been cautioned to avoid getting the flu will receive their shots first. Call Kay or Becky Price for more information at (269) 782-4141 or toll free at (888) 440-1234.



Recipe of the Month

ALL COMMODITIES STEW

- 1 can (29 oz) Commodity meat of choice, drained and fat removed*
- 1 can potatoes (about 16 oz) drained and chopped
- 1 can carrots (about 16 oz) drained and sliced
- 1 can whole kernel corn (about 16 oz) drained
- 1 can green beans (about 16oz) drained
- 2 cans tomatoes (about 16 oz) with juice
- 1-2 cups water
- garlic or onion to taste (optional)*

1. Place all ingredients in a large pan
2. Bring to a boil, stir, then lower heat. Simmer 10 minutes.

Variation: Other vegetables may be added or used in place of the vegetables listed.

Source: USDA, Food and Nutrition service, Quick & Easy Commodity Recipes, PA-1449

Makes 8 (1cup) servings

Nutrients per serving:

Calories	301
Total fat	8.7 g
Saturated fat	3.1 g
Cholesterol	66 mg
Sodium	1,318 mg
Carbohydrate	33.7 g
Dietary fiber	4.8 g
Protein	25.9 g

*Nutrient analysis was calculated with canned beef. Optional ingredients were not included.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indian Health Services Lead Testing Program

To Schedule an Appointment:
Phone: 616-782-4141
Anna Marlen, ext. 36
Toll Free: 888-440-1234

- Did you know that:
- Native American children are more likely than other ethnic groups to have exposure to lead.
 - Elevated lead can be found in the soil, ingestion of paint chips or dust, and that it is a water-occurring metal.
 - Up to 1976 lead was an additive to oil, gas, gasoline, & paint.
 - Tobacco can be exposed to lead by breathing, eating or drinking and lead-containing products like ketchup or espresso.
 - Smoking risk factor for children's exposure to lead is higher in older homes, especially in 1976.
 - Children are more vulnerable and become toxic, much easier than adults due to the fact that they grow rapidly and are more likely to put things in their mouth.
 - Lead poisoning in children continues to be a major, preventable environmental health problem.
 - Lead poisoning, caused by elevated levels of lead in the blood can cause permanent brain damage resulting in learning disabilities, cognitive delay, or motor delay.
 - High levels can lead to seizures, unconsciousness and even death.
- WHAT CAN BE DONE?**
Pokagon IHS is sponsoring a **LEAD Screening for All Native American children from 0-6 yrs of age.** This is a simple screening, done by a finger stick method.
- There will be separate presents for Men and each child that participates.

Two Dates and Areas

Palmyra Health Band Office November 7, 2008 12pm-6pm
Palmyra Emergency Office November 9, 2008 9 am- 6 pm

Destination HEART HEALTHY EATING



The road to heart health is paved with adventure, excitement, and risks. Mapping your own healthy eating plan will help direct you to your heart health goal. Your trip will take planning, commitment and maybe even a few rest stops, but it does not have to be a difficult journey. Small changes along the way will bring you closer to your destination...heart healthy living.

The American Heart Association healthy eating plan is based on the latest advice of medical and nutritional experts. By following this plan, you can reduce three of the major risk factors for heart disease- high blood cholesterol, excess body weight and high blood pressure. The American Heart Association recommends that you:

- Choose a diet low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol
- Select plenty of whole grain foods, fruits and vegetables
- Eat at least 2 servings of fish per week
- Balance the number of calories you eat with the number you use each day; if you are overweight eat fewer calories than you use each day
- Limit intakes of salt and alcohol

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(1-866-434-8548)

We'll send you the tools - free!

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You'll find healthy tips for:

- Grocery shopping
- Eating out
- Packing the kids' lunches
- Developing an exercise program
- Fixing a quick snack
- Cooking with healthy ingredients

The kit also includes:

- A 24-page healthy recipe booklet
- Discount coupon for sporting goods equipment
- Food Pyramids for kids and adults

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HEALTH / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OFFICE

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DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
269-782-4141
888-440-1234

To report a Doctor or Dentist appointment: Press (0) for operator

Nurses:	Becky Price	24
	Cindy Rapp	22
	Joy Duff	33
	Kay Tansey	38
Billing / Prescriptions:	Sharon Winters / A - M	27
	John Anderson / N - Z	34
Patient Registration:	Patty Pelto	23
Medical Social Services:	Theresa Kullik	37
Transporters:	Greg Alan Karen	36
Medical Records:	Anna Marlen	26
Administrative Assistant:	Pat Waitles	29
Behavioral Health:	Stephanie Ballaw	35
	Mary Foley	30
	Daisy Casasnovas	25



DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**MICHAEL L. ZIMMERMANN SR., TRIBAL OPERATIONS
OFFICER**

(616) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777

OVERVIEW:

Please note that the format for the departmental reports has changed. This is not the finalized version and will, most likely, go through many changes before reaching that stage. The philosophy is to combine all of the reports into one flowing document. The content of the reports will be as brief as possible and to the point. Phone numbers have been provided for contacts in each department. All questions concerning programs or information provided in this report should be directed to the respective department contacts.

KEVIN DAUGHERTY, RESOURCE DEVELOPER
(616) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777

TRIBAL COMPLEX PROJECT:

The application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development Service (RDS) for funding to build the Tribal Complex at Rodgers Lake is being finalized. New drawings for the proposed Complex were prepared by Allegretti Architects and presented to Council last month. The revised plans are of a more modest design that is closer in cost to the \$3,000,000 that RDS has indicated we are likely to receive in funding.

The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has thrown a last-minute curve into the application process. An assessment of the historic and archaeological resources at the proposed building site is required for the application. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) performed an archaeological survey of the site last spring, and no artifacts or archaeological sites were found at the proposed building site. The BIA Archaeologists provided a summary of this survey to RDS and to the SHPO. Contact between the BIA, RDS and the SHPO had indicated that this information would satisfy the requirements of the loan application. The SHPO, however, has sent a letter dated 9/27/02 demanding more information from the BIA. Staff is working with the BIA and RDS to get this issue resolved with the SHPO.

The silver lining to this delay is that the Band will now be going after Fiscal Year 2003 funds for the Tribal Complex project, and we are now eligible for grant money as well as just the loan funding we were seeking with the earlier application. In particular, the Band has been ruled by the State of Michigan to qualify as a community of high unemployment, which makes us eligible to apply for the RDS Economic Impact Grant Program. Last year this program provided grants of approximately \$100,000 to help construct and enhance community centers.

Continued work with Education Director Kathy Deka and the Traditions/Repatriation Committee in completing the work under the Band's Historic Preservation grant from the National Park Service (NPS) is fruitful. Once the Band has a Historic Preservation Plan approved by the National Park Service, the Band will be recognized as a Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), and the Pokagon Band THPO will have the authority to

perform the SHPO duties on tribal land. This will allow the Band to avoid these types of bureaucratic delays at the hands of the States.

NON-GAMING LAND-IN-TRUST:

Environmental Coordinator Mark Parrish and I are working with Environmental Specialist Herb Nelson of the BIA in Minneapolis on finalizing the Environmental Assessment (the EA) and on the responses to the comments received on the EA for the land-in-trust application for Hartford and Dowagiac. Herb Nelson will need to perform another on-site contaminant survey this fall, since he performed his initial survey last year and the survey reports are only valid for a year.

The other portion needed to complete the EA is finalizing the report on the archaeological survey of the properties performed by the BIA Archaeologists. The Archaeologists are finalizing a draft report, which by law must be provided to the Michigan SHPO for a 30-day comment period. This report is more detailed and more formalized than the summary submitted with the application for the Tribal Complex, because the report covers more property than just the building site and because the effects of taking the land into trust are more far-reaching than just building the Complex. The behavior of the SHPO regarding the Tribal Complex application indicates that the comment period with the SHPO will have to be monitored closely to avoid similar delays.

Herb Nelson has indicated it is likely we can get the *Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)* on the Environmental Assessment as soon as it is finalized. The remaining significant portion of the trust land application is ensuring that the Band has clear title to the land. The Band is working with the law firm of Varnum, Riddering to resolve any issues identified by the BIA relating to the titles.

Once the EA is completed and the FONSI is issued, and any title issues have been resolved, the Secretary of the Interior is free to accept the land into trust. The Secretary must declare this intent, and there is another 30-day period before the decision takes effect.

SEMA:

An application was submitted on 9/27/02 to the Michigan Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) for their SEMA Grant Program. The SEMA Program is designed to promote quitting smoking among Native Americans. The Band requested \$5,000 for smoking cessation medications, including nicotine patches.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

I am continuing to look into proposals to aid our Behavioral Health program. The most promising program at this point is the Targeted Expansion Grant Program under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), for adding to our substance abuse programs. This program has recurring application deadlines in September and January.



MICHIGAN ARTS MINI GRANT:

I am working with the Education Department to develop a proposal for the Michigan Arts Mini Grant Program, which has recurring deadlines in July, October, and February. We had been preparing a proposal to bring in an instructor for a canoe-building project. Upon talking to Band members who worked on a similar project in the 1980s, however, we have enough knowledge within the Band to do this project without having to pay an outside instructor. We are now considering preparing a Mini Grant proposal for regalia-making for the youth.

BECKY FISHER, COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR
(616) 782-0160 or 1-800-658-9414

IHS Sanitation Project:

The Band is currently able to service all homes in the service area that require a replacement well or septic system. Effective January 1, 2003, this service will be restricted to homes that are new construction or have a substantial improvement, such as a bedroom or bathroom addition. From 10/1/01 to 9/30/02 we have served 20 households. We currently have 4 applications pending and I have sent out 2 applications awaiting their return. We will be working hard with IHS to serve as many existing homes as we can until the end of the year. The information about the program has been published in the newsletter and we will continue to run the advertisement in the newsletter through the end of the year. IHS feels that they will have enough funding to serve all the existing homes that apply during this period. Even though weather may not permit the actual construction/replacement of these systems in December, as long as the member has applied and been approved they will receive services.

Tribal Transportation Project:

The contract for the pre-engineering (administration, planning, survey, design, and right-of-way) of the Rodgers Lake road has been executed. The contract is for \$40,000 to plan and design the 0.5-mile of road. The engineering and design portion should not take very long since we have already had the architect look at the road layout when he developed the preliminary designs for the Administrative Complex.

In addition to the pre-engineering contract we have a second transportation contract with the BIA for Administrative Capacity Building (ACB). The intent of the ACB contract is to allow tribes funding for the planning that is necessary for the future development of reservation roads. Indian Reservation Roads has many facets and required methodical steps involved prior to building a road. This money allows us to work on each of the required steps. This project year we have been awarded \$38,238 to integrate our existing road inventory into our Geographic Information System (GIS), update the road inventory to include the roads in and around the New Buffalo property and assist with clearing and establishing a sub-base road leading to the casino.

Housing Improvement Program:

To date we do not have a waiting list. We are serving eligible members as they apply. We currently have one home that is receiving repairs and one other applicant in the pipeline. The applicant in the pipeline is eligible for the program however; due to the condition of the home it was necessary to have the home further inspected to determine if the home was standard or sub-standard. Under the HIP regulations when a

home is sub-standard only \$2,500 can be spent on the home for its improvements because it is not cost effective to renovate the dwelling because the dwelling should be replaced. In the near future, HIP and IHS Sanitation programs will be transferred to the Housing Department.

Compliance:

Just as an update to other programs: LIHEAP has sent out award however funding has not been appropriated by Congress at this time every year because the new fiscal year has started most federal funding has not been fully appropriated by Congress. LIHEAP was given some contingency dollars to begin the new fiscal year (\$5,846). And, as always we carry forward funds from the previous fiscal year for just this purpose so we are able to begin the program on October 1st with a little bit of funding. This is true with Child Care grant and USDA; we have award letters approving the program year but are waiting for funding to be appropriated.

Since the 2002 fiscal year has closed, over the next month I will be working with Directors and preparing for necessary close out reports. I will be conducting compliance reviews and prioritizing the reports that are due 30, 60 and 90 days after the end of the fiscal year making sure those reports are completed and submitted to the respective agencies.

ROBERT WILLIS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER
(616) 782-9602

Digital Video Projector

The digital video projector purchased by the tribal offices has been constant use. The projector has really improved the tribe's ability to communicate. I encourage any councilperson or employee interested in learning PowerPoint to give the IT department a call. PowerPoint is a very easy program to learn and use.

Tribal Government Presence on the World Wide Web

The tribe will be establishing a new website within the .GOV domain. More information about this will be posted when the domain name has been properly secured.

Tribal Wide-Area Network / High-Speed Internet Connectivity

The I.T. department made a few necessary changes to the tribal wide area network implementation plan. The changes will further improve service at our key offices. We anticipate that service will be operational by mid to late November.

Digital Forms

A central repository for digital forms will be created on the tribal wide area network. Digital forms can be completed neatly on the computer and printed. The benefits range from saving on paper resources to saving time looking for forms. The forms will be indexed through a web interface. The I.T. department is in the process of converting network documents to digital document format.

Potential Partnership Opportunity - Advanced Computer Dowagiac, MI.

Mr. Jansen is the owner of the local computer store in Dowagiac, MI. He would like to offer the Pokagon Band the opportunity to purchase a majority ownership in his business. He plans to request a meeting



Tribal Council soon to present his business proposal. The partnership could prove to be beneficial. The obvious benefits could be tribal discounts on computers and parts. This benefit could extend to tribal membership as well. Other benefits could also be opportunities for training and employment of tribal members.

**CHRISTINE DAUGHERTY, HEALTH DIRECTOR
(616) 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234**

Health Board:

The Health Board met subsequently to Tribal Council's approval of Health Board Ordinance changes. To align the Board's composition to meet the requirements of the Ordinance changes:

The Board unanimously agreed to recommend to Council that it appoint LARRY WHITE as Health Board Chairman. Health Board chose Alice Overly to be Secretary.

The Board chooses to function with its current 4 voting members: Larry White, Alice Overly and Marie Willis. The Ordinance sets the number of voting members at 3 to 5. One of these members may be a Council member. The Health Director participates with the Board in a non-voting capacity. The Health Department Administrative Assistant, Pat Wattles, is the Recording Secretary. She attends the meetings to carry out these duties and does not vote.

Health Board members' terms are for two years and staggered. To accomplish this, Health Board recommends that Board members Gerald Wesaw and Alice Overly be appointed to serve terms that will end May 1, 2003. Further, the Board recommends that members Larry White and Marie Willis serve terms to end May 1, 2004.

Direct care:

Kay Tansy, FNP is preparing to start clinical services in our exam area November 5, 2002. She plans to open with a part-time schedule of 20 hours a week. Appointments will be scheduled on Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. She can perform physical examinations, treat and make diagnoses within her scope of training, write prescriptions and make referrals to specialty care.

The State of Michigan requires that Nurse Practitioners work under an MD's supervision. This supervision has been accomplished through a collaborative agreement with Dr. Taqi whose specialty is Internal Medicine. According to the agreement Dr. Taqi will be available to Kay for consultation and clinical supervision, will see our clients here once a month, and will provide chart review. Kay anticipates need for a Pediatric consultant. There is a new pediatrician coming to this area in the next few months. Kay will follow up on this.

Point-of-service pharmacy in development:

Kay is preparing a prescription formulary, or a list of prescription medications in standard dosages. She will use the formulary to set up a medicine closet from which she will be able to dispense medications. The advantages to this system are:

- Convenience to members. Clients can pick up prescriptions at the same time and place they are examined.
- Savings to Contract Health. The program can purchase pre-packaged meds out of direct care dollars at a lower cost than Pharmacies charge to CHS.
- Members and clients who are ineligible for CHS can receive pharmacy benefits.

5th Annual Men's Health Fair:

The Men's Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2002. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Pokagon Health Office 57392 M-51 South, Dowagiac, Michigan.

Exercise program, 10,000 steps to Better Health:

10,000 steps start November 1, 2002. The intent of the program is to develop and reinforce healthy exercise habits and reduce negative effects of sedentary lifestyles in our community. Sedentary lifestyle is major risk factor in Diabetes 2 and heart disease. Both diseases are significant contributing factors to deaths in our tribe. Also, regular exercise is beneficial in relieving depression, also a significant diagnosis among our tribal population. By offering community programs like this we hope to improve our community's health.

Adolescent Outpatient Program:

Stephanie Ballew announced that she is offering an adolescent outpatient counseling program on Monday nights.

Grand Rapids Urban Indian Health Clinic Feasibility Study:

Indian Health Services Headquarters East in Rockville, MD is funding a feasibility study for an urban Indian health clinic in Grand Rapids, Michigan. An urban IHS clinic in Kent County is controversial because, depending upon funding sources, it could negatively impact funding to local tribes.

Russ Vizina, retired Sault Ste. Marie Health Director, is the paid consultant for the study. He reported in a meeting this morning that his research reveals:

7,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives live in the Grand Rapids metropolitan area.
200 of these 7,000 are eligible for CHS.

No IHS Urban Indian Clinic dollars are appropriated for a Grand Rapids clinic.

Russ said his next step is to gather input from the community. He will write a survey and hold open meetings to gather potential client input into health needs and desired services in the Kent County area. The two stakeholder meetings are tentatively scheduled for one day, November 7, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The meeting place will be the Grand Rapids IHS office at 678 Front Street NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The phone numbers and people to contact in that office are Kelly Wesaw at (616) 456-2887 and John Seppanen at (616) 456-2888.

New employee, Public Health Nutritionist:

Registered Dietitian, Jill Lund, joined us last month. She has been a Renal Patient Nutritional consultant, worked with diabetics and has 15 years of professional experience. Jill will work in our Diabetes projects and will work with non-Diabetics as well. She has also worked in a WIC program and is particularly interested in pre-natal and maternal nutritional health. Welcome, Jill.

Year-end Contract Health Services expenditures report to be sent separately:

John Anderson, CHS Coordinator, has prepared an end-of-year CHS report.

**TROY CLAY, HOUSING DIRECTOR
(616) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777**

National American Indian Housing Council:

Sharol McDade, our Technical Assistant from the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), spent some time with the Housing Department and Tribal Council, providing training and assistance during the week of September 29.



Congress began funding the NAIHC some 20 years ago to provide technical assistance to tribal housing programs. They provide on-site and group training throughout the country.

Elder's Housing Project:

On September 29, 2002 Tribal Council approved continuation of planning for the Elder's Housing Project up to and including publishing a request for proposal (RFP) for the project. Once planning has matured enough to request proposals, we'll publish the RFP in our Tribal Newsletter as well as local newspapers.

Housing Needs Survey:

It's essential that we have a good understanding of our housing needs before we develop the goals, policies and procedures to meet those needs. A survey will be conducted in the future to capture this information. Please be sure to complete and return any surveys sent to you, as this information is very important to a successful housing plan.

Housing Policies and Procedures:

Work continues on housing program policies and procedures. These will be affected in large part by what we've learned from the past, and what our housing needs research tells us.

HUD Findings:

There were several HUD findings. However, the finding most laborious to resolve is that of finalizing the housing projects, which were underway when the previous housing program was discontinued. There is a temporary building inspector on board who has begun the inspection process required to finish those projects. Progress is being made as aggressively as possible, without compromising the quality of these projects.

KARRIE WICHTMAN, COURT CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR
(616) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777

Code Drafting:

A new proposed code enactment plan has been developed with much of the drafting responsibility assigned to outside sources. The following is an updated version of the new proposed plan as well as where the particular code lies in the development stage:

Juvenile Code – Draft completed and forwarded to Judge Petoskey for legal review.

Small Claims Code – Draft completed and forwarded to Judge Petoskey for legal review.

Commercial/Corporations Code – Draft to be completed by Rob Gips.

Domestic Relations Code – Draft to be completed in-house – research has been started; several sample codes have been obtained from various Tribes.

Criminal Code – Several calls have been made to various University's and Law Schools for assistance with the drafting of the Criminal Code.

Copies of sample Codes used by other Tribes have been obtained. The drafting of the Criminal Code should consist of a collaborative effort of the Tribal Judiciary, Tribal Law Enforcement, Tribal Prosecutor and Tribal Attorney. FYI -An e-mail from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law – Indian Law Clinic Director received today (10/3/02) which stated the following:

Jackie Hand forwarded your e-mail message to me as I am the acting director of Indian Law Center at UDM Law school. I teach the Indian law classes and supervise the students in their projects. We would be happy to make the Pokagon Code one of our primary projects for the Indian Law practicum, which starts in January. We have wonderful students who really enjoy and appreciate practical experience. I can contact me either through the Indian Law Center at UDM or by cell phone at 734-697-6117. Thank you for thinking of us. I have worked with the Pokagon before and it was a great experience. Contact me for your convenience.

Katherine J. Scotta
Acting Director
UDM Indian Law Center

Hunting and Fishing Code – Draft to be completed in-house, with input from various staff members. Copies of Sample Codes from various Tribes have been obtained.

Laws and Records Maintenance Code – the first portion of the Code has been drafted. The second stage of this Code as required by the Constitution shall include procedures for the maintenance of records in the custody or control of the Band, including the records and files of the Boards, Committees, and other instrumentalities of the Band and for the reasonable access of such records for review by the members. The draft of this Code will be completed in-house and reviewed by Judge Petoskey.

Elections Code – the Elections Committee has been working on the Elections Ordinance and seems to continue to be on track. The draft of this Code shall remain in the hands of the Election Committee for legal questions and legal review of the final product by Attorney General Sample.

Council Procedures Code – To be drafted by Tribal Council.

Enrollment Code – An enrollment ordinance currently exists which covers almost everything mandated by the Constitution. An Enrollment Committee meeting on October 14, 2002 will discuss the ordinance and any amendments they feel need to be made to the Code in order to satisfy the Constitution.

Tribal Land Use/Conservation Code – Drafting is in progress and on schedule with the November 27, 2002 due date. A staff meeting was held on November 27, 2002 with a third-year law student from the University of Colorado Law School – Indian Law Clinic on September 29, 2002 and October 1, 2002. Miss Johnson and the team went to identify particular needs of the Band and the general scope of the Code to be drafted. Miss Johnson will be forwarding an outline of the Code to be drafted. The general consensus of the team and Miss Johnson is to develop a Code that will set up processes to be used by the Band for classification, re-classification, acquiring of, and zoning on Lands; which will assist in the development of a Comprehensive



Use Plan as mandated by the Draft Pokagon Band Constitution. The Code will also provide for enforcement of land use and zoning violations in the Pokagon Band Tribal Court.

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Government Ethics Code – To be drafted by Tribal Council.

GENERAL:

Elders Council Code – To be drafted by the Elder's Council with legal assistance, questions and review to Attorney Greg Sample. The November 4, 2002 Elder's Council meeting will host discussion of the current Elder's Council Ordinance and what amendments may be needed to comply with the Draft Pokagon Band Constitution.

Grass cutting and tree clean up were a major part of the focus for the month of September, as temperatures fall the grass becomes less of an issue. Some of that focus has been shifted to the trees on most of the properties and we are working hard to get the dead trees out of the way and cleaned up. The priority here is to take the trees out that may damage existing structures if they fall. We have done this at Rodgers Lake; we are working on Gage Street now and will do some minor trimming on other properties as well.

Housing Code – Drafting in progress, Troy Clay, Housing Director has been working with Attorney Schubkegel and has reported that he believes that they are on target to have the draft completed by the January 2003 due date.

Hartford:

Independence of the Tribal Prosecutor/Presenting Officer – Draft completed by Attorney Kaighn Smith – ready to be enacted.

We have completed the last spraying of the orchards and they are ready for harvest. For those interested members who want to pick their own fruit, it's on a first come first serve basis. You may have to pick through the trees to find the good fruit but there is plenty out there. Also, if there are elders that want apples, it can be done for them, I just need some notice here at the maintenance office, (782-8998) ask for Steve. There is a notice in the newsletter and it will continue as long as there is fruit to be harvested.

Gaming Regulatory Code – being handled by Drummond, Woodsun, & McMahon

We are mowing the orchards so that members may have better access to the trees. We will continue to mow Rush Lake Cemetery we had to trim some tree limbs and clean up deadfall.

Revenue Allocation/Per Capita Code – to be handled by Drummond, Woodsun, & McMahon

Dowagiac:

Accomplishments

The Administration for Native Americans Grant Budget Modification submitted on August 9, 2002 has been approved in its entirety. This Budget Modification allowed for the purchase of all of the supplies and equipment necessary to facilitate the functions of the Tribal Court. The ANA also approved the use of the Band's "in-kind" contribution to be moved from the Judges' wages to the renovation of a building on Tribal Land to house the Tribal Courthouse. Bids were solicited, one was selected and renovation should be underway soon.

At Rodgers Lake we are working on the renovation of the building on the other side of the pond (a.k.a. the beach house) being converted into a temporary Tribal Courthouse. Construction should begin very soon. We are taking bids on the Police Station the new Commodities building, and the completion of the interior of the maintenance pole barn. We painted the administration building and the lodge. In the near future we will be doing some repair work to the roads.

Travels

MARK PARRISH, ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR

(616) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777

WETLAND RESERVE PROGRAM:

On September 15-18, 2002 I had the opportunity to attend the National American Indian Court Judges Association's Annual Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. I say that this was an opportunity because I was able to represent the Pokagon Band Tribal Court and make contacts that will assist us, over the course of time, develop into a Tribal Court that is well respected in Indian Country. The NAICJA Conference also brought to my attention national issues being faced by Indian Country and I was able to come away with a better understanding of the importance of the need for a strong Judicial Branch in any Tribal Government and the issues that many Tribes may face in they future. And finally, maybe most important of all, I was made aware of all of the funding sources that exist to assist Tribe's with Tribal Court Development and Enhancement. I will be watching for RFP's on availability of different grants and you can expect me to approach in the future for approval to apply for the grants that I believe will assist us as the Tribal Court continues to develop.

STEVE HORNER, LAND USE – MAINTENANCE MANAGER

On September 17, Tribal Council approved completion of the application to the United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Wetland Reserve Program project for the North Liberty, Indiana property. Therefore, application paperwork was prepared and submitted. A property survey for the area to be included in the wetland restoration must be completed as an initial step of the project. The survey activities will also include establishment of the physical boundaries of the project area. A boundary and staking plan was prepared and superimposed onto an aerial photograph of the property. The proposed project area does not include those portions of land that possess soils suitable for building and lie outside of the 100-year flood plain area. The aerial photograph was provided to and discussed with the survey company, Wightman & Associates, Inc. to give them an understanding of the scope of the project and to allow them to prepare for the field activities. The fieldwork will commence once the crops that are currently on the property are harvested. Additionally, a walk-over of the property was held with the USDA-NRCS botanist, Chris Reidy, who will be helping with the restoration



activities. The walk-over provided him an opportunity to review the physical layout of the land.

WATER RESOURCES:

As presented earlier, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has indicated that they have earmarked funds concerning the water resources proposal that was submitted to the BIA during July, 2001. The goal of the project will be to document the extent of deeper groundwater resources and assess the general water quality within our tribal properties. The information will also be used to help ensure that our ground water supplies remain safe and secure into the future. The BIA will release the project funds once land is taken into trust. I met with representatives of the United States Geological Survey to discuss their potential to provide help for field and report preparation activities.

On the evening of September 26, 2002, the Galien River Watershed Project held a community exposition at the Buchanan Township Hall. The exposition was held as an outreach event to inform residents within the watershed of the project and its goal of helping protect and improve the quality of the water. As a part of the exposition, I prepared a display that presented the best management practices that will be employed at the casino site to manage stormwater in a way that helps protect the water resources. The display was created from engineering diagrams and site photographs of the water control structures currently in place at the site.

I attended a symposium held by the Kalamazoo Foundation concerning sustainable development for watersheds. The symposium featured land planner Randall Arendt who presented conservation design concepts into development projects. The concepts have been designed to conserve open space, water resources, etc.

TRIBAL COMPLEX PROJECT:

I have been working on the USDA Rural Development Service (RDS) application for the tribal complex project along with Kevin Daugherty. As part of the application, the project requires a review of archaeological and historical structures by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). To fulfill this requirement a "Request for Review" document was provided to the SHPO for review. The document contained maps of the project area and site photographs. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) performed an archaeological survey of the site last spring, with no artifacts or archaeological sites found at the proposed tribal complex building site. This information was also provided in the request for review document to demonstrate that no historic properties or archaeological resources will be impacted by the development. Contact between the BIA, RDS and the SHPO had indicated that this information would satisfy the requirements of the loan application. The SHPO, however, has sent a letter dated 9/27/02 requesting more information from the BIA concerning their survey of the project area. In response, we contacted the BIA archaeologist to provide information to the SHPO. On October 4, the BIA archaeologist contacted Pokagon Band staff and informed us that they talked with the SHPO, and provided additional information. Based on his conversation with the SHPO, the problem should be resolved, and the SHPO will prepare a letter which concurs with the finding that no historic properties or archaeological resources will be impacted by the development.

Interim Natural Resources Management:

A procedure for managing harvest and hunting/fishing requests from tribal members was developed. Council passed a resolution to that approved the plan on March 22, 2001. During the month of September four permits for fishing and hunting were requested.

BILL HOLMES, SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR
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Indian Child Welfare:

Within the last few months the Social Services Department has become increasingly involved and busy with regard to Indian Child Welfare cases and outreach services. Within the last month several child welfare cases have reached closure, with several children returning home or having been adopted. Even with some cases progressing toward finalization and permanency, the Social Services Department staff continue to monitor and provide outreach services and aid to these members, to help ensure stability for the families and children. Several new cases have also emerged, requiring department services and intervention. With each new case, the department staff have become increasingly involved in the provision and coordination of services in conjunction with other departments, state agencies, and outside service providers. This coordination of services has promoted a teamwork approach both within the various departments and with outside agencies and providers. Within the various Pokagon Band Human Services Departments, the continued and regular participation of directors and supervisors in multi-disciplinary team meetings has played an instrumental role in the coordination and provision of services to members.

The Social Services Department continues to oversee the well being of 33 children within state protective services and foster care programs throughout the state and nation. The department staff members continue to attend numerous court hearings involving these children and their families, represent the Pokagon Band in state court proceedings, and are often called on to testify as to their involvement with the children and families. The department has taken an active role in these cases and is currently providing supervised visitation for children and families at our offices and in the community. Outreach services, through the Social Services Department, will continue to work in conjunction with community prevention services, to ensure continued family progress and stabilization.

Outreach Services/Others:

The provision of outreach services, program services, and inter-department services have also increased. There has been more noted involvement with regard to prevention services and the Social Services Department's involvement with state child protective service agencies. Program services such as the Child Care Development Fund, which aids in childcare expenses, and funding from the Administration for Children and Families, which aids with preventative and foster care expenses, have become more widely recognized and utilized. The Social Services Department is also working closely with the Pokagon Head Start and Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan in the establishment of the Wrap-Around Daycare Program in coordination with the Child Care Development Fund.



With the addition of new personnel within several departments, referrals to social services to assess needs have increased. In addition, along with the forthcoming establishment of Tribal Court and the corresponding enactment of codes, and the establishment of the Indian Child Welfare Commission, the services and responsibilities of Social Services Department will expand. As such, the position of Child Protection Worker has recently been posted. The individual who fills this position will play a significant role in a variety of areas. Having this position filled in the near future will be of benefit not only to those served, but also to various departments going through the process of growth and development. In addition, the establishment of the Indian Child Welfare Commission is paramount to the well being of children and families currently being served. To date, there has only been a minimal response to the request for members to fill the seats on the Commission. Members are urged to apply so that this Commission can get underway.

The Social Services Department continues to work in conjunction with the Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency (MICWA) on the recruitment of foster and adoptive homes. While it would be optimal for children to be fostered and/or adopted by relatives, extended family, tribal members or other Native Americans, there is an active need for Native American foster and adoptive homes. The Social Services Department is capable of providing referrals to all individuals interested in providing care. In an effort to increase membership and community awareness of this need, the Social Services Department in conjunction with the Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency will continue to hold informational meetings on the need for more Native American foster homes. The last meeting was held on September 11, at the offices of Huron Band of Potawatomi. The times and places of future meetings will continue to be published regularly.

Child Care Development Fund:

The Child Care Development Fund Program continues to provide a much-needed service to membership families. The purpose of the program is to enable parents to receive childcare assistance while participating in an approved educational plan, while involved in productive employment or while training for employment. There has already been a positive response to this program, with new applications arriving weekly. All eligible families are encouraged to apply. Information regarding the program application process and requirements will continue to be published in the newsletter.

A staff member from the Social Services Department will be available in the South Bend Office every Tuesday. Members are encouraged to stop by and fill out applications for Child Care Assistance if they have not already done so. A staff member will be available to help with completing these applications and to answer any questions regarding the department and available services.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):

Last year the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) was able to provide heating assistance to over 150 families. For the upcoming 2002-2003 winter season, the Social Services Department began accepting LIHEAP applications on October 1, 2002. This program is designed to provide a one time heating assistance payment to help with high-energy costs during the winter months. The program differs slightly from past years in that income eligible members will receive a one-time payment, paid directly to the energy provider, to the maximum amount they are eligible for under the guidelines. These payments will be made on a first come first serve basis. In addition, shut-off notices will be paid in the same manner, on a one-time basis, to the maximum amount available

through program funding. Information on this program and income guidelines will continue to be published in upcoming newsletters.

Food Commodities:

The Food Commodities Program continues to provide efficient and practical service to all eligible applicants. The 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM hours of operation, Monday through Friday, appear to allow participants time to better utilize this service either before or after work. Recently, a new freezer was purchased which allows additional space for on-hand frozen goods. While the commodities ordered through the new distributor now allow the program to receive all name brand products, it also allows a quicker turn around time from ordering to the arrival of a shipment. Within the last month, a new shipment of bison stew meat and hams were received for the upcoming holiday season. The program received a total of 30 cases of hams and 20 cases of bison stew meat, along with the regularly available hamburger meat and chicken. This is the first time such a variety of frozen meat products has been available to program participants. The Food Commodities Program Site Supervisor will be attending the USDA Midwest Regional Conference in late October to gain direct insight on possible ways to better serve clients, information on future food products, and other needs.

A staff member from the food commodity program will visit the South Bend Office every Tuesday and visit the Allegan area the third Thursday of each month. Members are encouraged to stop by the South Bend office and fill out an application for this program if they have not already done so. Those residing in the Allegan area are encouraged to call and request an application and to place orders. Those Allegan area participants will also be able to verify the time and place for delivery at that time. Once enrolled in this program, participants can fax, mail, or call in their orders to the Food Commodities Office. Their orders will then be transported to the South Bend Office and Allegan area, and made available for pick up. Bread is also available in the South Bend office each Tuesday, and in the commodities office each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Elders Services:

The Social Services Department and Elder's Specialist have been working closely with resource development and Elders Council on a grant under the Older Americans Act, Title VI, through the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging. From this program, grants are provided to Indian Tribal Organizations for supportive and nutritional services for older Indians. The maintenance manager will be taking bids on the kitchen, which will need to be slightly renovated before the Title VI Daily Meals Program can begin preparing meals on-site. The Elders have been presented with the option of beginning the program with catered meals each Tuesday and Thursday until the kitchen remodeling is completed. This would allow Pokagon Elders the opportunity to gather for a hot meal twice a week at Elders Hall, while also allowing them the opportunity to receive a hot meal each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, provided by the Cass Council on Aging, at several locations in the community.

The Elder's Specialist will continue to aid in the coordination of both upcoming and ongoing events as well as provide a wide array of community and outreach services to tribal elders. She continues to work on Elder of the Month for the newsletter publication, provide outreach services as needed, and aid with the monthly meetings. Within the past month, the Elder's Specialist attended the Hispanic and



American Indian Elders 2002 Conference, Forging New Alliances, in Lansing. She has also been working on the M.I.E.A. Conference being held in Sault St. Marie from October 14th to 17th, as well as sending out applications for the Elders Stipend and Medicare Part B, and helping to prepare for the Annual Membership Business Luncheon held on September 19th. Gerobics has been scheduled at the IHS three times a week occurring each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Those interested are asked to contact the IHS office for information.

**KENNETH ANTISDEL, HUMAN RESOURCES
COORDINATOR
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I have reposted two positions this month, the Police Chief and Tribal Attorney. I posted four more positions needing five people. The Reception-Registration Clerk position is a revamped Reception/Clerk position at IHS. The Child Protection Worker position is new for the Social Services Department, the Building Official/Inspector is new for the Housing Department, and we have two vacant Education Associate positions to be filled for the Education Department.

The proposals are in for the 401K and business insurances. Council will review in October. Mike and I met with Kaighn Smith, of Drummond Woodsom to discuss Employee Codes that will be written as part of our court system.

I met with Kathy, Melissa and Troy to discuss a "Labor Pool" for future use. We want to create a running file of available tribal member talent, whether they are out of work or considering changing fields. We have businesses; sources of employment approach us requesting various job skills. If we have tribal membership on the ready we can refer them to the business as applicants.

We held a Memorial at the Administration property commemorating the tragedy of September 11, 2001. Thank you to Clarence White, Candi Wesaw and Kevin Daugherty for their participation to placing a very solemn occasion into perspective.

**KATHY DEKA, EDUCATION DIRECTOR
(616) 782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234**

Workforce Investment Act:

Two participants have begun work under the Adult Work Experience portion of the program. Roger Rader is working with Robert Willis in IT and Gary Morseau is gaining experience on the GIS under the supervision of Mark Parrish.

An Employee Handbook has been adapted from the Pokagon Employee handbook for the WIA workers. Under the guidelines of the program these workers are to receive many of the same benefits as Pokagon Band employees.

Fourteen Classroom Training participants received assistance during the month.

The Annual Performance Report was submitted online to the Department of Labor on Friday, September 27. There are 114 participants in the database, sixty-five of these will be terminated as of June 30, 2002.

Terminations are completed when the applicant finds employment or has had no activity in twelve months.

New Employees:

Carolyn (Candi) Wesaw started work on September 9. Only two days later, she had organized a Ceremony commemorating the 9/11 attack on the U.S. Since then, she has been busy organizing a Fall Feast that will take place on Sunday, October 13.

On September 30 she began work with the Youth Group at Behavioral Health. She will meet with them on the last Monday of each month.

Candi has made numerous contacts in the short time she has been here.

Diane Larson, our new Education Associate has worked diligently with Melissa Newcomer to prepare assessments for all of the Hartford and Dowagiac students who have requested tutoring. There are presently 24 requests from these two cities.

The assessment process involves contact with teachers and parents. These will determine the student's achievement level in Math, Reading and Language Arts. Individual appointments have been made for the first two weeks of October.

Diane also began work on September 9. Look for both women's articles in the Pokagon Newsletter.

Scholarships:

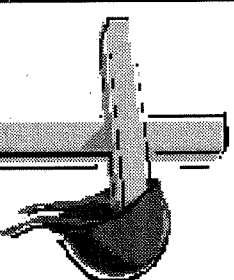
Another forty-five Scholarship awards were processed during September. These numbers will continue to dwindle until the next semester enrollment begins in December.

Historic Preservation/National Parks Service:

Members of the Traditions and Repatriation receive weekly instruction on how to use the MacIntosh and video equipment purchased through this grant. The grant ends in December after having received a six-month extension.

Johnson O'Malley:

Reimbursements for school related items have been sent to thirty Johnson-O'Malley families.



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

**IN OBSERVATION OF THE
VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY**



TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
TRIBAL COURT SYSTEM
MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEMS
SEPTEMBER 3, 2002**

Meeting Called to Order: 6:25p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: Clarence White

Roll Call: Faye Wesaw, Matt Wesaw, Gerald Wesaw, Butch Starrett, Mike Zimmerman, John Miller, Dan Rapp, Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett and Elder's Council - Clarence White and Mary Jo Morris.

Absent: Henry White (Elders travel), Trudy Loeding (ill) and Tom Wesaw, Jr. (family illness).

Also in Attendance: Kaighn Smith - Attorney, Marchell Wesaw - Consultant, and Karrie Wichtman - Tribal Court Clerk.

Minutes Taken by: Dan Rapp - Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran - Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Issues at Hand

Tribal Court Structure

Kaighn Smith reviewed with Tribal Council the structure of the Tribal Court System along with the Laws.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Butch Starrett
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to start the background checks on the appellate court candidates.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	Y
Trudy L.	Absent	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Absent	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Absent	Mike Z.	Y

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

Power Point Presentation - Karrie Wichtman Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Code Enactment Proposal Child Welfare Commission

Child Protection Coordinator Pokagon Band Tribal Courthouse Presentation Code Drafting Law Maintenance Code

RESOLUTION #2 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Matt Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council enacts the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Laws Maintenance Code .

John M.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	Y
Trudy L.	Absent	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Absent	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Absent	Mike Z.	Y

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

Meeting Adjourned: 9:43p.m.

Discussion session proceeded and ended at 10:40p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL w/ROB GIPS
STATE TAX AGREEMENT AREA
& UPDATES**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

Meeting Called to Order: 6:10p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: Clarence White

Roll Call: Dan Rapp, Butch Starrett, Henry White, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding, Matt Wesaw, Mike Zimmerman, John Miller, Gerald Wesaw, and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty and Elder's Council - Marge Moody, Clarence White and Mary Jo Morris.

Absent: Tom Wesaw, Jr. (family illness).

Also in Attendance: Rob Gips - Attorney.

Minutes Taken by: Dan Rapp - Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran - Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Issues at Hand:

State Tax Agreement Area

Rob Gips updated Tribal Council on how the Tax Agreement meetings were moving along.

Break at: 6:32p.m.

Meeting Resumed at: 6:50p.m.



Development & Management Agreements Between Great Lakes Gaming and Pokagon Band

TOMAC Update

Hanscomb/Faithul & Gould Issue

Racinos

Economic Development and Employment Training

Police Chief

Meeting Adjourned: 10:02 P.m.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2002**

Meeting Called to Order: 10:02a.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation Given by: Clarence White.

Roll Call: John Miller, Dan Rapp, Mike Zimmerman, Henry White, Butch Starrett, Gerald Wesaw, Trudy Loeding, Faye Wesaw, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Matt Wesaw, and Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett. Elder's Council - Mary Jo Morris, Clarence White and Marge Moody.

Minutes Taken by: Dan Rapp - Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran - Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Faye Wesaw and 2nd by Mike Zimmerman.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Gerald Wesaw and Daniel Rapp to the Finance Board as of 9/14/02.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	Abstain
Trudy L.	Y	Gerald W.	Abstain
Tom W.	Y	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Y	Mike Z.	Y

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

Elder's Council - Marge Moody

The Elder's brought forth their budget for the fiscal year for approval.

RESOLUTION #2 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Henry White.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Elder's Council budget as presented 9/14/02.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	Y
Trudy L.	Y	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Y	Mike Z.	Y

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

I.H.S. - Christine Daugherty

Christine presented Tribal Council with the Annual Funding Agreement for approval.

RESOLUTION #3 made by Henry White and 2nd by Mike Zimmerman.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians hereby requests to contract with the Bemidji Area Office Indian Health Services, (BAO-I.H.S.) to provide Health related services under the authority of P.L.93-638 and authorizes the submittal of a contract proposal to the Bemidji Area Office, Bemidji, Minnesota. This resolution to be in affect until rescinded.

FURTHERMORE: The budget will be approved by Tribal Council in accordance with the budget policy previously approved by the Finance Board and adopted by Tribal Council.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	Y
Trudy L.	Y	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Y	Mike Z.	Y

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

Compliance - Becky Fisher

Pre-Engineering Project

RESOLUTION #4 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians hereby desires to exercise rights guaranteed under the Indian Self Determination and Education Act (P.L.93-638 as amended) and enter into a Government to Government Contract No. CTF60T47909; Project I.D. No. F60223, with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for the purpose of Pre-Engineering of the Rodgers Lake Road.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	Y
Trudy L.	Y	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Y	Mike Z.	Y



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

Addition of New Members

The following resolution was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION #5 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Matt Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the applications for enrollment of the people as presented this day, September 14th, 2002.

Baxter, Allysen L.	Morris, Ethan S.
Baxter, Caiden W.	Morris, Karlee D.
Bogle, Makayla A.	Ramirez, Ashley S.
Campbell, Brenner L.	Williams, Julia M.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	Y
Trudy L.	Y	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Y	Mike Z.	Y

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

Election Committee Records

RESOLUTION #6 made by Butch Starrett and 2nd by Matt Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Election Committee's recommendation to move all Election Committee records and resources to the office of tribal enrollment. The election committee is further granted privilege to utilize the office of tribal enrollment as necessary to conduct official Election Committee business.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Matt W.	Abstain	Dan R.	Y
Trudy L.	Y	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Butch S.	Abstain
Henry W.	Y	Mike Z.	Y

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

Executive Committee Resolutions for approval by Tribal Council

Chief of Police Position

RESOLUTION #7 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Matt Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision to offer

Jerry Sunday the position of Police Chief of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	N
Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	N
Trudy L.	N	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Y	Mike Z.	Y

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

RESOLUTION #8 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Henry White.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision to hire Mike Petoskey and David Peterson as Tribal Court Judges.

FURTHERMORE: Mike Petoskey will be designated as the lead Judge.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	Y
Trudy L.	Abstain	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Y	Mike Z.	Y

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

RESOLUTION #9 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Matt Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision accepting Lance Hendrickson's verbal resignation as of 8/10/02. All Pokagon Band property to be left on site.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	N
Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	Y
Trudy L.	Y	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Y	Mike Z.	Y

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

RESOLUTION #10 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Matt Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision approving transition time for Mike Zimmerman to be set at 2 weeks to update John Miller on Tribal business. Compensation shall continue for Mike Zimmerman until transition time is completed.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	N
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Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	Y
Trudy L.	N	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Y	Mike Z.	Abstain

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

Meeting Adjourned: 1:55p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2002**

Meeting Called to Order: 4:30p.m. by John Miller,
Tribal Chairman

Roll Call: John Miller, Dan Rapp and Tom Wesaw,
Jr.

Minutes Taken by: Dan Rapp - Tribal Council
Secretary and Kelly Curran - Executive Secretary
to Tribal Council.

Issues at Hand:

638 Contract

Contract Resolution for the BIA 638 contract
remnewal.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL W/HOUSING DIRECTOR
HOUSING ISSUES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2002**

Meeting Called to Order: 3:34p.m. by John Miller,
Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, Dan Rapp, Tom Wesaw,
Jr., Henry White, Faye Wesaw (arrived at 3:39
and left at 5:05p.m.), Trudy Loeding, Mike
Zimmerman (arrived at 3:51p.m.), Butch Starrett,
Matt Wesaw, Gerald Wesaw and Elder's Rep. I -
Rae Daugherty and Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett,
Elder's Council - Marge moody, Mary Jo Morris
and Clarence White.

Also in Attendance: Troy Clay - Housing Director
and Joe Ciba - Finance Director.

Minutes Taken by: Dan Rapp - Tribal Council
Secretary and Kelly Curran - Executive Secretary
to Tribal Council.

Issues at Hand:

Housing Department

Troy Clay gave a power point presentation on the
Pokagon Band Housing Site Plan. Discussion was
held on other plans moving forward within the
Housing Department.

The following resolution was presented for
approval:

RESOLUTION #1 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Henry
White

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council
authorizes the housing Department to solicit the
RFP process for the Elders Housing Project at
Daily Road. And to acquire proposals for the
Housing Resources function.

John M.	Y	Faye W.	Absent
Matt W.	Y	Dan R.	Y
Trudy L.	Y	Gerald W.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Butch S.	Y
Henry W.	Y	Mike Z.	Y

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

Meeting adjourned at: 5:25p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2002**

Meeting Called to Order: 4:10p.m. by John Miller,
Tribal Chairman

Roll Call: John Miller, Tom Wesaw, Jr. and Dan
Rapp.

Minutes Taken by: Dan Rapp - Tribal Council
Secretary and Kelly Curran - Executive Secretary
to Tribal Council.

Issues at Hand:

The Executive Committee was presented with job
descriptions needing approval before the next
Council meeting in order to post the jobs.

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:12p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL W/SHAROL MCDADE
NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BOARD TRAINING**



OCTOBER 2, 2002

Meeting Called to Order: 6:06p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: Dan Rapp

Roll Call: Gerald Wesaw, Butch Starrett, Mike Zimmerman, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Miller, Dan Rapp, Faye Wesaw and Trudy Loeding.

Absent: Elder's Rep. I & II and Elder's Council (Elder's travel). Matt Wesaw (family obligation) and Henry White (other commitment).

Also in Attendance: Sharol McDade - NAIHC Trainer and Troy Clay - Housing Director.

Minutes Taken by: Dan Rapp - Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran - Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Issues at Hand:

Board Training on Housing Program

Sharol McDade gave a power point presentation on The National American Indian Housing. This presentation gave an overview of how the programs can work for the tribe.

Becoming a Board Member

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:40p.m.

Talking Circle



Native American Community Services "The Healthy Start Project"

FOR WHO: Community and Family Members who are interested in increasing the health of native babies and their mothers.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 26th, 2002
from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm
(Snacks and refreshments will be provided)

WHERE: NACS Offices - Community Room
671 Davis NW - Grand Rapids

We will be making Gift recipe jars.

Please come and join us.

"A Start of a Healthy Life"

If you need a ride or to RSVP, please feel free to contact the Healthy Start Staff, Darlene VanOveren, Tina Horne or Stephanie Snyder at 458-4078.

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INTERESTED APPLICANTS NEEDED

What you can provide as a Commissioner...

- A guarantee that each family will receive the individual attention necessary to provide solutions to problems and referrals to services that they may not otherwise receive.
- An opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the Pokagon Band community's most precious assets—its children and its families.
- To focus on strengthening the Pokagon community by encouraging responsible thinking and utilizing community-based alternatives for their needs.
- To secure the rights of and ensure fairness to the minors, parents, guardians, custodians, victims and other parties who come before the Tribal Court. Also to provide alternatives to formal Tribal Court proceedings when circumstances allow.



For further information please contact:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Social Service Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998

Deadline for applications to be considered is December 1, 2002.

POKAGON BAND CHILD WELFARE COMMISSION

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Dear Tribal Members,

Over the years we as a community have identified certain priorities. Top on that list are our children. In order to protect the best interests of our children, the Pokagon Band formed the Child Welfare Commission, by resolution, on November 6, 2001.

Not only was the Commission designed to protect the best interests of Pokagon Band children, but also:

- promote the stability and security of Pokagon Band families;
- recommend courses of action to the Tribal Court and Tribal Council for the guidance and care of Pokagon Band children which least restricts the child's freedom, preserves the unity of family, and only separate the child from his or her parents when absolutely necessary;
- recommend actions that will serve the spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical well-being of the child, their parents and immediate families;
- to recommend a continuum of services for Pokagon Band children and their families with emphasis on prevention, early intervention, and community-based alternatives; and
- to recognize and acknowledge the social and cultural standards of the Pokagon Band and its values associated with children and families.

The Pokagon Band Tribal Court has become a reality and it is only a matter of time before the doors are opened and Tribal Court is in session. Many of the cases filed in Tribal Court will deal with children and their families. Therefore, it is now more important than ever to seat the Child Welfare Commission.

Please remember the goal of the Commission is to maintain family unity with a focus on Pokagon Band community values. The Pokagon Band Social Services Department would be happy to provide you with an application and any additional information that you feel would assist you in making a decision to become a Child Welfare Commissioner.

Sincerely,

The Pokagon Band Social Services Department

and

The Pokagon Band Tribal Court



November 2002 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	2
3 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am Elders Office mtg 10a@EH	4 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am Elders Office mtg 10a@EH	5 Optical Day@IHS	6 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	7 JHS/CHS @ South Bend Office Elders Business Lundson 10a@EH	8 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	9 Tribal Council Mtg @Gladys 10:00 am
10	11 Veteran's Day Tribal Office Closed	12 Optical Day@IHS	13 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am Food Care Clinic@ IHS by Appointment	14 JHS/CHS @ South Bend Office	15 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	16 Baking Class@ Ed. Office 10:00a-2:00p
17	18 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	19 Optical Day@IHS	20 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	21 JHS/CHS @ South Bend Office Elders Social Lundson@EH	22 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	23
24	25 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	26 Optical Day@IHS	27 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	28 JHS/CHS @ South Bend Office	29 Geriatric@IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	30

"YOUR VIEWS" EDITORIAL

Pokagon Band Members,

By recommendation of HUD, the former Housing Board of Commissioners was dissolved. There is an investigation of the programs administered under that Housing Authority, currently underway. There are still members of our Tribal Council who were directly involved with said Housing Authority actively making decisions for our tribe. One of these members was, and still may be a member of the Finance Board. I find it ludicrous that this is being allowed despite the fact that said person served on all three boards at the time of all the misconduct that took place in the Housing Program.

Do the members of this tribe really want someone whose actions are currently under investigation by HUD and the FBI, making decisions for our tribe? I know that I do not. These people should be relieved of their duties as Tribal Council Members (committee members, etc.) IMMEDIATELY until the results of the investigation are known. We need to stand up and SPEAK OUT!!!!

Sincerely-
Kim Wheelley
Tribal Member



I would like to send out a big thank you to Tom Topash, if it wasn't for his kindness and sincere generosity my family and I would be living out on the street. Though we are still without a home he has given us somewhere to live temporarily until we are able to find something that will work for our family. I also want to say thank you to everyone who was looking very diligently for rental properties in newspapers, on the internet and just when they were out and about. I appreciate the thoughts and prayers of everyone that tried to help.

Migwetch,
Tina Horner

Happy 8th Birthday

Ashley Rose



We're so proud of all your good work in school!

Love-Mommy, Mike and Allison

In Loving Memory of our Grandpa

Martin Weasau, Sr.

8/5/19 - 11/23/02

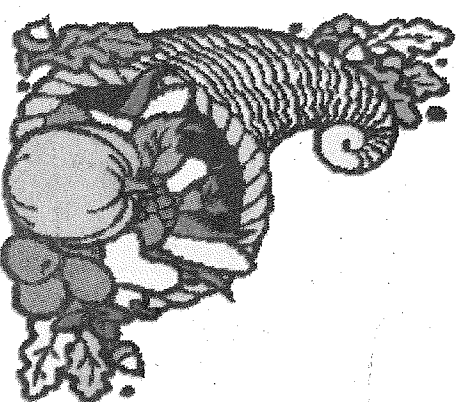
You're in our hearts!

Love-Danielle, Joseph & Jacal Weasau

Happy 30th Birthday

Mary Lois Swisher 11/02

Love Always- William Swisher, Jr.



Happy Sweet Sixteen 11/17

Taylor Whitney Falk



We hope you have a great year and a wonderful 16th birthday! We love you very much

Love-Mom, Papa and Grandma G.

Happy 8th Birthday

Ashley Rose



We're so proud of all your good work in school!

Love-Mommy, Mike and Allison

Happy Birthday to My Wonderful Wife

Jeffrey Linn 11/3

LOVE YOU! Bobby

Happy Birthday to

Big Guys Dad 10/13

Love-Big Guy, Shelby & Hillary



Drake-Deinhart Engagement

The engagement of Kelly Drake and Michael Deinhart, is announced by their parents. She is the daughter of Bonnie Drake of Skifford and Tom Drake of Paw Paw. His parents are Cheryl and Joe Kline and John Deinhart all of Paw Paw.



A graduate of Skifford High School, the bride-to-be will be graduating from the Western Michigan University School of Nursing in December. She is a teller at National City Bank in Skifford. The future bridegroom is graduate of Paw Paw high school. He is a production Supervisor at Centia/Duo-Tang.

A December 28th wedding is being planned.

Happy Birthdays to:
Anthony Weasau 11/17
Sonny Weasau 11/19
Carla Weasau 11/19
Patsy Weasau 11/24
Love- your Family!



Happy Birthday to our Twins!
Ariannah & Andriannah
November 10th

Love You- Dad, Jeffrey & Family

Happy Belated Birthday Mona
10/23 Love you Sis- Karen

Happy 2nd Birthday
Natalie Weasau
Love- Grandma & Grandpa Weasau

Happy Birthday
Marie & Marchell
Love Your Family

Happy Belated Birthday to My "Pawnee" Bowtie. Love You So



Happy Birthday
Dad 11/8
Marcie 11/11
Love-Bo & Jeffrey

Happy 16th Birthday Taylor Falk!
Love- Aunt Kim, Uncle Fred,
Brittany & Corey

Happy Birthday
Jenna Reese Froberg
11-17-02

Love-Mom, Dad &
Brother Tim



Congratulations to Tavis Nelson on your Confirmation
10/20/02. May you always remember that special day!
Love- Uncle Dwight & Aunt Sandy

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS