

POKÉGNEK
YAJDANAWA
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

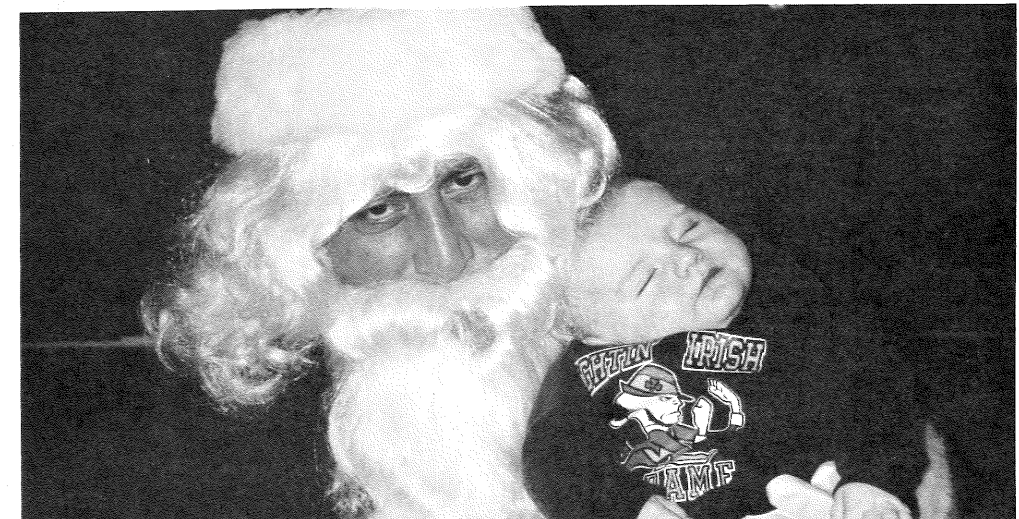
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"The Pokagons Tell It"



Vol. III, No. I

January, 1998



POKAGON CHILDREN VISIT SANTA CLAUS

The Pokagon Band Children's Christmas party got off to an exciting start as the children waited for Santa Claus to make his appearance.

The children and their parents had lunch of hot dogs, chips and punch while they waited for St. Nick.

The big moment finally arrived about 1:30 when Santa showed up to the delight of dozens of children and adults alike. Many of the children were in awe of the Jolly old man, but they quickly rushed up to give him hugs.

The children posed for pictures with Santa while the little "elves" handed out gifts. There were plenty of footballs, basketballs, and colored pencils to go around.

Some of the little girls received totes with make-up, while a few got little dolls. Every child got a stock-

ing with fruit, candy and little toys.

Not all of the kids were so eager to visit Santa. A few little ones refused to sit on Santa's lap, but of course, they still got their gifts.

For some of the children, their fun came when they made Christmas ornaments. Some of the parents even tried their hand at the crafts. Some volunteers helped the kids make sparkling stars out of little crystals and glue, along with a dash of glitter so kids could take the decorations home to their own Christmas trees.



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Boozhoo Neshnabek,

The winter season is upon us. It is a time of reflection upon the year that is very soon to come to an end. For Pokagons it has been a year of many joys and many sorrows.

Even though we have experienced many trials and tribulations, we need to thank the Creator for the countless good things that He has provided for us.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi has indeed moved forward in many ways in the last four years. As we start a new year, we also start a new chapter in the Tribal history book. Let us all strive to make these 1998 chapters even better than the year prior. Leopold Pokagon had a vision of providing all things necessary for the future of his people. That same vision of self-efficiency is still the direction of this Tribe. In order to survive as a Tribe and to make this vision work, we all must work together. Our communities have been scattered for several years. It is time that all Pokagons united. By standing together as one we can weather all seasons. Let us all strive to respect and to be courteous to each other. Patience, humility, kindness are virtues that will enrich not only ourselves, but also our children. These children are the future of our Tribe—and they learn from our examples. If we are truly concerned about seven generations or more as we have said many times, then we must teach our children well. As I have said in the past, our future is being built with the foundation that we construct now.

I wish the best of Holidays to all. I would ask that we all think of each other at this time. We should all remember in our hearts those who have walked on during the past years. Please say a special prayer for their families. We must strive to comfort and care for our Elders. We need to spend loving time with our children. Let us all share with one another. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Pokagon families.

Robert J. Moody Jr.
Tribal Chairman



TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AT ELDERS HALL SATURDAY JANUARY 10, 1998 10:00 a.m.

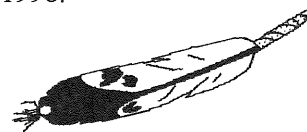
This Will Be A Potluck
With Meat Provided.

Tribal Council holds its business meeting the third Thursday of each month. The Saturday meetings are more informational with Director and Committee Reports and Tribal Announcements.

ENROLLMENT APPEALS BOARD

Tribal Council is looking for Band Members to sit on an Enrollment Appeals Board. The function of this Board will be to review Tribal Council decisions on such enrollment matters as defined by the Band's Enrollment Ordinance. Because this Board has a very limited responsibility, it is not anticipated that Board participation will require more than a couple of hours a month. This Board shall remain in place until such time as a tribal court system is in place. Tribal Council, however, has not yet established term limits for Board Members.

If you are interested in sitting on this Board or if you have questions about it, please contact Marchell Wesaw, Assistant to the Tribal Attorney at (219) 288-1087, or call Kelly Curran at 1-800-517-0777 and ask her to relay a message to Marchell. We need to hear from you no later than January 15, 1998.



TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 11, 1997

RESOLUTION #1 was made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Wayne Holleman **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the appointment of Alice Overly and Kerry Baxter to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Health Board for three-year terms.

ALL IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #2 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves that the Health Director send three CHR's to Bill Helmich Community Health Representative Training in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 28-30, 1997.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 2 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #3 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council allow Health Director to send one RN and a CHR to an I.H.S. Injury Prevention course: Translating Information Into Action, in Sacramento, California on October 21-23, 1997.

ALL IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Dan Rapp **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council allow Health Director to send one registration clerk and a CHR to Patient Care Component for CHR's and Patient Registration I.H.S. Computer system, RPMS, training in Rhinelander, Wisconsin on October 20-21, 1997.

ALL IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #5 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves to send Kelly Curran and an Accounting Representative to the Falmouth training: Developing Travel Policies and Procedures for Tribal Organizations in Tucson, Arizona on November 9-12. Costs will include hotel for 4 days=\$308.02, airfare = \$855.00, registration \$790.00, and per diem for 4 days= \$250.00.

ALL IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 6 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves to send Keith White and a Resource Development person to "Alternative Financing Workshop" on October 21-24 at Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin. Expenses will include 4 days per diem = \$200.00, and hotel = \$282.54 and the use of a GSA vehicle.

ALL IN FOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #7 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Julie Stauffer **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves to send John Miller to Wisconsin Dells for a USDA Seminar on October 21-23. Expenses will include hotel at \$143.66, three days per diem=\$75.00 and the use of a GSA vehicle if available.

ALL IN FAVOR: 9 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 8 was made by Greg BalLew and 2nd by Dan Rapp **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council accepts employees participation in the Lansing Rally not being in conflict of "Zero Tolerance Policy".

ALL IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 9 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council accepts the bid from Michigan Office Environments to construct 2 (two) rooms at Elder's Hall at the cost of \$7,400.

ALL IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 10 was made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Greg Ballew **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the creation of two Language staff positions to work on the teachings and preservation of the Potawatomi Language and the Pokagon dialect, pending Tribal Council approval of the job description to be drawn up through normal administrative channels.

ALL IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 11 was made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Julie Stauffer **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the payment of \$50.00 per taping session, to tribal fluent speakers being taped for the Band's language preservation efforts, to be paid out of the Pow Wow fund.

ALL IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 12 was made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Dan Rapp **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council pursue the option of parcels of land in the Hartford area, the Dowagiac area and in the South Bend area by January 1, 1998.

FURTHERMORE: Tribal Council shall develop, in conjunction with the Land Committee and appropriate staff, a long term land acquisition strategy.

ALL IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 13 was made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Wayne Holleman **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves Land Committee and Tribal Staff to pursue the option of the Holloway land A.S.A.P.

ALL IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 14 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council direct the attorneys to begin research on charitable gaming.

ALL IN FAVOR: 10 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 15 was made by Wayne Holleman and 211nd by Brian Morseau **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to pay mileage and fees for Tom Topash, Dan Rapp, Phil Alexis, and Rae Daugherty to attend either conference on October 26, 27, and 28 in Muncie and Angola.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 4 CARRIED.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 1997**

RESOLUTION #1 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Greg Ballew **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Council appoints Rae Daugherty to sit on the Michigan Indian Legal Services Board of Directors for a term of three years.

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

RESOLUTION #2 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Dan Rapp **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves to send Sonny Miller to The Human Side of Management In the Indian Office Environment in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 27-30. Trip not to exceed \$900.00.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 3 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council agrees to adopt the prohibition against Sexual Harassment section of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Personnel Handbook to include conduct of members of Tribal Council, Elder's Council, Committees and Authorized Oversight and Advisory Boards within this policy.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council directs Sonny Miller to develop and write up policies and procedures for Sexual Harassment governing Tribal Council and Tribal Volunteers, to be drawn up with the Personnel Director for submission at our first regularly scheduled meeting in December.

FURTHERMORE: Sonny Miller and the Personnel Director will develop a training program educating employees, individuals and the legal department on the policy and procedures.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #5 was made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Mike Wesaw **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council accepts the ZERO TOLERANCE FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES DURING WORKING HOURS, SECTION XVIII of the Personnel Policy Handbook, as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 1 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #6 was made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Greg Ballew **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council will complete evaluations for Paula Winchester Geer, Mike Wesaw, and Maureen Shagonaby and turn them in to Sonny Miller for tabulation by November 4th Tribal Council meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 7 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman **WHEREAS:** The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians has the obligation to pursue economic self-sufficiency to provide for the well being of membership, both present and future, and; **WHEREAS:** The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is desirous of obtaining a compact in the state of Michigan pursuant to the rights conferred upon them by the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), to aid in its goal

to become economically self-sufficient, and; **WHEREAS:** The state of Michigan has failed to negotiate in good faith to enter into a compact with the Band pursuant to their obligation under the requirements of IGRA, and; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Tribal Council hereby requests that the Department of Justice and the US attorney's office bring forth litigation against the state of Michigan to preserve the Band's inherent rights as a sovereign Indian nation under IGRA.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 8 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Tribal Council authorizes that its attorney, Rob Gips, provide the Department of Justice and the US attorney's office with legal assistance.

FURTHERMORE: The Tribal Council authorizes the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney to assist its attorney, the Department of Justice and the US attorney's office with legal assistance. The estimated cost of such assistance, of \$25,000, is to be shared with the other tribe's seeking compacts in Michigan.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 9 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council shall obtain a copy of the book "Always A People" for \$35.00 to be included in the archives.

FURTHERMORE: Obtain a book for the library.

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

RESOLUTION # 10 was made by Greg Ballew and 2nd by Kevin Daugherty **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves to appoint a committee and to set a date for the Christmas party and set aside \$2500.00 for the party.

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

RESOLUTION # 11 was made by Greg Ballew and 2nd by Dan Rapp **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves to pay mileage for Tribal Council attendees to the Cooley Law School Indian law seminar on November 4.

ALL IN FAVOR: 5 OPPOSED: 2 ABSENT: 3 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 12 was made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Greg Ballew **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council supports the research project proposed by Ms. Juanita M. Brand RN, MSN, Assistant Professor at Marian College, on the possible impact Federal Acknowledgment has had on selected members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians related to health beliefs, traditional and non-traditional healing practices.

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

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

POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES

Happy Holidays to the members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. We look forward to a brand new year and serving the tribal membership with more services as we continue to grow and add new and exciting programs.

PBPIHS Contract Health Services

January brings some changes to the Contract Health Services. Starting this month, you will need to present two proofs of residence in order to be entered into the Patient Registration System.

To be eligible for CHS you must:

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

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

*Submitted by
Christine Daugherty*

AA MEETINGS

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

Please feel welcome to attend

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAULETT, JACK AND MARVIN WILLIAMS

Have a fun day. We wish good health unto you all
and many, many more birthdays to share.

We Love you.

Love, Mom, Trish, Pam, Johnny, and our family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY GRANDMOTHER DAWN WALKER-WESAW (CARPENTER) JANUARY 5, 1989

Nine years ago I had no last time to say "I love you"
No final goodbye
No one even said you were leaving,
I never understood why.
No pictures of you for me to keep,
The sadness of it all still makes me weep.
But, I can still see your laughing eyes so brown,
Your presence shines so bright and big,
I feel you all around.
So though I can't reach out and touch your face,
I find the best comfort in knowing,
Your loving heart is in a much better place.

Kim Wesaw Stevenson

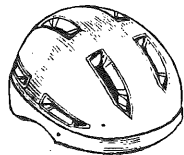
ENROLLMENT NOTICE

The Enrollment Office is currently printing the Tribal Membership Cards. At completion we will mail them to the membership. We have inserted a form into the newsletter several times for membership to update their addresses. Please fill the form out and **mail** to the Enrollment Office. At the bottom of the form list **all tribal members other than yourself residing at that address**. We have approximately 144 members who have not kept their addresses updated.

If we have requested a marriage license from you for name changes, and you want your correct name on your card, you need to turn it in as soon as possible.

POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

INJURY PREVENTION IS UNDERWAY



We have car seats, bike helmets and fire extinguishers available. These are for any needy family lacking these items. These items are available at the Social Services Department, 901 Spruce St. If you need more information, please call

(616) 782-8998
or
1-800-517-0777

SISTER LAKES MEDICAL CENTER

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

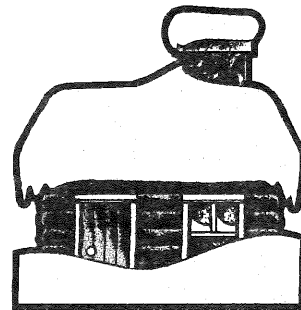
Staffed by:
Edwin Newington, PA-C
Tom Berry, PA-C (Weekends)
Convenient Hours:
Mon., Tues., Thur., and Fri. 8:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Wed. 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (Walk-in hours)
67892 M-152
Sister Lakes Shopping Center
Dowagiac, MI 49047

(616) 944-3500

ENERGY ASSISTANCE NOTICE

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

This program is handled through the Pokagon Band Human Services Department, if you have any questions please contact them at toll free 1-800-517-0777 or (616) 782-8998.



To apply for LIHEAP:

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

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

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

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

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 a great timesaver if I could get the **Head of the Household to list all the tribal members who reside at their address.**

A change of address form has been included for your convenience. Please fill 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

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

January Events

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 Tribal Offices Closed	2 Tribal Offices Closed	3
4	5	6 "Using Plants for Medicine" presentation 7p E.H.	7	8 Elders Council Business Meeting 11:00 a.m.	9	10 Tribal Council E.H. 10 A.M. Good Study Habits Class 10a.m.-noon Francis Branch Library 52855 N. Ironwood Rd.
11	12 Youth Culture Class Regalia/Drumming E.H. 6:30-8:00 p.m. P.M./Title IX Parent Comm. E.H. 6:30 p.m.	13 Tribal Council w/ Personnel Comm. Working Session E.H. 6:30p "Sacred Objects" Discussion E.H. Noon-6 p.m.	14	15	16	17 Good Study Habits Class 10 a.m.-noon Elkhart Public Library 500 S. 2nd Street Elkhart, Indiana "Native Dances of the Great Lakes" presentation E.H. 4-6 p.m.
18 "Native Dress of the Great Lakes" presentation E.H. 3 p.m.	19 Youth Culture Class Regalia/Drumming St. Joe County Public Library 6:30-8:00 p.m.	20	21 Director/Coordinators w/Council E.H. 6:30 p	22 Tribal Council E.H.	23	24
25	26 Youth Culture Class Regalia/Drumming E.H. 6:30-8:00 p.m.	27	28	29	30	31



Plants as Medicine

Cosponsored by Pokagon Band
Education Department and Indian Health Services

January 6, 1998

Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Elders Hall

53237 Town Hall Road

Dowagiac, Michigan

We are honored to be able to bring

Jack Chambers, Jr., from the Grand Traverse Bay
Band to spend a day at Elders Hall to talk about the
traditional use of plants for healing.

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Introductions followed by luncheon. Lunch will be
provided by the Pokagon Education and IHS Departments and staff.

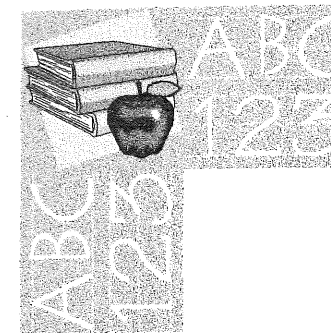
1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Plants as Medicine instruction followed by
question and answer period.

Throughout the Day: Time will be made for anyone who would like
a private consultation with Mr. Chambers.

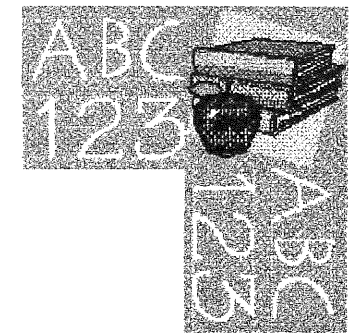
If you have any questions, please contact:

John Warren, Cultural Coordinator, at (616) 782-0887 or (888)330-
1234

Trish Williams, IHS Community Health Representative, at (616) 782-
4141 or (888) 440-1234



EDUCATION REPORT



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULE

Attention High School Seniors & Parents

It is time to submit applications for financial aid for fall semester of 1998. January has been designated as Financial Aid Awareness Month. As soon as possible, after receiving your W-4 form complete your 1997 income tax forms. The 1997 income tax forms are the basis for determining financial aid for the 1998-99 school year. It is to your advantage to apply early.

1998 Financial Aid Awareness Hotline

Please call toll-free with your questions about student financial aid.

CALL: 1-800-253-0023

February 2-5, Mon.-Thurs. from 2:00-7:30 p.m.

February 6, Friday from 12:00 (noon) - 5:00 p.m.

Pokagon Band BIA Scholarships

Tribal scholarships are also based on financial need. Students must apply for federal financial assistance prior to applying to the tribe. The Pokagon scholarship covers both full-time and part-time students. Funding can cover traditional college education and vocational training at accredited institutions. Students are required to maintain a 2.0 grade point average. The Education Department has information about other Native American scholarship programs. Please call 1-888-330-1234 or 616-782-0887 to request scholarship information packets.

Native American Summer Congressional Internship Program Twelve candidates will be selected for a 10-week, intensive internship in Washington, D.C. Interns will work full-time in congressional offices and gain firsthand knowledge of governmental processes and decision-making events. Applicants must be enrolled member of a recognized tribe; be a graduating college senior, graduate student, or law student; have a minimum 3.2 GPA; and have an interest in tribal government and policy. Call or fax to request an application:

Computer classes have been going on for a few months, and the turn out has been pretty good, but we still need more participation from the membership. I want to make it perfectly clear that all spouses and children of membership are also welcome to attend these classes. These classes are **FREE** and provide an excellent way to procure today's necessary computer skills. Employers are looking for computer literate people more and more these days. We can help you develop these skills to qualify for better jobs or for whatever purposes you may have. We only ask that you be dedicated and willing to learn.

Beginning January 6th, our new computer classes will officially begin. The new schedule is as follows:

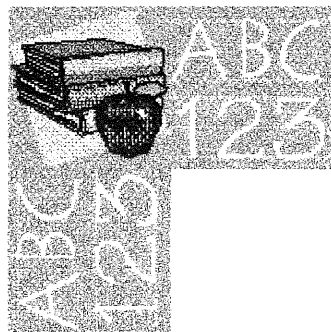
NIGHT CLASSES

Tuesday	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets for Home & Business)
Wednesday	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Microsoft Word (Wordprocessing & Keyboarding)
Thursday	6:00pm - 8:00pm	BASIC Computer Programming (Learn to make software)

Day classes meet up to four times a week, but we understand if you can't make it to all the classes. We teach to all levels of computer users.

DAY CLASSES

Monday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Microsoft Word & Excel (Wordprocessing/Spreadsheets)
Tuesday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Microsoft Word & Excel (Wordprocessing/Spreadsheets)
Wednesday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	



Microsoft Word & Excel (Wordprocessing / Spreadsheets)

Thursday 1:00pm - 3:00pm Microsoft Word & Excel (Wordprocessing / Spreadsheets)

We also have open lab periods where you are free to come in and use the computers. We have software available for wordprocessing, spreadsheet, database, presentation, keyboarding, and programming. Please call before you come in for the open lab times.

OPEN LAB HOURS

Monday & Friday 8:30am-11:30am, 3:00pm-5:30pm
Tuesday-Thursday 3:00pm-5:30pm

Would you like a computer? Don't have a lot of money to spend? Well, I can help. I build computers at cost. I can sit down with you and make an estimate for you. I can build computers that meet or surpass those you find in department stores, but for 50-70% of the retail cost. This service is not through the Pokagon Band, but is a service I volunteer. Call me and we can discuss this in detail. Please call or come in to sign-up for these classes.

Robert Willis

(616) 782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234



Native Dress of the Great Lakes

January 17, 1998

4:00 p.m.

Elders Hall

53237 Town Hall Rd.

Dowagiac, MI 49047

January 18, 1998

3:00 p.m.

Northern Indiana Historical Society

808 W. Washington St.

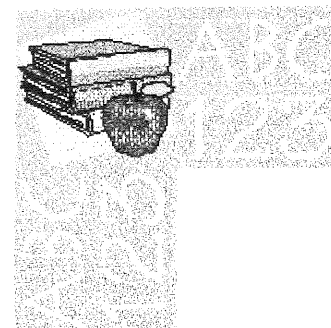
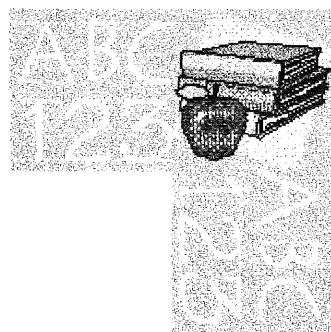
South Bend, IN 46601

James O' Neil, a sixth grade teacher and author, will present his slide film along with numerous pictures on native dress and looks covering periods of 1750-1815 of Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. O'Neil traveled to various museums in Europe to take pictures of items such as leggings, drawings of native people, soldier's written accounts of Natives, bags, native knives, moccasins, and women's dress.

These items were taken to Europe and France as souvenirs or they traded with the natives for these particular items. Many of these individuals wrote about their accounts and adventures upon their return to Europe. These written accounts tell about what native people were wearing, their tattoos, the colors used in dress, physical features, and how they were treated as captives.

This will be an informative presentation and will help one understand native dress and history of the Great Lakes region. The slide film presentation is one hour followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served and during this time photo albums with pictures and written accounts may be viewed for those in attendance.

For more information, contact the Pokagon Band Education Department. Ask for John Warren/Cultural Coordinator (616) 782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234.



CULTURAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

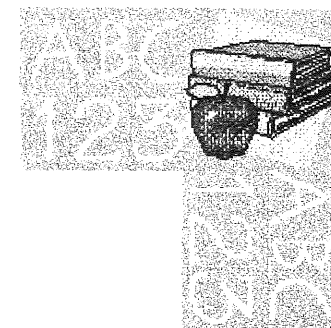
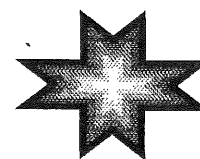
January 6, 1998 - Elders Hall - Using plants for medicine, beginning at noon till 7:00 p.m. a presentation by Jack Chambers, member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Refreshments and snacks will be served throughout the day.

January 13, 1998 - Elders Hall - Beginning at noon till 7:00 p.m. There will be a talk on sacred objects given by Clarence White, Pokagon Band member and Elder. Refreshments and snacks will be served throughout the day.

January 17, 1998 - Elders Hall - Beginning at 4:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. Native Dress of the Great Lakes by James O' Neil. Refreshments and snacks will be served after the presentation.

January 18, 1998 - Native Dress of the Great Lakes; by James O'Neil of the Northern Indiana Historical Society - South Bend, IN. Starting time will be at three o'clock in the afternoon. Refreshments and snacks will be served after the presentation.

February 10, 1998 - Elders Hall - Creation Story and talk on the Medi (Muhday) religion, given by George Martin. The Medi is the traditional religion that Neshanabek people practice (Potawatomi, Odawa, and Ojibway.) Starting time noon till 6:00 p.m. for last the formal presentation. Refreshments will be served throughout the day. For more information please contact the Education Department. Ask for John Warren/Cultural Coordinator (616) 782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234.



DRUMMING & REGALIA CLASSES

Our Youth Drumming and Regalia classes are ongoing, so please come even if you missed the other classes.

Michigan Classes

Location: Elder's Hall

53237 Townhall Road, Dowagiac, MI

Dates: Monday, January 12, Monday, January 26,

Monday, February 9, Monday, February 23

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Indiana Classes

Dates: January 19, February 2, February 16

Location: TBA, call Education for more info

January 19 location: St. Joseph County Main Public Library Auditorium, 304 S. Main, South Bend, IN

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Johnson O'Malley (JOM) and Title IX Parent Committee Meetings:

All parents/guardians with children enrolled in the Johnson O'Malley and/or Title IX programs are invited to be a member of the Parent committees. Participation in the committees allows parents to be directly involved in the planning of the youth programs. The times and locations for the first meeting are:

Michigan:

Monday, January 12

Elder's Hall 53237 Townhall Road, Dowagiac, MI 6:30 p.m.

Indiana:

Monday, January 19, St. Joseph County Main Public Library Main Auditorium

304 S. Main, South Bend, IN

6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in being on the parent committee,

but are unable to make the first meeting, please contact the Education Department at 1-888-330-1234.

"Good Study Habits" Class

Start the new year on the right track! Learn how to study, take notes, use the library, and research papers.

Saturday, January 10
10 a.m.-Noon
Francis Branch Library,
52655 N Ironwood Rd, South Bend, IN

Saturday, January 17
10 a.m.-Noon
Elkhart Public Library, 300 S 2nd, Elkhart, IN

There are more classes to come! Please contact the Education Department if you are interested. Tutoring and mentoring is now available in the Michigan and Indiana service area. Please contact Youth Program Coordinators, Marie Wesaw or Donald Sumners for further assistance.

HOUSING SURVEY DRAWING WINNERS

Congratulations to tribal members Brenda Brown, Charlene Murray and Matthew Trux for winning the drawing. They were eligible for the drawing after completing the Housing Survey. The information that was gathered is a valuable tool that will be used to begin planning the tribe's housing development projects. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey.

POKAGON BOOKS FOR SALE

*The Pokagons 1633-1983
by James Clifton*

are for sale to membership.

*The price is \$8 for any Pokagon Band member.
If you are interested in purchasing a book, please
contact the Administration Office at
(616) 782-8998 or
1-800-517-0777*

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

FINANCE/PERSONNEL REPAIR & RENOVATION HUMAN 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

FAX (616) 782-1653

ENROLLMENT

104 N. RIVERSIDE DR.
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
(616) 782-1763

1-888-782-1001

FAX (616) 782-1964

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

210 S. FRONT ST.
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
(616) 782-4141

1-888-440-1234

FAX (616) 782-8797

EDUCATION/JTPA

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

1-888-330-1234

FAX (616) 782-0985

FOOD COMMODITY

P.O. BOX 180
54964 M-51 NORTH
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
(616) 782-3372

1-888-281-1111

FAX (616) 782-7814

ELDERS HALL

P.O. BOX 180
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
(616) 782-6323
FAX (616) 782-9625

ELDERS COUNCIL

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS ELDERS BUSINESS MEETING DECEMBER 4, 1997-11:00 a.m.

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

Roll Call

Present: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Clarence White, Mary Jo Morris, Mary Church, Rachael Daugherty
Attendance: 28 Elders + 1 Guest

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the minutes of Nov. 6, 1997. Georgia Davidson seconded the motion.
All in favor; Opposed 0.

Communications - Gerald had a phone call from John Shagonaby. John and about eight Huron Band Elders would like to come to Elders Hall sometime. They are starting an Elders Council. We'll let them know they could come for our Christmas luncheon on December 18th.

Enrollment Appeals Committee - Marchell Wesaw stated that this Committee would meet when an appeal is made. It would be like when you go into Court. The Committee would be appointed by Tribal Council. If any Elders are interested in this Committee, they could contact Loretta Yount or Kelly Curran. Marchell will present this to Tribal Council on December 13, 1997.

Resolution for P.A. system - Elders Council Resolution #97-009, dated December 1, 1997. Made by Mary Church, seconded by Clarence White.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Elders Council would like a P.A. system installed at Elders Hall; 2 speakers; up to 5 microphones. All in favor: 6 Opposed: 0, Resolution passed.

This resolution will be presented to Council.

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on December 18th. There will be a \$5.00 gift exchange, bingo and blackjack. The meat is supplied out of the Elders 50/50 funds.

Luncheon volunteers for January 8th, 1998 - Rae

Daugherty & Marge Moody, 50/50 volunteers for January 8th, 1998 - Bill & Carol Klemm & Pat Klemm.

Lansing Elders luncheon report - John Wesaw, Jr. stated it was a nice trip and luncheon. It was intertribal and about thirty were in attendance. The Lansing Elders were invited here; Rita will get in touch with them to see if they can make it for our January 8th meeting or another meeting.

Casino - Marge Moody stated Harrahs seems the best way to go for \$17.95, which includes the bus and buffet. Something will be mailed out to membership to find out how many more want to go.

Membership concerns I.D. cards.

Frank Person presented membership with two (2) proposals for the coming year of 1998.

Proposal #1 Pokagon Band logo decal. Display on auto windshield, boats, campers, luggage and etc.

Proposal #2 Cloth shoulder patch of the same logo. Sew on jackets, base ball caps, head scarf, shawls,

Marge stated that maybe we could use our Elders logo when we get it. Rita will have another survey out for things to do for next year.

Rae Daugherty gave a talk about how the book The Pokagons 1683-1983 by James Clifton came about. There was a sign up sheet for members who wanted to order the book.

Clarence White gave the Elders 50/50 budget report. Our grand total is \$745.59.

Announcements:

Christmas luncheon - December 18th. 11:00 A.M. E.H.

Admin. Open House - December 18th. 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Notre Dame Christmas food boxes - December

Elders Council Business meeting-- January 8, 1998.

Only one Elders Council Business meeting in January, February, March.

Gerald adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Mary Jo Morris
Elders Council Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAPPY 1ST ANNIVERSARY
DECEMBER 21
DAVE AND MIRIAM
WEYANT**

*Happy Birthday
Allen Soule, Jr.*

January 8, 1997
Love, your family



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TAYLOR KOSELAK**
*January 23, 1997
Love, your family*

**HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY
STEVEN TRUDEAU**
*January 24, 1998
Love, from your family*

**CONGRATULATIONS
SCOTT AND SHANNON(FALK)
LIGGETT**

On your wedding
October 25, 1997
Love, Mom, Taylor,
Jackson, Kenny and
the whole family

**HAPPY BELATED 14th BIRTHDAY
JOSEPH TRUDEAU**
LOVE, from your family

**JANUARY 20, 1998
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 15th.

**CONGRATULATIONS
ROB & LESLIE MCCREARY**

On the birth of your son
LEVI DAVID
ALLEN MCCREARY
He was born December 11, 1997
Love, your family



**HAPPY BELATED 25TH
BIRTHDAY SCOTT**

*I Love You,
Shannon Liggett*



January Birthdays

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 Jennifer Moore	2	3
4 Jason Wesaw	5	6 Paula Y. Genereaux	7 Ryan Smalley John P. Warren	8 Allen Soule, Jr.	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Tommy Hernandez	23 Taylor Koselak	24 Steven Trudeau
25	26 Sammy Jo Olds	27	28	29 Julia Alexis Yerington	30	31