

POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA "The Pokagons Tell it"

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Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa "Pow Wow"

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Tribal Enrollment

- Deaths (Documentation to retire that file. Call Enrollment Office.)
- Name Change
- Marriage license
- Divorce decree
- Court Order
- Address Change

(Written statement signed by tribal member or his/her duly authorized guardian, agent or representative. It is the responsibility of each member to keep their address up to date. In the near future the Enrollment Office will no longer accept address changes over the phone.)

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Tribal News

Pokagon Band Temporary Staffing Services

In an effort to employ more Tribal Members in our offices, Tribal Council and the Human Resources Department have instituted a plan to employ Pokagon Band Members on a temporary "as needed" basis.

Any Tribal Member meeting minimum requirements may apply for the "temporary pool" of employment.

Only membership completing application, participating in a general interview, and meeting needs of required background checks and references will be asked to participate on the "temporary pool". Rate of pay will be determined by the position being filled and minimum requirements of that position.

Temporary employees will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Employee Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while aiding us to continue smooth delivery of membership services.

Interested Tribal Members send cover letter stating interest as a "temporary Employee". The Human Resources Coordinator will conduct general interviews.

MAIL RESUMES TO:

Pokagon Band Temporary Staffing Services

Attn: Human Resources P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, MI. 49047

We have reached the end of our "produce supplemental program". We have had a great turn out every other Thursday for a total of fourteen weeks! There was a wide variety of fruits and vegetables available to all Pokagon band members. We received great compliments on the quality and the availability of fresh produce. This is a rewarding program to be a part of and as always we enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones also! We would like to thank Becky Fisher for all the hard work she did to make this program a success, she has always played a huge role in our success! We would also like to thank Marci Linn, Charles Criffield, Kelli Linn, Sonya Morseau, and Paul "Bud" Gibson for their part in making this a wonderful experience! We expect to have similar supplemental programs in the future!

The Commods Staff.



Falling Leaves, Fresh Hay & Family!

Fall Get-Together for Pokagon Band Members, staff and their families to enjoy an afternoon of storytelling, native foods and hay rides.

Saturday, October 21, Gage Road Property, 2pm to dusk

We ask that children are not left unattended at this event.

Please call the Education Department at 1-888-330-1234 for more info.



Committees & Members

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE Elder's Hall

616/782-6323 888/376-9988

Kevin Daugherty
Jerry Ashby
Marjorie Reno Lucinda
Graverette-Smith
Jeff Ballew III
Faye Wesaw
Christopher Ballew
Mary Jo Morris
Alice Overly
Marge Moody
Valeria Baker
John Low

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Education 616/782-0887 888/330-1234

Donald Sumners

Marchell Wesaw Andrea Jackson Judy Winchester

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Administration 616/782-8998 800/517-0777

Karen Winchester Robert Willis Audrey Huston Kenneth Antisdel John Low

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

Enrollment 616/782-1763 888/782-1001

Audrey Huston Margaret Rapp Michael Ann Garner Rob Willis Alice Overly

FINANCE BOARD Finance

616/782-0160 800/658-9414

Tom Wesaw Jr. Marie Manley Alice Overly Faye Wesaw Trudy Loeding

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Administration 616/782-8998 800/517-0777

Faye Wesaw Marie Manley Karen Daisy Richard Ashby Bill Augusta Jerry Ashby GAMING COMMITTEE

Administration 616/782-8998 800/517-0777

Julie Stauffer Tom Wesaw Greg Ballew Mary Winchester

HEALTH BOARD Health Services 616/782-4141 888/440-1234

Pat Wattles
Marjorie Reno
Alice Overly
Christine Daugherty
Gerald Wesaw
Marie Willis
Dorothy Morris

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Paul Jackson
Kenneth Antisdel
Ron Morseau
Jeffrey Riley
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Ernie Daisy Kevin Daugherty Daniel Rapp Lucinda Graverette-Smith Judy Augusta Jeannie Mollett

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Kevin Daugherty
Judy Augusta
Frank Barker
John Fox
Clarence White
Greg Ballew
John Warren

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE Elders Hall

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Matt Wesaw

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John Warren
Greg Ballew
Gary Morseau
Margaret Rapp
Christine Morseau
Judy Augusta
Marie Manley
Renda Ballew
Faye Wesaw

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Daniel Rapp Stephanie Ballew Jeffrey Riley Frank Barker Maureen Shagonaby **Ernie Daisy** John Warren Christine Daugherty Judy Winchester Loretta Edwards Marchell Wesaw Loraine Gideon Mariam Weyant Alicia Jackson Tina Barger Pat Klemm Mary Jo Morris Rebecca Morris

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE
Behavioral Health
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John Warren
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Clarence White
Tom Morris
Jefferson Ballew
Frank Barker
James Ballew
Daniel Rapp
Greg Ballew

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WAGE & SALARY COMMISSION Administration 616/782-8998 800/517-0777

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SECRETARY MARIE MANLEY (H) 616/683-6190

TREASURER TOM WESAW (H) 616/621-0371

Please feel free to call the above phone numbers to leave a message for Commission/Board/Council Members.

Behavioral Health

Intensive Outpatient Program

Our Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) is facilitated by Russ White on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00pm to 8:00pm (M.T.). This group is intended for those whose use of alcohol/other drugs has begun to cause problems in their life. This group runs for 13 weeks and allows the individual to assess the level of his/her problem and learn some tools for handling it. This program can also be utilized for extra support after inpatient treatment. If you would like further information about this group, please call us at (616) 782-1142.

Women's Group

Lorraine Day, our intern from Indiana University, will be facilitating a group designed for women and their special needs. Lorraine was here last Spring as an intern. More recently, she helped staff our booth at the Women's Health Fair in September. Lorraine also co-facilitates our girl's youth group each week. The date and time for Women's Group has yet to be set. If you are interested please call our office for further information.

616-782-1142 877-622-2663

The Pokagon Health Services wants to thank all the Pokagon Band members that participated in completing the evaluations sent to them on the year 2000 Gathering held in Forest County this year. We got a wonderful response receiving at least three quarters of the evaluations back from members that participated on the trip. Everyone expressed what a good time they had. There were some comments that suggested better accommodations for the Elders and more staff to accompany members on the bus trip, but everyone agreed that the trip was enjoyable.

Everyone also expressed their appreciation of all the help and support given by the Pokagon Band Elders Specialist, Yvonne Boehm, Pokagon Health Services Nurse, Becky Price, and Community Health Representative, Patricia Williams. They did a wonderful job and helped make the trip a good one.

As a reward for returning the evaluations, the Pokagon Indian Health Services drew 3 names of members to receive a Pokagon Indian Health T-shirt. The winners were drawn 9-7-00 at the Elders lunch by selected Elders present.

Winners chosen were, Bonnie Parrish, Clarence White, Evelyn Miller. Congratulations!!

The staff that accompanied the members want to thank the Elders for asking them to be a part of the Gathering trip. It was a pleasure and enjoyable time spent getting to know you all better. We hope to be able to assist in future events and maybe the next Gathering. Hope to see you there.

'HELPING HANDS GROUPS FALL HOURS

Starting August 28th

Storytelling

Cultural Teachings

Employment/Education Referrals

Alcohol and Drug Education

Fun and Games

MONDAY: 3:30-5:00 p.m. Ages 9-10

TUESDAY: 3:30-5:00 p.m. Ages 6-8

WEDNESDAY: 5:00-6:30 p.m. Boys Group ages 11-15

THURSDAY: 3:30-5:00 p.m. Girls Group ages 8-12

Behavioral Health Office (616) 782-1142 56332 M-51 South, Dowagiac (877) 622-2663

Health Services

IHS Injury Prevention News

Asleep at the Wheel?

Did you get enough sleep last night? According to the National Sleep Foundation (NSF), Americans have reduced our average sleep time by 20 percent in the last century. In addition, we have added a month to our average annual work/commute time in the last 25 years. Researchers at the University of South Australia have compared the cognitive and motor skills impairment caused by sleep deprivation to that caused by alcohol consumption.

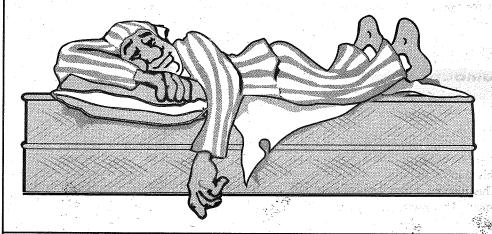
The study found that after 10 hours of sustained wakefulness, student subjects' performance on a series of tests began to deteriorate steadily from pre-experiment levels. After 18 hours without sleep, the students performed as poorly on the tests as they had with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.05%. After 24 hours without sleep, their performance dropped to that of a person with a BAC of 0.096%

According to a recent study by the NSF, teenagers, on average, are getting about two hours less sleep per night than they need.

Sleep deprivation is a serious matter for teens. Of the estimated 100,000 car crashes a year linked to drowsy driving, almost half involve drivers ages 15 to 24, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

How much sleep is enough? Sleep needs vary by age and from person to person, but here are some general nightly guidelines.

- Toddlers: 11 hours plus a two hour nap during the day
- Preschoolers: 11 to 12 hours. Half of preschoolers also nap during the day
- School-age Children: About 10 hours
- Teens: Average of 9-1/4 hours. Studies show that most get far less
- Adults: Generally eight hours or more. Needs vary. The average adult gets six hours 54 minutes on week nights and seven hours 34 minutes on weekends.



Tribal Steering Committee on Injury Prevention

The Indian Health Service (IHS) has established a National Tribal Steering Committee in Injury Prevention.

The role of the Tribal Steering Committee is to:

- Foster positive relationships with injury prevention programs from the local tribal level to headquarters.
- represent tribes and obtain input from those tribes through the Area representative serving on the steering committee.
- provide input into the design, development and evaluation of national injury pre-
- provide input to other national injury prevention programs (e.g. SAFE KIDS, NHTSA, etc.); and
- advocate for tribal funding set-asides at the national level.

The Steering Committee consists of one tribal member from IHS Area. The committee meets twice a year in person and holds monthly conference calls.

At a recent meeting in Denver, Colorado, Paul Cloutier, Health Director for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi and the Bemidji Area representative, was elected treasurer of the National Steering Committee.

If you have questions or comments concerning the National Steering Committee, you can reach Paul at 616-963-2620.

New Patient Registration Form

The form that appears on pages 5 and 6 is the *NEW* Patient Registration form. We anticipate that with the additional information requested on this form, processing client claims should go much smoother and quicker. If this form does not look familiar to you, please try to get to the office to fill one out, or remove the form from the newsletter and mail it back to us. The patient registration form needs to be renewed every year anyway.

Reminder to clients 3 DAY NOTICE

Please call the Health office at least 3 days before ordering medication, filling prescriptions, before scheduling any dental, doctor or optical appointments. Get PRIOR approval FIRST, otherwise, you risk being financially responsible for all costs associated with this medical episode. Not all medications, appointments, or procedures are covered under Contract Health Services. Contract Health staff is expected to follow the same rules as you.

Denial letters are mailed out after a claim has been reviewed and researched. It is not easy to mail out denial letters. It puts a strain on staff who know that within a few days they will be expected to respond to phone calls from unhappy clients. Please don't ask staff to bend the rules for you and put their jobs in jeopardy.

REFERENCE NUMBER

Contract Health Services staff has been issuing a reference number for some time now to clients calling in appointments. There still seems to be some confusion as to the purpose of this number.

This number does not guarantee payment. This reference number is used to verify that you notified Contract Health of an appointment when Contract Health staff is processing your requests for payment. This is very important because if your appointment is not recorded in the Health Services appointment record book AND you do not have a reference number, Contract Health Services has no choice but to deny your claim. This is a CHS rule which requires prior approval. All other rules and regulations must also fall into place.

Each time you call the Pokagon Health office to report an appointment you will be given a new number, please ask to be given a reference number if you are not assigned one at the end of your call.

If you also need transportation to any appointment you are calling in, you must let us know at this time. Tell the staff person who is taking your call that you will need transportation to this appointment. Anyone in the Health office can take this request.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS Health Services

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BASIC CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES INFORMATION

For Contract Health Services to make payments on your behalf for you health care services you must:

- 1. Be a Pokagon Band Member
- 2. Live within the Contract Health Service Delivery Area.
- 3. Register for Contract Health Service Benefits. This includes providing our office with proof of your insurance(s), or if you have no insurance, you must provide to this office a copy of the denial letter from your local Family Independence Agency. You will be asked to update your file once every twelve months and on ongoing basis as you make requests.
- 4. Seek prior authorization at least 3 working days before scheduled health care appointments. You must request CHS coverage before you go to your appointments. Seek

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separate authorizations for all follow-up appointments, treatment plan follow-up dates, plus any and all labs.
CHS cannot pay for health care services without prior authorization.

- 5. Seek authorization within 72 hours of the start of emergency or urgent care. Elders or disabled clients have 30 days to notify our office in case of emergency care.
- 6. Get copies of provider bills to our office. Without the bills, payment cannot be processed.
- IF you have health are insurance(s), ou must provide pies of your insurnce Explanations of enefits (EOBs) to ur CHS staff. The OB is the paper rom the insurance ompany which xplains what they ave paid and the npaid balance. ithout an EOB, ayment will not be rocessed.

CHS payment is limited by medical priorities. Some treatments and procedures are not eligible for payment. We have Contract Health Services staff people available to assist you. Please call with your questions.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Contract Health Services Phone: (616) 782-4141 Toll Free Phone Number: 1 (888) 440-1234 Fax: (616) 782-8797

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES NON-COVERED SERVICES

To access covered Health Services, a member must notify CHS three days in advance of a non-emergency appointment, or within three days of an emergency encounter. Please keep in mind that Behavioral Health Services offers substance abuse and mental health outpatient services.

- 1. Long Term Care
 - a. Nursing Home
 - b. Foster Care
- 2. Home Health Care
 - a. Skilled Nursing
 - b. Home Health
 - c. Respite Services
 - d. Home Physical Therapy
- 3. Hospice
- 4. Prolonged Services
- 5. Preventative Medicine Services
- 6. Surgical Sterilizations
 - a. Vasectomy
 - b. Tubal Ligation
- 7. Cosmetic Services
 - a. Cosmetic Surgery
 - b. Obesity Servicesc. Cosmetic Dental Procedures
- 9. Mental Health
 - a. Outpatient (Offered by Tribe)
 - b. Inpatient

- 10. Transplants
- 11. Selected Durable Medical Equipment
- 12. Alternative Medicine
 - a. Acupuncture (Offered for stress reduction & adjunct to sub. abuse treatment)
 - b. Therapeutic Massage
- 13. Workers' Comp. Injuries
- 14. Disability Evaluations
- 15. Second Opinion, (Unless Requested by CHS)
- 16. Dental Services
 - a. Bleaching
 - b. Orthodontia (Braces)
- 17. Alternative Funded Service
 - a. Out-of-Network Services
 - b. Available Under Other
 - b. Available Under Othe Insurances
- 18. Services to non-members

POKAGON OPTICAL DEPARTMENT

The Pokagon Optical Program offers a wide variety of frames and lenses to choose from along with many options. Non-member spouses may also access this program but full cost of the eyewear will be their responsibility, to be paid at the time of service by money order or cash. No checks accepted.

Optical dispensing is WEDNESDAYS ONLY. Walk-ins are discouraged. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please contact Patricia "Trish" Williams at 616-782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234.

Pokagon Band Foot Clinic By Joy Duff. LPN, CHR

For Whom? All Pokagon Band Members

When? The 2nd Wednesday of each month (Note New Day)

Times? 12:00pm - 4pm

Where? Elder's Hall, Townhall Rd., Dowagiac, Michigan

By Appointment only.

Call Pokagon Indian Health Services 1-888-440-1234 or 782-4141 Home visits available for the homebound

Care includes: foot soak, nail care and massage

CLIENT TRANSPORTS

The purpose of the Health Care transportation program is to serve the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi community by reducing transportation needs as a barrier to care.

Client transport is pre-arranged for routine, scheduled health care events. This service is provided on a last resort basis. You must exhaust all other means of transport including: public transit, your own resources, family and friends, before requesting this service from our office.

Transports are scheduled for appointments on days the Pokagon Band Health Services is open for business. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

Some clients request TRANSPORTATION ONLY. Some clients request CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES (CHS) ONLY. Others request BOTH CHS AND transportation. This needs to be clearly stated at the time you call in. These are two separate services. A transport request does not guarantee that the appointment will be recorded in the appointment record book, the same as an appointment call-in (prior approval) does not mean we will automatically arrange transportation for you so please state why you are calling.

PROCEDURE

Make your transport requests by contacting our office at least three (3) business days before that day of the appointment. Our goal is to resolve your transport request within two (2) business days. If you have not heard back from our staff within three days, call our office. Ask to speak to the Transporters supervisor. If you do not have a phone, it is your responsibility to check back with our office to see if your request can be arranged.

If you need to cancel your transport arrangements with us, call us as far in advance as possible. This allows us to schedule another person's transport.

If you do not keep two consecutive transports without notifying our office in advance, you may become ineligible for client transport for two months.

If the client is not ready for transport within 15 minutes of the arranged time, the transport is free to leave and this will be considered a missed appointment.

No one under the age of 18 will be transported without the supervision of an adult or guardian. Our transporters cannot be that designated adult. Emancipated minors are exempt from this restriction.

Seat belts and child restraints must be used in accordance with State Laws.

No smoking, drinking alcohol or using illicit substances is allowed in transport vehicles.

Transport staff may refuse to transport abusive or intoxicated clients.

Transport staff may refuse to transport clients during extreme or hazardous weather.

It is important to remember that this is not an emergency medical transport service. In cases of emergency, (any life or limb threatening situations, airway obstructions, major bleeding, chest pain, labor or delivery) CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY

PILLS-PILLS-PILLS

A ROW OF BOTTLES ON THE SHELF, CAUSED ME TO ANALYZE MYSELF. ONE VELLOW PILL I HOPE TO POP GOES TO MY HEART SO IT WONT STOP, A LITTLE WHITE ONE THAT I TAKE GOES TO MY HANDS SO THEY WONT SHAKE.

THE BLUE ONE THAT I TAKE A LOT, TELLS ME I'M HAPPY WHEN I'M NOT, THE PURPLE ONE GOES TO MY BRAIN AND TELLS ME I HAVE NO PAIN.
THE CAPSULES TELL ME NOT TO SNEEZE OR COUGH OR CHOKE OR WHEEZE.

THE ORANGE ONES ARE BIG AND BRIGHT, STOP MY LEG (RAMPS AT NIGHT,

SUCH AN ARRAY OF BRILLIANT PILLS HELPING ME TO CURE ALL KINDS OF ILLS.

BUT WHAT I'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW IS: WHAT TELLS EACH ONE WHERE TO GO!

NUTRITION NOTE

from Nancy R.D.

We started our nutrition classes on Tuesday, April 25th and have been holding them on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday ever since with a growing number of participants! While enjoying a healthy snack containing two "carb" exchanges, and those members that have been attending are learning what that means. We have been learning how to control our blood sugars by:

- Identifying foods that contain carbohydrate (sugar).
- · How to "count" the grams of carbohydrate in our meal or snack in order to control our blood sugar.
- · Label reading: How many carbohydrate grams are in a particular food and what portion size is appropriate.
 - · Slide show: carbohydrate counting.

We have a good time in class and it is especially helpful and interesting since many class participants are willing to share the foods they eat at mealtimes/snacks and how it effects their blood sugars.

If you haven't joined us yet, please feel welcome to come to class...there is so much to learn and it is more fun learning TOGETHER.

See you soon! Nancy



FREE RADON HOME TESTING

Did you know that the US Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the US? Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that exists in varying

amounts in the air, soil, and water. It can collect within our homes, thus the greatest exposure risk can be breathing the indoor air.

BICYCLE SAFETY CHECKLIST

BIKE CRASHES CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY!

In 1997 more than 500,000 people were admitted to the EMERGENCY ROOM because of bike crashes. Here is a safety checklist to use before starting out on a bicycle ride.

- 1. Always Wear A Helmet! This alone can prevent up to 88% of all Brain Injuries sustained during a bike crash.
- 2. Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic flow.
- 3. OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNALS.
- 4. Use correct hand signals.
- 5. Stop at all intersections and crosswalks.
- 6. Stop and look both ways before entering a street.
- 7. Yield right of way to pedestrians.
- 8. Wear reflective clothing at dawn and at dusk, and for night time riding.
- 9. Make sure the brakes on your bike are in good working condition.

James Bussler, RN **Injury Prevention Specialist**

How can you help determine your risk from exposure? Volunteer to have your home tested. With a goal of helping our members protect their health, the Pokagon Band applied for, and received, a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency to implement a screening program designed to measure the levels of radon within Band members homes. In general, the program involves having a Pokagon Band outreach worker come to your home to set up a small test packet, then return 4 to 7 days later to retrieve and send it to a laboratory for analysis. The results of the test will be sent to you.

The home measurement activity is planned to start in December and carry into winter and early spring. This service is available to members that reside within the ten county service area and adjoining counties.

For more information regarding participation and to sign-up, please contact the Pokagon Band Environmental Coordinator Mark Parrish at (616) 782-8998/1-800-517-0777

The Courtship of Mother *

It was back in the days of horse and buggy, unpaved streets, hitch-herself quite well, and didn't need him or anyone else. ing posts and boardwalks.

Women wore High-buttoned shoes, long dresses and carried a parasol. Like most ladies, Mother wore her long, dark brown hair done up in a bun, or pug, on top of her head. That hat was secured to the bun with a six to eight inch hat-pin. Aside from it's primary function, the hat-pin was a lethal weapon in close quarter combat.

To whistle at a lady was considered an insult. Men respected the hat-pin. They dare not go beyond the whistle. Such was the town of Dowagiac, Michigan in the year 1900.

It was there that my father first met my mother. She lived in a boarding house, and worked at a local restaurant. She came from a family of sixteen children, they all needed her for support.

Her name was Jennie, but my father called her "Dolly". "Dolly, he would say, some day I'm going to marry you"! Her answer was always the same, "I'll never marry a man that drinks whiskey and given to brawling".

Father was a teamster and worked in the timber. Such goings-on was necessary to prove who was "King of the hill". Being a timber boss was a rough-and tumble job.

A man's honor was always at stake. With ax handle in hand, he defended that honor, much like the hat-pin in a ladies bonnet.

Mother disagreed.

Father's name was Frank Person, a Potawatomi of The Pokagon Band. Mother was of Dutch persuasion.

Father was always trying to convince my mother of how much she needed him, and how frail she was. He was always asking to walk her home after work. "Streets at night are no place for a lady", he would

Mother was very independent, saying that she could take care of

One day father devised a plan that would convince her once and for all. So he thought he would hide in the shadows along the way, jump out and grab her. She would swoon in his arms, thus proving just how vulnerable she was. She would realize once and for all her need for his great love, care and protection. BAD IDEA!!

On the planned night, however, mother was alerted by a sinister shadow that fell across the way. She never broke stride. Feet resounding down the board-walk clickety-clack, clickety-clack.

Father jumped out and grabbed her! Sure enough, she swooned in his arms. You see "Dolly", you really do need me. Mother: "Oh Frank my darling. I almost shot you"!

Father looked down at the trembling young thing in his arms, and a pearl handle Derringer pressed in his stomach. It was Fathers turn to

He kissed her for the first time that night. Had she not said, "oh my darling"? Father dearly loved my mother and promised to give up his rowdy ways. They were wed March 1, 1906.

Many years and six children later, mother loved to tell us this story, much to our delight and father's embarrassment. Father's comment, "a gun at close range is more humane by far, than a hat-pin in the hand of a hysterical woman"! Father was true to his word and promise to my mother. He was a man of great honor.

Father sacrificed much for my mother and us children.

Where there is love,

There is always a sacrifice!

Written in Loving Memory.

Your Son,

Frank E. Person

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy October Birthdays!

A .	
Eddie Brown, Jr.	Oct. 2
Anthony Heffington	Oct. 7
Jeremy Heffington	Oct. 11
Steven Black	Oct. 12
Lindsey Woodard	Oct. 12
Ryan Spicher	Oct. 17
Matt Spicher	Oct. 21
Jesse Brown	Oct. 21
William Brown	Oct. 28
Taylor Brown	Oct. 29
Love, Grand	dma

Patti Heffington		Oct.	13
Lynn Heffington	No. 1	Oct.	
Lisa Brown		Oct.	
Love	Mon		

Stella Heffington

Happy 50th Birthday William Eugene Swisher, Jr. October 4th Love always-Mary

Happy Birthday Brandie Marie Swisher October 30th Love always-Mom, Dad, Grandpa and Uncle

Happy Birthday Tammy Jo Wesaw October 6th Love your Family

Happy Birthday Sue Mesko. October 7th from your daughters Melissa and Sarah.

Happy 27th Birthday October 5th Kristoffer Genereaux Love.

The Riley's, Genereaux's, and Brown's

> HAPPY BIRTHDAY. BROTHER! KIRK DIAMOND OCTOBER 20

LOVE, YOUR SISTER

Congratulations! Rhian Nelson Watervliet Middle School Voted 8th grade Student Council Way to start out the new year we are proud of you! Joe, Mom, Joey and Megan

THANK-YOU to Hal Weatherwax, a member and Gage Street property Security Guard who, on his own time, went out to the property and cleaned up and mowed, etc., by the sweat lodge and the lonhouse. We really appreciate all that work in such hot weather. Thank you, Hal! In Memory

POW WOW MEAL

I would like to thank the following people who helped out in the kitchen for Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow. The meal turned out to be delicious.

John	Warren
John	Morseau
Gary	Morseau
Jenny	White
Mary	Jo Warren

Deacon Varga Darlene Van Tubbergen Rhonda Warren

Carolina Delgado

Lois Wesaw Tiffany Sarah VanTubbergen Jimmy Bright

Thanks a bunch, we could not have done it without you. Pat Warren

Lora Siders, 81

Lora Siders, 81, 117 W. Sixth St., died at 3:25 p.m. Sunday, September 10, 2000, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette.

She was born May 3, 1919 in Wabash to John and Anna (Mongosa) Marks. She married to Ken Householder and Edward "Bud" Siders. Both are deceased.

Mrs. Siders was well known within the Miami Nation of Indians for her duties as Historian and Genealogist. She held the position of Secretary on the Tribal Council for many years. She was the last surviving participant from the Miami Indian Pageant, a group that performed locally in the 1920's and 30's. She has been a frequent speaker in classrooms and served on numerous boards and committees in service to the community and the Miami Nation of Indiana. Gov. Frank O'Bannon, recently named Mrs. Siders Sagamore of the Wabash. Mrs. Siders was retired from General Tire, Wabash. She was a member of First Christian Church, the American Legion and Moose Lodge Auxiliaries, the Historical Society, Eiteljorg board member, Indianapolis and Prophetown board member, Lafayette.

She is survived by three sons, Rex Siders, Peru, Ronnie Siders, Miami, Fla. and Glenn Householder, Hurst, Texas; one daughter-in-law, Nancy Siders, Peru; nine grandchildren, Cindy Peck, Lora Maria Carlson, Randall Troy and Chad Householder and Kimberley, Aaron, Sarah and Adam Siders; 10 greatgrandchildren; and several foster brothers and sisters.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were at noon Thursday at the Miami Nation of Indians Tribal Complex, 80 W. Sixth St., Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty, Nick Clark and Wap-Shing officiating. Burial was in Godfrey Cemetery east of Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami Nation of Indiana Archive Development Fund. Arrangements were by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Dr. James Clifton, PhD

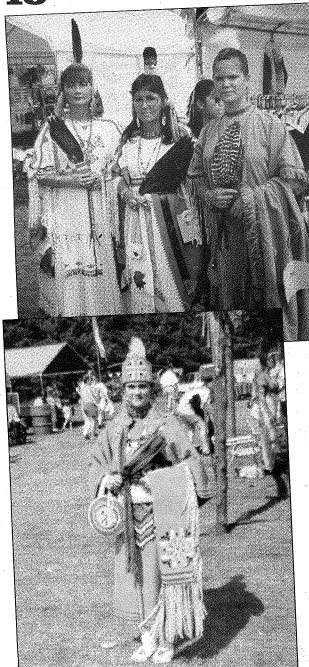
Dr. James Clifton, PhD, an anthropologist specializing in Native American history, passed away on July 20, 2000.

Dr. Clifton specialized in the history of the Potawatomi. In 1983, the Pokagon Band commissioned him to write a history of the Band as part of the effort to gain federal recognition through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. As a respected scholar in U.S. academic circles, his work helped give the Band credibility in its claim to the BIA as a living community and ongoing government.

While Dr. Clifton's opinions were often controversial, his book, The Pokagons, 1683-1983; the Catholic Potawatomi Indians of the St. Joseph River Valley, stands as a thorough introductory history of the tribe.

The Pokagon Band acknowledges the service Dr. Clifton performed for the Band in its effort for federal recognition.

Submitted by Community Development





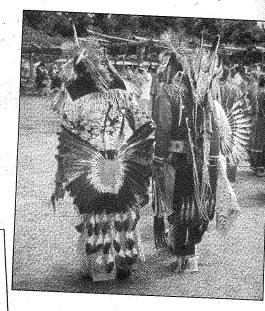
Thanks from the Pow Wow Committee

The Pow Wow Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in putting together the 2000 Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow. The efforts of many people go into the event, with a lot of hours and hard work put into so many different areas, from setup of the grounds, running the Pow Wow, handling the gate, feeding the participants, and to tearing down after the event.

Rather than slighting someone by leaving their name out since so many people are involved, the Committee wishes to extend a single thank you to everyone involved. Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa continues to be a special celebration for the community because of this dedication of so many people.

Submitted by the Pow Wow Committee.







POKAGON BAND FARMER'S MARKET

The Farmer's Market was very successful! We had many families participate in the program. The program started June 29, 2000 and occurred every other week through September 7, 2000. Approximately 125 households participated each week. Over the six weeks we held the market we served approximately 750 households.

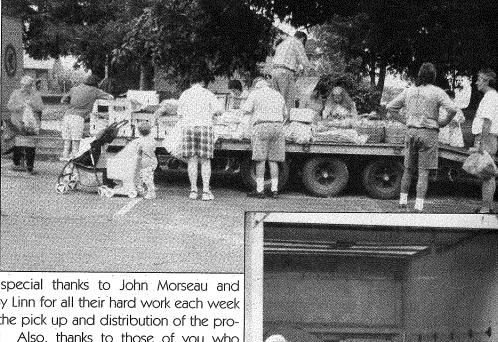
Each week we offered fresh fruits and vegetables. We focused on "home grown" produce. Some of the items we offered were sweet corn, cantaloupe, watermelon, green pepper, sweet onions, green beans, and apples.

The Pokagon Band is proud to have served the membership with a healthy and nutritious program. We hope that everyone enjoyed the market.



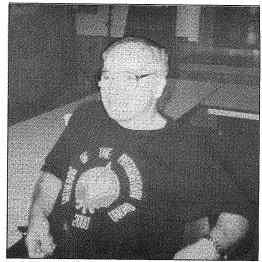
A special thanks to John Morseau and Bobby Linn for all their hard work each week with the pick up and distribution of the produce! Also, thanks to those of you who pitched in and lent a hand with the program.

This was a one-time project funded through the First Nations Native American Hunger Program. We will try for additional grant funds next year. If we are awarded we will try to provide this project again.





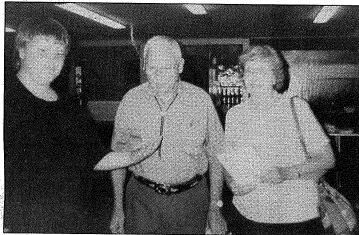
Alicia Jackson presenting key chain to Aunt Goldie



Jim Lepel enjoying the afternoon with Elder Story Telling and Youth Program.



Rachael and Dee Mix enjoying each others company



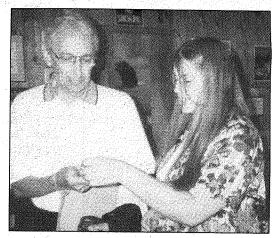
Brandon w/ Elders Frank Person and his wife Coleen



Jr. (John Wesaw) Elder captures youths w/legends history and past.



John (Jr.) Wesaw, Sam Wesaw and Jim Lepel at Elders Story Teller. Jim gets a big laugh at Jr's Humor. & Loretta and Brittany interview the Elders.



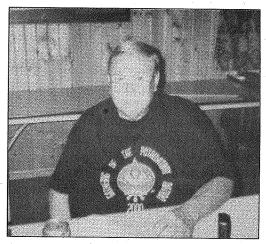
Rosemary Daisy presents gift to Fred Rader, a Key chain she made in summer youth group.



Tara, Petey and Marie. Youth Program- w/ Elders and Story tellers.



Rachael Thompson presenting Dee Mix with a key chain at the Elders Story Telling.



John Wesaw, Jr. captured the youth's with his wonderful story telling, He stated they listened and were very interested in Indian Ways.



Fred Rader with his Aunt Dee Mix. Fred now lives in So. Carolina, here in Dowagiac visiting family and friends, with youth's for Story Telling.

Education

Sign Up For Computer Classes Today!

The computer lab classes are continuing to go well, so we are expanding our classes. Make sure you call and sign up for the classes before the day of the class.

If you are not registered for the class, you will not be permitted to attend. It is important for you to sign up, as classes will be canceled if no one has registered for them.

Intro to Computers I

10/10/2000 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

This is an introductory class for those who want to learn how to use computer. This class focuses on using a mouse, opening programs and navigating through a Windows based computer.

Intro to Computers 2

10/11/2000 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

The next step in using a computer, a class that deals with the various aspects of owning a home computer. The class covers how to maintain a computer, how to install programs, as well as other useful information on what kinds of computers there are.

Microsoft Excel 1

10/17/2000 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

The class teaches you how to use Excel to create a basic spreadsheet. Excel is a great program for keeping bank records. This program is often used in an office environment. Don't miss this opportunity to improve your office skills. Basic computer knowledge and some keyboard experience required.

Microsoft Excel 2

10/18/2000 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

Continue building your ability to use Microsoft Excel, learn how to create graphs, get practice using functions and creating spreadsheets. This program is often used in an office environment. Don't miss this opportunity to improve your office skills. Basic computer knowledge and some keyboard experience required, attending Microsoft Excel 1 is recommended.

High School Students: Get Ready for College

Campus Visits
Two Campus visits are scheduled for October.

Grand Valley State University Friday, October 13

Grand Valley State University is located in Allendale, Michigan. About 13,500 undergraduates attend this suburban university. Highlighted programs for Grand Valley State are its Minority Science Education Center Scholarship Program, Minority Teacher Education Center Program, and Minority Business Education Center Scholarship. Interested junior high and high school students who would like to visit the campus on October 13 should contact the Education Department by Monday, October 9.

Michigan State University Spartan Visitation Program Tuesday, October 24

Native American High school students have been invited to participate in the Spartan Visitation Program which will take place on Tuesday, October 24. This program will give high school students the opportunity to attend MSU classes, eat lunch in a residence hall cafeteria, participate in a campus tour, and receive financial aid information. Also, high school seniors can participate in an onsite admission program where students who bring all the information required for admissions, can submit their materials and have an admission decision rendered that day. Students who would like to attend this program with the Youth Programs should contact the Education Department by Monday, October 9. Seniors who are interested in the on-site admission program can call our office for more information about the required materials.

Please note: Michigan State will also provide transportation for high school students located in the following areas: Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Flint, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Saginaw and Lansing. Interested students can contact the Education Department by Friday, October 13th for more details.

Using the Internet

10/24/2000 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

A class for people who would like to learn how to browse the Internet. Includes conducting searches, accessing WEB pages, and a presentation on how the Internet works.

Microsoft Word 1

10/31/2000 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

A class for those of you interested in using the word processor to create letters and documents. Includes introduction to saving documents, printing documents and performing a grammar and spell-check.

Microsoft Word 2

11/1/2000 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

The second step in the process of learning how to use Microsoft Word, includes document formatting, templates, and inserting pictures.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS:

SOUTH BEND OFFICE COMPUTER LAB:

10/25/2000 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M. Indiana Time

There will be a computer lab at the South Bend office for those in the South Bend area, this would be a great time to come in and try our computers and request computer classes for the South Bend area membership

Prepare for your GED

Schedule an appointment to try our GED preparation program. Our software tests you to evaluate your areas of need and helps prepare you to pass the GED. Learn about our GED assistance program and start today.

Education Department

901 Spruce Street, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Local: (616) 782-0887 Toll Free: 1-888-330-1234

Youth Programs

LET US HELP YOU!

There are other academic services besides tutoring that Youth Programs provides to help with studies.

We Can Help You With Term Papers

Help is available in writing research and term papers. All grade levels are encouraged to use these resources which include:

- *Access to the Internet for research
- *Guidelines on how to research
- *Access to computers for word processing and printing
- *Access to our Native American Library
- *Staff available to help with writing outlines and proofreading work.

We Can Help You with Science Projects

Some students this year will have the opportunity of working on science projects and competing in science fairs. Let us help! Resources available to help with science projects include:

- *Books with suggestions for science projects
- *Access to the Internet to research projects
- *Access to basic science project supplies such as posterboard
- *Staff available to provide input on projects and to help explain the scientific method.

We Can Help You Prepare for College

Junior High and high school students are encouraged to use the following resources:

- *ACT & SAT computer programs
- *College campus visits
- *Access to college catalogs
- *Access to the Internet for scholarship info
- *Assistance in filling out college applications and filing for financial aid.

OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUTH PROGRAMS Backpacks & School Supplies

Students enrolled in the Pokagon Band Youth Programs are eligible for backpacks/gym bags and school supplies. If you have not picked up your backpack yet, please contact the Education Department to arrange pick-up.

JOM Reimbursements

Students eligible for the JOM Program can receive up to \$25.00 reimbursement for school related items. Please save your receipts for these items and contact the Education Department for a JOM reimbursement form.

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Youth Programs

Other Things to Know About the Youth Programs in October Here are some other dates to keep in mind for October!

Beading Class

Looming, Peyote stitch, applique-What do these have in common? They are all beading techniques you can learn in the beading class lead by Linda Yazel.

Schedule

South Bend Office

6-8pm

Wednesday, October 4

Wednesday, October 18

Dowagiac Education Office

6-8pm

Wednesday, October 11

Wednesday, October 25

KEEPERS OF THE FIRE YOUTH COUNCIL

Junior High and high school students are invited to come share their ideas of how to make this a productive year for the youth council.

Schedule

Thursday, October 12 6:30 - 7:30pm

Dowagiac Education Office

Thursday, October 26 6:30-7:30 pm

COLBY COLLEGE VISIT WEEKENDS

Colby College in Waterville Maine will start its series of visitation weekends on October 21-23 and Nov. 4-6. High school seniors who are interested in visiting this competitive liberal arts college should contact the Education Department at 1-888-330-1234. Colby College will pay for the cost of transportation for eligible minority high school seniors.

So School is Way Underway!

Believe it or not, about a month has past since school began. We at the Pokagon Band Youth Programs thought it was a good time to let students and their families know about the services available to help make this a successful school year.

While many families have used some of the resources available through the Youth Programs, everyone may not be aware of all of the academic resources available to Native American youth residing in the following ten counties: Allegan, Cass, Van Buren, Berrien, Starke, Marshall, Elkhart, St. Joseph, Marshall, and Kosciosko. Staff is available to help with tutoring and to help with special projects.

So How Is The Homework Going Anyway?

Many students now have a sense, at this time in the school year, how well they are grasping their school subjects. Also, mid-semester reports are a good indication of whether or not a student needs additional help outside of the classroom. Students who would like extra help should contact the Education Department for a schedule of tutoring labs or to arrange for one-to-one tutoring. Students are also encouraged to attend the tutoring labs that are held in the Education Department Office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during the fall. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday & Thursday, 3-5pm.

Education Department, Dowagiac

During this tutoring lab time, students will be allowed to use the computers in the lab to do school research and to enrich their skills with educational games. Limited transportation from Dowagiac schools may be available. Please call the Education Department for more information.

Pokagon Band Education Department 901 Spruce Street Dowagiac, Mi 49047 Tele #(616) 782-0887/(888) 330-1234

SAPC Meeting Minutes 08/23/00

Jeffrey Riley called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. at Elders Hall. Jo Ellen Leith gave the invocation. In attendance were Co-chairperson Jeffrey Riley, Kenneth Antisdel, Ernie Daisy, Christine Daugherty, Kevin Daugherty, Kathy Deka, Jo Ellen Leith, Mary Jo Morris, Thomas Morris, and Fred Schubkegel.

The August 2nd, 2000 SAPC meeting minutes were reviewed and no corrections were made.

Thomas Morris distributed multiple handout materials for the meeting that necluded:

An introduction of Fred Schubkegel of the law firm Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett

Hippensteel building appraisal by Grubb & Ellis SAPC member meeting attendance figures for year 2000 A machine shop proposal by Kevin Daugherty An Internet business proposal by Kevin Daugherty Indigenous Investments proposal by Kevin Daugherty The Education Survey 2000 results in county by county format

The following additions were added to the agenda: Machine shop proposal Internet Consultant RFP proposal Indigenous Investments proposal Education 2000 survey

Fred Schubkegel was introduced to those in attendance. A discussion of the Hippensteel project began with questions concerning what other investigative data should be collected before the SAPC can make an informed recommen-

dation to Tribal Council regarding the purchase of the Hippensteel building. Fred suggested having a design/build contracting firm inspect and propose renovations to the building. It was agreed by consensus that Fred would contact such a firm on the SAPC's behalf to collect information on what an inspection and proposal would entail in way of cost and contractual requirements. He will also inquire as to what specific building use information they will require from the Band. He will then contact Thomas Morris with the information.

Kevin Daugherty presented the machine shop proposal and Fred stated that he would look into how joint ventures with the Band would have to be set up in order to take advantage of contracts set aside for minority owned businesses.

Kevin presented the Indigenous Investments proposal and a Tribally owned bank was discussed. Fred will forward some banking information to Kevin for further investigation into this type of enterprise.

Discussion of previous meeting's handouts of the Mississippi Choctaw business ventures was tabled due to a shortage of time, as was the agenda item of SAPC attendance.

It was stated that the handouts for the Internet Consultant RFP proposal and the Education 2000 survey were given to the SAPC for information and no further discussion was needed.

The next SAPC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. MI time at Elders Hall.

Jeffrey adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. MI time.

Prepared by Thomas Morris

Constitution Update

The Constitution Committee is continuing with its review of the final set of comments and recommendations from the tribal attorneys, regarding the Bureau of Indian Affairs" (BIA) informal comments on the draft Pokagon Constitution. The Committee last met on August 16th, and went over the Preamble and first two Articles of the draft. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 16th, at 10:00AM at Elders" Hall, to continue on with the first four Articles of the draft, covering tribal jurisdiction and territory. At the present time, it is intended that the Committee will continue to meet on the third Saturday of every month, although this is subject to change due to scheduling conflicts.

The Committee will continue to meet in the coming months to review the remaining recommendations. Once the Committee finishes its review of the attorneys' recommendations, the next step will then be to send a revised draft of the Constitution to Tribal Council. Council's task will then be to approve a final draft to be presented to the BIA, for the BIA to supervise a ratification vote of the tribal membership.

Two deadlines will start once Tribal Council sends a final draft to the BIA and formally requests a ratification election. First, the BIA has 180 days to review the draft and conduct the ratification election. Then, if and when the Constitution is ratified, an election of the full Tribal Council must be held within another 180 days. This initial Council election in accordance with the new Constitution must also be overseen by the BIA.

For any questions regarding the draft Constitution, please call Kevin Daugherty at (616) 782-8998 or (800) 517-0777.

Executive Committee Minutes

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** WORKSESSION JULY 21, 2000

Worksession began at 2:00p.m.

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren and Tom Wesaw, Jr.

Absent: Marie Manley

This worksession was called to discuss the situation with Christine Maynard, ocial Services Director.

Marie Manley Tribal Council Secretary

Date

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP **MEETING** PER CAPITA AUGUST 5, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 12:34p.m. by John Miller.

Roll Call: Faye Wesaw, Alice Overly, Marie Manley, Jefferson Ballew III, John Warren, Tom Morris, Marj Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., and Rae Daugherty.

Absent: Ernie Daisy.

Also in Attendance: Rob Gips - Tribal Attorney and Trudy Loeding- newly elected Tribal Council member.

Minutes Taken By: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

This meeting was scheduled to hold discussion on per capita once the Band enters into gaming.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Faye Wesaw with voice approval at 2:15p.m.

Marie Manley Tribal Council Secretary

Date

Tribal Council Minutes

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL

John Miller, Chairman 616/621-3846

John Warren, Vice-Chairman 219/784-9146

Marie Manley, Secretary 616/683-6190

Thomas Wesaw Jr., Treasurer 616/621-0371

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE

Alice Overly 765/473-3985

Trudy Loeding 616/782-7707

Henry White, Elders Rep. 616/424-5206

Faye Wesaw 616/782-9706

Ernie Daisy 616/621-2683

Marjorie Reno 616/375-8676

Thomas Morris 219/656-8467

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST, 1ST, 2000 7:00P.M.

Meeting called to Order at: 7:02p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation Given By: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Jefferson Ballew III, Tom Morris, Henry White, Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marj Reno and Faye Wesaw.

Also in Attendance: Corey Price (Board of Commissioners Chairman), Robert Mendez (Land Planner), Paul Jackson, Chris Ballew, Mike Zimmerman, Kenneth Antisdel, Jeffrey Riley, Ron Morseau, Carol Martin, Pam Mersereau, and Lucinda Graverette - Smith.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council

Issues at Hand:

Appointment of Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by John Warren. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Paul Jackson, to the Housing Board of Commissioners effective 08-01-2000.

Jefferson B.	Y	· ·	Marie M.	Y	John W.	Y
John M.	Y		Tom W.	Y	Tom M.	Absent
Henry W.	Y		Ernie D.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marj R.	Y		Faye W.	Y		

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

RESOLUTION #2 made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Kenneth

Antisdel, to the Housing Board of Commissioners effective 08-01-2000.

Jefferson B.	Y	Marie M.	Y	John W.	Y
John M.	Y	Tom W.	Y	Tom M.	Absent
Henry W.	Y	Ernie D.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marj R.	Y	Faye W.	Y	es backson	

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

RESOLUTION #3 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Jeffrey Riley, to

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL ARCHITECT INTERVIEWS AUGUST 4, 2000 7:00P.M.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:10p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Tom Morris, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Warren, John Miller, Marie Manley, Jefferson Ballew III, Faye Wesaw and Henry White.

Also in Attendance: Rob Wyre- Gaming Manager, Dick Bienapfl - Vice President of Development for Lakes Gaming, Rob Gips - Tribal Attorney and Trudy Loeding - newly elected Tribal Council member.

This meeting was set up to hold interviews to choose the architect to build our gaming facility.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alice Overly and 2nd by John Warren with voice approval at 10:41p.m.

Marie Manley Date
Tribal Council Secretary

the Housing Board of Commissioners effective 08-01-2000.

Jefferson B.	Y	Marie M.	Y	John W.	Y
John M.	Y	Tom W.	Y	Tom M.	Absent
Henry W.	Y	Ernie D.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marj R.	Y .	Faye W.	Y	100	

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

RESOLUTION #4 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Faye Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Ron Morseau, to the Housing Board of Commissioners effective 08-01-2000.

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John M. Y	 Tom W.	\mathbf{Y}^{-}	Tom M.	Absent
Henry W. Y	Ernie D.	. Y	Alice O.	Y
Marj R. Y	Faye W.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 1, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #5 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by John Warren. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Pam Mersereau, to Housing Board of Commissioners effective 08-01-2000.

Jefferson B.	Y	Marie M.	Y	John W.	Y
John M.	Y	Tom W.	Y	Tom M.	Absent
Henry W.	Y	Ernie D.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marj R.	Y	Faye W.	Abstain		

ALL IN FAVOR: 9, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 1, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #6 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Tom Morris, to Housing Board of Commissioners effective 08-01-2000.

Jefferson B.	Y Marie M. Y	John W. Abstain
John M.	Y Tom W. Y	Tom M. Absent
Henry W.	N Ernie D. N	Alice O. Y
Marj R.	Y Faye W. Y	

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Alice Overly with voice approval at 9:28p.m.

Marie Manley Tribal Council Secretary

Date

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS CLOSED SESSION TRIBAL COUNCIL T.O.M. INTERVIEW

T.O.M. INTERVIEW AUGUST 7, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:08p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Roll Call: John Miller, Marie Manley, Jefferson Ballew III, Marj Reno, John Warren, Faye Wesaw, Tom Morris, Tom Wesaw, Jr. and Henry White.

Absent: Alice Overly (Governor's Council Meeting) and Ernie Daisy (ill).

Also in Attendance: Trudy Ware - NativeSun & Associates and John Old Elk - candidate interviewing for T.O.M. position.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

T.O.M. INTERVIEW

Motion to Adjourn was made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with voice approval at 8:59p.m.

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Marie Manley		Date	
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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE AUGUST 8, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:04p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Tom Morris, Alice Overly, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Warren, John Miller, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Henry White and Marj Reno.

Absent: Jefferson Ballew III (work commitment).

Also in Attendance: Judy Augusta and Margaret Rapp - Enrollment Committee.

INK IMPRESSIONS DISCUSSION

Judy Augusta reminded Tribal Council on all the benefits this system will offer to the Band. It will especially help with enrollment issues.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH KEVIN FITZGIBBONS (HUD) & ARCHITECT SELECTION LAKES GAMING AUGUST 9, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:03p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Tom Morris, Marj Reno, Alice Overly, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Warren, John Miller, Marie Manley, Jefferson Ballew III, Henry White and Faye Wesaw.

Also in Attendance: Kevin Fitzgibbons - HUD office, Jeffrey Riley - Board of Commissioners, Wally Paisano - Housing Director, Melissa Bruce - Housing Department, Paul Jackson - Board of Commissioners, Corey Price - Board of Commissioners, Ron Morseau - Board of Commissioners, Trudy Loeding - Newly elected Tribal Council member, Pam Mersereau - Board of Commissioners, Kenneth Antisdel - Board of Commissioners, Keith White - Housing Department, Fred Schubkegel - Tribal Attorney (arrived at 7:22p.m.).

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

The meeting proceeded with Kevin giving an update on programs coming forth through HUD.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS CLOSED SESSION TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH MIKE PETOSKEY AUGUST 11, 2000

Meeting called to order at: 7:07p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation: John Miller

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Tom Morris, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, John Warren, John Miller, Marie Manley, Henry White, Faye Wesaw and Jefferson Ballew III (arrived at 7:42p.m.).

Absent: Tom Wesaw, Jr. (vacation).

Also in Attendance: Tribal Judge - Mike Petoskey, Asst. Tribal Atty. - Marchell Wesaw and Newly elected Tribal Council member - Trudy Loeding

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Building a Tribal Court System

Motion to adjourn was made by Henry White and 2nd by Marj Reno with voice approval at 8:43p.m.

Date

Marie Manley Tribal Council Secretary RESOLUTION #1 made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council authorizes the Enrollment office to acquire the software package through Ink Impressions. Software to include T.E.A.M.S. (Total Enrollment Administration Management System) package. Not to exceed \$34,400.00. Cost to be borne out of direct/indirect cost.

Jefferson B.	Absent	Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Tom M. Y		Marj R.	Y
John W.	Y	Henry W.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John M.	Y	Ernie D.	Y	•	

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

Motion to adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Henry White with voice approval at 8:40p.m.

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Marie Manley	Date		
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The session with Kevin Fitzgibbons ended at 8:12p.m.

A break was taken at 8:12p.m. Meeting resumed 8:30p.m.

Lakes Gaming issues.

RESOLUTION # 1 made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council selects Urban Design as the architectural and design firm for the Development of the Pokagon Band casino project.

Jefferson B.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R. Y
Marie M.	Y	Henry W.	Y	Faye W. Y
John W.	Y	Ernie D.	Y	John M. Y
Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y	

ALL IN FAVOR: 11, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ernie Daisy and 2nd by Alice Overly with voice approval at 9:15p.m.

Marie Manley	Date	
Tribal Council Secretary		

Meeting called to order at: 9:15p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS CLOSED SESSION TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

AUGUST 12, 2000

Invocation: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, Marie Manley, Tom Morris, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, Henry White and Faye Wesaw.

Absent: John Warren (children's health fair), Tom Wesaw, Jr.(vacation), Ernie Daisy (work commitment) and Jefferson Ballew III (other commitment).

Also in Attendance: Audrey Huston "Enrollment Committee, Trudy Loeding - Newly elected Tribal Council member, Judy Augusta - Enrollment Department and Margaret Rapp - Enrollment Committee.

Minutes Taken By: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Motion to adjourn was made by: Alice Overly and 2nd by Henry White with voice approval at 9:28p.m.

Marie Manley	£	Date	1
Tribal Council Secretary			

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS CLOSED SESSION TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH ROB GIPS AUGUST 21, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:07p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley, Trudy Loeding, Ernie Daisy, Tom Morris, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, and Faye Wesaw.

Absent: Tom Wesaw, Jr. (vacation) and Henry White (travel with Elders).

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 24, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:01p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation Given by: Marj Reno, Tribal Council Member at Large.

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley, Trudy Loeding, Ernie Daisy, Tom Morris, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, Henry White and Faye Wesaw. Tom Wesaw, Jr. (arrived at 7:05p.m.).

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Ernie Daisy and 2nd by John Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Rush Lake Cemetery Committee should not be charged a vendor fee for the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow.

John M.		Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	\mathbf{Y}
Marie M.	1	Y	Henry W.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John W.		Y	Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.		Abstain	Alice O.	Y		

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

RESOLUTION #2 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council rejects the application for enrollment of Robert Mountcastle Flannery presented this day 08/24/00 for lack of lineal descent.

John M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	\mathbf{Y}
Marie M.	\mathbf{Y}^{-}	Henry W.	Y	Faye W.	Y
John W.	\mathbf{Y}	Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y		

ALL IN FAVOR: 11, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #3 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Marj Reno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the applications for enrollment of the people as presented this day 08/24/00;

Bennett, Cheyer Gephart, Joseph Gephart, Merle Ledesma, Rober Matlis, Joseph A Smedberg, Leda	D. E. Sr. rt L. Jr. A.	Smedberg, Stephanie P. Sturgeon, Damion L. Sutton, Trent A. Tone, Gabriel J. Topash, Charles L.				
John M.	Y Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y		
Marie M.	Y Henry W.	Y	Faye W.	Y		
John W.	Y Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Y		
Tom W.	Y Alice O.	Y		je vez		

ALL IN FAVOR: 11, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4 made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Faye Wesaw.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council authorizes the submission

Also in Attendance: Marchell Wesaw - Asst. Tribal Attorney, Fred Schubkegel - Tribal Attorney, Rob Gips - Tribal Attorney and Rob Wyre - Gaming Manager.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Faye Wesaw with voice approval at 10:45p.m.

Marie Manley Date
Tribal Council Secretary

of the proposal "The Pokagon band Watershed Protection Planning Project; 2000-2002" to the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants Program of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Surface Water Quality Division.

John M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R. Y	٠.
Marie M.	Y	Henry W.	Y	Faye W. Y	
John W.	Y	Ernie D.	Y		
Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Abstain		

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

RESOLUTION #5 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians wishes to engage Rehmann Robson to provide the services of an interim Finance Director and to assist the Band in the transition to a new permanent Finance Director. Such services as provided in the contract provided this date and as hereto attached.

John M.	Y	Tom M.		Abstain	Marj R. Y
Marie M.	Y	Henry W.		Y	Faye W. Y
John W.	Abstain	Ernie D.	112	Y	Trudy L. Y
Tom W.	\mathbf{Y}	Alice O.		Y	고급하게 되는 사람들이 있는 것이다. 즐레지 하나 있는 것이 하나 있다.

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

RESOLUTION #6 made by Tom Wesaw, Jr. and 2nd by Marj Reno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Finance Board sole authority and responsibility at this time shall be to recommend to Tribal Council an ordinance outlining, at a minimum, the purpose, authority, and duties of the Finance Board, in accordance with Tribal Council Resolution #00-07-18-02, and to forward to Tribal Council recommendations regarding the Band's financial operations.

John M.	\mathbf{Y}	Tom M.	Y	1	Marj R.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Henry W.	Abstain	• •	Faye W.	. Y
John W.	Abstain	Ernie D.	Y		Trudy L.	Y
Tom W	Y	Alice O	Y			

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

RESOLUTION #7 made by Tom Wesaw, Jr. and 2nd by Marie Manley. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Alice Overly to the Finance Board.

John M.	Y	Tom M.	\mathbf{Y}	Marj R.	Ÿ
Marie M.	Y	Henry W.	Abstain	Faye W.	Y
John W.	Abstain	Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Abstain		

ALL IN FAVOR: 8, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 3. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #8 made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Alice Overly. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Marie Manley to the Finance Board.

John M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
Marie M.	Abstain	Henry W.	Abstain	Faye W.	Y
John W.	Absent	Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
- Tom W	Y	Alice O.	Y		

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

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RESOLUTION #9 made by Faye Wesaw and 2nd by Trudy Loeding. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Trudy Loeding to the Finance Board.

John M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Henry W.	Abstain	Faye W.	Abstain
John W.	Abstain	Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Abstain
Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y	 1	

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

RESOLUTION #10 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Faye Wesaw to the Finance Board.

John M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Henry W.	Abstain	Faye W.	Abstain
John W.	Abstain	Ernie D.	Y	Trudy L.	Abstain
Tom W.	Y	Alice O.	Y		

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Marj Reno with voice approval at 8:27p.m.

Marie Manley
Tribal Council Secretary

Date

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH URBAN DESIGN ARCHITECTS WORKSESSION AUGUST 25, 26 & 27, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 5:45p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation Given by: Henry White, Member at Large.

Roll Call: John Miller, John Warren, Trudy Loeding, Ernie Daisy, Tom Morris, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, Henry White, Faye Wesaw, Marie Manley (arrived at 6:22p.m.) & Tom Wesaw, Jr., (arrived at 6:17p.m.). both Tom and Marie were conducting interviews at the Administration building.

Also in Attendance: Urban Design Group - John Novak and Jafer Mosleh, Rob Wyre - Gaming Manager, Rob Gips - Tribal Attorney, Dick Bienapfl - Lakes Gaming and Clarence White - Spiritual Elder.

Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

This meeting was ongoing from August 25th, 26th and concluded on August 27th. Discussion surrounding the casino project and design.

Marie Manley
Tribal Council Secretary

Date

Elders Council News & Minutes

Elders Program Annual Report September 1999- September 2000

The elders program did many good deeds this year. Several of them are highlighted in this report.

Sought resolution from the Tribal Council to raise the Bereavement Fund from \$700.00 to \$1,050.00. Tribal Council passed this resolution.

By recommendation of the Elders Council, Tribal Council resolved to raise the Elder's Stipend to \$500.00 per month once ground is broken for the proposed casino.

The Elders are working on a proposal to establish a Burial Trust Fund from invested casino revenue. It is proposed that all Pokagon Band members would receive \$7,500.00 for funeral expenses.

Sharon Fletcher from Wisconsin Physician Services updated Elder's on Medicare.

Attended 1999 M.I.E.A. Algonquin conference in Peshabestown. Tribal Chairman Miller and Cultural Coordinator John Warren gave a presentation on the history of the Pokagon Band.

In November Elders applied for a license to have a raffle.

Resolution was passed for a casino trip to Manistee where Elder's program logo T Shirts were sold.

Elders council resolved to send Rae Daugherty and Marge Moody to the Annual Native American Women's conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. All Tribal Elders over 60 received a \$10.00 Christmas check.

Membership presented Sister Monica with a plaque in appreciation of her

work with our community.

Working with the Elders Specialist, Yvonne "Petey" Boehm to set up gerobics classes in the South Bend office.

Resolved to send Petey Boehm, Marge Moody, and Mary Jo Morris to the American Indian/Alaskan Native conference.

Invited Native American musician Raphael Szykowski and the Rush Lake Singers to entertain at the April Luncheon.

Hired Christopher Diamond and Evelyn Wesaw as Elders Luncheon Aides.
Resolved to send Elders Council members Rae Daugherty and Marge
Moody and five other members to the National Indian Council on Aging 2000

conference in Duluth, Minnesota.

Petey Boehm and Kelly Curran organized the trip to the 2000 Potawatomi Gathering.

Tribal Council passed a resolution for Medicare Part B reimbursement of \$45.50 monthly to elders. Reimbursement will be retroactive to the beginning of 2000. Kelly Curran and Tina Barger assisted in compiling the paper work from the Elders.

Elders picnic was held at the Gage Street Property.

Henry White was elected to Tribal Council.

Submitted by: Gerald Wesaw

Elders' Calendar

October 2 - Monday; Elders Council Officers Meeting - Dowagiac City Hall 10:00am

October 5 - Thursday; Elders Council Business Meeting & Luncheon Elders Hall 11:00am

October 19 - Thursday; Elders Council Social Luncheon - Elders Hall 11:00am

ATTENTION!

Starting next month (November) we will return to the old formate of having birthday and community calendars. If you would like to have birthdays or special events listed on these calendars, please call or send submissions to Ginny Wesaw at the Administration Office. Submissions will be due by the 13th of every month.

Social Security Information - Elders update:

DID YOU KNOW?

There are currently 3.4 workers for each Social Security beneficiary. By 2030, there will be 2.1 workers for each beneficiary.

The Social Security Trust Funds have always been a separate fund of the government and not part of the general funds of the United States government.

As of December 31, 1999, there were 27,775,000 retired workers collecting Social Security retirement benefits.

OLDER AMERICANS ASKING NEW SOCIAL SECURITY QUESTIONS

By: John Coupe, District Manager

As more and more people are living longer and healthier lives, I am noticing that the Social security questions older Americans ask me are subtly changing. At one time the focus was on the benefit levels and getting their check on time. Today the questions are likely to include issues concerning work, investment income, marriage, adoptions and other activities generally associated with an earlier age.

To share information that may be of interest to other Americans I am repeating some of the most frequent questions I get.

My daughter is sick and I want to adopt her two-year-old son. How would this affect my Social Security benefits?

If you adopt your grandchild and you are already receiving benefits, the Grandchild would receive a child's benefit equal to 50% of the benefit amount you receive. However, it would not decrease your benefit amount.

I am 67 years old and thinking of getting married for the third time. My fiancee is also receiving Social Security. How will this affect our Social Security benefits?

Marriage will not affect the benefits of a person receiving benefits on his/her own work record. However, if a person is receiving benefits on another person's record, generally marriage will affect those benefits. Marriage does not affect widow's or widower's benefits if the marriage occurs after age 60.

There are some other exceptions to these general rules, and you should call Social Security to discuss your situation.

I am about to remarry at age 65. Will the fact that my prior wife is receiving a benefit on my record affect the rights of my current spouse?

No. The divorced wife qualifies for a benefit after 10 years of marriage to you and her benefits do not affect those of your current spouse.

Can I receive both Social Security and SSI?

Yes, if your income and resources are low enough to qualify for SSI payments.

I delayed signing up for Medicare's medical insurance until now. I'm 69 years old. Is it to late?

No, but it may cost more for you to sign up now. Generally there's a 10% surcharge for each year you could have signed up but did not.

How long will my benefits last?

Your retirement benefits continue for life. They may be suspended temporarily if your earnings exceed the retirement test, but no special application is required for them to resume once your earnings are within the earning limits.

John Coupe is the district manager of the Social Security office in Benton Harbor. You can write to him c/o Social Security Administration, 455 Bond St., Benton Harbor MI 49022. You can also call the national office at

(800)772-1213 from 7am to 7pm weekdays. If hearing impaired, call (800) 325-0778.

Social Security News Briefs By: John Coupe Social Security Administration District Manager

Change of Address

Changing your address? Even if you use direct deposit to get your monthly Social Security benefits, you'll still want to let Social Security know about it. That way you'll be sure of getting important information without delay. It's easy to let Social Security know your new address. Just Call 1-800-772-1213.

E-News From Social Security

Want all the latest news from Social Security? The next time you're on line just go to "http://www.ssa.gov" www.ssa.gov and sign up for the free electronic newsletter from Social Security called E-news. The news letter comes out once a month and has fast breaking news and other important information about the nation's old age, disability and survivors program. Why wait to get your information about Social Security from someone else, when you can get it first from Social Security? As of the July issue, there were over 75,000 subscribers aboard.

Social Security Is 65 And Still Growing

Social Security turns 65 on August 14, more robust and dynamic than ever. The Nation's largest benefit program in 1999 paid almost \$358 billion in Social Security benefits to approximately 45 million Americans, one out of six Americans. Changes are needed in the program so that it will continue to meet the needs of future generations.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS ELDER'S HALL USE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

OCTOBER 2ND GEROBICS - 10:00A.M. - 11:00A.M.

4TH GEROBICS - 10:00A.M. - 11:00A.M.

5TH ELDER'S BUSINESS LUNCHEON 11:00A.M. - 4:00P.M.

9TH GEROBICS - 10:00A.M. - 11:00A.M.

11TH GEROBICS - 10:00A.M. - 11:00A.M.
DIABETES CLASS - 11:00A.M. - 12:00 NOON
FOOT CLINIC - 12:00 - 4:00P.M.

14TH TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00A.M.

16TH GEROBICS -10:00A.M. - 11:00A.M. 7:00P.M. TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH ROB GIPS

18TH GEROBICS 10:00-11:00A.M. DIABETIC COOKING CLASS 11:00 - ?

19TH Elder's SOCIAL LUNCHEON 11:00A.M. - 4:00P.M.

23RD GEROBICS 10:00-11:00A.M.

25TH GEROBICS 10:00-11:00A.M. DIABETES CLASS 11:00-12:00 FOOT CLINIC - 12:00-4:00

26TH 7:00P.M. TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING



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