

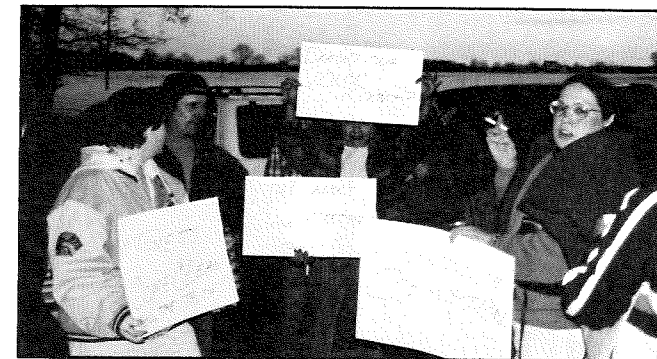
POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"The Pokagons Tell It"



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Some members voice their displeasure with Tribal Council during the March 15 rally.



Butch Wesaw and Karen Daisy question the closed meetings that Council conducts.

In an effort to get Tribal Council's attention, about 20 members rallied on Monday, March 15, at the Elders Hall, asking for the Executive Council to step down. The group presented a petition to the Council actually recalling the Executive members.

The Band is currently in the process of developing a recall procedure. At this time, there is no mechanism in place to remove Council members. That is, unless the full Council votes for removal of individual members.

The group concerns range from financial mismanagement to audit concerns to operation ineffectiveness.

Members held signs while they addressed Council with their concerns. The meeting did not last very long. Some of the group grew frustrated with Council not answering their questions and demands. That led to their exit from the building.

"The Council knew of mismanagement," said Faye Wesaw of Dowagiac. "Why haven't they taken any action?"

Wesaw said many of her concerns come from

her perception of a lack of Council action.

Former council member Jean Mollett echoed that sentiment. Mollett complained that Council does not deal with problems.

"The council puts up with too many problems and lets them go on too long," she said. "There should be a time limit on the solutions."

Mollett said the Council should hold one meeting a month to listen to the membership and the concerns. She said the most important thing is that the Council follows through with the concerns and complaints.

Lucinda Graverette-Smith also voiced her displeasure at the tribe's inefficiencies.

"I think they should bring a management team to run our Administration," said Graverette-Smith.

The members also held a rally the following evening when the Michigan Gaming Commission visited the Council.

The concerned members plan an April 3rd meeting at the Elders Hall. It is scheduled from 1-4 p.m.

COUNCIL CORNER

Hello Everyone,

On March 10, I visited the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. I met with the Administrative Officer Gerald F. Parish regarding the compliance status of our current contracts. Meaning, we talked about the grant money we currently use to fund some of our programs such as: Scholarships, Adult Education, JOM, Human Services, Aid to Tribal Government, Comprehensive Planning, Land use Planning, Tribal Court and the Housing Improvement Program.

Our conversation was very difficult to hear, since we are currently delinquent with our reporting requirements. Here is the list of things the BIA needs from the Pokagon Band for us to get things on track:

- A. Completion of the fiscal year 1997 single audit.
- B. Revisions made to our accounting system to allow timely preparation of financial statements.
- C. Preparation of indirect cost proposal.
- D. Council approval of program budgets.

As I stated, it was difficult to hear about our untimeliness but the meeting gave us great insight. We now know where we are and where we are going with our reporting requirements. Council and our staff can now comply with these Federal reporting requirements. We know we were not as timely as we should have been, but we are inspired knowing we are on top of this situation.

This is how Council got on top of the situation. We formed an audit committee to select an auditing firm that has Native American experience. The Auditing Committee came back to Council with exactly what we were looking for. A firm named Rheman Robson out of Traverse City, MI. With their Native American experience, they can possibly offer additional services to our Tribe. Just to name a few: Accounting, economic development, health and grant services.

Our Accounting Department has been meeting with them regularly gathering all the needed data for the audit. We have had some difficulty receiving information from our prior auditing firm, but are optimistic it will come in soon. This is an integral piece of compliance for funds to be appropriated by the BIA. As a precautionary measure, we are using our Tribal attorney and I for the contacts. We feel this will put them on notice with the severity of the situation. We simply need this data to move forward with the BIA.

In addition to this analysis, Council has been looking at ways to improve our Tribal Administration. It starts with the greater vision coming from all of membership. Then Tribal Council has the duty to fulfill that vision using our staff.

We currently have hired Ralene Butler as Executive Director to oversee our daily operations. She will begin work on April 12, at our Administration building. She is very optimistic about helping us fill some of the holes we currently have in our organization. Before long, we will see some movement on accomplishing everyone's vision. We are approaching this as a matter of composition with the Tribal Council and Executive Director working very closely together with the vision from everyone.

I cannot express the honor I felt being able to represent the Tribe in a full time capacity. I now have the time to meet with Federal and State officials, talk to the press and network with other Tribes. But most of all; at any time, I can speak with the membership and listen to everyone's vision. I know things might not move along as fast as some want them to, but we are making progress. You now have a full time Tribal Chairman who can go out and extend the goodwill from the Pokagon Band. I know it has already helped us immensely. We now have open communication with our Federal and State officials, where before discussion was limited due to time constraints.

I know it is difficult, but please have the patience our ancestors had knowing the day will come when everyone will be treated fairly. When I am out in that world trying to help us find our way, I know particles of our ancestors and you linger beside me, helping me. Please allow Tribal Council to lead our people into the many generations to follow. Without any leadership, the particles of everyone lingering beside us will just blow away and be lost. This is exactly what council does not want to happen. We walk everyday with the presence of everyone beside us. We thank you for this honor, and with faith, we can accomplish anything together as Pokagons.

*Thank you,
John Miller
Tribal Chairman*

POKAGON HEALTH NEWS

BASIC CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES INFORMATION

For Contract Health Services to make payments on your behalf for your health care services you must:

1. Be a Pokagon Band member.
 2. Live within the Contract Health Service Delivery Area.
 3. **Register for Contract Health Service benefits:** This includes providing our office with proof of your insurance(s), or if you have no insurance, you must provide to this office a copy of the denial letter from your local Family Independence Agency. **You will be asked to update your file once every 12 months and on an ongoing basis as you make requests.**
 4. **Seek prior authorization at least three working days before** scheduled health care appointments. You must request CHS coverage **before** you go to your appointments. Seek separate authorizations for all follow-up appointments, treatment plan follow-up dates, plus any and all labs. **CHS cannot pay for health care services without prior authorization.**
 5. Seek authorization **within 72 hours** of the start of **emergency or urgent care.** Elders or disabled clients have 30 days to notify our office in case of emergency care.
 6. Get copies of provider bills to our office. Without the bills, payment cannot be processed.
 7. IF you have health care insurance(s), you must provide copies of your insurance Explanations of Benefits (EOBS) to our CHS staff. The EOB is the paper from the insurance company which explains what they have paid and the unpaid balance. Without an EOB, payment will not be processed.
- CHS payment is limited by medical priorities. Some treatments and procedures are not eligible for payment. We have Contract Health Services staff people available to assist you. Please call with your questions.

**Phone- (616) 782-4141
Toll Free Phone Number
1 (888) 440-1234
Fax: 782-8797**

AA MEETINGS

AA Meetings are held Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 p.m. at the Substance Abuse Program offices, 714 N. Front St. Dowagiac, MI. We also hold one evening session on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Please feel welcome to attend. If you have questions, please call (616) 782-1142.



HEAD START UPDATE



The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Head Start Programs has begun providing services to the Potawatomi community.

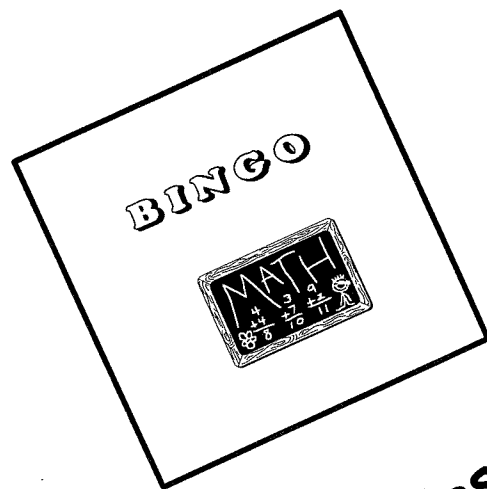
We would like to invite anyone who is interested in our program to come and join us on Fridays at the Elders Hall. Lunch will be served at noon. Our schedule is listed below. This is a great opportunity for the Potawatomi children, and all of your support is needed. We hope to see you on Fridays!

DAILY SCHEDULE

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| 9:00 | Arrival: take coats, etc., quiet play/parent reading |
| 9:15 | Circle time: daily agenda/plan special announcements |
| 9:30 | Wash hands and serve breakfast |
| 10:00 | Brush teeth |
| 10:10 | Quiet free time; Center areas; while others finish breakfast; Free choice puzzles, house, etc... |
| 10:15 | Clean up |
| 10:25 | Whole group activity; Cognitive and social (language and cultural) musical; emphasized, speakers time) |
| 10:55 | Large muscle development parachute, etc., (We have to keep the children inside, unless we take the bus to a park.) |
| 11:20 | Free choice centers; small group activities |
| 11:45 | Clean up and wash hands |
| 12:00 | Lunch and brush teeth |
| 12:20 | Get ready to go home (12:30) |

Youth Educational

BINGO!



**For youth in Grades 1-6
and their families**



**Friday, April 16
7-8 p.m.
Elder's Hall
53237 Townhall
Road,
Dowagiac, MI**

Any questions? Would you like to help? Contact Marie Willis @ 1-888-330-1234

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Community Development Department has a new toll free telephone number —

(800) 658-9414

Strategic Action Plan Committee meetings were scheduled for March 24th and March 31st with April's dates undetermined at this time. These meetings are open to all Pokagon Band Members and their spouses. Call us or check our webpage at www.pokagon.com if you are interested in the April dates.

The SAPC is preparing a Tribal Membership Mission Statement and visioning data for townhall meetings to be held soon. Please contact the office if you have a particular meeting site suggestion in mind.

Please send any suggestions or comments on the strategic action plan process to Jo Ellen Leith or Thomas Morris at the Community Development Office by mail, telephone, fax, or e-mail at pokagon@pokagon.com.

*Submitted by,
Tom Morris*

REPAIRS AND RENOVATION

For those who qualify for any of the funding for repair and renovation there are some restrictions. There is a cap of \$35,000 per home. You may not get all of the funding at once. The funding is spent according to the availability, and the number of members on the waiting list. It may take a year or two to get your priority list done. Please call Keith White if you have questions or concerns.

**(616) 782-8998 or
1-800-517-0777**

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Housing Department is Currently taking applications for:

1. General membership for low rental units.
2. Elders low rental units.
3. Home Ownership mutual help
4. Emergency Rent payment program.
5. Emergency Housing program
6. Repairs & Renovation program

The low rental and home ownership applications are being taken at this time to comply with the performance objectives in the one-year plan. This will start our waiting list for eligible members for the different types of housing that will be available. As with all programs that are funded by the Federal Government, there is certain eligibility.

The Emergency Rent program is available to members in the 10-county service area. This program is to help members with their rent or mortgage payments after all other resources are used up. You must be a member or legal representative of a Pokagon child to receive assistance. You must also be on the rental or mortgage agreement to receive assistance. Single people are not eligible unless (Exception: Elderly or Handicapped may be single). There is other eligibility criteria also.

The Emergency Housing program is for members who are or will be homeless. This program is set up to give the member six months to live in a clean and decent home. Also, it is set up so that you can look for work. That way you can get on your feet and save enough money up so at the end of six months, you can get your own place. There are six trailers for this program and they are set up in Mishawaka, IN. Currently, there are four families living in them. When they are full, we will set up a waiting list.

The Repair and Renovation program is for members who live in the 10-county service area. The member must own their home and provide proof of ownership with a copy of the deed.

For any members who had work done on your home last year and are still waiting for more renovations, you must send in your current household income information. This will be a copy of a W-2 for 1998 or a copy of your 1040 tax return. This is all we need before any work will be done on your home for 1999. This is a compliance issue for BIA, and NAHASDA funds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call. I

can also give you advice on how you might fix something yourself. Or just stop by and talk about what you think might be needed to run this program better. Or just to talk about what ideas you have for the housing projects for the land. I'm always open to ideas.

Keith White
Interim Housing Manager

GATHERING COMMITTEE

ANNUAL POTAWATOMI GATHERING

This is the seventh year for this gathering and we are hosting the event. The dates to mark on your calendars are July 29-August 1, 1999. The event will be held at the Gage Street Property. This is a gathering for all the Potawatomis and their families to get acquainted and make new friends, or even to some of your relatives.

The four-day event will consist of different activities, with something for everyone. We are asking all Tribal members to make a gift for our giveaway. The Gathering Committee has been formed and is welcoming any one willing to volunteer their time to help make this a memorable experience.

The Committee will be meeting on the first and third Sunday of the month at Elders Hall. As we get closer to the event, we will begin meeting at the Gage Street Property. During the month of April, the meetings will be as scheduled due to the Easter Holiday. (April 11 and 18). The meetings start at 1:00 p.m. and are pot luck style. If you are interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact:

Marie Manley @ 219-288-4345
Valeria Baker @ 616-463-3669
Lucinda Graverette-Smith @ 616-424-6117

*Submitted by
Marie J. Manley
Gathering Committee Chairwoman*

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POKAGON BAND STAFF DECLARATION OF HOURS

**POKAGON BAND STAFF WORK SCHEDULE
March, April, and May 1999**

	<u>HOURS:</u>	<u>LUNCH BREAK:</u>
<u>ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/HOUSING: (901 Spruce St. 616-782-8998/1-800-517-0777)</u>		
Paula W. Geer	8:15 to 5:45 8:00 to 3:00 F	12:00 to 1:00
Ginny Wesaw	8:00 to 5:00 8:00 to 3:00 F	12:30 to 1:00 12:00 to 1:00 F
Maureen Shagonaby	8:30 to 5:30 8:30 to 3:00 F	12:30 to 1:00
Rebecca Drake	8:30 to 5:30 8:30 to 3:00 F	12:30 to 1:00
Julie Rodriguez	8:30 to 5:30 8:30 to 4:30 F	12:00 to 12:45 12:00 to 1:00 F
Trudy Loeding	7:30 to 5:30 7:30 to 11:30 F	1:00 to 2:00
Sonya Morseau	7:30 to 5:30 7:30 to 11:30 F	12:30 to 1:30
Ruth Morsaw	8:00 to 4:30	12:00 to 12:30
Bonnie Katlun	8:00 to 5:00	1:00 to 2:00
Pat Warren	8:00 to 5:30 8:00 to 12:00 F	12:00 to 12:30
Butch White	8:00 to 5:30 M,T,W 8:00 to 5:00 TH 1:00 to 5:30 F	12:00 to 12:30
<u>EDUCATION: (901 Spruce St. 616-782-0887/1-888-330-1234)</u>		
Frank Barker	8:30 to 8:30 M,W 8:30 to 1:30 T,TH 8:30 to 5:00 F	2:00 to 2:30 M,W 1:00 to 1:30 F
Lucinda Graverette Smith	8:30 to 5:15	12:00 to 12:45
John Warren	8:00 to 5:30 8:00 to 12:00 F	12:00 to 12:30
Marie Willis	8:15 to 5:15 M,F 11:30 to 8:30, T,W,TH	1:00 to 2:00
Robert Willis	8:30 to 5:15 M,T,TH, F 12:00 to 8:00 W	11:00 to 11:45
Tracy Wesaw	8:00 to 5:30 8:00 to 12:00 F	1:00 to 1:30
<u>ENROLLMENT: (104 North Riverside Dr. 616-783-1763/888-782-1001)</u>		
Judy Augusta	8:00 to 4:30	1:00 to 1:30

Loraine Gideon 8:30 to 5:15 12:00 to 12:45

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: (109 Commercial St. 616-782-0160/(800) 658-9414)

JoEllen Leith 8:00 to 5:00 12:00 to 12:30
8:00 to 4:30 F
Kevin Daugherty 8:30 to 5:30 M,T,W,F 1:00 to 2:00 M,T,W,TH
8:00 to 3:30, 4:00 to 5:30 TH 12:00 to 1:00 F
Tom Morris 7:30 to 5:00 12:00 to 12:30
7:30 to 11:30 F
Corey Price 8:00 to 5:00 12:00 to 12:30
8:00 to 2:30 F

CHAIRMAN/TRIBAL COUNCIL: (52327 Townhall Rd. 616-782-6323)

Kelly Curran 7:30 to 5:00 M,T,W,TH 12:30 to 1:30
John Miller 9:00 to 5:00

INDIAN HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES: (210 S. Front St. 616-782-4141/1-888-440-1234)

Chris Daugherty 8:30 to 5:30 12:00 to 1:00
Mark Topash 8:30 to 5:00 12:30 to 1:00 M,W,F
12:00 to 1:00 T,TH
Rebecca Price 8:30 to 5:00 12:30 to 1:00
Pat Wattles 8:00 to 5:00 1:00 to 2:00
Pam Mersereau 8:30 to 5:15 1:00 to 1:45
Trish Williams 8:00 to 5:00 12:00 to 1:00
Petey Boehm 8:15 to 5:15 1:00 to 2:00
Susan Beavers 8:00 to 5:00 1:30 to 2:30
Larry White 8:00 to 5:00 12:00 to 1:00
Kim Falk 8:00 to 4:30 12:30 to 1:00
Rechelle Herman 8:00 to 5:00 M,W,F 1:00 to 1:30
8:00 to 12:45 T,TH
Shannon Hiler 8:00 to 5:00 12:00 to 1:00
Sue Mesko 8:00 to 5:00 1:00 to 2:00
Kelly Wesaw 8:00 to 4:30 1:00 to 1:30

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: (714 N. Front St. 616-782-1142)

Stephanie Ballew 8:30 to 7:30 M,T,W 12:00 to 12:30
8:30 to 8:30 TH
8:30 to 12:00 F
Jeffrey Riley 8:30 to 5:30 12:00 to 1:00
8:00 to 4:30 F

FOOD COMMODITIES: (54964 M-51 N. 616-782-3372/1-888-281-1111)

Bobby Linn Jr. 8:00 to 5:30 M,T,W,TH 12:00 to 12:30
8:00 to 12:00 F

APRIL 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Elder's Business Mtg. E.H. 11a Gerobics 10-11a Chairobics 6-7p	2	3 Concerned Members Meeting E.H. 1-4p
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11 Gathering Committee mtg. 1-6p E.H.	12	13 Gerobics 10-11a Chairobics 6-7p	14	15 Elder's Luncheon E.H. 11a Gerobics 10-11a Chairobics 6-7p	16 J.O.M. Bingo E.H. 7-9p	17
18	19	20 Personnel Committe Mtg. 4p- Admin Office Gerobics 10-11a Chairobics 6-7p	21	22 Tribal Council Mtg. E.H. 7p Gerobics 10-11a Chairobics 6-7p	23	24 General Membership Mtg. 10a TBA
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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HIRING UPDATE:

Bonie Katlun, accounting manager, and Ruth Morsaw, administrative assistant, joined the Pokagon Band staff in March. They work out of the admin building. As John mentioned in his article, Ralene Butler, Executive Director, will begin her position April 12th. We are most pleased to welcome these three talented women to the Pokagon Band staff!

POSTING UPDATE: You recently received a special mailing for our current job openings. The following positions are available with a closing date of April 12, 1999:

Social Service Director	Social Service Manager
Youth Specialist I	Community Development Director

*If you don't have this posting and want it, please don't hesitate to call me. Expect to see more new positions soon.

JTPA WORK EXPERIENCE POSITION AVAILABLE: We are developing a job description for a work experience training position to assist our Elders with various recreational/social type events in addition to general clerical duties. Adult work experience (AWE) is a short-term training program designed to aid the trainee in the establishment of a good work record, updated skills or entirely new skills! If you're interested in learning more about this and other training opportunities we have for tribal members, please contact Tracy Wesaw in our education building at: 616-782-0887 OR 888-330-1234. We hope to have a trainee on board in mid-April so don't delay—call Tracy today!

GENERAL INFO: I thought I would explain how we currently fill temporary positions:
From time to time, we need "temporary" employees for short-term assignments due to reasons such as staff maternity leave, increased seasonal work loads, and special projects, (like catching up the IHS billing last summer). For over a year now, I have called Manpower Employment Service to fill a temporary job. To meet critical time issues, Manpower can send us a qualified worker in just a couple days. We outline specifically what the person needs to be able to do, skill level, minimal expectations, and exact job duties the temp will perform. Manpower does the testing, screening and chooses the most qualified person matching our require-

ments. None of our management staff is involved in an interview or the actual selection of a Manpower temp. In addition, the temp is not a Pokagon Band employee—he/she is a Manpower employee. Manpower pays all employment costs—FICA, workman's comp. If by chance, the person doesn't work out, Manpower sends us another worker—selected by them, not by us. Just like we do as an employer, Manpower monitors punctuality, attendance and job performance of all employees placed on job sites. Until such time as the Pokagon Band FINALLY has enough jobs available that we will begin actually hiring on-call workers, I expect that we will continue calling a temporary job service to meet our needs.

In closing, anytime you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me.

*Submitted by,
Paula Winchester Geer*

POW WOW TRAIL

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| Apr. 22-24 | Gathering of Nations Pow Wow & Miss Indian World Pageant
Albuquerque, New Mexico
University of New Mexico - Arena "The Pit". For more info, contact Melonie Mathews (505)836-2810. |
| Apr. 24 | American Indian Festival
Algonac, Michigan
Algonac Elementary School, 1300 St. Clair Blvd. For more info, contact Melvin, John, or Sharon Kota (810)984-3101 x337. |
| Apr. 24-25 | American Indian Council 8th Annual Spring Traditional Pow Wow, Lebanon, Indiana
Boone County 4-H Grounds - Community Bldg. For more info, contact Nancy Maletterre (765)482-3315 or Susie Deer.— (317)545-5057. |



Frank Barker and Punkin Shananaquet lead the dancers at the Pokagon Substance Abuse Red Road Pow Wow.

SCENES FROM THE RED ROAD

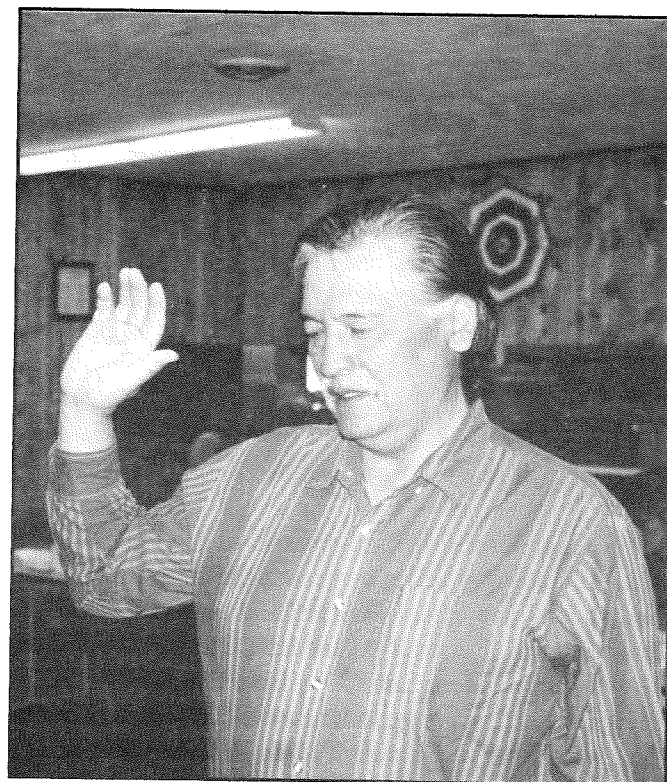


Dallas Chiefeagle shows off his hoop dancing. Chiefeagle spent some time teaching kids how to do it, and the children also put on a demonstration.



Judy Winchester presents Mr. and Mrs. McDougal with a basket in appreciation for all of their monetary donations to the Substance Abuse Task Force

TAKING THE OATH



Ernie Daisy takes the oath of office after being elected to the Tribal Council during the March 20 meeting. Daisy replaces Stan Morseau who resigned due to work conflicts.

POKAGON ELDERS REPORT

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 4, 1999 – 11:00 A.M.

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.

Meeting called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:10 a.m.

Invocation was given by Mary ChurchRoll Call

Present: Gerald Wesaw, Marge Moody, Mary Jo Morris, Mary Church, Rachel (Rae) Daugherty

Absent: Clarence White – excused

Attendance: 22 Elders

Marge Moody moved to approve the agenda of March 4, 1999.

Rae Daugherty seconded the motion. All in favor “aye”, opposed 0.

MOTION CARRIED

Marge Moody moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 1999. Mary Church seconded the motion. All in favor “aye”, opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED

At the Red Road Pow Wow the Elders will have two tables for crafters. Frank Person will donate free framed scripture texts. The Red Road Pow Wow Committee is asking for donated baked goods.

Becky Price, RNC reminded us of the diabetic support group meeting on the first and third Tuesday after gerobics at 11:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Also, the second and fourth Wednesday at the IHS Office at 6:00 7:00 p.m. If you can't make the meetings, Becky can make a home visit if you need it for this information. Cholesterol and hemoglobin testing is done at the IHS office.

The men's Health Fair will be held May 15th from 10:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M., held at the Health Department in Dowagiac. Families are welcome.

The MIEA meeting in Watersmeet will be held April 6th & 7th. Travel dates are April 5 and 8. Marge will get the agenda to all who are attending. There will be a MIEA Committee Meeting on March 29, 1999 at 11

10:00 A.M. Elders Hall.

Rae Daugherty gave us some ideas about what the Head Start children were participating in here at Elders Hall every Friday from 9:00-12:30. Grandparents are welcome to come and interact with the children, and have lunch with them.

Because of the low volunteerism for the luncheon set up/clean up, Gerald recommended hiring someone twice a month, four hours from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at minimum wage. Membership is to give it some thought and we will talk about it at our next business meeting.

There is a sign up sheet for an Aging Conference at Calvin College in Grand Rapids on March 15, 1999 from 9:45 to 3:30 p.m. On the agenda are Government Policies, Medicare and Alternatives. We would leave Dowagiac at 8:00 a.m. and be back by 5:30 p.m.

Marge Moody showed us the quilt that was given to Bob Moody by Hannahville. Bob gave the quilt to the Elders. A suggestion was made to fold it and put it in a locked case.

The Elders agreed on having an open auction April 1 after our luncheon.

Announcements:

No social luncheon this month. Next Elders Council Business Meeting and luncheon April 1, 1999 11:00 a.m. at Elders Hall. There will be a social luncheon April 15, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. Elders Hall. Also the Rush Lake Singers will drum for us that day.

Rachel Daugherty motioned to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Mary Church seconded the motion. All in favor “aye”, opposed 0. MOTION CARRIED

*Submitted by
Mary Jo Morris
Elders Council Secretary*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Little John Morseau

Love You,
Auntie Cleora



HAPPY 2nd BIRTHDAY

Michael James Winchester
April 27

You're in our thoughts
everyday, not just today.

Love, Daddy, Grandma and Grandpa Winchester,
Great-grandma Winchester, Great-grandma and
grandpa Krieger, Uncle Jeff, Eric and Aunt
Melissa. Miss you!

HAPPY 5th BIRTHDAY

Marissa Raeann Liggett
April 20

Love, your family

HAPPY 2nd BIRTHDAY

Michael James Winchester
April 27

Love, your family

HAPPY 6th BIRTHDAY

Ricky Valdes
April 11

Love, your family

HAPPY 30th BIRTHDAY

Rechelle Herman
Love, your family

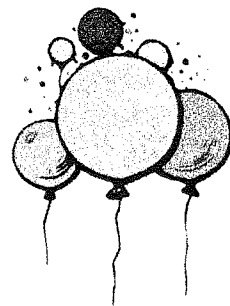
HAPPY BELATED 5th B-DAY

Braxton Nemoktowa Hodge
February 27

From Mommy, Daddy,
Nokomis and Sissy

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

To Our Precious Baby Girl
Abigail Sinis Taylor
March 12
One Year Old
Love, your family



TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 10, 1999
10 A.M.
ELDERS HALL**

This is a potluck, and the tribe will provide
the meat and the beverages. Please bring a
dish to pass.

HAPPY BELATED 7th BIRTHDAY

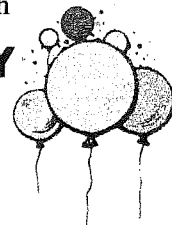
Elliot Parrish
March 3

Love, Grandma and Grandpa Parrish

HAPPY 11th BIRTHDAY

Alex Parrish
April 16

Love, Grandma and Grandpa Parrish



APRIL 20, 1999 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS

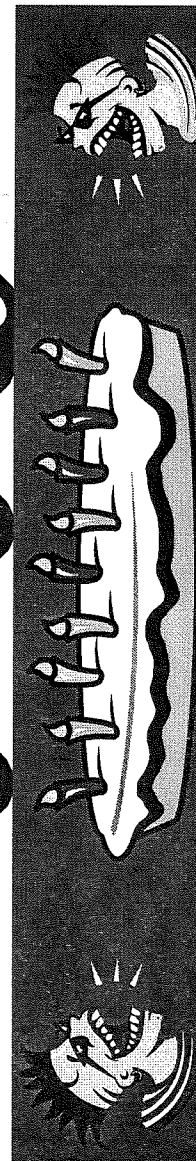
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Please submit bithdays to appear on the
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or stolen cards, with proof of police report. In ALL
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April Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Eve Nockstra	2	3
4 Mary Jo Warren Kim Wesau Stevenson Siella Haffington	5 Earl Vincent Wesau Jeff Augusta Pat Walles	6 Scott Zimmerman	7 Kathie Grigsby Jeff Cunningham Michelle Wojtas	8 Yvonne "Percy" Rodden	9	10 April Curtis Kathryn Davis Susan Haffington
11 Catharine E. Wesau Ricky Louise Ricky Valdes Chasine Mangata	12	13	14 Robert E. Wesau	15	16 Rechelle Herman Lynn Selt Gaila Wiggins Joseph Brown Vander Swen	17 Brandy Jack Kenny Little
18 Bradley K. Piper Toni McDonald Eddie Kause	19	20 Marissa Lippell Judy Augusta	21 Kayla Louise	22 Eric F. Lewis Shannon Lippell Jessica Farkner	23 Chris Hallow	24
25 Robert A Nockstra	26	27 Michael Winchester Amy Goss Kelly Wesau	28 Michelle Winchester	29	30	

May	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	