

# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047



## LESSONS IN CORN SOUP

For anyone who thought making corn soup was easy, the lesson given by Mary Church changed that view. On Saturday, November 22, 1997, Mary showed about 20 people the process to make corn soup.

Mary had some prepared. Because the actual preparation takes many, many hours, she used a video of herself preparing the food to show step by step how to do it.

After boiling the corn with ashes to get the hard husks off, she exhibited how to wash the corn and get to the usable portion of the corn.

Many of those in attendance assisted the washing of the corn and got to feel how the texture of the kernels change as the process continues. Once the corn boils in the ashes, the first washing took place outside

with a hose. That gets the initial covering of the ashes off the corn.

The group then took the corn in to wash it in the sink and get the rest of ashes and the husks off the corn.

Mary showed the group how she fixes it with meat, and she also informed them that they could prepare the corn the way they liked it. For some of those watching this process for the first time, it was impressive to see how much work has to go into the preparation of this dish.



# TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

## TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSION WITH DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS SEPTEMBER 17, 1997

**RESOLUTION #1** made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Wayne Holleman **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council accepts the Draft Tardy Policy as presented at the Tribal Council Work Session with Directors and Coordinators on 9/17/97. This policy will now be known as the Tardy Policy effective October 1, 1997.

**ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 3 CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #2** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Mike Wesaw **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Staff and Council travel to the State of Indiana shall be considered in-state travel.

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**RESOLUTION #3** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Wayne Holleman **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the amendment to Resolution 97-09-13-02 to read: Tribal Council approves the release of funds to charter two buses to go to the rally at the State Capitol building in Lansing, Michigan in October. Date to be determined.

**ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 3 CARRIED**

**If Anyone Is Interested In  
Receiving  
A Full Set Of The Minutes,  
Please Contact  
Kelly Curran  
At The Administration  
Office.  
(616) 782-8998  
or  
1-800-517-0777**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
AT ELDERS HALL  
SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 13, 1997  
10:00 a.m.**

This Will Be A Potluck  
With Meat Provided.  
Tribal Council holds its business meeting  
the third Thursday of each month. The  
Saturday meetings are more informational,  
with Director and Committee Reports and  
Tribal Announcements.

# POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES

## Food Safety

This is a season for family and community get-togethers. We are fortunate to be able to share festive gatherings with one another. And when we gather we often share meals, feasts, and potlucks. But, feasting together safely requires responsible food preparation and handling.

## Basic food safety and hygiene:

- **Wash your hands before you prepare or serve food, after you go to the toilet, and after you change diapers. (For caregivers: always wash your hands after you assist any individual with their toileting needs.)** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends this method of washing- using both hands and warm soapy water, scrub both sides of both hands, between your fingers and under your nails-CDC says 10 to 15 seconds of this is enough to remove surface germs and soil. Another CDC fun fact- it's the friction and rubbing which does most of the cleaning.
- **Wash your food preparation utensils, work areas, serving dishes and serving utensils thoroughly with warm soapy water.** Use clean pots, pans, utensils, prep and eating surfaces. Do not cross-contaminate foods with soiled utensils, surfaces, serving dishes, soiled dish towels, or other uncooked foods.
- **Wash your fruits and vegetables thoroughly before eating or preparing. (Or, peel and wash.)**
- **Cook foods thoroughly.** For your safety, if it is not a dish made completely of vegetables or fruit, you need to cook it completely.
- **Keep hot foods hot, cold foods cold, and refrigerate leftovers promptly-**

## Flu shots

So far this flu season, the Pokagon Band nursing staff has provided approximately 150 flu shots for Tribal members and their households. We will continue to offer this service throughout the month of December. You can make an appointment for a flu shot by calling our office at (616)782-4141 or by dialing (888) 440-1234. Excluding holidays, Nursing staff is available at our Dowagiac office Mondays through Fri-

days, and at Sister Lakes Medical Center Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. In the interest of maximizing our community's health, this service is offered free of charge.

## PBPIHS Contract Health Services

The contract Health Service program has been running for 15 months, since August, 1996. In that time, 600 Pokagon Band members have used this service at least one time, and we have purchased services from 200 area doctors, dentists, pharmacists, hospitals and clinics.

Because of program guidelines, because the program is as busy as it is and because we have passed the one year mark we need to update our patient registration files. Our Policy is to update client information files every 12 months. You will be asked to answer questions about your insurance status, address and other important details at least once a year so we can keep our information current. Beginning in January, 1998, you will need to present two proofs of residence in order to be entered into the Patient Registration System.

To be eligible for C.H.S. you must:

- Be an enrolled Pokagon Band member.
- Live within the Contract Health Service Delivery Area.
- Be entered in the Patient Registration System.
- Receive prior authorization for each health care appointment when you wish to access CHS benefits.

If you have any questions about this program or your eligibility, please call a Pokagon Band CHS staff person at (616) 782-4141 or 1 (888) 440-1234.

## Johns Hopkins Health Planning

During the week of December 8th, some members of Health Services staff and Health Board members will be in Manistee along with health service and community planning staff from Little Traverse Bay Bands, Little River Band and the Huron Band of Potawatomi for technical assistance in health planning. We will seek sustainable solutions to delivering health services to our populations.

*Submitted by  
Christine Daugherty*

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE

On Saturday, November 15th, the second annual craft fair was held. I would like to express a warm thank you to those individuals who volunteered their entire Saturday. I would also like to thank the traders that displayed their crafts and beadwork. We had more traders and a greater variety of crafts this year. In spite of the snow, we also had far more shoppers this year!

A new item that was offered by the Substance Abuse Task Force as a fund raiser was a 1998 calendar that featured Michigan Pow Wows. It is beautifully done and Frank Bush is featured as the September picture. We still have calendars for sale at the Substance Abuse offices. In fact, more Band members have brought their crafts in for display. Come down and do your Christmas shopping! New items arrive daily. Our cups are on sale, two for \$10.00. We have a very few of the ceramic cups in stock, but lots of the red "to-go" cups.

We are in the final stages of completing our Substance Abuse Task Force ordinance. When it is presented to Tribal Council in December, we would like to submit names of those members interested in serving on the Task Force. We need your ideas! If you are interested, please submit a letter of intent to me at the Substance Abuse Office, 714 N. Front Street, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047.

At the present time, our Intensive Outpatient Program is thriving. Recently, a member reported that he/she had been looking for something like this and did not realize the Band provided such a service. Since this has been an available program since September, 1996, I was surprised! Our Intensive Outpatient Program is a group that meets twice a week for two hours each session. The focus of the group is to understand addiction, how it plays out in one's life, and how to overcome it. We talk about triggers that push us toward use, relapse and how to prevent it. The group is fun; no one says that recovery work is humorless. All we ask for is the sincere desire to learn alternative ways of coping with use of alcohol and other drugs. If you are interested in joining us, please call Jeffrey.

The Tuesday morning Mother and Daughter bead group has been meeting regularly for the past two months. We share lots of laughter as well as bead-ing techniques. Bring your supplies and join us; Tues-

days from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. If you don't have sup-plies, you may purchase some here for a very nominal amount; we all share also!

Wednesday evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. young male Band members meet to bead and have fun. Our group is growing. We usually provide both snacks and supplies. Transporters are available to pick up mem-bers, and I can usually return them if they have no other transportation. If you are interested, please call Jeffrey to make arrangements.

## SISTER LAKES MEDICAL CENTER

*Bringing professional family health care right to your neighborhood!*

Staffed by:

Edwin Newington, PA-C

Tom Berry, PA-C (Weekends)

Convenient Hours:

Mon., Tues., Thur., and Fri. 8:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Wed. 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (Walk-in hours)

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Sister Lakes Shopping Center

Dowagiac, MI 49047

**(616) 944-3500**

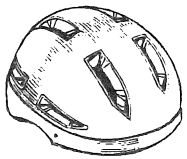
## AA MEETINGS

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

Please feel welcome to attend

# POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

## INJURY PREVENTION IS UNDERWAY



We have car seats, bike helmets and fire extinguishers available. These are for any needy family lacking these items. The program started November 10, 1997.

These items are available at the Social Services Department, 901 Spruce St.

If you need more information, please call

**(616) 782-8998**

or

**1-800-517-0777**

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS COMMODITIES

will be closed to the public the last two days of the month. This is to conduct inventory and clean up.

Please mark your calendars.

**NO FOOD COMMODITIES OR SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD**

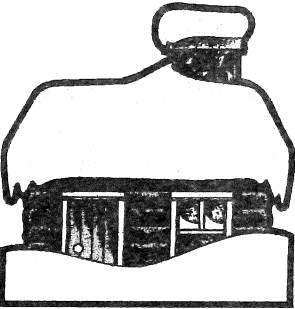
will be distributed. We will keep a notice posted to remind everyone!

*Thank you for your cooperation,  
The Commodities Staff*

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE NOTICE

Funding is now available for Low Income Home Energy Assistance. It is a ONE time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months.

This program will be handled by the Pokagon Band Social Service Department, if you have any questions please contact them at toll free 1-800-517-0777 or (616) 782-8998.



To apply for LIHEAP:

- ♦ Call or come into the Social Services Department at 901 Spruce St.
- ♦ Proof of all your household income is required. It may be done with the last 30 days of income or a 1996 Income Tax Return.
- ♦ Bring the name and address of your heat provider.

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

<u>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</u>	<u>INCOME LIMIT</u>
1	\$16,522
2	21,755
3	26,689
4	31,733
5	36,857
6	41,940
7	52,107
8	57,191

For family units of more than eight members, add three percent to 132% for each additional member, and multiply the new percentage by \$31,733.

# POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

## Repairs and Renovation Program

The program has gone very well during the last year. There has been so much that has been done for the members, especially the Elders in the first few months that we got started. The program started last October, and we were accommodating just elders sixty and over. This past April we opened the program up to all band members. There has been a big demand for work to be done, and my budget was to last until next September. Well, the budget has been so well utilized, the money that is left will be used for members who have emergency needs, (like your furnace quits, your roof is leaking bad, your windows are broken out, your water quits or you have no hot water, etc.

I want to make clear who qualifies for the Repair and Renovation programs currently in existence. **You must be an enrolled Pokagon Band member. You must live in the ten county service area and these are: Allegan, Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties in Michigan and Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana. If you don't live in any of those listed, then you can't receive help. You must own your home. We cannot and will not do work that the landlord should repair or renovate on rental or lease homes.** These requirements are for the HIP assistance program, the down payment assistance program and the sanitation program.

## 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 right now!

## HAPPY 43rd ANNIVERSARY

Bonnie and Tom Parrish

## HAPPY 22ND BIRTHDAY

Vanessa Baxter

Love, your family

## HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY BETTY SCHNEIDER

Betty's birthday is December 19

From your  
loving family

## CONGRATULATIONS

## Kevin Holleman and Gloria Axsom

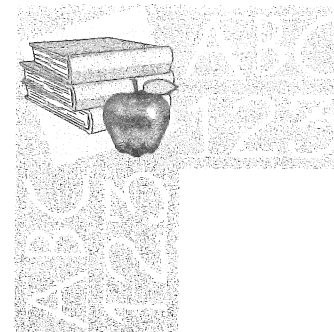
on their wedding  
November 15, 1997

## NATALIE STAUFFER

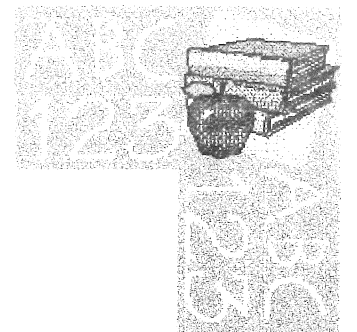
You are the 4th Best Reader in your class!  
Natalie attends Ballard Elementary in Niles  
Congratulations, I am very proud of you!  
Love, Mom

## HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY CAROLINA DELGADO

Love,  
Grandma and Grandpa  
Auntie Mary Jo,  
Uncle John-John  
Mom and Dad



## EDUCATION REPORT



## Education Committee Meetings

The Education Committee will be meeting Tuesday, December 9 and Thursday, December 18, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held in the Education Department, 901 Spruce Street, Dowagiac, MI. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Pokagon Band Scholarships for Vocational Education and College

Scholarship applications are available for the upcoming semester. Tribal members can receive financial assistance for full or part-time enrollment status. Students must apply for all campus based financial aid via the institution's financial aid office using the standard Financial Aid Packet (FAFSA) prior to applying to the tribe. Michigan residents must apply for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. Scholarship awards are based upon unmet financial need of the student. Please call the Education & Training Department to request an application. Current scholarship recipients who submitted an application for the whole year only need to send this semester's grades. They must also send their new class schedules to obtain a continuing award.

## Computer Lab

We welcome Robert Willis to the department. He is a real computer whiz. Currently he is following the schedule established by Frank Barker. Robert plans to begin classes next year, and more night classes will be available. Please see next month's newsletter for the new schedule.

## COMPUTER LAB CLASS SCHEDULE:

Monday & Wednesday 1:00-3:00 p.m. and

6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday 1:00-3:00 p.m.

## OPEN LAB TIMES:

Monday & Wednesday 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m.

## JOHNSON O'MALLEY NEWS

## Tutoring Info

A tutoring program has been set-up with the Notre Dame Native American Student Organization for students in Grades Kindergarten-12. For December, the program will take place on Tuesdays, Dec. 2 & Dec. 9 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the CSC building (near the library) on the Notre Dame campus. The program will continue after the holidays, but the dates are undecided at this time. Please call the Education Department for further information.

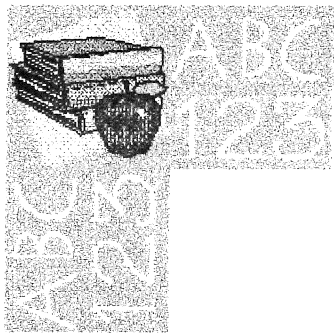
The Education Department is in the process of forming other tutoring programs. Available now is information for various tutoring programs established in the different counties. Please contact Marie Wesaw or Donald Sumners at the Education Department if you would like to be connect with a program.

## Regalia & Drumming Classes

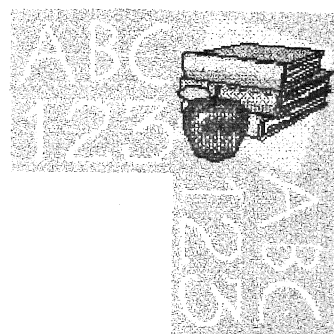
The youth regalia and drumming classes are now underway in both Indiana and Michigan locations. All interested school age youth are invited to join. Parents are also invited to stay and participate with your children. Materials are being provided. The December dates and locations are:

For Michigan Participants  
Wednesday, Dec. 3 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 17 6:30-8:30 p.m.





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Elders Hall  
53237 Townhall Road, Dowagiac

For Indiana Participants  
Monday, Dec. 8 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 22 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
South Bend Regional Museum of Art Century Center  
120 S. St. Joseph St. South Bend, IN

These classes are ongoing. Please call the Education Department for January dates or for directions.

### Parent Committee

The Education Department is in the process of forming Johnson O'Malley and Title IX parent committees. Any parent with children in the Johnson O'Malley and Title IX programs who are interested in being a member of the parent committees, please contact Don Sumners or Marie Wesaw at 1-888-330-1234 or (616) 782-0887.

### Turning in Forms

The Youth Program Coordinators are in the process of updating the Johnson O'Malley and Title IX files. If you received these forms in the mail this October, please fill them out and return them to the Education Department. The information on these forms are used to receive the grants that help support many of our youth programs.

### Volunteers welcome!

The Education Department realizes there are many dedicated and caring people in our community! We welcome volunteers for tutoring and other programs. Experience is not necessary; we can provide training. Please volunteer anytime by contacting the Youth Program Coordinators in the Education Department. We also need volunteers for our regalia classes.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee held a regular meeting on November 10, 1997 at the Education Department. The meeting's primary discussion reviewed with the Language Committee a draft job description for the Band's Language Development and Instruction Specialist(s). As the Language Committee needs more time to consider certain items, the two committees will meet on December 9, 1997 to finalize hopefully a joint recommendation on the job description.

Additional discussion of the Education Committee involved the status of the library grant, an update on the Department's budget, and an update on the scholarship program statistics.

The next meeting dates for the Committee are December 9, 1997 and December 18, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Education Department. Band membership is welcomed to come hear what the Education Department is planning and is encouraged to share ideas for the Department's future. (Before heading out to a Committee meeting, please call the Education Department to make sure the meeting has not been cancelled or moved. Thanks.)

*Submitted by,  
Marchell J. Wesaw*

## CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to announce three December college graduates.

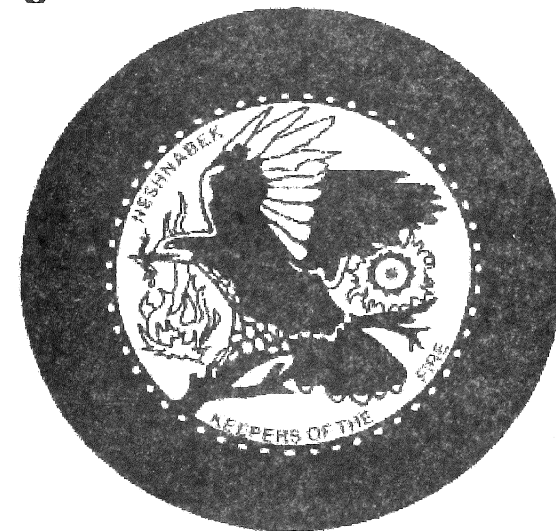
Corey Price--B.A. and teaching certificate from  
Western Michigan University

John Miller--Assoc. Degree in Hospitality  
Management from LMC

Barbara Ann Warren--B.A. in Nursing from  
Valparaiso University.

# YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

## THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS



## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

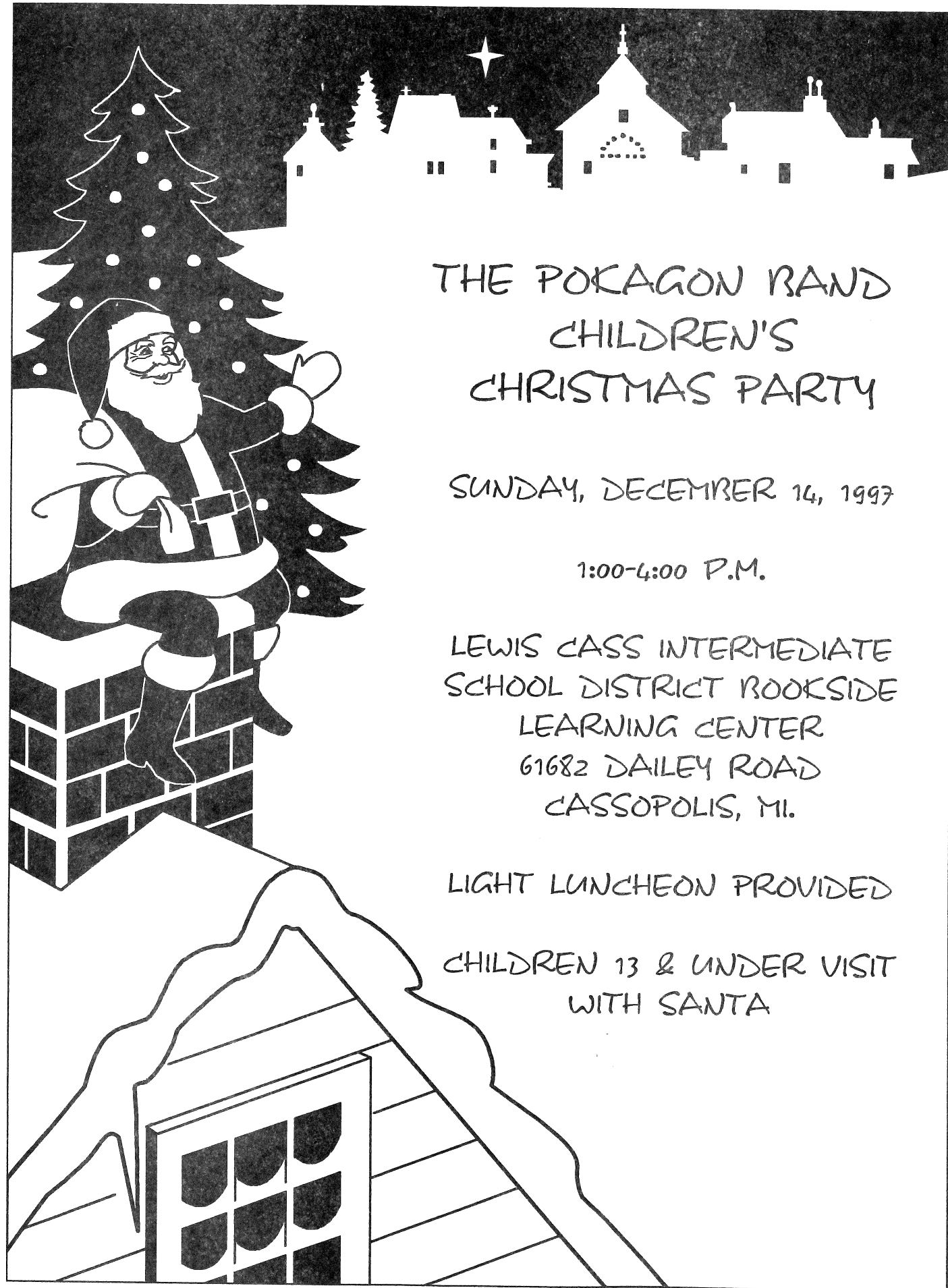
*Please join the Pokagon Band  
Staff & Council*

*Thursday December 18, 1997*

*from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.*

*901 Spruce Street (Suite 6)*

*Dowagiac, Michigan*



# THE POKAGON BAND CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1997

1:00-4:00 P.M.

LEWIS CASS INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT ROOKSIDE  
LEARNING CENTER  
61682 DAILEY ROAD  
CASSOPOLIS, MI.

LIGHT LUNCHEON PROVIDED

CHILDREN 13 & UNDER VISIT  
WITH SANTA

## DECEMBER EVENTS

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30 E.H. = Elders Hall * = Weekly Event	1 *TOP-Sub Ad. 10x-12y	2 Personnel-Admin. 5 p.m. *Women's Bead Group Sub Ad 8:30-10:30a	3 *Boy's Bead Group Sub Ad 5:00-7:00p *AA-Sub Ad 7:30-8:30p	4 Elders Council-Business Meeting 11:00 a.m. *TOP-Sub Ad 10x-12y *Mother/Daughter Bead Group Sub Ad 6-8y	5	6 Basket Co-Op E.H. 12-5 p.m. *Children's Prevention Program Sub Ad 1-4y
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Tribal Council 10 a E.H.
14 Children's Christmas Party 1-4 p.m. Lewis Cass I.S.D. Cassopolis	15 Health Board-IHS 5:30 p	16	17	18 OPEN HOUSE-ADMIN 3-7 p.m.	19 Elders Christmas Luncheon 11:00 a.m.	20 Basket Co-Op E.H. 12-5 p.m.
21	22	23	24	25 	26 	27 Basket Co-Op E.H. 12-5 p.m.
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ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Membership Reminder.

Whenever you move or change your phone number, please keep the Enrollment Office informed of such changes.. If you have married since filing your application with the Pokagon Band we need a copy of your **marriage license** for name change. We also need copies of divorce decrees if you are once again using your maiden name. If a family member is enrolled and is now deceased we need a copy of the *death certificate*. It would be a great time saver if I could get the *Head of Household* to list all the *tribal members* who reside at their address.

A *change of address form* has been included for your convenience. Please fill one out for yourself or anyone you know that may have recently moved. **Return it to the address below instead of calling please.**

*If you have any questions on the status of your membership you need to get in touch with the Enrollment Office at 1-888-782-1001 or write to:*

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Enrollment Office  
104 N Riverside Dr  
Dowagiac MI 49047

OLD ADDRESS:

(First)	(Middle)	(Last)
(Street/Box/Apt)		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)

NEW ADDRESS:

(Street/Box/Apt)		
City	(State)	(Zip)

Phone Number ( ) Unlisted: Yes No

Please list all tribal members who reside at this address.

- |          |          |
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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

## THE GREAT FLOOD

One very remarkable character reported in our legends, dimly seen through the mist of untold centuries, is Kwi-wi-sens Nenaw-bo-zhoo, meaning in Algonquin dialect, "The greatest clown-boy in the world." When he became a man, he was not only a great prophet among his people, but a giant of such marvelous strength that he could wield his war-club with force enough to shatter in pieces the largest pine tree. His hunting-dog was a monstrous black wolf, as large as a full-grown buffalo, with long, soft hair, and eyes that shone in the night like the moon. The deity of the sea saw the charming beauty of this wolf-dog and was so extremely jealous of him, that he was determined to take his life. So he appeared before him in the form of a deer; and as the dog rushed to seize him, he was grasped by the deity and drowned in the depths of the sea. He then made a great barbecue and invited as his guests whales, serpents, and all the monsters of the deep, that they might exult and rejoice with him that he had slain the dog of the prophet.

When the seer-clown learned of the fate of his dog, through cunning Waw-goosh (the fox), whose keen eyes saw the deception that cost the wolf-dog his life, he sought to take revenge upon the sea-god. So he went at once to the place where the latter was accustomed to come on land with his monster servants to bathe in the sunshine, and there he concealed himself among the tall rushes until the "caravan of the deep" came ashore. When they had fallen asleep, he drew his giant bow, twice as long as he was tall, and shot a poisoned arrow that pierced Neben Manito, the water-god, through the heart. Neben Manito rolled into the sea, and cried, "Revenge! Revenge!" Then all the assembled monsters of the deep rushed headlong after the slayer of their king. The prophet fled in consternation before the outraged creatures that hurled after him mountains of water, which swept down the forests like grass before the whirlwind. He continued to flee before the raging flood, but could find no dry land. In sore despair he then called upon the God of Heaven to save him, when then appeared before him a great canoe, in which were pairs of all kinds of land-beast and birds, being rowed by a most beautiful maiden, who let down a rope and drew him up into the boat.

The flood raged on; but, though mountains of water were continually being hurled after the prophet, he was safe. When he floated on the water for many days, he ordered Aw-milk (the beaver) to dive down

and, if he could reach the bottom, to bring up some earth. Down the latter plunged, but in a few minutes came floating to the surface lifeless. The prophet pulled him into the boat, blew into his mouth, and he became alive again. He then said to Waw-jashk The musk-rat ), "You are the best diver among all the animal creation. Go down to the bottom and bring me up some earth, out of which I will create a new world; for we cannot much longer live on the face of the deep."

Down plunged the musk-rat; but, like the beaver, he too, soon came to the surface lifeless, and was drawn into the boat, where upon the prophet blew into his mouth, and he became alive again. In his paw, however, was found a small quantity of earth, which the prophet rolled into a small ball, and tied to the neck of Ka-ke-gi (the raven), saying, "Go thou and fly to and fro over the surface of the deep, that dry land may appear." The raven did so; the waters rolled away; the world resumed its former shape; and, in the course of time, the maiden and prophet were united and re-peopled the world.

*About the Print version*

*Indian Superstitions and Legends.*

*Simon Pokagon*

*1st Edition*

*New York, N.Y.*

*(July 1889) 618-629*

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# ELDERS COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 1997 - 11:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:10 A.M. The invocation was given by Clarence White.

#### Roll Call

Present: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Clarence White, Mary Jo Morris, Rachel Daugherty  
Absent: Mary Church-excused  
Attendance: 24 Elders + 5 Guests

Fred Klemm moved to approve the minutes of Sept.4, 1997. Rae Daugherty seconded the motion. All in favor, opposed 0.

Fred Klemm moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 1997. Marge Moody seconded the motion. All in favor, opposed 0.

Social luncheon report - October 16, 1997. Jodi Palmer, our Education Director had a grant request for a service learning project for the Elders. Students aged 10-15 would help with yard work at Elders homes. Jodi asked for a letter of support which was signed by Gerald Wesaw and Marge Moody. Jodi introduced two new Youth Coordinators: Marie Wesaw and Donald Summers.

Also: Joe Winchester passed out his October MIEA report, the MIEA agenda and their mission statement.

Communications - The grant Jodi Palmer presented to Elders Council & Membership on October 16th didn't go through. Jo Ellen will be doing research for another grant.

Nominations - MIEA Committee - Joe Winchester nominated John Wesaw, Jr.; John Wesaw, Jr. nominated Sam Wesaw; Marge Moody nominated Rae Daugherty. Gerald asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Gerald closed the nominations.

Rae Daugherty, Sam Wesaw, and John Wesaw, Jr. all accepted. Voting was done by a show of hands. John Wesaw, Jr. - 16 votes, Sam Wesaw - 9 votes, Rae Daugherty - 10 votes. John Wesaw, Jr. and Rae Daugherty will be on the MIEA Committee,

Mike Wesaw read our audit report dated June 4, 1997. Our next audit will be late December or early January. Crowe/Chizek, our audit firm is one of the top 10 firms in the country. The fiscal year is September 30, 1997. Total stipends \$107,475.00. Renovation & Repair \$216,246.85. Area Aging \$81,817.60. Administrative \$40,520.28. Total Elders program is \$446,059.73. This is funded by a variety of grants, federal funding and internal funding on behalf of the Elders. Discussions were on Elders stipend, Harrah's contract, bingo, economic development, HUD and BIA funding. Also discussed was a monthly discretionary dollar amount Elders Council would be responsible for in the way it is spent.

Funeral dinners at Sacred Heart Church Hall - no action was taken.

January, February, March meetings - Membership agreed to have one meeting a month for these months. First Thursday of each month; weather permitting, MIEA Committee will meet if something needs to be done.

50/50 volunteers - November - Clarence & Marge are luncheon volunteers - December - Rae & Marge 50/50 volunteers - December - Harry & Ann, Tom & Bonnie  
Marge is going to check further on a casino trip. Possible dates are December 10th or 15th.

Thanksgiving luncheon is Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Staff is invited, and it will be potluck. The meat will be donated by three Elders.

Becky Price, R.N.C. passed out some forms for membership to fill out for an Injury Prevention grant.

Meeting was adjourned by Gerald at 12:50 P.M.

Mary Jo Morris  
Elders Council Secretary

## ELDER STIPEND PROCEDURE

Your Tribal Council has authorized a monthly payment to all elders, 65 years or older for life. This amount is \$125.00 per month. If you choose to not accept this "Stipend" please check below.

- Requirements:
- \*You must be 65 years of age or older
  - \*You must have all enrollment paperwork complete
  - \*Register with the Administrative Office

### REGISTRATION FORM:

Name	Birthday
Street Address	Social Security Number
City - State - Zip Code	

- [ ] I DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE THE "STIPEND" AT THIS TIME.
- [ ] YES, PLEASE DEDUCT AND WITHHOLD 20% FOR TAXES.
- [ ] NO, PLEASE DO NOT WITHHOLD 20% FOR TAXES

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

For Official Use Only

- [ ] Enrollment File Complete \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial and date

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The local Chapter of Squaw, Incorporated as part of the national organization is changing its name. The move is in response to the controversial nature and the questionable connotation of the word "squaw" as well as the ethic negativity it created for some. The change comes after five years of discussion and re-examination of their values.

Pokagon Band Councilmember Julie Stauffer worked with the members of the B.H. chapter as they changed their name. Stauffer pointed out the inappropriateness of this name and the derogatory meaning the word has for Native women.

Stauffer also helped with an education process to get the name changed. That process included letters of support sent by Native American activists Wilma Mankiller, Richard Morales, Suzanne Harjo to the Squaw chapters located near their reservations or agencies.

The history of the former Squaws chapters began with the Pittsburgh founding chapter. Philadelphia became the first chapter under incorporation in 1964. The Benton Harbor Chapter of Squaws, Inc. was chartered in June, 1970. These community-minded women were young housewives who wanted to support their community and to help to others. It now represents women from all walks of life.

Since this chapter began, it has donated time and money to numerous programs. Among those are the Benton Harbor Senior Citizen's Center, the Charles Gray Teen Center, School Age Mothers program of the Benton Harbor Area Schools, Sickle Cell Anemia, and many other programs.

During the 15th Biennial Conclave July, 1996, the decision to change this civic-social organization was completed. Since its incorporation, a silver charm has been given by each hosting chapter to each Squaw as a symbol of true sisterhood, harmony and unity. Bracelets jingling with silver medallions enhance the wrists of these ladies at every conclave and board meeting. It was decided "Silver Charms" or "Charms" would be an appropriate name.

Once the research was completed by our legal representative, the "Charms" was the final choice. During the Biennial Executive Board meeting in Savannah this past July all documentation, symbols, etc. was changed to reflect Charms, Inc.

The Benton Harbor Charms will continue to serve this area with as much devotion, fervor and energy as before.

The Silver Creek Plaza is located on 901 Spruce St., between Burger King and Subway. To fax anything to Tribal Council or Public Relations, please use (616) 782-4573.

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## A SPECIAL THANKS

The Frank Bush family would like to thank the Veterans and their families for their help during the four day guard and participation. Thanks goes to the men who kept the four day fire going. Chopping wood and just being there day and night was really appreciated. Many of the women in the community brought food!!! Thank you. During those four days, meals were prepared daily and many people were fed. There was always enough food. Our thanks goes out to the people who brought cedar, water, lanterns, canopies, chairs and other items the camp needed. A big thank you to our Pipe Carriers for their ceremony. They showed us the way and it was completed. And to the drums and singers who sang the songs. The songs ended a journey and began another. Many of you gave blankets and shawls. Thanks for the gift of giving.

It was said over 1,000 people came from all over the nation on the final day. Many faces passed through and if we have missed you, thank you once again for coming and paying your respects.

*The Frank Bush family  
All my relations*

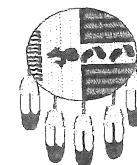


## CONGRATULATIONS

### COREY PRICE

WE KNEW YOU COULD DO IT.  
NOW YOU'RE READY TO TEACH  
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

Grandma Davidson, Mom, Dad, Jared, and Josh



## CONGRATULATIONS

Scott and Shannon (Falk) Liggett  
on your marriage  
October 25, 1997  
Love, Mom, Taylor, Jackson,  
Kenny and the whole family



## ELDERS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

The Pokagon Band Elders held a Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday, November 20. The Elders were kind enough to invite the staff to participate in their luncheon. The menu was diverse and delicious with the Thanksgiving favorite of turkey and also a ham available for the choosing.

Elders Hall was full as about 15 staff members took the invitation to have lunch and visit with the Elders. Many of the members came from all over to gather for the pre-holiday celebration.

The 50/50 drawing was also a big hit. With so many people in attendance, the jackpot was a healthy one. The winner of the drawing was Mrs. Klemm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Mark Wilson  
on your appointment to the  
Lawrence downtown development  
authority

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
John-John Hoekstra  
December 31, 1997  
We love you,  
Kim, Brittainy and Corey

HAPPY 26TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
BECKY AND RICK PRICE  
December 12  
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
MIRIAM AND DAVE WEYENT

TO MY DAUGHTER LISA

Happy 18th Birthday

To all these years of good times and the tough  
times together. We want you to know we love  
you and are always here for you. You have  
those special talents of creativity. We hope you  
continue to grow well and be happy.

Love ya,  
your mother Trish Williams  
and Michelle and Tracy

HAPPY BELATED 11th BIRTHDAY  
TAYLOR FALK  
LOVE, MOM AND SCOTT  
HAPPY BELATED 25th BIRTHDAY  
SCOTT LIGGETT  
I Love You, Shannon  
HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY  
HEATHER DETTMAN

DECEMBER 15, 1997  
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CONGRATULATIONS

Candi Ann Wilcox  
and Shawn Day  
on the birth of your son  
Raven Kegabay  
on  
9-11-97  
Love, your family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TRACY WESAW

December 4, 1997

Love, Kim, Fred,  
Brittainy and Corey

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Kevin Daugherty Casey Linn	2 John Pokagon Michele Curran Kimmy Morsaw	3 Terry Daisy Judy Raymond	4 Tracy Wesaw Karen Tillman	5 David Wesaw Nash Wilkenson (1 yr)	6	
7 Anita Margiotta	8	9 Sue Andrews	10 Becky Kirst	11 Gregory D. Ballew John Gustafson	12 Phillip Brown Buddy Stevenson	13
14 Lee Wattles	15 Rebecca Diamond	16 Daniel F. Rapp Frances Daugherty	17	18 Jerry Raymond Shelly Galvan	19	20 Carol Lewis
21	22 Taylor Morseau	23 PJ Ashby	24 Brandy Genereaux Adam Kirst	25 Linda M. Miller Barbra	26	27
28 Debra Mosier	29	30 Miriam Weyant	31 John Hoekstra Ernie Daisy			

November

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