

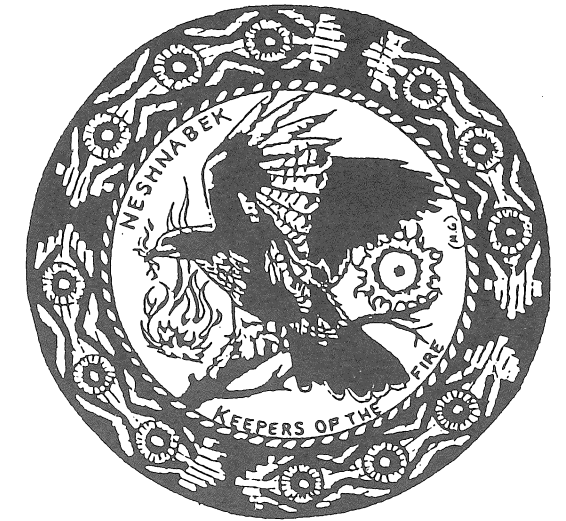


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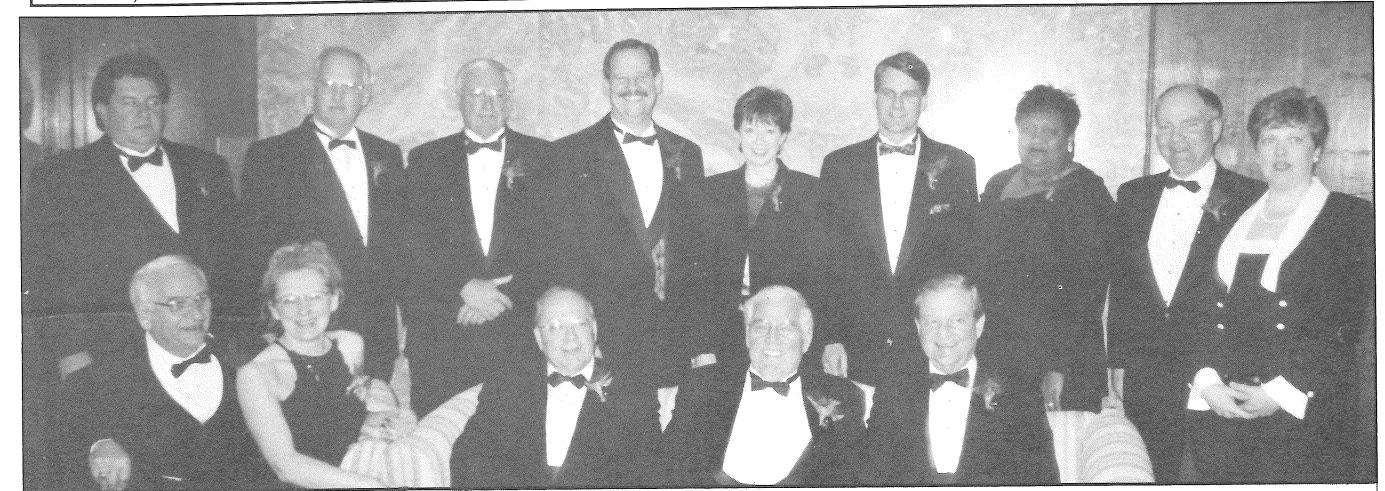
# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

*"The Pokagons Tell It"*



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## MIKE WESAW GETS ROASTED

It was said the Indians gave up their land for a few trinkets and \$24. Well, maybe to get a casino in South Bend, Mike Wesaw and the Pokagons should offer the mayor a few trinkets and \$24. That was just one of the lines Roastmaster Pat Catanzarite tossed at Finance Director Mike Wesaw during the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual South Bend Press Club Gridiron Dinner and Hoaxes.

Some of Indiana's biggest newsmakers got roasted including Governor Frank O'Bannon, Lt. Governor Joe Kernan, Congressman Tim Roemer, South Bend Mayor Steve Luecke and Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie, along with several others.

For Mike, the challenge was to sit and not say anything while the roasting went on and on and on and on.

One of the biggest topics of discussion was the College Football Hall of Fame and the financial burden

it has become for tax problems. The roastmaster suggested that Mike and the Pokagons talk to the city about buying the Hall of Fame and putting the casino there.

The Hall of Fame provided the best line of the evening directed at former South Bend Mayor Joe Kernan who is now the Lieutenant Governor. Catanzarite said there may be another use for the hall. It could become the only homeless shelter with a spiral staircase in it.

The roast also included some videos and musicals by politicians and performers. There were six members of the Pokagon Band Indiana negotiating team in attendance at the event held at Notre Dame's Joyce Center.

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

### CAN YOU FILL IN THE BLANKS?

Let's get down to some serious soul-searching, shall we?

Do you find it easy to fill in the following blanks with names of individuals or families who are members of our Pokagon Band?

You don't have to write it down, say it out loud, or tell anyone else. Just be honest with yourself. Can you fill in the blanks?

I hate \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ family thinks they are better than me.

I would never vote for \_\_\_\_\_

I don't trust anyone with the last name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ are all troublemakers.

I don't ever speak to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is (pick one or more) lazy, stupid, mean, stuck-up, crazy, foolish, power-hungry, domineering, prejudiced, cold-hearted, two-faced, ungrateful greedy, dishonest, rude, conceited, selfish, pig-headed, too old, too young, too rich, too poor, too whatever, or well, you get the picture.

So, were you able to fill in all those blanks? Was it easy? Did you have trouble picking just one name for each blank? Did you feel justified in filling in the blanks? Did it bother you at all? Have you overheard other members filling in the blanks? Did you believe them without question? Did you speak up if you felt they were being unfair?

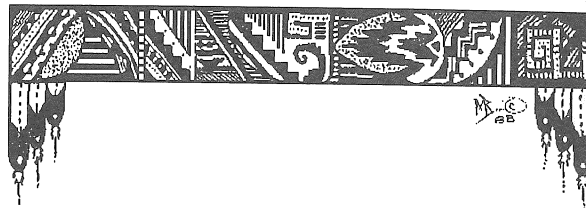
Do you realize how hurtful these thoughts are to the *UNITY* of our Band?

Over the past years, we have all heard others speaking of unity—how we need it, how we lack it, how we can get it. Unity is defined as "the state of being one; something complete in itself; harmony." We seem to agree that we want our Band to become one, to become complete in its sovereignty, to exist in harmony. We agree that unity will help us achieve our goals. We know that unity will make us stronger. We believe that unity will bring us happiness. We are all

for it!

So what can we do? It is important to remember that unity starts with *each of us*. Filling in those blanks tears us apart! I am guilty of filling in blanks, too—and so I pledge to go on from this day with an open heart. I will attempt to erase prejudices and preconceived notions from my mind. I will work to bring about unity of our people—but *I need your help!*

*Waa-waa-na,  
Bob Moody, Jr.,  
Chairman*



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1997  
AT DOWAGIAC UNION  
HIGH SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA

The meeting includes visits by:

HARRAHS  
FANNIE MAE

## PROGRAM REPORTS

### EDUCATION REPORT

Boozhoo,

I am the new education director for the tribe. I am very excited about my job and the wonderful opportunities that lie before us. For the past few weeks, I have been busy learning about the current educational programs and determining the near future priorities for the department. Unfortunately, I have also had to inform tribal members that some misinformation about presently nonexistent programs has been distributed. I am very sorry that it has happened, and I hope you will understand I have not eliminated programs. The programs never really existed. I plan to expand our educational services but we first need to focus on successfully implementing the programs that are already in place.

The Education Department is co-sponsoring the Spring Gathering at Rush Lake on May 14-17. I hope many of you will be able to take time to listen to the teachings. Our future strength is gained through knowledge. As the Original People, we have a responsibility to make the circle complete, not only for ourselves but for our future generations. For more information, please see an article about the gathering elsewhere in this newsletter.

**ATTENTION STUDENTS, GRADES 6-12, YOU'VE GOT THE POWER!!!** The Pokagon Education Department has arranged a special college visitation at Western Michigan University on June 8-10, 1997. The visit will be an opportunity to live on campus, sample some classes, participate in group activities, have recreational time, and make new friends. Meals, housing, and school supplies will be provided by the college at no cost to our students. Students only need to bring their personal needs and a positive attitude. The program will be open to the Native American students in our service area as well as Kalamazoo/Portage Title IX students. It will be a great chance to learn about college requirements as well as have some fun. Remember knowledge is power! Please contact Jodie Palmer for additional information as well as the camp forms at 782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234.

Our Second Annual Pokagon Band Summer Youth Leadership Camp will be held at Camp Rosenthal on June 15-21, 1997. Camp is for students ages 9-18 years old. Camp forms were included with last month's newsletter. To request further information and/or additional forms, please call Lesa Anders at 782-0887 or 1-800-330-1234.

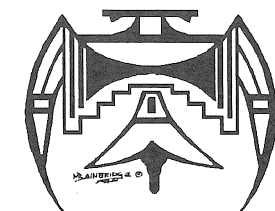
We are accepting scholarship applications for spring and summer sessions. We have already read the first group of completed forms and Ginny sent out the disposition forms last week. Past scholarship recipients, please remember to send in your grade transcripts at the conclusion of each semester. Scholarship information will now be housed in the education department.

The long awaited computer lab is nearing completion! We have taken delivery of the computers and the furniture. Some additional wiring still has to be finished before we can be set up and operating but your lab will soon be a reality. Please watch the newsletter for information about classes and open lab times.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!** We are planning on honoring the graduating seniors at the camp pow wow on Friday, June 20. I hope the new graduates and their families will be able to attend. We really want to recognize your achievements. Please watch for your invitation and details in the mail. I just wanted to let you know the date as I know there are many graduation parties scheduled.

Sincerely,

Jodie Palmer  
Education Director



# POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

## Substance Abuse News

We are finally located and fully staffed at 714 N. Front Street! Our newest staff member is Jeffrey Genereaux, our secretary/receptionist, who is busy trying to organize our office. Bonnie White, our Intervention/Prevention Specialist, is currently facilitating two groups; an Intensive Outpatient Program twice a week in Hartford and a Hazards of Smoking Clinic here on Saturday mornings.

Our first Intensive Outpatient Program was successfully completed at the end of March. The graduates have moved on to a Stage 11 Recovery Group. Instead of meeting twice a week, they meet on Tuesday evenings for two hours. Beginning in May this group will meet on Monday evenings. The format of the Stage 11 Recovery Group allows more variety. In addition to learning living skills, group members have experienced a Talking Circle led by Don Sumners, a Pipe Ceremony led by Sam Bush, and Shield Teachings led by John Morseau. We would all like to express our warmest thanks to you for sharing with us.

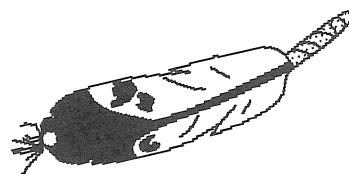
We are now ready to begin another evening Intensive Outpatient Program here at the center. If any one is interested, or needs to come to satisfy probation requirements, please call Jeffrey to register. We continue to offer a Codependency Group on Tuesday evenings, Alateen on Thursday evenings and sponsor an AA meeting on Wednesday evenings at the Sacred Heart Church. We also provide Adolescent Aftercare on a weekly basis. Trish Williams facilitates a Woman's Group on Thursday afternoons here at the center.

As always, we offer assessments and referral for either inpatient or outpatient treatment and also evaluations for driver's license reinstatement. Please call and ask Jeffrey to schedule an appointment.

Our *new offerings* will include an Open House on Wednesday, May 21 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Michigan time). Come in and visit us! Jeffrey, Bonnie and I will be there to answer questions about our present and future programs. Beginning in May there will be some day/time changes. The Stage 11 Recovery Group will meet on Monday evenings. The

Codependency Group will continue on Tuesday evenings but will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. a support group for parents of teens will be held. Following the support group, a new Men's Anger Management Group will be held from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. If you are interested in any of these groups, please call us at (616) 782-1142.

*Stephanie Ballew*  
Substance Abuse Coordinator



ALATEEN MEETINGS  
ARE BEING HELD  
THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM  
5:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.  
AT THE  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE OFFICE

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!

# POKAGON HUMAN SERVICES

## Social Services

The staff in Social Services has been trained in the "Building Strong Families" and is ready to begin implementing the program designed for families with children aged 0-3 years. "Building Strong Families" teaches how babies and toddlers grow, how to play with children, how to positively discipline children and how to feel good about yourself. The outreach workers are prepared to go to individual homes to teach these skills. Letters of introduction have been sent to families with children in this age group. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this program, please call Don Sumners at 1-800-517-0777.

Applications for energy assistance and the emergency fund are now located in the Social Services Department. There is very limited funding available for Band members needing emergency energy assistance. If you have questions, or need to fill out an application, please call Don.

As part of the Family Preservation grant, the Social Services department has developed brochures outlining the services currently provided by the Band. These brochures have been available in all Band departments. If you have not received one, please ask at Commodities, I.H.S., Social Services, Education, or Substance Abuse. We are now sending these brochures to agencies within the Pokagon Band's service delivery area in order to facilitate agency referral to our services. This grant will also provide training to the outreach workers in parenting skills for parents of children from ages 4-12 years. Band members will now have the opportunity to learn parenting skills for older children.

### ATTENTION POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

There is some work that needs to be done at Elders Hall. And if you wish to bid on the work, please contact me at 1-888-330-1234. You don't have to be a contractor to do this work. The scope of work that has to be done is: Screens for the doors need to be put on, toilet seat for the men's bathroom needs replaced, front door frame needs to be fixed, paint the floors, replace the picnic table. You should have some knowledge on how to do this work. The bid needs to be in place by May 12, 1997 if you wish to be considered for these jobs.

Keith White  
Repair/Renovation

## Attention All Pokagon Band Members From Keith White Repair/Renovation

This is some information on what I am trying to do for the band members who are in need of repair and renovations. For those of you who have not talked to me yet, I am trying to get as much information as I can about who needs some type of work done to there home. And of course just like the rest of the programs that I have, you must own your home. In order for me to try and get this grant through HUD for renovations I must show how much money I need and where I will be spending it. I also need some type of waiting list to show them. There is a lot of foot work to be done in order to get this grant through, and I need to get this information as soon as possible. Because the grant has to be in by June and the wait to find out if we get the grant won't be until October. So I am asking that you make a list of home improvements that you need and then get two itemized bids from licensed contractors. Send them to me Attn. Keith White ( P.O.BOX 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 ) If you have any questions about this please call me at 1-888-330-1234.

*Keith White*  
Repair/Renovation

### 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 1-800-330-1234. 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!

## INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

### Alternative Medicine: May 14 Pokagon Band Spiritual Gathering at Rush Lake

The view that spiritual well-being is necessary for total well-being is central to traditional and contemporary approaches to health care. Traditional healing practices, as a uniquely Nishnabe form of Alternative Medicine, integrates healing the spirit to heal the whole person. There is a traditional base to this as well as to: an Indian person's name, clan membership, duties connected to kinship ties, colors used in dancers' regalia and the significance of the number four.

What is this Traditional base? What are these teachings? And what are some of these healing practices? To explore these questions, a Spiritual Gathering has been planned with a Spiritual Gathering group for May. The Gathering will begin at 5:00 p.m., on May 14th and will continue through the 16th, it will take place at Rush Lake Indian Cemetery. Talking Circles and daily feasts are planned- you can bring a dish to share- All Pokagon Band members are invited. No tape recorders or pets, please.

This event is co-sponsored by the Education Committee and the Health Services.

### New Hire: Susan Beavers, Community Health Representative (CHR)

Pokagon Band member, Susan Beavers was hired as the newest Pokagon Band CHR. She has worked in local health agencies for a number of years in outreach and health aide positions. Susan is already on the road serving client needs. I have heard good reports about her pleasant, competent manner. Welcome, Susan.

### Contract Health Services (CHS)

CHS is not an insurance program, nor is it an entitlement program, but CHS can be used to pay for some Pokagon Band member health care services. Eligible members must meet certain requirements to access this Service. To be eligible, a person must be an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band, live within the Contract Health Service Delivery Area ( Allegan, Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan and Elkhart,

Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke, and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana), and receive prior authorization for CHS each and every time for each and every health care appointment and service to which CHS program dollars are to be used.

To receive prior authorization for CHS, call Lois Wesaw for details and call her before each and every appointment. You can reach Lois at (616) 782-4141 or by calling 1 (888) 440-12346

### Loan Closet

At our Front Street office we have some medical equipment available to loan. If you or a family member needs temporary or longer term use of crutches, canes, walkers, tub chairs, tub rails, etc., give our office a call. We may have the item on hand to loan.

*Chris Daugherty,*  
*Health Director*

Hi! From the Keepers of The Fire Substance Abuse Program

I am writing to inform you of our Hazards of Smoking Clinic. This clinic is a prevention program. The group is for the Pokagon Band youth, but anyone who has a concern about his or her smoking is welcome to attend. This is a six week series with emphasis on why people smoke, how the media encourages people to smoke, the hazards to your health and what smoking can do to your body. Our focus is also on social implications and how people will and do judge others around them by the habits they project. We will also discuss some ways to quit. This program information is based on factual information about tobacco use and abuse. It is hoped the materials in the smoking clinic will teach us responsibility for our own behavior and choice to use tobacco. This group is held on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Substance Abuse Center. Any one interested, please call (616) 782-1142.

*Bonnie A. White*  
*Intervention Prevention Specialist*

## COMMITTEE REPORT

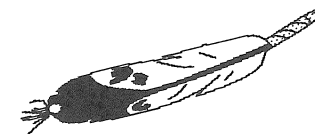
### ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee met on Friday, April 18, 1997 at 5:30 p.m. at the Elders Hall. The new officers are Bonnie White-Chairperson; Lois Wesaw-Vice-chairperson; Alice Overly-Treasurer; Audrey Huston-Secretary.

Saturday, July 12, 1997 has been set as Election Day. Look for further information either in special mailers or the newsletter.

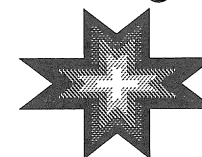
The next Election Committee meeting will be held Friday, May 2, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. at the Elders Hall.

*Audrey Huston*  
*Election Committee Secretary*



### **ATTENTION SENIORS!** **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR** **AGAIN!!**

If you are a senior this year, please submit your picture and some information about yourself. If there is enough response, the June newsletter will contain a special section for Pokagon Band high school seniors. Send the photo and some information about yourself to Public Relations, P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, MI by May 15, 1997.



### HANNAHVILLE SUMMER LANGUAGE CLASSES

The seven recognized Potawatomi Bands have been working on a grant to establish a language teaching and preservation program. The first classes have been scheduled for this summer. Applications are now being accepted.

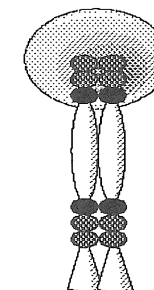
The Potawatomi Language Scholars' College is a four-week program designed to teach adult participants basic conversational Potawatomi, grammar and writing. This is the first of three annual sessions designed to develop new speakers and teachers of the Potawatomi Language. This year, the Scholars' College will be held at the Hannahville Indian Community, in the Upper Peninsula. The dates are June 9-20, and July 28-August 8, 1997.

Scholarships covering travel, room, board and per diem are available for two participants from the Pokagon Band. Any other Band members are encouraged and welcomed to attend, but must pay their own expenses.

If interested in attending or applying for the scholarship, please contact Kevin Daugherty through the tribal offices at 1-800-517-0777, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

The 1997 Potawatomi Language Scholars' College is funded through a grant with the Administration for Native Americans. (ANA)

*Kevin Daugherty*  
*Language Committee*



The Silver Creek Plaza located on 901 Spruce St is home to Administration, Social Services, Education and JTPA. It is between Burger King and Subway in Dowagiac. Please send all correspondence to P.O. Box 180. That is the mailing address for Commodities and Substance Abuse as well. Send IHS mail to the 210 Front St address. To fax anything to Tribal Council or Public Relations, please use (616) 782-4573.

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DOWAGIAC, MI 49047  
(616) 782-8998  
1-800-517-0777

FAX: (616) 782-6882

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

P.O. BOX 180  
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DOWAGIAC, MI 49047  
(616) 782-1142

FAX (616) 782-1653

**ENROLLMENT**

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DOWAGIAC, MI 49047  
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1-888-782-1001

FAX (616) 782-1964

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FAX (616) 782-0985

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DOWAGIAC, MI 49047  
(616) 782-3372

1-888-281-1111

FAX (616) 782-7814

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We do almost everything!!  
Based in Dowagiac  
Please stop by or write to 427 W. High St.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**CONGRATULATIONS MARJ RENO**

She received the Whitney Young Scholars Award for Academic Achievement and Community Service at WMU.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
JEREMY MICHAEL WILLIAMS**

May 11

Love, Dad Jerry M. Williams

**MAY 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
PAT WARREN!!!!**

Our newest graduate is receiving her accounting degree from Ivy Tech. We are very proud of you!!!!

The Pokagon Band  
Staff



## THE POKAGON BAND HOME IMPROVEMENT EXPANDS SERVICE



The Home Improvement Program has been opened up to all Pokagon Band members who live in our Ten county service area. The Eligibility Requirements Have Five factors: Annual Income, family size, overcrowded living conditions, age, and handicap or disability. These factors are scored on a pointing system, and the applicant with the most points will be served first etc. Applicants whose annual income exceeds the Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Income Guidelines by 225% or more shall be ineligible for HIP Assistance on basis of need. The start-up date is May 1, 1997. So if you wish to apply for the HIP, send requests for an application to **P.O. BOX 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047** and I will mail one to you. You can also call me if you have any questions. The number is **1-888-330-1234**

**AGAIN THIS PROGRAM IS NO LONGER FOR THE ELDERS ONLY!**

**KEITH WHITE**  
Repair & Renovation Coordinator  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
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# May 1997

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4	5 Education Meeting 5:30 p.m. TBA	6 Enrollment Enroll. Office 5:30 p.m. Personnel Elders Hall- 7 p.m.	7 Housing Authority Health Office 7 p.m.	8 Council Meeting Elders Hall 7 p.m.	9 Elders Council Elders Hall 11 a.m.	10 Gen. Membership Meeting Dowagiac H.S. 10 a.m.
11	12	13 Health Board Health Office 7 p.m.	14 Language Class Elders Hall 7 p.m.	15	16	17 Basket Co-op Elders Hall
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# CAMP ROSENTHAL

3384 Claussen Road  
Dowagiac, Mi. 49047

## **POKAGON BAND JOHNSON O'MALLEY PROGRAM YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP June 15-21, 1997**

Camp Rosenthal is located on 530 wooded acres in southwest Michigan in Dowagiac near Sister Lakes. This location has been serving kids from the Chicago area for more than 60 years. Features are activity building, a lake for swimming with a lifeguard, the creek runs through for canoeing and paddle boats, a campfire area, a dining hall and much more.

Students ages 9-18 years old will be staying for the week. Students ages 3-8 years old will have the opportunity to participate Sunday, June 16 and Friday, June 21. Sunday will be check in for all campers starting at 2:00 p.m. We will be cooking dinner on the grill for that evening and traditional drumming will follow. Our younger campers and their parents will return on Friday at 12:00 for activities planned especially for them, followed by dinner and a Mini Pow Wow.

Every camper staying the week will be assigned to a cabin with other campers close to their own age along with a counselor. The week will be filled with cultural teachings, nishnabe language, regalia making, and traditional drumming and much more! We hope to see you there. This will be the perfect opportunity to get to know your Native peers and develop lifelong friendships.

Please fill out the forms and send them back as soon as possible. The address is JOM, P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047. If you have any questions or need a form, please do not hesitate to call me at 1-888-330-1234.

*Sincerely,  
Lesa J. Anders,  
Johnson O'Malley Program Coordinator*

## NEWS FROM THE ELDERS

### POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING APRIL 3, 1997

The meeting was called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:10 AM. The invocation was given by Clarence White.

#### Roll Call

Present: Gerald Wesaw, Mary Jo Morris, Clarence White, Mary Church, Rae Daugherty

Absent: Marge Moody - excused

#### Approval of minutes

Rae Daugherty made a motion accepting the minutes of March 6, 1997 with a correction. Elizabeth Ballew seconded it. All in favor "aye", none opposed.

Mary Church has a flyer showing the 75th Anniversary celebration for the Salem Indian Mission April 27th in Dorr, Mi. If interested get a copy of flyer.

John Wesaw, Jr. asked about having meetings at Elders Hall, when Rita is not there. Rusty Green stated we should call her to see if the Hall is available. She has Hall schedule. Elders Hall is in name only. Gerald stated we'll have Rita make up a schedule and post it at one of the offices where we can call 1-800 number to see if she's going to be there.

Joe Winchester's Delegate report was not available for membership at this time.

Gerald stated he brought back from the MIEA Conference literature about diabetics, substance abuse, bad weather, tornadoes. Brought back cards from several Doctors; he will pass them on to departments that can use them. Taped most of the meetings, and will give those tapes to departments to listen to what the Doctors had to say.

Joe stated Rita only lost by one vote for Chairperson. Gerald stated that it was one or two votes across the board. He thought our group made a real good showing; for being unknown.

Henry White stated it was his understanding that the Delegates and the Alternate voted. Only time an Alternate votes is in the absence of a Delegate. Membership agrees they understand that only two (2) Delegates will vote. If one of them can't make it, then the

Alternate can vote. All in favor say "aye". We're all in agreement.

Marchell Wesaw is here to see if there are any questions about the ordinance. Process was to ask Elders Council membership to vote on the Ordinance and then bring it back. It was sent to Tribal council to see if they had any major questions or concerns about what's in the Ordinance or what's not in the ordinance.

Bill Morsaw had a question on Sec. 11 D NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS. He wondered about full membership getting notice in five (5) calendar days. Marchell replied if you want it in your Ordinance, present it to your Officers. Also Bill asked about Sec. 11 E ii CLOSED SESSIONS/CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS. Not to keep a record in closed session or should we have some kind of record.

Marchell replied Officers could decide not to keep a record because of confidentiality concerns. But if there is a vote; have to record it and keep a general record of what happened. No tape recorders in closed sessions.

Marchell asked how we want to handle notice to Membership on special meetings. Gerald stated five (5) days notice to membership with agenda. Marchell stated subject has to be in notice. Notice takes place when that goes out, put in the mail.

Gerald took a vote - five (5) business days - show of seven hands for five (5) calendar days - show of six hands. The vote was a tie.

Marchell stated if Gerald hasn't been voting he shouldn't be voting now; Mary Jo stated that Gerald hasn't been voting on resolutions until last one.

Gerald stated Mary Jo says I haven't been voting on resolutions so I won't vote this time. Five (5) business days passed.

Elders will vote on Ordinance at the May 1, 1997 Elders Council Business Meeting.

The Elders Council didn't act upon the MIEC Conference April 10, 11 & 12.

Clarence White was elected Treasurer at the MIEA Conference. He said they had a good meeting; got a chance to meet many people. They are going on stepping stones as we are. Their next meeting is in July. Gerald talked about having MIEA Conference here in July. Talked to Bob Moody: July is not a good time because of elections. Maybe we could have it in October. Maybe work something out with Mt. Pleasant.

Joe Winchester asked what is status of our by-laws, Gerald answered we are working on by-laws and Mission Statement.

Marchell stated the Ordinance takes precedent over the by-laws. If something in the by-laws doesn't coordinate with the Ordinance, you must follow whatever is in the Ordinance. By-laws are governed by the Ordinance.

Luncheon volunteers for May 1st and 15th are Mary Jo Morris, Georgia Davidson, and Elizabeth Ballew.

#### Announcements:

Pow Wow - Western Michigan University4 Kalamazoo, MI, April 5-6

Pow Wow - Notre Dame, Stepan Center So. Bend, IN, April 6th

For the activities this summer, write preference down on paper and bring it to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Gerald Wesaw at 12:50 p.m.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHANNON

**May 3rd**

You've come a long way, baby  
and pretty as ever.  
Love, Aunt Stitch

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAWN MOWER

**May 5th**

I love ya!  
Stitch

## POW WOW SCHEDULE

**May 9-11, ANNUAL WOODLAWN PARK  
POW WOW COMPETITION  
WOODLAWN TENNESEE**-For more information call Vanessa Whitman at 615-648-1835.

**May 16-18, WAAPAAHSIKI PEOPLES  
POW WOW WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA**  
Tippecanoe Amphitheater Park, St. Rd 43N.  
For more information call 317-423-4617.

**May 17, 2ND ANNUAL GRAND RAPIDS  
ANISHINABE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
For more information contact Hunter Genia or  
Derek Bailey at 616-458-4078.

**May 17-18, VICTORY THROUGH SURVIVAL  
TRADITIONAL POW WOW BELLEVILLE, MI**  
For more information call 313-721-3603.

**May, MICHIGAN INTER-TRIBAL  
ASSOCIATION POW WOW, CLIMAX, MI**  
For more information call Karen(after 5 p.m.)  
at 313-434-0773.

**May 24-25, MORNING STAR TRADITIONAL  
POW WOW MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN**  
Muskegon County Fairgrounds. For information call  
616-773-8312, Traders call 616-798-1510

**May 24-25, OHIO VALLEY MEMORIAL  
DAY POW WOW "HONORING  
ALL VETERANS"  
NELSONVILLE, OHIO**  
For more information call George Reiter  
at 513-825-6595; traders call Roy Bauer  
at 513-753-4388.

**May 24-25 7th ANNUAL GISSIWAS  
CREEK INDIAN POW WOW, MARION, MI**  
For more information contact Bruce or Rose at  
616-281-3640(until 5 p.m.) or 616-878-9443(after 6)

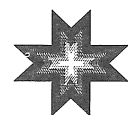
**May 24-26 ANNUAL TRADITIONAL  
MOON WHEN THE PONIES SHED POW  
WOW, COLUMBUS, OHIO**  
For more information, call 614-443-6120.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS TERESA MAGNUSON

She graduated from Portage Northern and is accepted at Michigan State University.



Love,  
Your proud family

### A Special Thanks to Trish Williams

For all you did for me. I couldn't have done it without you. Also, thank you to Tracy Wesaw. What a sweetie to get everything done so quick.

Kim Falk

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEVERLY NELSON MAY 19TH

Much love and God Bless  
Love, your family

HAPPY 31st BIRTHDAY  
MICHELLE WESAW  
You're getting there. I love you.  
Love, your sister Kim



### CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEDDING

Toni Wesaw and Jim McDonald  
Happiness Forever  
Love, Barney and friends

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY  
*March 29*  
*Leroy Starret*  
HAPPY BELATED 30TH BIRTHDAY  
*April 22*  
*Shannon Falk*  
HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY  
*April 17*  
*Penny Little*  
HAPPY BELATED 34TH BIRTHDAY  
*Kim Wesaw Stevenson*  
*Love, your family*  
HAPPY BELATED 32ND BIRTHDAY  
*Toni Ann Wesaw*  
*I love you and miss you lots!*  
*Love, Kim*  
HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY  
*April 1*  
*Eve Hoekstra*  
HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY  
*April 25*  
*Robert Hoekstra*  
HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY  
*Carl Wesaw, Jr.*  
HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY  
*Carl Wesaw, Sr.*  
HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY  
*April 15*  
*Lil' John*  
*I love u, Auntie*

### CONGRATULATIONS MICHELLE WOJTAS

At the Laville High School Award Ceremony on March 19, Michelle won the year's most improved player. "Thank you" to Coach Cindy Peppers for all your support. The team worked very hard together. Michelle, I am proud of you! Keep up the good work you did GREAT!!!



Love, your Mom  
Trish Williams

May 1991

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Jeremy Williams	Michelle Piper	Jill Shagonaby		Jackson Little Candi Ann Wilcox	Robert Antisdal	Teka Wilcox
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Beverly Nelson	Michelle Wesaw	Liz Wesaw	Greg Wesaw Jackie Genereaux Shirley Sigfrids		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Kaitlyn Hoekstra					