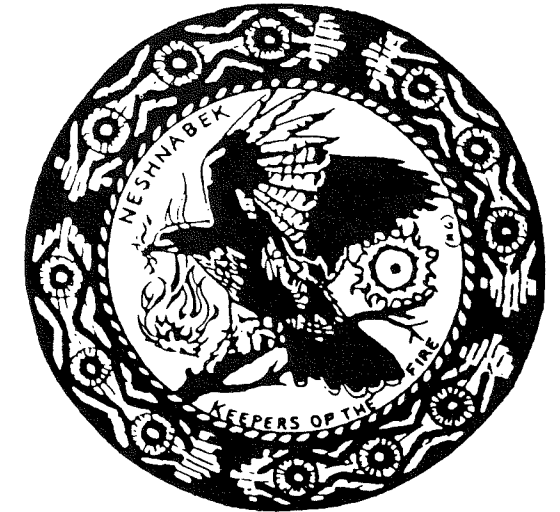


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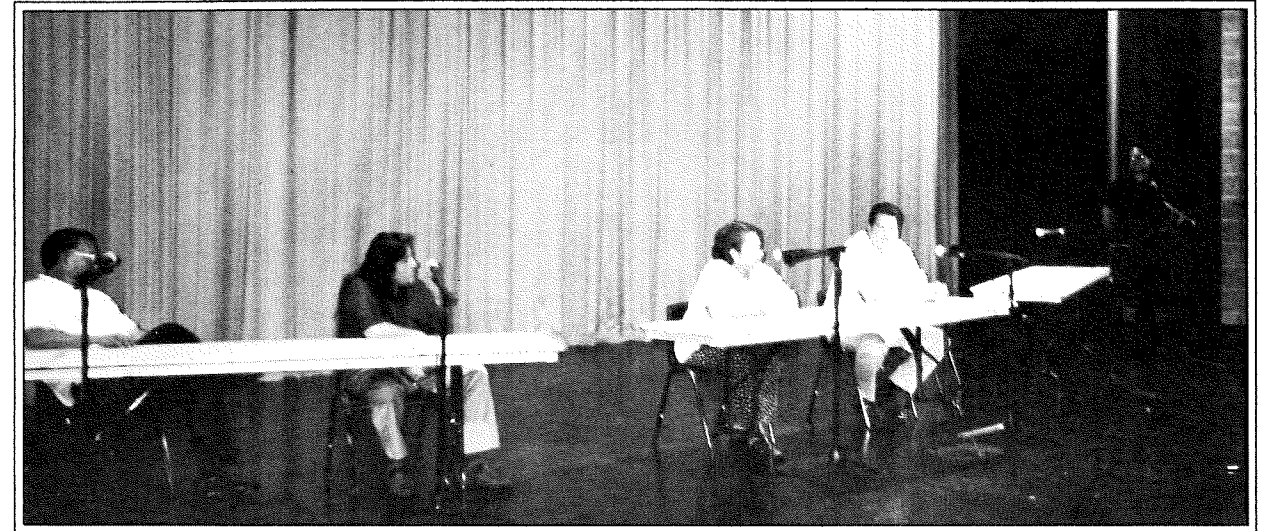
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"The Pokagons Tell It"



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LISTENING TO MEMBERSHIP

The General Membership held on June 20 in Dowagiac was not well attended. However those who were there interacted with Tribal Council and staff.

Many members asked questions about Tribal Operations and also about the political action ongoing in the tribe. Council and staff attempted to answer as many questions as they could. Not every question could be answered, and most of membership understood that fact.

There were about 45 members in attendance. There was some time for directors to give program reports, followed by a question and answer for membership.

Meet the candidates followed the meeting. There are four candidates. John Miller and Donald Sumners are vying for the vice-chair position. Shannon Hiler and Stanley Morseau, Jr. are running for the two member-at-large seats. They are running unopposed.

Each candidate gave a little speech and members in the audience asked about each person's platform. The resounding answer from each was a campaign for the people. Each candidate hopes to give membership a voice on Council.

Remember to vote on July 11, 1998 at Elders Hall or mail in your absentee ballot.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all of our Pokagon Band graduates. I say this with the deepest respect that I am very proud of your commitment to education. Learning is a life long process that is not only rewarding in an individual manner, but also very enriching to the overall vision of this Tribe. I commend each of you for your accomplishments and I wish you the best.

*Robert Moody, Jr.
Tribal Chairman*

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For those of you who don't know, I am resigning my position of Tribal Operations Manager, effective July 10, 1998. I have truly enjoyed being a part of the Pokagon Band and will take home some fine memories. The choice to leave was a difficult one and involved the wishes of many members from the Grand Traverse Band. I ended a meeting of the general membership on May 30th and was approached by many that expressed the desire for me to return. I spoke to our Chairman and learned of several openings in our Economic Development area. I asked to be considered and was notified on Monday, June 8, that the selection process is beginning. I had hoped the process wouldn't begin this soon, for I would have liked to finish my contract. But business won't wait for me, and I must take hold of the opportunity.

I am leaving a Tribe that has a drive I haven't seen since the early years of GTB's re-recognition. The staff, that I have had the opportunity to work with, is very highly motivated and live to serve the membership. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work along side such a dedicated group of people. If you haven't done

so in a while, call a staff member and tell them how much you appreciate their efforts. I have had the opportunity to hear some negative criticisms and on a rare occasion, a positive one. I believe that the staff does more right than wrong, but the comments from the membership do not reflect this. A few simple words of appreciation would mean so much to the staff.

The Tribal Council also works very hard for the membership, often putting in some long hours, only to hear criticisms from the very people that they work so hard for! Each and every Council member has chosen to shoulder a huge responsibility and carry it for all the people. You can imagine how it must feel to sit in front of the membership and take criticism and negative comments. This is your team, and they are battling some very large and powerful enemies out there on your behalf. They could use the expressed support of the membership. Let me ask this. How far do you think this Tribe will go if each member sits back and expects the Tribe to provide a multitude of services and then criticizes how those services are delivered? Think about what could happen if every member became involved in helping the Pokagon Band grow!

The bottom line is that the Pokagon Band is only a product of its membership and will become what ever the members are willing to make it. I would like to wish each and every member the best of luck for the future. In closing, my people never say goodbye-for we always expect to see each other again. So I will simply say megwetch to all for the experience.

*Submitted by,
Sonny Miller*



***ELECTION
REMINDER TO
CAST YOUR
VOTE
JULY 11, 1998
POLLS WILL OPEN AT
8:00 A.M.
POLLS CLOSE AT
7:00 P.M.***

(All times are Michigan)

The candidates are:
Vice-chairperson
John Miller
Donald Sumners

Member-at-large
Shannon Hiler
Stanley Morseau, Sr.

Both candidates are un-opposed.

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 23, 1998

RESOLUTION #1 made by Wayne Holleman and by Barbara Ann Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Executive Committee action of signing the lease for the new USDA building.

ALL IN FAVOR: 6 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 2 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #2 made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Mike Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council supports sending Jeff Ballew to the NAGPRA event on April 17, 1998 per Executive Committee decision.

ALL IN FAVOR: 6 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 2 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #3 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Wayne Holleman.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Band sends David Alexis, Mike Wesaw, Maureen Shagonaby, and Jo Ellen Leith to the OWEESTA 98, Portland, OR conference held on May 16-19, 1998.

ALL IN FAVOR: 6 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 2 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #4 made by Dan Rapp, and 2nd by Wayne Holleman.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band donates \$500 to Representative Dale Kildee's re-election campaign.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #5 made by Kevin Daugherty and Mike Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the proposal for \$38,680 to the National IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians to fund the-"Bkece Zis bak kwiet Project."

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #6 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd Wayne Holleman.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the proposal for \$50,000 from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the "Native American Plants Project" which will be announced by the local NRCS on behalf of the Education Department.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #7 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Dan Rapp.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Tribal Council accepts the application for tribal enrollment of the people presented this day 04/23/98 by the Enrollment Staff and Enrollment Committee.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #8 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Attendance and Punctuality Policy as recommended by the Personnel Committee as an addition to the Personnel Policy Handbook.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #9 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council establishes a Limited Liability Company for the purpose of land acquisition in the state of Indiana;

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

FURTHERMORE: That the name of said Limited Liability Company be designated as Filbert Land Development LLC;

FURTHERMORE: That the L.L.C.'s registered agent be designated as S. Eric Marshall, Tribal Attorney, and the street address of the LLC be registered as 316 North Ironwood Drive, Post Office Box 6545, South Bend, Indiana 46660.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #10 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd Julie Stauffer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council also instructs the legal department to establish a L.L.C. in the state of Michigan.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED

RESOLUTION #11 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Julie Stauffer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the proposed taping budget as presented by the Language Committee 5/23/98, along with the utilization of CDs.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7 OPPOSED: 0 ABSENT: 2 ABSTAIN: 1 CARRIED



TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MAY 9, 1998

RESOLUTION #1 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Elder's Council and Membership wish to leave the mission statement as presented to Tribal Council.

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

RESOLUTION #2 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Sonny Miller, Tribal Operations Manager, coordinator of Membership Concerns brought forth in this process. Sonny to coordinate Directors' responses and clarify membership concerns, and bring forth consolidated report to Council for their review.

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

RESOLUTION #3 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Mike Wesaw

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to officially join (M.A.S.T.) Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes.

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

RESOLUTION #4 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council donates \$500.00 to (M.A.S.T.) Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes.

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

RESOLUTION #5 made by Wayne Holleman and 2nd by Tom Wesaw

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council authorizes Mike Wesaw to send a letter to ACRA Inc. to propose the potential partnership of the Pokagon Band and the corporation. ACRA to report back within

30-60 days.

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

RESOLUTION #6 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council authorizes Mike Wesaw to move forward with legislation of compact with Lansing and to use whatever legal means it takes to complete this process.

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

RESOLUTION #7 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Dan Rapp

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council hereby approves the Cease and Desist letter regarding CRC's claim to a right of first refusal. Said letter to be signed and sent by S. Eric Marshall, Tribal Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION #8 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Tribal Council accepts the Election Committee request to amend Article IV - Section 3 of the By-laws to read: "Any member may be eligible for election as a Council Member of the Pokagon Band, provided he or she is at least 25 years of age on the date of the election, is registered to vote in the appropriate election and is not an employee of the Federal Government. Council members need not be residents of the State of Michigan."

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

RESOLUTION #9 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Language Committee recommendation to engage Franklin Barker to implement the Potawatomi Language proposal at \$17,500.00.

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

RESOLUTION #10 made by Mike Wesaw and Kevin Daugherty

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves overnight travel by the Education Department Youth Coordinators and Youth Council members to a statewide Native Youth Council camp-out on May 15-17, 1998 at the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation in Mount Pleasant, MI. Costs will include transportation by a GSA vehicle and per diem for the coordinators and youth. Parental permission slips will be collected prior to the trip. A list of students and emergency contacts will be left with the Education Director and faxed to the Tribal Council Chairperson.

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

RESOLUTION #11 made by Mike Wesaw and 2nd by Dan Rapp

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council authorizes the Education Department to send the Youth Coordinating staff to the Annual Johnson-O'Malley Conference in Phoenix, Arizona on May 30-June 4, 1998. Costs will include registration, lodging, per diem, and transportation.

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

RESOLUTION #12 made by Dan Rapp and 2nd by Wayne Holleman

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council possibly send two representatives to Port Huron meeting on May 22, 1998. All expenses will be covered by the Band.

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

RESOLUTION #13 made by Kevin Daugherty and 2nd by Mike Wesaw

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council hereby approves the Jacobson, Buffalo, Schoessler and Magnuson contract for attorney services for the Period from April 25, 1998 to April 24, 1999.

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

POKAGON HEALTH NEWS

HEALTH BOARD SEEKS MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Health Board is seeking interested Band members to come forward to volunteer for Council appointments to a 3-year term on the Health Board. If you are an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band and are interested in being considered to serve, let Pat Wattles or Christine Daugherty know of your interest. You can reach either person at (616) 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234 during business hours. You can leave a message with your telephone number on the machine. The other option is to notify any tribal council member of your interest and the member can bring it forward to the Health Office staff.

The purpose of the Board is to shape health policy to ensure fair and equitable health service delivery to eligible clients of the Pokagon Band Health Services. The Health Board meets two times a month on the first and third Monday of every month, weather permitting. Meetings are held in the lobby of the Health Office at 210 Front St. in Dowagiac.

Contract Health Services

Patient Registration and Contract Health Services are conducting an annual review of client registration files. This letter is currently being sent out to our clients. If you receive a letter about specific documentation that is needed to complete your files and have any questions, please call Pam Mersereau, Patient Registration Clerk or Kim Falk, and they will be happy to answer your questions to help update your files.

Payment Process

If you feel you are experiencing slow CHS payments to your providers, call Lois Wesaw, Pam Mersereau at the Health Office. If you call after business hours, leave a message on the machine and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

PLEASE REMEMBER IF you request CHS payment for your medical, dental or prescription services, this office needs a copy of:

1. The Bill
2. The Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from your insurance relating to the bill in question *if you have insurance coverage*. If you do not have insurance, you must provide current proof of denial from the Family Independence Agency stating that you are ineligible for its assistance programs.

Without the bill or the EOB (current proof of denial), Contract Health Services staff CANNOT process payments on your behalf.

Walk, run or mail these crucially important documents into our office as soon as you are able. Do not wait, you are not doing yourself or us a favor by holding these documents to send in during a "slow" period. There is no down time or an off-peak season in health.

There have been 2,400 CHS payments and vouchers for payments generated in the past 12 months on behalf of the 700 active clients listed in our offices. These 700 clients have accessed 250 providers throughout the Contract Health Service Delivery area and beyond.

Eyewear Program

On Wednesdays Trish Williams and Susan Beavers scheduled hours to help our eligible clients choose eyewear according to your optometrist or ophthalmologist's prescriptions. We have more than 140 frames to choose from, including safety frames. Call for hours and program guidelines.

*Submitted by,
Christine Daugherty
IHS Director*

AA MEETINGS

AA Meetings are held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at Substance Abuse Program, 714 N. Front St. Dowagiac, MI. Please feel welcome to attend. If you have questions, please call (616) 782-1142.



POKAGON SOCIAL SERVICES

Emergency Funds

Reminder of changes to Emergency Funds:

1. As of March 2, 1998, all applications for emergency funds will be taken to the Emergency Fund Committee meetings on Mondays at 10 a.m. No **determinations will be made by phone except for requests for funeral assistance.** This will improve the review process by allowing committee members time to consider all information submitted with the request.
2. As of November 20, 1997, Tribal Council passed a resolution to "remove the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) from the Emergency Fund Program and let it stand alone." Since that time, all energy assistance is provided through LIHEAP. Eligibility is based on income and the participant is responsible for providing proof of 30-day income and vendor information to qualify for assistance.
3. As of October 1, 1997, the Emergency Fund Program is only available to enrolled Pokagon Band members located within the 10 county service area. At that time, there was a change in funding from the general fund to '638 monies' (federal fund); therefore, federal guidelines apply, which limits eligibility to the service area.

FOOD COMMODITY PROGRAM


To qualify for the commodity program:

- You must be Native American
- You must live in the 10 county service area in a city with a population of 10,000 or less.
- You must report ALL members of household.
- You must provide verification of household income.
- You must report any changes in household composition and/or income within 10 days.
- A household may not be enrolled in the USDA Food Stamp AND Food Commodity program at the same time.

The monthly income guidelines are:

Household Size	Net Income
1	\$792
2	1,019
3	1,245
4	1,472
5	1,699
6	1,925
7	2,152
8	2,379

Submitted by,
Linda A. Mangus,
Social Services Director



**FIRE
EXTINGUISHERS
AVAILABLE**

There are still fire extinguishers available. Any household who is in need of a fire extinguisher is eligible to receive one. Please come in or contact the Social Services Department at 901 Spruce St., Dowagiac, MI 49047. Call (616) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777.

RENOVATION AND REPAIR FUNDING

I would like to remind those who qualify for any of the funding for repair and renovation of some restrictions. Just because there is a cap of \$35,000 per home does not mean that you will receive all of the funding at once. The funding is spent according to the availability of funds, and the number of members on the waiting list. It may take a year or two to get all of your priority list done. Applications will be updated yearly.

NOTICE:

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians has the following positions available:

RE-POSTED POSITIONS: CLOSING DATE: 5:00 p.m. July 20, 1998

1. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT and INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST
2. ACCOUNTING MANAGER
3. ACCREDITED RECORDS TECHNICIAN
4. CONTRACT HEALTH BILLING CLERK (2 OPENINGS)

*Qualified candidates must be available to interview the week of 7-20-98.

**The re-posted positions have been sent out in the newsletter or in a special mailing. If you are interested in any of these positions and can't find the original posting which lists the job description, please contact Paula.

NEW POSITIONS: CLOSING DATE: 5:00 p.m. July 27, 1998

1. RESOURCE DEVELOPER (new qualifications)
2. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (Community Development Department)

*Qualified candidates must be available to interview the week of 7-27-98.

FOR CONSIDERATION: Send a cover letter, resume, and the names/adresses of three employment references to:

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

RESOURCE DEVELOPER:

SUMMARY: The Resource Developer is responsible to develop grants to secure additional funding for the Pokagon Band.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop grants to secure additional funding for the Pokagon Band.
- Responsible to review literature dealing with funds available through grants from governmental agencies and private foundations.
- Determine feasibility of developing programs to supplement our annual budget allocations.
- Discusses program requirements and sources of funds with program directors.
- Confers with program directors to develop goals and objectives, to outline how funds are to be used and to explain procedures necessary to obtain funding.
- Works closely with program directors to prepare narrative program justification including the purchase of new equipment and other budgetary expenditures within the grant.
- Submits proposed grant package to supervisor, appropriate committee (as necessary), and tribal council for approval.
- Writes grant application according to format required and submits application to funding agency or foundation.
- May meet with representatives of funding sources to work out final details of proposal.
- Performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree in one of the following/related curriculums: Public Administration, Education, Social Work, or Business Admin/Management is preferred.
- Two years of related experience on the job may be substituted for every one year of college.
- Prior work experience in bringing a grant from concept to fruition is preferred.
- Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Word processing skills are required.
- Must be motivated and willing to learn all aspects of grant writing and fund raising.
- Must be organized and willing to work the hours necessary to complete a project.
- Must be capable of working under stressful conditions from time to time in order to meet deadlines.
- Must work closely with others to secure, monitor and carry out the specifications of grants.
- May work with sensitive confidential materials and information that requires the utmost integrity.
- A verifiable history of successful grant projects or prior success in the awarding of grants co-written is a plus.

SALARY RANGE: Commensurate with experience and education.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

SUMMARY: This position is responsible for clerical and program support for the Community Development Department.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Performs clerical and administrative duties such as typing, filing, photo copying, and other related office functions for the Community Development Department staff.
- Takes dictation and transcribes notes into correspondence, etc.
- Responsible for director meeting minutes and preparation of follow up action items.
- Maintains system for on-going communication between the Tribal Council, Program Directors and related departmental committees.
- Responsible for dissemination of reports, memos, etc. to the various Pokagon Band governmental and administrative authorities.
- Maintains the Community Development Department's office filing system including control files for reports, correspondence, etc.
- Responsible for the development and control of forms used by department.
- May arrange meeting sites, conferences, travel schedules and reservations through proper written policy and procedure.
- Responsible for special projects as assigned.
- May answer the telephone, greet visitors, etc.
- Performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Two years of college credit in one of the following curriculums is preferred: Office Admin, Business Admin or Management, Secretarial Science, or Computer Information Systems.
- Three years of work experience in a related position is preferred.
- A strong background in the use of all office machines, office procedures, and computer skills (including graphics and spreadsheet capabilities), is required.
- Must be a highly motivated and organized self starter, capable of seeing what needs to be done next without being told.
- Must be able to work independently without constant supervision.
- Must possess excellent verbal, written and editing skills.
- Due to the nature of this position, he/she may work with sensitive confidential materials and information that requires the utmost integrity.

SALARY RANGE: Commensurate with experience and education.

**FOOD COMMODITIES WAREHOUSE
PRESENTS****THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION AGENCY**

**July 16, 1998
10:30 AM-4:00 PM**



There will be a Food Preparation and Nutrition Seminar with information packets full of recipes and nutritional facts specifically for our Food Commodities. As a bonus, there will be food samples available for taste testing. So if you have questions or would like to try a food sample, come on down to Food Commodities. Please call (616) 782-3372 or 1-888-782-7814.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS MANAGER RESIGNATION

The T.O.M., Sonny Miller will be leaving the Pokagon Band on July 10, 1998 to pursue opportunities at his own tribe, the Grand Traverse Band. Tribal Council has directed the Management Team to assume some of the duties belonging to the T.O.M., while Council completes the hiring process for a new one. A responsibility is a step in the membership grievance process. For purposes of fulfilling that step, please submit grievance to the acting T.O.M that month.

JULY 13-31--Maureen Shagonaby
AUGUST--Maureen Shagonaby
SEPTEMBER--David Alexis

Please watch newsletter for upcoming month's acting T.O.M.

July 1998

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 Elders Council & Lunch 11:00 a.m. Elders Hall	③ Offices Closed for 4th of July Holiday	4
5	⑥ Offices Closed for 4th of July Holiday	7	8 Education Committee 7:00 p.m. Education Office	9	10	⑪ Tribal Elections Elders Hall 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
12	13 Health Board 5:30 p.m. Health Office	14 Land Committee 6:30 p.m. Enrollment Office	15	16 Elders Social Lunch 11 a.m. Elders Hall	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Tribal Council Meeting 7 p.m. Elders Hall	24	25
26	27 Health Board 5:30 p.m. Health Office	28 Land Committee 6:30 p.m. Enrollment Office	29	30	31	

July 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 4 th of July Holiday	4 4 th of July Holiday
5 4 th of July Holiday	6 4 th of July Holiday	7 7 th -12 th Grade Camp Cassopolis	8 7 th -12 th Grade Camp Cassopolis	9 7 th -12 th Grade Camp Cassopolis	10 7 th -12 th Grade Camp Cassopolis	11 Walk in the Spirit Pow Wow (w/ youth assistance)
12 Walk in the Spirit Pow Wow (w/youth assistance)	13	14	15 Tutoring Lab 3-5:30	16 Parent Computer Lab Open House 7:30-9	17	18
19	20 Kid's Computer Class 3day Workshop 9am-Noon Afternoon activities	21 Kid's Computer Class 3day Workshop 9am-Noon Afternoon activities	22 Kid's Computer Class 3day Workshop 9am-Noon Afternoon activities Youth Council 7pm	23 Dowagiac Family Fun Fest- Participation /Dodd Park	24	25
26 2 nd -6 th Grade Camp Cassopolis (begin w/family cookout)	27 2 nd -6 th Grade Camp Cassopolis	28 2 nd -6 th Grade Camp Cassopolis	29	30	31	

REMINDER
**** PLEASE NOTE CHANGES ****
POKAGON BAND STAFF WORK SCHEDULE
June 8 thru Sept. 4, 1998

- **ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE:** (901 Spruce St. 616-782-8998/1-800-517-0777)
7:30-6:00 Mon-Thu, 7:30-12:00 Fri *Note change: closed at 12:00 on Fridays
 The following schedules reflect changes:

	<u>Mon.-Thu.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Maureen Shagonaby	8:00 to 5:30	8:00 to 12:00	12:00 to 12:30
Rebecca Drake	8:00 to 5:30	8:00 to 12:00	12:00 to 12:30

- **SOCIAL SERVICES:** (901 Spruce St. 616-782-8998/1-800-517-0777)
7:30-6:00 Mon-Thu, 7:30-12:00 Fri
 - **HOUSING:** (901 Spruce St. 616-782-8998/1-800-517-0777)
8:30-6:00 Mon-Thu, 8:00-12:00 Fri
 - **EDUCATION:** (901 Spruce St. 616-782-0887/1-888-330-1234)
8:00-6:00 Mon-Thu, 8:00-12:00 Fri
 - **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** (104 N. Riverside Dr. 616-782-1763)
8:00-5:30 Mon-Thu, 8:00-3:00 Fri
 - **INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES:** (210 S. Front St. 616-782-4141/1-888-440-1234)
8:30-6:00 Mon-Thu, 8:30-3:00 Fri
- *** The following schedule reflects change:
- | | <u>Mon.-Thu.</u> | <u>Fri.</u> | <u>Lunch</u> |
|------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Lois Wesaw | 8:15 to 5:15 | 8:00 to 2:00 | none |
- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE:** (714 N. Front St. 616-782-1142)
8:30-6:00 Mon, Tue, Thu, 11:00 to 8:30 Wed, 8:30-3:00 Fri
 - **COMMODITIES:** (54964 M-51 N. 616-782-3372/1-888-281-1111)
8:00-5:30 Mon-Thu, 8:00-12:00 Fri

The Pokagon Band staff will begin summer hours on June 8, 1998. The hours posted are the regular office hours and phones will be staffed during these times—with the exception of holidays. Also, some functions may take place beyond the normal office hours. We hope this schedule will allow more convenient access to services for the membership, while allowing staff to enjoy the summer with their families.

The Pokagon Band Offices will be closed July 3rd and July 6th to observe the 4th of July Holiday. Office hours may be subject to change during these weeks. If anyone has any questions regarding office hours, please contact the respective office for further details.

5TH ANNUAL
"WALK IN THE SPIRIT - TRADITIONAL POW WOW"
JULY 11TH - 12TH, 1998

SILVER CREEK
 SACRED HEART OF MARY CHURCH
 51841 LEACH RD.
 DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

HEAD VETERAN
 BILL VANDERGRIF - ODAWA

HEAD MALE DANCER
 SAM BUSH - POTAWATOMI

HEAD FEMALE DANCER
 CANDI MANDOKA - POTAWATOMI

ARENA DIRECTOR
 DONNIE SUMNERS
 POTAWATOMI

DRUMS
 NORTHERN SKY - HOST
 WHITE HAWK - CO-HOST
 RUSH LAKE SINGERS

GATE OPENS 11:00 A.M.

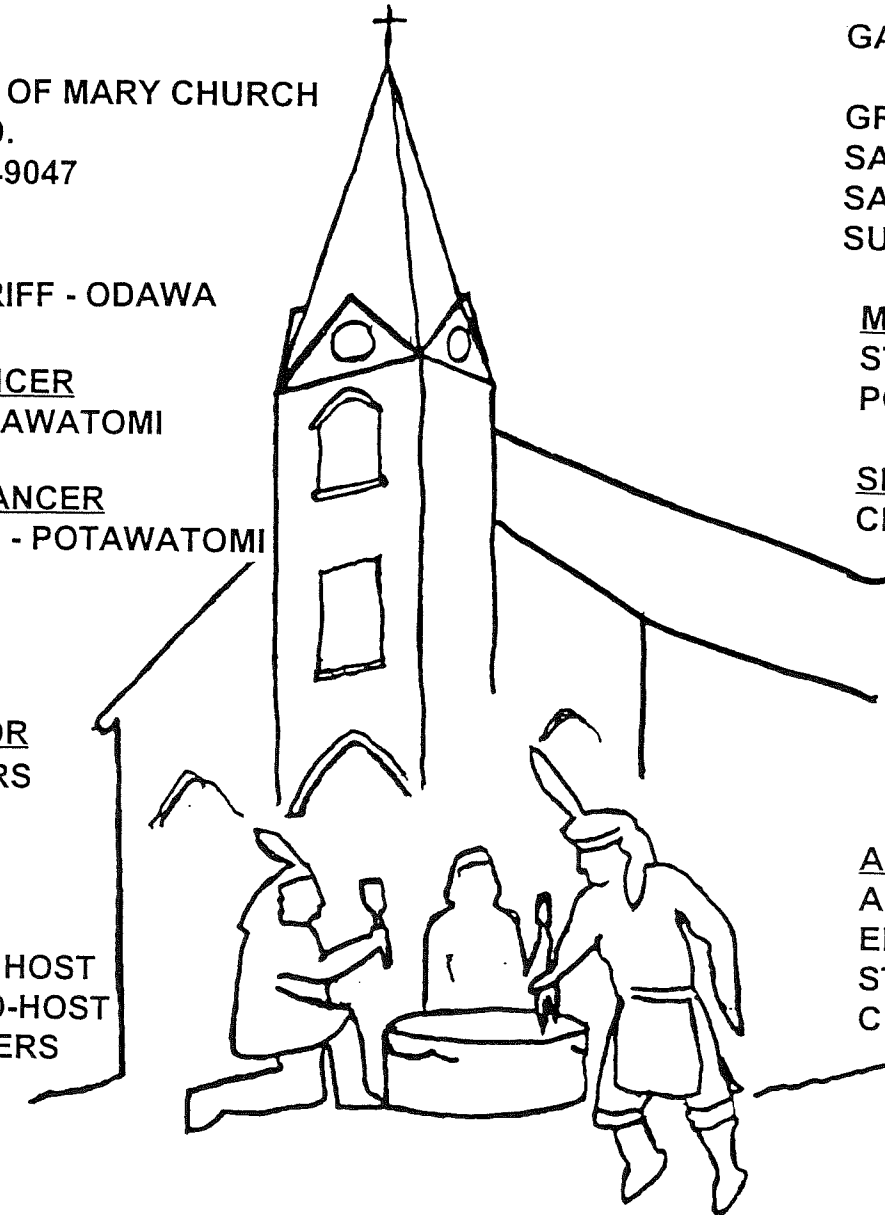
GRAND ENTRY
 SATURDAY 1:00 P.M.
 SAT. EVENING 8:00 P.M.
 SUNDAY 1:00 P.M.

MASTER OF CEREMONY
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 POTAWATOMI

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PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT "POKAGON BAND'S YOUTH COUNCIL"
 NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED

POKAGON ELDERS REPORT

ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MAY 7, 1996 - 11:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:15 am
Invocation was given by Jim Topash.

Roll Call

Present: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris, Mary Church

Absent: Clarence White - excused - funeral,
Rachel Daugherty - excused - funeral

Attendance: 24 Elders

Addition to agenda - resolution for mission statement
Fred Klemm moved to approve the agenda of May 7, 1998.

Bill Klemm seconded the motion. All in favor 'aye',
opposed 0. Motion carried.

Bonnie Parrish moved to approve the Minutes of April 2, 1998.

Ann Zimmerman seconded the motion. All in favor
'aye', opposed 0. Motion carried.

Resolution #98-017, dated 5-4-98, made by Marge Moody, seconded by Clarence White.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Elders Council agrees the amount of the Impressed Account shall be Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) a month. The Elders Council agrees the amount for the Elders Coordinator petty cash shall be Fifty dollars (\$50.00) a month; to be drawn out of the Impressed Account. Clarence White and Rachel Daugherty are the main check signers. All Officers are eligible to sign checks in case of an emergency or conflict-of-interest.

All in favor: 6 Opposed: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution #98-018, dated 5-4-98, made by Rachel Daugherty, seconded by Mary Church.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Any accounts or purchases over 250.00) will go to the Finance Department. The Elders Coordinator will get three (3) estimates or quotes; present them to the Elders Council Officers for approval. A check request form to be signed by Clarence White or Rachel Daugherty.

All in favor: 6 Opposed: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution #98-019, dated 5-4-98, made by Mary Church, seconded by Clarence White.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Elders Council send Rachel Daugherty and Marge Moody to the National Indian Council on Aging Inc. 1998, August 21-26 to be held in Bismarck, N.D. All expenses to be paid out of the Elders General Fund.

All in favor: 6 Opposed: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution #98-020, dated May 7, 1998, made by Marge Moody, seconded by Fred Klemm.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Elders Council and Membership, wish to leave the mission statement as presented to Tribal Council.

All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Absent: 2 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Gerald stated the Potawatomi Gathering is August 26-30, 1998, in Athens, MI. The Huron Band Elders wanted to meet with us June 20, 1998. Our Pokagon Band Membership meeting and meet the Candidates Day is June 20, 1998. We will have to set another date.

Mary Church stated that the Huron Band would like volunteers to help with the Potawatomi Gathering.

Announcements:

The bus for the Eiteljorg museum trip to Indianapolis May 20th will be at the Education Department parking lot at 6:15 A.M. The bus will leave at 7:00 A.M. Pick up in South Bend at 6:30 A.M. Indiana time; at the K-Mart parking lot, 31 and Ireland Rd.

Elders social luncheon - May 21st 11:00 A.M. Elders Hall

Pow Wow Etiquette - May 27th 4:00-8:00 P.M. Elders Hall

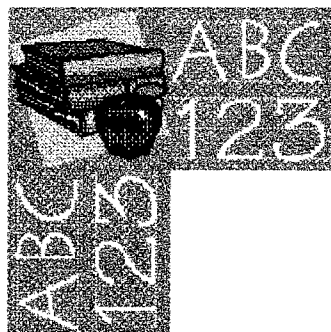
Elders Council Business Meeting June 4, 1998 11:00 A.M. Elders Hall

Traditions and Women - June 18th 4:00-8:00 P.M. Elders Hall

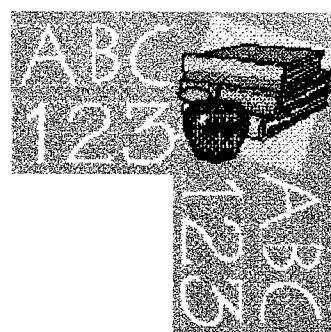
Luncheon volunteers for June - Tom & Bonnie Parrish, Pat Klemm, Fred & Joyce Klemm, Bill & Carol Klemm. Ticket volunteers for June - Harry & Ann Zimmerman.

Fred Klemm moved to adjourn and Vic Starrett seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

*Submitted by,
Mary Jo Morris
Elders Council Secretary*



EDUCATION REPORT



Education Committee Meeting

The next Education Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Department, 901 Spruce Street, Dowagiac, MI. Everyone is welcome to attend.

1998-1999 Scholarship Program Update

The scholarship program is currently in the process of revision for the 1998-99 academic year. Application packets are now available. There may be a delay in processing them as the Committee develops new policies and procedures. Please remember to apply for financial aid through your college prior to requesting a Pokagon Band scholarship. Bureau of Indian Affairs' scholarship awards are required to be based on students' unmet financial need.

Adult Education

Our Adult Education Program is up and running! We are now capable of preparing students to take the GED. We are very excited about this program and believe it offers a wonderful opportunity to the membership. Students are placed into the program based upon their ability and are able to progress at their own pace through the program. Students may start at any time. Please call to schedule an appointment to start up an individualized program. Call 1-888-330-1234 or (616) 782-0887.

Youth Programs

There are many activities planned for the month. Please see the "Just for Kids" page for further information.

Submitted by,
Jodie Palmer

CONGRATULATIONS Lisa Swieczkowski

On your graduation from
Lakeville High School.
Good luck in college!

Love ya forever,
Your Mom Trish Williams, Michelle and Tracy

CONGRATULATIONS Rhonda Warren

She graduated from
Lakeville High School on
May 31st.

Love,
Dad and Mom

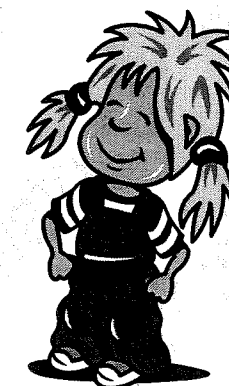
CONGRATULATIONS Jessica Brown

On your graduation from Davenport
Bachelors of Accounting degree

Love, your family



Just for Kids! IN JULY



Please call 1-888-330-1234 to sign-up for these events.

Summer Camp
7th - 12th Graders
July 7th - July 10th

Just for Little Kids: 4 - 8 yrs.
Computer Class
Saturday, July 11th

Just for Kids Tutoring Lab
Monday, July 13th
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Just for Kids Tutoring Lab
Wednesday, July 15th
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Education Department
Parent Open House
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Just for Kids Game Day
Monday, July 20th
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Just for Kids Beginner Class
Tuesday, July 21st
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Just for Kids Internet Class
Wednesday, July 22nd
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Dowagiac Family Fun Fest
Dodd Park
July 23rd - 26th

Summer Camp
2nd - 6th Grade
July 26th - 28th

LAND COMMITTEE

Land Committee Report

The Land Committee meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. (MI time) at the Enrollment office (104 N. Riverside Dr., Dowagiac). Presently, the Band is negotiating to purchase more than 1,200 acres in Indiana with an additional 300 acres being negotiated in the Dowagiac area. In the Hartford area, negotiations to purchase any particular areas have not been established. However, several areas are being investigated for possible purchase consideration. The Land Committee will also be assisting the Housing Department in the development of a housing plan and the joint venture proposal.

POW WOW COMMITTEE

ATTENTION

The Pow Wow Committee would like to hear from anyone who is interested in doing the meals at Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow. The pow wow is Labor Day weekend, September 5 & 6, 1998. The Committee is accepting bids for the Saturday evening meal which feeds about 800 people. You would also be responsible for the Sunday brunch. That feeds about 400 people. Please send the bids to Maureen Shagonaby at P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047 by **AUGUST 1, 1998.**

T-SHIRT DESIGN

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A T-SHIRT DESIGN FOR THE 1998 KEE-BOON-MEIN-KAA Pow Wow.

Please submit those designs by July 20, 1998. Send them to Maureen Shagonaby, P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047

NEW HEALTH OPTION

Gerobics:

Low impact aerobics done in and around chairs, hand weights and elastic bands are used. We would like to congratulate Yvonne "Petey" Boehm on completion of "Gerobics" training. Petey is now a certified Gerobics instructor and would like to invite all interested persons to join in this Health Wise Activity.

Improve your health and have fun while enjoying the company of others. Exercise is the key to the good life. Exercise benefits everyone regardless of age and can help you take charge of your health and maintain the level of fitness necessary for an active, independent lifestyle.

Many people think that as we age, we tend to slow down and do less, that physical decline is an inevitable consequence of aging. This is not necessarily true. According to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, much of the physical frailty attributed to aging is actually the result of inactivity, disease or poor nutrition. But the good news is many problems can be helped or even reversed by improving life style behaviors. One of the major benefits of regular physical activity is protection against coronary heart disease. It is also protection against other chronic disease such as adult onset diabetes, arthritis, hypertension, certain cancers, osteoporosis and depression. Research has proven that exercise can ease tension and reduce the amount of stress you feel.

To put it simply - **Exercise is one of the best things you can do for your health.**

Gerobics is designed for persons age 50 and up but we would like to extend this to any age group. Classes are scheduled to begin on July 14, 1998, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Elders Hall. If anyone is interested in evening classes, Tuesday-Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., contact Petey. It is open to all ages. Please contact Petey Boehm at 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234 to register for classes.



POW WOW CALENDAR

July 2-3 **Spiritual Gathering Sault Ste. Marie, MI**
July 3-5 **Sault Tribe July 4th Weekend Pow Wow Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan**

Sault Tribe Pow Wow Grounds, just off Shunk Rd. Sault Reserve. For info, call Cindy (906) 635-6075.

July 4-5 **"Reuniting the Sacred Circle" Traditional Pow Wow Onekama, Michigan**

Manistee County Fairgrounds, M-22. Call Bill Willis (616) 723-8288.

July 5-10 **Woodland Native American Art and Crafts Workshops, Lafayette, Indiana**

For more info, call Nick Clark (765) 423-4617.

July 11-12 **Wahpaahshiki Peoples Pow Wow Lafayette, Indiana**

Museum at Prophetstown, 22 North 2nd Street. Call Nick Clark (765) 423-4617.

July 17-19 **Lac Courte Oreilles Honor the Earth Homecoming Celebration Hayward, Wisconsin**

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School, Route #2. For more info, call Stony Larson (715) 634-8924.

July 17-19 **4th Annual All Nations Pow Wow Big Bear City, California**

Los Vaqueros Rodeo Area. For info, call Faye Roman (909) 584-9394

July 17-19 **6th Annual Pow Wow American Iroquois Veterans Assoc., North Salamanca, NY**

Veterans Park. Contact Harold Johnson at (716) 293 or Barb Hemlock (716) 337-3714

July 18-19 **14th Annual "Honoring our Heritage" Pow Wow Flint, Michigan**

For info, call (810) 239-6621.

July 18-19 **Walpole Island Pow Wow, Walpole Island, Canada**

Highbanks Park. Call (519) 627-1481 or (519) 627-1475 for info.

July 24-26 **Keweenaw Bay Indian Commun. Pow Wow Baraga, Michigan**

Ojibwa Campgrounds, 1 mile n. of Baraga on US -41. For info, call Stanley Spruce (906) 353-6623 ext. 113.

July 25-26 **Grand River Champion of Champions Ohsweken, Ontario. Chiefswood Tent & Trailer Park.**

Call (519) 758-5444 or (519) 445-4391 for info.

July 25-26 **Honoring Native American Artist Pow Wow Port Sanilac, Michigan**

Behind Gawehniyou Gallery & Consortium for the Arts, 109 N. Ridge. Contact Ruth Maracle at (810) 622-8112 or (313) 535-7602.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY THREE JULY BABIES!

George McMurtrie 18th B-day July 1st
David Maleski, Jr. 26 yrs. July 6th
Tammy McMurtrie-Sorters 21 yrs. old July 24
Love yas, ever ever, Mom

HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY

Rhonda Warren
July 5
Love, Dad, Mom, John-John and Mary Jo

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Shirley Sigfrids

May 23 and

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Robert Antisdell

May 17

Love, Jackie

HAPPY BELATED 70th BIRTHDAY

Rose "Goldie" Mangus

June 19

Love, Petey, Linda, Max, Kat, and Speed

A SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts during our son John's time of need. We believe it helped him in his fight to recover from the auto accident. He is getting better and now he is home which can only help his recovery. He is ready for pow wows and singing again. FAST RECOVERY!

Sincerely,
John and Pat Warren

As many members know, John Warren, Jr. was involved in a very serious car accident on Wednesday, June 3, 1998. He is home now, and his condition continues to improve. However, his financial hardships are just beginning. If you would like to help John Warren, Jr. you can send donations to

John Topash Warren
660 N. King Road
Bremen, IN 46506

Submitted by
family and friends of John Topash Warren and family

JULY 20, 1998 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1998
7 P.M.
ELDERS HALL

July 1998

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5 Rhonda Warren	6	7 Joyce Genereaux	8	9	10	11
12	13 Jerry Goodson Ginny Wesaw Wayne Holleman Jim Lepel	14 Robbie Huffman	15 Jordan Alexis Wesaw	16 Rebecca Drake Kim Falk	17	18
19 Anthony Wilcox	20 John Shagonaby	21 Dean & Dale Lewis Judy Winchester Heather Wilcox	22 Butch White	23 Wendy Hargett	24	25
26	27 Derrick Hiler	28	29	30 John M. Wesaw Kyle Carlock	31	