



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
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POKÉGNEK  
YAJDANAWA

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*"The Pokagons Tell It"*



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## POKAGON CAMP '97

The Pokagon Band's Second Annual Leadership Camp wrapped up a busy week with a pow wow to show off the kids hard work.

The kids, ages 8-18, spent the week making regalia and learning to dance. The group also spent sessions learning the Potawatomi language.

The first day the kids arrived was Sunday, and they had a cook-out to get to know each other. Each day the kids got up at 5 a.m. for the sunrise ceremonies.

In the morning the boys and girls split up for some spiritual teachings.

The language classes kept them busy for a few hours, and preparing for the pow wow was also part of their schedule. There were also tribal members helping the kids with the sewing and preparations for Friday's finale.

On Wednesday, the campers swam and later held

a skit night. The counselors and their group of kids had to come up with a skit or song to entertain their peers.

Each skit was unique, ranging from drama to comedy. In one, the king kept requesting his royal paper from his subjects. Each subject would take the wrong paper. First, the king got a newspaper, and that was not right. The next servant took some business papers, and that was not right. Finally a servant got it right when he took toilet paper to the king.

The Friday pow wow was also a success. The campers chose their head junior female and male dancers. The kids showed off their new regalia during the dancing.

White Thunder and Silver Creek Singers provided the drumming and singing for the dancers. Another popular moment was the ladies choice for the two-step. The tired kids left camp on Saturday after a busy and eventful week.

# TRIBAL ELECTIONS

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

## 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.

## CANDIDATE PROFILES

Inside this newsletter you will find candidate profiles for those up for election July 12, 1997.

If a candidate did not submit one, there is no profile for him or her.

## ELECTION DAY

### JULY 12, 1997

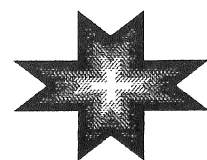
### MICHIGAN

### VOTERS MAY VOTE AT ELDERS HALL.

### INDIANA

### VOTERS MAY VOTE AT THE INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AT 808 W. WASHINGTON ST.



## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Boozhoo Nishnabek,

I would like to start out this article by saying that our Tribal Council has been very busy in the last year. We have made many, many decisions dealing with the well-being and future of our Band. Some may think that this Council is not doing enough for the membership, but let me remind all that it was not long ago that we did not have the services that we now provide for membership. There was a time when we had difficulties in paying the heating bills and making all ends meet. I also remember a time when it was hard to meet the Elders needs. Unless you had individual health coverage, medical needs were either put off, or simply not met. We have grown considerably since those times. We are now farther along in providing membership services for our people than any of the other three newly recognized tribes. That is a major accomplishment made possible by the efforts of Tribal Council, Tribal Directors, and Tribal Staff.

We are a democratic society able to make decisions that will impact our future. Our future right now is the decision-making ability of the leadership of the Band. You the membership have a responsibility to ensure that the Tribal Council includes the most qualified group of Pokagon individuals. In essence it is you the membership that has the right to determine our future. On Saturday, July 12, 1997, please make good use of your right and privilege to vote. Voting for family members, or for the popular name may seem like the easy way to exercise your rights. I assure you the best candidates will only emerge if we the members take the time to know ALL the candidates, their intent, and their specific qualifications.

Remember that we are not only responsible for the welfare of this generation, but more importantly charged with the accountability to provide for generations to come.

*Robert J. Moody  
Tribal Chairman*



**SUMMER'S HERE AT LAST  
AND SO ARE  
POKAGON TRIBAL OFFICE  
SUMMER HOURS!  
MONDAY-THURSDAY 8 AM TO 5 PM  
FRIDAY 8 AM TO 3 PM**

These hours will be in effect  
through Labor Day.

## NOTICE

**ALL POKAGON BAND  
TRIBAL OFFICES WILL BE  
CLOSED**

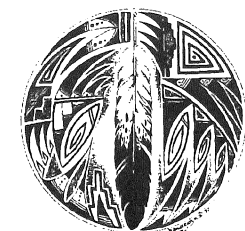
**JULY 7, 1997**

All offices will re-open Tuesday, July 8

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

**7:00 p.m.**

**THURSDAY, JULY 24, 1997  
AT ELDERS HALL.**



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

First, let me apologize for missing the last two newsletters. There has been very little action in the Michigan Legislature on which to report. I will make every attempt to have an article, informational or not, in future newsletters.

Rhetoric is rampant in the halls of Michigan's Capitol. It was reported in the last newsletter there may be action on the Compact on June 14, 1997. I read this as rhetoric from Lansing to give us the appearance there is real discussion going on regarding our Compact. In my opinion, we are still being victimized by politics of both parties.

The discussions which are currently taking place have little to do with the approval of our Compact. There has been minimal compromise on Proposal E between the political parties, and now the transportation package (road repair) has been thrown in for debate.

I spoke with Representative Gagliardi's Chief of Staff on Mackinaw Island last week to get an idea of how things were shaking out. His answers were not very promising, but he suggested the potential for agreement prior to the summer recess was always possible. I might add, there is no date set yet for summer break, and it may be a long, hot summer. The issue of road repair has become an important chip in the game. The Governor wants his road package approved, but that will be impossible without Democratic support. Hence, more negotiation.

Although the dialogue is meant to give the appearance of action, it is my opinion there may be an ulterior motive in the whole process. The Republicans have been very slow to move and have remained unwilling to acknowledge the will of the voters.

The House has debated and voted on several gaming bills. There has been about 15 introduced in the last three weeks. The bills of substance require 3/4 vote of the House for passage. The only bills to pass at this point have minimal impact on gaming in Michigan. A stalemate is a strong possibility in the House.

The Senate, which took the week of June 16th off, (no work to do) is scheduled to begin debate on roughly 20 pieces of legislation introduced by members of the Casino and Oversight Committee. I don't expect much in the way of significant legislation coming from the Senate either. It will take 3/4 vote to pass

any bills from the Senate to go to the House for review.

While all this is happening in Lansing, Detroit is drafting their own rules and regulations on how the licenses will be issued. Detroit is having their own political concerns and disagreements over the preference and location issues. The Detroit legislative contingent has also exercised its clout in Lansing.

While all this debate and negotiation is going on, there are two groups attempting to place on the ballot during the next general election, (1998) a referendum to outlaw casino gaming in Michigan. I believe if the referendum makes the ballot, there is strong likelihood it may pass. As you recall, Proposal E was approved by a narrow margin. The anti-casino group didn't finance much of a fight because they didn't believe the public would support non-Indian casinos in Michigan.

The bottom line is we need the Secretary of the Interior to step up to the plate and support Native Americans in the Compacting process. It is important they begin the legal battle on behalf of Native Americans who are being thwarted by the States in the Compacting process. If the Secretary of Interior would have commenced the ground work for litigation 18 months ago, we might not be in the position we find ourselves now. Forget politics, do the right thing.

On a closing note, I hope the membership participates in the next Tribal election. Exercise your right to vote, and check on the values each candidate exhibits. Remember, they will be representing YOU!

*Matt Wesaw  
Legislative Chairman*



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## POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

### 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

#### HAZARDS OF SMOKING CLINIC

The Pokagon Band has a Hazards of Smoking Clinic. This clinic is a prevention program. The group is for the Pokagon Band youth, but anyone with concerns about his or her smoking is welcome to attend. This six week series has an 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 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. The materials will teach us responsibility for our own behavior and choice to use tobacco. This group meets Saturday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Substance Abuse Center. Any one interested, please call (616) 782-1142.

*Bonnie A. White  
Intervention Prevention Specialist*

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## SUBSTANCE ABUSE

### Substance Abuse Services to Formalize a Substance Abuse Advisory Committee

A Substance Abuse Advisory Committee is being formalized. The committee is to be made up of seven Tribal Council-appointed representatives of the Pokagon Band eligible service population. In addition, two ex-officio members will be retained. As an extension of Council, the purpose of the committee is to review and comment on existing and developing substance abuse program policy and procedures, to advise the substance abuse director on pertinent matters, and to advocate on behalf of the program, clients and the community. The term of office shall be for three years and staggered.

Interested community members are being sought for appointment to the Substance Abuse Advisory Committee. If you would be willing to serve on this Committee, please call the Pokagon Band Substance Abuse Services at (616) 782-1142 or 1-800-517-0777, and speak with or leave a message for Stephanie Ballew, Coordinator. Your name and a brief listing of your background and qualifications will be brought forward to Council for consideration at the July 25 Tribal Council meeting.

## 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 Sumners  
Intake Specialist  
616-782-8998  
or 1-800-517-0777*

### GREAT JOB COREY RANGEL!!

Corey graduated from D.A.R.E. with his class on May 28, 1997.

He was the top student in his class for D.A.R.E.

### CONGRATULATIONS BRITTANY RANGEL

On your certificate of excellence for the M.E.A.P. Test. This is her second certificate and the second time she has taken it. Corey Rangel also has two certificates. Nice job, you two!!!!

## CANDIDATE PROFILES

### CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER

MARY LOU  
DRAKE

MIKE  
WESAW

To All Concerned:

If I were to be elected as tribal treasurer of the Potawatomi Indian Nation, I would do my very best to fulfill the duties and responsibilities this position requires.

Because I have a past work experience with the tribe of 5½ years, I believe this can help my efforts to serve on the board. During this time I had the opportunity to learn about the program operation, how they evolved, how business was conducted on a daily basis and how our tribal organization functioned as a whole.

If you are looking for a person who can be dedicated, fair and determined to help see that our tribe grows as well as prospers, please consider me!

*Sincerely,  
Mary Lou Drake*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as treasurer for the past year. It has been an honor and a pleasure to represent the Band in this capacity. Once again, I am asking for the opportunity to continue as your treasurer and council representative. Although, the Band has accomplished many things over the past year, there remains much to do. I will continue to put forth every effort to work in the best interests of the Band to accomplish our objectives and provide a strong foundation for the future. The key to our future success is our willingness and ability to work together. If we are unified anything can be Accomplished. Utilize the election process to make your voice heard and select the candidates who will best represent the Band. Once the elections are over, support the new Council in its efforts. Good luck to the candidates.

*Mike Wesaw*

**CAST YOUR VOTE JULY 12, 1997**



# CANDIDATE PROFILES

## CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERS AT LARGE

Boo Zhoo Anishnabe! I'm Chris Ballew. Coming from what I think was a large family I know what it is like to have your own opinion and sometimes not be heard. I understand that we are all different in so many ways, yet I believe we will become a loving and supportive family. Being raised in a white society, I know what prejudice is. I feel we need to empower our youth because they are our future leaders. Once empowered, our youth will walk in both worlds and be proud of our heritage. Only then can we ensure the continuation of our People, the care of our Elders, and a promise of a secure tomorrow.

I have participated and been involved with our People since the elections of 1969. Both in past and present times, I have served our People by participating on the Substance Abuse Task Force, the Constitution Committee, Land Acquisition Committee, and the Housing Committee. In 1993, I served on the Tribal Council. Now that I am self-employed, I can devote more time to our Tribe. I will always be concerned about issues dealing with the welfare of our Elders and our children. I am willing to go to any lengths to insure the present well-being of our People and a promising future. The next seven generations will receive the bounty of our efforts made today.

I will listen to your concerns and grievances and respond appropriately. I will read all material and understand the issues facing us prior to Tribal Council meetings. Throughout my life I've had to be resilient, diligent, resourceful, creative, hardworking, open minded, and cooperative. I have a vision for our People and would like to have a voice during this period of initial development now and in the new millennium.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Ballew*

To all Pokagon Band members:

My name is Wayne B. Holleman, and I am seeking re-election to an "at large seat on our Tribal Council. I would like to take this opportunity to give you some background information on myself

In July I will be 37 years old. I was born in South Bend, IN, and my parents are Wayne H. Holleman (Deceased) and Marguerite E. Holleman (White), and my grandmother is Julia Lentz (White). My Pokagon descendants goes back through the White, Mix, Seymour, and Quigano families. I graduated from Riley High School in South Bend, IN., and my college education was attained at the University of Miami (FL). I have completed continuing education at Indiana University, the University of Southern California, the University of Notre Dame, and the *Daimler-Benz Institute* (Stuttgart, Germany) for professional certifications and ratings.

My tribal involvement has not been limited to serving on Council, and the following is a listing of my other duties:

Pokagon Band Housing Authority, Treasurer. Working to build 14+ Elder Housing Units.  
Tribal Finance Committee, Chairman.  
Indiana Casino Negotiating Team, Member.  
Michigan Casino Team, Lobbyist, Speaker.  
Land Committee, Member.  
Pow-Wow, Finance Assistant.

Our tribe has evolved and grown so fast in the last few years that I must sit back and applaud everyone that has sacrificed for the benefit of the Band! Your Tribal Council has many duties, responsibilities, and a workload that easily competes with many city governments. I am proud that my background, education, and professional experience are put to the test everyday serving on our Tribal Council. I consider serving our membership as a council member to be, an honor and a privilege. I have respected my sworn duty to our Elders, our children, and each other to help guide the Band from today into a better tomorrow.

*Sincerely,  
Wayne D. Holleman*

## WALK IN THE SPIRIT POW WOW JULY 19-20, 1997

Silver Creek  
Sacred Heart of Mary Church  
51841 Leach Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

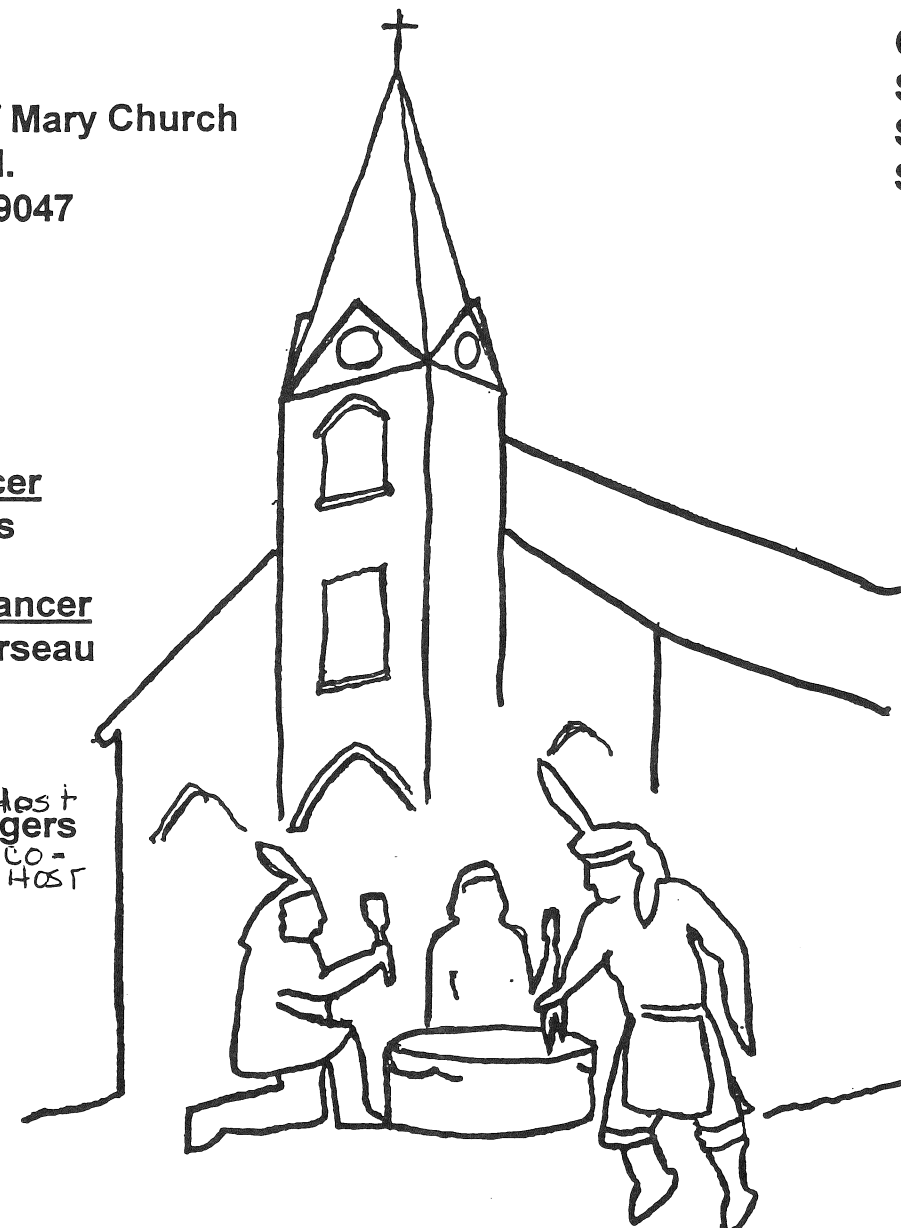
Head Veteran  
Frank Bush

Head Male Dancer  
Donald Sumners

Head Female Dancer  
Georiganna Morseau

Drummers  
Silver Creek Singers  
White Thunder-  
Northern Sky

Host  
CO-  
HOST



NATIVE AMERICAN TRADERS  
ARTS & CRAFTS ONLY

POW WOW INFO CONTACT:  
RUSTY GREEN  
(317) 898-8127  
OR  
ANNE BUSH  
(616) 792-9650



GRAND ENTRY  
Saturday 1:00 p.m.  
Sat. evening 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday 1:00 p.m.

Arena Director  
Joe Dayson

MC  
Sam Bush

Security  
Matt Wesaw

Rustic Camping  
Available

TRADERS CONTACT:  
ANNE BUSH  
(616) 792-9650

FOOD VENDERS CLOSED

ALL PROCEEDS TO POKAGON BAND ELDERS FUNDS  
*No Alcohol or Drugs Allowed*

ATTENTION!!!!

## HALFWAY HOUSE.....

One of the goals of the Substance Abuse Task Force has been raising money for a halfway house. Through five Pow Wows and many other fund-raisers the Task Force has raised enough money to begin looking at property. Our mission was to first 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 quandary; do we continue to proceed with a halfway house for women and children, or do we change midstream and provide a halfway house for men first? We really need your input!

*Please take time to answer a few questions:*

1.) Should the Band's first halfway house serve:

\_\_\_\_\_ women

\_\_\_\_\_ men

2.) Should the house be:

\_\_\_\_\_ within city limits

\_\_\_\_\_ country/rural area

3.) Would you be willing to volunteer your time and efforts for home rehabilitation?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

*Thank you!*

ENROLLMENT OFFICE

A reminder to the membership. 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 any name changes. We also need divorce decrees for name changes if you are now using your maiden name. If you have a family member who is enrolled and is now deceased, we need a copy of their death certificate. It would be helpful if the head of the household would list all the tribal members who reside at their address rather whether you have moved or not. This would save us a great deal of time. If you have children who have mvoed remind them to send their new address.

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. **Return it to the address below instead of calling please.**

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

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 tribal members who reside at this address

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# JULY

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13	14 Education Comm. 6p Ed. Office	15	16 AA Meeting-7:30 y Sacred Heart Church	17 Personnel Comm. 6p Admin. Office	18	19 Silver Creek Pow Wow 1p Grand Entry Basket Co-Op E.H. 12p-5p
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# CANDIDATE PROFILES

To all my Pokagon people, I would like to take the time to introduce myself, my name is Brian Eric Morseau.

I was born in Dowagiac, MI on December 5, 1968, to Bette J. Morseau(Rapp) daughter of the late John Rapp and Raymond W. Morseau, Sr.

I grew up in a Native American lifestyle. My grandmother spoke fluently in Native American language most of the time. I have always been committed and respectful to my people and committed to working for the best interest of Native American people.

I am a culinary art student. I've enjoyed cooking traditional foods as a volunteer for Helping Hands, Youth Program and Women's Spiritual Group and the Ojibwe Substance Abuse. I've had experience in coordinating various community functions such as powwows, Sobriety gatherings and assisting in youth activities.

As a visionary, I would like to see our people grow more towards independence within our sovereignty.

I feel that I would be a excellent choice for the Council because I have a commitment to serve my people as a tribal member.

I believe I have the capabilities to promote the intellectual growth of people to move into the future.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Eric Morseau*

Instead of the usual campaign promises made during one's speech, I, Donald James Sumners can only promise you one thing. That is: "the truth and nothing but the truth", instead of telling you who I am related to which has nothing to do with exactly who I am as a person nor the commitment I hold for the membership of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Proper representation for the membership should be the main focus and will be exactly what you will receive if you vote for me to be a Tribal Council Member.

There are a lot of issues that will affect you as a people, Band, and nation that will be coming in the future. I believe with all the networking available to us as a nation we should start utilizing what we know to be a successful path for us. As a people, we need to start our healing process. If it is not addressed, we will continue to belittle our brothers and sisters. And that, my fellow brothers and sisters is not the Anishnabe way.

Time and time again, I've spoken of the old ways and how our Band needs to incorporate that way of life with ours of today. I'm not asking that we all live in birch bark lodges and cook from a camp fire even though that's not a bad idea. The fact of the matter is we need the Traditional Value System and we need it Now! Without it, we are heading nowhere fast. Our youth will have nowhere to turn, but the other society which encourages Greed, Hatred, Jealousy, Ignorance, Dishonesty, Thievery, Wars, Waste and Pollution and even Arrogance.

We could wipe all this out, if you will help me, help us for a better future. A future that would make our ancestors and those to come proud to be Potawatomi. Free from all those barriers mentioned earlier, but replaced with Love, Honesty, Respect, Courage, Humility, Wisdom and Truth. Now that my Brothers and Sisters is a goal that we should be aiming for as Anishnabeg.

Believe me when I say that, we as a nation, need knowledge. Many of the problems that we face today, I've personally seen and have experienced. But that's

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in the past and the future is where we need to be today. My degree is Tribal Administration/Business Management. Currently, I'm involved with the Education and Land Committees for the Band. Also, I have been appointed to the Overall Economic Development Program for the Southwestern Michigan Commission. With the life experiences and education that I have to offer, I know you will feel confident enough to cast your vote for me

*Donald J. Summers*

**REMEMBER TO  
CAST YOUR  
VOTE!!  
ELECTION DAY  
JULY 12, 1997**

Michigan Residents Vote at Elders Hall  
Polls are open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Indiana Residents Vote at Indiana Historical Society  
Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

My name is Judy Winchester (Huffman). I am running for Tribal Council because I feel that I can represent the membership and their best interest for implementing programs and services that all members can benefit by. I also feel that it is important the council and membership recognize and appreciate our growth. Along with growth comes change and resistance. As a council member, I will listen openly to concerns and issues. We need to come together as a whole to serve our membership needs. Change is inevitable. For the council and our tribal community to be ready for the transitions to come, we must design our communities to weather change, and when necessary, to seek change. With tribal input I want to help design our community.

I co-chair the substance abuse committee. I'm proud to see the substance abuse committee still work towards the half way house goals, and now have an office and offer counseling and various programs. Having two half-way houses is a goal that I want to help accomplish. I work at Van Buren County Family Independence Agency as the Indian Outreach Worker. I have been involved with Americans For Indian Opportunity Ambassador Program since 1993. So far, I am the only person selected from the state of Michigan. It offers wonderful leadership experiences. I am a single parent who understands the needs and concerns to give our children quality lives.

I am committed to represent you!

*Judy Huffman (Winchester)*

Thank you Trish Williams for the goose story that appeared in the March newsletter. We do well to take heed to nature's object lessons. It is a way of learning. It is a good way. In my 76 years of observation, I have found it so.

I, too have marveled over the precision flights of wild geese. The leader seldom looks back as he leads the flock.

The clarion call is given, "do you follow?" The flocks answer, "we follow."

The flock is comprised of the mature, the young, and the weak. The leader never flies faster than the weakest, but with just enough incentive to keep them from straggling. None must fall by the way-side!

The leader being of flesh, blood and bone is subject to fatigue. Weary, he falls back in formation but never out of the flocks. A fresh leader moves to the front. This is done time after time until they reach their intended destination. This is leadership or eldership at its best. His voice will be heard again---the voice of experience.

Geese mate for life, thus making a strong family bond. By wise design, the Creator has made parent birds flightless in mid-summer insuring that the young will not be abandoned by a whim of the parent.

The Creator has programmed the little ones while still in the egg. They come with a built-in clock and a compose for migration. When count-down of the "equinox" is reached, there is a lift-off. They are on their way!

When the earth is barely visible because of dense fog, geese abandon the "V" formation in favor of a long drawn out "U". Sometimes a long line of flight because it is easier for more eyes to search through the fog and probe the unknown.

Yesterdays pampered young will return. They will mate, nest and raise their young, adding to the flock.

I have witnessed a flock leader fooled by decoy and false calls lead a flock to the gun. There is much clamoring as they re-group and choose a new leader. However, there are many more eyes in a flock than just those of a leader. A warning call should have been given.

Safety in numbers is the reason for flocking. This is true of birds and butterflies alike. It is harder for a predator to choose just one!

As long as there are beating hearts, all will fly!

*We Will Fly  
Frank E. Person*



## MIKE DEFENDS HIS TITLE

For the second year in a row Mike Wesaw kissed a pig. Heading into the June 21st competition at the Dowagiac Pork Country Festival, Wesaw was defending champion.

The goal is to raise money and the person who raises the highest monetary pledges gets a straw hat and the chance to kiss a pig.

Money came in from members, as well as other people affiliated with the band and vendors with whom the tribe does business.

The proceeds go towards covering the cost of the festival for the Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce.

For the five finalists, there was a little suspense as the Blossomtime Queen held the hat over each finalist before finally crowning Wesaw as the winner.

Unlike last year when Wesaw kissed the pig right on the snout, he gave the pig a little kiss on the head.

The contestants raised a record amount totaling more than \$1,000.

Next year, Wesaw can go for the three-peat and

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**CONGRATULATIONS  
ASHLEY DUSCHINE**  
On your First Communion  
Love, your family



The Silver Creek Plaza located on 901 Spruce St is home to Administration, Social Services, Education and JTPA. It is between Burger King and Subway in Dowagiac. The mailing address is P.O. Box 180. That is the mailing address for Commodities and Substance Abuse as well. Send IHS mail to the 210 Front St address. To fax anything to Tribal Council or Public Relations, please use (616) 782-4573.

#### FINANCE/PERSONNEL SOCIAL SERVICES

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FAX (616) 782-7814

#### DO YOU NEED HELP WITH SPRING CLEANING?

Louis and Rebecca are the people to come to!  
We do almost everything!!  
Based in Dowagiac  
Please stop by or write to 427 W. High St.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Mary Martin  
For receiving the Musician of the Year at Wilson School in South Bend.  
Love, Mom, Jimmy &  
your brothers and sisters

**JULY 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.

#### CONGRATULATIONS RICK AND LORI LEWIS

On your new son  
JOSHUA LEE LEWIS  
born on June 10, 1997  
21 1/2 inches  
9 lbs., 6 1/4 oz.

#### CONGRATULATIONS SIERRA TEMPLE

She is an honor student at Puxico R8 School.  
SIERRA AND BRONSON TEMPLE  
Both Earned Perfect Attendance!!!

#### JACOB WILLIAMS

Congratulations  
On your movie role with Tom  
Cruise in "Eyes Wide Shut"

#### CONGRATULATIONS

#### TAYLOR FALK

Taylor received two trophies from Calvary Bible Church. One was for showing the best Christian Character and the other was for points for attendance and learning verses.  
She received a Certificate of Achievement Award for her outstanding work in the art of dance. There are very few of these given out. She also got a medal for completing five years of dance at Miss Kathy's School of Dance. Taylor is the daughter of Shannon Falk and Mark A. Starrett.

#### HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY

#### DEE MIX

June 10

God Bless You

Love, your sister Bette Morseau

#### CONGRATULATIONS RICK AND LORI LEWIS

On your 8th  
Wedding Anniversary  
June 30  
Love, your family

#### CONGRATULATIONS

#### ED WILLIAMS III

On your acceptance to University of Notre Dame Law School.  
Love, Ed and Judy Williams

#### POW WOW SCHEDULE

July 4-6 SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBAL 15th ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POW WOW

SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN

Chippewa Indians' Reservation on Shunk Road. Spiritual Gathering July 2-3, 1997; Pow-Wow, July 4-7, 1997. For information call 906-635-6050.

July 5-6 LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA

"REUNITING THE TRADITIONAL POW WOW

ONEKAMA, MICHIGAN

Manistee Cty. Fairgrounds-M-22. For info call 616-723-8288.

July 10-12 NATIVE AMER. LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN MSU Campus, W. Shaw Hall.

For more information call Robin Menefee at 517-393-7236 or Eva Menefee at 517-483-9674.

July 12-13 3RD ANNUAL NATIVE AMER. FESTIVAL

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Dobbs park, Limited campsites for Dancers and Traders only. Native American Museum, 5170 E. Poplar Dr. For information call 812-877-6007.

July 12-13 4TH ANNUAL KAIVIA POW WOW

KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

Kalamazoo Valley Indian Association. Kalamazoo Cty. Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake St. For information call 616-327-2468.

July 12-13 KETTLE & STONY POINT FIRST NATIONS

POW WOW, KETTLE POINT, ONTARIO, CANADA

Kettle & Stony Point First Nation. For info call 519-786-6680.

July 17-20 24TH ANNUAL "HONOR THE EARTH" TRADITIONAL POW WOW, HAYWARD, WISCONSIN

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa, for info call 715-634-8924.

July 19-20 13TH "HONORING OUR HERITAGE" POW

WOW, CLIO, MICHIGAN

Firemen Park. Hosted by Genesee Valley Indian Association of Flint. For trader information call 810-239-6621.

July 25-27 NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN ASSN. 2ND SUMMER NAIA UNITY POW WOW, ARMADA, MI

Armada Fairgrounds. Sponsored by Michigan Indian Day Pow Wow Committee. For info call Chantel Henry at 313-535-2966.

July 25-27 19th ANNUAL POW WOW

BARAGA, MICHIGAN

Ojibway Campground - Home of the Original Midnight Two-Step World Championship. For information call 906-353-6623.

July 26-27 2ND ANNUAL ASSININS TRADITIONAL POW WOW, BARAGA, MICHIGAN

William 'Boyzle' Jondreau Memorial Ballfield, Assinins, MI, 2.5 miles north of M-38 on US-41 in Baraga. For more info call 906-353-6836, 906-353-7099 fax 906-353-6800.

July 26-27 5TH ANNUAL "HONORING OUR ELDERS" POW WOW

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Bay County Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the Saginaw Valley Indian Assoc. For info call Craig Wayne at 517-846-6451.

July 26-27 GRAND OPENING NATIVE AMER. FESTIVAL, PORT SANILAC, MICHIGAN

Sponsored by Gah Weh Ni Yoh Gallery. For information call Ruth Maracle at 810-622-8112.

July 26-27 KEKIONGA NATIVE AMERICAN

ALLIANCE, 1997 GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

FT. WAYNE, INDIANA

For more information call 219-459-2112 or 219-483-4700.

July 31 - Aug. 3 LAND OF THE MENOMINEE POW WOW,

KESHAENA, WISCONSIN

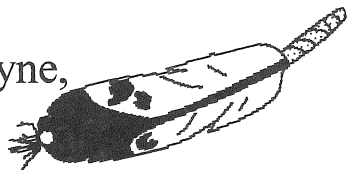
Woodland Bowl. For more information call 715-799-5114.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEEPEST THANKS

The family of Wayne H. Holleman would like to express our deep appreciation to the Pokagon Band and the Pokagon Elders for the flowers, cards and the prayers offered by so many friends during his illness. Our hearts were truly touched by all!!!

Thank you!  
Marguerite, Wayne,  
Jr. and Kevin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
ROBBIE HUFFMAN  
July 14  
Robby will be 11 years old!!  
FROM MOM AND JENNA



JOHN AND KELLY  
CURRAN  
JULY 26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
UNCLE TERRY  
From Robbie and Jenna Huffman

**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY**  
**LeAnn Wesaw-June 10**  
**We're sorry!!!**  
**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY**  
**Rhian Nelson-June 22**  
**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY**  
**Joel Genereaux-June 27**  
**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY**  
**Michael Fisher-June 29**  
**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY**  
**Anthony Nelson-June 3**  
**We love you, honey!!!-Your family**  
**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY**  
**Danielle Jacobs-June 4**  
**Love, Virginia**  
**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY**  
**Summer Abrea Duschaine-June 4**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
VALERIE YINDRA-JULY 19

Congratulations on your recent baptism! God bless you, sweetheart. We love you, your family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
JOYCE WINCHESTER  
JULY 24

Love, Joe, PR and Terry,  
Scott, Carol, Joey, Jeanna, Tom  
Judy, Robbie and Jenna

CONGRATULATIONS  
BARAGA H.S. GRADUATES  
Angel and Cheryle



Your family is  
so proud of you!!!!

July 1997

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13 Ginny Wesaw Wayne Holleman	14 Robbie Huffman	15 Jordan Wesaw	16 Rebecca Drake Kim Falk Janet Wesaw	17	18 Janet Skylar Alex Richardson Jacob Miller	19 Jeff Zimmerman Anthony Wilcox Valarie Yindra
20 Johnny Shagonaby	21 Judy Winchester Ed Williams III Heather Wilcox	22 Keith "Butch" White Josh Williams	23 Wendy Hargett	24 Shane Rummage	25	26 Zita Meyer
27 Derrick T. Hiler Deena Austin	28 Arlene Daisy Edward Williams Sr.	29	30 John M. Wesaw Kyle Carlock Tom N. Wesaw Jr. Dakota Bennett	31		
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