



POKÉGNEK  
YAJDANAWA

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

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*"The Pokagons Tell It"*



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## RALLY IN LANSING

The rally at the State Capitol was a success. As has been chronicled, the Indian compacts have faced significant delay in the state of Michigan. The rally was a way to draw some attention to our issues.

The rally began with an invocation, and Finance Director Mike Wesaw gave the welcome and introduced the first speaker Pokagon Chairman Robert Moody, Jr. Chairman Moody pointed out the unfairness of the compact process. He talked about the four tribes being used as leverage for the Detroit interests.

Representatives from the three other tribes also spoke of the process and the lack of fairness as the state continued to delay approval of the compacts.

Chairman George Bennett from the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and a representative from the Saginaw Chippewa tribe gave the tribes words of encouragement and support.

Last June, the Detroit City Council issued a letter questioning the validity of the four recently restored tribes. Chairman Bennett wrote a letter protesting the Council's stance and letting everyone know that all federally recognized tribes are equal. He also reminded everyone in attendance at the rally that sovereignty is something that is important to all tribes.

Congressman Dale Kildee urged the state to do its duty and pass the compacts. He said if that did not happen, he would personally encourage Secretary Babbitt to intervene on behalf of the tribes.

Mike Wesaw was the last speaker. Wesaw told

everyone how the tribes had gotten to this point. He also pointed out that the House leadership was a major obstacle.

Speaker Hertel had refused to take the issue up until Detroit interests were placated. Wesaw also said the House leadership made some promises to move the compacts and those promises were not kept.

The theme of fairness for the tribes made a very strong point. Members of all tribes in attendance made signs that addressed that issue. Each speaker drove home the point that fairness simply has not existed in this process.

Following the rally, everyone had lunch at the tent. The Lansing Indian Center served a lunch of Indian tacos and cake. There were about 200 people in attendance.

Tribal members visited the various legislatures in their areas to discuss the compact issue. Some members of all tribes also visited the House Gallery where Representative Mark Shauers acknowledged everyone's presence before the floor.

As a direct result of the rally, Speaker Hertel and Representative Gagliardi asked to meet with tribal leadership on the October 23, 1997.



# TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

## POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 1997

**RESOLUTION #1** made by Greg Ballew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Holleman  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves Executive Committee decision to transfer \$2,000.00 from the General Fund to the Pow Wow Fund.  
**FURTHERMORE:** Monies to be reimbursed to the General Fund account after final Pow Wow reconciliation.  
ALL IN FAVOR: 9      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 1

**RESOLUTION #2** made by Mike Wesaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Rapp  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT REOLVED:** The Tribal Council approves the release of funds to charter two buses for the October 7<sup>th</sup> rally at the State Capitol steps in Lansing, MI in the amount of \$1,371.00. The two buses hold 47 passengers each and would leave from two locations in Dowagiac on the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup>.  
ALL IN FAVOR: 9      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 1

**RESOLUTION #3** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Wesaw  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Tribal Council appoints Marchell Wesaw and Chris Ballew to the Education Committee.  
ALL IN FAVOR: 7      OPPOSED: 1      ABSTAIN: 2      ABSENT: 1

**RESOLUTION #4** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Rapp  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Tribal Council approves the reimbursement of travel expenses, specifically: lodging (one room for two nights, \$70.78) and gas expenditures (1800 miles @ .15, \$270) for two Education Committee members, Tom Morris and Donald Summers, for travel to the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations in Shawnee, Oklahoma on August 23-24, 1997.  
ALL IN FAVOR: 7      OPPOSED: 1      ABSTAIN: 2      ABSENT: 1

**RESOLUTION #5** made by Mike Wesaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Holleman  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves to implement the Down Payment Assistance Program Policy and Procedures outlined by Keith White and Rebecca Drake, not to exceed the previously agreed upon amount.  
ALL IN FAVOR: 8      OPPOSED: 1      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 1

**RESOLUTION #6** made by Mike Wesaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Holleman  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the Elder's Council to send the Treasurer, Clarence White; Member-at-Large, Joe Winchester; Delegate, Mary Church; Alternate, Gerald Wesaw and three (3) members from Elder's Council; Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris, Rae Daugherty and two (2) Band members to the MIEA Conference in Hannahville, Escanaba, Michigan October 6, 7, 8, and 9, 1997. Driver will be Rita Yount. All expenses to be paid by the Band.  
ALL IN FAVOR: 9      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 1

**RESOLUTION # 7** made by Mike Wesaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Daugherty  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Tribal Council on behalf of the Pokagon Band

of Potawatomi Indians will send a letter of support on behalf of the Michigan Indian Elders Association with Gerald Wesaw on October 6, 1997.

ALL IN FAVOR: 9      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 1

**RESOLUTION #8** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Rapp  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council support the Huron Band in hosting the Potawatomi Gathering in 1998.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 2

**RESOLUTION #9** made by Greg Ballew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Wesaw  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves to send a letter of support to the Saginaw/Chippewa Ziibiwing Cultural Society in their Three Fires repatriation effort.

ALL IN FAVOR: 8      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 2



## POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

**RESOLUTION #1** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Holleman  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the business address change on the 1997 Non-Profit Corporation Information Update Form to read: P.O. Box 180, 901 Spruce Street, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 3

**RESOLUTION #2** made by Greg Ballew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Holleman  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the contract for 300 books: "THE POKAGONS - 1683-1983" at the cost of \$1744.32 upon submission of approved sample.

ALL IN FAVOR: 7      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 3

**RESOLUTION #3** made by Greg Ballew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Holleman  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves the actions of the Executive Board concerning Roger Williams as Social Services Director, offering resignation or termination.

ALL IN FAVOR: 6      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 2      ABSENT: 3

## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION #4** made by Dan Rapp and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Holleman  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves to amend Elder's Resolution # 97-008 and Council Resolution #97-09-13-06 to change Member at Large to read Officer at Large.  
**ALL IN FAVOR: 7      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 3**

**RESOLUTION #5** made by Greg Ballew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Daugherty  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council sends two tribal members to the Great Lakes Tribal Economic Conference in Suite Ste. Marie, Michigan on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Tribe will pay expenses.  
**ALL IN FAVOR: 7      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 3**

**RESOLUTION #6** made by Greg Ballew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wesaw  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council instructs the Personnel Director to follow the personnel policy set forth on job postings.  
**ALL IN FAVOR: 4      OPPOSED: 3      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 3**

**RESOLUTION # 7** made by Greg Ballew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Daugherty  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council authorizes the Education and Training Department to send the Education Director, two Youth Program Specialists, and two Education Committee members to the National Indian Education Association Conference in Tacoma, Washington on November 1-6, 1997. Costs will include registration, airfare, lodging, and per diem.  
**ALL IN FAVOR: 7      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 3**

**RESOLUTION #8** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Holleman  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council approves attendance of Pat Wattles and Judy Augusta to the Bill Helmich training: Records Management, on October 6-7 in Reno, Nevada. Pat Waddles' costs to be absorbed by IHS and Judy Augusta's costs to be absorbed by Enrollment budget or General Fund.  
**ALL IN FAVOR: 7      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 3**

**RESOLUTION #9** made by Kevin Daugherty and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Holleman  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Tribal Council gives the Tribal Directors the authority to allow staff people as appropriate to attend the Rally on October 14, 1997 in Lansing, Michigan.  
**ALL IN FAVOR: 6      OPPOSED: 1      ABSTAIN: 1      ABSENT: 3**

**If Anyone Is Interested In Receiving  
 A Full Set Of The Minutes,  
 Please Contact  
 Kelly Curran  
 At The Administration Office.  
 (616) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777**

## GAMING REPORT

### Michigan

Attendance at last week's rally was impressive. All of you should be proud with your efforts to make your unified voice heard outside and inside the state capitol. The resulting media coverage was more than we could have hoped. Although, we may not be able to move the legislature into action as a result of this rally, it should prove helpful in drawing attention to the inequities surrounding our compacting efforts. Thus strengthening our case for federal government intervention in Washington DC. At a minimum, it has resulted in a meeting between the house speaker and tribal representatives in Lansing to be held October 23.

We received a copy of the attorney general's opinion whereby he states it will be necessary for the tribes to gain approval for the compacts via a legislative bill and not a concurring resolution. The significance of this opinion is that it creates a situation whereby we will have to go through a more difficult process for compact approval than the current tribes with casinos. However, it may not be totally void of benefit. If this opinion applies to the current casino tribe's, it may make it necessary for them to go back to the drawing board and seek legislative approval for their compacts via a bill. If so, we may be able to participate in that process on a more equal footing. We will be obtaining legal opinion on whether or not this may have merit. At this time, it would be a long shot, but still worth pursuing.

Based upon Congressman Kildee's comments and feedback from other sources in Washington, it appears the intent of the Secretary of Interior and Department of Justice is to become proactive on behalf of tribes who have encountered "bad faith" negotiations in the compacting process. Word is an announcement is forthcoming after November 7. Hopefully, the Michigan tribes will be at the top of the list.

### Indiana

Most of the activity has been educating the general assembly in Indianapolis as well as local business people in St. Joseph county. A meeting was held in Indianapolis between our lobbyist, attorney and the governor's staff to discuss compact issues. The meeting was held

to inform the governor's staff as to the significance of a recent solicitor's opinion recognizing our land in trust process as that of a land restoration versus newly acquired lands. This opinion makes it possible for us to take land into trust without the concurrence of the governor or local community. This opinion affirms our "inevitability" argument. This should assist us in encouraging the governor to negotiate now instead of forcing us to proceed without their cooperation. We should hear in a couple of weeks as to the intent of the governor to enter into compact negotiations. We are also soliciting support from a wide range of state and local legislators encouraging the governor to negotiate a compact.

*Submitted,  
 Mike Wesaw*



**TRIBAL COUNCIL  
 MEETING  
 AT ELDERS HALL  
 SATURDAY  
 NOVEMBER 8, 1997  
 10:00 a.m.**

**This Will Be A Potluck  
 With Meat Provided.**

Tribal Council holds its business meeting the third Thursday of each month. The Saturday meetings are more informational, with Director and Committee Reports and Tribal Announcements.

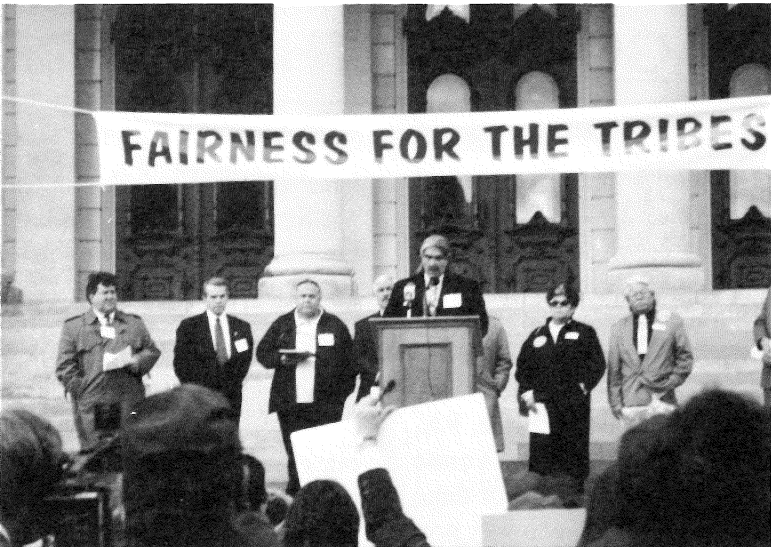


**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**

Revenue and Expense Summary  
For the Month Ending and YTD 9/30/97

<b>Revenue:</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Gaming Stipend	\$75,000.00	\$900,000.00
BIA	533,225.00	798,047.00
IHS Sanitation	0.00	88,221.32
ANA	0.00	51,728.70
IHS	0.00	1,785,931.25
JTPA	0.00	240,475.00
USDA Commodity Reimbursement	0.00	13,278.00
Miscellaneous Program Refunds	157,445.00	372,615.59
Interest	<u>11,191.26</u>	<u>141,289.52</u>
	776,861.26	4,391,586.38
<b>Program Expenses:</b>		
Library Grant	2,222.43	2,371.13
Elders Stipend	10,200.00	107,475.00
Emergency Fund	1,902.45	46,037.31
Energy Assistance	450.00	12,782.86
Scholarship Program (638 Contract)	39,414.00	164,260.30
Elders Renovation & Repair	25,994.98	216,246.85
AOA Renovation & Repair	10,447.50	81,817.60
Food Purchases	931.34	5,683.30
IHS Sanitation	0.00	17,247.85
Indian Health Services	33,990.98	362,499.67
Contract Health Services	8,890.90	188,943.71
Opening Doors	2,069.38	18,625.79
Substance Abuse	11,855.14	99,391.54
ANA	0.00	8,998.63
JTPA	13,883.57	197,744.75
JOM	2,359.05	68,344.61
Title IX	220.93	24,375.37
USDA	4,156.94	82,797.42
USDA-Nutrition	0.00	5,195.09
Renovation & Repair	3,821.12	46,243.96
Cultural Activities	3,257.95	4,221.10
Education	5,692.34	63,085.87
Elders Programs	6,049.32	40,520.28
Housing Authority	4,225.99	15,338.10
Communications	<u>2,141.31</u>	<u>19,420.84</u>
	194,177.62	1,899,668.93
<b>Administrative &amp; Council</b>	100,794.05	1,208,763.58
<b>Total Expenses</b>	294,971.67	3,108,432.51
<b>Revenue over Expenses</b>	\$481,889.59	\$1,283,153.87

Respectfully Submitted:  
Mike Wesaw



Chairman Robert Moody Jr. addresses the crowd at the October 14, 1997 Rally on the State Capitol steps in Lansing, MI. Moody spoke about the lack of fairness from the legislature as they continue to



Tribal members let the state government know how they view the situation in Lansing.



Rally participants join the drum on the steps of the State Capitol following the rally. Members from different tribes came together to form an inter-tribal drum and show tribal unification.



# POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES

## PBPIHS RN and CHR Attend Injury Prevention Workshop October 21-23

The Pokagon Band has received a three-year Injury Prevention Grant to help us develop a comprehensive community-based Injury Prevention Program as an on-going program within the Pokagon Band Health Services.

Community Health Nurse Rebecca Price, RN, and Community Health Representative Yvonne "Petey" Boehm traveled to Sacramento, CA for three days of Indian Health Services community injury prevention training. Following their return, watch for Becky and Petey to kick off community-wide injury prevention campaigns for a safer Pokagon community.

## 1997-98 Flu Season Vaccine Available

The flu season is quickly approaching. Again this year the Pokagon Band Health Office is offering flu vaccine free of charge to our clients. Because the Health Office strives to reduce the incidence of illness among our membership, we recommend that all Pokagon Band members and their household members be vaccinated against the flu.

Even if you received your flu shot last year, you need to be re-immunized this year (and every year) because flu viruses tend to mutate. This mutation process produces new influenza strains. To combat this, a new flu vaccine is produced each year to provide protection against the viral strains identified in early flu cases. These are viruses that have been predicted to be the strains most likely to cause the greatest numbers of flu cases during the upcoming flu season.

Yearly flu immunization is recommended for Elders, people with Diabetes, chronic disease (including heart conditions), and/or immunosuppression. These are the groups of people considered to be at greatest risk for complications related to the flu.

Influenza vaccine is made from inactivated virus and therefore cannot cause the flu in immunized persons. To obtain your flu shot you can call the Pokagon Band Health Office at (616) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234 during business hours to schedule a time convenient for you. Nursing staff will be at the November 8, 1997 Tribal Council meeting to admin-

ister vaccines. Mark Topash is at the Sister Lakes Medical Center on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. He can administer shots on a walk-in basis.

## Healthy Bnoodjin:

### The Pokagon Band Healthy Start Initiative

The Pokagon Band is young. More than 50% of our enrolled population is under 24 years of age. Because of our youth, programs aimed at the community and individual prenatal, infant, parent, and pediatric health needs are a priority for the Pokagon Band Health Service. The Healthy Start Initiative is such a program.

The Healthy Start Initiative is a federally funded, community-based program started in 1991 with the goal of reducing infant mortality rates, rates of low birth weight and pre-term births. In other words Healthy Start's goal is healthy, thriving babies and culturally-sensitive, family-centered, comprehensive prenatal services for women, infants and their families.

The Pokagon Band is one of seven Michigan Tribes participating in the Intertribal Council of Michigan's Healthy Bnoodjin Healthy Start Initiative. This ITC project is one of only forty new grantees in the United States. Two new projects were awarded in Michigan; Kalamazoo is the other new site. (Another American Indian/Alaska Native project was awarded this year to Wisconsin Tribes through the Great Lakes Intertribal Council. Northern Plains Healthy Start is an Aberdeen Area, four-state, nineteen tribe Healthy Start Initiative in its fourth year of existence.)

This four-year grant nets the Pokagon Band a maternal child health nurse and the challenge to build community networks for addressing underlying barriers to care for women and infants. Ongoing Healthy Start projects have demonstrated their success with reduced local infant mortality rates, reduced rates of low birth weight and pro-term births and increased access to prenatal care.

## PBPIHS Contract Health Services

To be eligible for Contract Health Services (CHS) you must:  
Be an enrolled Pokagon Band member.  
Live within the Contract Health Service Delivery Area.  
Be entered in the Patient Registration System.

Receive prior authorization for each health care appointment whenever you wish to access CHS benefits.

Beginning in January, 1998, you will need to present two proofs of residence in order to be entered into the Patient Registration System.

If you have any questions about this program or your eligibility, please call a Pokagon Band CHS staff person at (616) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234.

## Health Board Appointees

Tribal council responded to the Health Board by appointing both candidates recommended by the Board. At the regularly-scheduled October 11 Council meeting, Pokagon Band members Alice Overly of Peru, Indiana and Carey Baxter of Niles, Michigan were appointed to three year terms on the Health Board. Their terms will end in May of 2000. Alice and Carey replace outgoing board members Mark Topash and Rita Yount.

The Health Board wishes to thank Mark and Rita for their service. The Health Board also wishes to thank all of the people who brought their names forward for consideration. The Board also encourages these volunteers and all members to pursue their interest with our Board.

The Health Board schedules meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Call ahead for time changes and agenda. Although most meetings are open, portions of the agenda may be restricted to board members audience only.

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Christine Daugherty

## AA MEETINGS

AA meetings are being held  
Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.  
at Sacred Heart of Mary Church,  
Silver Creek.  
Please feel welcome to attend!

## SISTER LAKES MEDICAL CENTER

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

(616) 944-3500

CHRISTMAS  
IS  
COMING!!!

It's time to plan  
the Pokagon  
Band's annual  
Christmas party.

If you would like to be on a  
committee to plan the  
event, please call Jodie  
Palmer at (616) 782-0887  
or 1-888-330-1234  
or you can call Greg Ballew  
at (219) 233-6518.  
The committee will be set  
at the November 8th  
Council Meeting.



# POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

## BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES

The Pokagon Band Human Services is continuing the program "Building Strong Families". This program is designed for children age 0-3 yrs.

We believe that being a parent is one of the toughest jobs you will ever have. It is demanding and can be stressful. By learning more about your child's development, you can gain confidence in your ability to guide and care for your child.

### Here's How we can help!

Learn how babies and toddlers grow.

Learn how to play with your child.

Learn how to positively discipline your child and get him/her to cooperate.

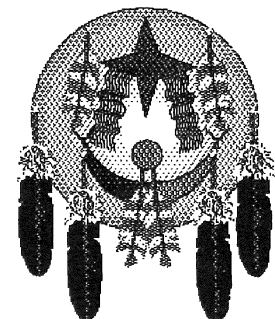
Feel good about yourself.

For more information contact:

**Rechelle Herman**  
616-782-8998  
or 1-800-517-0777

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRAFT SHOW NOVEMBER 15, 1997 9:00 A.M. ELDERS HALL

Looking for unique Christmas Gifts.  
Here's a perfect chance. The proceeds benefit the Pokagon Band Substance Abuse Program. If you want to attend or you would like to have a booth, please contact Substance Abuse for more information.



### ENERGY ASSISTANCE NOTICE

The Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has not yet begun. Congress has not released the funding to the tribes at this point in time. However, we will send out a special mailing to all members when the program is available. The program serves members in the ten (10) county service area who meet the income eligibility requirements.

This year the Pokagon Band has applied for the heating assistance funding on our own rather than in conjunction with Inter-Tribal Council. This means we are not in competition with the other tribes for the assistance. Membership will be served better and the funding should last longer and reach more participants than in years past. Please look for our special mailer which will alert everyone when LIHEAP funds are available.

This program will be handled by the Pokagon Band Social Service Department, if you have any questions please contact them at toll free 1-800-517-0777 or (616) 782-8998.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS COMMODITIES

will be closed to the public the last two days of the month. This is to conduct inventory and clean up.

Please mark your calendars.  
**NO FOOD COMMODITIES OR  
SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD**  
will be distributed. We will keep a notice posted to remind everyone!

*Thank you for your cooperation,  
The Commodities Staff*

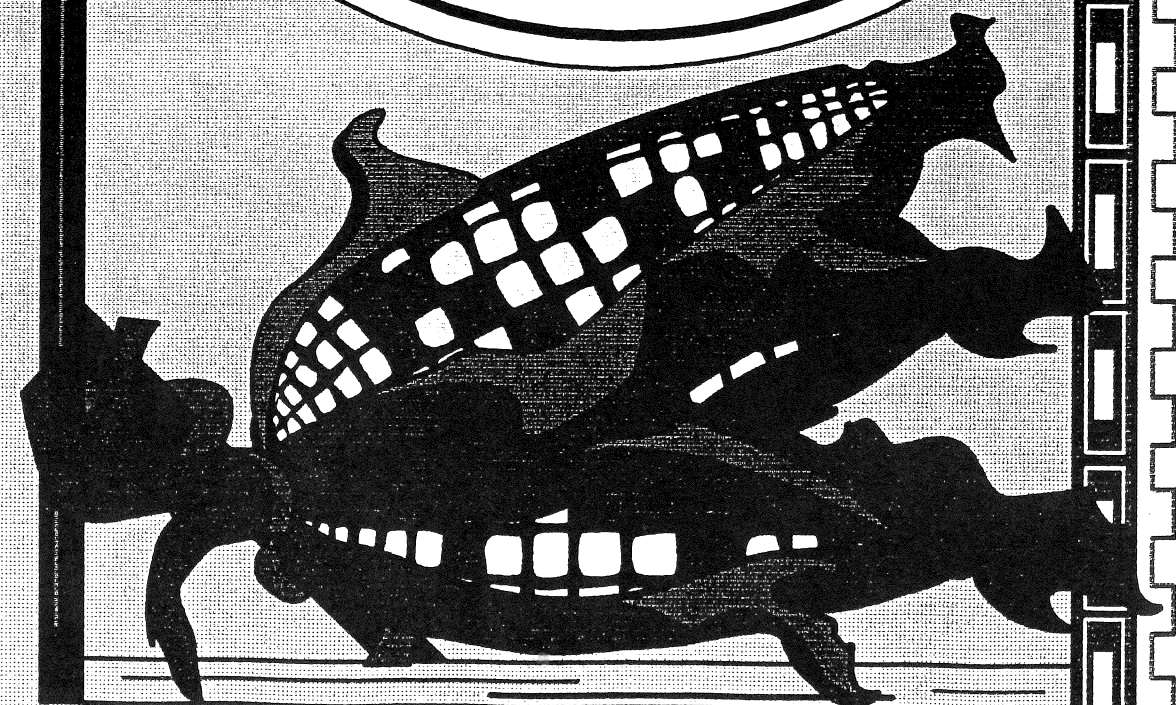
EVER WONDERED HOW TO  
MAKE INDIAN CORN SOUP

NOW HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO LEARN.


ELDERS HALL NOVEMBER 22, 1997  
12:00 P.M.

DEMONSTRATION AND LUNCHEON  
PREPARED BY TRIBAL ELDER  
MARY CHURCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOHN  
WARREN AT (616) 782-0887 OR AT  
(888) 330-1234



# NOVEMBER EVENTS

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	*depicts weekly event					1 Basket Co-Op 12-5 p E.H.
2	3 *OP-Sub Ab 10-12p *AA-Sub Ab 11:30-12:30	4 Personal Comm. 5 p Admin. Enrollment Comm. 5:30 p Enroll. Off. *Read Group-Sub Ab 8:30-10:30a	5 Tribal Council/Finance Ab 7 p E.H. *AA-Sub Ab 11:30-12:30p *AA-Sub Ab 7:30-8:30p	6 Elders Council Business Meeting 11 a E.H. *TOP-Sub Ab 10-12p *Read Group Sub Ab 6-8p	7 *AA Meeting-Sub Ab 11:30-12:30p	8 Tribal Council 10 a E.H.
9	10 Education & Language Committee 7p Ed. Off.	11 Veterans Day All Offices Closed Land Comm. 7p I.H.S.	12	13	14	15 Basket Co-Op 12-5 E.H.
16	17	18 Personnel Comm. 5 p Admin	19 Council w/ Directors & Coordinators 6:30 p E.H.	20 Elders Thanksgiving Luncheon 11 a E.H.	21	22 Indian Corn Soup Demonstration by Mary Church 12 p E.H.
23	24 Education Comm. 7 p Ed. Off.	25	26 Language Comm. 7p E.H.	27 Thanksgiving 	28	29 Basket Co-Op 12-5 p E.H.
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**The South Bend Community School  
Corporation**

**Title IX Indian Education Program**

**PARENT MEETING**

**Topics of Discussion:**

Forming a Title IX Parent Committee  
Options concerning Tutoring  
Parents Concerns with Title IX  
Additional Plans for the 1997-98 Program

In the **Lobby** Meeting Room  
@ the  
Education Center  
**635 S. Main Street**  
South Bend

**Wednesday, November 12, 1997 at 6:30 p.m.**

October 13, 1997

Dear Parent or Guardian,

As a parent of Native children eligible to be served by the South Bend Community School Corporation's Title IX Grant, I write this to personally invite you to the next Parent Meeting to be held November 12, 1997. The School Corporation is asking the Native community to get involved in planning a Title IX Program to aid our children academically and culturally. Parental participation is crucial to building a Title IX program that serves the needs of our children. Please come and participate November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Education Center on Main St., South Bend. The meeting's agenda will include forming a Parent Committee, discussing tutoring options, and an open forum for parent's concerns with the program. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please feel free to call me at work - 234-8131 or home - 656-8467. Attached is a flyer to remind you of the meeting. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

*Thomas Morris*

Thomas Morris

## POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

### Repairs and Renovation Program

The program has gone very well during the last year. There has been so much that has been done for the members, especially the Elders in the first few months that we got started. The program started last October, and we were accommodating just elders sixty and over. This past April we opened the program up to all band members. There has been a big demand for work to be done, and my budget was to last until next September. Well, the budget has been so well utilized, the money that is left will be used for members who have emergency needs, (like your furnace quits, your roof is leaking bad, your windows are broken out, your water quits or you have no hot water, etc.

We are awaiting notification on another grant that will further our repair and renovation goals. This grant is a HUD grant, and I am waiting for the notice indicating we received the grant from them. When that comes through, there should be no problem with doing repairs and renovations.

I want to make clear who qualifies for the Repair and Renovation programs currently in existence. **You must be an enrolled Pokagon Band member. You must live in the ten county service area and these are: Allegan, Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties in Michigan and Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana. If you don't live in any of those listed, then you can't receive help. You must own your home. We cannot and will not do work that the landlord should repair or renovate on rental or lease homes.** These requirements are for the HIP assistance program, the down payment assistance program and the sanitation program.

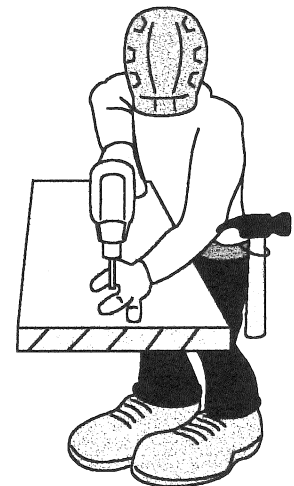
### Down Payment Assistance Program

This is a little success story of a couple who were badly in need of a house because of circumstances. They went out and found a place they liked. They found the phone number of the home owner and called him. They met with him and looked over the home. They then came to see me about getting help from the down payment program.

I told them they need to get a loan secured at a

bank or mortgage company or a land contract drawn up between them and the home owner. Well, they contacted the home owner and had a land contract drawn up. The couple brought the contract into the office on a Thursday. The sellers and the buyers all signed the contract, and I was able to get a check made out that day (**it was check cutting day**) and everyone left happy.

All of this happened within about a week or so. This is one example of just how easily the program can be accessed. This is one of the easier cases, and not all will go this way because banks and mortgage companies have other ways you have to go about it. But if you have questions about the program please call me at (616) 782-8998 or (800) 517-0777.



### ATTENTION ALL POKAGON POTAWATOMI AND NATIVE AMERICAN LICENSED CONTRACTORS

From Keith White Repairs/Renovation Coordinator:  
If you are interested in bidding on repairs and renovation projects that are going to be coming through, I need to know who you are so I can call you when the jobs come in. Please call me at 1-800-517-0777. If you are Pokagon and work for a licensed contractor and you think they would like to bid, please call and give their number. Repairs and Renovation are underway right now!

# EDUCATION REPORT

## EDUCATION & TRAINING NEWS

To reach Education and Training staff, please call (616) 782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS - TITLE IX & JOHNSON O'MALLEY

Our new Youth Program Coordinators started work on October 13, 1997. We are delighted to welcome Marie Wesaw and Donald Sumners to our department.

They have been busy looking over Title IX Indian Education Program 506 Forms as well as the Johnson O'Malley enrollment forms. They are currently contacting families to re-enroll for these federally-funded grant programs. They will be planning youth activities in the near future. Priorities are currently placed on completion of sign-ups, tutoring programs, regalia classes, and developing a Youth Council.

## CULTURAL PROGRAMS

John Warren continues to be very busy delivering a quality program to schools within our ten counties. Please contact John to schedule presentations. Frequently, he is out of the office, so please leave a message and he will return your call.

John will be arranging some cultural programs/classes for the membership. We would like to use Pokagon Band presenters for the classes so if you have a skill you would be able to share, please call John or Jodie with that information. An example of a scheduled program is Mary Church teaching the membership how to make traditional corn soup on Saturday, November 22, at 12:00.

## JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

Tracy Wesaw is available daily to assist with resumes and job searches. We have job postings available in our resource center. We also have the MOIS system to help with occupational decision-making. Mike Zimmerman determines eligibility of JTPA program applicants. He is working with other agencies to help develop training opportunities for the membership.

## COMPUTER LAB

We have hired a full-time staff person, Robert Willis, to begin in early November. He will be working to develop a class schedule as well as course content. Please watch for his plans for the lab in next month's newsletter. We greatly appreciated Frank Barker's assistance these last few weeks. He provided us with excellent feedback as well as providing quality instruction.

My name is Donald J. Sumners, new Youth Program Coordinator. I am a member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and a graduate of Bay Mills Community College with an Associates Degree in Tribal Administration (Business Management). Recently I worked in the Human Services Department for the Pokagon Band.

I have worked on occasion as a mentor and chaperoned with other tribal entities at conferences, Pow-Wows and Youth Camps. I'm looking forward to a good working relationship with everybody who's concerned with our youth and their learning endeavors for the future. Primarily, I'm looking forward to meeting the youth and helping bring educational material that will better assist the youth of today achieve a better tomorrow for themselves. No matter what the educational goals may be, my commitment will be to help the youth be all that they can be and then some.

There are many opportunities out there, and they are not just for a few. They are for everyone. So give the Education Department a call and let's discuss your Lifelong Learning Experience.

My name is Marie Jeannette Wesaw, and I am joining Donald Sumners as the new co-coordinators of the Youth Programs. I have just moved back to this area after having been in California. Believe it or not, I'm looking forward to snow again!

For the last twelve years, from my time studying at the University of Michigan until now, I have worked in various youth programs. I enjoy being creative and resourceful, and I like seeing the energy and results of groups working together. So I am looking forward to what the Pokagon youth, as part of this community, can create. I am grateful for all the opportunities and sup-

port I have been given in my own educational development, and I believe that a major responsibility as a youth coordinator is to provide a variety of resources for both the Pokagon youth and their parents. Please see this as an open invitation to call or come into the Education Department and talk to Don and myself about any concerns, questions, or suggestions you may have.



Youth Regalia and Drumming Classes  
Start-up meetings

### For Michigan Participants:

Start up meeting  
Wednesday, November 19  
Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church Hall  
51841 Leach Rd, Dowagiac

Regular meeting times  
Wednesday, December 3  
Wednesday, December 17  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Elders Hall

### For Indiana Participants:

Start-up meeting  
Monday, November 24  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Indiana location TBA--please call the Education Dept. (616)782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234 for info  
Regular meeting times  
Monday, December 8  
Monday, December 22  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Location TBA

## Tutoring

The Education Department is in the process of setting up tutoring programs in both Indiana and Michigan. Information will be given at the Regalia and drumming start-up meetings on November 19 & 24. If interested, please contact the Education Department.



## Women's Tribal Health Fair a Success

On September 30, 1997 the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indian Health Services and the Van Buren, Cass District Health Department sponsored their second annual Women's Tribal Health Fair in Dowagiac. Mona Hale RNCSGNP-OGNP completed scheduled health screening appointments, while other Tribal women enjoyed the surrounding festivities.

The Health Fair began with a traditional prayer provided by Cultural Coordinator John Warren. There were several educational booths with information on health issues as well as participating booths that specifically offered manicures, facials and massages. The Tribal Women enjoyed hourly games drawn with gifts contributed by local merchants and a grand prize, a Traditional Dancing shawl specifically made for the occasion. Sarah Brazie was the lucky winner of the grand prize and we look forward to her dancing at future Pow Wows.

The Pokagon Band Health Services and Van Buren, Cass District Health Department staffs worked very hard to make this a success and hope that next year's Tribal Women's Health Fair will be an even bigger success. The Pokagon Band would like to thank all who supported and participated in this event.

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## ELDERS COUNCIL

### Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Elders Council & Membership Annual Meeting

September 4, 1997

The meeting was called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:25 a.m.

The invocation was given by Clarence White.

27 Elders attended

Guests were: Roger Williams - Social Services Director

Bryan (Sonny) Miller - T.O.M.  
John Warren - Cultural Coordinator

John Warren was here today to let the Elders get to know him. John is interested in doing language preservation, talking circles, and getting the elders input on gatherings he would like to put together. He will keep in contact with Gerald and the language committee.

Bryan (Sonny) Miller is from the Grand Traverse Band. He stated it is a great honor to work with the Pokagon Band. He would like to extend an invitation to any elders or members to come to his office, speak with him, and let him know where you want the tribal administration to go. He stated the tribal administration is there to serve the membership.

Roger Williams introduced himself and said he over-extended his talk at our last meeting.

Gerald's Annual Report - Gerald stated that what he would like to see next year is our own Elders pow wow. That is one way we can raise money, he has a couple of sites in mind. Gerald's report is attached.

Rita's annual report - Rita said it's been a nice year getting organized and getting together. Rita's report is attached.

Treasurer's report - Clarence White stated we do not have a budget per se. The budget passed out to mem-

bership is our budget for now. Clarence's budget attached.

#### Membership Concerns

John Wesaw, Jr. asked if we received anything from the Elders Pow Wow. This will be checked out. Fred Klemm stated he is not aware of a lot of customs. John responded by saying that in October we'll be setting some dates for anyone interested in learning about pow wow etiquette.

There was an open discussion on being a delegate and an officer on MIEA. No action was taken.

#### Announcements

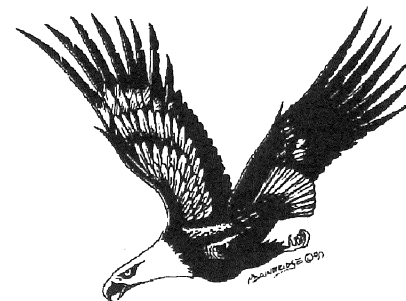
Sign up for the MIEA conference. We would leave on the 6<sup>th</sup>, conference days are the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and we would return on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Gerald adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Mary Jo Morris  
Elders Council Secretary

**A FEW WORDS OF APPRECIATION**  
*On October 10, 1997, our Mother, Grandmother, Friend and Tribal Elder passed on. During her hospital stay at Borgess, we received phone calls, visits and much support and prayers during that stressful time. We'd like to express sincere gratitude and many waa waa nuhs to you all. May the Great Spirit guide your helpful moccasins.*

Respectfully,  
The Morseau Family



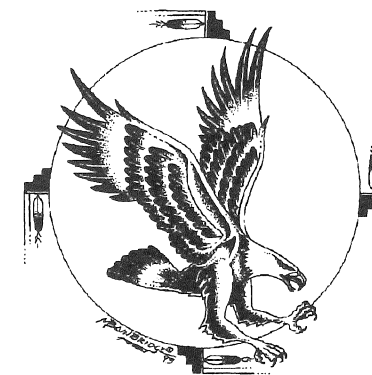
## SPECIAL THANKS

To the pow wow committee and all who donated on the blanket dance at the pow wow, for the family of Coporal Paul Deguch.

Cpl. Deguch was a South Bend police officer who was gunned down in the line of duty by a 16 year-old. Cpl. Deguch was 30 years old.

He left a wife and three small children, the youngest of whom was two months old. Cpl. Deguch was the great-nephew of Jenny White. Thank you from the heart.

Clarence and Jenny White



Grandma Wesaw celebrated her 85th birthday with a surprise birthday party with friends and family. It was a wonderful time enjoyed by everybody.

The Silver Creek Plaza is located on 901 Spruce St., between Burger King and Subway. To fax anything to Tribal Council or Public Relations, please use (616) 782-4573.

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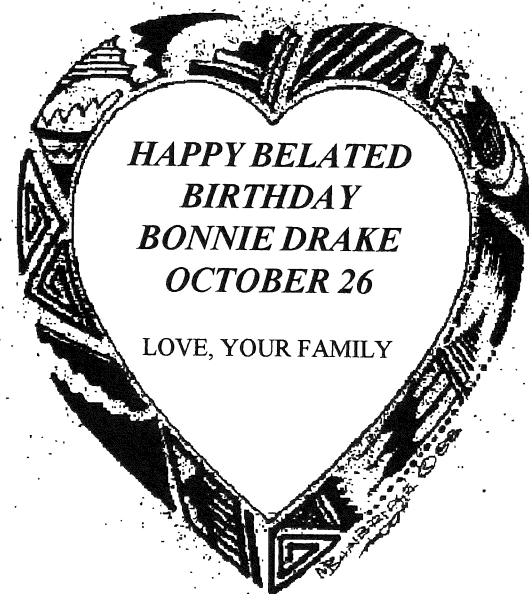
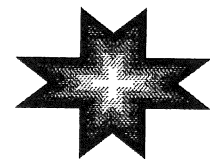
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IN LOVING MEMORY

**Karen Kay Winchester**

June 18, 1947 -November 2, 1996

A year ago God took you home. Life has not been the same. Your family loves you and we all miss you. You are in our hearts... always.



**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY**  
**To Our Grandson Bill Anderson**  
**who turned 19 years old**  
**on October 23.**  
**Love, Grandma and Grandpa**  
**Clarence and Jenny White**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**TAYLOR FALK**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 1997**

**Love, Aunt Kim, Fred,**  
**Brittany & Corey**

**NOVEMBER 20, 1997**  
**DEADLINE FOR**  
**NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

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

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

Coming to WMU in celebration of Native American  
 Heritage Month the Native American Student  
 Organization proudly presents the awesome Native  
 blues/rock band.....

**INDIGENOUS**

*Saturday November 22 at 7:30 p.m.*

*West Ballroom of the Bernhard*

*Center*

*Free Show!!*

Indigenous is from Marty, South Dakota and is comprised of two brothers, sister and a cousin. They have been playing music together since childhood and have four independent recordings out. Their latest recording, *Love-in-a-mist*, has done very well on the blues charts and is garnering major record company attention. Indigenous will rock the house and **DO NOT** miss this free show!! For more information, call the NASO office at 616-387-2279.

# November Birthday's

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9 Alannah Linn Audriannah Linn Danielle Rapp	10 17 Taylor Falk	11 18 Jeff Morseau	12 19 Sonny Wesaw Carla Wesaw	13 20 27 THANKSGIVING	14 21 28 Margaret Rapp	15 22 29
16 Eric Brown	17 Taylor Falk	18 Jeff Morseau	19 Sonny Wesaw Carla Wesaw	20 27 THANKSGIVING	21 Patti Wesaw Evelyn Miller	22 JoEllen Leith
23 Jacob Ketola (1yr)	24 Holly "Cub" Drake Veronica Diamond	25 Ronson Temple	26 Albert Genereaux	27 THANKSGIVING	28 Margaret Rapp	29
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