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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
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Dowagiac, MI 49047

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*"The Pokagons Tell It"*



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## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS

The Annual Pokagon Band Christmas party was a success. More than 150 kids attended. The kids and their parents had a chance to eat a lunch of hot dogs, potato chips and soda. They topped that off with Christmas cookies.

Food wasn't too important to most of the kids because they were too excited as they anticipated Santa. They didn't have long to wait.

And of course, the highlight of the day was the visit by Santa Claus. Santa and his helpers handed out stockings and gifts to all the kids. Kids got all kinds of

toys from Barbie Dolls to race cars. They also received stockings filled with fruits and candy.

The hall was filled with kids from 12:30 p.m. right up to 3:00 p.m. The kids seem to enjoy themselves and the toys they got. Many used the hall floors as race tracks with their new little cars.

Several children went outside to play games with their new toys and their new friends. The parents and the helpers had a great time watching the excitement of the children as they met Santa and got their presents.

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Boozhoo, Neshnabek,

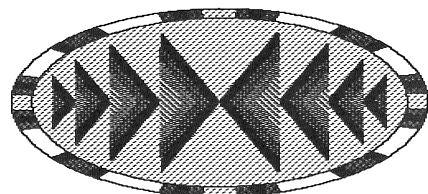
I would like to welcome all to 1997. The last year has gone by too quickly, however, Pokagons accomplished much in the way of programs and membership services. It will be our goal to continue to develop new programs and additional services for the benefit of all members. We have a goal that we will eventually reach - it is to become self-sufficient.

In order to make all of this possible, the Tribal Council will have to focus on developing policy and procedure in many areas. The Council is also going to work extra hard at the task of setting goals, both short-term and long-term. I am proud of the hard work this Council has done, and I am confident that they will continue to be productive.

As a tribe, we are growing. This growth is evident by the long hours that our Tribal Council deliberates on business. This growth is good and healthy, but it can only continue with a proper foundation of careful planning. Sound planning directly relates to the success of any project. Well, our project is the Pokagon future. Now is the time to lay the foundation blocks for our success!

We can only be successful as we desire if we have the active cooperation of all. As a football team works together to accomplish a goal, we Pokagons need to have the same focus. The Creator has given us all the necessary tools to do the job - it's up to us to successfully complete the task.

Yes, fellow Pokagons, 1997 is going to be a very good year. It is my deepest hope that we will complete a compact for a casino, not only in Michigan, but also in Indiana. We are already beginning to hear favorable comments from legislators for getting our compact done in Michigan. If this process is one we decide we may not want to pursue, there is still the Secretary of Interior, who may prescribe a compact. In Indiana



## GAMING REPORT

Michigan

There was quite a lot of activity during December. Obviously, none of it resulted in a compact. However, some inroads were made with some key legislators.

First, the three tribes met with Curtis Hertel and Pat Gagliardi. The result of our discussion was that both of them will support our compacts in the month of January, once they are both assured Governor Engler will not interfere with the Detroit process. This assurance will be short of issuing a license and the opening of the Detroit casinos. We believe they will need to get a go ahead from Mayor Archer of Detroit to take up the compact. Both Hertel and Gagliardi want to meet with us the first week they are back in session in January to determine when they will proceed on our behalf.

Next, we met with Senator Gast. He continues to be supportive and will do whatever he can do to help us gain our compacts. He and his staff tried very hard to move our compact through the "lame-duck" session. They initiated several discussions with various Republican leaders to gain support. Also Maureen Shagonaby met with Senator Dick Posthumous, and along with Bob Guenthardt of Little River was able to get him to support our compact. This is a major turn around in his position.

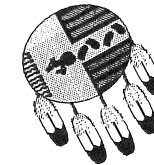
The Pokagon Band needs to determine if it wishes to continue with the eight percent offer in the month of January. The reason being is this may be necessary to keep the interests of the Republicans, primarily the governor to advance our compacts. The Little River Band has already authorized continuing the eight percent and Frank Ettawageshik of Little Traverse Bay Bands anticipates his tribe will do the same.

We have planned some of our strategy to prepare for January's session. We will try to meet with Mayor Archer to gain approval for the Tribes to move forward. We will be working closely with Little River Band's management. The three tribes will also be attempting to coordinate our lobbyists. It would be helpful for them to approach the legislators in a more orderly fashion.

INDIANA

On the state level we have begun our education

process. Last week, I was in Indianapolis to speak before a legislative conference to discuss our potential project and various related issues. I had the opportunity to meet with various legislators throughout the day. This week, Joyce Green met with Representative Mannweiler. Feedback on both days was positive. Although no commitments were received, people are listening and being forthright about any concerns they may have about Indian gaming.



Michael J. Wesaw  
Finance Director

## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS FOR DECEMBER 14, 1996

### RESOLUTION 1

Resolution made by: Greg Ballew, 2nd by: Julie Stauffer

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal council authorizes the posting of the new created position of Intervention/Prevention Specialist.

All in favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 0  
RESOLUTION PASSED

### RESOLUTION 2

Resolution made by: Greg Ballew, 2nd by: Wayne Holleman

Tribal Council authorizes the name of the Human Services Director to be changed to Tribal Social Services Director and to post the job opening among all Native American Communities with Pokagon Band members having preference.

All in favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 0  
RESOLUTION PASSED

### RESOLUTION 3

Resolution made by: Kevin Daugherty, 2nd by: Greg Ballew

That the Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians hereby directs the Health Director to proceed with the necessary arrangements with Indian Health Services, Bemidji Area Office to add Kalamazoo and Kent Counties in Michigan to the initial Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians contract health

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service delivery area, so that we may serve more of the people for which this money has been made available.  
All in favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 0  
RESOLUTION PASSED

### RESOLUTION 4

Resolution made by: Kevin Daugherty, 2nd by: Greg Ballew

That the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians hereby requests contract renewal with Bemidji Area IHS to provide the services under the authority of P.L. 93-638 and authorizes the submittal of a contract proposal to the Bemidji Area Office, Bemidji, MN.

All in favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 0  
RESOLUTION PASSED

### RESOLUTION 5

Resolution made by: Dan Rapp, Resolution 2nd by: Barbara Ann Warren

That the Tribal Council authorizes the Education Director, Adel Easterday to proceed with the Title IX program with all accessible schools and to send a new count so there will be no duplication of numbers to the Department of Education.

All in favor: 9 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 1 Absent: 0  
RESOLUTION PASSED

### RESOLUTION 7

Resolution made by: Julie Stauffer, 2nd by: Barbara Ann Warren

That the Tribal Council authorized the roofing contract to be awarded to David Drake with a retainer fee to be agreed upon by both parties. Retainer fee is to be used for repayment if money is owed to the tribe. Keith White is to monitor work from start to finish.

All in favor: 7 Opposed: 2 Abstain: 2 Absent: 0  
RESOLUTION PASSED

### RESOLUTION 8

Resolution made by: Dan Rapp, 2nd by: Julie Stauffer

That the Tribal council authorizes the name of Potawatomi Indian Nation, Inc. (PINI) hall be changed to Elders Hall.

All in favor: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 0  
RESOLUTION PASSED

### RESOLUTION 9

Resolution made by: Dan Rapp, 2nd by: Kevin Daugherty

That the Tribal Council accepts the Realtors Agreement for land issues.

All in favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 2 Absent: 2  
RESOLUTION PASSED

### RESOLUTION 10

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### CONSTITUTION REPORT

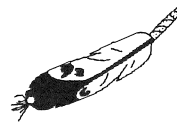
The Tribal Council approved the Draft Constitution at the December 14 Council Meeting. The next step is to send the Draft on to the BIA, who will review it and then schedule a ratification election with the Band membership.

The BIA review-and-election process normally follows a six-month timetable. The Agency reviews a draft constitution looking for technical problems or violations of Federal law. Once the problems have been corrected, the Agency will then work with a tribally appointed election board to set up and conduct the ratification vote. There are current budget cutbacks in the BIA, and Little River and Little Traverse Bands also are newly recognized and need their Constitutions ratified. Those items could delay the Pokagon Band Constitution ratification by six months or more. The current Tribal Council By-Laws and the current election process will remain in place in the meantime.

The Draft Constitution that was passed by Council on December 14 has some changes from the Draft with the green plastic cover that was mailed to Band members this fall. Most of these changes reflected the input of Mr. Mike Petoskey, a Tribal Judge with the Grand Traverse Band, who was asked by Tribal Council to review the Draft. Mr. Petoskey recommended a stronger separation of powers between the future Tribal Council, Election Board, and Tribal Courts, and with corresponding stronger mandates for ordinances to regulate Council procedures and accountability.

Copies of the December 14 Draft are available through the Finance Office, 1-888-990-1234. Considering that the BIA may ask for some further changes, there will probably not be a full membership mailing of the Draft until the BIA has completed its review. BIA regulations also require that copies of a constitution plus a summary be sent to tribal members before any ratification vote.

*Kevin Daugherty  
Constitution Committee*



**Resolution made by: Greg Ballew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Wayne Holleman**

That the Tribal council authorizes the Land Committee to spend up to \$3000 for the Memorandum of Understanding summary.

**All in favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 1  
RESOLUTION PASSED**

#### RESOLUTION 11

**Resolution made by: Kevin Daugherty, Resolution 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mike Wesaw**

That the Tribal Council accepts the decision from the Executive Board to accept Work Order #3 from Jacobson, Buffalo, Schoessler & Magnuson, Ltd.

**All in favor: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 2 Absent: 1  
RESOLUTION PASSED**

#### RESOLUTION 12

**Resolution made by: Kevin Daugherty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Wayne Holleman**

That the Tribal Council approves to submit the draft constitution to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Secretary of Interior.

**All in favor: 7 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 1 Absent: 2  
RESOLUTION PASSED**

#### RESOLUTION 13

**Resolution made by: Kevin Daugherty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dan Rapp**

That the Tribal Council authorizes the Executive Board to approve the Silver Creek Lease after December 20, 1996.

**All in favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 3  
RESOLUTION PASSED**

#### RESOLUTION 14

**Resolution made by: Kevin Daugherty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Maxine Margiotta**

That the Tribal Council authorizes the Enrollment office to be in charge of the membership cards with training from Mike Zimmerman on the software along with the Enrollment committee's input. The Enrollment committee is to bring back the design and information to be put on the card for approval from council.

**All in favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 3  
RESOLUTION PASSED**

#### RESOLUTION 15

**Resolution made by: Greg Ballew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Kevin Daugherty**

That the Tribal council authorizes Mike Wesaw and Robert J. Moody, Jr., to do the evaluation of Gayle (Rusty) Green with input from the Tribal Council.

**All in favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 3  
RESOLUTION PASSED**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### LANGUAGE REPORT

Tribal Council is proposing forming a Language Committee, to work towards saving and teaching the Pokagon Potawatomi language. Several things have happened recently to push this important issue to the forefront.

Band member John Warren intends to approach the Elders Council and the Tribal Council with a proposal to tape our fluent elders. This would be done in a professional recording studio.

This comes at a crucial time, as we have lost many of our fluent speakers in the last five years. As part of a language preservation grant coordinated for all the Potawatomi Bands by the Hannahville Reservation, a survey conducted last year found only six fluent speakers remaining in the Pokagon and Huron Bands.

Hannahville recently received funding for the second phase of this language preservation grant. They will host two two-week long Potawatomi language sessions next year, both to teach the language and to demonstrate classroom methods. The grant program is emphasizing developing younger fluent speakers, to become the next generation of Potawatomi teachers. The remaining Potawatomi speakers at present are almost all over seventy years of age. Two people from each band are funded through the grant for these two-week sessions, although any number may attend.

The Pokagon Band has no one under sixty who is fluent, and needs to move soon to develop classes to teach the younger generations and the teachers to conduct them. One key method to develop teachers is to pair an elder fluent in the language with a student in a Master-Apprentice program. The apprentice would work with the elder in both formal and in everyday settings to learn the language, and would also do all the leg-work to conduct larger classes. Because of the amount of time needed for this effort, both the master and the apprentice would be paid positions. The Tribal Council at the December 14 meeting asked the Finance Department to look into funding sources for one or more Master-Apprentice teams.

The proposed Language Committee would work with Adel Easterday, the new Education Director, to make plans for future language programs and classes for the Band. The Committee could also target people

who have the interest in becoming future language teachers and the elders who would be willing to work with them.

Some people who have been mentioned as possible members of a committee include John Warren, Clarence White, Judy Augusta, Greg Ballew, Frank Barker, John Fox, and Kevin Daugherty. But the language is something that belongs to all members, and this list of names above is by no means final. Anyone interested should contact Kevin Daugherty through the Tribal Offices, 1-888-990-1234, or talk to your nearest Tribal Council member.

#### ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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# POKAGON HEALTH NEWS

## Health Board Meetings

The Health Board was created to help create policy which will ensure fair, equitable and proper health care delivery systems for the clients of the Pokagon Band Health Services. The next meeting of the Health Board is January the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing the FY '97 budget and direction of new programs for the Health Service. If you are interested, join us. Your concerns and input are vital and help effect program design.

## Alternative Medicine Project

In response to membership requests, an Alternative Medicine program was put into the IHS office budget for 1997. Because this is such an important subject, the Health Board and this staff is asking for tribal input into this project. Each staff member has expressed an interest, desire and enthusiasm for a traditional healing program. If you speak to one of us, your comments will be shared and worked into this program.

## Contract Health Services

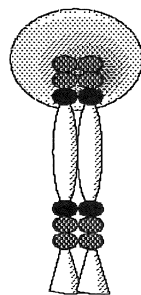
The Pokagon Band Health Services Contract Health Services (CHS) has served eligible members in over 130 Pokagon Band households since August 1996.

Contract Health Services (CHS), as the payer of last resort, can be used to help pay for health care services for eligible tribal members. Health care services within medical priorities which can be covered are: doctors' visits, inpatient hospital stays, dental care, prescriptions optical needs and emergency life and limb saving procedures. This is not an entitlement program and must operate within a fixed yearly budget—some restrictions do apply.

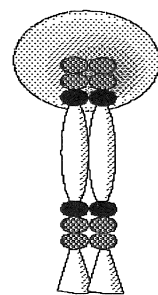
To be eligible for CHS you must: 1) live within the 10 county CHS Delivery Area, and 2) be an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

To receive CHS benefits, you must have prior CHS authorization from this office for each health care appointment or service for which you want to have CHS coverage. To do this, you must speak to Lois Wesaw, Health Office Benefits Specialist, before you go to your scheduled appointments. You can contact Lois in person or by phone.

If you have questions or wish to apply for CHS call us at (616) 782-7028 or 1-888-440-1234.



*Christine Daugherty  
Health Director*



## Boozhoo,

"Congratulations Trish and Petey." I'm taking this opportunity to extend congratulations for a super (JOB WELL DONE) by Patricia "Trish" Williams and Yvonne "Petey" Boehm. These two individuals recently completed a stringent "Community Health Representative" (CHR) training course in Rapid City, South Dakota. The course consisted of a five week distance delivery training program in Dowagiac followed by a one week intensive hands on practicum in Rapid City. Many Health issues were discussed including Community Health, Communications, the Body & Disease, Family Health, Environmental Health, Mental Health, along with certification in Blood Borne Pathogens, First Aid, CPR and vital signs. Self-defense techniques were included in teaching sessions, so be aware.

A total of 13 Native participants from across the country enhanced the learning experience. On the last day a Certificate of Completion was presented along with a pinning ceremony to heighten the extremely favorable marks received by both.

Trish and Petey are currently seeing clients in our office and in homes when needed. They are available for Health assessments. Teaching and training related to your specific Health Care needs. Please contact us (66) 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234 to make an appointment.

Again, **CONGRATULATIONS**, Trish and Petey from the entire Health Office Staff.

## DIABETES UPDATE:

The Glucometer Exchange Program is progress-

# POKAGON HEALTH NEWS

ing well. We currently have two styles of meters available. The process of issuing meters takes approximately one hour. If you are interested in this program or need a meter, please contact me at the Health Office to schedule an appointment.

## INFLUENZA NOTICE:

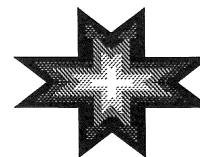
It has come to my attention that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration have issued a notice pertaining to the influenza vaccine produced by Parke-Davis. The notice indicates Elderly nursing home patients age 85 and up may not have registered levels high enough to be effective against the A/Nachang (H3N2) strain of influenza. To address this, Parke-Davis is recalling all lots of influenza vaccine in question. This recall is being conducted as a precautionary measure.

The Parke-Davis literature indicates that "The vaccine is being recalled for safety concerns. The recall is a precautionary move because of a decrease in potency of the A/Nachang (H3N2) component. The level of the A/Nachang (H3N2) antigen decreased after these lots were released and distributed."

Parke-Davis goes on to state "Based on published available data on immunogenic doses of previous influenza vaccines, and the recent potency test we performed on the lots which were recalled. Neither FDA nor CDC recommends re-immunization for anyone who has received this, or any other influenza vaccine for the 1996-97 season. We want to stress that the recall is a precautionary measure."

Concluding Parke-Davis quotes, "Although the CDC and FDA are not recommending revaccination beyond the directions for use in the package insert, available data indicate that it is safe to receive a second influenza vaccination within the same season."

The Health Office is returning all influenza vaccine immediately and purchasing new vaccine. In the event you feel a need to be re-vaccinate or have not yet received a vaccine, please contact the Health Office to arrange an appointment. I am also available for any questions or concerns you may have.



*Mark Topash  
Community Health Nurse*

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Substance Abuse had a busy December, and they are gearing up for an even busier 1997. December saw the Craft Sale come and go, and a Bake Sale to raise funds for its programs.

In 1997 there are big plans for Substance Abuse. There will be two new groups starting up for the benefit of our members.

There will be a Men's Anger Group to help support members and their families. Another future group is the women's Sexual Abuse group. It offers us yet another chance to support our members.

## AA MEETINGS

AA meetings will now be held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Church, Silver Creek.

ALATEEN MEETINGS  
ARE BEING HELD  
THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM  
5:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.  
AT THE  
SILVER CREEK CHURCH

Please feel welcome to attend!

# POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES



## POKAGON BAND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### CHRISTMAS PARTY KUDOS

The Pokagon Band Children's Christmas Party that was held December 15, 1996, at the Elders Hall was such a good time that I had to write and let you know why.

First, let me tell you about the wonderful presents. Children were so delighted with their gifts this year. One boy that had already had his family Christmas, because of out of town holiday plans, thought that Santa had forgotten his Polar Bears. When he got in line for the Pokagon Santa, he told me that this was not the real "Santa." When he opened his Polar Bears, he was sure it was! Just a trick of fate, I guess.

All the gifts were carefully selected/hand picked by Greg and Renda Ballew. Renda said that she could not get Greg out of the "boys' toy department." Young at heart our Greg! The Ballews also individually wrapped all those gifts themselves and their efforts made the Party so very special.

In the kitchen manning the hot dogs and keeping those trays filled were Codie Grigsby, Jill and Maureen Shagonaby. All worked hard so hard, but especially impressive was the work ethic of our young people. Kudos to Codie and Jill!

Chief bottle washer was Karen Winchester. All dishes were done, sparkling clean and put away in record time. Besides being smart, she knows her way around a kitchen!

Lesa Anders knows all the kids. She made them feel welcome and ensured their good time. After all were gone, it was Lesa behind the big mop, cleaning our party floor of spilled pop and dribbled dip.

It was such a great day with all of working together to make a good time come our children's way.

What? Santa? Who was Santa? I can't tell you that because of course, Santa is Santa, but maybe you will figure it out by next Summers!

There is an Education Survey included in this newsletter. Please fill it out and mail it to me at the Administration Office, 704 N. Front St. Dowagiac, MI 49047.

*Adel Easterday  
Education Director*

# POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE

**The Energy Assistance Program is Under Way!!**

We finally received the applications to begin the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. We will be serving households with income not greater than the current 60% of the state median income guidelines. The energy assistance benefits will range from \$220-\$350 depending on the fuel type and household size.

**Please do not wait until you get a shut off notice. Come in now!**

We will be using the following LIEAP Income Guidelines:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limit</u>
1	\$16,019
2	20,948
3	25,876
4	30,805
5	35,734
6	40,663
7	45,592
8	50,521
9	55,450
10	60,379
11	65,308
12	70,237

### Eligibility Requirements:

**Use either of these methods to prove income, Use the one that benefits the family most.**

- Proof of income for the past 30 days with check stubs
- (or)
- 1995 Income Tax Return (1040 and schedules, etc.)

Bring your heating **VENDOR'S** name and address

If you qualify, your application will be forwarded to Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan in Sault Ste. Marie, where a two party check made payable to you and your heating vendor will be generated. When you receive the check, sign the check and submit it to your vendor.

If you have any questions, want to request an application or would like to come in and fill out an application, you may contact:

Lorraine Gideon, Enrollment Office **782-0887** or Toll Free **1-888-330-1234**

Shannon Hiler, Admin. Office **782-8998** or Toll Free

**1-800-517-0777**

Rebecca Drake, Finance Dept. **782-7028** or Toll Free **1-888-990-1234**

These guidelines are very generous, and the application is easy to complete, everyone should apply as soon as possible!!

## ELDERS REPAIR/RENOVATION PROGRAM

At this time, we have gotten 18 applications in for repairs and renovations. Of those, five have been completed and the rest are being scheduled or are already being done. There haven't been as many requests as I thought. I know there must be more than 18 Elders out there who could use some repairs to their house.

Some of you might think your need is not that great, or someone else might need the work more. This program is **ONLY** for elders. The money can **ONLY** be spent on the Elders. So if you have anything that you need done, fill out application and send it back to addressed (ATTN: Keith White). I will see what I can get done first. A suggestion is to put everything down you want done and call two contractors to get bids on each thing. Please send the bids and application back. I will determine whose bid looks the best. I will take the bids and the application to the Elders Committee and make my recommendations. They will give me their recommendations, choose the contractor, and decide what work will be done.

If you can't find or don't know where to find a contractor, you can look in the yellow pages under general contractor or home improvements. If you can't do it yourself or if you don't have someone who can do it for you, then call me at **1-800-517-0777**. If you are within our area, I will try to find someone for you.

I want to remind you this is not based on income: you need to own your home, you need to be 60 and over, and I need two bids with the application from licensed contractors. It has been about three months since I sent out the applications. So, if you lost or threw away your application, please call me at **1-800-517-0777**, and I will send you another. Please don't be shy, give us a try and fill out that application. I am here to be of service to the band.

*Keith White  
Repair/Renovation Coordinator*

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS**  
**Revenue and Expense Summary**  
**For the Month Ending and Year to Date 11/30/96**

Revenue:	November	YTD
Gaming Stipend	75,000.00	150,000.00
BIA Indirect Costs	0.00	264,822.00
IHS Sanitation	0.00	21,154.56
ANA	51,728.70	51,728.70
IHS	41,879.25	41,879.25
JTPA	0.00	140,824.00
USDA Commodity Reimbursement	0.00	13,278.00
Miscellaneous Refunds	0.00	2,671.00
Interest	<u>10,273.61</u>	<u>18,166.30</u>
	178,881.56	704,523.81
<b>Program Expenses:</b>		
Injury Prevention	0.00	2,025.00
Elders Stipend	7,600.00	15,373.86
Emergency Fund	5,624.13	12,808.97
Scholarship Program(638 Contract)	225.00	8,475.00
Other	0.00	(42.00)
Indian Health Services	25,050.15	59,095.90
Contract Health Services	7,079.91	13,212.06
Opening Doors	1,420.80	2,672.54
Substance Abuse	1,382.97	2,648.63
ANA	3,269.40	9,128.86
JTPA	19,348.45	38,913.97
JOM	3,705.89	10,321.32
USDA	5,738.79	13,801.92
USDA-Nutrition	1,309.61	3,954.26
Renovation & Repair	7,374.46	13,280.88
Cultural Activities	0.00	25.00
Education	2,317.88	5,808.88
Elders Program	2,421.30	3,241.29
Housing Authority	199.50	254.70
Communications	<u>1,128.07</u>	<u>2,550.05</u>
	95,196.32	217,550.30
Administration & Council	70,711.89	207,049.02
Total Expenses	165,908.21	424,599.32
Revenue over Expenses	12,973.35	279,924.49

*Submitted by Mike Wesaw,  
Treasurer*

**ATTENTION**  
**ALL POKAGON POTAWATOMI**  
**AND NATIVE AMERICAN LICENSED**  
**CONTRACTORS**

From Keith White Repairs/Renovation Coordinator:  
 If you are interested in bidding on repairs and renovation projects that are going to be coming through, I need to know who you are so I can call you when the jobs come in. Please call me at 1-800-517-0777. If you are Pokagon and work for a licensed contractor and you think they would like to bid, please call and give their number. Repairs and Renovation are underway now!

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**KEITH & LAURA**  
**WILKINSON**  
**ON YOUR BABY BOY**  
**7 LBS., 9 OZ.**  
**NASH ARDEN**

To the Membership,

I would like to take this time to share with you a few words of hope and inspiration. Keep in mind, what you are reading may seem strange, but from the world and mind of the Anishnabe, it is real. It's a part of our life, heritage and culture. Anyone not in agreement in the content of this writing must realize that all tribes, bands and villages have their own characteristics of Anishnabe lore. The content itself, Anishnabe culture is what is of importance.

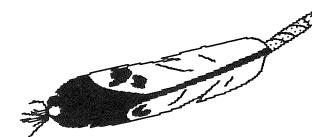
The Creator with all his wisdom and care for the Anishnabeg, created everything so that the Anishnabeg so that the Anishnabeg could live and learn a good life here on Mother Earth. He had one last gift to give and did not want it to be easy to find. So, he asked the eagle, who could fly high, but realized that someday they too would be capable of flight. He thought of the otter who could swim deep, but realized they too would be capable of reaching even the deepest waters. He thought of the mole who could burrow deep in Mother Earth, but realized they too would be capable of this.

He thought and thought where can this gift be put, then he realized the answer! He put it inside the Anishnabeg and that gift is in the heart and is called "love."

During this time of the holiday season and the beginning of a new calendar year find this most beautiful of all gifts and share it with others. The Creator will be happy for the Anishnabeg that they are doing this.

In this world in which we live, there is so much jealousy and hatred and it's everywhere! We the Anishnabeg were given seven teachings which helped us live a harmonious life, envied by all who met us. The seven teachings are respect, bravery, honesty, humility, wisdom, truth and love. To the Anishnabeg, this was the way of life. Maybe, we as their descendants need to look real carefully at this. Those who've walked on and those to come deserve to know that this is a way of life in which we cherish! AHO!

*Megwitch!  
Donald James Summers*



Boozhoo,

Peace, harmony, strength of our people through respect of knowledge we possess as Native People. Through the earliest teachings the truth of all things are here. Grandmother, Grandfather, Our Tribe has left these teachings for us to utilize. The Earth, the Universe, the levels above, the levels below, and as the teaching goes this is our beginning. Who knows the contents of these teachings, traditions, customs, prophecies, spirituality, etc.

Do we have this among our committees? Our Elders? Does our Tribe boast of the knowledge that Grandma and Grandpa left here? Are we all willing to learn? Not only for ourselves, but for our children to walk the Red Road.

Social gatherings, the Sacred Fire, the Longhouse, sweats, pipes, namings and etc. have been here. I see in the fire the spirit of our ancestors, the spirits of our families, but not the physical presence of our neighbors.

This Sacred Fire "Teachings" is available for our people. Let's ask each other so we can find a way to attend to seek strength for ourselves, our people to attend. Do we accept that responsibility as descendants of these Great People?

When we sit at a fire and pray for all things; all of our relatives, all relations and all things are present because we the people are there. Are we the people?

*Waawaanuh  
Naa Nee Bwa Muckwa,  
Sam Bush*

**ELDERS HALL**

The Tribal Council voted to change the name of the Pokagon Band Tribal Hall to the Elders Hall. There will be no change in the policies and procedures in getting the hall for events or meetings.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
INTEREST SURVEY

1. Would you be interested in attending some workshops/conferences on Indian history and culture?
 

	YES	NO
During the day 8:00-5:00	( )	( )
Evenings 6:00-9:00	( )	( )
Weekdays Mon.-Fri.	( )	( )
Weekends Fri., Sat., Sun.	( )	( )
  
2. Do you have a traditional skill that you would be willing to demonstrate/share at a workshop?
 

	YES
Story telling	( )
Beadwork (round, peyote)	( )
Beadwork (appliqué, rosettes)	( )
Beadwork (loom)	( )
Quillwork (boxes, chokers, earrings)	( )
Fingerweaving	( )
Pottery	( )
Drumming/Singing	( )
Dancing (fancy)	( )
Dancing (grass)	( )
Dancing (women's shawl)	( )
Dancing (jingle dress)	( )
  
3. Do you have knowledge about any of the following subject areas that you would be willing to share at a workshop?
 

	YES
Local Potawatomi History	( )
Hunting (bow or rifle)	( )
Fishing	( )
Maple Sugaring	( )
Mint Gathering	( )
Mushroom Gathering	( )
Hide Tanning	( )
  
4. Do you have any children in school?
 

	YES	NO
	( )	( )
  
5. How many children do you have?
6. What are the grade levels of your children?
7. Which school district are your school age children enrolled in?
8. Name a location (school or community center) that would be most convenient to you, for us to hold the workshops in?
9. Please print your name, address and telephone number in the space below.

## NEWS FROM THE ELDERS

### ELDERS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 1996

**Membership Concerns:** Bill Morseau asked if Council was going to vote on two Elders to sit on the Michigan Indian Elders Association Board. Gerald stated we would elect two people at our first business meeting in January, 1997.

Bill Morseau asked if there was job training for Native Americans for the jobs in the Tribe. It was stated there is a JTPA. Rae Daugherty announced there is a construction firm that hires Indians.

#### **New Business**

Rich Klemm introduced our new Education Director Adel Easterday. Adel told a story to the group. Joe Winchester asked Adel the current status of the tuition waiver. Adel stated Michigan Intertribal Council is looking into this.

Rich Klemm stated only nine homes have been turned in for repair and renovation. Keep submitting those applications.

Klemm made the announcement he is resigning from his job of Human Services Director. Rich thanked everyone he worked with, and Gerald Wesaw thanked Rich for all he had done for the Elders.

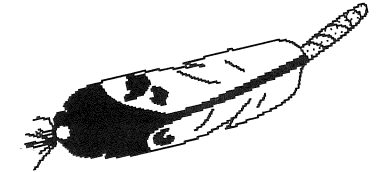
#### **THANKSGIVING LUNCH**

The Elders Thanksgiving luncheon was a huge success. Many thanks for Trish Williams and what a great job she did with plenty of food. Turkey and ham was the main course.

Many Elders brought side dishes. During the luncheon, Petey Boehm and Maureen Shagonaby were busy taking pictures. After dinner, the Elders enjoyed playing Bingo with plenty of prizes.

The Elders luncheons are held on the first and third Thursday of each month. Every Elder is invited to attend and bring their ideas and concerns to the committee. They will listen and as a group, we can decide what we can and can't do. The third Thursday is just a luncheon, but occasionally there will be a short business meeting.

Trish and Petey will no longer be working with the Elders, but they have done an excellent job. Trish who works for the Health Department, as a Nutritionist did an excellent job with the lunches. We will miss them, but we hope they come around to see us every chance they get.



### MEET THE ELDERS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

The Chairman of the Elders Council Gerald Wesaw Sr. was born March 2, 1931. He grew up in Hartford, Michigan.

Gerald is the son of Thomas and Mildred Wesaw. He had two brothers, Thomas Jr., and Leroy who is deceased. He has one sister Genevieve.

Gerald and his wife Evelyn have been married for 44 years. They raised five children, Matthew, Mark, Keith, Lois and Gerald Jr. who has passed away. The Wesaws have 11 grandchildren and two great granddaughters.

Gerald worked at Whirlpool for 45 years and nine months before retiring two years ago. After his retirement, he has managed to stay extremely busy. His hobbies include wood working, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4055.

Gerald also uses his time for volunteer work, including working with the Tribe. He is active in the Emergency Fund, Elders Housing Repair, and a member of the Rush Lake Cemetery committee.

Gerald and his wife also enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren. They also like to travel and do so at least twice a year.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS JOHN MILLER

On Making the Dean's List  
at Lake Michigan College



Love, your family

### CONGRATULATIONS DOROTHY WESAW

SHE MADE THE DEAN'S LIST AT  
BEMIDIJI STATE WITH A 3.6 G.P.A.

Love, your family

Dance, dance little Native Boy  
Keep the tradition alive,  
You are a proud Anishnabek  
I can see it in your eyes.

Dance, dance young Native Man,  
Make your bustle swing and sway,  
Dance for the Elders and yourself,  
The young ones and the kwé

Dance, dance wise old Elder,  
Teach our young ones to be strong,  
Tell them to stand up to those  
Who tell them our ways are wrong.

We must keep our pride,  
And continue to educate  
And suppress the anger  
Of those who still hate.

*Jill Shagonaby*

### CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW BABY GIRL!! REBECCA AND SHANNON HETTINGER

Paige Brianna Lee born  
on December 19, 1996

Love, Mom and Dad

#### HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Anita Margiotta, December 7

Love, Your Family

#### HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Bobby Drake, December 25

Love, your family

#### HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

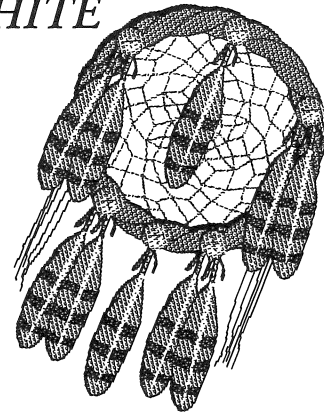
Darlene Tate, December 5

Love, your family

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY CLARENCE WHITE

JANUARY 5

From your loving  
wife Jenny  
and your family.



### JANUARY 20, 1997 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please submit the newsletter articles to  
Maureen Shagonaby  
104 N. Riverside Dr.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
FAX (616) 782-4573

Please submit birthdays to appear  
on the birthday calendar by the 20th.

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6 PAULA GENEREUX	7 CHARLES WESAW	8	9	10	11	
12	13 BRIAN BOEHM	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 THOMAS HERNADEZ	23	24	25
26 SAM OLDS	27	28	29 ALEXIS WESAW YERINTON	30	31	