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Nancy Appel, R.D. Public Health Nutritionist

For individualized nutrition counseling call

Nancy at Health Services
(616) 782-4141 / (888) 440-1234, ext. 36

Offering Nutrition Services for Members:

Diabetes Management

Learn how to improve your blood sugars by using diabetic meal planning.

Weight Management

Learn weight loss strategies, what your required caloric intake should be, and how exercise and other metabolism-boosting strategies can help.

Diet Therapy for nutrition-related disease (eg: high cholesterol; heart disease; cancer; GI problems)

Meal Planning for the entire family

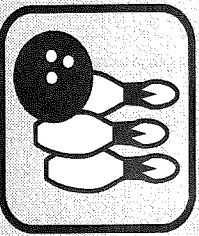
We have ordered some great cookbooks with nutrient analysis to assist you!

Infant/Child Nutrition

Nutrition during pregnancy

Head Start

Parents of Head Start children: Come join us for classes on various infant and child nutrition topics every other month. *Dates and times to be announced.*



Family Bowling

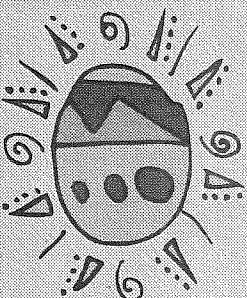
Sister Lakes Bowling Alley

Saturday, April 21st

1 P.M. to ????

Bowling is FREE!

Bring a dish to pass.



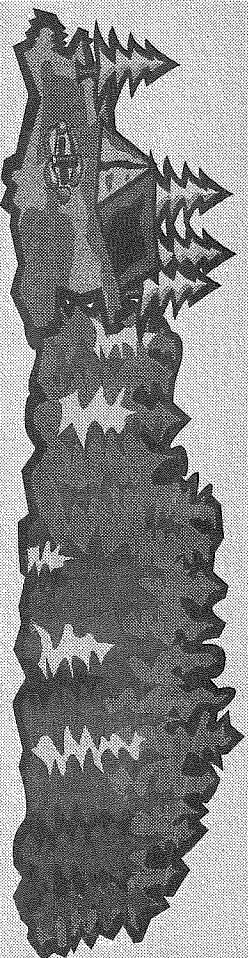
Summer Camp is Coming!

What does popcorn, drumming, swimming and black ash baskets have in common? Well, they are all part of plans for the Pokagon Band Summer Youth Camp in June. The dates for this years camp are: Sunday June 10-Friday June 15.

Like last year, camp will be held at the Camp Friedenswald Campgrounds in Cassopolis. Also, camp will be divided into two sessions again. The first session will be for campers entering grades 2-6. The second session will be for campers entering grades 7-12.

Application will be made available at the Dowagiac Education and South Bend Offices. Also, you may call us to have an application sent.

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



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HUMAN RESOURCES

901 SPRUCE STREET, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

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

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: 616-782-8998 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, MI 49047
E-mail me: jobs@pokagon.com
Please call to verify receipt of e-mail

"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 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 to be conducted by the Human Resource Coordinator.

SEND RESUMES TO:

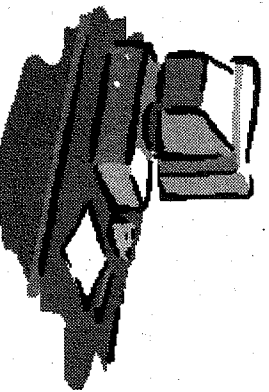
Pokagon Band Temporary Staffing Services

Attn: HRD

P.O. BOX 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Or e-mail to: jobs@pokagon.com



Request Your Own Computer Class!

We realize there are those interested in taking computer classes or attending labs that are unable to attend scheduled times, available locations, or are interested in a specific computer classes we have not offered. That is why we are making some changes to better serve you. Instead of offering computer classes on pre-designated dates and times, we invite you to contact us and schedule computer training on the days and times you are available.

If you would like to request a specific class, time, or inquire about having mobile labs available in your area please let us know. Please allow us 3 days preparation for classes or 2 weeks for mobile labs.

Unless otherwise specified, all computer classes are offered at the Education office in Dowagiac, Michigan. A parent or guardian must accompany children who wish to attend evening classes. Computer availability is based on a first come first served basis. Call today to schedule your next class.

The following list is a sample of possible training you might want to request, additional subject matter may be available upon request:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Using a computer | Microsoft Windows 95 |
| Word processing | Microsoft Windows 98 |
| Creating and maintaining spreadsheets | Microsoft Windows Millennium Edition |
| Creating and maintaining databases | Microsoft Word |
| Using presentation software | Microsoft Excel |
| Desktop Publishing | Microsoft Access |
| Using E-mail | Microsoft PowerPoint |
| Using the Internet | Microsoft Publisher |
| Web page design | Microsoft Outlook |
| Keyboarding/Typing | Microsoft Internet Explorer |
| Home computer maintenance | Microsoft Outlook Express |
| Computer technical support training | |

Scheduled Open Computer Labs:

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

Open labs are available to practice typing, browse the Internet, or to increase your computer related skills. Students are encouraged to attend these after school labs to access a computer for homework, or to relax and play educational computer games.

GET READY!!! GET SET!!! The 6th Annual Sobriety Walk is coming!!!

Date: Saturday, June 9th, 2001

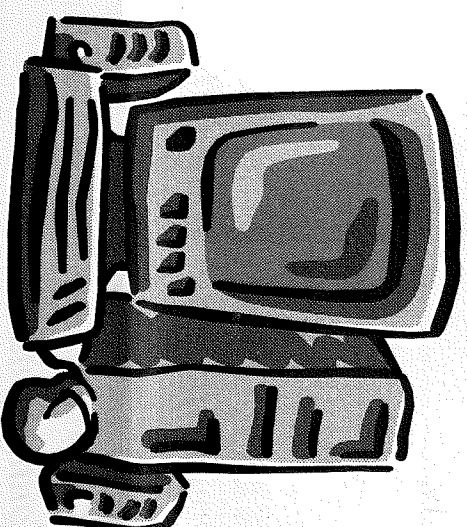
Location: Begins at the Sixth Street Bridge Park, Grand Rapids, MI

Registration starts: 7:30 a.m.

Opening Ceremony begins: 8:30 a.m.

Walk begins: 9:00 a.m.

Destination: Three Fires Pow Wow grounds
(Riverside Park, approx 2.5 miles)



Education Department
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P.O. Box 180
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Local: (616) 782-0887
Toll Free: 1-888-330-1234

This is a fundraising event with everyone invited to join as a participant. Yet, higher purpose to having the Sobriety Walk is to support those on the Red Road (recovery road); to support those who have chosen to live alcohol and drug-free; to support the healthy life style concept; and to support our people, culture and traditions.

For more information, please contact Trisha Tasky at (616) 458-4078.



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

901 SPRUCE STREET, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

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

Tutoring is Available

Academic help is available for students Grades K-12 through a variety of programs offered by the Education Department.

*Tutoring Labs

Woodside School - Hartford, MI

Hopkins Elementary School - Hopkins, MI

Pokagon Band Education Office - Dowagiac, MI

Pokagon Band Office - South Bend, IN

* Individualized Tutoring

* Computer Labs

* Specialized Reading Tutor

A reading tutor is available for students who are more than a year below grade level in reading. If you have questions, please contact the Education Department.

Reading Class Schedule

Dowagiac Education Office

April 11 6-8 PM

April 25 6-8 PM

South Bend Office

April 18 6-8 PM

May 2 6-8 PM

Language Class Schedule

Dowagiac Enrollment Office

April 18 6-8 PM

May 2 6-8 PM

May 16 6-8 PM

May 30 6-8 PM

South Bend Office

April 11 6-8 PM

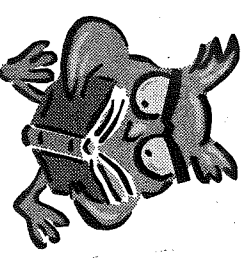
April 25 6-8 PM

May 9 6-8 PM

May 23 6-8 PM

"Welcome to Reading" Workshop

Friday, May 18 / 6:30 - 7:30 PM
@ Elders' Hall



Children grades Pre-K through 2nd and their families are invited to attend the "Welcome to Reading" workshop at Elders' Hall.

During the workshop, we will play games that will develop reading skills. Families will be given information on how to provide reading opportunities in everyday life. Emphasis will be placed on activities that families can do during the summer to encourage reading.

Materials will be given that parents can take home to help students with their reading. Each child in Grades Pre-K through 2nd who attends will receive a book. Come join us!

For more information, please contact Youth Programs at the Education Office.

Any parent who has tips on how to encourage a love of reading should contact the Education Department. We would like to be able to share your success and advice with other families.

Traditional Cooking Classes

The Education Department will be starting a series of Native American Cooking classes at the Elders' Hall in Dowagiac. We are proud to announce the first class:

The Art of Making Indian Tacos

Saturday, April 28

(10 AM until cooking is finished)

Greg Winchester will demonstrate how to make fry bread and how to prepare the other ingredients for Indian Tacos. Participants will have the opportunity to make fry bread dough that they can use at home.

For more information, please contact John Warren, Culture Coordinator at (888) 330-1234 or 782-0887.

B-I-N-G-O!

Friday, April 20

South Bend Office Conference
Center, Gateway Center
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Families are invited to enjoy a night of educational bingo. The rules are the same as regular bingo in that you play to win! There will be math bingo, spelling bingo, and cultural bingo. All level bingo players are invited to participate. Refreshments will be served. Come join in the fun!

Scholarship

Public Relations Student Society of America

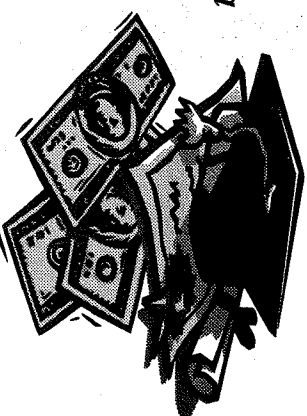
Native American communication students
3.0 GPA
2 -\$1500 Scholarships

To be eligible students must:

- *attend a 4-year accredited college or university
- *have obtained the level of junior by the Summer/Fall 2001 semester
- *be enrolled in a public relations or communications program

Application deadline: April 13, 2001

Applications available at the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Education office.



Congratulation to Sarah Stover for being named to the Dean's list at Bucknell University for the first semester of 2000-2001

Summer Opportunities

Anishnabe Future Leaders

Summer Camp
Wednesday, August 1 – Sunday, August 5, 2001
Camp Boedne Bay at Brevort Lake, Michigan (UP)

A 5-day summer camp.

Information available at the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Education office, or visit their website www.itemi.org/afl

"Tribes", Tribal Resource Institute in Business, Engineering and Science.

June 14- July 27, 2001
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
6-week residential program

Application deadline: must be received by May 4, 2001

Contact for Application:

TRIBES Program
University of New Mexico, Native American Program
Office of Provost, Scholes Hall PM 225
Albuquerque, NM 87131
Telephone: 505.277.5725
Fax: 505.277.0228
E-mail: tslee@unm.edu

30 American Indian students will be selected to attend the University of New Mexico. They can earn up to nine transferable college credits in math, writing and Native American studies. Those eligible are high school graduates on their way to college or post-secondary education. Participants will be eligible for a \$1000 scholarship upon completion of the program.

Dow Jones High School Journalism Workshop

July 13 – 22, 2001
Central Michigan University

A program for minority students who are currently enrolled high school sophomores, juniors or seniors. This workshop is to provide expert professional direction to students in writing, editing and newspaper production. Students must be highly motivated.

Application deadline: End of May

Application information is available at the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Education office.

Still more opportunities. . .

The National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) June 16-24, 2001 Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by The Association of American Indian Physicians, this program on Health, Biomedical Research and Policy Development pays all room, board and travel expenses during the week-long program to those students that are selected. Students are encouraged to remain in school and to pursue a career in the health professions.

Eligibility: Native American high school students
Ages 16 – 18
Minimum 2.0 GPA (A=4.0)

Special requirements:

- * One page/double spaced essay expressing plans to enter the health professions.
- * Current academic transcripts
- * Letter of recommendation from school counselor/teacher
- * AAIP Primary Data Sheet
- * Copy of Certificate of Indian Blood
- * Photograph

Applications available: AAIP website: www.aaip.com OR by calling (405) 946-7072.

Deadline: April 13, 2001

**The Tribal Civilian Community Corps (TCCC)
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Wahkon, Minnesota
Date of acceptance – December 21, 2001**

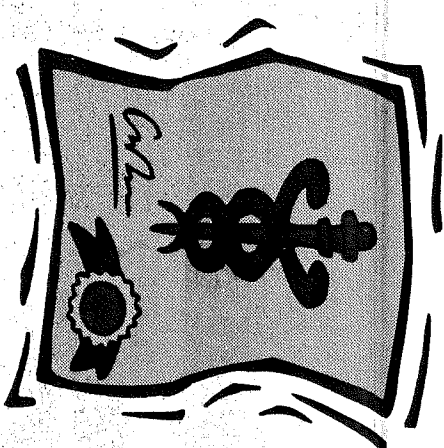
Mille Lacs Band still has openings in this program.

Requirements: Native American Youth - Ages 18 – 24

An opportunity for participants to grow and give back to their communities. TCCC participants Receive a stipend for living expenses, free room and board and learn valuable skills for future Employment. After completing the program they will receive a \$4,725 educational award.

TCCC members will spend their first three weeks at a residential training site in Wahkon, where they will be trained in carpentry, first aid and environmental stewardship skills. Then they will travel for 3 – 6 week period to Indian reservations and other communities in Nebraska, Michigan, North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota or Wisconsin, where they will build homes, upgrade schools, or work on other projects.

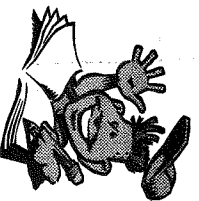
For further information call: Darlene, Jackie or Gaylene at 1-877-461-8268



Education Fair

May 5, 2001

Elder's Hall
53237 Townhall Road

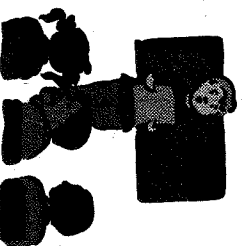


This Education Fair welcomes all membership and their families to meet the Education Department and see what programs the department offers. We will offer information about the Workforce Investment Act, Youth Programs, Cultural Programs Scholarships, and Computer Classes.

A buffet lunch will be served including traditional and non-traditional foods.

Guest Speakers:

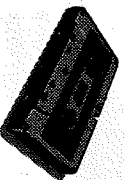
- Cheryl Tom, Contracting with Business and Industry through SMC.
- Financial Aid Advisor



Culture Programs:

John Warren will be available to answer your cultural questions.

- Language Books and Tapes



Youth Programs:

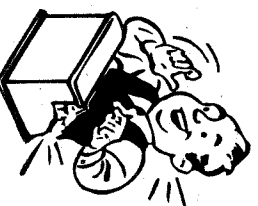
Marie Willis and Roger Rader will be available to answer any questions about the Youth Programs. Applications will be available for the following programs:

- Summer Youth Employment Program
- Pokagon Band Youth Camp
- Johnson O'Malley Stipend Reimbursements.



Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

WIA specialist – Sarah Valdes will be there to explain what the program is about, who it can help, and assist in any way.



- Interviewing tips
- Resume tips
- College Information
- Adult Work Experience information
- On-The-Job training
- Life Skills Classes

Scholarships:

Linda Goodrich will make forms available for the 2001-2002 school year and be on hand to answer questions regarding the Pokagon Band Scholarship.



- Michigan Indian Tuition waiver
- A limited number of Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Pokagon Band Scholarship Packet

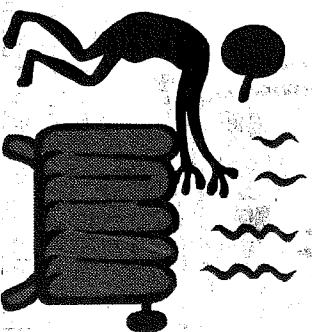
SOCIAL SERVICES

901 SPRUCE STREET, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

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

ATTENTION

ALL LIHEAP RECIPIENTS



We have received additional funding from Congress to help meet additional needs resulting from abnormal heating costs.

We will be distributing an additional one-time payment of \$240.00 to the heating vendor. We will not be making any split payments. The payment will be made to the heating vendor only!

You do not need to reapply for this additional payment. If you have applied for LIHEAP during this fiscal year (October 1, 2000 – present) you will automatically receive this additional benefit. Distributions will be mailed out by April 13, 2001.

Every little bit helps, especially when it comes to paying high heating bills. We hope this additional payment helps our LIHEAP recipients with the increased home energy costs from this harsh winter.

If you have any questions please contact the Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or (616) 782-8998.

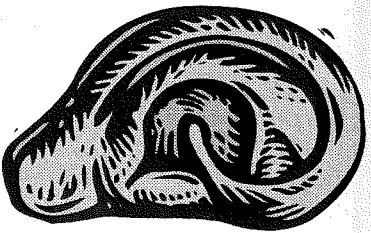
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

210 NORTH FRONT STREET, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

(616) 782-4141 / 1-888-440-1234

4 Tips for Eating Fast...Not Fat

1. **THINK SMALL.** The small or junior-size burger or "Kid's Meal" usually has half (or less) the amount of calories and fat grams of regular sized sandwiches. FORGET breaded or fried sandwiches.
2. **SELECT A SALAD** only if you are willing to eat the low-fat, fat-free or reduced calorie dressing with it (or may as well order a burger). Ask for crackers or a low-fat roll so you will feel satisfied and to balance out your meal.
3. **TRIM THE TRIMMINGS.** Hold the special sauce, mayo and CHEESE or choose low-fat choices if they are offered.
4. **SKIP THE BISCUITS AND CROISSANTS**—45-55 percent of their calories come from fat.



To All the Pokagon Band Members Who Use Hearing Aids:

You can get your batteries free from our office.

Tell us the size hearing aid battery you use and we will order them for you, free of charge.

Call Sue Mesko or Becky Price, RN at (616) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234 with your specific battery size. Order ahead of time because we get these batteries from the Constance Brown Hearing and Speech Center in Kalamazoo. They are very prompt at shipping our orders to us but sometimes this process takes a few days to complete.

Contract Health Service (CHS) Staff in South Bend Office Every Other Thursday

Contract Health Service processors will be available at the South Bend office every other Thursday in April on the 12th and the 26th. Either Sue or John will be there to help you register for health services, answer questions about CHS, review your medical bills, and so you can notify CHS of your upcoming medical and dental appointments. You may call the Dowagiac office (888) 440-1234, if you wish to schedule an appointment with us in South Bend. Walk-ins are always welcome.

The Benefits of Exercise

- Improves heart and lung function, so you feel better.
- Controls high blood pressure
- Weight loss
- Helps control blood sugars, (if diabetic), by improving your body's ability to use insulin
- Helps prevent the onset of diabetes (for the above reason)
- Stress Reducer
- Improves circulation
- Reduces Triglyceride levels
- Reduces LDL (Bad) Cholesterol
- Increases HDL (Good) Cholesterol
- Regular exercise can reduce the numbers of medications prescribed for you for Diabetes and other conditions.

EXERCISE RULES

- If you haven't exercised regularly, check with your doctor before starting a new exercise program.
- Find an activity that you enjoy doing—it should be fun and you should feel good doing it.
- Exercise with a friend—support each other... research shows that exercise partners motivate each other to continue and to succeed

MAY 12th

HONORING MEN'S HEALTH '01

Where: Cass County Health Department
702 Orchard
Dowagiac, MI.

When: May 12th, 2001

Please come and have a great time with us. The evening sweat will be held at the Roger's Lake Property at 6:30 p.m.

Call For More Info: 782-4141

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Great Health Clinics
- Traditional Healing
- Free Cholesterol Testing
- Good Food and Friends
- Don't Forget The Drawing
- An Evening Sweat Lodge

HOUSING AUTHORITY

714 NORTH FRONT STREET, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

(616) 783-0385 / 1-877-983-0385

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);
- Head of household must be at least 18 years of age;
- 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.

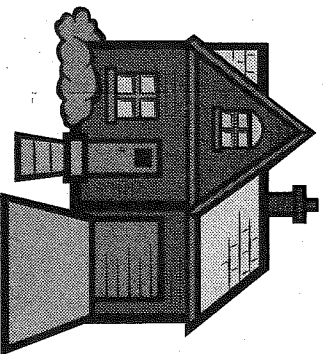
When allocating program resources, the Housing Authority will affix priority consideration to the following categories:

- 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 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;
- Head of household must be at least 18 years of age;
- 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 Thursday, May 31, 2001.

After May 31, 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 June 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.

NOTICE

To All Members Of The Pokagon Band:

The Tribal Council proposes to make two changes in the Pokagon Band OfPawatomi Indians By-Laws in connection with management of the Band's finances. In accordance with the procedures for By-Law Amendments approved by Tribal Council Resolution 00-09-09-02, Band Members are hereby notified of the following proposed changes.

1. To establish a Finance Board as a Standing Committee, Article VI, Section 1 of the By-Laws is proposed to be amended by adding the following new language at the end of that section:

(d) FINANCE BOARD: The purpose of the Finance Board is to assist Council in budgeting and financial management. The purposes, powers and duties of the Finance Board are more fully set out in the Finance Board Ordinance.

2. To revise and update the duties of the office of Treasurer of the Pokagon Band per Tribal Council Resolutions 00-05-13-01 and 00-05-13-02, Article V, Section 5 of the By-Laws is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for monitoring the financial activities of the Pokagon Band. The Treasurer shall serve on and be Chair of the Finance Board, shall perform those duties assigned the Treasurer in the Finance Board Ordinance, and through the Finance Board shall oversee the Finance Director of the Band and the Finance Department and shall monitor all tribal finances and transactions. In the exercise of these oversight functions, the Treasurer shall have access to all records and documents relating to tribal finances and transactions. The Finance Director and Finance Staff shall make such records and documents available and otherwise assist the Treasurer as requested, without interference from Tribal Council. The Treasurer shall require records of account to be maintained, and made available to the Finance Board and the Tribal Council as requested, showing accurately at all times the receipts, disbursements, and financial condition of the Pokagon Band. The Treasurer shall ensure that reports on the financial condition of the Band are submitted to the Tribal Council, including reports by the Finance Board or the Finance Director, as appropriate, at such time as may be requested by Tribal Council. The Treasurer shall further report to Tribal Council any findings relating to tribal finances. At the Band's expense, the Treasurer shall acquire a surety bond in an amount and with a surety company satisfactory to the Tribal Council, to administer the Band's financial affairs.

Copies of the current By-Laws and the Finance Board Ordinance are available for review at Elder's Hall. These proposed changes will be read at Regular (Saturday) Council Meetings On April 14th, 2001 and May 12th, 2001 at Elder's Hall.

The following resolutions support these amendments;

RESOLUTION:

00-05-13-01

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Treasurer shall have access to all Tribal finances, monitor all Tribal financial transactions. This includes payroll and all payables.

FURTHERMORE: The Finance staff will assist the Treasurer in any way when asked without interference from the Tribal Council or Directors. The Treasurer will report any findings to the Tribal Council.

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

RESOLUTION:

00-05-13-02

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Treasurer's request to have legal staff change the language in the By-Laws for the Treasurer. The new language should change the duties of the Treasurer to match the language or improve the language of the resolution just passed.

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

Constitution Update

The Constitution Committee has completed its review of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) comments and the comments from the tribal attorneys on the draft Constitution. The Committee has submitted a revised draft of the Constitution to Tribal Council.

The next step will be for Council to review this recommended draft in preparation for final BIA review and a tribal membership vote.

Please contact Chairman John Miller at (616) 782-6323 or (888) 376-9988 with any questions or concerns, or Committee Chair Kevin Daugherty at (616) 782-8998 or 1(800) 517-0777.

Submitted by Kevin Daugherty.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

POKAGON OEPOTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 6, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:32p.m. by Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary

Invocation given by: Marie Manley

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Henry White, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw and Trudy Loeeding.

Absent: John Miller (family illness), John Warren (vacation) and Marij Reno (ill).

Also in Attendance: Board of Commissioners – Tom Morris, Kenneth Antisdal, Jeffrey Riley, Bob Linn, Ron Morseau and Pann Morseau. Attorney – Fred Schubkegel and Housing Director – Amanda Proctor.

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by Trudy Loeeding and 2nd by Alice Overly with voice approval at 7:34p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
ELDERS ORDINANCE AND STIPEND
AND LANGUAGE CONTRACT
FEBRUARY 8, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:15p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman.

Invocation Given by: Clarence White

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marij Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Miller, Marie Manley, Henry White, Faye Wesaw and Trudy Loeeding.

Absent: John Warren (personal matter).

Also in Attendance: Legal Assistant – Marchell Wesaw and Education Director – Kathy Deka.

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

ISSUES AT HAND:

LANGUAGE CONTRACT

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Marij Reno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves that the Education Department hire by contract, Franklin Barker as Language Instructor. This contract is for a period not to exceed 18 weeks. Payment is in the amount of \$25.00 per hour plus mileage for up to 3-hours per class. These classes will be held on an alternating schedule at the South Bend office and at the Enrollment office in Dowagiac. He will be paid upon receipt of an itemized time and mileage billing. The cost of this contract will be paid by the Education Department.

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

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by Trudy Loeeding and 2nd by Alice Overly with voice approval at 7:47p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:12a.m. by Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary

Invocation Given by: Henry White

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overly, Marij Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Marie Manley, Henry White, Faye Wesaw and Trudy Loeeding.

Absent: John Miller (other obligation), John Warren (family matter).

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

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

Strategic Action Plan Committee Appointment

Career Expo 2001 – Kathy Dela

RESOLUTION #5 made by Marij Reno and 2nd by Ernie Daisy
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints Marge Moody to the Strategic Action Plan Committee.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Henry White and 2nd by Trudy Loeeding
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the proposed travel for two Education Staff members and up to ten students to attend the Career Expo 2001 at Central Michigan University on Thursday and Friday March 1 and 2. Costs include lodging, meals and mileage for a GSA car, which total approximately \$975.00. These expenses will be paid by the Education Department.

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

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

Enrollment Committee Addition

RESOLUTION #6 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Trudy Loeeding
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee to appoint Kenneth Antisdal to a seat on the Enrollment Committee effective March 9, 2001.

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

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

Substance Abuse Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION #7 made by Marij Reno and 2nd by Faye Wesaw
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council appoints John Morseau and Sue Mesko to the Substance Abuse Advisory Committee.

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

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

Elder's Ordinance – Marchell Wesaw

RESOLUTION #8 made by Trudy Loeeding and 2nd by Marij Reno
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council amends the Elders Council Ordinance with the revisions recommended and presented by the Elders Council this date and as hereto attached.

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

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

Tribal Advisory Board Meeting

RESOLUTION #4 made by Marij Reno and 2nd by Henry White.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves travel plans for the Health Director to attend the Tribal Advisory Board (TAB) Spring meeting on March 20th and the Spring All I/T/U Meeting on March 21-22, 2001 in Bloomington, MN. Cost to include, airfare, hotel and per diem estimated at \$800.00.

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

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

Managed Care Meeting

RESOLUTION #2 made by Henry White and 2nd by Marij Reno.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves travel plans for the Contract Health Services Coordinator to attend the Managed Care Meeting to be held February 27-March 1, 2001 in Bloomington, MN. (Feb. 26th and March 2nd to be travel days.) Cost to include Train Fare, lodging and Per Diem. Estimated total: \$600.00.

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

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

Optical Dispenser Training

RESOLUTION #3 made by Alice Overly and 2nd by Henry White.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves travel plans for Community Health Representative Cindy Rapp to receive training in Traverse City to become an Optical Dispenser. Possible training dates to be at the end of February. Cost to include hotel, per diem, and use of a GSA vehicle. Estimated cost: \$370.00.

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

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Henry White and 2nd by Faye Wesaw with voice approval at 11:59a.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH URBAN DESIGN
FEBRUARY 12TH, 2001

*Cleaning Contract Extension**Search Solutions*

Motion to adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Marie Manley with voice approval at 7:18p.m.

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| Ernie D. | Y | Trudy L. | Y |
| John W. | Y | Alice O. | Absent |
| Tom W. | Y | Marj R. | Absent |

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

Wildfire Management Plan - Mark Parrish

RESOLUTION #3 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Henry White
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Tribal Council directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs to suppress all wildfire on the reservation in accordance with the attached Wildfire Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Band reserves the right to use fire as a management tool when the time is right and will direct the Bureau of Indian Affairs to amend the Wildfire Management Plan and provide technical support when the Tribe resolves that there is a need to reintroduce wildfire to the ecosystem to meet Tribal management goals.

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

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

Hartford Property - Lucinda G. Smith

RESOLUTION #4 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by John Warren
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to allow Lucinda Graverette Smith to remove some of the fallen trees for firewood from the Hartford Sassafra Lake property.

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

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

Letter of Intent for Public Welfare Foundation - JoEllen Leith

RESOLUTION #5 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Ernie Daisy
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the letter of intent for the Public Welfare Foundation.

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

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

BIA Indian Reservation Roads Program - Kevin Daugherty

RESOLUTION #6 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Henry White
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pokagon Band Tribal Council approves the submittal of a letter of intent to apply for the \$35,000 FY2001 set-aside for tribal transportation projects through the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Indian Reservation Roads Program.

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

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

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL
WITH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 20, 2001**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:35p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation: Given at earlier session.

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

Also in Attendance: Board of Commissioners - Bob Linn, Jeffrey Riley, Ron Morseau, Kenneth Antisdal, Paul Jackson, Tom Morris and Amanda Proctor (arrived at 7:45p.m.). Also attorney - Fred Schnubkegel.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marj Reno and 2nd by Faye Wesaw with voice approval at 8:15p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2001**

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

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Miller, Marie Manley, Henry White, Faye Wesaw, John Warren and Trudy Loeeding.

Absent: Marj Reno (ill) and Alice Overy (ill).

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

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Faye Wesaw
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the proposed travel for Sarah Valdes, WIA Specialist and Kathy DeKa, Education Director to attend the 22nd Annual Indian and Native Employment and Training Conference to be held in Reno, Nevada, April 8-13, 2001. Travel date to be April 7 and 12th. Costs will include per diem, airfare and lodging totaling approximately \$680.00 for each participant or a total of \$1360.00. These costs would be paid for by the Education Department.

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

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

RESOLUTION #2 made by John Warren and 2nd by Faye Wesaw
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to send up to three (3) people to attend the Legislative forums on Feb. 28th - March 1st. Costs include per diem and hotel approximately \$500.00.

FURTHERMORE: Tribal Council will send breakfast donation of \$200.00.

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| John M. | Y | Henry W. | Abstain |
| Faye W. | Y | Marie M. | Y |

New Members - Marie Manley

RESOLUTION #7 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Trudy Loeding
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the applications
 for enrollment of the people as presented this day February 22, 2001.

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| Baker, Julie L. | Lewis, Selena M. |
| Best, Brenda R. | Reed, Rachel Y. |
| Choate, Nevada S. | Sproat, Mary L. |
| Choate, Zachary A. | Wallace, Dakodah B. |
| Cortelyou, Aaron L. | Wesaw, Cora L. |
| Cortelyou, Jon D. | Wesaw, Natalie L. |
| Fick, Wendy M. | Zugel, Christopher J. |
| Gamache, Thomas L. | Zugel, Heather N. |

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

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

Cass County Intergovernmental Forum - John Miller

RESOLUTION #8 made by John Warren and 2nd by Marie Manley
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves of a \$30.00
 donation to attend the Cass County Intergovernmental Forum to be held March
 1st at Dowagiac campus, Southwestern Michigan College Matthews Conference
 Center.

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

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

RESOLUTION #9 made by Trudy Loeding and 2nd by Henry White
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to eliminate the
 employee payroll advance effective 2/22/01.

FURTHERMORE: existing payroll advances will be paid back as per prior
 resolution.

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

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

Motion to Adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with
 voice approval at 9:32p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 TRIBAL COUNCIL
 WITH STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE
 & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
 FEBRUARY 26, 2001**

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:05p.m. by John Warren, Vice Chairman
 Invocation Given by: Henry White

Roll Call: Ernie Daisy, Alice Overtly, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Warren, Marie
 Manley, Henry White, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding and Marij Reno.

Absent: John Miller (ill)

Also in Attendance: Strategic Action Plan Committee - Kenneth Antisdal,
 Marge Moody and Mary Jo Morris. Community Development - Tom Morris,
 Kevin Daugherty and Mark Parrish (conferenced in). Attorney - Fred
 Schubekegel and Elder's Rep. Rae Daugherty.

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

Issues at Hand:

Farm Leasing

Harford Property

Dowagiac Property

North Liberty Property (Wolfe property)

Possible Pokagon Band Member Family Gardening

Herbicide, Pesticide and Fertilizer Use

Buffer Zones

Motion to adjourn was made by Henry White and 2nd by Trudy Loeding with
 voice approval at 7:28p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 CLOSED SESSION
 TRIBAL COUNCIL
 WITH KENNETH ANTISDEL
 FEBRUARY 27, 2001**

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:02p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

Invocation Given by: John Miller

Roll Call: Alice Overtly, Ernie Daisy, Marij Reno, Tom Wesaw, Jr., John Miller,
 Trudy Loeding, Faye Wesaw, Henry White, Marie Manley and John Warren.

Also in Attendance: Interim T.O.M. - Kenneth Antisdal and Elder's Rep. - Rae
 Daugherty.

Personnel Issues

Motion to adjourn was made by Marij Reno and 2nd by Alice Overtly with voice
 approval at 7:15p.m.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 FEBRUARY 27, 2001**

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:41p.m. by John Miller, Tribal Chairman

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

Motion to adjourn was made by John Warren and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr. with
 voice approval at 7:44p.m.



ELDERS COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 1, 2001 - 11:00 A.M.

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.
The meeting was called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:04 A.M.
The invocation was given by Frank Person.

Roll Call

Present: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris, Rachel (Rae) Daugherty
Absent: Clarence White - excused absence
Quorum Present
Attendance: 21 Elders

Marge Moody moved to approve the agenda of March 1, 2001. Seconded by Rae Daugherty.
All in favor: "aye" Opposed: 0. MOTION CARRIED

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2001. Seconded by Marge
Moody. All in favor: "aye" Opposed: 0. MOTION CARRIED

Gerald informed membership of wording in the Elders Council Ordinance Tribal Council
didn't pass. Copies of amended Elders Council By-Laws and Elders Council Ordinance
were available to membership.

Jim Bussler, RN gave a health report and asked Elders Council and membership for a
letter or resolution for support of Healthy Start Program.

Gerald stated that according to our ordinance, Rae Daugherty was moved up to First
Representative on Tribal Council. We are checking on a timeline for when we can fill
the second representative seat.

Tammy Wesaw, Administrative Executive Secretary gave membership an update on the
Potawatomi Traditional Gathering being held August 2-5 2001 at Parry Island, Ontario
Canada. Tammy had agendas for Elders who want to attend.

Fourteen (14) Elders signed a paper asking Tribal Council to pay for the lodging for
the Potawatomi Traditional Gathering Tribal Council paid for in the past.

Membership will have one craft table at the Red Road Pow Wow being held March 24-
25, 2001 at Dowagiac Union High School.

John Miller, Tribal Chair asked for recommendations to lower the age for Elders sti-
pend. Seven (7) Elders out of seventeen (17) in attendance signed the recommenda-
tion.

Membership had a choice of three (3) Alternates; one (1) to be put in the constitu-
tion under Article X Elders Council. Marge Moody made a motion to do Alternate III.
Motion seconded by Rae Daugherty. There were thirteen (13) yes votes. MOTION CAR-
RIED.

Marge Moody gave an October MIEA report. At the Business Meeting they did determine
the election for Chair and Secretary. The Chairperson, Bea Kelly and the new Secre-
tary, Geraldine Parish.

Marge has a tentative agenda for the next MIEA Conference being held at Grand
Traverse, April 17-19, 2001.

Resolution #01-001, dated February 26, 2001, made by Marge Moody.
Seconded by Mary Jo Morris.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council send Rachel Daugherty, Evelyn

Miller, Rose (Goldie) Mangus, Ann and Harry Zimmerman to the American Indian Dance Theatre to be held at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, Benton Harbor, MI February 25, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. Tickets \$9.00 each. Total cost \$45.00 to be paid from Elders General Fund. All in favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0
Absent: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Resolution #01-002, dated February 28, 2001, made by Marge Moody.
Seconded by Mary Jo Morris.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council send our Chairman, Gerald Wesaw, wife Eveyln Wesaw, Vice-Chair, Marge Moody, Treasurer, Clarence White, Secretary, Mary Jo Morris, Elder Representative, Rachel Daugherty to the Trail of Death Marker at the Wabash River west of Lafayette, IN. March 3, 2001. Elder Members to attend are Jim Lepel and William Morsaw. Expenses to be paid out of the Elders General Fund, plus a GSA Vehicle and Transporter, Larry White. All in favor: 4
Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 REAOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution #01-003, dated February 28, 2001, made by Marge Moody.
Seconded by Mary Jo Morris.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Elders Council send Rachel Daugherty, Sam Wesaw, John Wesaw, Jr., Evelyn Miller and Jackie Geneaux to the 4th Annual Hannahville Children's Pow Wow to be held in Wilson, MI. March 16-18, 2001. All expenses to be paid out of the Elders General Fund, plus a GSA vehicle and Transporter, Karen Councilman. Any days not in attendance lodging and per-diem needs to be returned. All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 1 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Announcements:

No second luncheon in March.

Elders Council Officers Open Meeting April 2, 2001 10:00 A.M. Dowagiac City Hall.
MIEA Meeting held at the same time.

Elders Council Business Meeting & Luncheon April 5, 2001 11:00 A.M. Elder hall.

Marge Moody moved to adjourn at 12:45P.M. Mary Jo Morris seconded the motion.

All in favor: "aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Elders

Come Join Us!

Every 4th Wednesday of the Month

For a lesson on

Food and Nutrition

April class:

April 25, 2001

11:00 am

@ Elder's Hall

Mary Jo Morris

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Elders Council Secretary

March 9, 2001

Date

CALENDAR

April 2, 2001 - 10:00 A.M.

Elders Council Officers Open Meeting --- Dowagiac City Hall

April 5, 2001 - 11:00 A.M.

Elders Council Business Meeting & Luncheon --- Elders Hall

April 30, 2001 - 10:00 A.M.

Elders Council Officers Open Meeting --- Dowagiac City Hall

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for POKAGON ORAL HISTORY PRESERVATION

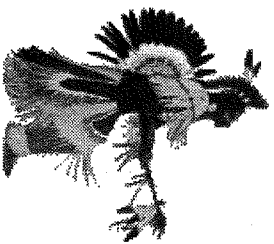
An oral history interview project for the Pokagon Band is being planned for this spring and summer. In order to get as many different perspectives as possible, all ages are welcome to participate in all parts of this project. Volunteers are needed to provide interviews on their experiences and on tribal history, as well as volunteers to conduct interviews and run recording equipment.

The project is being developed by the tribal Education Department in conjunction with the Community Development Department and the Traditions/Repatriation Committee. The interviews will be recorded using digital audio and video equipment, and the recordings will serve as a future resource for Band Members and the Education Department, under the direction of Tribal Council. These interviews will also help in establishing the Band's historic preservation priorities for the Band's ongoing Historic Preservation Project.

Volunteers interested in telling their family stories and histories or other local stories and histories of interest to the Band's citizens are needed and their participation will be greatly appreciated. No previous speaking experience is required and the interviews will be recorded in a relaxed setting. The speaker's comfort will be given top priority.

Volunteers interested in interviewing others or in operating the audio and/or video equipment for this project are also needed. Hands-on training and practice recording sessions will be offered by the Band and required for participating in this part of the project. Pokagon involvement in this project will be greatly appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer your time or expertise please contact Kathy Deka or John Warren at the Education Department (888) 330-1234; Kevin Daugherty at the Community Development Department (800) 517-0777; or Thomas Morris at the South Bend office (800) 737-9223.



CAREER EXPO 2002 THEME AND POSTER CONTEST

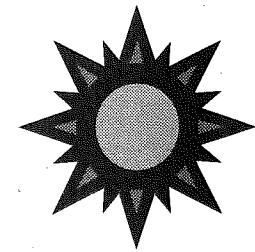
1st Place-Pendleton Blanket (graciously donated by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Observer)
2nd Place-\$100 savings bond
3rd Place-\$50.00


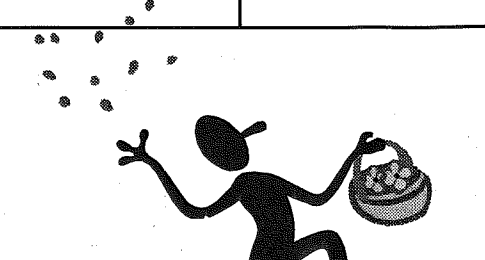
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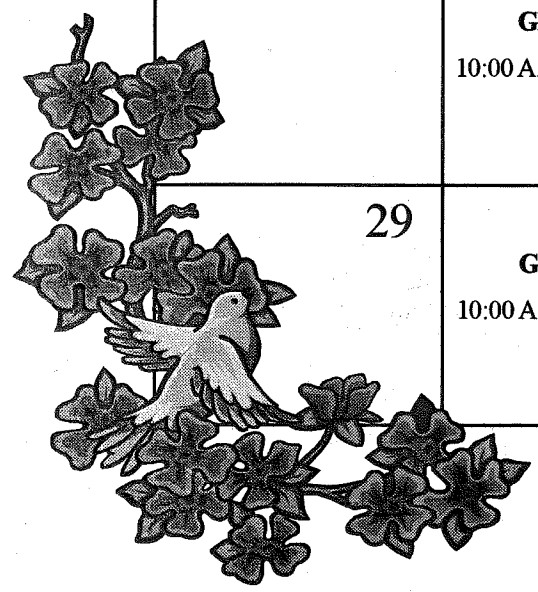
1. Open to Native American students entering 8-12th grades for the Academic Year 2001-2002.
2. Entries are to be submitted by individual students.
3. Entries are to be submitted through your Tribal Education Departments or with a High School identification card or other official documentation of High School status.
4. Theme and artwork must relate to Native American culture and Education. **(Use of clip art will not be accepted)**
5. Include short essay that explains the significance of the chosen theme and how the artwork relates to it.
6. The dimensions are 12x18 and must use poster board.
7. All entries must be postmarked by August 1, 2001 and mail/sent to: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Higher Education Department, 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

*Once submitted, the artwork becomes the property of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

April 2001 - Elder's Hall Events

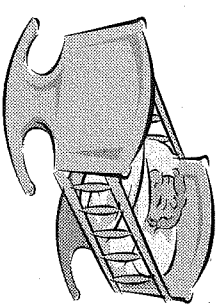


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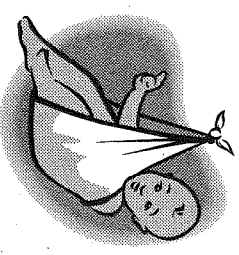
Send your May newsletter items to:

POKAGON BAND NEWSLETTER
901 SPRUCE STREET
P.O. BOX 180
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047



Congratulations
on the arrival of
Hailey Elizabeth Lewis
Feb 14, 2001
8lbs 7oz.
Gail Lewis Williams

Special
thanks for
letting me
name your
daughter:
- Billy



TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
TO BE HELD ON JULY 14

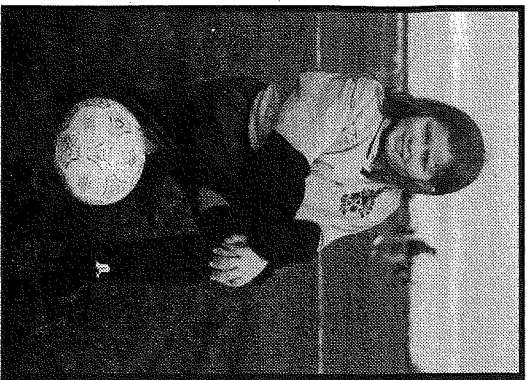


Tribal Members should begin receiving voter registration and election materials sometime in early May. If you aren't registered, please register and be heard. Your vote does count!

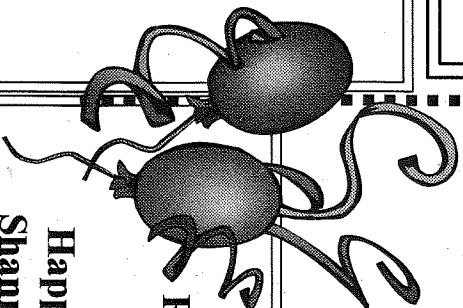
The Pokagon Band Election Committee is looking for an alternate member. Alternate members may serve in absence of full-time members. Alternate members are also asked to help at the polls and count ballots on Election Day. We invite you to contact the Election Committee Chair-

person, Robert Willis, to voice your interest in becoming an alternate member of the Election Committee. (616) 782-3619

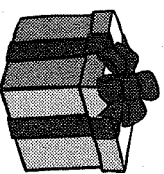
Finance Board Meetings
April 12th and 26th
2nd & 4th Thursday
@ 5:00 P.M.
Finance Department



Happy 10th Birthday
Jessica Blake
April 17th
Love Rob, Dawn
& Cheyenne Harmon



Happy Birthday
Rechelle Herman -
April 16
Happy Belated Birthday
Shannon Hiler - March 27
Love Dad



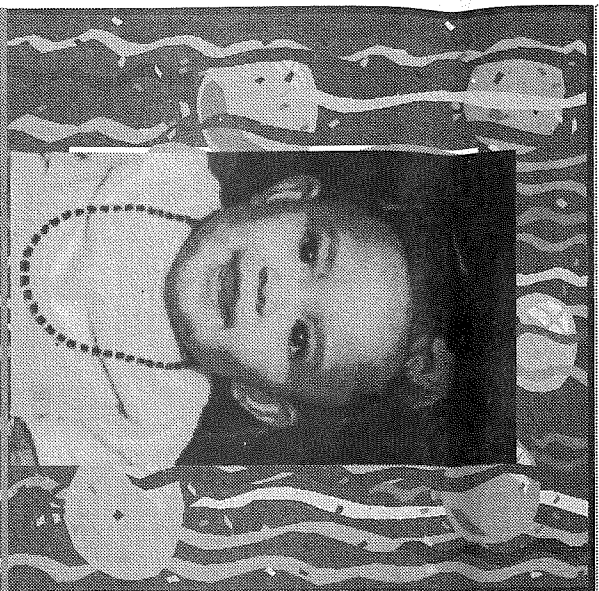
Happy 2nd
Birthday
Josiah Adair - April 6
Love Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday
Heather Farver - April 16
Happy Birthday
Marcus Winchester - April 13
Geat job at the Red Road Pow Wow!
Happy Birthday
Michelle Winchester - April 28
You're 31?????
LOVEAUNT SUZY Q

Happy Birthday
William Eugene Swisher III
April 23rd
Love Always
Mom, Dad, and Grandpa and Uncle

Congratulations
On a beautiful baby girl
Madison Grace
Naomi (shinos) & Scott
March 6, 2001

Happy 50th
Anniversary
- April 14th -
*Ann & Harry
Zimmerman*
Form Your Children
Kelly, Pat, Jeff, Becky,
Scott, Jan, Barb,
And grandchildren



Happy 1st Birthday
"Our Miracle Baby"
Derek Collett - April 3rd
Love MOM and DAD, big brother
David, sissy Christina, Auntie Janis,
Uncle Steve, Cousins, Amanda and
Heather

Happy Belated Birthday
Uncle David
Love David, Derrek, Amanda,
Heather Mix

Happy Birthday
Eva Hoekstra
April 1st
Love, Sis, Stella

Happy Birthday
April 17th
Kenny Little !!!
We love you and hope
you have the
Best Birthday ever!!!
Love Aunt Kim, Fred,
Brittainy, Cory,
Rosie, Harry and
Fiesty!

Happy Birthday
Chris Heffington
April, 30th
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday
Sue Heffington
April 10th
Love, Mom

Happy Belated
Birthday

Trish Nelson
We Love You
Your Family

Happy Belated
Birthday
David Mix
March 1st
Love your Sissy's and
Mother

Happy 11th Birthday
John (Bone) Morseau
April 15
Love Mom, Dad,
and Crystal

Happy Birthday
April 16th
Rechelle Herman!
Love ya girl!
Melissa Newcomer

Happy 2nd Birthday
Bugsy!
We love you
Papaw & Mamaw,
Orvis, Uncle Dean,
Uncle Matt
Uncle Nathan , &
Uncle Bennie

Happy Birthday
Eve Hoekstra
April 1st
We love you
Kim, Fred,
Brittainy, and Cory

Happy Birthday
Robert Hoekstra - April 25th
Love, Kim, Brittainy and Cory
We love you!
Happy Birthday
Michelle Wojtas - April 7th
Happy 18!!!! Love, Mom

In Memory
Venus Lynn Swisher
Birthday-April 26, 1989
Love Always
Mom, Dad, Grandpa
and Uncle