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RED ROAD POW WOW AND LITEFOOT HIT DOWAGIAC

The Red Road Pow Wow in Dowagiac March 22 and 23, welcomed people from all over. Many Band members attended to dance or drum or just to shop. The more than 30 traders displayed their beautiful art and jewelry. There was also delicious food to be sampled with pow wow staples like fry bread, blanket dogs and Indian tacos.

The traditional pow wow included many intertribals and the always popular two-step. During the pow wow the JOM students were treated to a talk by Native American rapper Litefoot. The Cherokee has been in several movies, including a starring role in *Indian in the Cupboard*. His message was a positive, uplifting one for the youth. He spoke of the need for young people to learn the history of all Indian people, not just their own tribes.

He spoke of his own success and encouraged the

youths to follow their dreams. He also added that they must not let others pull them down. For many of the younger kids, the question and answer period was fun. Litefoot answered questions ranging from how they made him so small in the movie *Indian in the Cupboard* to who was his inspiration.

Litefoot also rapped his message later that night. He again spoke of the need for education and pride in yourself. You must worry about yourself and believe in yourself. His concert was popular with the youth who danced the night away to it, but he also reached the Elders. Many of them enjoyed the concert and his visit with them Friday evening.

The pow wow wrapped up Sunday with more dancing and traditional drumming. The proceeds of the Red Road Pow Wow benefit the establishment of a half-way house in Southwest Michigan.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Boozhoo, Neshnabek,

I am so happy that spring is finally here—what a long, snowy winter it was for our people! By the time you read this, our own Red Road Pow Wow will be only memory, but I am confident that it will be a wonderful beginning for the 1997 pow wow season. I hope to see you all at pow wows throughout the year,

Tribal Council

I am extremely proud of the work done by our Tribal Council over the past year. I am especially pleased with the tremendous amount of work they have accomplished since early January.

Our Council members are a very diverse group—we have among them Elders, businessman, working mothers, students, truck drivers, tradesmen, and technicians. We have a mixture of ages, gender, locales, religion, interests, hobbies, and lifestyles. We have college degrees and life experience. In short, I believe we have a wonderfully varied representation of members of our Band. It is gratifying to be able to bring together these individuals to form a productive unit.

Since the first of the year, I have asked much of our Council members—and they have obliged. We have had a series of closed meetings that focused on setting goals for our Pokagon people. In the first brainstorming session, we gathered ideas for our future. In subsequent meetings, we combined everyone's thoughts and ultimately established what we believe to be the Band's priorities. Then, we set our goals—both short-term and long term. This intensive process was new to us as a Council, and I am pleased to say, all members worked well together to produce a viable plan.

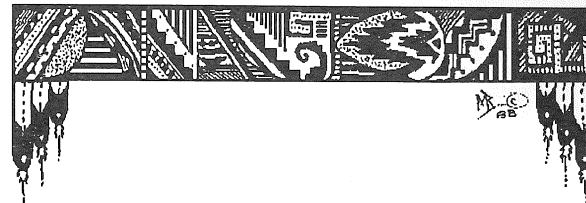
I would also like to thank the Council members for their dedication. Most are also members of various other committees. Many are attending three or even four meetings per week! They are working many, many long hours for our people. Each member also receives a bursting packet of information that must be read and studied before each Council meeting. Unfortunately, we must even use up their family or leisure time with frequent telephone calls. Council members have also been requested to represent our people at various meetings and events. Some members have had to take leave from work

or use up vacation time to do this. They have been called upon to make some difficult decisions during our meetings—decisions that may not be popular with all members. Sometimes, they take heavy criticism and angry looks. It is a very difficult job.

I hope that you will find time to personally thank these people for their many hours spent in Tribal Council endeavors. They are not paid for even one moment of their time, and they receive only mileage cost for their travel. They are elected volunteers who are hard-working and dedicated. Please let them know that you appreciate their efforts.

Sam, Mary, Wayne, Mike, Tom, Dan, Greg, Kevin, Julie, Barbara Ann, and Maxine, I want all to know that I appreciate everything you have done for our Band. Waa waa naa!

*Bob Moody, Jr.
Tribal Chairman*



**TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING
10:00 a.m.**

**SATURDAY APRIL 12, 1997
AT ELDERS HALL**

**This meeting will be a potluck,
so please bring your favorite dish
to pass.
Meat will be provided.**



L. to R. Maureen Shagonaby, Congressman Dale Kildee and Kevin Daugherty

M.A.S.T. IMPACT WEEK

The Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes held its first meeting in Washington D.C. on March 10-13, 1997. The group formed to help protect tribes' sovereign rights.

Its goal for the inaugural meeting was to educate lawmakers on Native American issues. The 104th Congress tried to pass many anti-Indian laws. Many of those attempts eroded at Indian sovereignty. From land in trust issues to heavy taxes on Indian gaming, the effects are the same. Any law that impacts these issues can damage the self-determination that tribes are attempting to achieve.

The Alliance is formed by 34 federally recognized tribes throughout the Midwest. The goal is to educate Congress and Senate on tribal sovereignty. For many of those politicians there are no tribes in their area. The goal of M.A.S.T. was to educate the lawmakers without significant Indian populations.

The group accomplished those goals. After the week ended, the tribal representatives had visited more than 185 offices on both the House and Senate side. Kevin Daugherty and Maureen Shagonaby attended as representatives of the Pokagon Band.

The trip was a success. The two met with Congressman Fred Upton and encouraged him to join a Native American caucus that is starting in the House. It is a bi-partisan effort co-chaired by Congressman Dale Kildee and Congressman Patrick Kennedy. Upton was very interested and plans to participate in the Caucus.

Although it was important to meet with the Michigan politicians, the most crucial visits were to those who had little knowledge of Indian issues.

GAMING UPDATE

Michigan-

No further progress to date. There has been a Detroit newspaper article where Speaker Hertel indicated it was possible legislative language on proposal E would be taken up by the legislature in April. If this is the case, our resolution in support of the compact should follow when the proposal E process is completed. Little River's management company, who is also involved with the Detroit process, is saying our compacts will be completed in June. We are continuing to keep contact with legislators to develop strategies to make sure our compacts move as promised.

Congressman Kildee's office has been in contact with the Interior Department about their intentions in acting on behalf of the Pokagon Band and the other Tribes in Michigan. As of late, the communication is another meeting will be held with the Department of Justice in April, and we should expect word by May 1. Keep in mind the Interior Department is trying to come up with a solution which will be able to withstand potential legal challenges. Their options are to file a lawsuit on behalf of the Tribes or prescribe a compact themselves. In any event, we will not be able to proceed until the Interior Department and Department of Justice is ready to move forward.

Indiana-

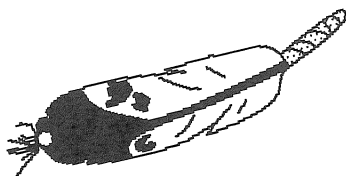
A myriad of potential legislative activity has been taking place in Indiana trying to stifle our efforts while protecting existing and other gaming interests. Senate bills have been passed to prevent compact negotiations and a land base casino. However, these bills are currently in the House with no prospect at this time of being heard. There exists a real reluctance on the part of the House to pass any legislative language surrounding gaming. Especially, legislative language which may tie the hands of the state in the future as it relates to IGRA. A compromise bill is being developed whereby compact negotiations may be allowed given certain conditions. We have not seen this language and should have it in the near future for our comments. It appears we are able to have good communications with a variety of legislators through our lobbyists in Indy. They have been working hard on our behalf, and they are well respected by the General Assembly. They have been effective in educating certain key legislators and the governor's of-

fice on the real issues surrounding the Pokagon Band and Indian gaming.

Governor O'Bannon has made public comments on the compacting issues where it seems he has changed his position from favorable to unfavorable. Much of this had to do with our good buddy Congressman Roemer. Roemer continues to misinterpret everything from federal law (IGRA) to land in trust issues in communications with the Governor. However, we have been successful in repudiating his misrepresentations on these issues. Until the governor studies these issues further he should be abstaining from any more public comment.

Locally, the South Bend City Council was considering passing a resolution to support a moratorium on gaming and prohibiting land based casinos. Fortunately, this resolution was tabled in committee pending further study.

Education of the issues will be the focus of the Indiana negotiating team in Indiana. We will be meeting with a variety of organizations to garner grass roots support. There has been support from labor and minority leaders which will serve helpful to our efforts.



Mike Wesaw
Finance Director

FINANCE REPORT

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Revenue and Expense Summary

For the Months Ending 1/31/97 & 2/28/97

Revenue:	February	January	YTD
Gaming Stipend	75,000.00	75,000.00	375,000.00
BIA Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	264,822.00
IHS Sanitation	32,339.65	0.00	53,494.21
ANA	0.00	0.00	51,728.70
IHS	9,230.00	1,721,000.00	1,772,109.25
JTPA	0.00	0.00	140,824.00
USDA Commodity Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	13,278.00
Misc. Refunds	2,996.53	0.00	5,667.53
Interest	13,555.68	11,007.47	52,057.52
	133,121.86	1,807,007.47	2,728,981.21

Program Expenses:

Injury Prevention	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elders Stipend	7,800.00	7,600.00	38,200.00
Emergency Fund	3,855.30	5,624.59	26,253.67
Scholarship Program (638 Contract)	1,250.00	20,250.00	82,725.00

Indian Health Services	24,836.00	30,483.00	133,744.35
Contract Health Services	13,118.49	11,697.39	51,453.71
Opening Doors	471.30	1,420.80	6,154.50
Substance Abuse	6,114.52	5,689.11	21,885.24
ANA	0.00	0.00	4,846.18
JTPA	20,927.33	14,718.66	83,954.95
JOM	10,256.63	3,942.67	24,746.35
USDA	6,437.39	6,965.92	32,820.88
USDA-Nutrition	0.00	369.02	3,257.81
Renovation & Repair	21,940.16	21,075.01	97,718.32
Cultural Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Education	3,859.54	6,843.64	25,201.08
Elders Programs	2,154.81	1,464.32	7,805.73
Housing Authority	1,839.63	218.40	4,436.62
Communications	961.84	1,408.38	7,522.25
	125,822.95	139,770.91	652,726.62

Administrative & Council

Salaries & Wages	54,365.26	82,991.55	322,436.16
Group Insurance	4,372.41	4,182.28	20,649.17
Travel	6,302.68	6,108.73	23,988.85
Postage	1,108.99	1,500.00	7,127.99
Overnight Mailings	415.55	(47.25)	466.15
Rent	2,133.59	901.25	5,748.09
Telephone	4,496.32	4,698.70	20,792.42
Utilities	917.61	1,197.97	3,724.47
Equipment Rental	0.00	265.50	531.00
General Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional Fees	31,000.69	32,401.80	71,585.53
Miscellaneous	827.34	8,742.57	18,722.45
Training	1,014.20	0.00	1,814.20
Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	507.85	1,397.70
Reference Materials	18.95	1,515.00	3,257.65
Office Supplies	1,807.46	2,019.15	7,317.14
Copying Costs	596.26	2,532.58	7,264.24
Office Cleaning	276.29	661.19	2,918.01
Maintenance	3,452.44	371.25	5,543.84
Software Expenses	200.33	867.64	3,199.55
Employee Office Expense	127.63	106.42	711.89
Contributions	135.00	350.00	1,233.58
	113,669.00	151,874.18	530,430.08

Total Expenses \$239,491.95 291,645.09 1,183,156.70

Revenue over Expenses (106,370.09) 1,515,362.38 1,545,824.51



COMMITTEE REPORT

When the legislative agenda for our compact approval process started, we encountered several obstacles. The biggest of these obstacles was timing. Unfortunately the Pokagons had no control of the timing, as well as the political climate. We were asked to be patient, and told the Compact would become priority at different intervals. We were advised to get involved in the political action arena. Everything we were asked to do, we complied with. We extended our patience, we supported those who were helping us, we agreed to change our casino site, we kept our frustrations from the media, we didn't attack the political process, we believed those who talked to us, assuring us that "it would get done". Well, my friends, my frustrations have peaked.

The Compact vote late last spring failed in the Senate. The debate centered on the argument, until Detroit is approved for casino gaming, we will not support anyone else having it. A referendum was approved in November of 1996 giving Detroit three casino licenses. Detroit now has the authority to game.

The Pokagons have been told there is support from the Governor and the Republican controlled Senate for passage of our Compact Resolution. I would like to believe this, but I am no longer sure of what I hear. The House leadership has said they support our Compact. But, before it will act on the Resolution, Speaker Curtis Hertel wants assurances that the Governor will not hinder the implementation of Proposal E (casino gaming for Detroit). The Governor began almost immediately with the implementation of Proposal E. I spoke to Hertel in early March about the lack of progress on the Compact Resolution. I advised him that I would recommend to the Tribal Council we look to Washington for relief. Speaker Hertel asked for a two-week delay. He thought he could work out an agreement to meet everyone's needs. Two weeks later, in my conversation with the Speaker, he told me, "I can't get it done, do what you have to do (go to Washington), I understand."

I would like to lay total blame on the political process, but I can't. We have to accept partial responsibility. We have not required our voice to be heard on all matters in the strategy used to get the Compact through. To use a politically incorrect term, there are too many chiefs and not enough Indians. The chiefs have the same goal in mind, they just aren't on the same page. We can correct this, but there has been damage done.

While all this political rhetoric and posturing is

going on, we are being denied the ability to provide our own economic well being, and establishing our own future.

Additionally, Windsor is smiling. The longer this fight goes on, the more money they make. Casino opponents are given more time to develop legislative language to stall, eliminate, authorize more government control etc., over gaming in Michigan. The court challenge on Proposal E is gearing up, which if filed, will delay the implementation for an unknown period of time.

I don't argue the need for strong regulatory authority over state run gaming, but, Indian gaming has not shown the need for additional state regulatory power. The current regulatory system for Indian gaming is sufficient. It is more regulated than all others.

Within the last month there have been at least 10 new pieces of legislation introduced which will impact the gaming industry if passed. One is a resolution, which if passed by both the House and Senate, would place on the ballot during the next election a constitutional amendment to make gaming illegal.

We knew early in the legislative process our timing was bad, however; we accepted the delays, met with all who asked, and believed what we were told. To what end? We are still a pawn in a game we don't want to play, and a pawn the parties really don't care about.

I have said it before, and I will say it again. Washington should be the focus of our strategy now. This is not to say our Compact may not get State approval, but we can't accept the excuses and delays the politicians are supplying. It is obvious we are not a factor in their game. If it happens great, but we need to move forward. We need to petition the Secretary of the Interior for quick action on the subscription process. We have spent our time and energy laying the ground work for the Secretary to support us. It is time to see if their words will lead to action.

Frustrations with the political process are nothing new, as our government grows we will run into this quite often. We can't let this frustration lead to alienation. The political process is the vital part of the democratic process. We can only ask for fairness and equal treatment. We will continue to be in contact with our legislators, letting them know our feelings. You should too.

Matt Wesaw
Legislative Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORT

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The new Education Director, Jodi Palmer, has been hired and will be busy at work by the time this newsletter hits the press. Welcome aboard Jodi!

Scholarship applications are being accepted for Spring and Summer sessions. Contact Ginny for more information. Remember, for past scholarship recipients, grades are due each semester/term.

We now have a college application fee program. We will pay up to a total of \$100 on a one-time basis only for college application fees. Fee checks will be issued to the applicable institution. Contact Ginny for more information and application forms.

The tutoring program in Indiana held at the Century Center in downtown South Bend has been put on hold due to lack of interest. If your student is interested in receiving tutoring in Indiana for the last six weeks of this school year, contact Lesa Anders at 1-888-330-1234 by April 10, 1997. Let Lesa know where and when you would like tutoring to be held and leave a number where you can be reached. Please do the same if you are interested in summer tutoring for your student, or would like to volunteer to be a tutor. We will try our best to accommodate as many students as possible.

The Pokagon Youth Leadership camp will be held again this year during the week of June 15-21, 1997. If you do not receive a camp application within the next few weeks, contact Lesa Anders. If you are interested in being a counselor at the camp, contact Lesa for more information. All efforts will be made so parents who want to be counselors will not be with their own children, to avoid any problems. Last year's counselors had a great time. Remember, being a counselor is a big responsibility and is a 24 hour job. But don't let that scare you as you will personally gain a great deal from this experience. If you would like to volunteer to help out with other duties at camp, call Lesa. There is more information contained elsewhere in the newsletter.

Attention parents! We need your input on the Education Committee, JOM Committee and Title IX Committee. These are your students and our future. If interested, please come to our next meeting April 14, 1997 at 6:00pm. Call Lesa for meeting place - with all the offices moving - we're not sure where we will be.

*Karen Winchester
Education Chairperson*

SPIRITUAL GATHERING COMMITTEE

The Anishnabeg have always been regarded as a spiritual people. Even today the Anishnabeg still have strong spiritual beliefs. It is because of this, that we are now faced with a situation that will benefit the people of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, descendants of the Anishnabeg.

We, the people who originally thought of the Spiritual Gathering, have chosen to be called the "Spiritual Gathering Committee". We would like to express to you the motivation behind this group of people. We have no formal way of governing ourselves other than we have established to operate as our ancestors did. Our decisions are formulated through the general consensus method. We've chosen not to have a chairperson, but have selected from among us a spokesperson. Our committee has been working in conjunction with the Pokagon Band Indian Health Services, as well as other departments of our tribe to sponsor this event.

We have for some time now, been considering having an event of this magnitude. We've chosen a spiritual leader from the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians to conduct this gathering. Dale Thomas, a Spiritual Leader has been contacted and consented to be in charge of the Gathering. Please keep in mind it is our inherent right as Anishnabeg to be able to hear and share in the teachings of the Original Instructions. What the people decide to do with them is entirely up to them, as long as all is done in a good way.

The time and place will be announced in the near future. The Gathering will consist of four days of teachings, spiritual fire, daily feasts, talking circles, Pokagon Community involvement and togetherness, social drumming and dancing each evening. All Pokagons are strongly encouraged to attend!

Elders would benefit from the love and respect generated from the Gathering. This is what they rightfully deserve and should be given at all times. As you can clearly see all would benefit from this endeavor. After all, community is part of what being Anishnabe is all about.

*Wa Wa Nuh,
The Spiritual Gathering Committee*

POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

ATTENTION POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

This is some information on what I am trying to do for the band members who are low to very low income. I am trying to get as much information as I can about anyone who needs some type of work done to their home. Of course, just like the rest of the programs that I have, you must own your own home.

In order for me to try to get this grant through HUD for renovations, I must show how much money I need and where I will be spending it. I also have to have some type of waiting list to show them. There is a lot of foot work to be done to get this grant through. I need this information as soon as possible because the grant has to be turned in by May. We won't know about the grant until October.

I am asking that you make a list of home improvements that you need and get two itemized bids from licensed contractors. Send them **Attn: Keith White (901 Spruce St. Dowagiac, MI 49047)** I will also be working toward getting funding for those who won't qualify under the low to every low income guidelines. Right now, I don't know what the income guidelines are until HUD releases the new federal register which should be any time. If you have any questions, about this please call me at 1-888-330-1234.

*Keith White
Repair/Renovation Coordinator*

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 1-800-330-1234. 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!

ELDERS REPAIR & RENOVATION UPDATE

Some of the members that have turned 60 or are going to turn 60 should contact me at 1-888-330-1234. I can send you an application for repairs and renovation.

For those of you who have not sent your application back, please do so, and I will get those needs met as soon as I can. Some of the things that we have done are: furnace replacement, new roofs, replacement of old entry doors, insulation of walls and ceiling, storm windows, fix rotten floors, replaces toilets that are bad, fix plumbing that leaks, and hot water heaters that went bad.

So if you have a need, let me know so I can help you out. The only requirements to get help is that you are 60 or older, are an enrolled member, own your home, and **IT IS NOT BASED ON INCOME**. For those of you who have lost or misplaced your application, please call me at the number above. I will send you another.

The only thing that I ask of you is to get two itemized bids from two licensed contractors and send them in with your application. You can find them in the yellow pages under general contractor or home improvements. I have the numbers for the few Indian contractors that we have. If you call, I can also give those to you. Send all information back to: **Attn: Keith White, 901 Spruce St., Dowagiac, MI 49047.**

*Keith White
Repair & Renovation Coordinator*

**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!**

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

Health Screening

A Free Health Screening for Pokagon Band members is scheduled for March 27, 1997 in the classrooms at Lee Memorial Hospital. The hours are 7:00a.m. to 11:00 a.m.. Mammography appointments are available until 5:00 p.m.. This health screening is aimed at adults, however, some tests could be appropriate for children. PSA will be drawn to check for prostate cancer in men. Mammography will be available for women 40 years and older. If abnormalities were noted on clinical breast exam, a physician or nurse practitioner may refer a younger woman for mammography. CBC's and chemistry profiles will be drawn for information about anemia, cholesterol differentials (good vs. bad cholesterol levels) and blood glucose readings. Height, weight and blood pressures will be checked. A weight goal and an eating plan for gradual and healthy diet modification will be provided.

Other screenings and information will be provided this day. You can pick and choose which tests you wish to undergo. As an incentive for our members to complete more than one test, a massage therapist will be on site to perform neck and shoulder massage to clients who complete multiple tests.

The screening is free to all Pokagon Band members regardless of County of residence. We will apply Contract Health Dollars where appropriate.

Some tests require at least a ten hour fast (overnight). Snacks will be provided post test.

Call our office at (888) 440-1234 or (616) 782-4141 with questions and to sign up.

Contract Health Services

Contract Health Services (CHS) is a program that can be used to purchase some health care services for eligible Pokagon Band members living within our Contract Health Service Delivery Area (Allegan, Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan and Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana).

Contract Health Services requires prior authorization: You must be pre-registered in the Patient Registration System through our office; you must notify Pokagon Band CHS staff of each and every medical service **BEFORE** you go to those appointments to which you wish to apply CHS. In other words, call our office,

speak to Lois Wesaw, fill out the Patient Registration form and remember to call before each medical, dental, eye service and pharmacy service. In keeping with IHS policy, the Pokagon Band Health Services cannot authorize CHS payments without prior authorization.

CHS is the payor of last resort. This program pays after all other insurance and state program resources have been exhausted for each client. Therefore, to use CHS, each client must present proof of insurance or ultimate denial. In other words, you will be asked to present your insurance cards. **If you have no insurance, you will be directed to apply for state programs and federal programs. You will be referred to FIA (formerly DSS) to apply for Medicaid, General Assistance, Medicare and Caring for Children programs.**

Sister Lakes Medical Center

Beginning March 25, 1997, Pokagon Band Community Health Nurse, Mark Topash, RN, will be at Sister Lakes Medical Center on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. He will be available to perform follow-up nursing treatment and to conduct patient education for our Pokagon Band clients. He will be working with Ed Newington, PA at the clinic.

The Sister Lakes Medical Center is located on Napier in Sister Lakes at the Sister Lakes Plaza behind the FMB. Phone number: (616) 944-3500.

Indian Health Services Competitive Scholarship Deadline

These are the last few days before the Indian Health Services competitive scholarship deadline date, April 1, 1997. The scholarship is open to American Indians and Alaska Natives only. The scholarship intent is to train health care personnel for service to American Indian and Alaska Native populations. We still have a handful of applications on hand in the offices. Call with questions, but hurry.



Christine Daugherty
Indian Health Services Director

SPECIAL THANK YOU, LOIS WESAW
for the flowers you sent while I was off
for surgery.
Love, Rechelle Herman

April 1997

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 6:00p-ELDER HALL-PERS. COMM.	2 8-5 ELDERS HALL RITA YOUNT 7:00p-ELDERS HALL-LANGUAGE CLASS	3 8-5 ELDERS HALL ELDER MTG/LUNCH	4	5
6	7	8	9 7:30p-ENROLL HOUSING AUTH.	10	11	12 10:00am-ELDERS HALL-COUNCIL MTG.
13	14 8-5 ELDERS HALL EMERG. FUND 5:30p-ENROLL EDUC. COMM.	15 6:00p-ELDER HALL-PERS COMM.	16 8-5 ELDERS HALL RITA YOUNT 5:30p-ENROLL COMM. 7:00p-ELDERS HALL	17 8-5 ELDERS HALL ELDER MTG/LUNCH	18 10-2 ELDERS HALL WAYNE ST. UNIV./ELDERS	19
20	21	22	23 7:30p-ENROLL HOUSING AUTH.	24 7:00p-ELDERS HALL COUNCIL MTG.	25	26
27	28 8-5 ELDERS HALL EMERG. FUND 5:30p-ENROLL EDUC. COMM	29	30 7:00p-ELDERS HALL LANGUAGE CLASS			

POKAGON BAND SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

Student/Parent Contract

Acceptance of the 1997 Summer Youth Leadership Camp is a privilege, but also requires students and parents to assume certain responsibilities

Student: I, _____, as part of the Pokagon Band Summer Youth Leadership Camp, will accept the conditions stipulated below:

- 1. I will participate in and be on time to all sessions and activities, unless excused by a staff member.
- 2. I will conduct myself as a young adult and be respectful and courteous as a member of my tribe.
- 3. I will sleep where assigned and realize I will share a cabin with students around the same age I have possibly never met before.
- 4. I understand that no one is allowed outside of sleeping quarters after 10:30 p.m. and that all lights must be out by 11:00 p.m. and that there will be a bed check every night by a chaperone.
- 5. I will not use drugs or alcohol and I understand that by doing this, I will be sent home AT MY PARENTS EXPENSE.
- 6. I understand that I may be held responsible for any damage to equipment or facilities.
- 7. I understand that there must be quiet time between midnight and 5:30 am.
- 8. I understand that no water balloons will be allowed.
- 9. I understand that no Walkmans or other portable stereos will be allowed.
- 10. I will adhere to these and all other rules of the leadership camp.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: I have read, understand and agree with the above terms. Permission is given for my child to participate in all activities and events, and for my child to receive all necessary medical attention should the need arise, with the understanding that I will be contacted immediately. Furthermore:

- 1. I understand that the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi or the chaperones will not be responsible for any theft, injury, or illness where my child is concerned.
- 2. I give my permission for any staff member to render first aid if necessary.
- 3. I give my consent and permission for the medical and/or hospital staff to treat my minor child if needed in the case of an emergency, with the understanding that I will be contacted immediately. I will also give two alternate emergency names/phone numbers in the case I cannot be reached.
- 4. I understand that the staff will be chaperoned responsibly and every effort will be made to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.
- 5. I understand that no drugs or alcohol use are permitted and that if my son or daughter is caught or in possession of or under the influence, I will pick him/her up immediately AT MY OWN EXPENSE.
- 6. I understand that as part of my child's application, the STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM is required to be completed and on file.
- 7. I understand that my child is to be brought to camp by me and picked up by me unless written permission and release is signed by myself as the parent.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

* If legal Guardian, please send copy of documentation.

Picture Release Statement: I hereby give my permission for my picture to be taken in connection with the 1997 Pokagon Band Summer Youth Leadership Camp to be used in newspapers, on television, magazines articles, videos and talks concerning the practicum without compensation.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

POKAGON BAND SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

EMERGENCY INFORMATION
(To be filled out by the parent/guardian)

Student Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Name Of Parent or Guardian _____ **Work Phone** _____

Relationship to Student _____

Physician Name and Address _____

Phone _____ **Medical Coverage** _____ **#** _____

Does your child have any physical Disabilities?(explain) _____

Does your child wear glasses or contact s? _____

Have Allergies? (explain) _____

Hay Fever? _____ **Sinus Problems** _____ **Allergies to Bites/Stings** _____

Has your child had any major illnesses in the past five years? _____

Is your child currently taking any medication? _____

Does your child require any special emergency medications? _____

Nearest airport to your home: _____

Alternate Emergency Names, Phone Numbers, and Relationship. (family or friend)

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Relationship** _____

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Please list any other information which you feel is important: _____

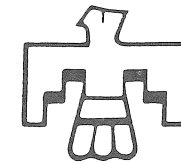
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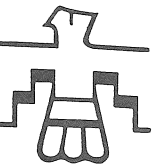
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Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

***If legal Guardian, please send copy of documentation.**



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



Native American Student Organization

8th Annual Pow Wow

"Strength Through Education and Tradition"

APRIL 5-6, 1997

UNIVERSITY ARENA
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

PUBLIC WELCOME

DANCE CATEGORIES

MEN & WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL
MEN & WOMEN'S FANCY
JINGLE DRESS & GRASS
MEN & WOMEN OVER 45
TEENAGERS AGES 12-17
TINY TOTS

HEAD STAFF

HEAD VETERAN: FRANK BUSH
FEMALE: SHANNON MARTIN
MALE: DAVE MARTIN

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: CLARENCE SYRETTE
ARENA DIRECTOR: PHIL FRANCISCO
HOST DRUM: WHITEFISH JR.'S
CO-HOST DRUM: WHITE THUNDER

NATIVE TRADERS WELCOME

FOR REGISTRATION CALL
(616) 387-2279

GRAND ENTRIES

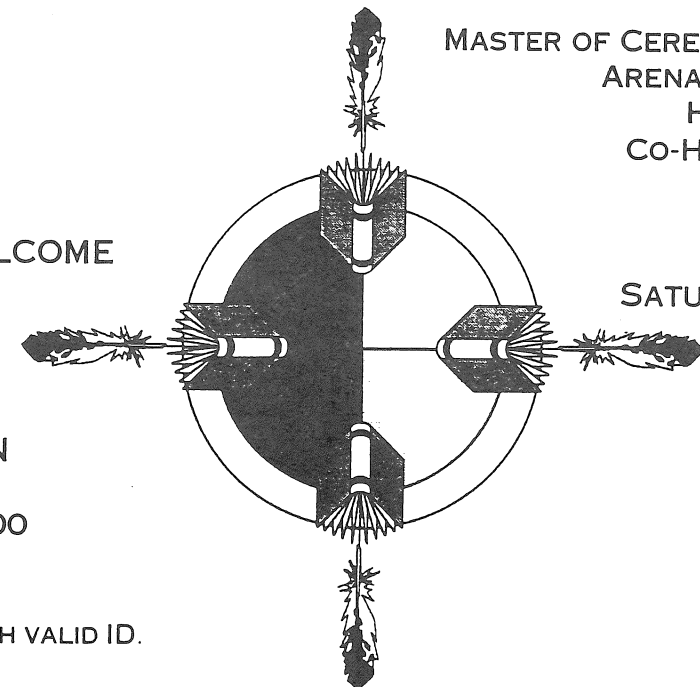
SATURDAY, 1:00 AND 7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, 1:00 P.M.

DONATION/ADMISSION

ADULTS - \$5.00
STUDENTS & ELDERS - \$2.00
UNDER 12 - \$1.00
UNDER 5 - FREE
WMU STUDENTS - FREE WITH VALID ID.

DIRECTIONS

U.S. 131 TO EXIT 36A:
STADIUM DRIVE:
EAST TO OLIVER STREET:
WMU UNIVERSITY ARENA
(READ FIELD HOUSE)



FOR POW WOW INFORMATION

CALL THE NASO OFFICE
(616) 387-2279

FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS

CALL BUDGETEL (POW-WOW RATE)
(616) 372-7999

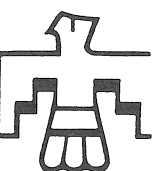
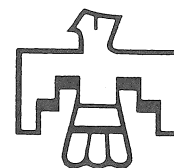
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NASO, THE POW WOW COMMITTEE, AND SPONSORS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE
FOR FIRE, LOSS, THEFT, OR ACCIDENTS WHILE ATTENDING THE POW WOW.



WE'VE MOVED!!

All offices moved except for three. The Silver Creek Plaza is located on 901 Spruce St. It is between Burger King and Subway in Dowagiac. The offices moved are Finance, Social Services, Education and JTPA. Please send all correspondence to P.O. Box 180. That is the mailing address for Enrollment, Commodities and Substance Abuse as well. Send IHS mail to the 210 Front St address. If you need to fax anything to Tribal Council or Public Relations, please use (616) 782-4573.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL

SOCIAL SERVICES

P.O. BOX 180
901 SPRUCE ST.
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
(616) 782-8998
1-800-517-0777

FAX: (616) 782-6882

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

P.O. BOX 180
714 N. FRONT ST.
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
(616) 782-1142

ENROLLMENT

P.O. BOX 180
104 N. RIVERSIDE DR.
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
NO PHONES YET

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

210 S. FRONT ST.
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
(616) 782-4141
1-888-440-1234

FAX (616) 782-8797

EDUCATION/JTPA

REPAIR AND RENOVATION

P.O. BOX 180
901 SPRUCE ST.
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
(616) 782-0887
1-888-330-1234

FAX (616) 782-0985

FOOD COMMODITY

54964 M-51 NORTH
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
(616) 782-3372
1-888-281-1111

FAX (616) 782-7814

DIOCESAN HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Although spring has officially arrived, the heating bills often seem to linger. The Diocesan Heating Assistance Program may be able to help. People are so generous to this special diocesan project. The program began on January 3 and ends April 30 or as long as funds last. If you know someone who needs heating assistance, call your pastor or pastoral minister. If you would like to help by making a donation, please send a check (payable to the Diocese of Kalamazoo) to Sister Susan Ridley, 215 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007-3760.

HELP WANTED CLIENT CARE ATTENDANT

Residential substance abuse program in Dowagiac, MI; part-time and full-time openings. Requires a high school diploma. CNA's and/or familiarity with 12 step recovery programs are encouraged to apply. Hours include evening and weekends. Send resume and letter of interest to:

Bob Briggs, Residential Coordinator
Myrtle Treatment Center
900 Myrtle Ave.
Sturgis, MI 49091

ATTENTION SENIORS!

If you are a senior this year, please submit your picture and some information about yourself. The June newsletter will contain a special section devoted to high school seniors. Send the photo and information to Public Relations, P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, MI by May 15, 1997.

CAMP ROSENTHAL

3384 Claussen Road
Dowagiac, Mi. 49047

POKAGON BAND JOHNSON O'MALLEY PROGRAM YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP June 15-21, 1997

Camp Rosenthal is located on 530 wooded acres in southwest Michigan in Dowagiac near Sister Lakes. This location has been serving kids from the Chicago area for more than 60 years. Features are activity building, a lake for swimming with a lifeguard, the creek runs through for canoeing and paddle boats, a campfire area, a dining hall and much more.

Students ages 9-18 years old will be staying for the week. Students ages 3-8 years old will have the opportunity to participate Sunday, June 16 and Friday, June 21. Sunday will be check in for all campers starting at 2:00 p.m. We will be cooking dinner on the grill for that evening and traditional drumming will follow. Our younger campers and their parents will return on Friday at 12:00 for activities planned especially for them, followed by dinner and a Mini Pow Wow.

Every camper staying the week will be assigned to a cabin with other campers close to their own age along with a counselor. The week will be filled with cultural teachings, nishnabe language, regalia making, and traditional drumming and much more! We hope to see you there. This will be the perfect opportunity to get to know your Native peers and develop lifelong friendships.

Please fill out these forms and send them back as soon as possible. The address is JOM, P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 1-888-330-1234.

*Sincerely,
Lesa J. Anders,
Johnson O'Malley Program Coordinator*

NEWS FROM THE ELDERS



The Elders enjoy a dinner honoring the late Jim Thorpe and his accomplishments. Seated from left to right: Gerald Wesaw, Clarence White, John Wesaw, Jr., Marge Moody, Rae Daugherty, and the drivers, Pat Waddles, and Judy Augusta.

The Elders traveled to Hayward Wisconsin on Friday, February 28, to attend the dedication ceremonies for Jim Thorpe. The Amateur Athletic Union returned National Qualification Medals to Thorpe who is called the greatest athlete in the world.

Thorpe's family accepted the medals in a ceremony hosted by Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewas. Thorpe died in 1953 leaving behind a tremendous legacy. The Amateur Athletic Union voted unanimously in 1913 to strip Thorpe of his Olympic gold medals and trophies and eliminated his records because they ruled he was a professional athlete.

Despite that he had many accomplishments. He gained a great deal of recognition after a stellar football career. In 1950, the Associated Press named him the Greatest Football Player of the half-century, and also bestowed him with the title of Greatest Male Athlete of the half-century. Two years later the N.F.L.'s Most Valuable Player award was renamed the "Jim Thorpe Trophy."

In 1982, the Executive Board of the International

Olympic Committee voted unanimously to restore Jim Thorpe's Olympic gold medals. This was the final victory for Thorpe's family as they received his qualification medals this year.

The Pokagon Elders had a wonderful time. They were also honored to see this ceremony, honoring the man many believe to be the greatest athlete of all time.

APRIL 20, 1997 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please submit the newsletter articles to
Maureen Shagonaby
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047
FAX (616) 782-4573

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

INTERNSHIP FOR MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT

Duties: Represent and monitor the Pequots interest before Congress.

Qualifications: Native American and Alaskan Native students.

Application deadlines:

Winter term--Nov. 1

Spring term--Feb. 1

Summer term--Apr. 1

Fall term--July 1

Application procedure--Request applications from Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

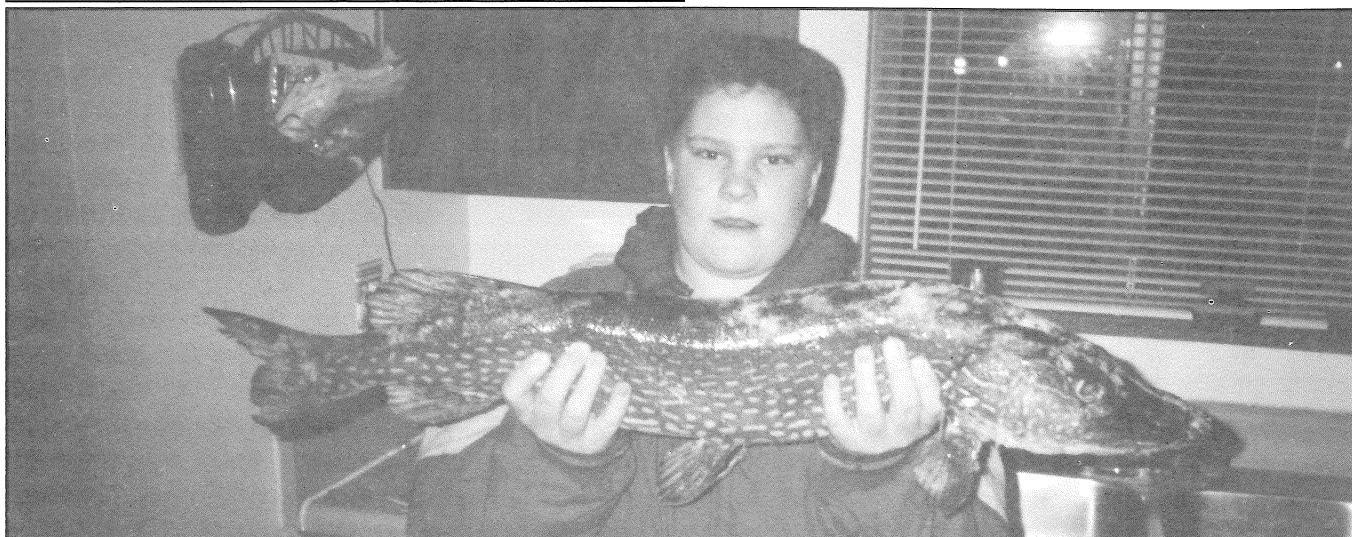
Internship Program

1299 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 1250

Washington, DC 2004

SWMC SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

The Southwestern Michigan Commission is seeking applications for board members representing Native Americans or other minorities and who reside in Berrien, Cass or Van Buren Counties. The SWMC is an administrative and service agency for local and regional programs, including transportation planning, economic planning and information, law enforcement training, land use planning and grant writing. The full board meets quarterly in January, April, July and October on the fourth Tuesday morning of the month with per diem and mileage reimbursement provided. For further information, contact Judy Lammers at the SWMC, 616-925-1137.



David Helmke caught this Big ol' Fish at Mill Pond in Dowagiac. Its length is 33 1/2" and it weighed 12 pounds. He caught it February 11, 1997 at 5:00 p.m.

AA MEETINGS

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

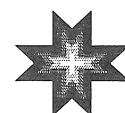
SPRING POW WOW AT LEBANON, INDIANA APRIL 19 & 20, 1997

The American Indian Council, one of the oldest Native American intertribal organizations in Indiana, will hold its annual spring pow wow Saturday and Sunday, April 19 & 20. The two-day event will be held inside at the Boone County Fairgrounds, just off interstate 65 at Exit 138. There will be good singing and dancing, as well as traders. For more information, call (317) 482-3315.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORY OF HOWARD STARRETT 10-30-36 TO 4-4-92

I do not need a special day,
To bring him to my mind,
The days I do not think of him
Are very hard to find.
Within my store of memories,
He holds a place apart.
For no one else should ever be
More cherished in my heart.
Don't ask me if I miss him,
For there's such a vacant place,
Oft' I think I hear his footsteps,
Or see his smiling face.
For he left me broken hearted,
Friends may think the wound is healed,
But they so little know the sorrow,
That is in my heart concealed.
Often a lonely heartache,
And many a silent tear,
But always a beautiful memory,
Of the one I loved so dear.
In my heart the memories linger,
Sweetly, fond and true;
Not a single day goes by dear dad,
That I do not think of you.



*I miss you Dad,
Love, your daughter Susan*

CONGRATULATIONS
Karen Wesaw-Burns and
Jeff Burns
ON THE BIRTH OF
Sydney Leigh!
BORN MARCH 5



HAPPY BELATED 73rd BIRTHDAY

Marceline Bush

We're glad you're home to stay, but I'm sure you missed Florida during the blizzard months.
Love, your children, grandkids and great grandkids.

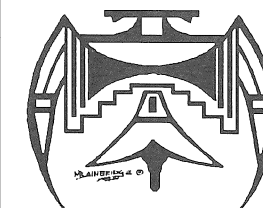
CONGRATULATIONS
JILL SHAGONABY
ON YOUR SELECTION TO THE NATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY

CONGRATULATIONS MICHELLE WAJITAS

At the Laville High School Award Ceremony on March 19, Michelle won the year's most improved player. "Thank you" to Coach Cindy Peppers for all your support. The team worked very hard together. Michelle, I am proud of you! Keep up the good work, you did GREAT!!!

*Love, your Mom
Trish Williams*

HAPPY 25th BIRTHDAY SHANNON!



Love,
Your Sister
Rechelle

NICHOLAS MARTIN
BORN MARCH 5, 1997
CONGRATULATIONS, MISTY WESAW

NOTICE

The Pokagon Band has the following position open within the Indian Health Service Department:

JOB TITLE: COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

SUMMARY: The Community Health Nurse is responsible to deliver comprehensive holistic health care to the people of the Pokagon Band. He/she shall promote health education and disease-preventive programs in addition to the following:

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Instructs the community and families in the care/rehabilitation of patient(s).
- Instructs members in health maintenance/enhancement and disease prevention as a unit and as individuals.
- Gives treatment to patient following physician's orders.
- Assists community members and staff, (CHR's), to assess, plan for and provide health and related services.
- Refers patients with social and emotional problems to other community agencies for assistance.
- Teaches home nursing and maternal/child health care.
- Participates in programs to safe guard children's health, group instruction for parents and immunization programs.
- May function as an office nurse at Pokagon Band clinic sites, i.e.:
 - Responsible to care for and treat clients within a medical clinic, as directed by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant.
 - Prepares patient for/assists with examinations.
 - Administers injections, medications; dresses wounds and incisions.
 - Interprets physician's, nurse practitioner's, or physician assistant's instructions to clients.
 - Responsible to maintain equipment properly and maintain medical office inventory/stock used.
 - May conduct specified laboratory tests.
 - May act as receptionist, perform secretarial duties and prepare monthly statements/reports.

- May supervise staff such as Community Health Reps and other clinic personnel.
- May make home visits and/or transport clients as necessary.
- Performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Associate Degree Nurse is required with a minimum of two years of work experience.
- Current Registered Nurse licensure is required with eligibility for licensure in both states of Indiana and Michigan.
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Maternal/Child Health Nursing is preferred.
- Must be willing to travel throughout the Pokagon Band service delivery area.
- One year experience in staff supervision, including evaluation of and assignment of work, is preferred.
- Must be willing to participate in on-going educational/training opportunities made available which may include out of town/over night travel.
- Must be sensitive to the needs of the Native American community.
- Must be an advocate for the people of the Band and carry out the goals and philosophies of the Pokagon Band's Indian Health Service programs.
- Due to the nature of this position, he/she will be privy to highly confidential information, therefore he/she must possess great integrity and treat everything with utmost confidentiality.

SALARY: Commensurate with experience and education.

CLOSURE DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1997 5:00 P.M.

TO APPLY:

1. Mail a cover letter and resume along with 3 employment references.
2. Include your credentials and RN license.

MAIL TO:

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
ATTN: Paula Winchester-Geer
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

CALL Paula at 1-800-517-0777 if you have any questions about this position.

**The Pokagon Band exercises Pokagon Band hiring preference. Only those meeting minimal qualifications will be invited to interview.

April 1997

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5 CARL LEWIS
6	7 JEFF CUNNINGHAM KATHIE GRIGSBY	8	9	10 APRIL MARCELINE CURTIS	11 CATHY WESAW	12
13	14	15	16 RECHELLE HERMAN JOSEPH DEROSE	17	18	19
20 MARISSA LIGGETT	21	22	23	24	25	26 KELLY WESAW
27 AMY GOSS	28	29	30			