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"The Pokagon's Tell It"

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VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED

**RED ROAD POW WOW - MARCH 16TH & 17TH
DOWAGIAC UNION HIGH SCHOOL**

Volunteer's are needed to help Friday night through Sunday at the Pow Wow. If you would like to call and sign up to help out please call Judy Winchester at 616-424-5395.

AREAS TO VOLUNTEER FOR:

Kitchen/beverages/taking orders:

Food/Fry bread, etc.:

Gate:

50/50

Raffle:

Security:

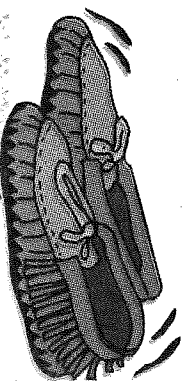
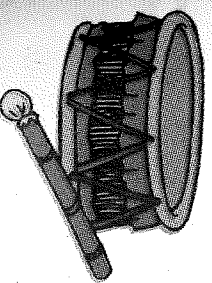
Help Serve Dancers/Traders Meal

FRIDAY SET UP

SUNDAY CLEAN UP

Desserts are also needed for the participant meal Saturday. **ANYONE WILLING TO DONATE DESERTS FOR THE PARTICIPANT MEAL** Please take desserts to the kitchen on Saturday before 2:00. Thank you.

The Substance Abuse Committee appreciates your help and support to make the 10th Annual Red Road Pow Wow a success!!!! This year is very special as it is the 10th Pow Wow, and we now have a half-way house building that we are tentatively going to open in the spring!!!! This is a celebration! We appreciate your continued support. Thank you.

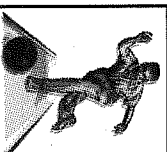


Cemetery Committee offers gifts



Pictured l to r: Jeanne Mollett, Maxine Margiotta, Father German, Tom Wesaw, Goldie Mangus, Evelyn Miller and Kathy Blevins

On February 9th, 2002 members of the Rush Lake Indian Cemetery Committee presented Father German of the Immaculate Conception Church in Hartford with special vestments. These vestments were made by Pokagon Band Members and represent the Potawatomi Culture. Father German officiates many services for the Native Community and now has vestments to represent our culture during these events.



3rd Annual

Pokagon Band



Bowling Outing

**Sunday March 24th, 2002
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Lakes Bowl-Sister Lakes**

Free Bowling & Shoe Rental

**Bring a dish to pass
Tribe will provide meat and
table service**



POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
Substance Abuse Advisory Committee

**10th Annual Traditional
RED ROAD POW WOW**

"Honoring our vision, a group transitional house!"

March 16-17, 2002

GRAND ENTRY

SAT. 1:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY 1:00 P.M.

Dowagiac Union High School
Dowagiac, Michigan



PUBLIC WELCOME

HOST DRUM: SILVER CREEK

HEAD VETERAN: GEORGE MARTIN

HEAD MALE DANCER: TOM TOPASH

HEAD FEMALE DANCER: TRISH MORSEAU

HEAD MALE YOUTH DANCER: JOHN MORSEAU

HEAD FEMALE YOUTH DANCER: JENNA WINCHESTER-HUFFMAN

M.C.: SAM BUSH

ARENA DIRECTOR: CARL WESAW

Trader Fee: \$45./DAY, \$75./BOTH DAYS

IF PAID IN FULL BY 3-10-2002

AFTER 3-10, \$60./DAY, \$100./BOTH

NATIVE AMERICAN TRADERS ONLY

NO OUTSIDE FOOD BOOTHS

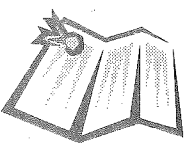
For more information call Judy Winchester 616-424-5395.

NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED.

Not responsible for accidents or thefts.

ADMISSION:

Adults:	\$4.00,
Students:	\$2.50
Veterans	\$2.00
Seniors	\$2.00
Handicapped	\$2.00
Under 5 yrs.	Free



Misplaced your birth certificate???

If so, check the list of County Clerk offices where a certified birth record may be obtained.

Michigan

Cost/additional copies

Cass County, 120 N. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI	\$10.00/3.00
Berrien County, 701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI	\$13.00/4.00
Van Buren Clerk, 212 Paw Paw St., Paw Paw, MI	\$ 7.00/3.00
Kalamazoo County, 201 W. Kalamazoo Ave, K-Zoo, MI	\$13.00/\$4.00
Kent County, 300 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, MI	\$ 7.00/\$3.00

Or you may write to the State of Michigan.

Vital Records Request

Cost

PO Box 30721
\$15.00/5.00
Lansing, MI 48909

Indiana

St. Joseph County Health Dept.
County-City Building, Rm. 825,
227 W Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601.
\$9.00/\$7.00
(No personal checks)

Indiana Dept. of Health, 2 N. Meridian St, Indianapolis MI 46204\$6.00/\$1.00

Address Changes

Before any updates can be made the office must receive:

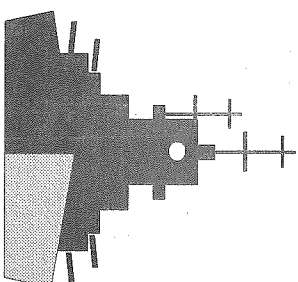
A *notarized* statement signed by tribal member or his/her duly authorized guardian, agent or representative. It is the duty of the member to provide a current mailing address to the Band's Enrollment Office. All correspondence from the Band will be mailed to the last address the member supplied to the Enrollment Office.

If you would like one of our forms please call at (616) 782-1763 or 1-888-782-1001.

Photo ID Cards

- New Members ages 14 and Older will receive a Photo ID.
- New applicants of Enrollment, or replacement cards will not have the option to choose whether they want a Photo ID or not.
- Members living outside the service area must submit a notarized picture and signature to be scanned. (call the office for a form).
- Members must *schedule an appointment* to replace a card. Appointments at the discretion of the Enrollment office.
- Members 60 and Older will receive a scheduling preference, but must surrender the existing card.
- All existing cards must be returned when receiving a replacement card.
- A fee of \$5.00 levied for all lost cards as resolved 08/08/98.

Call (616) 782-1763 or 1-888-782-1001 to schedule an appointment.



There is information in the Education Office for members who are interested in working on a commercial barge. Time spent on the water is 28 days with 28 days at home. The pay is \$124 a day for each day that you are on the barge after the probation period. If you are interested in this type of career, have a valid driver's license, are at least 18 years of age, then do not hesitate to call Melissa in the Education Department for further details, 1-888-330-1234 or 782-0887.



ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Land Use/Maintenance Department is now taking names of tribal members with experience in trimming fruit trees. We need approximately five to ten people to complete the job. The individuals will be contracted for this job only. The going rate is \$1.00 to \$2.00 per tree, (depending on size and maturity), for an estimated 11,000 trees. This work will be done in Hartford and supervised by the Tribal Land Use Department. For more information please contact Steve Horner @ 782-8998.

Talking Circle



Native American Community Services
"The Healthy Start Program"

FOR WHO: Community and Family Members who are interested in increasing the health of native babies and their mothers

WHEN: March 12th, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm
(There will be a craft, please RSVP by 3/6/02)
Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

WHERE: N.A.C.S. Office - Community Room
671 Davis NW, Grand Rapids

We will be learning how to make baby moccasins.
Please come and join us.
"A Start of a Healthy Life"

For more information or to RSVP, please feel free to contact the Healthy Start Staff Darlene VanOveren, Tina Horne or Stephanie Snyder at 458-4078.

We would appreciate your help planning future Women's Circles.



**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
ELDERS COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2002 - 11:00 A.M.**

The minutes for the newsletter were unapproved.

Meeting was called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:15 a.m.

Invocation by Clarence White.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Victor Starrett - excused - ill

Quorum Present

Attendance: 18 Elders

Clarence White moved to approve the agenda of February 7, 2002. Seconded by Marge Moody. All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Marge Moody moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2002. Seconded by Clarence White. All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Marge Moody made a motion to table the mileage reimbursement policy until the March Business Meeting. Seconded by Rae Daugherty. All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Becky Price informed us that HIS moved out to the Behavioral Health facility on M-51. In a week or two they will move to the White & White building. The Women's Health Fair will be held March 2, 2002, at the Van Buren and Cass Health Department. Call Paula Hill to set up appointments. Joy Duff is doing foot care at the Behavioral Health facility the second Wednesday of each month.

Valeria Baker from the Gathering Committee talked to us about transportation to the Potawatomi Gathering being held in Mayetta Kansas June 26th - July 1st, 2002. They want to set up a schedule for Elders, and they need to know how many Elders are going to take the bus. The committee also wants to set up a survey to see how many veterans can attend. They would pay for their rooms. Valeria and Georgiana Morseau will get back in touch with us at our next Business Meeting March 7th.

Kathy Deka, Education Director, talked with some of the officers about our co-hosting the April MIEA Conference. The Education Department could pay for supplies for our refrigerator magnet project. She is asking us to invite the students to help us with the project, Saturday, February 16th, at 10:00 a.m., and February 23rd, if needed. Kathy talked to Dallas Chief Eagle, hoop dancer for the MIEA Conference entertainment. He would come April 17th from South Dakota to Manistee, Michigan. Kathy also informed us she was asked to help write a short history about the Pokagon Band. She has talked to John Warren, and will talk to Jim Topash and others.

Rae Daugherty volunteered to supply material for the tobacco pouches,

and Gerald will donate the tobacco for the MIEA Conference.

Gerald informed us that we still have one person giving a bid on the permanent knotty pine walls at Elders Hall.

Eleven (11) Elders voted yet to put back half of the 50/50 monies in the Elders fund to save for a casino trip. There was 0 opposed.

Resolution #02-002, dated February 6, 2002, made by Rachel Daugherty. Seconded by Clarence White. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Elders Council sends the MIEA Committee to Manistee, Michigan on January 24th, 2002 for a one (1) day meeting with Little River (Steering committee) to discuss plans for our April Conference. Committee Members attending were Chairman, Gerald Wesaw; Treasurer, Clarence White; Secretary, Marge Moody; John Wesaw, Jr.; and Joe Winchester. A GSA vehicle was provided with Gerald Wesaw as a driver. All In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Marge Moody stated that our MIEA Conference is going to be held on April 16th - 18th, 2002. At the committee meeting they discussed having the delegates meeting Tuesday evening. They will give three (3) dinner tickets for each tribe. At their planning session, it was suggested for our delegate to put the by-laws on the agenda. Registration will be on Wednesday from 7 - 9 a.m. The business meeting would be held on Wednesday morning. In the afternoon, Little River will do their tribal history, then the Pokagon Band their history. That evening will be the banquet dinner, followed by the entertainment at 7:30 p.m. On Thursday, there will be speakers from Little River, followed by an auction. The Little River Band committee will be here for a meeting on February 18th.

Resolution #02-003, dated February 6, 2002, made by Marge Moody. Seconded by Clarence White. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Elders Council approves purchasing a VPS three (3) Bunn Coffee Pot Burner, cost \$250.00, plus two (2) glass coffee pots, cost \$4.78 each. Total approximate cost \$260.00 Purchased from Atlas Restaurant Supply, South Bend, Indiana. Cost to come out of the Elders General Fund. All In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Everyone agreed to hold an auction February 21, 2002. Profits to go to the April MIEA Conference. Items to be donated \$10.00 and up.

Announcements: Elders Social Luncheon February 21, 2002, Elders Hall at 11:00 a.m. Officers Open Meeting March 4, 2002, Dowagiac City Hall at 10:00 a.m. Elders Council Business Meeting March 7, 2002, Elders Hall at 11:00 a.m.

Marge Moody moved to adjourn at 12:22 p.m. Rae Daugherty seconded the motion. All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Mary Jo Morris
Elders Council Secretary
February 9th, 2002



SOCIAL SERVICES

Indian Child Welfare

The Social Services Department monitors the well being of Pokagon Band children and families within state protective services and foster care programs. The department has become increasingly involved and takes an active role in these cases through the provision of a variety of outreach services, as well as working closely with state and private agencies. Outreach services, through the Social Services Department, work in conjunction with community prevention services to ensure continued family progress and stabilization. The department also provides a variety of services to individuals and families residing in the service area, to those temporarily residing in emergency housing units, and to tribal elders. While family reunification and stabilization are always the primary goals with Indian Child Welfare cases, at times reunification may be judged by a court to not be in the best interest of the children or parents. As such, family, extended family and tribal members are looked to for the care of these children. The Social Services Department is actively involved with public and private child welfare agencies to aid in locating both foster and permanent homes for these children, and is capable of providing referrals to individuals interested in providing care. There is an active need for Native American foster and adoptive homes. Anyone interested in helping to provide this needed care should contact the Social Services Department at (616) 782-8998.

Indian Child Welfare Commission

The Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band has recently established the Pokagon Band Indian Child Welfare Commission. Whereas the care and custody of Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, the welfare if its children are of paramount importance to the Band. Therefore, the Pokagon Band Indian Child Welfare Commission has been established for the purpose of working with the Pokagon Band Tribal Council, Tribal Court when established, Social Services Department, and when appropriate, state judicial and administrative bodies, with regard to child welfare matters. Anyone interested in learning more about the Commission or becoming a member of the Commission is encouraged to contact the Social Services Department for information at (616) 782-8998.

Child Care Development Fund

The Child Care Development Fund is off to a great start and members throughout the service area are encouraged to apply for this unique program. Members are encouraged to contact the Social Services Department for an application. The purpose of this program is to enable parents to receive child care payment assistance while participating in productive employment, an approved educational plan or while training for employment.

General Requirements:

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

Verification Eligibility

For Education Purposes:

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

Grades must be submitted at the end of each quarter to continue to be eligible for the next term. Preliminary verification and official number of hours to be paid for child care may be established as soon as the student registers for new classes.

For Employment Purposes:

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

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



Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

LIHEAP): REOPENED

The Social Services Department is reopening the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to assist eligible members meet their heating needs through the 2001-2002 winter season. Those who have not applied to this program are encouraged to do so now. All members within the entire service area are encouraged to apply even if they have already received services. Eligible members will be able to again receive assistance with their general heating needs for a second time, as well as receive assistance with shut-off notices. The department is currently accepting applications from income eligible members. Applications are available at the Social Services/Administrative Office. Applicants will need to bring the heating bill and a copy of their most recent filed income taxes for processing. Payments will be made for the amount of the heating bill up to the maximum amount allowable through the program. Payments will not be exceeding the amount due the utility provider.

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

Food Commodities Program

Commodities are now being ordered through a new distributor with the program receiving all name brand products. Recently, more shelving/storage area was installed to allow even more efficiency when filling orders for the membership. In an effort to better serve Band members who work during the day, the hours of operation are from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. These hours will hopefully allow members to better utilize this service after work.

A staff member from the food commodity program will visit the South Bend Office every week and visit the Allegan area once a month. Members are encouraged to stop by and fill out an application for this program if they have not already done so. Those residing in the Allegan area should call the office and request an application and to place food orders. Once enrolled in this program, participants can fax, mail, or call in their orders to the Food Commodities Office at (888) 281-1111. Their orders will then be transported to the South Bend Office and Allegan area and made available for pick up.

Due to program changes and in an effort to better serve members throughout the entire service area, those who may have previously applied for food commodities and been turned down due to their area of residence are encouraged to reapply. These changes will allow a greater number of members to receive commodities throughout the entire area.



Parenting Pointers:

- Value the uniqueness of each child. Avoid comparisons and work at finding out who your children are instead of trying to get them to live up to a picture of who you think they should be.
- Work on your own self-esteem. The better you like and accept yourself with all your mistakes and shortcomings, the better model you give your children about self-acceptance. (Nelsen, Lott & Glenn: 1999)



OPTICAL UPDATE

Optical services are scheduled every Tuesday, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM. This is the designated day for you to choose your frame styles or pick up your glasses. Depending on your Insurance and/or Contract Health Service eligibility and what style or options you choose could mean a balance due from member. We offer glasses also to family members at a discount.

To make your appointments, phone our Optical Dispenser, Cindy Rapp, CHR at 782-1142, or 1-877-622-2663. If Cindy is unavailable, please leave a message, she will return your call.

Babysitter's Class

Boozhoo, all you young ladies and gentleman! Do you like kids? Do you want to be prepared to meet challenges? Do you want to be in demand for sitting services and make extra MONEY? Then you want to be a *certified* babysitter!

Pokagon Health Services is offering a Red Cross babysitter's class in April 2002. Open to all, ages 13-18. This class will certify you as a 'Super-Sitter' to help you land those great babysitting jobs this summer. This class will meet for two Saturday mornings 9:00am-1:00pm, April 13th and April 20th. You must attend **both** classes in order to pass.

Classes will give you skills to make safe and sound decisions for play, injury prevention, problem solving, and what to do in an emergency. You will feel confident to get out there and make that zhoonya (money) for school clothes and that favorite CD.

Class size is limited. Call to reserve a spot in the class. Call Joy Duff, LPN, CHR at 616-782-4141 or 888-440-1234.

Do you know your blood cholesterol/ glucose or hemoglobin level?

Here at the Pokagon Potawatomi Health Services, we are equipped to measure these levels and more. With just a simple finger stick and urine collection, we can monitor your total cholesterol including HDL (good), LDL (bad), triglycerides, total cholesterol/HDL ratio, your glucose (blood sugar), hemoglobin (detects anemia or low iron), A1c, and if/ or what your microalbumin levels are. Knowing these levels can help us to help you understand and learn how to maintain and improve your health. Please call, 782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234, and ask for Anna Marten, ext. 29, in our Health office to set up an appointment.

If you are scheduling for lipid or cholesterol screening, you must remember to fast. This means you are not to eat any food (you may take your prescribed meds) or drink any liquids **except** water for 12 hours before your test. We also can help diabetics monitor their blood sugars and Hemoglobin A1c and check for microalbumin.

We have many services and programs to help you control your health. Our Health Staff is available to help you and your family. Our goal is a healthier Pokagon community.

Foot Care Clinic

2nd Wednesday of each month



Behavior Health Office
58155 M51 South
Dowagiac, MI 49047

By appointment, starting
@ 9:00 am-???

Call Joy @ 616-782-1142 or
877-622-2663

*Includes foot soak, nail care, assessment
and foot massage.
Home visits available

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! TO ALL POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

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

1. Has any member/s of your family been diagnosed with diabetes?
2. Have you felt more tired than usual?
3. Have you been urinating more frequently?
4. Do you have an increase in thirst, drinking more liquids than usual?
5. Have you felt light headed or shaky if you've missed a meal?
6. Have you felt compelled to keep a closer watch on your blood sugar level?

If you have answered "yes" to 3 or more of these questions, you may have conditions of high or low blood sugar levels, or hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia. These are conditions associated with Diabetes.

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

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



TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

CLOSED SESSION TRIBAL COUNCIL/HOUSING SITUATION NOVEMBER 29, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:14p.m. by Mike Zimmerman, Acting Chairman

Invocation Given by: Cleora Morseau - Member-at-Large

Roll Call: Cleora Morseau, Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding and Rae Daugherty - Elder's Rep. I.

Absent: Bill Augusta (medical).

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

Issues at Hand:

Housing Situation

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:30p.m.

OPEN SESSION TRIBAL COUNCIL w/ CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE CLOSED SESSION PSI PROPOSAL/PUBLIC RELATIONS DECEMBER 3, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:14p.m. by Mike Zimmerman, Acting Chairman

Invocation Given by: Henry White

Roll Call: Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Mike Zimmerman, Bill Augusta, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Cleora Morseau and Vic Starrett - Elder's Rep. II.

Absent: Trudy Loeding (ill).

Also in Attendance: Marchell Wesaw - Legal Assistant and Kevin Daugherty - Constitution Committee and Greg Sample - Attorney (teleconferenced in).

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

Issues at Hand:

Review of Revisions made to the Consti-

tution

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:05p.m.

Meeting was re-opened at: 9:38p.m.

Casino business discussion

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:54p.m.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:06a.m. by Michael Zimmerman, Acting Chairman

Invocation/Pipe Ceremony Given by: Clarence White

Roll Call: Tom Wesaw, Jr., Mike Zimmerman, Cleora Morseau, Henry White, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Bill Augusta, Trudy Loeding and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty.

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

Olympic Dream

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to donate \$1000.00 to Jamie Goss, Pokagon Band member, to supplement pitching lessons and travel expenses in hopes that one day Jamie will become an Olympic pitcher.

Mike Z.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Bill A.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Y

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

MIEA Conference

The Elder's are co-sponsoring the MIEA Conference this spring. They are asking for help from Tribal Council with the expenses.

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council agrees to donate \$4,000.00 to the Elder's Co-Sponsorship for the MIEA Conference in 2002.

Mike Z.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Bill A.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Trudy L.	Y



ALL IN FAVOR: 8, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, AB-STAIN: 0. CARRIED.

New Members

RESOLUTION #3 made by Tom Wesaw, Jr. and 2nd by Henry White

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the application for enrollment of the people as presented this day December 08, 2001.

Ashby, Gavin Schroeder, Ana T.
Cullen, Zachary L. Smith, Thomas W.
Dixon, Inteus M.

Mike Z.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Bill A.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 8, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, AB-STAIN: 0. CARRIED.

Executive Resolutions

RESOLUTION #4 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Henry White

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision to send Dan Rapp and Gary Morseau to a NAGPRA meeting on Nov. 7th, 2001 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Travel day to be November 6th, 2001. Expenses include hotel, per diem and the use of a GSA vehicle.

Mike Z.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Bill A.	N	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Abstain	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 6, OPPOSED: 1, ABSENT: 0, AB-STAIN: 1. CARRIED.

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision to temporarily shut down the Housing Authority until the 2001 appropriations come through. Effective 8:00a.m. 11/20/01.

Mike Z.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Bill A.	N	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 7, OPPOSED: 1, ABSENT: 0, AB-STAIN: 0. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #6 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by Henry White

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council accepts the Executive Committee decision to re-open the Housing Authority effective 12:00 noon on 11/21/01. Temporary funding to be supplied through the General Fund of the Tribe. Only current projects may be continued until further notice. All monies expended from the General Fund for the Housing Authority will be repaid through the Housing Authority grants.

Mike Z.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Bill A.	Abstain	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Y	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 7, OPPOSED: 0, ABSENT: 0, AB-STAIN: 0. CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30p.m.

CLOSED SESSION HOUSING ISSUES OPEN MEETING

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE CLOSED SESSION TRIBAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION DECEMBER 18, 2001

Work Session began at: 7:45p.m.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:05p.m. by Mike Zimmerman, Acting Chairman

Roll Call: Cleora Morseau, Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Mike Zimmerman, Marie Manley, Trudy Loeding, Faye Wesaw and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty.

Absent: Bill Augusta (ill).

Also in Attendance: Constitution Committee- Kevin Daugherty, Legal Assistant - Marchell Wesaw and Attorney - Greg Sample (teleconferenced in). Membership in attendance - David Mix and Val Baker.

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

Constitution Review

Housing Discussion

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:00p.m.

TRIBAL COUNCIL w/
HOUSING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



DECEMBER 26, 2001

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:14p.m. by Michael Zimmerman, Acting Chairman

Invocation Given by: Michael Zimmerman

Roll Call: Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Bill Augusta, Mike Zimmerman, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw and Trudy Loeding and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty. Cleora Morseau (arrived at 6:45p.m.).

Also in Attendance: Jaennie Mollett, Maxine Margiotta, Goldie Mangus, Ernie Schumaker, Carol Martin, Margaret O'Keife, Robert Parker, Jerry Ashby, P.J. Ashby and Frank Gallegos.

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

Issues at Hand:

Membership Complaints

Cleora Morseau (arrived at 6:45p.m.).
Rae Daugherty (left at 7:37p.m.).

Break at: 8:35p.m.
Meeting Resumed at: 8:51p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Removal of Jefferson Ballew III from B.O.C.

Previous Chairman and Appointment to the Personnel Committee

White & White Building

Grievance

Interim Housing Director

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30p.m.

CLOSED WORK SESSION

TRIBAL COUNCIL

WITH

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

JANUARY 7, 2002

WORK SESSION BEGAN AT: 6:23p.m.

Roll Call: Tom Wesaw, Jr., Cleora Morseau, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty. Bill Augusta (arrived at 6:35p.m.).

Absent: Trudy Loeding (medical) and Henry White

(D.O.I. Strategic Plan Mtg.).

Also in Attendance: Personnel Committee - Karen Winchester, Bill Regenos and Legal Assistant - Marchell Wesaw.

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

Issues at Hand:

Draft Employee Training Schedule

The following policies were submitted for review and approval:

Employment Agreement

Time Card Policy

Cell Phone Policy

The new evaluation form was also submitted for review.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

Pay Increase

Housing Discussion

Work session adjourned at: 9:07p.m.

WORK SESSION

TRIBAL COUNCIL

WITH GARY MORSEAU - 6:00P.M.

AMERICAN INDIAN ARBITRATION INSTITUTE

TRIBAL COUNCIL w/

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - 6:30P.M.

JANUARY 8, 2002

6:00P.M. Presenter unavailable.

WORK SESSION BEGAN AT: 6:39p.m.

Roll Call: Cleora Morseau, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Mike Zimmerman, Marie Manley, Trudy Loeding, Bill Augusta and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty.

Absent: Faye Wesaw - B.O.C. Mtg. and Henry White - travel.

Also in Attendance: Kevin Daugherty - Constitution/Committee and Marchell Wesaw - Legal Assistant.



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

Issues at Hand:

Constitution Review

Break at: 7:35p.m.

Work session resumed: 7:45p.m.

Work session ended at: 9:32p.m.

**CLOSED WORK SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL w/
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

OPEN SESSION

TRIBAL COUNCIL w/MEMBERSHIP

JANUARY 12, 2002

Closed Work Session began at: 9:10a.m.

Attendance: Cleora Morseau, Henry White, Bill Augusta, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw and Trudy Loeding

Absent: Michael Zimmerman (school), Tom Wesaw, Jr. (medical) and Rae Daugherty (mtg. cancelled, excused).

Also in Attendance: Legal Assistant - Marchell Wesaw and Personnel Committee Chair person - Karen Winchester.

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

Issues at Hand:

Hiring Process

Work session ended at: 10:02a.m.

Open Work session resumed at: 10:10a.m. Due to lack of quorum and not enough time to notify the membership of a cancelled meeting, Tribal Council decided to hold a work session with the membership who showed up for the scheduled Tribal Council meeting.

Invocation Given by: Henry White - Member-at-Large.

Attendance and Absence: Same as previous work session.

Finance Report - Joe Ciba

Absent: Trudy Loeding (medical) and Henry White

Membership Concerns

Employee Issues

Emergency Situations

Halfway House

Break at: 12:15p.m.

Work session resumed at: 12:50p.m.

Per Capita

Lakes

Bingo

Work session ended: 1:55p.m.

**CLOSED WORK SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL w/ PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP
JANUARY 12, 2002**

Closed Work Session began at: 9:10a.m.

Attendance: Cleora Morseau, Henry White, Bill Augusta, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw and Trudy Loeding

Absent: Michael Zimmerman (school), Tom Wesaw, Jr. (medical) and Rae Daugherty (mtg. cancelled, excused).

Also in Attendance: Legal Assistant - Marchell Wesaw and Personnel Committee Chair person - Karen Winchester.

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

Issues at Hand:

Hiring Process

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Invocation Given by: Henry White - Member-at-Large.

Attendance and Absence: Same as previous work session.

Membership Concerns

Employee Issues

Emergency Situations

Halfway House

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Per capita

Lakes

Bingo

Work session ended: 1:55p.m.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL W/
CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
CLOSED SESSION**

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

JANUARY 14, 2002

Meeting Called to Order: 6:08p.m. by Bill Augusta - Vice Chairman

Augusta - Vice Chairman

Invocation Given by: Henry White - Member-at-Large

Roll Call: Cleora Morseau, Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Bill Augusta, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty.

Absent: Mike Zimmerman (family obligation, Mike arrived at 8:45p.m.).

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

Issues at Hand:

Constitution Review

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:59p.m.

Meeting Resumed at: 8:45p.m.

**Closed Session
Tribal Council - Personnel and Administrative Issues**

Cellular Phone Policy

Time Card Policy

Faye Wesaw left at 10:35p.m.

General Fund Expenditures

Cleora left at 10:45p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:50p.m.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL W/HUD
JANUARY 17, 2002**

Meeting called to order: 6:08p.m. by Michael Zimmerman, Acting Chairman.

Zimmerman, Acting Chairman.

Invocation given by: Cleora Morseau - Member-at-large

Roll call: Cleora Morseau, Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Michael Zimmerman, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty. Bill Augusta (arrived at 6:50p.m.).

Rae Daugherty. Bill Augusta (arrived at 6:50p.m.).

Also in Attendance: HUD - Kevin Fitzgibbons, Elmer Jerdenson and Elton Jones.

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

Issues at Hand:

Funding for the Housing Department

Appointment of Office to B.O.C. and Oath of Office

RESOLUTION #1 made by Marie Manley and 2nd by
Trudy Loeding
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council
approves the appointment of Carol Martin to the
Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as of
1/17/02.

Mike Z.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Bill A.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Abstain	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	N	Cleora M.	Y

ALL IN FAVOR: 6, OPPOSED: 1, ABSENT: 0, ABSTAIN:

1. CARRIED.

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Tribal Council approves the appointment of Tina Starrett to



as of 1/17/02.

Mike Z.	Y	Henry W.	Y
Bill A.	Y	Faye W.	Y
Marie M.	Abstain	Trudy L.	Y
Tom W.	Y	Cleora M.	Y

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

Both Tina and Carol were given the Oath of Office by Acting Chairman, Michael Zimmerman.

CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES
JANUARY 17, 2002

Meeting Called to Order: 10:13p.m. by Michael Zimmerman, Acting Chairman

Invocation: Given Earlier

Roll Call: Cleora Morseau, Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Michael Zimmerman, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding, Bill Augusta and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty.

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

Issues at Hand:

Title VI Part A

Special Olympics

Employee Pay Increases

Gross Maximum Pricing Meeting

Taxation Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:50p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:26p.m.

WORK SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL w/
CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 21, 2002

Work session began at: 6:35p.m. by Michael Zimmerman, Acting Chairman

Roll Call: Henry White, Bill Augusta, Mike

Morseau and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty.

Absent: Tom Wesaw, Jr. (prior commitment) and Trudy Loeding (ill).

Also in Attendance: Constitution Committee - Kevin Daugherty, Greg Sample - Attorney and Marchell Wesaw - Legal Assistant, Membership - Ernie Schumaker, David Mix, Jerry Ashby and PJ Ashby. Val Baker and Molly Daisy (arrived at 8:13p.m.).

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

Issue at Hand:

Constitution Review

Work session ended at: 8:16p.m.

WORK SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL w/
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR
SUBSTANCE ABUSE TASK FORCE
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR
JANUARY 22, 2002

Work Session Began at: 6:10p.m.

Roll Call: Cleora Morseau, Henry White, Mike Zimmerman, Marie Manley, and Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett.

Absent: Bill Augusta (other commitment), Faye Wesaw (B.O.C. Mtg.) and Trudy Loeding (ill).

Also in Attendance: Christine Daugherty (I.H.S. Director), Substance Abuse Task Force - Judy Winchester, Joe Winchester, Sue Mesko and Kathi Fuller and Rick Landers - Tribal Operations Officer.

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

Issues at Hand:

Group Transitional Home

Break at: 7:25p.m.

Meeting Resumed: 7:37p.m.

Member Issue

Prior Employee Issue

Work Session ended: 8:45p.m.



CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL w/ROB GIPS
GENERAL OVERVIEW
OF MEETINGS, ORDINANCES,
LEGAL MATTERS, ETC.
JANUARY 23, 2002

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:14p.m. by Michael Zimmerman, Acting Chairman

Invocation Given by: Cleora Morseau

Roll Call: Tom Wesaw, Jr., Henry White, Bill Augusta, Michael Zimmerman, Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding, Cleora Morseau and Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty.

Also in Attendance: Rob Wyre - Gaming Manager and Tribal Attorney - Rob Gips.

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

Issues at Hand:

TOMAC UPDATE

LEPAN CONSULTING L.L.C.

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT UPDATE

MANAGEMENT CONTRACT STATUS

CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING CONTRACT STATUS

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCE

CODE CONSULTANT CONTRACT

LOCAL AGREEMENT/TAX CODE DRAFTING

LAKES DEVELOPMENT LOAN REIMBURSEMENT DISCUSSION

Break at: 8:07p.m.

Meeting Resumed: 8:22p.m.

LAKES BUSINESS PLAN PRO FORMA REVIEW PRO FORMAS FOR PER CAPITA ISSUES

Rob Wyre left at 8:52p.m.

NON-GAMING LAND IN TRUST APPLICATION AND RELATED MEETINGS AND CALLS

Meeting Adjourned: 9:06p.m.

CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL w/ELECTION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 24, 2002

Meeting Called to Order at: 5:13p.m. by Michael Zimmerman, Sr. Acting Chairman

Invocation Given by: Michael Zimmerman, Sr.

Roll Call: Cleora Morseau, Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Bill Augusta, Michael Zimmerman, Sr., Marie Manley, Faye Wesaw, Trudy Loeding, Elder's Reps. I - Rae Daugherty and Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett.

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

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

Discussion was held regarding the policies and procedures for the Election Committee and the process used for the recent Recall Petitions.

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:06p.m.

CLOSED SESSION
TRIBAL COUNCIL
LOGO & RESTAURANT NAMES PRESENTATION
JANUARY 24, 2002

Meeting Called to Order: 6:28p.m. by Michael Zimmerman, Sr., Acting Chairman

Invocation: Given Earlier.

Roll Call: Cleora Morseau, Henry White, Tom Wesaw, Jr., Bill Augusta, Marie Manley, Michael Zimmerman, Sr., Trudy Loeding, Elder's Rep. I - Rae Daugherty and Elder's Rep. II - Vic Starrett.

Absent: Faye Wesaw (other obligation).

Also in Attendance: Lakes Gaming - Jack Malis, Randy Eslick, Urban Design - Ron Armstrong and Gaming Manager - Rob Wyre.

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

Issues at Hand:

Marketing and Signage for Restaurants and Logo at Casino

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:02p.m.



HOUSING UPDATE

Tribal Members,

On Saturday, February 9th, 2002, as recommended by the HUD office in Chicago, Illinois a resolution passed rescinding the Housing Authority Ordinance and Board of Commissioners. As a result the Housing entity will become a department under Tribal Operations.

Presently ongoing investigation is coordinated between the Federal Bureau of Investigations, HUD, the Office of Inspector General and Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Until investigation is completed all future services for Housing are on hold. Any member/citizen who has been promised or has been authorized for work to be completed by previous Housing Authority should contact the Tribal Council office. Further information to be released as permitted.

Sincerely,

Michael Zimmerman, Sr.

Acting Chairman

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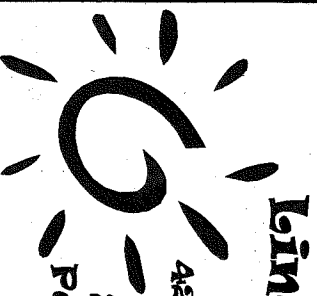
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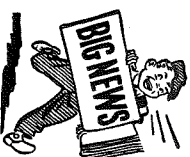
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Bodéwadimiwen Mzenegen

(Potawatomi Language Page)

by JP Montano and Frank Barker

a - like ah in "swan" **é** - like eh in "sap" **i** - like ee in "sweetgrass" **o** - like o in "snow"
e - like ih in "dish", or like uh in "sun" **oo** - like oo in "soup"

Review :

Gi-niskadet.	It was stormy.	Gi-niskadet wnago.	Yesterday it was stormy.
Wi-boninget.	It will snow.	Wi-boninget wabek.	Tomorrow it will snow.
Gi-noden.	It was windy	Gi-noden wnago.	Yesterday it was windy.
Wi-ksenyamget.	It will be cold.	Wi-ksenyamget wabek.	Tomorrow it will be cold.

Verbs



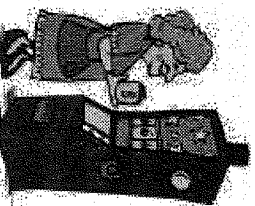
Bokshka.
He is broke.



Yaknogé.
He is sick.



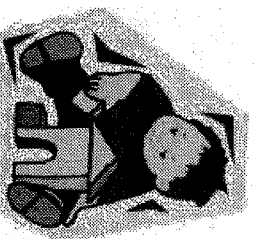
Giwsé.
He is hunting.



Tadi.
She is gambling.



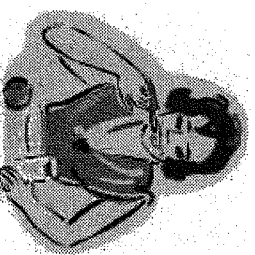
Nchiwénno.
He is happy.



Chikazo.
He is playing.



Chibdebe.
She is sitting.



Wisne.
She is eating.

Verbs are words that express action or feeling. Some verbs in the English language are: "to eat", "to walk", "to speak", "to be happy", "to be hungry", "to gamble". Potawatomi verbs are complete sentences. We can use "tadi" for example, to say "She is gambling." The English does not work like this. In English, we cannot use the verb "gamble" without adding other words to make a complete sentence. We cannot translate word-for-word from Potawatomi to English to Potawatomi. For example, there is no part of that can be translated to mean "He" or "She", or to mean "mean 'sick'". A single Potawatomi verb, like "yaknogé", the complete idea that "He (or She) is sick."

Can you translate these sentences into Potawatomi?

- 1) She is happy. _____
- 2) He is sitting. _____
- 3) He is eating. _____
- 4) He is broke. _____
- 5) He is hunting. _____
- 6) He is gambling. _____
- 7) She is playing. _____
- 8) She is sick. _____

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	2 Womens Health Fair 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
3	4 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	5 Optical Day@IHS	6 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	7 IHS/CHS @ South Bend Office	8 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	9 Tribal Council Mtg. Lodge@ 10:00 am
10	11 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	12 Optical Day@IHS	13 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am Foot Care Clinic@ Beh. Health Home by Appointment	14 IHS/CHS @ South Bend Office	15 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	16 Red Road Pow Wow
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24	25 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	26 Optical Day@IHS	27 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	28 IHS/CHS @ South Bend Office	29 Gerobics@ E.H. 10:00 - 11:00 am	30





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Indian Health	MEDICAL PROVIDER	12/7/01	Pending
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Indian Health	DAY RESIDENT ASSISTANT	12/7/01	Pending
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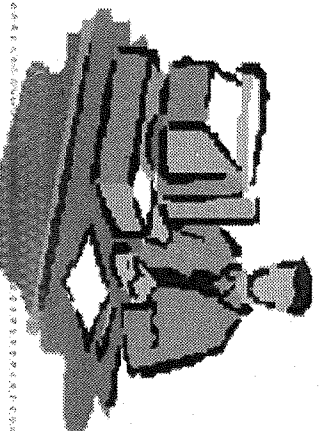
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March

Announcements

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Nicholas Wesaw	3/5
Tommy Hernandez	3/5
Caroli Wesaw	3/6
Kristina Wesaw	3/6
Cloria Hamstra	3/11
Mary Hernandez	3/13
Curtis Wesaw	3/19
Nathalia Wilcox	3/23
Justin Wilcox	3/26
Lisa Hernandez	3/28
Derick Wesaw	3/29
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Daughter of Karen (Wesaw) Burns
& Jeff Burns
Granddaughter of Sam Wesaw

Happy Belated Birthday 2/6
Brother Ron Morseau
Love-Marie and Family

Karen and David Councilman
Announce the engagement of their daughter

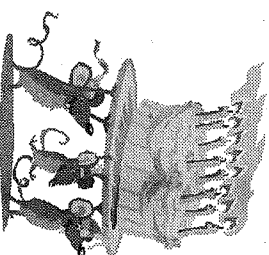


Samantha Kay
To
Brian Townsend

Samantha and Brian are planning their
Wedding for April 27th, 2002



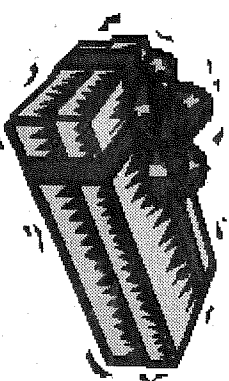
Happy "Golden" Birthday Roger
Rader
March 24th
&
Happy 13th Aaron Horner
Love-Your Family



Happy Birthday
David Mix 3/1
Love-Your Family
Happy Birthday
Sharon Miller
3/27
Love- Brett & Kids

Happy Birthday:
Gale Lewis 3/5
Monica Degraw(14) 3/1
Hilary Degraw (12) 3/30
Love-Your Family

Happy Belated Birthday 2/17
Melissa Newcomer
Love-Mom, Dad, Richard & Boys



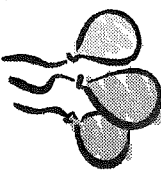
Happy 13th Birthday
Nora Burfield
Love-Mom, Dad, Jodi & Nelm

Happy Belated 10th Birthday
Nicholas Floriano

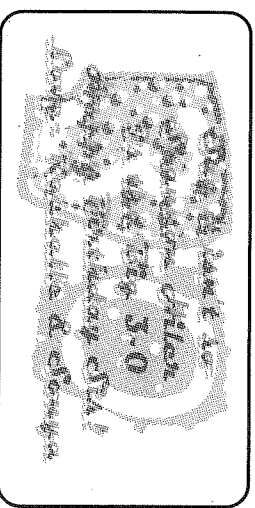
Happy 1st Birthday
Madison Webber

Love-Dad, Melissa & Brittany
Happy Birthday Sydney Burns!
Love-Your Family
Daughter of Naomi Shinos
Love-Auntie Angie, Uncle John
& your Cousins

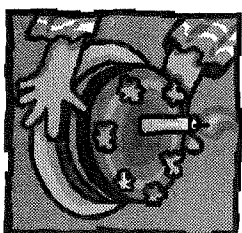
HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY
GAIL WHITE 2/15
LOVE-YOUR FAMILY



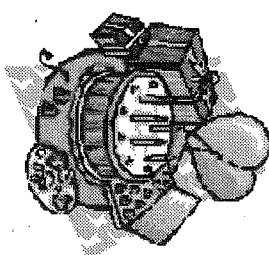
Happy Belated Birthday 2/11
David Helmske "18"
Love-Mom, Jimmy & Derek



Happy 4th Birthday 3/15
Abigail Sinis Taylor
We love & miss you!!
Grandma Val, Great
Grandpa Moses
Aunt Cindu, Greg,
Uncle Charles,
Crystal, John & Cousins



Happy Belated Birthday 2/11
Brianna Mussels "6"
Love-Your Family in Michigan



Happy 5th Birthday
Matthew Ryan Wesaw
3/17
Love-Dad & Big Sister

Happy Birthday
Greg Mersaw
March 17th
Love-Melissa, Brittany
& Nicholas

Happy Belated Birthday
To our Valentine Betty
Holley Elizabeth Love
Love-Mom, Carolyn, George,
Moms, Uncles & Cousins

THE SWEETEST OF MEMORIES

Viola B. Wesaw
March 28, 1926 - March 25, 2001
Martin J. Wesaw, Sr.
August 5, 1919 - November 23, 2001



The apple of my eye,
The most precious fragrance is your love.
You linger in our memory like shimmering jewels,
Too beautiful to describe.

How were we to know what exquisite gifts we had in you?
Until you softly and loving said good-bye.
Your eternal love for us on your lips,
Your beautiful smile filling us with strength.

Thank you for being ours,
Thank God for being you.
You said this to us and now,
We say it to you.

"If you left without me,
I'd miss you as the stars would miss the heavens.
You are superbly special.
I love you and all the family beyond all telling."
Loving you both forever,
Your Family