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The Pokagons Tell It

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february is national heart health month

Did you know that two out of every five Americans die from heart disease? That makes 2,500 Americans die every day from heart related diseases. We as Pokagon Band Members have the opportunity to learn how to prevent or monitor ourselves for these diseases. In our Health Services we can help you learn more about how to eat healthy with education through Nancy Appel, our Registered Dietician. We can also check your cholesterol and lipid panel to warn you of dangerous levels that make you high risks for Heart Disease. So start this year out right by calling us at the Pokagon Indian Health Services and set an appointment with one of our health staff to have your lipid Panel (Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, Triglycerides, Glucose) completed or phone our Dietician now to learn how you can improve your diet to help combat this disease in our community. Please call now at 1-888-440-1234 or 782-4141.

Do you know your blood cholesterol/lipid or hemoglobin level?

If not, maybe we can help you. Here at the Pokagon Potawatomi Health Services, we are equipped to measure all these levels and more. With just a simple finger stick, we can monitor your total cholesterol including HDL (good), LDL (bad), triglycerides, total cholesterol/HDL ratio, your glucose (blood sugar), and your hemoglobin (detects anemia or low iron). Knowing these levels can help us to help you understand and learn how to maintain and improve your health.

These are free services for our Pokagon Members. Call and ask for one of our nurses to set up an appointment. The nurses are also available to answer any questions you may have on how we can help you monitor your health. Help us promote a healthy Pokagon community. Please call, 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234.

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Pokagon Indian Health Services In South Bend Office On Thursdays

Pokagon Indian Health Services on Thursdays at the South Bend Satellite office are available by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call our Dowagiac, Michigan Health Office, toll-free at 1 (888) 440-1234.

Our Health Services offer many different programs such as Foot Care Clinic, Optical Eyewear, Healthy Start, or Contract Health, transportation, individual assessment, and patient registration and enrollment for the Health Services, or Contract Health Services. Because the South Bend Office is not a 5-day a week or primary office, you must request specific services in advance so that we can schedule personnel and equipment to be there for your appointment.

We appreciate your cooperation. Please phone us at 1-888-440-1234 or 782-4141 and ask for the specific program to meet your needs. We hope to see you soon.

FLU VACCINE AVAILABLE

(Free to Band members and households)

The Pokagon Indian Health Services will continue to administer the flu vaccine until our supply is gone. If you haven't had the flu vaccine this year, please phone our office and make an appointment with one of our nursing staff. We can also be available at the South Bend Office, by appointment. Just phone us at 1-888-440-1234 or 782-4141, and make an appointment for a free flu shot soon.



TRIBAL NEWS

South Bend Office Schedule
 425 N. Michigan St.,
 South Bend, IN 46601
 Ph: (219) 234-9114
 Fax: (219) 234-9306

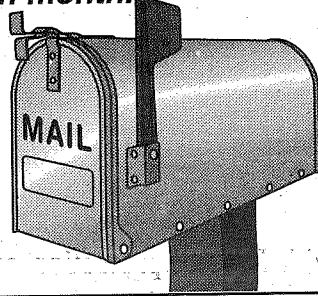
Tribal department representatives are available at the South Bend Office in accordance with the following schedule:

Monday	USDA Commodities
Tuesday	Housing/Social Services
Wednesday	Education
Thursday	Behavioral Health/IHS
Friday	Open

Behavioral Health and IHS direct services by appointment, please contact their respective Dowagiac offices to schedule appointments.

All newsletter submissions are due by the 12th of each month. Please mail them to:

Newsletter
 c/o Ginny Wesaw
 P.O. Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI.
 49047



ATTENTION

Tribal Council voted Saturday, December 11, 2000, to amend the 2.P.B.T.C. Enrollment Ordinance. Please be aware that the section regarding address changes now reads as follows:

2 P.B.T.C. Section 9 (C) (i)(b)

Address Changes - Notarized statements signed by tribal member or his/her duly authorized guardian, agent or representative. It is the duty of the member to provide a current mailing address to the Band's Enrollment Office. All correspondence from the Band will be mailed to the last address the member supplied to the Enrollment Office.

If you would like an Address Form from the Enrollment Office please call 1-888-782-1001 or 616-782-1763.

SAPC UPDATE

January 12, 2001

The three SAPC meetings scheduled since November 15th were canceled due to extreme winter weather and family health concerns for key participants. A lunch meeting with the co-chairpersons and Kenneth Antisdal was held Thursday, January 11th, to discuss scheduling SAPC meetings on a permanent basis. It was agreed to schedule future meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Behavioral Health Office at 6 p.m. The permanent schedule should help to give the SAPC more momentum in dealing with tribal issues concerning planning. The SAPC is working on land and resource use recommendations to Tribal Council, reviewing the application for a \$5,000 grant from the First Nations Development Institute's Eagle Staff Fund, and discussion of the upcoming economic development conference at the Mississippi Choctaw in late March.

Submitted by Thomas Morris

POKAGON BAND OFFICE LISTING

***Mailing address for office is:**
 P.O. BOX 180
 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047

***ELDER'S HALL/TRIBAL CHAIRMAN**
 53237 TOWN HALL ROAD
 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047
 (616) 782-6323 OR
 TOLL FREE (888) 376-9988
 FAX (616) 782-9625

***ADMINISTRATION,
 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND
 SOCIAL SERVICES**
 901 SPRUCE STREET
 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047
 (616) 782-8998 OR
 TOLL FREE (800) 517-0777
 FAX (616) 782-6882

***FINANCE**
 109 COMMERCIAL STREET
 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047
 (616) 782-0160 OR
 TOLL FREE (800) 658-9414
 FAX (616) 782-1028

***HEALTH SERVICES**
 210 SOUTH FRONT STREET
 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047
 (616) 782-4141 OR
 TOLL FREE (888) 440-1234
 FAX (616) 782-8797

***EDUCATION**
 901 SPRUCE STREET
 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047
 (616) 782-0887 OR
 TOLL FREE (888) 330-1234
 FAX (616) 782-0985

***HEAD START**
 701 SPRUCE STREET, UNIT B.
 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047
 (616) 783-0026
 FAX (616) 782-9795

***ENROLLMENT**
 104 NORTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE
 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047
 (616) 782-1763 OR
 TOLL FREE (888) 782-1001
 FAX (616) 782-1964

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
 P.O. BOX 795
 56332 M-51 SOUTH
 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047
 (616) 782-1142 OR
 TOLL FREE (877) 622-2663
 FAX (616) 782-1653

***FOOD COMMODITY PROGRAM**
 52366 M-51 NORTH
 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047
 (616) 782-3372 OR
 TOLL FREE (888) 281-1111
 FAX (616) 782-7814

SOUTH BEND OFFICE
 425 NORTH MICHIGAN STREET
 SUITE 108
 SOUTH BEND, IN. 46601
 (219) 234-9114 OR
 TOLL FREE (800) 737-9223
 FAX (219) 234-9306

***HOUSING AUTHORITY**
 714 NORTH FRONT STREET
 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047
 (616) 783-0385 OR
 TOLL FREE (877) 983-0385
 FAX (616) 783-0195

Tribal Council Nominations Open

Tribal Council is accepting nominations for an open "Member at Large" seat at the next council meeting, Saturday, February 10th, 2001 at 10:00 am.

Tribal Council members are paid \$60.00 per meeting.

ATTENTION ALL BAND MEMBERS

Finance Board Meetings will be held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Finance Office - 109 Commercial St., Dowagiac, MI. Meeting times are 5:00 PM Michigan time. The meeting schedule for February, 2001 is February the 8th and February 22nd.

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESIGNATION

On Saturday, January 13th, I resigned from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Tribal Council. From the time of election in 1999 to present, the dual roles of Tribal Councilperson and Tribal employee have proven to be unworkable. For several months, I have attempted to find employment outside of the Band that would allow me to continue attending the full agenda of Tribal Council meetings, but have been unsuccessful. I would like to thank all of you that have supported me in the past and I apologize to those that feel I have let them down by removing myself from the Tribal Council.

Sincerely,
Thomas Morris

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SURVEY

Dear Tribal Citizens;

The Traditions/Repatriation Committee was established to deal with the complex political and social issues that arise from Federal Legislation that regulates and safeguards cultural and natural resources found within aboriginal territory of the tribe.

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) requires federal agencies to take into consideration the impacts a project will have on the environment, including historic properties. Through this Act, tribes have the ability to protect properties that are significant both historically and culturally. NHPA provides funding for research and documentation of such properties, along with Federal protection once placed on the Federal Register of Historic Places.

Recently, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians received funding, through a grant from the National Parks Service (NPS), to create a long-term plan for Historic Preservation. To do this the committee needs input from the membership on what they feel is important both historically and culturally. This can include a wide range of different topics, as you saw in the survey mailed to each tribal citizen's home.

What was so important about another survey? This survey will guide the future of our Tribe by setting the goals for collecting the history of our ancestors. It will allow the Tribe to exert its Sovereignty by utilizing this Federal Law to protect our historic sites, culture, civil rights, freedom of religion, and our environment.

The survey was set up and mailed to each of our citizens' sixteen years and older to determine which topics our citizens feel have priority. As the surveys were returned, each was dated and numbered and then logged onto a spreadsheet to tally the responses. In order to rank the topics in order of importance to the tribal citizens, the responses were awarded a numerical value as follows:

- EXTREMELY IMPORTANT --- 4 PTS.
- VERY IMPORTANT ----- 3 PTS.
- NEUTRAL / NO OPINION ----- 2 PTS.
- NOT VERY IMPORTANT ----- 1 PTS.
- NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT ---- 0 PTS.
- NO RESPONSE ----- 0 PTS.

The score used for ranking each topic was arrived at by adding the total numerical values for each topic and then dividing that total by the number of surveys returned. The supporting demographic charts show where the survey responses came from and the number of responses by the various age groups.

Our history and our people are precious, we need to preserve both for the generations ahead to see the accomplishments and feel the pride that the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi has had for generations.

Respectfully;

Traditions Committee

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SURVEY 2000

RESULTS BASED ON 308 RESPONSES

ISSUES	Total Score	Rank
Archiving of Potawatomi language.	3.67	1
Acquiring & archiving documents & records pertaining to the Pokagon Band.	3.58	2
Locating & recording the location of Pokagon Band historical sites.	3.54	3
Archiving of oral histories as told by Pokagon Band Elders.	3.48	4
Acquiring & archiving publications & books pertaining to the Pokagon Band.	3.47	5
Archiving of craft skills as taught by Pokagon Band Citizens.	3.42	6
Adding Pokagon Band sites to Federal Historic Register.	3.36	7
Permitting Pokagon Citizen access to historical materials collected by the Band.	3.35	8
Locating & archiving the location of Pokagon Band Citizen's gravesites.	3.25	9
Archiving of oral histories as told by other Potawatomi Elders.	3.25	9
Maintenance of Pokagon Band Citizen's gravesites & markers in area.	3.24	11
Acquiring & maintaining cemeteries historically significant to Band Membership.	3.21	12
Acquiring & maintaining village sites historically significant to Band Membership.	3.18	13
Locating & retrieving Potawatomi artifacts from museums.	3.16	14
Locating & archiving documents concerning archeological sites in area.	3.07	15
Archiving of craft skills as taught by other Potawatomi Citizens.	3.05	16
Locating & retrieving Potawatomi artifacts from private collectors.	3.02	17
Acquiring & archiving documents & records pertaining to other Potawatomi.	3.02	17
Locating & archiving documents concerning Michigan & Indiana history.	2.98	19
Acquiring & archiving publications & books pertaining to other Potawatomi.	2.95	20
Archiving of oral histories as told by other Indian Elders.	2.76	21
Archiving of craft skills as taught by other Indians.	2.61	22
Acquiring & archiving documents & records pertaining to other Indians.	2.41	23
Acquiring & archiving publications & books pertaining to other Indians.	2.40	24
Locating & archiving documents concerning Catholicism's history in area.	2.13	25
Locating & archiving documents concerning Methodist's history in area.	1.98	26

RANKING BASED ON THE FOLLOWING SCORING SYSTEM FOR EACH SURVEY QUESTION:

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT - 4 PTS

VERY IMPORTANT - - - - - 3 PTS

NEUTRAL / NO OPINION - - 2 PTS

NOT EVERY IMPORTANT - - 1 PT

NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT - - 0 PT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SURVEY 2000

**REPLY DEMOGRAPHICS
(308 RESPONSES)**

Reply #'s by State	
Arizona	3
Arkansas	1
California	5
Colorado	1
Florida	11
Illinois	9
Indiana	49
Kentucky	2
Michigan	187
Minnesota	1
Missouri	4
Mississippi	1
North Carolina	3
New Hampshire	1
New Jersey	1
New York	1
Ohio	3
Oregon	1
South Carolina	1
South Dakota	1
Tennessee	2
Texas	1
Virginia	4
Washington	5
Wisconsin	4
Unknown	2

Reply #'s by Michigan County	
Allegan	9
Barry	1
Bay	3
Berrien	28
Branch	3
Calhoun	2
Cass	30
Clinton	1
Delta	1
Eaton	2
Genesee	3
Ingham	3
Isabella	2
Jackson	1
Kalamazoo	14
Kent	4
Lake	1
Leelanou	1
Macomb	1
Newago	1
Osceola	3
Oscoda	1
Otsego	1
Ottawa	2
St. Joseph	1
Van Buren	33
Washington	1
Wayne	5
Unknown	29

Reply #'s by Indiana County	
Allen	1
Elkhart	3
Hamilton	2
Jackson	1
Marion	2
Marshall	5
Miami	1
Morgan	1
Scott	1
St. Joseph	29
Unknown	3

Reply #'s by Age	
16-19	27
20-29	50
30-39	58
40-49	56
50-59	31
60-69	37
70-79	10
80+	2
Unknown	37

Reply #'s by Country	
United States	307
Germany	1

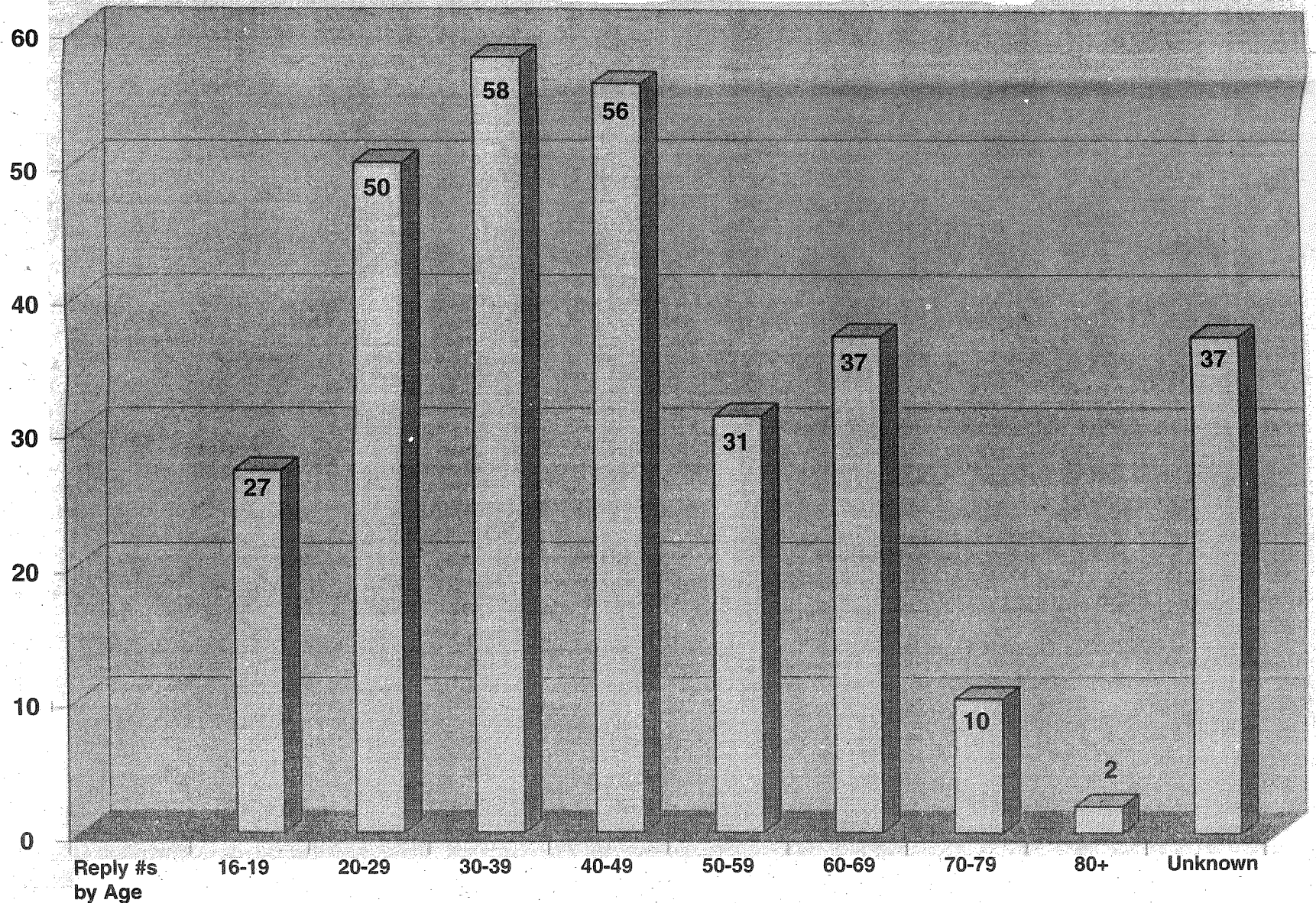
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(303 RESPONSES)

Reply #'s by Age Group

Age Group	# Replies	% of Age Group	% of Total Replies
16-19	27	12.1	8.8
20-29	50	10.9	16.2
30-39	58	13.1	18.8
40-49	56	18.4	18.2
50-59	31	17.0	10.1
60-69	37	45.7	12.0
70-79	10	21.7	3.2
80+	2	11.1	0.6
Unknown	37		12.0

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SURVEY 2000





HUMAN RESOURCES

POKAGON BAND TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES

In an effort to employ more Tribal Members in our offices the Human Resources Department has instituted a plan to employ Pokagon Band Members at our offices on a temporary "as needed" basis. This includes the South Bend office.

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

Only Tribal Membership completing application, participating in general interview, meeting needs of required background checks and references will be asked to participate in the "temporary pool". Rate of pay will be determined by the position being filled and meeting 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 our services.

Interested Tribal Members send cover letter stating interest as "temporary Employee". General interviews will be conducted by the Human Resources Coordinator.

SEND BY MAIL RESUMES TO:

Pokagon Band Temporary Staffing Services
Attn: Human Resources
P. O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO OFFER MY DEPARTMENT TO HELP YOU LOCATE WORK. My intention is to build a resource with local institutions whereby I may refer applicants to other businesses who are offering jobs. I have had local businesses contact me regarding employment opportunities for our Tribal Members and their businesses. By building a network of local entities I will be able to connect the two resources when possible.

If interested, I would very much like to hear from you. Please send a cover letter and resume by mail stating Alternative Employment Possibilities. I will contact you if an opportunity becomes available to refer you to the employer. Also if you would prefer to deliver your resume in person I welcome the opportunity to meet you. Please call me and we will set a time convenient for you.

782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777.

Putting Pokagon Tribal Members to work is my mission and I'll look forward to assisting you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Antisdell
Human Resources Coordinator

Send resumes by mail to:
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Attn: HRD
P. O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047



SOCIAL SERVICES

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR WINTER HEATING BILLS?

We now have funding for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This program is designed to provide a one time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months.

You MUST reside in the 10 County Service Delivery Area

To apply call or come into the Social Services Department at 901 Spruce St., Dowagiac (next to Burger King) phone number (616) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777.

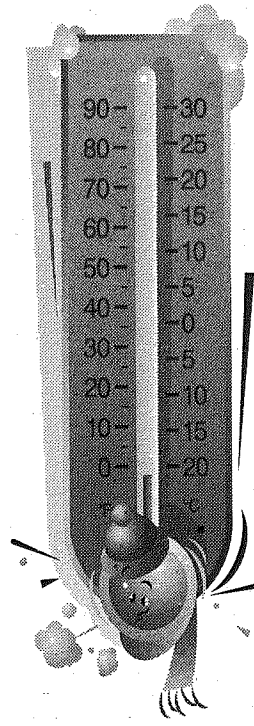
Proof of all household income is needed. This may be provided with the last 30 days of income or with 1999 Income Tax return.

Also bring the name and address of your heating provider.

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$18,414
2	24,079
3	29,745
4	35,411
5	41,077
6	46,743
7	52,408
8	58,074

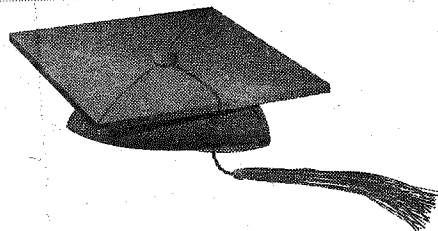
** For family units of more than 8 members, add 3% to 132% for each additional member, and multiply the new percentage by \$33,704.



February 2001

EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND OTHERS ENTERING COLLEGE FOR THE 1ST TIME



Many colleges and universities charge a small fee when students apply to their institution. Some students apply to two or three colleges. The Pokagon Band Education Department has funds to help you with your college application fees. We will pay these fees up to \$100.00 per student. The forms necessary for you to fill out before sending in your college applications can be obtained by calling us at (616) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234. Please send for forms before you begin the application process.

POW-WOW ETIQUETTE WORKSHOPS

The Pow-Wow season is quickly approaching. In anticipation of the annual Red Road Pow-Wow, the Education Department will be holding Etiquette workshops for all interested. Items to be covered include:

- Dance arena
- Explanation of drums
- Styles of dance
- Protocol for the dance circle
- An open question and answer period.

The workshop dates and times are as follows

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
March 7, 2001	Education Office (Dowagiac)	6-8 PM
March 14, 2001	South Bend Office	6-8 PM

Hello's & Thank You's

Hello, my name is Joan Olds. My family is from Hartford and I have three sons. I am with the Pokagon Band Head Start, under the W.I.A. program. I would like to thank the Tribe for giving me the opportunity to work with the children of our tribe. I would also like to thank the Education Department for the computer class and lab time. I hope to meet with all of you parents at the Head Start Open House.

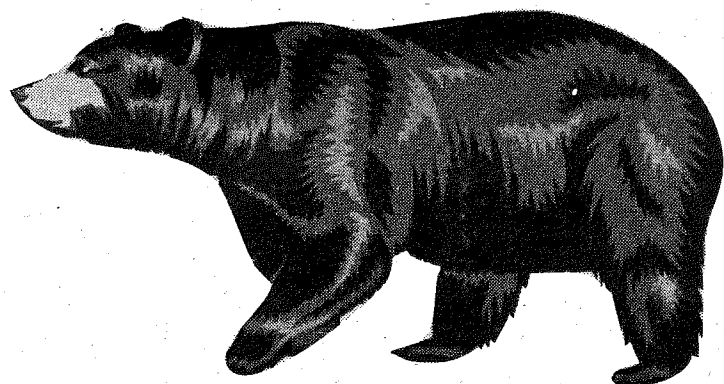
*Thank you,
Joan Olds*

Hello, my name is Patty Van Scoyk, I have been with the W.I.A. program through the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi for about a month now. I am bettering my education by taking typing classes and computer classes. They are also teaching me office skills, like filing and other secretarial skills in order to get a job in either the Pokagon Band or another secretarial position. The program has been very helpful and informative. I really enjoy working with the new people I have met.

*Thank you,
Patricia Van Scoyk*

Mko Gises

February



Bear Moon

Moons of the Year

Che Mko Gises	Big Bear Moon	January
Mko Gises	Bear Moon	February
Nme bne Gises	Trout Moon	March
Sisba kwet Gises	Maple Sugar Moon	April
Bgon Gises	No Snow Moon	May
Demem Gises	Strawberry Moon	June
Abte nib Gises	Half Summer Moon	July
Mink Gises	Blueberry Moon (Picking Huckleberries)	August
Zawbogyia Gises	Yellow Leaf Moon	September
Bna kwi Gises	Autumn Moon (Leaves Falling)	October
Giws Gises	Hunting Moon	November
Bbon Gises	Snow Moon	December

Winter Feast

Starting 11:00 A. M.

February 24, 2001

Elders Hall

53239 Townhall RD.

Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

The Pokagon Band Education Department is honored to be able to sponsor this cultural gathering

11:00 A.M. Jib kqu Sacred fire will be lit.

12:00 P.M. Women will bless the water and food offering to fire.

12:30 P.M. Pipe carriers offer their pipes.

The Pokagon Band Education and IHS is also honored to bring Aiesha and Earl Meshiguad Hannahville Band of Potawatomi, to share their knowledge of traditional healing/doctoring. Aiesha will be available for private consultations throughout the afternoon.

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 "ALL TIMES ARE TENTATIVE FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES!"
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For more information please contact the Pokagon Band Education Department ask for John Warren/Cultural Coordinator at 1-888-330-1234 or 616-782-0887.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS: SPECIALIZED TUTORING IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Education Department has hired a part time tutor trained to help students who have fallen more than a year below grade level in reading. Please call Kathy Deka, Education Director, at (616) 782-0887 for more information about this service. For those calling long distance the number is 1-888-330-1234.

Computer Labs:

Morning Open Labs

Monday and Thursday Mornings from 10:00 A.M.- 11:45 A.M.

Open labs are available to practice typing, browse the Internet, or to increase your computer related skills.

Afternoon Open Labs

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday Afternoons from 2:30-4:45 P.M.

Students are encouraged to attend these after school labs to access a computer for homework, or to relax and play educational games.

South Bend Office Computer Lab:

1/28/2001 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

This computer lab is for those living in the South Bend area, this is a good time to come in and try our computers and receive informal computer training.

Computer Classes:

Intro To Computers

1/6/2001 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

An introductory class for those who have never used a computer, that focuses on using a mouse, opening programs and navigating through a Windows based computer.

Intro To Computers II

1/13/2001 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

Continue practicing and learning how to use a computer, as we cover Windows accessories programs, utilities, and using a printer.

Intro to PowerPoint

1/20/2001 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

Learn how to use PowerPoint presentation software. PowerPoint is used by business professionals and educators to create presentations for their clients/students. PowerPoint can also be used by regular users for family slide shows and even to create animated stories for children. Those participating in the class will learn the basics so they will be able to create their own presentations.

Computer Job Seminar

1/27/2001 Evening: 6 P.M.-8 P.M.

Those interested in starting a career in the rapidly growing computer field should attend this seminar. You will learn what kind of job opportunities are available, as well as what training and education you will need to get a job in this booming occupational field. Information will be available that can help lead you to financial assistance and job training opportunities. Contact Daniel Porter, Information System Specialist/Instructor, to register for the seminar. Registration is required for attendance with limited availability, so sign up today.



Education Department
 901 Spruce Street, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
 Local: (616) 782-0887
 Toll Free: 1-888-330-1234



YOUTH PROGRAMS

ATTENTION STUDENTS GRADES 5-12!!!

AMERICAN INDIAN DANCE THEATER

Rich cultural heritage with elemental beauty and power.

The American Indian Dance Theatre is coming to the Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College. The Youth Programs department would like to invite you to join us Sunday evening February 25, 2001 at 7:00 PM for this cultural presentation.

We will be able to provide a limited number of free admissions to those who contact us. Parents and others are welcome to attend. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

Please contact Marie Willis at the education office for more information.

Beading Schedule

The February beading classes are scheduled as follows:

Dowagiac Education Department

Wednesday, February 7 6-8pm

Wednesday, February 21 6-8pm

South Bend Pokagon Office

Wednesday, February 14 6-8 pm

Wednesday, February 28 6-8 pm

Please note: If there is bad weather the day of a scheduled class, that class will be cancelled. Please call the Education Department to confirm the class schedule.

**"Science Alive" Program
Saturday, February 10
St. Joseph County Public Library
(Downtown, South Bend)**

The St. Joseph County Public Library is holding its annual "Science Alive" Program on Saturday, February 10 from 10am-4pm. During this time, children of all ages are invited to participate in "hands on" science experiments and a magnet exhibition from the St. Joseph Curious Kids Museum. Also, the five following programs will be presented by area scientists:

- 11 am "Getting Excited about Science"**
- Noon "Up Close with Indiana Critters"**
- 1 pm "Ready, Set, and Go with Chemistry"**
- 2 pm "Weather Alive" (with Channel 22)**
- 3 pm "Magical World of Science"**

Youth Programs will be taking a van from the Dowagiac Education Office at 9:30 am to go to the event. Interested students in grades 3-8 are invited to sign up. Please sign-up by calling the Education Department at 1-888-330-1234 by Wednesday, February 7.

Families are also invited to go to the "Science Alive" program on their own and then:

Meet Youth Programs for a "Science Saturday Lunch" at the Pokagon Band South Bend office from 12:30 pm-1:30pm.

The South Bend Pokagon Office is located in the Gateway Center at 425 N. Michigan Street.

Any family that is interested in participating in "Science Alive" and joining us for lunch should call Youth Programs at 1-888-330-1234 by Wednesday, February 7.

**Keepers of the Fire Youth Council Brainstorming Session
Thursday, February 22, 6:30-7:30 pm
Education Department, Dowagiac**

Past, present, and "thinking about it" Youth Council members are invited to a brainstorming session on Thursday February 22. The purpose of this meeting is to help plan a recruiting event such as a pizza party or a lock-in. The Youth Council will have a busy summer this year with a variety of projects so we need a strong group of junior high and high school students. We also want to plan for our participation in the National UNITY conference which takes place in Grand Rapids this year and which will give students the opportunity to meet other Native American students from throughout the United States.

Interested students who cannot make the February 22 meeting should contact Youth Programs at 1-888-330-1234 to receive more information about the Youth Council.

21st Century Scholars Program

8th grade students residing in Indiana are invited to apply for the 21st Century Scholars Program. This program guarantees the cost of eight semesters of college tuition at participating Indiana public colleges and universities or a reduction of the cost of college tuition at an Indiana private college. There are six different ways to meet the program's income enrollment requirements. Those interested in looking into the program are encouraged to pick up more information at either the Pokagon Band South Bend office or the Dowagiac Education Department. Applications can also be received by calling directly to the Office of Twenty-First Century Scholars at 1-800-992-2076 or by going online to scholars.indiana.edu

"Spring Break" College Visitations

Bay Mills Tribal College and Lake Superior State University Campus

Sault St. Marie, MI

Monday-Wednesday, April 2-4

High School students are invited to attend the trip to Sault Ste. Marie to visit Bay Mills and Lake Superior State University. Students will have an opportunity to speak with faculty and students involved in various academic programs. Interested students need to sign-up with Youth Programs by Friday, March 2.

Ball State University

Muncie, IN

Thursday, April 5

Junior High and High school students are invited to tour the Ball State campus. Students will receive information about admissions and financial aid. Students will have a chance to eat at one of the college dorms. Interested students need to sign up with Youth Programs by Friday, March 2. (First priority will be given to high school students)

Western Michigan University Campus Tour and Pow Wow

Kalamazoo, MI

Saturday, April 7

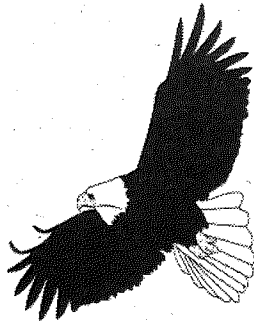
Junior high and high school students are invited to attend a campus tour of Western Michigan University in the morning and then attend the pow wow in the afternoon. Interested students need to sign-up by Friday, March 2. (First priority will be given to high school students.)



HEALTH NEWS

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! TO ALL POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

Did you know that Diabetes is more of a threat to our Native American Communities than any other disease in our history? In some tribal communities half of all adults have this serious disease. To better educate and inform our communities on prevention and control, we would like you to ask yourself these questions:



Has any members of your family been diagnosed with diabetes?
Have you felt more tired than usual?
Have you been urinating more frequently?
Do you have an increase in thirst, drinking more liquids than usual?
Have you felt light headed or shaky if you've missed a meal?
Have you felt compelled to keep a closer watch on your blood sugar level?

If you have answered yes to 3 or more of these questions, you may have hyperglycemia or Impaired Glucose Intolerance.

Your Pokagon Indian Health Services Diabetes Program is inviting you to call us and make an appointment to have your blood sugar checked. This is a simple test with results in seconds. Please phone our office at 1-888-440-1234 or 782-4141 and request an appointment with one of our medical staff, either in the I.H.S office or for your convenience we will schedule a visit to your home.

Nancy Appel, R.D.

Registered Dietitian

Offering Nutrition Services for Pokagon Band Members

Meal Planning for Diabetes Management
And
Strategies for Improved Blood Sugar Control

Diet counseling for Weight Management
(Customized to include preferred foods and lifestyle)

Diet Therapy for nutrition-related disease

Meal Planning for the Entire Family

Infant / Child Nutrition Education

Prenatal Nutrition Counseling

Nutrition classes also being offered to Elders
the 4th Wednesday of each month
11:00 a.m. @ Elders Hall

*Coming Soon in February (see separate entry in newsletter)
Exercise and Weight/Diabetes Management class for any
Pokagon Band members interested in attending on a
weekly basis (lunch hour)*

**For more information: Call Nancy @ Health Services:
(888)440-1234 or (616)782-4141**

Attention Diabetics

Do you know what your Hgb A1c is? This is a quick lab test that shows an average of what your blood sugar levels have been for the last three or four months. It will help you know how to better control your Diabetes. If you would like to know more about this specific lab, please phone our Pokagon Indian Health office and schedule an appointment to have one completed. We can determine this level with just a small finger stick and help you learn how to maintain or better control your Diabetes. Phone 1-888-440-1234 or 782-4141 to make an appointment with one of our Community Health Staff.

We Care ABOUT YOUR WELL-BEING!

New Glucometers

Volunteer clients reviewed a new glucometer, the Elite XL, produced by the Bayer Corporation. They liked it and we have decided to begin ordering this glucometer for our clients and to phase out other glucometers. The Elite XL more accurately reads both whole blood and plasma and requires a (much) smaller drop of blood to get the reading. This means more reliable data for diabetes self-management and less trauma to the client's finger. If you are interested in changing to the new machine, please phone Becky Price, RNC, at 1-888-440-1234, or 782-4141.

Also, we are planning a membership in-service soon, given by the Bayer Corporation Sales Representative, Doug Landis, for all those who are interested in learning more about the machine. Watch for more information and flyers for that date.

Ladies, come move to the music!

Work at your own pace!

Any fitness level is encouraged to attend.

BODY & SOUL

Ministries

BODY & SOUL is a complete fitness program including aerobics and strength training set to Christian music. Designed for all fitness levels.

**New Session Begins
Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:45 - 6:45**

Starting January 9th, 2001

**Federated Church
Center & Courtland Streets
Dowagiac**

Call the instructor for more information
Dori Keegan - 216 Bradley St., Dowagiac
782-8124

**\$2.50
per class**
(Several
discounts
available)



JUST A REMINDER...

There are some medical services that are excluded from (not paid for by) contract Health Services. In general, the following services are excluded:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Long Term Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nursing Home b. Foster Care 2. Home Health Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Vasectomy b. Tubal Ligation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Cosmetic Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cosmetic Surgery b. Obesity Services c. Cosmetic Dental Procedures 8. Substance Abuse Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Outpatient (Offered by Tribe) b. Inpatient-Detoxification 9. Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Outpatient (Offered by Tribe) b. Inpatient 10. Transplants 11. Selected Durable Medical Equipment 12. Alternative Medicine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acupuncture (Offered for stress reduction & adjunct to sub. abuse treatment) b. Therapeutic Massage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Workers' Comp. Injuries 14. Disability Evaluations 15. Second Opinion, (Unless Requested by CHS) 16. Dental Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bleaching b. Orthodontia, (Braces) 17. Alternative Funded Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Out-of-Network Services b. Available Under Other Insurance 18. Services to non-members 19. Artificial Insemination 20. Diet Prescriptions 21. TMJ |
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Staff from Contract Health Services will be available at the South Bend office every other Thursday, January 18th and February 1, 2001. Either Sue or John will be available to help you register for health services, answer questions about CHS, review your medical bills, and to schedule medical and dental appointments. Call the Dowagiac office (888) 440-1234, to schedule an appointment with us in South Bend. Drop ins are welcome as well.

ATTENTION ALL POKAGON BAND MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES!!!

With the start of this new year, we are offering a Nutrition/Exercise class that will be made available for all members, including employees working at the Pokagon Band Offices that are interested in participating during their noontime hour in a brief, nutrition instruction followed by 20-30 minutes of exercise.

The plan is as follows:

- 1) The class will be held at the Elder's Hall at 12:00 noon on **either** Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon.
(Please fill out form below to give your day preference)
- 2) Participant will bring their lunch to class and eat at a table during the 15 minute "Nutrition Tips" session (Note: participant has the option of eating lunch before class begins) Participants are encouraged to eat lunch prior to the exercise session, as this encourages more efficient weight-loss, but foods eaten should be healthy and "light" choices.
- 3) After nutrition instruction, participants will get up and exercise to a *low-impact, aerobics video that can be customized to participants exertion ability.
- 4) Class will last a total of 1 hour or less so that participants can return to work in a timely fashion. Wear or bring tennis shoes and attire that you are comfortable moving in.

*A **nurse** from the Health Services office will always be present
Instructor: Nancy Appel, Public Health Nutritionist, will be providing verbal instruction and written information for nutrition session.

Exercise Leaders: Volunteers (any age) that:

- **enjoy** exercising
- are **motivating**
- are **willing** to stand in the front line to
- **"lead"** other class participants

This is a great opportunity to get started (or continue on with) your individual weight loss or exercise program that there never seems to be time for during the day. It also will offer anyone with diabetes tips on how to manage the disease (and anyone at risk ways to prevent it). The class will be evolving according to the needs and desires of the participants, therefore YOUR input and feedback is very important! Please fill out the form below and send to Nancy (nutritionist) at the Health Office if you are interested in participating. Bring your friends and co-workers for "friendly" support. Remember, the more the merrier! We require a minimum of 10 members to sign up in order for the class to run.

Fulfill your New Year's Resolution to Improve your Health

Please clip on dotted line and return to Health Services Office, Attention: Nancy Appel, R.D., 210 S. Front Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047 or call:
(616)782-4141 or (888)440-1234, ext. 36.

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Day Preference **Tuesday** **or** **Wednesday** (please circle)
Volunteer for Exercise Leader **yes** **or** **no**
Other suggestions: _____

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ATTENTION ALL MEDICAID AND MEDICARE RECIPIENTS

If you are a Medicaid or Medicare recipient you may also be eligible to receive certain diabetic supplies through these programs if your physician writes you a proscription for the supplies. Only certain items are covered. Talk to your physician and pharmacist to see what items are covered for you.

If you are not receiving assistance from these programs and have exhausted all other avenues for assistance in purchasing your diabetic supplies, please call our Health Office and we will review your case and needs. If you have any questions please call our Health Office and ask for Becky Price, RNC, at 1-888-440-1234 or 782-4141.

Optical Update

The Optical Eyewear program has grown to over 350 clients. we are proud of this milestone and want to thank the Pokagon Indian community for making our Optical Program such a great success.

When you want an optical appointment, please notify our Optical Dispenser, Patricia Williams, one week in advance. This will assure that all needed paperwork will be completed and mailed out in an appropriate time frame. Patricia will continue to set Wednesdays aside as Optical Day in the Dowagiac Health office. She will also be available at the South Bend office on Thursdays by appointment only.

If you need to schedule an appointment on an alternate day or time, please phone Patricia and she will work with you to try to accommodate you. Phone Patricia at the Pokagon Indian Health Office at 1-888-440-1234 or 782-4141, ext. 22.

Pokagon Band
Indian Health Services
Optical Program



Please call Trish
for an appointment
1-888-440-1234
1-616-782-4141

Behavioral Health Classes

Classes are as follows: **INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT** **KIDS GROUP**
 Tuesday and Thursday Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
 5-8 p.m. 2-3:30 p.m.

****Transportation may be provided****
 Call Jeffrey Riley or Josie McGlothlin at (877) 622-2663

YOU CAN QUIT!
!SMOKING!
 Smoking Causes Cancer
 Smoking Stinks
 Smoking is Expensive

FIRST YOU PAY WITH YOUR MONEY!
THEN YOU PAY WITH YOUR HEALTH
Call For Help!
Indian Health Services
782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234
 We can help you quit!
 Please call

Pokagon Band
Foot Clinic
 Joy Duff, LPN, CHR

For Whom? All Pokagon Band Members
 When? 2nd Wednesday of each month
 Where? Elder's Hall, Townhall Rd.
 Dowagiac, MI

Also available for home visits for those that are homebound. Also available by appointment after monthly Elder's luncheon.

By appointment only.
 Call Pokagon Indian Health Services
 1-888-440-1234 or 1-616-782-4141

Care includes foot soak, nail care and massage



HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS

POKAGON BAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

EMERGENCY MORTGAGE AND RENTAL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Pokagon Band Housing Authority can assist households experiencing temporary mortgage and rental-based housing crises through the Emergency Mortgage and Rental Payment Assistance Program. In order to be considered for assistance, an applicant must submit the following items:

- A **completed** Pokagon Band Housing Authority Emergency Mortgage and Rental Payment Assistance Program application;
- Certification of a handicap or disability from two different sources (if applicable);
- Proof of Tribal enrollment (if applicable);
- Verification of status as the current or prospective holder of a lease or a mortgage for a property for which you are unable to pay a pending rental or mortgage payment; and
- Proof of income in the form of an income tax return. If you do not have this form, you must sign and notarize a statement indicating the reason why you did not file a tax return. The Housing Authority cannot accept wage stubs or W-2 statements as proof of income.

In order to receive program assistance, an applicant must:

- Meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of low-income (these figures vary by county and by household size -- please consult the Housing Authority regarding particular situations);
- Live in a situation that meets the definition of emergency outlined in the program's policy, including but not limited to situations involving involuntary displacement, substandard housing, or paying more than fifty percent (50%) of income toward a rent or mortgage payment;

- Live in a situation in which you are verifiably a lease or mortgage holder (persons who pay rent to close relatives are ineligible for assistance unless their arrest record or similar circumstances precludes any other type of living arrangement);
- Live in the Pokagon Band's ten county housing service area; and
- Submit a **completed** application (including all supporting documentation) to the Pokagon Band Housing Authority, 714 N. Front Street, Dowagiac, Michigan.

When allocating program resources, the Housing Authority will affix priority consideration to the following categories:

- Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians;
- The Elderly (persons age 55 and over);
- The Handicapped;
- Persons with very low household incomes;
- Families with minor children; and
- Veterans

The Housing Authority will distribute program resources until moneys reserved for the program are exhausted.

If you have any questions about the Emergency Mortgage and Rental Payment Assistance Program, please call Amanda Proctor, Director of the Pokagon Band Housing Authority, at (616)-783-0385. If you are elderly, homebound, or otherwise need assistance in completing the necessary forms, please contact the Housing Authority and we will arrange for a home visit.

Thank you in advance for observing these guidelines and for ensuring a fair distribution of Housing Authority resources.

POKAGON BAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Emergency Housing Program

The Pokagon Band Housing Authority can assist households experiencing temporary housing crises through the Emergency Housing Program. In order to be considered for assistance, an applicant must submit the following items:

- A **completed** Pokagon Band Housing Authority Emergency Housing Program application;
- Certification of a handicap or disability from two different sources (if applicable);
- Proof of Tribal enrollment (if applicable); and
- Proof of income in the form of an income tax return. If you do not have this form, you must sign and notarize a statement indicating the reason why you did not file a tax return. The Housing Authority cannot accept wage stubs or W-2 statements as proof of income.

In order to receive emergency housing assistance, an applicant must:

- Meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of low-income. These figures vary by county and by household size; please consult the Housing Authority regarding particular situations;
- Live in a situation that meets the definition of emergency outlined in the program policy, including but not limited to situations involving involuntary displacement, substandard housing, or payment of more than fifty percent (50%) of income toward rent or

mortgage;

- Assume occupancy of an emergency housing unit located within the Band's ten (10) county housing service area; and
- Submit a **completed** application (including all supporting documentation) to the Pokagon Band Housing Authority, 714 N. Front Street, Dowagiac, Michigan, 49047

The Housing Authority will assign priority consideration to the following categories:

- Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians;
- The Elderly (persons age 55 and over);
- The Handicapped;
- Persons with very low household incomes;
- Families with minor children; and
- Veterans

If you have any questions about the Emergency Housing Program, please call Amanda Proctor, Director of the Pokagon Band Housing Authority, at (616)-783-0385. If you are elderly, homebound, or otherwise need assistance in completing the necessary forms, please contact the Housing Authority and we will arrange for a home visit.

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POKAGON BAND HOUSING AUTHORITY
HOME REPAIR AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Pokagon Band Housing Authority is now accepting applications for assistance under its home repair and rehabilitation program. In order to be considered for assistance, an applicant must submit the following items:

- A **completed** Pokagon Band Housing Authority Home Repair and Rehabilitation Program application;
- Certification of a handicap or disability from two different sources (if applicable);
- Proof of Tribal enrollment (if applicable);
- Proof of ownership of the home in the form of a warranty deed; and
- Proof of income in the form of an income tax return. If you do not have this form, you must sign and notarize a statement indicating the reason why you did not file a tax return. The Housing Authority cannot accept wage stubs or W-2 statements as proof of income.

In order to receive rehabilitative assistance, an applicant must:

- Meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of low-income. These figures vary by county and by household size; please consult the Housing Authority regarding particular situations;
- Live in a substandard house as that term is defined in Title 25, Section 256 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Overcrowding, inadequate plumbing, heating, and electrical wiring typically characterize a substandard house;
- Live in the Pokagon Band's ten county housing service area;
- Live in a home that will pass an environmental inspection;
- Own the home proposed for repair and rehabilitation;
- Carry flood insurance if the home is located in a flood-prone area; and
- Submit a **completed** application (including all supporting documentation) to the Pokagon Band Housing Authority, 714 N. Front Street, Dowagiac, Michigan, 49047 by **5:00 pm on Friday, March 30, 2001**.

After March 30, the Board of Commissioners will review, rate, and rank all applicants, affixing priority consideration to the following categories:

- Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- The Elderly (persons age 55 and over)
- The Handicapped
- Persons with very low household incomes
- Families with minor children
- Veterans

The Housing Authority will then distribute program resources in rank order until moneys reserved for this particular cycle are exhausted. The Housing Commissioners reserve the right to reconfigure the rank order when an applicant's living environment presents an imminent health or safety risk.

The Housing Commissioners will initiate a new program cycle on or near April 1, 2001.

Please be advised, the Housing Authority must restore substandard homes to decent conditions; it cannot remodel, renovate, or modernize homes.

If you have any questions about the program, please call Amanda Proctor or Keith ("Butch") White of the Pokagon Band Housing Authority at (616)-783-0385. If you are elderly, homebound, or otherwise need assistance in completing the necessary forms, please contact the Housing Authority and we will arrange for a home visit.

Thank you in advance for observing these guidelines and for ensuring a fair distribution of Housing Authority resources.

February 2001

POKAGON BAND HOUSING AUTHORITY
HOME REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION PROJECT
funded by the
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

The Pokagon Band Housing Authority is administering a grant funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). This program differs from the Pokagon Band Housing Authority's Home Repair and Rehabilitation Program in three ways:

- The maximum allowable expense per home is \$2,500;
- Program funds can be accessed by non-Pokagon Native Americans;
- Program funds can be accessed by Home Repair and Rehabilitation clients who have already reached their \$35,000 threshold; and
- Program funds can be used to address features of the home that are not necessarily sub-standard.

In order to be considered for program assistance, an applicant must submit the following items:

- A **completed** Pokagon Band Housing Authority Home Rehabilitation and Preservation Project application;
- Certification of a handicap or disability from two different sources (if applicable);
- Proof of Tribal enrollment (if applicable);
- Proof of ownership of the home in the form of a warranty deed; and
- Proof of income in the form of an income tax return. If you do not have this form, you must sign and notarize a statement indicating the reason why you did not file a tax return. The Housing Authority cannot accept wage stubs or W-2 statements as proof of income.

In order to receive rehabilitative assistance, an applicant must:

- Meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of low-income. These figures vary by county and by household size; please consult the Housing Authority regarding particular situations;
- Live in the Pokagon Band's ten county housing service area;
- Live in a home that will pass an environmental inspection;
- Own the home proposed for repair and rehabilitation;
- Carry flood insurance if the home is located in a flood-prone area; and
- Submit a **completed** application (including all supporting documentation) to the Pokagon Band Housing Authority, 714 N. Front Street, Dowagiac, Michigan, 49047 by **5:00 pm on Thursday, March 1, 2001**.

After March 1, the Board of Commissioners will review, rate, and rank all applicants, affixing priority consideration to the following categories:

- Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- The Elderly (persons age 55 and over)
- The Handicapped
- Persons with very low household incomes
- Families with minor children
- Veterans

The Housing Authority will then use program resources to repair the ten, highest-ranking homes. The Housing Commissioners reserve the right to reconfigure the rank order when an applicant's living environment presents an imminent health or safety risk.

If you have any questions about the program, please call Amanda Proctor or Keith ("Butch") White of the Pokagon Band Housing Authority at (616)-783-0385. If you are elderly, homebound, or otherwise need assistance in completing the necessary forms, please contact the Housing Authority and we will arrange for a home visit.

Thank you in advance for observing these guidelines and for ensuring a fair distribution of Housing Authority resources.

- Four Wisemen -

(Excerpted from "Four Blocks, Twelve Push-ups"; used with the author's permission)

Indians always do things in fours. Well, I can't speak for all Indians doing all things; I can only recall what I was taught and what I saw reflected in the behavior of my kindred. And, the peoples' teachings are carried by the four winds to the four corners of the earth. Their words blow like leaves until, eventually, they are swept over the furthest of the four corners of the earth, and the only thing the Indian people can do is stand on the rim, watching those words cascade into the deep black and longing for the days before the whites turned the earthly plane sideways and saw it was actually a hoop. We Indian people seized that hoop, wove a web inside it, and told our children - and anyone else who cared to listen - that it would catch their dreams. I always turned that hoop in the palm of my hand until the luster of the metal ring, leather binding, sinew webbing, and glass beads intermingled and spun with the brilliance of a kaleidoscope - all the time wondering what sort of filter caught our words.

"Indian people always do things in fours," Grandpa Leonard was adamant about that point of Indian culture.

When my brother, Vincent, was an awkwardly overweight, church-going schoolboy (all these and lesser-included phases equally short-lived), he cried for days before begrudgingly accepting the unglamorized, peripheralized role of a shepherd in the Christmas Pageant at the Ponca Indian Methodist Church.

"Well, what did you expect to be, grandson?" Grandpa Leonard looked down as he loaded his pipe, deliberately avoiding a look at the boy's tear-stained face.

"A wiseman," Vincent choked out between gasps and sobs.

"Ahhh, a wiseman," the old man nodded approvingly. Grandpa Leonard most probably never had entered a church in his life, but I'm sure he must have pictured a wiseman as someone akin to an Indian medicine man.

"And who's kids were picked to be wisemen?" Grandpa Leonard's ears were always attuned to the political workings of the reservation. "I could probably tell you their last names before you remember them."

"Cornell Jacobs ... Snook Elliot ... ummm," Vincent groped for the name, "oh ya --- John Gibson."

"Who else?," Grandpa waited for more names to add to his swelling, inevitable diatribe that all jobs and benefits on the reservation were politically based and executed.

"Grannnnndpa," Vincent prepared to question his elder's grasp of the world, "there are only three wisemen."

"Three wisemen? Just three?" Grandpa was so invigorated by this piece of information that he looked up from his pipe and squared his eyes with the boy's.

The next night, as the motley crew of Indian children assembled in the community hall - adorned in the best possible recreations of nativity figures that the Salvation Army could supply - Grandpa Leonard waded through with his hand firmly resting on the shoulder of what must have looked to the others as a very ostentatiously dressed shepherd.

"Oh, my goodness," one of the non-Indian missionaries exclaimed as she spied the incongruent shepherd, "is this your shepherd's costume?"

"It's regalia, not a costume." Grandpa Leonard spent his life being so enraged over non-Indian people who referred to his traditional Indian clothes as a costume, that he now uttered those words in a reflex reaction, even though, on that night, Vincent really wore a costume. "And he's a medicine man."

"Wiseman," the little boy whispered as he turned and looked upward at his Grandfather.

"Like I said, he's a wiseman." Grandpa Leonard pushed Vincent toward the flustered woman who was now looking right and left for an Indian church leader who could diffuse the situation.

"But there are only three wisemen and Vincent knows he's to be a shepherd tonight." Finding no nearby Indian ally, the woman pleaded her own case.

"No, you're wrong." When all else failed, Grandpa invoked his status as an elder knowledgeable in all things Indian. He swept his hands through the air and postured in a way familiar to all who knew him. He spoke slowly and declaratively. "Indians only do things in fours," he told the woman who, starved by her own quest for Indian knowledge, now listened intently. "When God works in Indian country, he brings four wisemen."

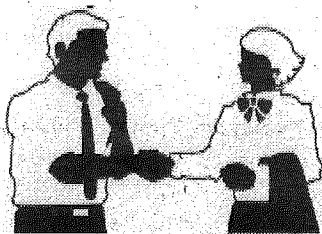
And, Grandpa Leonard must have been right because the Ponca people who attended the pageant that night - even those people so steeped in Christianity and so far removed from Indian culture that they wouldn't know a moccasin from a cowboy boot - nodded vigorously and even called out in approval as the fourth, somewhat bedraggled wiseman jointed the processional on stage.

The Pokagon Band Housing Authority

In conjunction with

Notre Dame Native American Law Student Assoc. &

Native American Students at Notre Dame



Will Present a
Tax Clinic

Free of charge

The Housing Authority Staff Members
And Notre Dame Students
Will help prepare and mail or e-file your taxes

Saturday February 17th

At the
South Bend Office
425 N. Michigan St. Suite 108
10:00 am- 3:00 pm

Saturday February 24th

At the
Dowagiac Housing Office
714 N. Front St.
10:00 am- 3:00 pm

Refreshments will be served
Please call Melissa at the Housing Authority office
For more Information
(616) 783-0385 or (877) 983-0385

INJURY PREVENTION

ALERT

**SMOKE ALARMS DO NOT WORK
IN ABOUT 16 MILLION HOMES**

The U.S. Consumers Product Safety Commission (CPSC) suggests consumers test their smoke alarms to ensure that they work properly. The start and end of daylight savings time are good reminders.

- Fire is the second leading cause of unintentional death in the home. Each year nearly 3,200 people die in residential fires. There are more than 390,000 residential fires serious enough to be reported to fire departments.
- About 90 percent of U.S. households have smoke alarms installed.
- A CPSC survey found that smoke alarms in 20% of those households - about 16 million - were not working because the battery was dead or missing.
- Batteries should be replaced at least once a year or when they make a "chirping" sound.
- Long-life smoke alarms with 10-year batteries should be tested monthly.
- CPSC recommends consumers place a smoke alarm that meets the requirement of Underwriter Laboratories (UL) standard on each level of multi-story homes outside sleeping areas and inside bedrooms.

Note: To report a dangerous product or product-related injury call the CSC Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or the teletypewriter at (800) 638-8700. Source: News from CPSC

Michigan Department
of Community Health
MDOCH



MEETING MINUTES

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2000

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:01a.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Tom Morris, Alice Overly, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Faye Wesaw, John Miller, John Warren, Marie Manley, Trudy Loeding, Marj Reno (arrived at 10:10a.m.) and Henry White (arrived at 10:07a.m.)

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

RESOLUTION #1 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Faye Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians hereby requests to contract with Bemidji Area Indian Health service for the year 2001 to provide Health related services under the authority of P.L.93-638 and authorizes the submittal of a contract proposal to the Bemidji Area Office, Bemidji, Minnesota.

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		

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

RESOLUTION #2 made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Trudy Loeding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the recommendation of the Pokagon Band Health Board and approves the Job Descriptions for the Receptionist and the Health Services Social Worker.

John M.	Y	Tom M.	Abstain	Marj R.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Henry W.	Y	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 #3 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves of a staff Christmas luncheon to be held on Thursday, December 21st at Fireside inn in Stevensville, Michigan. Cost to be approximately \$701.25.

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

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

RESOLUTION #4 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance as presented on 12/09/00 and as hereto attached.

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		

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

RESOLUTION #5 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Marie Manley.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Grant Administration Policy presented by the Finance Board on 12/09/00.

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		

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

RESOLUTION #6 made by Alice Overly and 2nd John Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the applications for enrollment of the people as presented this day December 09, 2000.

Case, Angeline A.		Miller, Sean W.	
Dailey, Seth D.		Molnar, Matthew V.	
Henson, Crystal A.		Morseau-Ketola, Isaac	
Mahoney, Jacob D.		Rabb, Gaven C.	
Miller, Kaylann M.		Smith, Sarah	

John M.	Abstain	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Henry W.	Abstain	Faye W.	Y
John W.	Y	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 Alice Overly and 2nd by Trudy Loeding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council rejects the applications for enrollment of Helen L. Mangin presented this day December 09, 2000 for lack of lineal descent.

ment of Helen L. Mangin presented this day December 09, 2000 for lack of lineal descent.

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		

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

RESOLUTION #8 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi approves the proposal to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration from a three (3) year grant of \$268,551.00 (\$89,517 per year) for the benefit of the Behavioral Health Department.

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		

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

RESOLUTION #9 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Tom Morris.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Pokagon Tribal Council authorizes the attached professional service agreements, securing the services of James Edward Conrad, Jr. and Gene Copeland as part-time, temporary security guards for the Gage Street property.

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

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

RESOLUTION #10 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision to send Tribal Council members, John Warren, Henry White and Marj Reno along with Executive Secretary, Kelly Curran and Clarence White, pipe Carrier and Paul Jackson, Veteran to the Three Fires Gathering to be held December 4th - 7th with travel days being December 3rd and December 8th, 2000. Hotel and per diem to be approximately \$2660.00. Report to be submitted upon return.

John M.	Y	Tom M.	Y	Marj R.	Abstain
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: 8, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN: 3. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #11 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision approving travel for Tara Painter, Youth Specialist and Brittany Rangel a Pokagon Band Youth to attend the Three Fires Conference 2000 on December 4-7. The conference is being held in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. A copy of Ms. Rangel's emergency medical release form will be left with Kathy Deka, Education Director. Travel cost is limited to the use of a GSA vehicle and incidental money of \$100.00.

A scholarship has been awarded by Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for mileage, meals, ferry tickets and three nights stay at the Sault Tribe's Sugar island Culture Camp. A report to be submitted upon return.

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

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

RESOLUTION #12 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Alice Overly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision approving travel for John Warren, Cultural Coordinator to attend the Three Fires Conference 2000 from December 3-7. The conference is being held in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Travel cost includes the use of a GSA vehicle to be charged to the Education Department. A report to be submitted upon return.

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

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

RESOLUTION #13 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by John Warren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision to donate \$50.00 to Meals on Wheels in Amarillo, Texas in Memory of Rob Wyre's father.

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		

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

RESOLUTION #14 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves travel for up to six (6)

Tribal Council members to attend a meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 18th to meet with Larry Morrin on Land in Trust. Per diem to be provided by the Band.

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

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

RESOLUTION #15 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to pay each full time employee the sum of \$125.00 each as a Christmas bonus. Christmas bonus to be paid through BIA program expense budgets.

John M.	Y	Tom M.	Abstain	Marj R.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Henry W.	Y	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 #16 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marj Reno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves to sponsor the Pokagon Band Bowling Team up to \$150.00 for bowling shirts.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
URBAN DESIGN LETTER AGREEMENT
ED NEWINGTON ASST. CONTRACT
LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT
DECEMBER 20, 2000 - 6:00P.M.

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:15p.m. by Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary

Invocation Given by: None given.

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Marj Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding and Henry White

Absent: Tom Morris and John Warren (other meeting already scheduled), Alice Overly (ill) and John Miller (family commitment).

Also in Attendance: Christine Daugherty, Health Director.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Trudy Loeding

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves Matt Wesaw Contract for Law Enforcement as amended.

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

ALL IN FAVOR: 6, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 4, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council hereby approves the contract with Lee Memorial Hospital/Ed Newington Personal Assistance Services.

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

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

RESOLUTION #3 made by Henry White and 2nd by Trudy Loeding
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE POKAGON BAND
OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
ADOPTED AT A MEETING HELD
ON DECEMBER 20, 2000

WHEREAS, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians (the "Band") is a federally recognized Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Band was recognized by Congress as a restored Tribe pursuant to the Pokagon Restoration Act, 25 U.S.C. ss 1300j et seq.; and

WHEREAS, this Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians (the "Council") is the duly recognized governing body of the Band and is a federally recognized Indian tribal government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority and responsibility to provide for the general welfare of the Band, the Band is developing a proposed gaming facility in New Buffalo, Michigan (the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, the Band wishes to retain Urban Design Group, Inc. to provide preliminary design and other services pursuant to the letter agreement attached as Exhibit A, with related attachment (the "Letter Agreement");

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

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

RESOLUTION #17 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Faye Wesaw.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves travel for Henry White to attend a Michigan Taxation Agreement Meeting on December 12th, 2000. Travel days to be Monday, December 11th and Wednesday, December 13th. Total costs to be approximately \$220.00. Report to be submitted upon return.

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

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with voice approval at 3:37p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Band approve the form of the Letter Agreement, as presented to Council and attached hereto, and the Chairman of the Pokagon Council and the Secretary of the Pokagon Council, acting jointly, are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Letter Agreement, and without need for further Council Action, and to take such further actions as may be necessary to effectuate that agreement; and

That the Band expressly waives its sovereign immunity from suit for the purpose of permitting or compelling arbitration as provided in the Letter Agreement, and consents to be sued in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan n Southern Division, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court for the purpose of compelling arbitration or enforcing any arbitration award or judgment arising out of that Letter Agreement. If the United States District Court lacks jurisdiction, the Band consents to be sued in the Michigan State Court system for the same limited purpose. The Band waives any requirement of exhaustion of tribal remedies. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Band expressly authorizes any governmental authorities who have the right and duty under applicable law to take any action authorized or ordered by any such court to give effect to any judgment entered; provided, however, that in no instance shall any enforcement of any kind whatsoever be allowed against any assets of the Band other than the limited assets of the band specified in Section 11.d.(i) of the Letter Agreement. The Band appoints the Chairman of the Pokagon Council and the Secretary of the Pokagon Council as its agents for service of all process under or relating to this Agreement. The Band agrees that service in hand or by certified mail, return receipt requested, shall be effective for all purposes under or relating to this Agreement if served on such agents.

That the Letter Agreement hereby authorized shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the federal law of the United States and the law of the State of Michigan.

That it is the intent of this Council that this Resolution, and the actions taken by tribal officials pursuant to this Resolution, are authorized under applicable tribal law and that the Resolution and such actions taken hereunder, including execution of and performance under the Letter Agreement, be binding upon the Band in the future, whether or not a tribal constitution is adopted under 25 U.S.C. ss 1300j-4(a) or the Indian Reorganization Act as amended.

That this Resolution take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Chairman, and I, the undersigned Secretary of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, do hereby certify that a meeting of the Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians was duly called on December 20, 2000, and do further certify that the presence of a quorum of the Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians was determined by a roll call taken and recorded at the beginning of the meeting, and that the foregoing Resolutions were read into the record prior to being voted upon at the meeting, that the foregoing Resolutions were duly moved, seconded and adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members who at the time of the vote constituted a majority of the 11 members of the Tribal Council then present and voting.

Dated: December 20, 2000

ATTEST:
John Miller, Chairman
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Marie Manley, Secretary
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

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

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Faye Wesaw with voice approval at 6:52p.m.

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Secretary

Clarence White
Treasurer

Henry White, Jr.
First Representative

Rachel (Rae) Daugherty
Second Representative

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 2, 2001 - 7:00P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00P.M. BY: John Miller, Tribal Chairman

INVOCATION GIVEN BY: John Miller

ROLL CALL: Ernie Daisy, Tom Morris, Alice Overly, Marj Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Miller, Marie Manley, Henry White, Faye Wesaw and Trudy Loeding.

ABSENT: John Warren (family illness).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Board of Commissioners - Paul Jackson, Jeffrey Riley, Pam Mersereau, Bob Linn, Kenneth Antisdell (arrived at 7:05p.m.), Ron Morseau and Housing

Date: November 2, 2000
Membership popular vote-20

ELDERS COUNCIL
RESOLUTION # 00 - 018

Resolution made by: Mary Jo Morris

Resolution seconded by: Marge Moody

RESOLUTION:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council shall adopt the amended By-Laws as here to attached; with a membership popular vote at the Elders Council Business Meeting November 2, 2000.

Gerald Wesaw	Y	Mary Jo Morris	Y	Clarence White	Y
Marge Moody	Y	Rachel Daugherty	Y		

All IN FAVOR: 5 OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT:0
ADOPTED

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Section 1

Who May Propose By-Laws Changes.

Any Elders Council Member or Officer may propose changes to the Elders Council By-Laws, provides that the proposed changes are presented to the Officers in enough time to meet the mailing requirements in Section 2(A) below.

Section 2.

Requirements for Proposing Changes.

Except as provided in Section 4 and 5 below, amendments to the Elders Council By-Laws may be made only at the Annual Meeting of the Elders Council. Before amendments may be voted on at the Annual Meeting, the Officers must:

(A) Mail out any proposed changes to the By-Laws to the Elders Council Membership at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to any proposed changes being read at a regular Elders Council Meeting; and

Director - Amanda Proctor, Legal Staff n Fred Schubkegel (arrived at 7:10p.m.).

ISSUES AT HAND:

DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE/LAND CONTRACTS vs. MORTGAGES

COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

BLOSSOM DESIGN ADDITION TO CONTRACT

CONCEPTUAL LAND USE PLANS FOR HARTFORD

GUARDS AT GAGE STREET AND COMINGLING OF FUNDS

Motion to Adjourn was made by Faye Wesaw and Marie Manley with voice approval at 9:55p.m.

(B) Read the proposed changes to the By-Laws at no less that two (2) consecutive Regular Meeting(s), with the first reading to take place at least sixty (60) calendar days before the Annual Meeting and the second reading to take place at least thirty (30) calendar days before the Annual Meeting at which a vote on the changes is to be taken.

Any revisions or amendments to the proposed changes made from the time the proposed changes are mailed out to Membership to the time the proposed changes are voted upon at the Annual Meeting shall be treated as part of the original proposed changes and shall not need to meet the requirements of Subsections (A) and (B) above.

Section 3. Vote Required.

Except as provided in Sections 4 and 5 below, revisions to the Elders Council By-Laws require a majority vote of Elders Membership present at The Annual Meeting.

Section 4. Requirements to Change the By-Laws at Meetings Other than the Annual Meeting.

In order to protect the welfare, peace or safety of the Elders Council and Membership, the Elders Council By-Laws may be changed at any duly called open meeting of the Elders Council if:

(A) The proposed change is presented in writing;

(B) A majority of the Elders Council Membership present at any such meeting agree to vote on the proposed By-Laws change; and

(C) Three-fourths (3/4) of the Elders Council Membership present at any such meeting further vote affirmatively to accept the proposed change.

Section 5. Changes in Pokagon Band Law.

AS stated in Section 14 (A) of the Elders Council Ordinance, the Elders Councils By-Laws may not violate Pokagon Band Law. Any change to the By-Laws, therefore, required by amendment to the Elders Council Ordinance or by other provisions of Band Law shall take effect immediately and without the requirements established in Section 1 through 4 of this article

November 02, 2000 Elders Council
Membership Mtg.

Popular Vote all in favor: 20 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Marchell Wesaw went over the Elder's Council Ordinance amendments with membership and they agreed to vote on a resolution today. Resolution #00-019 dated November 2, 2000 made by Marge Moody, seconded by Rae Daugherty. NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED: That the Elder's Council proposes the attached additions to be incorporated into the Elder's Council Ordinance with a membership popular vote and being approved by Tribal Council. Membership popular vote all in favor: 20 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Marge Moody had a sign up sheet for a trip to the Van Andel Museum in Grand Rapids. There was also a sign up sheet for the American Indian Dance Theatre at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center February 25, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Clarence White informed membership that there will be a Three Fires get together December 4-7, 2000 in Sault Ste. Marie Michigan. A tentative agenda was faxed and there was a sign up sheet.

A resolution was read for the Elder's Annual Report. Resolution #00-020 dated November 2, 2000 made by Marge Moody seconded by Rae Daugherty. NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED: Elder's Council recommends that the Elder's Council Chairperson prepare an Annual Report; being mailed to membership thirty (30) calendar days before the Elder's Council Membership Annual meeting held in September. All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

A resolution was read for the Elder's Medicare Part B. Resolution #00-021, dated November 2, 2000 made by Marge Moody, seconded by Rachel Daugherty. NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED: Elder's Council and membership is proposing an amendment to Elder's Council Resolution #00-005 dated March 2, 2000; hereto attached. The words added to read: Any increases in Medicare Part B shall be in effect as per Social Security regulations. Membership popular vote all in favor: 22 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Announcement:

Thanksgiving luncheon November 16, 2000 11:00 a.m. at Elder's Hall

Rae Daugherty moved to adjourn at 12:30 p.m., seconded by Marge Moody. All in favor "aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by: Mary Jo Morris, Elder's Council Secretary

11-9-00

MINUTES POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2000 11:00 A.M.

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.

Gerald Wesaw called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Clarence White gave the invocation.

Roll Call

Present: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Clarence White, Mary Jo Morris, and Rae Daugherty

Attendance: 28 Elders

Addition to agenda: Medicare Part B

Marge Moody moved to approve the agenda of November 2, 2000, with addition. Seconded by Rae Daugherty. All in favor: "aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Marge Moody moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2000. Seconded by Rae Daugherty. All in favor: "aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Becky Price, RNC informed membership that if we want to make an appointment for acupuncture call Stephanie Ballew's office. Indian Health Services has a new type of glucometer and if you want to switch, call Becky. Becky also introduced a new CHR, Cindy Rapp.

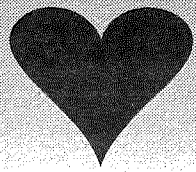
Gerald Wesaw read a letter her received stating the Language Committee and Education Departments are holding a workshop and dinner for those who wish to preserve the Potawatomi language. This will be held on Sunday November 19, 2000 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Elders Hall.

Gerald Wesaw asked membership if they wanted to make a donation to the American Diabetes Association. John Warren is running a marathon as a Team Diabetes Member. There were 16 yes votes. A resolution will be made at a later date.

Marchell Wesaw went over the Elder's Council By-Laws amendments with membership and they agreed to vote on a resolution today. Resolution #00-018, dated November 2, 2000. Made by Mary Jo Morris, seconded by Marge Moody. NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED: That the Elder's Council shall adopt the amended By-Laws as hereto attached; with a membership popular vote at the Elder's Council Business meeting November 2, 2000. Membership

February Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				11:00A.M. - 1 4:00P.M. ELDERS BUSINESS MEETING AND LUNCHEON	2	12:00P.M.- 5:00P.M. BASKET COOP
4	10:00A.M.- 5 11:00A.M. GEROBICS	6	10:00A.M.- 7 11:00A.M. GEROBICS	Finance Board 8 Meeting 5pm Finance Office 109 Commercial St., Dowagiac	9	10:00A.M. 10 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
11	10:00A.M.- 12 11:00A.M. GEROBICS	13	10:00-11:00A.M.14 GEROBICS 10:00A.M.- 4:00P.M. FOOT CLINIC	15	16	12:00P.M.- 17 5:00P.M. BASKET COOP
18	10:00A.M.- 19 11:00A.M. GEROBICS	20	10:00A.M.- 21 11:00A.M. GEROBICS	Finance Board 22 Meeting 5pm Finance Office 109 Commercial St., Dowagiac 7:00P.M. TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING	23	ALL DAY 24 WINTER FEAST - EDUCATION
25	10:00A.M.- 26 11:00A.M. GEROBICS	27	10-11:00A.M. 28 GEROBICS 11:00-11:30A.M. ELDERS NUTRITION CLASS	All Events are at Elder's Hall unless otherwise noted.		

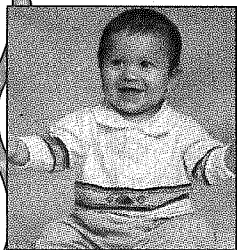


February Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 <i>James Kelley Dawn Lewis</i>
4 <i>Bill Lewis</i>	5 <i>Maureen Shagonaby Kelly Curran</i>	6	7 <i>Theresa Wesaw Susie Morseau Georgie Morseau Priscilla Williams Thom Shaer Justin Lewis</i>	8 <i>Joseph Guillermo Shelby Thomas</i>	9 <i>Sierra Temple Jim Lewis</i>	10 <i>David Wilkerson Jeanette Brown Kara Genereaux Christy Swisher</i>
11 <i>Sandra Gatties Angela Kelley David Helmke</i>	12 <i>Edna Faye Wesaw Richard Kelley</i>	13 <i>Derek Beavers Corey Price Steve Winchester</i>	14 <i>Briana Musel</i>	15 <i>Joseph Morseau Gail White</i>	16 <i>Kenneth Antisdell Bill Klemm, Sr. David Robinson</i>	17 <i>Angel Morseau</i>
18 <i>Jeannie Wesaw Jeff Klemm Kim Braxton Kara Braxton Kelly DeRose David Swisher</i>	19 <i>Renee Brown</i>	20	21	22 <i>Francis Wesaw Maxine Margiotta Georgia Davidson Erin Genereaux</i>	23	24 <i>Joseph Winchester</i>
25 <i>Codie Grigsby</i>	26 <i>Bobby Linn, Jr.</i>	27 <i>Michaelann Gartner Carlos Hernandez</i>	28 <i>Tom Soule</i>			

Announcements..

Happy 1st Birthday
David "Frog" Robinson



February 16,
2001
We love you!!

Mom, Dad, Chris, Ryan,
Grandpa & Grandma Lewis
and all your family.

Happy "B" Day
Thom Shaer
February 7th
30-"Something"
Love you.

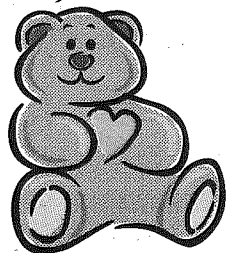
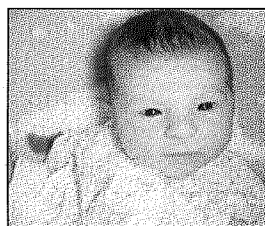
Happy Birthday
December 21st
"Matt-Man" Shaer
#14
Sorry this is late -
but we love you.

Happy Belated Birthday
Paula Genereaux
January 6th
We love you.
Jeffrey, Bobby, Rhian, Joey and MOUSE

New Arrival

Justin Edward Williams
born December 8, 2000
8 lbs., 2 oz.

Parents:
J. Edward Williams, IV - Jill Williams



Happy Birthday
Charisty Sue Swisher
February 10th
Love always,
Mom & Dad, Grandpa & Uncle

Happy Birthday
David Daniel Swisher
February 18th
Love always,
Mom & Dad, Grandpa & Uncle

Happy Birthday
Cindy Rapp
Sam Rapp

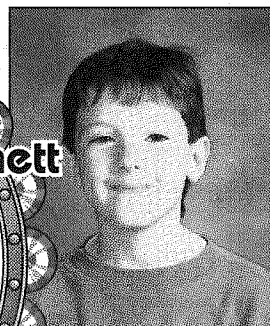
From Auntie Bette
Morseau & Dee Mix

Happy
Valentine's Day Sis -
Dee Mix!
From Sister
Bette Morseau

Happy Belated
Birthday
Nicholas "Nickey" Bennett

January 9th
We love you,

MoMo & Pawpy, Mom, Dad,
Coty, Bobby, Jeffrey, Rhian,
Joey, Audri, Loni Casey,
Marci, Jacob, Doodles
and Mouse



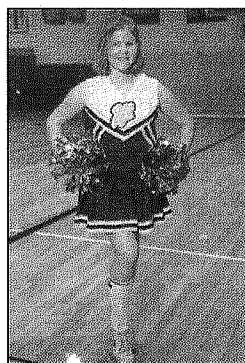
Happy 17th Birthday
Thomas M. Shaer
January 16th
Love you.

Watervliet Middle School
"Student of the Week"

Watervliet Middle School and the eighth-grade team were proud to present Rhian Nelson as "Student of the Week" for January 3, 2001.

Rhian is the daughter of Jeffrey Riley and David Nelson. She has two sisters, 2-year old Joey and Megan who is a Hartford eighth-grader.

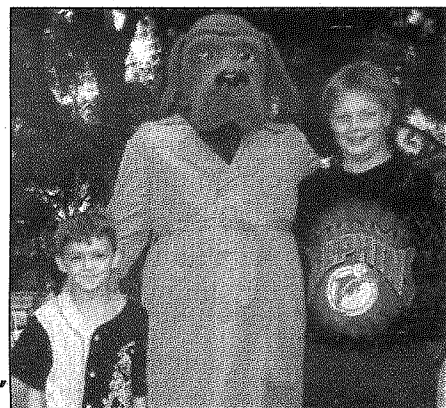
When Rhian isn't studying, she spends her time watching movies and shopping. Her favorite movie is Austin Powers and her favorite store is Old Navy. Her many extra-curricular activities include cheer-leading, softball, basketball and volleyball. She also likes travelling with her family to Texas to visit her aunt and do more shopping.



Happy Birthday
Joe G. Starrett
Big 19 years
Dec. 5, 1981

Justin C. Starrett
Big 13 years
Dec. 11, 1987

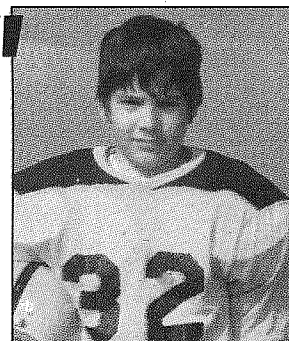
Mom, Aunt Pork, Uncle
Leroy, Uncle Mark, Uncle O,
plus Janet and Robert



HAPPY 32ND "Bo"
BIRTHDAY

February 26th

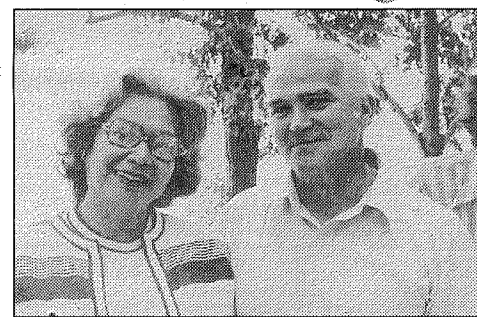
We love you,
Jeffrey & Girls, Casey, Mom, Dad,
Kelli, Ray, Nickey, Coty, Marci,
Jacob and MOUSE



I'd like to take this time to thank Kenneth Antidel and Pokagon Band for giving me the chance to serve our people and better myself at the same time.

Sincerely,
Joan M. Olds

In Loving Memory



Mike
Daugherty

June 8, 1921 -
February 18, 1994

Your Family

Happy Birthday Son
17 Years Old David Helmke
Love Mom and Jimmy

February 11th
Happy Birthday Brother David Helmke
Love Derreck Collett

Happy Valentine's Day to David & Derreck
Love Always, Mom

Happy Belated Birthday
Amanda Mix
December 20th - 14 Years Old
Love, Auntie Carol, David & Derreck

Happy Belated Birthday
Heather Mix
January 3rd - 11 Years Old
Love Auntie Carol, David & Derreck