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"The Pokagon's Tell It"

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9th Annual Potawatomi Gathering

This year the Potawatomi Gathering was hosted by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation at Prairie People's Park in Mayetta, Kansas. The night before the festivities were to start a huge storm moved through, blowing down tents and leaving the ground soaked and muddy. Not even Mother Nature could stop the Potawatomi Nation's from having a good time at this annual event. After the storm, the sun came out and showed its fury, making it hot and humid.

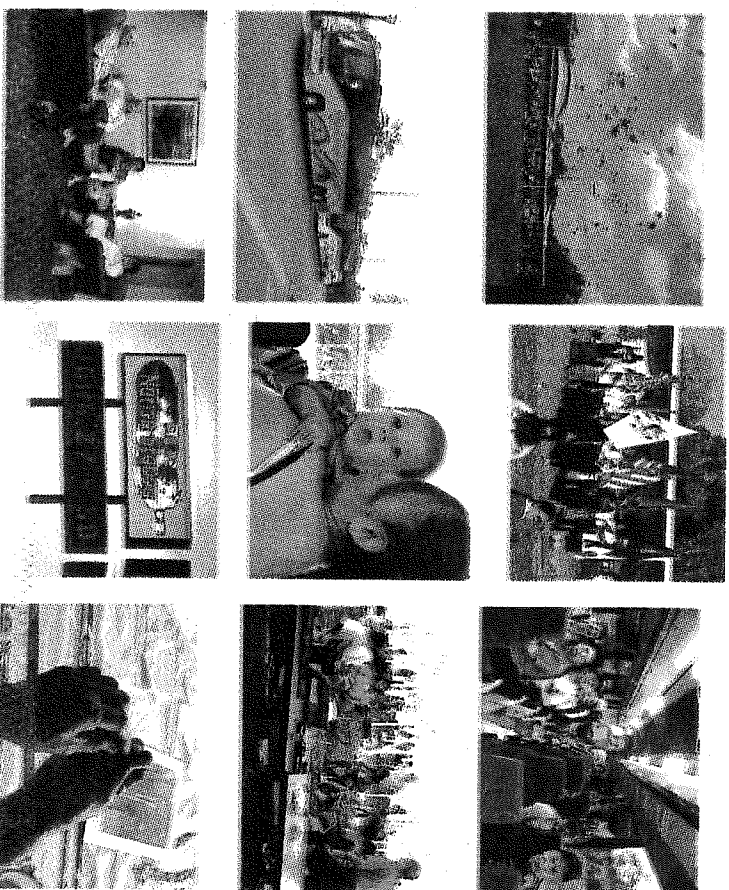
The Prairie Band Potawatomi have a first aid station on site. It was well manned by E.M.T.'s and Medical Staff. They also had their own ambulance on site with 24-hour medical coverage. Many people couldn't withstand the hot, humid days and took refuge inside the air conditioned first aid station.

The many events that were scheduled including; beading, basket weaving, bingo, tours, ext., went on as scheduled. There were also several other special attractions like the concerts with Clan/destine, and Black Hawk, and the Pow Wow's, barter days, fashion show, teen dance, Catholic Mass, and much, much more. Everyone enjoyed meeting with old friends and making new friends. The fire works that were held Saturday were one of the best shows many have ever seen before. Another event that took place was when children from all the different nations were given balloons in the arena and let them go all at once. It was a beautiful sight to see as hundreds of colored balloons raced toward the clouds, speckling the sky as if it were a rainbow, a Potawatomi rainbow.

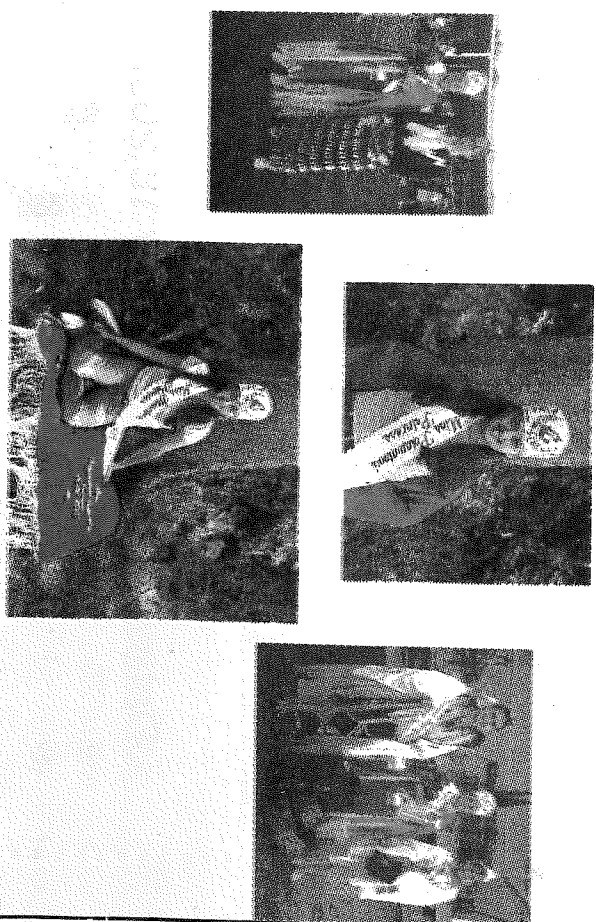
The bus ride to, and from Kansas were comfortable and enjoyable for everyone. There were movies shown on the VCR also, there were many laughs as we talked during the long ride. Stops were made for lunch and supper. The Elders were offered snacks and drinks, fruit bars, apples and oranges.

The 2003 Potawatomi Gathering will be hosted by the Hannahville Indian Community on July 30-August 2. We hope to see you there!

-Becky Price, R.N.



Pokagon Bands' Rhonda Purcell brings home the crown



16-year-old Rhonda Kay Purcell was crowned the new Potawatomi Princess on June 27th, 2002, at the annual Potawatomi Gathering in Mayetta, Kansas. Rhonda is the daughter of Susie Morseau, granddaughter of (late) George and Theresa Morseau. She has a sister, Cheryl and a brother, George. She is the niece of Cleora Morseau.

Rhonda is a junior at Hartford High School in Hartford, Michigan. She has worked hard to achieve several high honors and maintain a 3.7 grade point average. Some of her awards include: The Hugh O'Brian Youth Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students (2 years consecutively), Red Arrow Conference Academic All Conference, and the Kodak Young Leader Award presented by the University of Rochester and the Eastman Kodak Company. She has also excelled in many extra curricular activities including Basketball, Volleyball and Softball. Rhonda has been named first team All District and All Region in Softball and has received Red Arrow All Conference Honorable Mention in Varsity Basketball.

Rhonda writes:

Boozho!

My name is Rhonda Kay Purcell. I was crowned Miss Potawatomi Princess at the Potawatomi Gathering in Kansas, last month. I am a proud member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and with the honor of being Miss Potawatomi Princess I plan to concentrate on the preservation of our cultural beliefs, language and heritage among my peers and the younger generation. I will also advocate to them the dangers of substance abuse and the importance of education. I am honored to represent The Pokagon Band and all the other Potawatomi Nations

Sincerely-

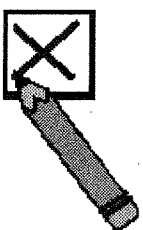
Rhonda K. Purcell



CERTIFIED RESULTS

OF JULY 13, 2002

TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION



CHAIRPERSON

JOHN A. MILLER

SECRETARY

DANIEL F. RAPP

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (2 SEATS)

MATTHEW J. WESAW

GERALD R. WESAW, SR.

Date of Certification: July 18, 2002

Please contact the Election Committee
if you have any questions.

Pokagon Band Election Committee

P.O. Box 696

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Tribal Members

If you have a contractors license we would like to know.

If you own a bonded/insured business we would like to know.

If your company can provide a service to the tribe, we would like to know.

Send replies to: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

attn, Maintenance Department

P.O. Box 180

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52366 M-51 NORTH

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REMINDER!!!

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR
THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER WILL
AUGUST 13TH. SEND ARTICLES OR
NOUNCEMENTS TO :

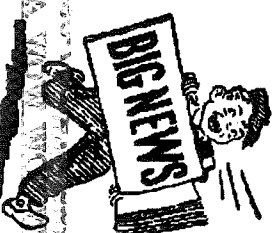
POKAGON NEWSLETTER

ATTENTION: GINNY WESAW RICE

P.O. BOX 180

DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

OR E-MAIL: GWESAW@POKAGON.CO





The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Invites you to attend our
18th Annual Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pou Wow
"Building of a Nation"

August 31st & September 1st 2002
St. Patrick Park 50651 Laurel Rd. South Bend, IN.

HOST DRUM

MEDICINE LODGE SINGERS
PESHAWBESTOWN, MI.

CO-HOST DRUMS

WHITE THUNDER SINGERS, South Bend, IN
PINE CREEK SINGERS, Battle Creek, MI
HIGH SPIRIT SINGERS, Mt. Pleasant, MI

All drums welcomed
HAND DRUM CONTEST

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

John Bush

HEAD MALE

PAUL SYRETTTE

HEAD VETERAN

George Martin

HEAD FEMALE

Dee Dee Wesaw

HEAD DANCE JUDGES

Dave & Punkin Shananguet

HEAD MALE JR.

Marcus Winchester

ARENA DIRECTOR

TBA

HEAD FEMALE JR.

Renee Ballew

DANCES CONTEST * PRIZE MONEY

\$5.00 registration fee per contest entered, tiny tots no fee
Dancers must have tribal ID, tribal #, or BIA # to compete in contest.

Non-contest dancers must sign @ registration booth for meal ticket
Registration opens @ 9:00 am Aug 31st only, closes @ 11:55 am

NO REGISTRATIONS ALLOWED AFTER 11:55am

GOLDEN AGE (55 & UP): Same men's & women's contest

Adult Men's (18 to 54): Traditional/Grass/Fancy & Adult Women's Jingle/Fancy/Traditional
1st \$250.00 2nd \$200.00 3rd 150.00 per-contest

Teen Boy's (12 to 17): Traditional/Grass/Fancy & Teen Girls Jingle/Fancy/Traditional
1st \$200.00 2nd \$150.00 3rd \$100.00 per-contest

Youth Boy's (age 6 to 11): Traditional/Grass/Fancy & Youth Girls Jingle/Fancy/Traditional
1st \$150.00 2nd \$100.00 3rd \$75.00 per-contest

All tiny tots ages 0 to 5 will be paid both days

INTER-TRIBAL DANCING FOR NON-CONTEST DANCERS

GRAND ENTRY @ 12:00 NOON & 6:00pm Saturday
Sunday 12:00 noon (Indiana time)

PUBLIC WELCOME GATES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC @ 10:00am both days PUBLIC WELCOME

ADULTS \$5.00, STUDENTS 12 to 17 \$2.00, 11 & UNDER FREE

AMERICAN INDIAN FOOD, CRAFTS, ARTWORK VENDORS

Arts & Crafts space, no food vendor after July 29th, 2002 (AMERICAN INDIAN VENDORS ONLY)

RUSTIC CAMPING FOR PARTICIPANTS ONLY!

NO REFUND DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER!

FOR EVENT OR VENDOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gary Morseau 574-287-0967 pokagon6@prodigy.net or Dan Rapp 616-782-0277

NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, PETS IN SHOW AREA, FIRE ARMS, TRIBAL POLITICS, OR OUTSIDE VENDORS



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

BEADING CLASSES

At Summer Camp, many of you expressed interest in learning to bead. Linda Yazel will teach the following classes this year.

Each Saturday class is four hours long.

August 17, 2002

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

South Bend Office

September 28, 2002

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Dowagiac Education Office

October 19, 2002

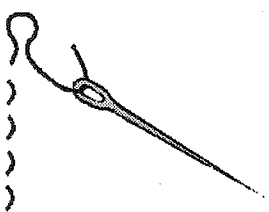
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

South Bend Office

November 16, 2002

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Dowagiac Education Office



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

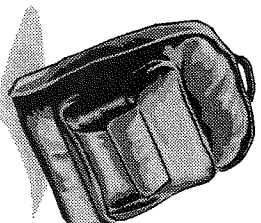
Duffel bags or backpacks and school supplies will be available early this year.

Education staff will be distributing them at the following places:

*Youth Health Fair, July 27

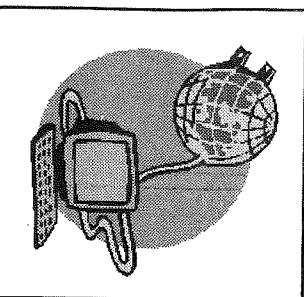
*Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow,
Aug. 31 & Sep. 1

*Education Office after August 1st



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

"POKAGON BAND TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES"



The Pokagon Potawatomi are employing Tribal Members on a temporary "as needed" basis. This includes the South Bend office. Tribal Members meeting minimum requirements of the desired position may apply for the "temporary pool" of employment. Minimum

requirements include a High School Diploma or G.E.D. and a safe driving record for the past five years. Membership completing application, participating in a general interview, meeting needs of required background checks and references, will be asked to participate in the "temporary pool". Rate of pay is \$8.50 per hour. Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

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

Interested Tribal Members send resume and cover letter stating interest as a "Temporary", or call to set up a time to bring in your resume and complete an application. 1-800-517-0777. A general interview will be with the Human Resources Coordinator.

SEND RESUMES TO:

Pokagon Band Temporary Staffing Services

Attn: "HRD"

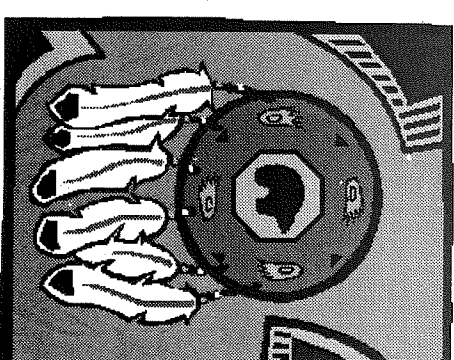
P. O. Box 180

Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Or email to: jobs@pokagon.com



ONE NATION ONE SPIRIT LOGO CONTEST



THE HANNAHVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY IS HOSTING THE 10TH ANNUAL POTAWATOMI GATHERING JULY 30-AUGUST 2, 2003.

THERE ARE SEVEN POTAWATOMI NATIONS. WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND SEE THESE NATIONS BECOMING ONE. OUR THEME SYMBOLIZES THAT DREAM.

THINGS YOU CAN INCLUDE:
7 NATIONS
THE KEEPERS OF THE FIRE
10TH ANNUAL POTAWATOMI GATHERING

THE LOGO SHOULD BE IN COLOR AND CAN BE ANY SIZE.
PRIZE TO BE ANNOUNCED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JACKIE KANG, EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY
AT (906) 466-2932 EXT.113



BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

TRIBAL COUNCIL IS STILL ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON A BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING MEMORIAL DINNERS/MEALS DURING BEREAVEMENT TIMES, ASSISTING FAMILIES WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS (TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE-SITTING, ETC.), AND RESPONSIBLE FOR A BUDGET TO BE DETERMINED BY TRIBAL COUNCIL. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THIS COMMITTEE.

ONCE THE VOLUNTEERS COME FORTH, A MEETING WILL BE HELD TO OFFICIALLY PUT TOGETHER THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE AND COME UP WITH A BUDGET AND PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW. THERE MAY BE A NEED TO HAVE SUB-COMMITTEES TO COVER THE DIFFERENT AREAS. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO LET OTHER MEMBERS KNOW YOU CARE.



ELDERS PROGRAM

MINUTES

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

JUNE 6, 2002 - 11:00 a.m.

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.

Meeting called to order by Marge Moody at 11:11 A.M.

Invocation given by John Wesaw, Jr.

Roll Call

Present: Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris, Rachel (Rae) Daugherty, Victor Starrett

Absent: Clarence White - excused - Family Illness

Quorum Present

Attendance: 21 Elders

Additions to agenda: Gerald Wesaw's resignation, MIEA Scholarship

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the agenda of June 6, 2002 with additions. Seconded by Victor Starrett. All Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Rae Daugherty moved to approve the minutes of May 2, 2002. Seconded by Victor Starrett. All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Gerald Wesaw announced that he resigned from Elders Council May 22, 2002 so he could run for Member-At-Large Tribal Council.

Joy Duff, LPN gave the health report. The IHS staff is available for appointments for a 12 hr. fast test. Youth Health Fair is July 27th. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. There will be a clothes and toy giveaway. If we have anything to donate we can take it to IHS. It will also be an open house for IHS, now located at 57392 M51 South, Dowagiac.

Valeria Baker, who is on the Gathering Committee was here to go over the scheduling for the Potawatomi Gathering in Mayetta, Kansas on June 26th - July 1st. The committee has extended the closing date. There will be 51 members and 23 elders going on two buses. The buses will leave at 7:00 a.m. from the train depot in Dowagiac. Snacks and drinks will be provided by the band. Valeria will get information from the nurses who are going and send a file to members going with more information.

Marge Moody has no information on the July MIEA Delegate Meeting being held in Petoskey, MI. When she gets the information, she will contact the delegates. Marge will be taking nominations for MIEA Chair and Secretary. Eighteen (18) members were in favor of taking the nominations from the membership and not just from the delegates according to how the MIEA By-Laws read now. Eighteen (18) members were also not in favor of Bob Menard chairing the MIEA By-Laws.

Marge Moody opened nominations for MIEA Chair. Henry White nominated Joe Winchester. Joe Winchester accepted. Marge asked three times if there were any more nominations. There were no more nominations for chair.

Marge Moody opened nominations for MIEA Secretary. Evelyn Miller nominated Bonnie Parrish. Bonnie Parrish declined. Marge asked three times if there were any more nominations. There were no more nominations for secretary.

Fourteen (14) members were in favor of voting for one (1) person for both positions. Marge Moody opened nominations for MIEA Secretary again. Fred Klemm nominated Joe Winchester for MIEA Secretary. Marge asked the members if there were any more nominations for secretary. Joe Winchester accepted with fourteen (14) member votes in his favor. Marge Moody closed the MIEA election nominations.

A suggestion was made by Joe Winchester that a MIEA By-Laws Committee be formed.

Announcements:

Annual picnic cookout June 20, 2002 at Rodgers Lake, 11:00 a.m.

Officers Meeting July 1, 2002 cancelled due to getting back from Potawatomi Gathering that day.

Elders Council Business Meeting July 4, 2002 cancelled due to holiday.

Elders Luncheon July 18, 2002 at Elders Hall, 11:00 a.m.

Rae Daugherty moved to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. Seconded by Mary Jo Morris

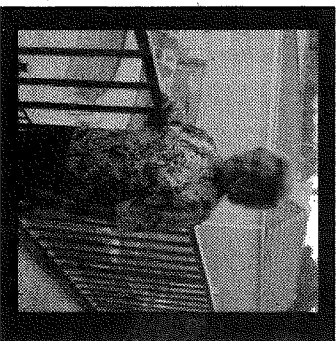
All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Mary Jo Morris, Elders Council Secretary, June 19, 2002



ELDER OF THE MONTH

MILDRED DELLA (RAPP) MIX
COLOMA, MICHIGAN



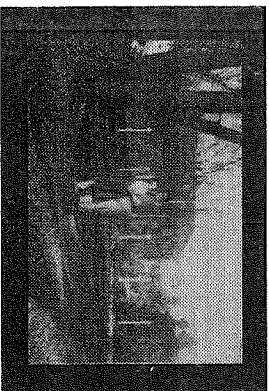
Dee was born June 10, 1917 in Toquim, Michigan near Hartford. She is 85 years old. Her parents were Nora Alexis and John Rapp. Her grandparents were Mary Ann Mee Mee and Michael Alexis. Dee's brother and sister were Michael Rapp and Cecelia Grace "Anna" Blackman, who are both deceased.

Her mother died when Dee was eleven months old. She was raised by her grandmother until her teenage years then she went to Mount Pleasant Indian Boarding School. She met her husband, Lawrence "Larry" Mix, during a square dance at the Boarding School. Her husband died in 1977.

She has seven children, Delores Moore of Kentucky, David Mix of Minnesota, Ronald Mix of Grand Rapids, Beverly Morrow of Coloma, John "Jack" Mix Jr. of Coloma, Michigan and two deceased children, Thomas and Larry Mix. She has 20 grandchildren, 57 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

Dee's happiest moment in life was when she had her first-born child. Dee has stated that she has always wanted to learn how to play the piano.

Dee wishes that she lived closer to the Elders Hall so she would be able to attend Elder's functions. She also wishes for the Tribe to be successful in their endeavors.



ATTENTION ELDERS!!! I NEED YOUR HELP!!!

I need your help gathering information regarding your life story (brief biography), along with your favorite picture, or younger days and recent pictures. The picture and/or pictures will be scanned for the newsletter and returned to you.

Please submit to:

Percy Boeman, Elder Specialist

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

or call toll-free 1-800-859-2717

WAGE REPORTING QUESTIONS

Q. How does Social Security know how much a person has earned?

A. Employers report earnings to Social Security on Form W-2 each year. Self-employed persons report their earnings to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on their tax return and IRS transmits that information to Social Security. Social Security then posts the earnings information on an individual's record.

Q. I just received my *Social Security Statement* and I noticed that I've not been given credit during the years I was married even though I signed the tax return as the spouse. Also, I can't find any credit for the years my husband and I were in business and filed a corporate tax return. Have my earnings been lost because I was listed on the return as the spouse?

A. If you were not employed and paying into Social Security when you were married, you would not have received credit toward Social Security during that time.

However, when you and your spouse were operating a business, you should have received credit for your share of the business income.

Frequently in husband/wife partnership cases all of the income derived from their trade or business is credited to the husband's earnings record. This is because the income derived from the partnership and/or corporation was reported under the husband's Social Security number for income tax and Social Security purposes. Since no income is reported under the wife's Social Security number, no earnings are credited to the wife's earnings record.

However, if certain requirements are met, Social Security law permits the reallocation of earnings in these situations so that the spouse with the missing earnings can receive credit for their share. Therefore, you should contact your local Social Security office regarding your missing earnings.

Q. If I work in an occupation where I earn tips, is it my responsibility to keep track of my tips and report them?

A. When you earn tips, you must keep a daily record of the tips you receive. If your tip income totals \$20 or more in a month, you are required to report the amount to your employer. Your employer is responsible for reporting the correct tip and wage information to the Social Security and the Internal Revenue Service.

John Coupe is the district manager of the Social Security office in Benton Harbor. You can write to him c/o Social Security Administration, 455 Bond St., Benton Harbor MI 49022. You can also call the national office at (800) 772-1213 from 7am to 7pm weekdays. If hearing impaired, call (800) 325-0778.

Foster Grandparent And Senior Volunteer Aide Programs



"Special People Meeting the Needs of Special Children"

Foster Grandparents spend 20 hours each week helping children with their schoolwork in classrooms or helping special needs children in other facilities. All work is done under the supervision of a teacher or other supervisor. Income eligible volunteers over age 60 receive up to \$200 a month, mileage reimbursement and other benefits.

Senior Volunteer Aides meet one-on-one each week with children who need special help in their homes. Their time is spent on activities like playing with the children, helping with homework, or walking to the library. Income eligible volunteers over age 55 receive a modest stipend and mileage reimbursement to and from the child's home, as well as other benefits.

Please call Senior Volunteer Programs (269)863-7058 or toll free (877)660-2723. Benton and Van Buren counties.



SOCIAL SERVICES

Indian Child Welfare

The Social Services Department monitors the well being of Pokagon Band children and families within state protective services and foster care programs. The department has become increasingly involved and takes an active role in these cases through the provision of a variety of outreach services, as well as working closely with state and private agencies. Outreach services, through the Social Services Department, work in conjunction with community prevention services to ensure continued family progress and stabilization. The department also provides a variety of services to individuals and families residing in the service area, to those temporarily residing in emergency housing units, and to tribal elders. While family reunification and stabilization are always the primary goals with Indian Child Welfare cases, at times reunification may be judged by a court to not be in the best interest of the children or parents. As such, family, extended family and tribal members are looked to for the care of these children. The Social Services Department is actively involved with public and private child welfare agencies to aid in locating both foster and permanent homes for these children, and is capable of providing referrals to individuals interested in providing care. There is an active need for Native American foster and adoptive homes. Anyone interested in helping to provide this needed care is encouraged to contact the Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998 or Jennifer Neill at the Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency (MICWA) at 1-800-880-2089.

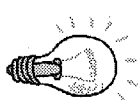
Donations

The Pokagon Band Social Services Department will be accepting the donation of goods on a continual basis. These goods will be made available and distributed to Pokagon Band children and families in need on an as needed basis. Goods include, but are not limited to: new or slightly used clothing for both children and adults; new or slightly used children's toys, games or crafts materials; household appliances, furniture, or items in working or good repair; and unopened nonperishable food products. Please contact the Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998 to arrange for the drop-off or pick-up of these goods. The department wishes to thank everyone in advance for these donations and for helping those in need.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program



(LIHEAP)



The Social Services Department closed out the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at the beginning of May, concluding the 2001-2002 winter season. The LIHEAP program fulfilled over 400 requests for the season, providing heating assistance to over 150 families and individuals. Within the last three years over 300 families, comprised of over 900 individuals, have been able to benefit from this program in their efforts to maintain or attain self-sufficiency. It is anticipated that the program will start again in October for the 2002-2003 winter season.

Indian Child Welfare Commission

The Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band has recent established the Pokagon Band Indian Child Welfare Commission. Whereas the care and custody of Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, the welfare of its children are paramount importance to the Band. Therefore, the Pokagon Band Indian Child Welfare Commission has been established for the purpose of working with the Pokagon Band Tribal Council, Tribal Court where established, Social Services Department, and where appropriate, state judicial and administrative bodies, with regard to child welfare matters. Anyone interested learning more about the Commission or becoming member of the Commission is encouraged to contact the Social Services Department for information at (269) 782-8998.





Child Care Development Fund

Participation in the Child Care Development Fund is steadily increasing. Members throughout the service area are encouraged to apply for this unique program. Applications can be obtained at the Administrative/Social Services office or can be mailed or faxed to anyone interested. The purpose of this program is to enable parents to receive childcare payment assistance while participating in productive employment, an approved educational plan or while training for employment. With the summer season approaching, and children being home from school, this program can be especially beneficial to parents who work or who are furthering their education.

A staff member from the Social Services Department will be available in the South Bend Office every Tuesday. Members are encouraged to stop by and fill out applications for Child Care Assistance if they have not already done so. A staff member will be available to help with completing these applications and to answer any questions regarding the department and available services.

General Requirements:

1. Parents must be employed, participating in a job training or education program, or actively involved in documental job searches.
2. Children must be 12 years or younger. Those with 3 or more children will be given priority.
3. Must reside within Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Elkhart, Kosciusko, La Porte, Marshall, St. Joseph, Starke, or Van Buren counties.
4. A parent or child must be a member the Pokagon Band.

Verification Eligibility

For Employment Purposes:

1. Documentation of employer, job site, telephone number and name of immediate supervisor. Information provided on application must be verifiable.
2. Salary and length of scheduled training time must be provided in the case of a training program.

For Education Purposes:

1. Must have proof of registration in a post-secondary school or proof of involvement in a high school or GED program.
2. Must have a copy of official class schedule listing courses being taken, including times and days of classes.

Grades must be submitted at the end of each quarter to continue to be eligible for the next term. Preliminary

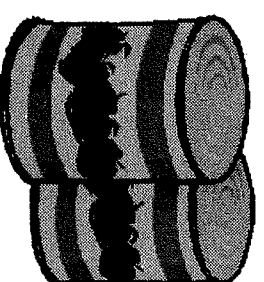
verification and official number of hours to be paid for childcare may be established as soon as the student registers for new classes.

The Social Services Department has a list of licensed providers for each area. The providers will include center-based and group home care for full-day and before-and-after school care. In-home unlicensed relative care will not be covered as yet. A sliding fee scale will determine each family's contribution to the cost of childcare based on income and the size of the family. The Social Services Department will work with each family to facilitate the program application process and aid in locating licensed childcare. For more information, please contact the Social Services Department.

Food Commodities Program:

In an effort to better serve Band members who may work varying shifts, the Food Commodities Program hours of operation have been changed. The current hours of operation will be from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. These hours will hopefully allow members to better utilize this service both before and after work. Commodities are now being ordered through a new distributor with the program receiving all name brand products. Recently, more shelving/storage area was installed to allow even more efficiency when filling orders for the membership.

A staff member from the food commodity program will visit the South Bend Office every Tuesday and visit the Allegan area once a month. Members are encouraged to stop by the South Bend office and fill out an application for this program if they have not already done so. Those residing in the Allegan area are encouraged to call and request an application and to place orders. Those Allegan area participants will also be able to verify the time and place for delivery at that time. Once enrolled in this program, participants can fax, mail, or call in their orders to the Food Commodities





ENROLLMENT

Pokagon Band Photo ID Cards

- New Members ages 14 and Older will receive a Photo ID.
- New applicants of Enrollment, or replacement cards will not have the option to choose whether they want a Photo ID or not.
- Members living outside the service area must submit a notarized picture and signature to be scanned. (call the office for a form).
- Members must *schedule an appointment* to replace a card.
- Appointments at the discretion of the Enrollment office.
- Members 60 and Older will receive a scheduling preference, but must surrender the existing card.
- All existing cards must be returned when receiving a replacement card.

A fee of \$5.00 levied for all lost cards as resolved 08/08/98.

Address Changes

Before any updates can be made the office must receive:

A *notarized* statement 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.

Office of Trust Funds Management

The Office of Trust Funds Management (OTFM) is responsible for managing trust funds for individual Indian Money (IIM) Account Holders and is working on a project to locate IIM Account Holders that we have lost contact with for one reason or another.

This is a list of account holders from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians that are currently in Whereabouts Unknown (WALU) status.

These individuals must complete the required forms which can be obtained from any OTFM office, or they can call 1-888-OST-OTFM, and enter the first three digits of their account number, which is 478, for further information.

Do Not Call the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Enrollment Office. That office is uninvolved with trust fund monies.

Andrews, Terri L.	Olivari, Tanya R.
Anewishki, Beatrice H.	Oskaboose, Karen M.
Brown, Kyle L.	Pamp, Matt
Bush, Kenneth J.	Paul, Dawn
Caffman, Darrell R.	Paul, Diane
Chamberlain, Markus L.	Poole, Shelly R.
Chivis, Jason A.	Powell, Judy
Chivis, Russell W.	Priboj, Linda L.
Cloud, Dalton J.	Price, Cory L.
Cloud, Jerry L.	Rice, Virginia M.
Cloud, Marsha M.	Rueckert, Clyde W.
Cunningham III, Robert E.	Rueckert, Marilyn
Edgington, Denise E.	Slater, Jeremy D.
Eness, Irene D.	Smith, Amber N.
Fox, Andrew R.	Smith, Roger D.
Fox, Andra R.	Sprague, Virginia A.
Francis, Leana J.	Stein, Timothy D.
Gannon, Debra S.	Stover, Daniel M.
Harris, Kevin L.	Swisher III, William E.
Henslee, Phillip M.	Swisher, Allan M.
Hines IV, William D.	Topash, Todd S.
Isham, Raini M.	Vernia, Kristopher T.
Johnson, Russell J.	Walters, Jose E.
Lewis, Timothy J.	Weatherwax, Shelly R.
Mark, Nichol L.	Wesaw, Brian V.
McCann, Tawas L.	Wesaw, Kristina A.
McFadyen, Jenny A.	Williams, John M.
Montoya-Pego, Juan L.	Wilson, Kenneth L.
Moore, Marcherie E.	Younts, Penny J.
Morrow Jr., Daniel E.	Zimmerman, Dawn
Nelson, Jeffrey L.	
Nichols-Olivari, Samantha J.	



HEALTH SERVICES

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! TO ALL POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

Did you know that Diabetes is being referred to as an epidemic in Native American Communities? Have you wondered if undiagnosed Diabetes is affecting your health? To assess your risk, answer the following 6 questions either "Yes" or "no".

1. Has any member/s of your family been diagnosed with diabetes?
2. Have you felt more tired than usual?
3. Have you been urinating more frequently?
4. Do you have an increase in thirst, drinking more liquids than usual?
5. Have you felt light headed or shaky if you've missed a meal?
6. 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 conditions of high or low blood sugar levels, or hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia. These are conditions associated with Diabetes.

Want to know what more you can do to find out about your risk for Diabetes? Call Pokagon Indian Health Services Diabetes Program and make an appointment to have your blood sugar checked. This is a simple test with results within seconds. We can see you in our office or in your home. Please phone our office at 1-888-440-1234 or 782-4141 and ask for one of our outreach staff people.

Want a fun activity to help you delay or halt the onset of Diabetic complications? We offer a low impact seated aerobics class. Gerobics Classes meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Elders Hall outside Dowagiac. Call our office and ask for our Gerobics instructor, Cindy Rapp, CHR.

Foot Care Clinics



Pokagon Band of
Potawatomi
Indian Health Services

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Indian Health Services

57392 M-51 South
Dowagiac, MI 49031

Phone: 616-782-4141
Fax: 616-782-8797
Toll Free: 1-888-440-1234
Call Joy Duff LPN, CHR
Foot Care Specialist

(New Location !!!)
57392 M-51 South Dowagiac, MI
Second Wednesday of each month
and
South Bend Office
2705 Mishawaka Ave
Mishawaka, IN

Please Call to make YOUR
appointment today

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES NON-COVERED SERVICES

Most of the Pokagon Band's Health Services are provided by federal funding for Contract Health Services, (CHS). The services below are NOT generally covered by CHS, although, in rare cases, they might be covered when they are considered medically necessary. Some of the services below are not covered by CHS, but are offered by the tribe. Those services are indicated on the list. Remember: To access Contract Health Services, a tribal member MUST notify the Pokagon Band Health Department three days in advance of any non-emergency appointment, or within three days following an emergency encounter.

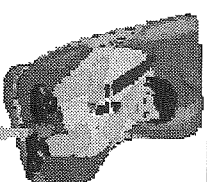
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| 1. Long Term Care | 12. Alternative Medicine |
| a. Nursing Home | a. Acupuncture
(Offered for stress
reduction & adjunct
to sub. abuse
treatment) |
| b. Foster Care | b. Therapeutic
Massage |
| 2. Home Health Care | |
| a. Skilled Nursing | |
| b. Home Health | |
| c. Respite Services | |
| d. Home Physical
Therapy | |
| 3. Hospice | 13. Workers' Comp. Injuries |
| 4. Prolonged Services | 14. Disability Evaluations |
| 5. Preventative Medicine
Services | 15. Second Opinion, (Unless
Requested by CHS) |
| 6. Surgical Sterilizations | 16. Dental Services |
| a. Vasectomy | a. Bleaching |
| b. Tubal Ligation | b. Orthodontia,
(Braces) |
| 7. Cosmetic Services | c. Implants |
| a. Cosmetic Surgery | 17. Alternative Funded Service |
| b. Obesity Services | a. Out-of-Network
Services |
| c. Cosmetic Dental
Procedures | b. Available Under
Other Insurance |
| 8. Substance Abuse Services | c. Immunizations -
Health Dept. |
| a. Outpatient
(Offered by Tribe) | 18. Services to non-members |
| b. Inpatient-
Detoxification | 19. Artificial Insemination |
| 9. Mental Health | 20. Diet Prescriptions |
| a. Outpatient
(Offered by Tribe) | a. Xenical |
| b. Inpatient | b. Meridia |
| 10. Transplants | c. Adipex |
| 11. Selected Durable Medical
Equipment | 21. TMJ |
| | 22. DNA Testing |

Attention Pokagon Band Moms!!!

We now have a certified
Child Passenger Safety Technician !

A Child Passenger Safety Tech is a person that is qualified to teach the proper installation of car seats. If you want to know if you qualify for a car seat, contact Cindy Rapp, CHR, CPST, at Pokagon Indian Health Services. All members who receive a car seat MUST attend an instructional session to learn safe and proper installation of the car seat BEFORE it can be given out.

Remember: Click it or tickle it



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indian
Health Services

Contact person:
Cindy Rapp, CHR, CPST

Phone: 616-782-4141
Fax: 616-782-8797
Toll Free: 1-888-440-1234



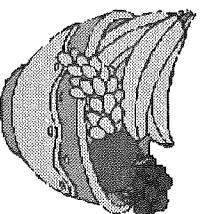
SOUTH BEND OFFICE INFORMATION

The Pokagon Indian Health Services continue to have every Thursday as our day to visit the South Bend office. On those days we look forward to assisting you with all your health needs. We have a person stay at that office all day. We asked that if you need medical supplies, such as insulin syringes, lancets, glucometer strips, to please come on the day or time that one of our staff can be there. Sometimes these things can be complicated, and to maintain confidentiality, it would be best to come on the days we are there. If you cannot absolutely make it on that day, we could receive what you need by telephone. Phone numbers to reach us are 782-4141 or (888)440-1234 or South Bend Office at (574)234-9011 to let us know your needs so we could prepare your supplies in advance and have them ready for pick up. We could give out packaged supplies on other days if you call us and let us know your needs. We here at the Pokagon Indian Health Office are here to serve you, and assist with your health needs. We look forward to hearing from you!

2002 Dietary Guidelines

Aim for Fitness

- *Be physically active each day.
- *Aim for a healthy weight.



Build a Healthy Base

- *Use the Food Pyramid to guide your food choices.
- *Choose a variety of fruits and vegetables daily.
- *Choose a variety of grains daily, especially whole grains.
- *Keep food safe to eat.

Choose Sensibly

- *Choose a diet that is low in saturated fat and cholesterol and moderate in total fat.
- *Choose beverages and foods to control your intake of sugars.
- *Choose and prepare foods with less salt.
- *If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

A Few Painless Ways To Live A Healthier Life

Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Use olive oil and vinegar instead of ranch dressing. Walk or ride your bike instead of driving. Take a hike. Take dancing lessons. Try grilling fish instead of fried. Eat whole wheat bread. Dance to the radio. Don't buy prepared food-make it yourself! Buy fresh veggies instead of canned. Go on after dinner bike rides with your kids. Drink water instead of pop. Flavor your food with spices not salt. Eat whole wheat pasta instead of white pasta. Substitute ground turkey for hamburger when making spaghetti. Take carrots to work for snacking instead of chips. Eat dinner at least 2 hours before bedtime. Eat lowfat frozen yogurt for dessert instead of ice cream. Exercise 20 minutes a day, three times a week. Change your eating habits instead of dieting. Stock your house with healthy snacks instead of cookies. Eat breakfast every day-it starts your metabolism for the day. Eat cereal high in fiber not sugary. Meet a friend for a walk instead of pie and coffee. Use cooking spray instead of oil. If you must fry something, use canola olive oil. If it says 'partially hydrogenated' on the package leave it at the store. Don't go to the grocery store hungry. Have healthy positive outlook on life. Eat pretzels instead of peanuts. Use skim or 1/2% milk instead of whole milk or milk. Join the fruit of the month club instead of the beer the month club. Don't buy or eat foods high in fat. Be nice to people around you. Don't clench your teeth. Relieve stress by deep breathing several times a day. Go dancing or powwow. Load up on veggies instead of starches. Play basketball instead of watching it on TV. Limit your use of butter. Have a light snack before exercising. Drink fruit juice or have fruit every morning. Make a serious commitment to having a healthier lifestyle. Resist the temptation to run to the fast food. Try the heart healthy menu items at the restaurant. Don't be afraid to ask for what you want at the restaurant and to ask how it is prepared. Make a food journal. Make your change in your lifestyle a permanent one



OPTICAL UPDATE

Optical services are scheduled every Tuesday, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM. This is the designated day for you to choose your frame styles or pick up your glasses.

To make your appointments, phone our Optical Dispenser, Cindy Rapp, CHR at 782-4141, or 1-888-440-1234, ext. 30. If Cindy is unavailable, leave a message on her voicemail and she will return your call.

ENROLL TODAY WITH CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES!

Pokagon Health Services is encouraging members who live within the county tribal area to enroll for Contract Health Services. Enrollment consists of furnishing 4 basic items: a photo i.d. from Michigan or Indiana, (if you have a license), a second proof of residency, (phone bill or other), indication of other insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare, and a completed patient registration form. Please, do not wait for an emergency to present itself, as we will be unable to help with your bills if your enrollment is not current. Call F. Pelto at 888-440-1234, extension 23, and she will send you the proper form for your enrollment with Contract Health Services.



POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

WORK SESSION

TRIBAL COUNCIL W/ ROB GIPS

& ROB WYRE

MAY 14, 2002

Meeting Called to Order: 6:10p.m. by Michael Zimmerman, Acting Chairman

Roll Call: Trudy Loeding, Faye Wesaw, Marie Manley, Mike Zimmerman, Sr., Henry White, Butch Starrett. Elder's Council - Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris, Clarence White and Gerald Wesaw.

Absent: Cleora Morseau - other commitment, and Tom Wesaw, Jr. - ill, Rae Daugherty - other commitment and Bill Augusta - vacation.

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

Issues at Hand:

Tax Agreement - Tribal Tax Counsel Retainer

Lakes Update

Project Labor Agreement

This agreement is in the final stage.

Copper Purchase Agreement

Electric Power Agreement

This agreement will supply us with power at the casino site.

Non-Gaming Trust Land Application

The 30day comment period from the local governments has passed and Mark Parrish along with Kevin Daugherty are responding to the comments.

Status of Code Enforcement Officer Status

Child Welfare Counsel

PINI Status

Constitution

Mercury Resolution

A resolution supporting a mercury phase out plan was presented. Tribal Council will review the resolution for approval in the near future.

Per Capita

A copy of the current regulations pertaining to Per Capita were submitted for Tribal Council review.

TOMAC Oral Argument Update

Boyd Flynn Update

Tax Agreement, Summary of Key Issues

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:25p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

CLOSED WORK SESSION

TRIBAL COUNCIL

HOUSING DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

MAY 15, 2002

Work Session began at: 6:21p.m. by Marie Manley, Tribal Council Secretary

Roll Call: Marie Manley, Henry White, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding. Elder's Council - Marge Moody and Mary Jo Morris.

Absent: Bill Augusta (vacation), Tom Wesaw, Jr. (ill), Mike Zimmerman (ill), Butch Starrett (out of town) and Cleora Morseau (unexcused).

Also in Attendance: Housing Director Candidates - Richard Ackley, Troy Clay and Jerry Thomas.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES



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

Issues at Hand:

Housing Director Interviews

Work Session ended: 8:45p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

TRIBAL COUNCIL W/ KAIGHN SMITH

JUDICIAL SET-UP AND INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

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MAY 28, 2002

Work Session began: 6:03p.m. by Michael Zimmerman, Sr., Acting Chairman

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:00p.m.

Invocation Given by: Rae Daugherty - Elder

Roll Call: Butch Starrett, Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Michael Zimmerman, Sr., Marie Manley, Trudy Loeding, Faye Wesaw (arrived at 7:00p.m.). Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty and Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett and Elder's Council - Mary Jo Morris and Marge Moody.

Absent: Cleora Morseau (out of town).

Also in Attendance: Michael Petoskey - Tribal Judge, Kaighn Smith - Attorney, Marchell Wesaw - Legal Assistant, Bill Holmes - Social Services Director, and Kevin Daugherty - Resource Developer.

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

Issues at Hand:

Work Session

Work Session began with introductions.

Faye Wesaw arrived.

Overview of Draft Children's Protection Ordinance

Break at: 7:30p.m.

Meeting resumed: 7:55p.m.

Court Jurisdiction: The Scope of Tribal Court Jurisdiction

Social & Health Services

Tribal Court Officers

Meeting Scheduled

On June 12th Tribal Council will meet at 8:30a.m. to review the Child Protection Ordinance.

Break at: 9:20p.m.

Meeting Resumed: 9:40p.m.

Trust Fund Funding

Development of Indian Child Welfare Program

RESOLUTION#1 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Henry White

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves payment to Michael Petoskey for assisting the Band in the development of the Pokagon Band Indian Child Welfare Program, including work performed on that project to date:

FURTHERMORE: Tribal Council authorizes Acting Chairman, Michael Zimmerman, write a letter to Michael D. Petoskey, conformity with the draft letter attached hereto, to confirm that the Band agrees to compensate him for assisting in the development of the Band's Indian Child Welfare Program.

Mike Z.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Absent
Henry W.	Y	Butch S.	Y

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

as **Meeting Called to Order at:** 7:00p.m.

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**Tom Kenny - Tax Consultant**

WHEREAS: The Michigan tribes have retained Tom Kenny as tax counsel in the negotiations with the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS: The Band has thus far paid \$5,000.00 as its share of the costs of such representation; and

WHEREAS: The various tribes now must pay additional amounts so that the tribes can continue to pay for Mr. Kenny's services, and pursuant to the attached letter to the Band dated April 25, 2002, the total contribution amount needed from the Pokagon Band as its fair share is \$7,000.00.

RESOLUTION #3 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Henry White

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves paying an additional \$7,000.00 into the Kenny trust account.

Mike Z.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Absent
Henry W.	Y	Butch S.	Y

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

Copper Nugget

WHEREAS: The Band desires to purchase a certain large copper nugget, to be used as a centerpiece for one of the restaurants in the Four Winds Casino, and

WHEREAS: The cost of such nugget will be approximately \$20,000; and

RESOLUTION #4 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Trudy Loeding

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves Lakes Gaming entering into appropriate agreements to purchase said nugget, with the cost of acquisition to be treated as a project cost.

Mike Z.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Absent

Henry W.	Y	Butch S.	Abstain
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ALL IN FAVOR: 6, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 1, ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

American Electric Power

RESOLUTION #5 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Henry White

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves and authorize the Tribal Acting Chairman and Tribal Secretary to execute agreements for installation of electric service and provision of such service, from American Electric Power for the Four Winds Casino, in substantially the form attached hereto.

Mike Z.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Absent
Henry W.	Y	Butch S.	Y

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

Mercury Phaseout Plan

RESOLUTION #6 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Trudy Loeding

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council endorses the proposal known as the "Mercury Phaseout Plan," and specifically endorses the Plan's call for:

- A 90% reduction in mercury air emissions from all significant Michigan mercury emissions sources by 2010, and the virtual elimination of Michigan mercury air pollution by 2020;
- The cleanup of 90 percent of the mercury hotspots on land in sediments by 2010, and the total cleanup of all those mercury hotspots by 2020; and
- The reduction of mercury in discharges to lakes and streams to levels below those set to protect water quality (known as



water quality standards), with exceptions, as needed for municipal wastewater treatment plants.

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

Dissolving of PINI

A resolution was brought forth which would dissolve "PINI". After discussing this issue Tribal Council agreed to table this until the Tribal Attorney is brought on board to look at this.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:25p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

TRIBAL COUNCIL W/ ROB WYRE

SITE PLAN FOR CASINO PROJECT

TRIBAL COUNCIL W/ KAIGHN SMITH

COURT SYSTEM SET-UP

MAY 29, 2002

Work Session Began at: 6:03p.m. Rob Wyre gave Tribal Council an update on the casino site plan.

Meeting Called to Order: 6:22p.m. by Michael Zimmerman, Sr.

Invocation Given by: Henry White - Elder

Roll Call: Butch Starrett, Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Michael Zimmerman, Sr., Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw and Trudy Loeding. Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty and Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett. Elder's Council - Marge Moody and Mary Jo Morris

Absent: Cleora Morseau (out of town).

Also in Attendance: Mike Petoskey - Tribal Judge for Little Traverse Band, Kaighn Smith - Attorney from Drummond, Marchell Wesaw - Legal Assistant and Kevin Daugherty - Resource Developer.

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

Issues at Hand:

Tribal Court System and Tribal Laws

Enacted Codes Invoking Tribal Court Jurisdiction

Budget for Funding the Tribal Court System

Break at: 7:25p.m.

Mtg. Resumed: 7:42p.m.

Child Protection Coordinator

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and by Trudy Loeding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves of creating a description for a Child Protection Coordinator.

Mike Z.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Absent
Henry W.	Y	Butch S.	Y

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

Laws to be Enacted, Infrastructure Needs Role of Tribal Court

Priorities for Different Codes
Council Procedures Codes
Elections Code
Codes Covered Under ANA Grant

Child Welfare Commission

The following resolution was brought forth to begin compiling a Child Welfare Commission.

RESOLUTION #2 made by Marie Manley and by Faye Wesaw

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Child Welfare Commission, commissioner appointment



application as presented 5/29/02 and as hereto attached.

Mike Z. Y	Faye W. Y
Marie M. Y	Trudy L. Y
Tom W. Y	Cleora M. Absent
Henry W. Y	Butch S. Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 7, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 1,

ABSTAIN: 0. CARRIED.

Housing Director

RESOLUTION #3 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Faye Wesaw

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves hiring Richard Ackley for the Housing Director position.

Mike Z. Abstain	Faye W. Y
Marie M. Y	Trudy L. Y
Tom W. N	Cleora M. Absent
Henry W. N	Butch S. Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 4, OPPOSED: 2, ABSENT: 1,

ABSTAIN: 1. CARRIED.

Trust Fund Monies

Meeting Adjourned: 10:07p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL W/ELECTION COMMITTEE

TRIBAL COUNCIL

EXIT INTERVIEW OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEE

MAY 30, 2002

Work Session began at: 6:07p.m.

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:18p.m. by Marie Manley - Tribal Council Secretary

Invocation Given by: Henry White-Elder

At this time Marie turned the meeting over to Tom Wesaw, Jr. due to Marie being related to one of the employees from the Education Department.

Roll Call: Henry White, Butch Starrett, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Marie Manley, Trudy Loeding, Cleora Morseau and Faye Wesaw (arrived at 6:18p.m.). Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett and Elder's Council - Marge Moody and Mary Jo Morris.

Absent: Michael Zimmerman, Sr., (family obligation).

Also in Attendance: Election Committee - Kenneth Antisdell, Rob Willis, Karen Winchester and Audrey Huston, Legal Assistant - Marchell Wesaw.

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

Issues at Hand:

Recall Provisions

Meeting called to order at 6:18p.m.

Election Procedures

The Election Procedures for 2002 were brought forth for Tribal Council approval.

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Tom Wesaw, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Election procedures for 2002 as presented 5/30/02.

Mike Z. Absent	Faye W. Y
Marie M. Abstain	Trudy L. Y
Tom W. Abstain	Cleora M. Abstain
Henry W. Y	Butch S. Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 4, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 1,

ABSTAIN: 3. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:24p.m.

Meeting was re-opened at: 7:30p.m.

Education Employee - Exit Interview

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:55p.m.



POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

TRIBAL COUNCIL W/

1. ROY JOHNSON - FBI

2. JOE CIBA - INTERIM TRIBAL OPERATIONS

OFFICER

3. DIRECTOR CONTRACTS

4. GATHERING COMMITTEE

JUNE 3, 2002

Work Session began at: 4:37p.m.

Meeting Called to Order at: 5:25p.m. by Marie Manley - Tribal Council Secretary

Invocation Given by: Henry White - Elder

Roll Call: Butch Starrett, Henry White, Trudy Loeding, Cleora Morseau, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw (arrived at 5:20p.m.) and Tom Wesaw, Jr. (arrived at 4:42p.m.), Elder's Council - Marge Moody and Mary Jo Morris and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty and Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett.

Absent: Mike Zimmerman, Sr. (out of town).

Also in Attendance: Roy Johnson - FBI, Joe Ciba - Interim T.O.O., Marchell Wesaw - Legal Assistant and Gathering Committee - Lucinda Graverette Smith, Georgiana Morseau, and Val Baker.

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

Issues at Hand:

Roy Johnson - FBI

Roy gave a brief explanation of the FBI investigation process.

Joe Ciba - Tribal Operations Officer

Joe began with a discussion on the environmental for the land in trust.

Camping at Rodger's Lake

Discussion was held on people camping on the Rodger's Lake property.

Village Green

Discussion was held on some of the problems arising at the Village Green trailer park.

Housing Director

Discussion was held on whether there is funding to bring on the Housing Director.

Tribal Attorney

Lance Hendrickson will be offered the Tribal Attorney position on Tuesday, June 4th.

RESOLUTION #2 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Cleora Morseau

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the Employee Agreement (contract) for all directors within the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

FURTHERMORE: "Just Cause" would not apply to directors under the current Personnel Policy Handbook.

Mike Z.	Absent	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Y
Henry W.	Y	Butch S.	Y

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

Marchell Wesaw will draw up the contracts for each director.

Gathering Committee

Final details were reviewed for the 2002 All Potawatomi Gathering to be held in Mayetta, Kansas.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20p.m.



POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
CLOSED WORK SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL W/JOHN POKAGON
&
TRIBAL COUNCIL W/JOE CIBA
INTERIM TRIBAL OPERATIONS OFFICER
JUNE 4, 2002

Work Session Began: 10:15p.m.

Roll Call: Trudy Loeding (conferenced in), Marie Manley, Butch Starrett, Faye Wesaw, Cleora Morseau and Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett.

Absent: Mike Zimmerman, Sr. (North Liberty), Henry White (unexcused), Tom Wesaw, Jr., and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty

Also in Attendance: John Pokagon - Interviewee for Chief of Police.

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

Issues at Hand:

John Pokagon

Fax Machines for Tribal Council Members

Work Session continued with Joe Ciba

Education Director discussion

Camping Policies and Procedures

Grievances

Housing Director

Medical Provider

Surveys

Resource Developer -Job Description

Meeting Adjourned at: 1:30p.m.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
WORK SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL
TRIBAL OPERATIONS OFFICER INTERVIEWS
JUNE 5, 2002

Work Session began: 6:15p.m.

Roll Call: Marie Manley, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding, Cleora Morseau, Butch Starrett (arrived at 6:20p.m.) Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty and Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett.

Absent: Mike Zimmerman, Sr. (candidate for T.O.O. position), Henry White (basement flooded).

Also in Attendance: Tribal Operations Officer candidates -Randall Vittitow, Thomas Kolinsky and Troland Clay.

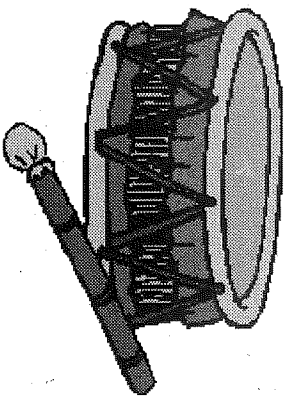
Minutes Taken by: Marie Manley - Tribal Council Secretary and Kelly Curran - Executive Secretary to Tribal Council.

Issues at Hand:

Three candidates were interviewed for the Tribal Operations Officer position.

Housing Director Discussion

Work Session ended at: 9:40p.m.



POW WOW TRAIL..... 2002



18TH ANNUAL LITTLE ELK'S RETREAT POW WOW-MT. PLEASANT, MI.-AUGUST 2,3 & 4

LAC VIEUX DESERT POW WOW-WATERSMEET, MI.-AUGUST 9 & 10

11TH ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW-HARBOR SPRINGS, MI-AUGUST 9,10 & 11

BLUE WATER INDIAN CELEBRATION-PORT HURON, MI.-AUGUST 10 & 11

"DANCE FOR MOTHER EARTH" POW WOW-COTTSVILLE TOWNSHIP, OH.-AUGUST 17 & 18

18TH ANNUAL KEE-BOON-MEIN-KAA POW WOW-SOUTH BEND, IN.-AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1

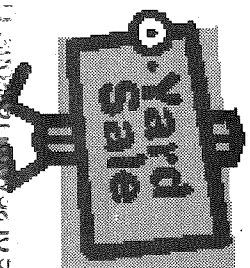
"LEST OUR CHILDREN FORGET" CONTEST POW WOW-ADRIAN, MI.-SEPTEMBER 28 & 29

14TH ANNUAL CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY POW WOW-MOUNT PLEASANT, MI.-SEPTEMBER 28 & 29

Head Start 1st Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser

August 8, 9 & 10

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"YOUR VIEWS" EDITORIAL

Boo Zhoo,

My name is Cleora Morseau and I would like to take a moment to say Iguan (Thank You) to the members who voted for me in the last election. It has truly been an honor to be involved with the direction of the Band during such an exciting time.

Even if I am not re-elected in the July Election I will remain grateful for the votes. If I do receive this honor, again I will make the membership a priority and help lead this community to a prosperous and memorable future.

May the Great Spirit guide our precious moccasins. I truly wish all the candidates the best.

Respectfully-
Cleora

My husband and I were two of the fifteen Elders that were fortunate to have been able to attend the Potawatomi Gathering in Kansas last month. It was a rewarding experience in many ways. The camaraderie built between the Elder's Group and the many friends that we made from all parts of the country is memorable. We would also like to extend a big "Thank You" to Becky Price, Cindy Rapp and Greg Morsaw for their unselfish time spent with us and for making sure that we were cared for and comfortable!

Again, Thank You-
Bonnie and Tom Parrish

Do you know?

- Ø That the life expectancy for Native Americans has been reported to be significantly lower than that people of other races? Reported to be as low as 52 years of age.
- Ø Native Americans face diabetes, heart problem cancer, etc. in several cases even before reaching the age of 55?
- Ø There are many Pokagon Band members with health problems and financial problems nearing the age of 55?
- Ø That with enough support a needed change can be made to promote a healthier standard of living for a large number of Pokagon Band members.
- Ø Many Pokagon Band members have passed away before reaching the age of 65, many of which who's circumstance could have been different had they been regarded as elders.
- Ø In the future the Pokagon Band elders status may allow much better health benefits, living conditions, and financial opportunities.
- Ø There will almost certainly be additional funding for elders benefits in the future assuring that there will be an ample amount of rewards to be shared by a larger number of elders.
- Ø The average Pokagon Band member who has already reached the age 55 has in more cases than not, already reached the rank of being a grandparent.

Currently to be considered a Pokagon Band elder you must be 60 years old, are you interested in this being lowered to 55? Let's all take a look around at our mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, brothers and sisters. Who do you know nearing 55 years of age?

Please mail your comments, show support, or questions to:

John J. Morseau
113 S. Fulton St.
Cassopolis, MI 49031

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

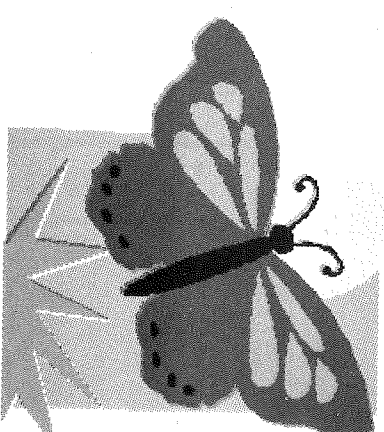
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4	5 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	6 Optical Day@IHS	7 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	8 IHS/CHS @ South Bend Office	9 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	10 Tribal Council Mtg. Lodge@ 10:00 am
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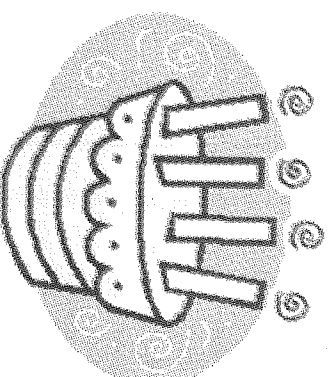
Happy Birthday
 Ron Wesaw 8/2
 Francis (Gordon) Wesaw 8/4
 Love Your Family

Happy Birthday 8/7 Sonja & Maurice Love, Grand

*Happy Belated Birthday
 Shari Cannell 7/26
 Love-Mom*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 HEATHER HEFFINGTON 8/2
 MIKEY SPICHER 8/29
 ISIAH HEFFINGTON 8/21
 LOVE-GRANDMA



Happy Birthday to:
 Dela Veringdon 8/1
 Joan Olds 8/15
 Madelyn Wesaw 8/19
 JB Olds 8/22
 Sanda Wesaw 8/23
 Candace Wesaw 8/30
 John Alan Day 8/30
 Love- your whole family!

Happy Belated Birthday
 Kim Wheatley 7/16
 Love Aunt Stella

Happy Belated Birthday
 Rachel Reed 7/9
 Eric Brown 7/9
 Love-Grandma

Happy Belated Birthday
Summer Duchanne & Crystal
Morseau
Love- Your family

Happy Birthday
Bred Hacker 8/20
Mike Spicher 8/25
Love-Mom

Happy Birthday 8/2 Jason Wesaw
Love Grandma & Grandpa

Happy Birthday 8/28
 Christopher David Taylor
 ove-Mom, Grandpa, Aunt
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 Candy, Neices, Nephews &
 Cousins

Happy Birthday 8/11
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 Cookie

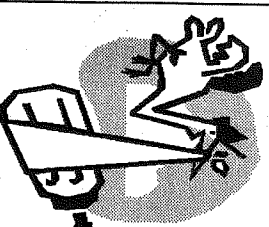
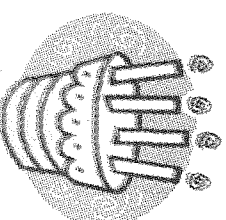
Happy 85th Birthday
Luella Lewis
August 6th
Love your Family

Love-Mom, Dad & Family

Happy 1st Birthday
To the Taylor Twins!
Brianna & Christina
August 31st

Love-Mom, Grandpa, Aunt Cindy
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Nieces, Nephews & Cousins

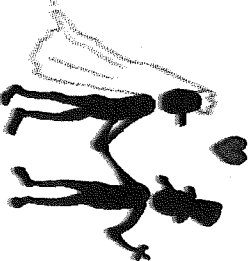
Happy Birthday Carol (Person) Hope 8/17
Daughter of Frank & Coleen Person
Love your Family



Born 7/15/02
 6lbs 6oz

Daughter of Adam & Melissa (Vanlandingham) Hoover
 Granddaughter of Paula Vanlandingham
 Great-Granddaughter of Darlene Tate
 Great-Great Granddaughter of Luella Lewis

Happy 59th Wedding Anniversary
August 28th
Gordon & Bea Wesaw
Love-Ron, Dorene, Debbie, Cody



Happy Birthday Arthur Watson, Jr.
August 13th
Love-Pat

Happy Birthday!
 Uncle Frank E Person 8/15 Son of Frank M. & Jennie (Selmon) Person.
 Grandson of Joseph & Susan (Bettie) Person and Grand
 Grandson of Luc & Elizabeth (Agnes) Person.
 We love you very much!! Your Family...