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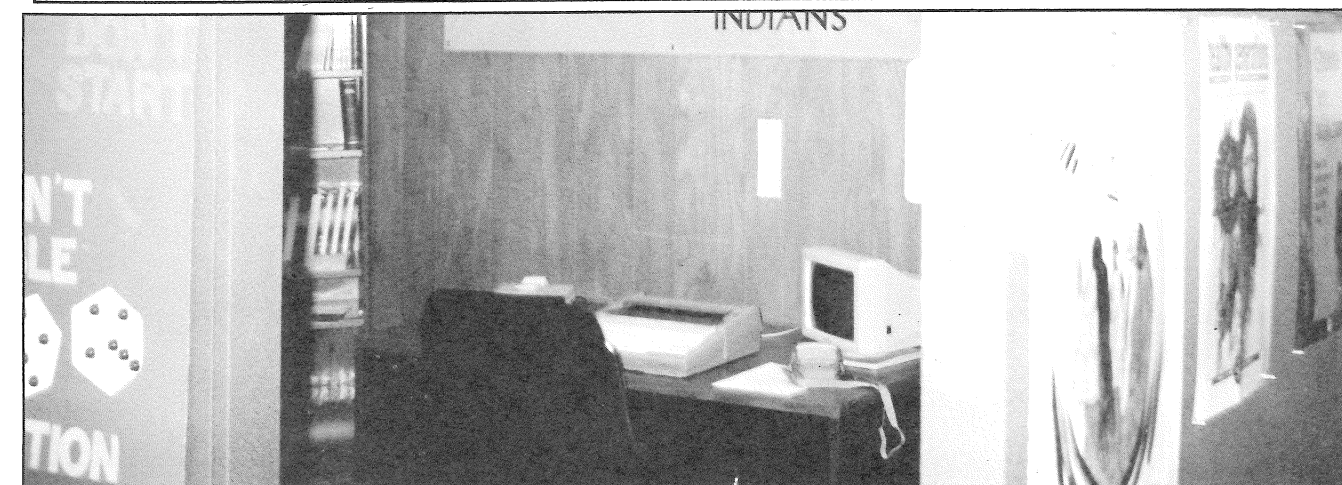
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SUBSTANCE ABUSE OPEN HOUSE

The Substance Abuse Office opened its doors to the membership on Wednesday, May 21 for an Open House. Since the offices moved in March, Substance Abuse is housed in its own office, formerly the Administration Office.

This was an opportunity to showcase the new office, including a reference library, an area devoted to literature educating people about substance abuse, and a spacious conference room.

Substance Abuse and its task force have been very busy since the Red Road Pow Wow getting ready for this Open House.

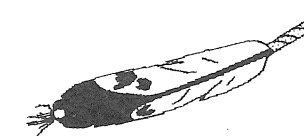
Visitors to the event had a chance to win door prizes and sample the treats provided by the staff and task force members. Prizes included dream catchers made by staff and Pokagon Band coffee mugs and insulated cups.

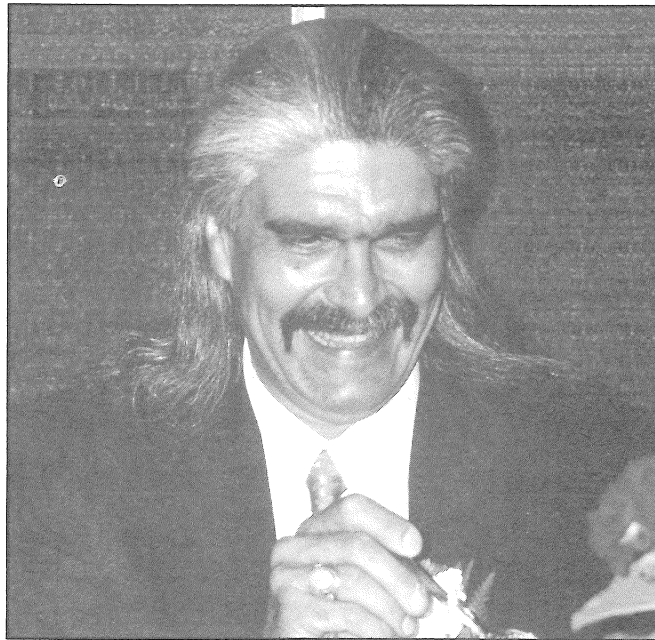
The office is roomy enough to hold many of the support meetings.

The literature that is available at the substance abuse office is wide-ranging covering much more than substance abuse. It is very helpful for anyone wishing to learn more about support services offered by the Substance Abuse office and agencies in the service area.

A special addition to the office is a new display case that offers many crafts. There are dream catchers, small baskets and many beadwork pieces.

For anyone who was unable to make it to the Substance Abuse Open House, when you get the chance, stop by and visit the new office.





CHAIRMAN ATTENDS A ROAST

The Pokagon Band is trying to prepare its young people to run the casinos in the future. That is why they are sending students to Boston College.

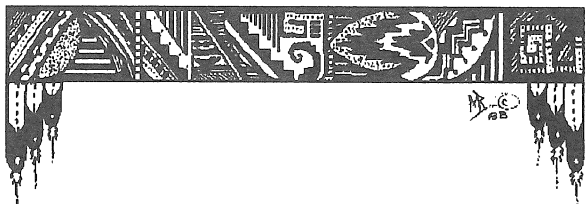
That comment and many others kept the crowd laughing during the 43rd Annual Roast at St. Hedgwick in South Bend. The roast benefits the Achievement Forum.

Bob Nagle used the Pokagon Band Chairman Robert Moody Jr. as just one of his many targets.

Moody also got some advice on where the Band should locate the casino. Nagle suggested the Notre Dame Stadium, because it is only used for one day a week during the football season.

He also said the only reason Moody was invited to the roast was because because the Forum thought the Pokagon Band was a polka playing band.

Moody was joined at the head table by the Mayor of South Bend Steve Luecke, St. Joseph County Sheriff Joseph Spreybroek, WNDU News Anchor Terry McFadden, and South Bend Tribune Managing Editor Tim Harmon.



TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14
AT ELDERS HALL

This meeting will be a potluck lunch, and meat will be provided.

FANNIE MAE was scheduled to have a representative at the general membership meeting, but he was unable to make it due to personal problems. However, the representative will be at this council meeting. Fannie Mae specializes in home loans, both low interest and/or guaranteed loans.



GAMING REPORT

Gaming Update-

Michigan

Our sources are saying that both sides in the legislature are closer to compromise language surrounding Proposal E than what is being portrayed in the media. Both the Democratic and Republican party leaders are desirous of resolving this language before the legislature breaks for the summer. Word has it that the speaker of the house has committed to introducing our compacting immediately after Proposal E legislation is passed. Additionally, the governor has asked his leadership when our compacts are going to get approved. We should be anticipating approval of our compact prior to the July 4 holiday. This seems to be good cause for optimism, but unfortunately there are no guarantees in politics.

The Tribal Council has authorized Bob Moody to send a letter to Secretary Babbitt, asking him to intervene on our behalf. The intervention requested is either through prescribing a compact or the more expedient litigation process. It appears the Interior Department is leaning toward litigation against the states. The states being considered are Michigan and Alabama.

Indiana

We are proceeding with our education process of the general public on the issues surrounding Indian gaming and our rights in particular. A couple of study committees have been established, and we will become intimately involved with both. We will not repeat the debacle from Elkhart where we had no real input into the process. A town hall meeting will have been completed by the time this newsletter is issued. The goal was to present the positive issues surrounding gaming. Maureen has compiled an impressive list of speakers on our behalf.

As of yet, no site has been determined. The ultimate location for our casino may be dependent upon the final outcome of the Memorandum of Understanding on land in trust issues that we are waiting anxiously for from the Interior Department.

Mike Wesaw
Finance Director

PROGRAM REPORTS

Education Report

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE POKAGON BAND YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP!!! Our second annual Johnson O'Malley Summer Camp will be held at Camp Rosenthal, Dowagiac, MI on June 15-21, 1997. The camp is for students ages 9-18 years old. There is no cost to attend but an application form must be returned to the Education Department as soon as possible! Please call Lesa Anders (616) 782-0887 or 1-888-1234 to request further information or camp applications.

High school graduates will be honored at a camp pow wow on Friday, June 20th. We hope many graduating students and their families will be able to attend. We are very proud of our graduates and want to recognize your achievement.

The computer lab will be operating very soon. The wiring was recently completed and the furniture is in place. Our "computer guy" will soon be setting the computers up. Please watch for scheduled computer classes and open lab times.

The Education and Indian Health Departments co-hosted the Spring Gathering at Rush Lake Indian Cemetery on May 14-17, 1997. It was an incredible experience for those who were able to attend some or all of the gathering. Knowledge of our traditions makes us strong. As Anishinaabe, we were very honored to have been given seven teachings to guide our lives. The gathering was an opportunity to reaffirm those teachings of respect, honor, truth, humility, courage, wisdom, and love. We have made a commitment to further our educational opportunities in the areas of cultural traditions.

Jodie Palmer
Education Director

POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

Attention All Pokagon Band Members

This is some information on what I am trying to do for the band members who are in need of repair and renovations. For those of you who have not talked to me yet, I am trying to get as much information as I can about who needs some type of work done to there home. And of course just like the rest of the programs that I have, you must own your home. In order for me to try and get this grant through HUD for renovations I must show how much money I need and where I will be spending it. I also need some type of waiting list to show them. There is a lot of foot work to be done in order to get this grant through, and I need to get this information as soon as possible. Because the grant has to be in by June and the wait to find out if we get the grant won't be until October. So I am asking that you make a list of home improvements that you need and then get two itemized bids from licensed contractors. Send them to me **Attn. Keith White (P.O.BOX 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047)** If you have any questions about this please call me at **1-888-330-1234**.

*Keith White
Repair/Renovation*

HAZARDS OF SMOKING CLINIC

We now have a Hazards of Smoking Clinic. This clinic is a prevention program. The group is for the Pokagon Band youth, but anyone who has a concern about his or her smoking is welcome to attend. This is a six week series with emphasis on why people smoke, how the media encourages people to smoke, the hazards to your health and what smoking can do to your body. Our focus is also on social implications and how people will and do judge others around them by the habits they project. We will also discuss some ways to quit. This program information is based on factual information about tobacco use and abuse. It is hoped the materials in the smoking clinic will teach us responsibility for our own behavior and choice to use tobacco. This group is held on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Substance Abuse Center. Any one interested, please call **(616) 782-1142**.

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!

ALATEEN MEETINGS
ARE BEING HELD
THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM
5:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.
AT THE
SUBSTANCE ABUSE OFFICE

AA MEETINGS

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

Please feel welcome to attend!

POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES

The BSF program, which is offered widely throughout Michigan, has been adopted by agencies and in 39 states. It has opened new doors for collaboration within communities and with human service organizations to meet the needs of families.

Building Strong Families has collaborative arrangements with many probate courts, community foundations, and public and private institutions and agencies.

A formal evaluation of the Building Strong Families was conducted in 1995. Fifty mothers from three counties in Michigan were involved in the study. The counties were Wayne, Ingham and Jackson. The evaluation assessed changes in parent and child interaction through pre and post tests. In addition, parents were asked at the completion of the realistic expectations about program about their satisfaction with the program and use of additional community resources. Instructors assessed changes in the safety of the home environment and provided feedback on the use of the Building Strong Families curriculum and materials.

The evaluation found significant changes in parenting behaviors. Parents, after the program, indicated that they were more likely to interact positively with their child in several different areas including the areas of discipline, social, emotional, cognitive and physical well being.

WHAT IS BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES?

Building Strong Families (BSF), a Michigan State University program, helps parents and caregivers help children reach their potential in a positive way. It helps parents gain new knowledge and improve their skills so they can be more effective parents.

Using multi-cultural cartoon style flipcharts and videos, parents develop realistic expectations about normal child development, learn how to discipline effectively, and focus on positive interactions with their children. They also learn how to set realistic personal goals.

The Pokagon Band Social Services has a New program "Building Strong Families". This program is designed for children age 0-3 yrs.

We believe that being a parent is one of the toughest jobs you will ever have. It is demanding and can be stressful. By learning more about your child's development, you can gain confidence in your ability to guide and care for your child.

Here's How we can help!

Learn how babies and toddlers grow

Learn how to play with your child

Learn how to positively discipline your child and get him to cooperate

Feel good about yourself

For more information contact:

*Don Summers
Intake Specialist
616-782-8998
or 1-800-517-0777*

HALFWAY HOUSE POTLUCK JUNE 4, 1997

One of the goals of the substance abuse task force has been raising enough money for a halfway house. Through five Pow Wows and many other fundraisers the Task Force has raised enough money to begin looking at property. Our mission was to provide a halfway house for women and children. During the past year, the vast majority of individuals participating in the programs have been men. This leaves us in a quandry; do we change midstream and provide a halfway house for men first? We really need your input! To provide time for discussion, we are planning a pot luck dinner at Substance Abuse, 714 N. Front St. from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 1997.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

Spiritual Gathering

In response to member requests that the Tribal Departments provide alternative medicine and cultural teachings, a Spiritual Gathering was held May 14 through 17 at Rush Lake Indian Cemetery north of Hartford, Michigan. The Gathering was co-sponsored by the Education Department and the Health Office. Dale Thomas, Prairie Band Potawatomi spiritual teacher, his wife and a few of his associates provided guidance through four days of ceremony at Rush.

The community feedback has been positive. To all who volunteered and worked so hard on the Gathering, Waa Waa Nah, your work is very appreciated. The weather was cold but your helping hearts were warm, megwetch.

The reports are that the food was very tasty: stews, fry bread, and fish. Thank you to : Greg Winchester, Trish Williams, Lucinda Graverette-Smith and Cleora. Thanks also to the continued interest, good intentions, and labor of the Spiritual Gathering Group.

Upcoming Pokagon Band Health Board Seat Vacancies

Last May, the seven member Pokagon Band Health Board was established to help shape policies to ensure ethical and equitable health service delivery to eligible clients of the Pokagon Band Health Services programs. Board members have been meeting regularly once and twice a month since May, 1996.

Two Health Board member seats become vacant at the end of May, 1997. These are the seats of Mark Topash, Chairperson, and Loretta Yount, Treasurer. Waa waa nah to Mark and Rita for your service throughout this first year.

We are seeking community members to assume these vacant positions. If you are interested in being appointed to this Board, please get this message to either Pat Wattles or Chris Daugherty at the Health Office, (616) 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234. Names of respondents will be brought forward to the Tribal Council for consideration.

Health Board Meeting Dates Change

The Health Board has changed its scheduled meet-

ing days. The Health Board will now meet on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Health Services office at 210 South Front Street in Dowagiac, Michigan. These meetings are usually open to membership, but can be closed due to agenda needs. If you wish to attend any of our meetings, call the Health Office and speak to either Pat Wattles or Chris Daugherty to find out if an upcoming Health Board meeting you wish to attend is open to membership or limited to Board members.

Sister Lakes Medical Center Clinic Hours

Mark Topash, RN, our Community Health Nurse Coordinator, is at Sister Lakes Medical Center on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

Sister Lakes Medical Center has also started a Summer evening clinic: on Wednesdays, the clinic is open from noon to 8:00 p.m..

Contract Health Services (CHS)

Contract Health Service is neither an insurance nor an entitlement program. Because of budget limitations and Federal guidelines eligibility criteria must be met. To be eligible for Contract Health Services you must:

1. Be an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band.
2. Live within the ten-county 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).
3. Have Contract Health Service prior authorization through Pokagon Band Contract Health Service personnel for any and all medically related services.

Some exceptions and limitations exist to this outline. Call Lois Wesaw, CHS Benefits Specialist at (616) 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234 for more information and/or to request CHS coverage.

Chris Daugherty
Health Director

COMMITTEE REPORT

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee met on Friday, May 16, 1997 at the Elders Hall. Declaration forms were sent on May 13, 1997, for the following council seats: Secretary, Treasurer, and three members at large.

The following is information that is important to the candidates and to the voters.

DECLARATION FOR CANDIDACY FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL:

In order to be a candidate for Tribal Council, a person:

Must be an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band
Must be at least 25 years of age on or before the date of the election.

Must declare candidacy for election on the official Declaration Form no later than May 28, 1997.

Candidates must include their full name, address and signature.

Candidates may declare for one seat only. A candidate for Councilperson is eligible for any one of the open Councilperson positions.

Candidates must send their Declaration forms to the post office box designated on the Declaration form.

Write-in votes on the ballot shall not be counted.

POLLING PLACES - WHERE TO VOTE:

Voters with addresses in Indiana shall vote at the Indiana Historical Society located at 808 W.

Washington St., South Bend, Indiana.

Voters with a Michigan address shall vote at Elders Hall.

Voters living outside of Michigan or Indiana shall vote at the Elders Hall polling place in Dowagiac, Michigan.

Any waiver of this provision must be received in the mail by the Election Committee ten calendar days before the date of the election.

POLLING PLACE TIMES:

Michigan

Polling times shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Michigan time (Eastern time) on July 12.

Indiana

Polling times shall be from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Indiana time (Central time) on July 12.

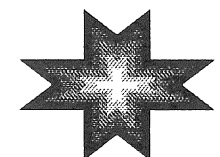
MEET THE CANDIDATES DAY

June 28, 1997

at
**Southwestern Michigan
College**

The Election Committee has scheduled a Meet the Candidate Day at Southwestern Michigan College. It is scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m.

The Election Committee shall select the speaking order of the candidates by random process prior to June 28, 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 the 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 or need a form, please do not hesitate to call me at 1-888-330-1234.

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

COMPUTER TRAINING SURVEY

****As you know, we've been constructing a computer classroom in our new building. We're happy to inform you that we'll begin scheduling computer training classes soon. We need to know more from membership about your interests and computer training needs. Please complete the following short survey which will help us in our final planning stages.**

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter--

The Pokagon Band Education and Training Staff

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

*****PLEASE ANSWER ALL THAT APPLIES TO YOU DIRECTLY:**

1. I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING COMPUTER CLASSES. _____

2. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT COMPUTERS SO I MUST START FROM SCRATCH. _____

3. MANY MANY YEARS AGO I TOOK TYPING, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER THE KEY BOARD. _____

4. I HAVE GOOD KEY BOARD SKILLS. _____

5. I'M A "HUNT AND PECK" TWO FINGER TYPIST. _____

6. I DON'T EXPECT TO BECOME AN EXPERT BUT I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS. _____

7. I AM VERY COMFORTABLE WITH COMPUTERS, AND WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT: _____

8. I USE COMPUTERS ALL THE TIME BUT NEED TO LEARN: _____

9. I AM NOT INTERESTED IN TAKING COMPUTER CLASSES. _____

10. I WANT TO GET MY GED AND WOULD LIKE TO DO BRUSH UP VIA THE COMPUTER LAB. _____

--PLEASE MAIL THIS SURVEY BACK TO:

POKAGON BAND EDUCATION DEPT.

P.O. BOX 180

DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

ENROLLMENT OFFICE

A reminder to the membership. Whenever you move or change your phone number, please keep the Enrollment Office informed of such changes. We are continuing to have mail returned to us saying no forward, expired forward, refused, does not live here. We sometimes receive address changes, but not the new phone numbers. Remember to include in your address any apartment numbers, lot number, or the post office box.

A change of address form has been included for your convenience. Please fill it out for yourself or anyone you know that may have recently moved.

If you have any questions on the status of your membership you need to call 1-888-782-1001 or write to:

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

Change of Address:

Name:

First Middle Last

Address:

Address 2:

City State Zip

Phone Number: Unlisted: Yes No

Please list all the people who reside at this address.

**You are invited to the
4th Annual Anishinaabe Family
Language Camp**

*Dedicated to the memory of
Esther Koon*

Where?
Alden, Michigan
East of Traverse City
West Of Kalkaska

When?
June 26, 27, 28, 29, 1997

Bring your tents & Camping Gear
Workshops are in Native language, Instructions in English

No registration fee, meals are provided

Friday Agenda- -Breakfast 8-10 A.M.	Workshops 10-12 P.M..
Lunch 12-1:30 P.M.	Workshops 2-4 P.M.
Dinner 5-6:30 P.M.	

Keynote Speakers from Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma
Our language is bringing us back together again.

Saturday Agenda- -Breakfast 8-10 A.M.	
Lunch 12-1:30 P.M.	
Wedding Ceremony 4 P.M. in both Native and English Language	
Dinner 5-6:30 P.M.	Pow Wow 7:30 P.M.

Sunday Brunch 9-11 A.M.	Last Workshop 12-2 P.M.
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Workshops include: Prize Bingo, Concentration Games, Baseball, sing-alongs,
fun and games, Elders stories, Natural Medicines, and Games for children

SPONSORED by the Grand Traverse Band
of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of the
Anishinaabe Nation

For more information and to register please call
Kenny Pheasant or Denise Chester
at
1-800-216-7081

June 1997

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Health Board IHS Office 7.30	3 Personnel Administration 6 pm	4	5	6	7 Basket Co-op Elders Hall
8	9	10 Education Committee Education Office 5.30 p.m.	11 Housing Authority IHS 7.00 p.m.	12	13	14 Council Meeting Elders Hall 10 a.m.
15	16 Health Board IHS Office 7.30	17 Personnel Administration 6 pm	18	19	20	21 Basket Co-op Elders Hall
22	23	24 Education Committee Education Office 5.30 p.m.	25 Housing Authority IHS 7.00 p.m.	26 Council Meeting Elders Hall 7 p.m.	27	28 Meet the Candidates SMC 10.00 a.m.
29	30					

NEWS FROM THE ELDERS

MINUTES POKAGON BAND ELDERS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 15, 1997

Gerald Wesaw opened the meeting at 11:15 A.M.
Clarence White gave the invocation.

Officers present: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Mary
Jo Morris, Clarence white,
Mary Church, Rachel
Daugherty

Birthday's announced: Paul Jackson, Jr. & Jackie
Genereaux

Marge Moody gave her report on the White Buf-
falo trip and a trip to Harrah's Riverboat in Joliet, IL.
Fifteen Elders plus spouses have an interest in the trip
to Harrah's Riverboat. Date will be announced at a later
meeting.

Gerald asked membership if they wanted to take
trips on the day of the second luncheon or another day.
Fourteen Elders want to take our trips on days other
than our luncheon days, 1 didn't.

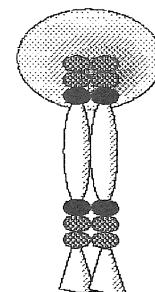
Gerald asked membership how often they wanted
the white elephant auction. It was decided the white el-
ephant auction will be in June, August, October during
our social luncheon; the second Thursday of the month.

A report from our Treasurer Clarence White;
stated we had a total of \$173.43 in our Elders fund.
Membership agreed to wait for more money in our fund
before discussion on how to spend it.

Selling 50/50 tickets in June is Bonnie Parrish
and William Klemm, Sr.

A vote on having staff luncheons every other month
at our social luncheons, the second Thursday of the month
was: 7 yes 6 no.

Gerald closed the meeting at 12:20 P.M.



*Mary Jo Morris
Elders Council Secretary*

NELLIE WESAW

Nellie Wesaw is an 84 year-old Pokagon Band
Elder. Shewas born to Elizabeth and Robert Alexis in
Dowagiac. Her mother and father had been in Lawton,
that morning. When her mother was not feeling well, she
wanted to come home, and her father did just that. They
traveled by horse and buggy.

Her parents left early in the morning, and the trip
took most of the day. By the time they arrived at home,
Nellie's grandparents knew what was wrong with Eliza-
beth.

Her parents went after the doctor, and by 9 p.m.,
Nellie was born. The doctor arrived a little after she was
born. He told Elizabeth she had a little girl, and he slapped
the baby's bottom. Little Nellie opened her big eyes. Nellie
has eight children and many, many grandchildren.

HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY MARY JO WARREN

Mary Jo is 18 on June 7
Love, Dad, Mom,
John-John, Rhonda
and Carolina

CONGRATULATIONS TERESA MAGNUSON

Teresa is a 17 year-old fancy dancer. She is gradu-
ating from Portage Northern High. She has also been active
in the Indian Education Program of the Kalamazoo/Portage
schools.

Teresa was a camp counselor for the Pokagon
Band's first youth camp last summer. She has attended Michi-
gan Indian Youth Retreats at both Michigan State Univer-
sity and the University of Michigan.

Teresa has also been accepted at MSU where she
has been selected as the secretary-elect for the Native
American Indian Student Organization. She plans to major
in business and hopes to one day work for the Pokagon
Band.



AMERICAN INDIAN AMBASSADORS PROGRAM: MEDICINE PATHWAYS FOR THE FUTURE

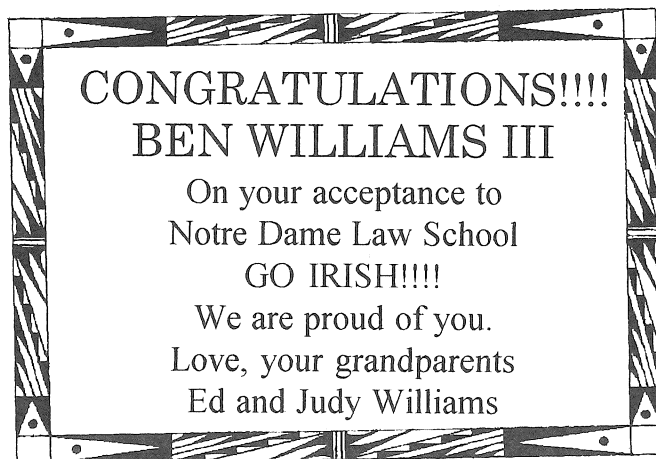
I have been involved with this program since 1993. The auction will be held at the Native American Leaders Conclave June 26th in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This auction is part of a fundraising effort to support Americans For Indian Opportunity Ambassadors Program.

To show our support we are being asked to seek items from our tribes, community, etc., that can be donated. If you are interested in donating anything for this auction, I would appreciate it. It would be nice to send some Potawatomi items to the auction!!

Contributors can get a receipt from AIO. I have forms to fill out descriptions of donated items.

Items need to be shipped by June 18th. I will take care of shipping. If you have any questions or want to donate something, you can contact me at 616-424-5395.

Thanks,
Judy Winchester
(Huffman)



CONGRATULATIONS TARA DAVIS

On making the honor roll at Kelloggsville H.S.
Love, your family Rhonda Davis, Loretta Wesaw,
and Grandpa John Wesaw, Jr.

POW WOW SCHEDULE

June 7-8 DAY OF THE EAGLE POW WOW
EAST JORDAN, MICHIGAN
Boswell Field on M-32. For more information contact Doug Sineway at 616-536-3465.

June 13-15 ROUND BARN FESTIVAL
ROCHESTER, INDIANA
For information call 219-223-4436.

June 13-15 KASKASKIA RIVER DANCERS POW WOW
MATTOON, ILLINOIS
Peterson Park. For more information call Pat Gaines at 217-234-7555.

June 14-15 6TH ANNUAL "HONORING OUR VETERANS" POW WOW
BRIMLEY, MICHIGAN
For more information call Sara at 906-248-3700 or Angie at 906-248-3241 or Cheryl at 906-248-5524.

June 14-15 AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION CENTER 3RD ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POW WOW
CLEVELAND, OHIO
1997 Edgewater Park. For more information call Bob Roche 216-641-8685 or 216-281-480.

June 14-15 ANNUAL HOMECOMING OF THE THREE FIRES POW WOW
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
River Bend Pavilion, Riverside Park.
For more information call 616-458-8759.

June 21-22 TWO WORLDS INTERTRIBAL LODGE 4TH ANNUAL POW WOW
STANWOOD, MICHIGAN
Parker's Landing. For information call 616-344-7111.

June 27-29 20th ANNUAL GREAT LAKES AREA POW WOW
WILSON, MICHIGAN
Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community Reservation. For more information call 906-466-2342.

June 28-29 CHIPPEWAS OF SARNIA FIRST NATION 36TH ANNUAL POW WOW
SARNIA, ONTARIO, CANADA
Community Centre, Marlborough and Virgil Streets. For more information call the Band office at 519-336-8410.

June 28-29 "HONOR OUR CHILDREN" INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL POW WOW
BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN
Van Buren Township Park. Registration for authentic Native crafts people, Mon - Fri, from 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. Dennis Banks, Master of Ceremonies.
For more information call Ken at 313-388-4100.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY! VICTOR AND GERALDINE STARRET

Please join us in an OPEN HOUSE to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Victor and Geraldine.

It is planned for June 22, 1997 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Their son Butch will be hosting the event at his home on 2450 Pokagon Highway in Summerville. Please stop by and extend your best wishes to them on their GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. Lunch will be served.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JENNA HUFFMAN

JUNE 10TH, JENNA WILL BE SIX YRS, OLD!!
Love,
Mom and Robbie

CONGRATULATIONS!

Good luck on your new job Jeffrey Riley! You make us so proud of you! Keep striving for your goals. We love you, you make us smile.
Love, your family- -Genereauxs, Browns, Goodsons, Candace Brumley, Tory, Sary and J.R. Olds

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MARK AND CHRIS TOPASH

JUNE 28



CONGRATULATIONS MARY JO WARREN

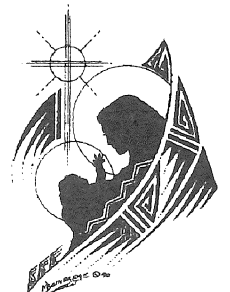
You're a graduate!!! She is already enrolled at IUSB.
Love, Dad, Mom, John-John, Rhonda, and Carolina

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

Due to the lack of participation from tribal members over the last few years, the fall feast is in danger of being cancelled. If there is no response from tribal members in the next 30 days, the feast will not take place. Anyone with suggestions, questions and comments or wanting to volunteer should contact Larry White.
Address: 50500 Pleasant St., Dowagiac, MI 49047.
Evenings, please call (616) 424-5206 or on Thursday evenings, call (616) 424-5540 or (616) 944-1208.

IT'S A GIRL!! CONGRATULA- TIONS Lisa Parker!! ON THE BIRTH

OF YOUR BABY GIRL
Love, Brittany, Corey and Kim



782-4593
MOWING RAKING
"THE HANDYMAN"
DAVID HELMKE
DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN
782-4593 GARAGE CLEANING

“CONGRADULATIONS” GRADUATES



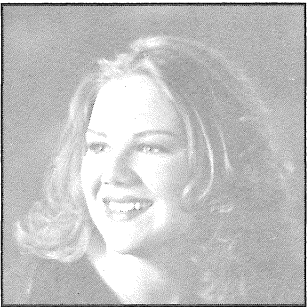
**SENECA DARLENE
COTMAN**

Seneca is an 18 year-old senior at Hartford High School. She is the daughter of Tonda Cotman and James Tate. Seneca was a cheer-leader for four years and was Winterfest Queen. She plans to attend Southwestern Michigan College to pursue a career in social work.



LEE T. WATTLES

Lee is a senior at Dowagiac High School. He is in the Spanish Club, the National Honor Society, and has gotten a perfect attendance award. He will be playing baseball with the Niles All-star team during the summer. Lee is attending WMU to study business.



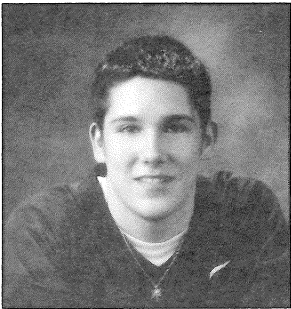
**MOLLY MARIE
MOORE**

Molly is at senior at Jintown H.S. in Elkhart, IN. She is the granddaughter of Wanda (Topash) Campbell. She has been involved with softball and volleyball for four years. Molly is vice president of her class and was selected as a Winter Homecoming representative. She plans to attend Southwestern Michigan College to pursue a degree in nursing.



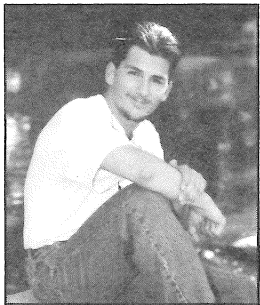
**CARLA LYNN
WESAW**

Carla is a senior at Grand Rapids Central. She is the daughter of Carl and Kelly Wesaw. She is in the National Honor Society and captain of the swim team. Carla is attending the University of North Dakota where she will study medicine.



**JAMES ROBERT
OLDS**

J.R. is a 17 year-old at Hartford High School. He has been accepted at Western Michigan University and plans to pursue a career in the fashion design industry. J.R. is the son of Joan Wesaw Olds and Jim Olds. He is the grandson of Sam Wesaw.



**BENJAMIN
WILLIAMS**

Ben is a senior at Ottawa Hills High. Ben is active in football, golf and on a Native American Advisory Council. He volunteers at Blanford Nature Center. Ben is attending GRCC and transferring to MSU where he will study vet medicine.

June 1997

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1 Maryann Shoemaker Roland Linn	2	3	4	5	6	7 Mary Jo Warren
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Robert T. Wesaw	18	19 Leona Falk Goldie Mangus	20 Brandy Jack	21 Bradley K. Piper
22 Rhian Nelson	23	24	25	26 Chris Ballew	27 Scotty Liggett	28
29	30					