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# Election Day 2002



Date:  
July 13, 2002

Polling Place:  
Elders Hall - Dowagiac, MI

Hours:  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM (MI time)

*Please Bring Proper ID*

**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!!**

## Certified Candidate List for Pokagon Band Tribal Council

### CHAIRMAN

John A. Miller  
Jeanette A. Mollett  
Donald J. Summers

### MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Jerry L. Ashby  
Earnest A. Daisy  
Cleora L. Morseau  
John J. Morseau  
Gerald R. Wesaw, Sr.

### SECRETARY

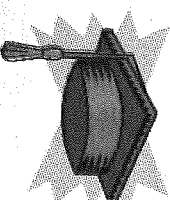
Maxine A. Margiotta  
Marie J. Manley  
Daniel F. Rapp

Tina M. Horner  
Gregory J. Morsaw  
Matthew J. Wesaw  
Judy A. Winchester

## Pokagon Band Salutes Our 2002 Graduates



*Tia*



*Lance*

### *Tia Councilman*

Tia is the daughter of David and Karen Councilman. She graduated from Dowagiac Union High School in Dowagiac, Michigan.

### *Lance Morris*

Lance is the son of Jerry and Nancy Morris. He graduated 20<sup>th</sup> in his class of 292 students at Mishawaka High School in Mishawaka, Indiana. Lance was a member of the National Honor Society and has accumulated 22 advanced college credits toward a degree at Indiana University. He plans to pursue a Business Degree from Indiana University.

### *Amanda Pigeon*

Amanda is the daughter of John and Lorraine Pigeon. She graduated from Hopkins High School in Hopkins, Michigan.

### *Matt Swisher*

Matt is the son of Dennis and Linda Swisher. He graduated from Dowagiac Union High School in Dowagiac, Michigan.



You Are Invited To The 9th Annual  
Anishnaabe Family Language & Culture Camp

*Dedicated to the memory of Jonnie Sam & Doris Wadists*

Where  
Manistee MI.  
When  
July 25, 26, 27, 28 2002

Thursday July 25  
Opening Ceremony at 12:00  
12:30 - 1:00 Lunch  
1:45 - 3:00 Presentations  
3:15 - 4:30 Presentations  
5:00 - 6:00 Dinner  
8:00 Storytelling

Friday July 26  
8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast  
9:15 - 10:30 Presentations  
10:45 - 12:00 Presentations  
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch  
1:15 - 2:30 Presentations  
2:45 - 4:00 Presentations  
4:15 - 5:00 Presentations  
5:00 - 6:30 Dinner  
7:00 Talent Show  
9:00 Entertainment

Saturday July 27  
8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast  
9:15 - 10:30 Presentations  
10:45 - 12:00 Presentations  
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch  
1:15 - 2:30 Presentations  
2:45 - 4:00 Presentations  
2:30 - 5:00 Ceremonies  
4:15 - 5:00 Presentations  
5:00 - 6:30 Dinner  
7:00 Jingleman ok / Pow wow  
9:30 Entertainment

Sunday July 28  
10:00 Brunch & Social time  
12:00 Closing

These workshops and presentations are for all ages. Both Anishnaabemowin and English will be used. Meals are provided and there is no registration fee. First come first serve for camping area. This event will take place at the Pow wow grounds in Manistee located at the corner of M 22 & US 31 S next to the Casino. Anishnaabe showers on site.

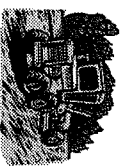
Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishnaabe Nation  
For more information call  
Kenny Pleasant at 888-723-8288 or at 231-953-4406 or Call # 231-392-6421  
Call # 231-510-1324 or Email Pleasant9@AOL.com or Web site www.LRBOL.com

# Tribal Members

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

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

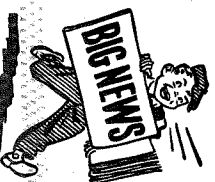
If your company can provide a service to the tribe, we would like to know.



Send replies to: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
attn: Maintenance Department  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

## REMINDER!!!

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR  
THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER WILL BE JULY  
13<sup>TH</sup>. SEND ARTICLES OR ANNOUNCE-  
MENTS TO :



POKAGON NEWSLETTER  
ATTENTION: GINNY WESAW RICE  
P.O. BOX 180  
DOWAGIAC, MI 49047  
OR E-MAIL: GWESAW@POKAGON.COM

## POKAGON BAND OFFICES

P.O. BOX 180 DOWAGIAC, MI. 49047

TRIBAL COUNCIL  
58620 SINK ROAD  
(269) 782-6323 or toll free (888) 376-9988  
FAX (269) 782-9625

ELDERS PROGRAM  
53237 TOWNHALL ROAD  
(269) 782-0765 or toll free (800) 859-2717  
FAX (269) 782-1696

ADMINISTRATION/  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/  
SOCIAL SERVICES/HOUSING  
58620 SINK ROAD  
(269) 782-8998 or toll free (800) 517-0777  
FAX (269) 782-6882

HEALTH SERVICES/  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
57392 M 51 SOUTH  
(269) 782-4141 or toll free (888) 440-1234  
FAX (269) 782-8797

EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
901 SPRUCE STREET  
(269) 782-0867 or toll free (888) 330-1234  
FAX (269) 782-0985

FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
109 COMMERCIAL STREET  
(269) 782-0160 or toll free (800) 658-9414  
FAX (269) 782-1028

ENROLLMENT  
104 N. RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
(269) 782-1763 or toll free (888) 782-1001  
FAX (269) 782-1964

FOOD COMMODITY  
52366 M-51 NORTH  
(269) 782-3372 or toll free (888) 281-1111  
FAX (269) 782-7814

HEAD START  
709 SPRUCE ST UNIT B  
(269) 783-0026 FAX (269) 782-9795

SOUTH BEND OFFICE  
2705 MISHAWAKA AVENUE  
SOUTH BEND, IN. 46615  
(574) 234-9114 or toll free (800) 737-9223  
FAX (574) 234-9306

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
56033 M-51  
(269) 782-9602





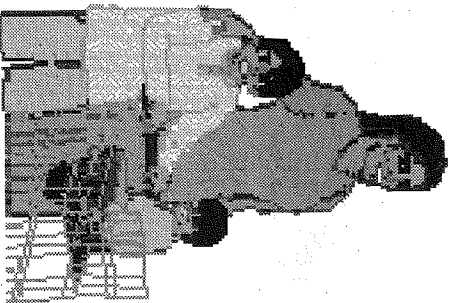
# **Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indian Health Services presents: YOUTH HEALTH FAIR**

**Saturday, July 27, 2002**

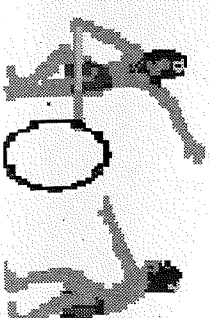
**9:00 am-4:00 pm**

**Opening Pipe Ceremony 8:30 am**

**Lunch: 12:00-1:00 pm**



**Native Games**

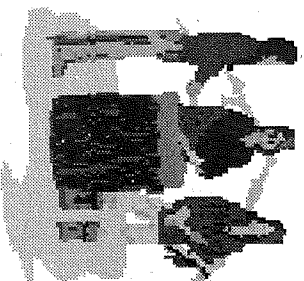


**Traditional Activities**

**Art**

**Clothes Giveaway**

**Great Food**



**Dental Exams**

**Nutritional Counseling**

**Safety/ Kid ID**

**Head Start & Sports Physicals**

**Program Sign-ups**

**Use your Passport to Good Health  
and earn goodie bag and/ or a T-shirt**

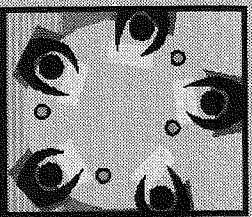
**GRAND PRIZES: Dance Shawl for Girl**

**Ribbon Shirt for Boy**

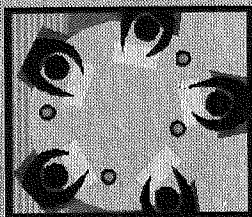




# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



## Youth Council



Youth Council has been busy for the past two months including helping prepare, set up, and participate in the spring feast. Youth council hosted a meeting for the kids at camp. There they explained what happens at a youth council meeting and allowed for other band members to participate. Youth council is preparing a museum trip on July 19, 2002, to the Eiteljorg museum. If you would like to go please call the education office, (616) 782-0887 or toll free 1-888-330-1234.

**\*Dates to Remember:**  
**July 11 Youth Council meeting in South Bend**  
**July 19 Museum trip**

## School Supplies

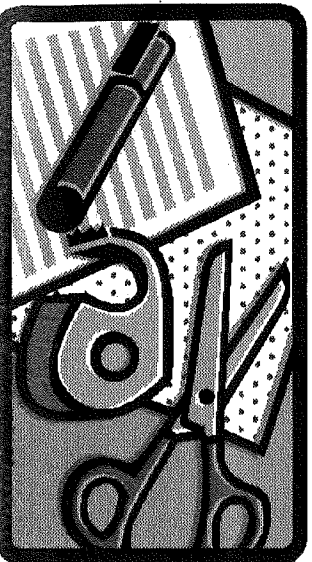
Duffel bags or Back Packs and school supplies (scissors, rulers, glue, etc.) will be available early this year.

Look for the Education Staff at the following places:

Youth Health Fair, July 27

Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow

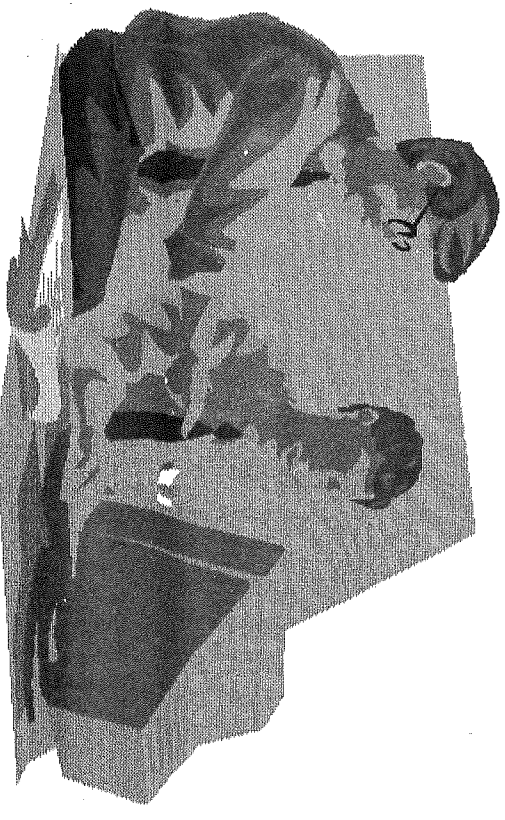
Education Office after August 1<sup>st</sup>



## Computer Lab

The Computer Lab is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 4:30pm. The Lab is air-conditioned and there is always a pot of coffee brewing. Staff is on hand to help with any problems.

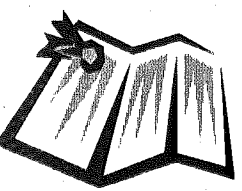
If you need to get your GED, think about dedicating some time to preparation this summer. The Lab is available for you, too. Call Melissa Newcomer, she'll have everything ready for you.



*Parents,  
 If you want to arrange to have  
 you're your child tutored to  
 prepare for the upcoming  
 School Year, please call the  
 Education Department at (269)  
 782-0887.*

If you were not able to attend the awards ceremony on May 22, please call the Education Department: 782-0887 or 888-330-1234. We want to make arrangements for you to pick up your award.

Thank you.







# ELDERS PROGRAM

## MINUTES

### POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

#### ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

MAY 2, 2002 - 11:00 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by Gerald Wesaw at 11:14 A.M.  
Invocation given by Clarence White.

#### Roll Call

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

Additions: Cups for sale, Education Department information

Quorum Present

Attendance: 23 Elders

Marge Moody moved to approve the agenda of May 2, 2002 with additions.  
Seconded by Rae Daugherty. All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION  
CARRIED

Marge Moody moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2002. Seconded by  
Clarence White. All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Kevin Daugherty gave us an update on the Title VI grant. We would be  
planning on 10 people per day to start with for luncheons, Monday through  
Friday. We will need to hire a cook full time, buy food, and order general  
office supplies. Since the budget is tight, we will continue our part time  
assistants with our Thursday social luncheons.

Kevin also gave us an update on the constitution meetings being held at the  
Dowagiac Jr. High School.

Twenty-three (23) Pokagon Band Elders signed Tom Wesaw's proposal to  
Tribal Council extending the burial fund to include the non-native spouse of the  
tribal member. Start up date at Tribal Councils' discretion.

Marge informed us that an expense sheet was available to membership showing  
the cost of the MIEA Conference we co-hosted with Little River Band April  
16-18, 2002. Marge will also have an article put in the June newsletter thanking  
everyone who helped us.

Business Card Resolution #02-009, dated April 29, 2002, made by Marge Moody.  
Seconded by Rachel Daugherty. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:  
Elders Council approves the Officers purchasing individual preference business  
cards for travel and business. Cost to be paid out of the Elders General Fund.  
All In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Clarence stated that the Education Department is asking elders input on a park  
grant, and also, our opinions on our history and language preservation. A date  
will be set up for this.

#### Announcements:

On-Property Pro-Casino Rally - New Buffalo - May 7, 2002 6:00 p.m.

Elders Social Luncheon May 16, 2002, Elders Hall 11:00 a.m.

Officers Open Meeting June 3, 2002 at Elders Hall, 10:00 a.m.

Elders Council Business Meeting June 6, 2002 Elders Hall 11:00 a.m.

Marge Moody moved to adjourn at 12:27 p.m. Seconded by Rae Daugherty.  
All In Favor: "Aye" Opposed: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Mary Jo Morris, Elders Council Secretary, May 15, 2002

## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

### WORKING DOES NOT TRIGGER A MEDICAL REVIEW

**Q.** I'm disabled and want to work. But I don't want to  
risk losing my benefits. If I do try working, will there  
be a medical review?

**A.** Not anymore. Social Security encourages people who get  
disability benefits to work if they would like to do so. There  
are a number of work incentives in place to help you achieve  
your work goals. In the past, going to work was a reason  
for Social Security to conduct a continuing disability review  
of your medical condition. As of January of 2002, if you  
have been getting Social Security disability benefits for at  
least 24 months, we will not automatically review your medical  
condition just because you are working.

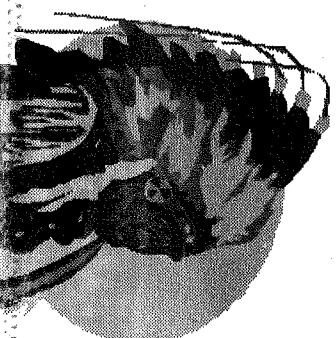
**Q.** I get Supplemental Security Income (SSI). My buddy  
said the monthly amount went up to \$545 for 2002, but  
I'm not getting that much. Why not?

**A.** It sounds like your payment is reduced because of other  
income, or because of a living arrangement in which you  
don't pay your share of household expenses. You should  
get in touch with a Social Security representative for a more  
detailed look at your case. You can contact your local office  
or call the toll free number to find out why.

**Q.** I am 62 years old and get benefits on my husband's  
record. He will be 65 next year and he will get  
Medicare. Will I get Medicare?

**A.** Unfortunately, people are not eligible for Medicare until they  
are 65 years old. There is Medicare for individuals that  
have entitlement to disability benefits for two years or that  
have end stage renal disease. If neither one of these apply,  
then you do have to wait until you are 65 to become entitled  
to Medicare.

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





# HEALTH SERVICES

## ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! TO ALL POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

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

## Foot Care Clinics



Pokagon Band of  
Pottawatomi  
Indian Health Services

Pokagon Band of Pottawatomi  
Indian Health Services

57392 M-51 South  
Dowagiac, MI 49031

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

(New Location!!!)  
57392 M-51 South Dowagiac, MI  
Second Wednesday of each month  
and

South Bend Office  
2705 Mishawaka Ave  
Mishawaka, IN

Please Call to make YOUR  
appointment today

## CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES NON-COVERED SERVICES

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

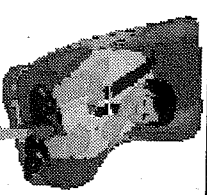
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| 1. Long Term Care                      | 12. Alternative Medicine   |
| a. Nursing Home                        | a. Acupuncture   |
| b. Foster Care                         | (Offered for stress reduction & adjunct to sub. abuse treatment) |
| 2.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

## Attention Pokagon Band Moms!!!

We now have a certified  
Child Passenger Safety Technician!

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

Remember: Click it or ticket it!



Pokagon Pottawatomi Indian  
Health Services

Contact person:  
Cindy Rapp, CHR, CRST

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





## A Few Painless Ways To Live A Healthier Life

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



## OPTICAL UPDATE

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

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

## ENROLL TODAY WITH CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES!

Pokagon Health Services is encouraging members who live within the 10-county tribal area to enroll for Contract Health Services. Enrollment consists of furnishing 4 basic items: a photo i.d. from Michigan or Indiana, (drivers license), a second proof of residency, (phone bill or other), indication of other insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare, and a completed patient registration form. Please, do not wait for an emergency to present itself, as we will be unable to help with your bills if your enrollment is not current. Call Patty Peltó at 888-440-1234, extension 23, and she will send you the proper forms for your enrollment with Contract Health Services.

## CLIENT TRANSPORTS

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Health Care Transport program is to serve the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi community by reducing transportation needs as a barrier to care.

**Policy:** Client transport is by pre-arranged appointment. Transport is for routine, scheduled health care events. This service is provided on a last resort basis. You must exhaust all other means of transport including public transit, your own resources, family and friends before requesting this service from our office.

Transport may be provided to health-related appointments, scheduled Mondays through Fridays during our business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Transports are scheduled for appointments on days that Pokagon Band Health Services are open for business.

**This is not an emergency medical transport service.** In cases of emergency: any life- or limb-threatening situations, airway obstruction, major bleeding, chest pain, labor or delivery **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.**

**Procedure:** Make your transport requests by contacting our transport schedulers at least 3 business days before the day of the appointment you want transport assistance for.

Our goal is to resolve your transport request within 2 business days. If you have not heard back from our staff within 3 business days of your request, call our office and ask to speak to a transport scheduler. It is okay to place your request weeks in advance.

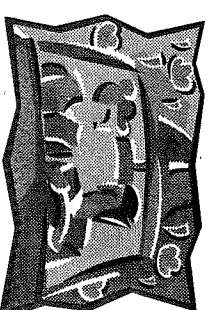
If you need to cancel your transport arrangements with us, call us as far in advance as possible. This allows us to schedule another person's transport.

If you do not keep two consecutive transports without notifying our office in advance, you may become ineligible for client transport for two months.

No one under the age of 18 will be transported without the supervision of an adult or guardian. Our transporters cannot be that designated adult or guardian. Emancipated minors are exempt from this restriction.

1. Seat belts and child restraints must be used in accordance with State Laws.
2. No alcoholic beverages or other illicit substances are allowed in transport vehicles.
3. No smoking, drinking alcohol or using illicit substances is allowed in transport vehicles.
4. Transport staff may refuse to transport abusive or intoxicated clients.
5. Transport staff may refuse to transport clients during extreme or hazardous weather.
6. Exceptions to these policies are made with Health Director approval only.

*\*These policies are subject to revision.*





# SOCIAL SERVICES

## Indian Child Welfare

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

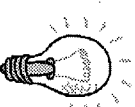
## Donations

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

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program



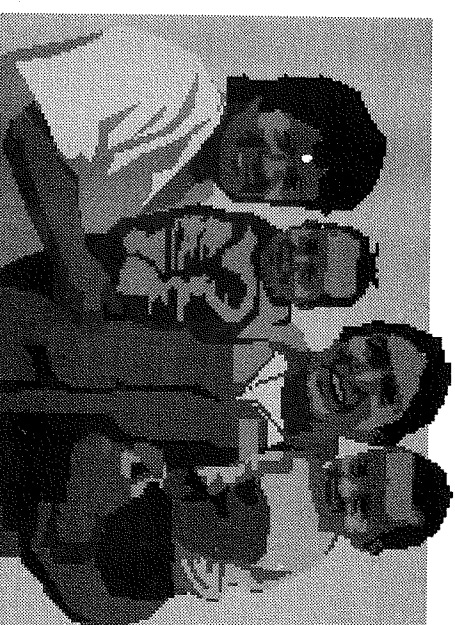
(LIHEAP)



The Social Services Department closed out the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at the beginning of May, concluding the 2001-2002 winter season. The LIHEAP program fulfilled over 4000 requests for the season, providing heating assistance to over 150 families and individuals. Within the last three years over 300 families, comprised of over 900 individuals, have been able to benefit from this program in their efforts to maintain or attain self-sufficiency. It is anticipated that the program will start again in October for the 2002-2003 winter season.

## Indian Child Welfare Commission

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







### Child Care Development Fund

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

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

#### General Requirements:

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

#### Verification Eligibility

#### For Employment Purposes:

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

#### For Education Purposes:

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

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

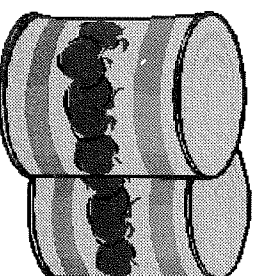
verification and official number of hours to be paid for childcare may be established as soon as the student registers for new classes.

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

#### **Food Commodities Program:**

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

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





# ENROLLMENT

## Pokagon Band Photo ID Cards

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

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

## Address Changes

Before any updates can be made the office must receive:

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

## Office of Trust Funds Management

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

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

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

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

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



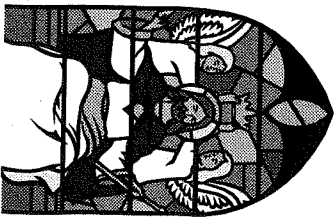


## BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

# 2000 EXPECTED TO ATTEND NATIONAL TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE



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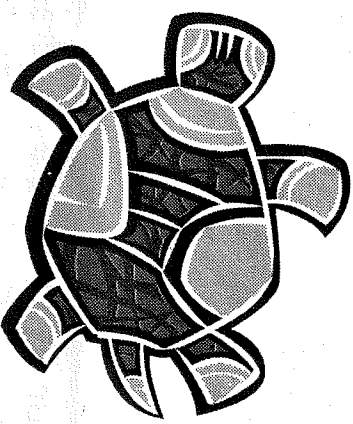
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616-459-6820 or [oewk@aol.com](mailto:oewk@aol.com)



GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN - Close to 2000 Catholic Native Americans will gather at Michigan State University for the 63rd Annual Tekakwitha National Conference from July 31 to August 4, 2002. This conference is open to all people.

Attendees look forward to learning more about Native Americans and to experience Native Spirituality. Some 250 tribes from all over the United States and Canada will be represented at the Eucharistic Liturgies, Sunrise Ceremonies, workshops, and a traditional meal and powwow. This is a family event with special activities for the children from ages three to 17.

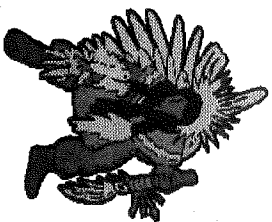
Keynote speaker, Archbishop Charles Chaput (Potawatomi) will address the blessing of baptism and how it links to Native Spiritual beliefs. Adam Cardinal Maida of Detroit, Bishops Donald Pelotte (Abnaki), Carl Mengeling of Lansing and Robert Rose of Grand Rapids will also take part in the conference.

The conference is named in honor of Mohawk Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680) who was declared venerable by Pope Pius XII on January 3, 1943. Pope John Paul II beatified her June 22, 1980. Kateri's beatification was significant for Native Americans because it honored a holy Indian woman but also demonstrated the Church's love and respect for Indian peoples and their heritage.

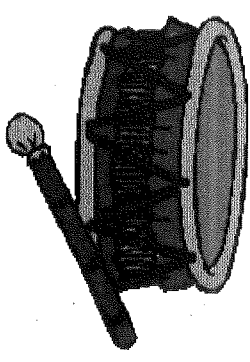
All seven dioceses of Michigan are sponsoring this event. Any parish, group, or individual interested in financial sponsorship of attendees, or wanting further information, is asked to contact the committee chairs listed above.

The Catholic Church is the single largest Christian group among Native Americans.

Of 2 million Indians in the United States, about one-fourth are Catholic. Please pray for all of us - Native and non-Native - as we gather to honor a spiritual ancestor.



# POW WOW TRAIL..... 2002



**BAHWETING HOMECOMING POW WOW-SAULT STE. MARIE, MI-JULY 5,6,&7**

**LITTLE RIVER BAND 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POW WOW-MANISTEE, MI.-JULY 6&7**

**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BEAR RIVER POW WOW-LAC DU FLAMBEAU, WI.-JULY 12,13&14**

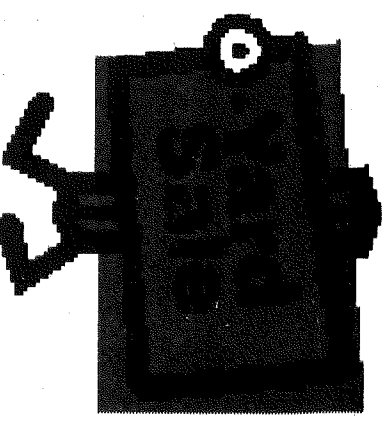
**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LITTLE ELKS RETREAT POW WOW-MT. PLEASANT, MI.-AUGUST 2,3 &4**

**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW-HARBOR SPRINGS, MI-AUGUST 9,10 & 11**

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

Boozhoo,

The Head Start program is seeking donations and volunteers to help with our 1<sup>st</sup> Yard Sale Fundraiser. This Yard Sale will raise money for Head Start field trips, classroom, library or anything extra for the children. The sale will be on August 8, 9 & 10 at the Pokagon Band Commodities Building, located at 52366 M-51 North, Dowagiac. Any gently used clothing, appliances; toys and household items would be greatly appreciated. Every thing must be in good condition so that our sale will be a success! Please feel free to contact Head Start Staff with any questions at (269) 783-0026.



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# "YOUR VIEWS"

## "The Pokagon's Tell It"

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### What to do:

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### Where to send letters:

#### "Your Views"

C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Or email: [gwesaw@pokagon.com](mailto:gwesaw@pokagon.com)

**Verification:** All letters must carry the author's full name and mailing address, in addition to your e-mail address if available. We acknowledge every letter with a postcard mailed the same day your letter arrives. Letters without a return address are automatically excluded.

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**Sloppiness:** E-mail is convenient and quick, but unfortunately many e-mail writers ignore basic rules of writing when sending a letter. Please use the same care you would if the letter were being prepared for standard mail. Follow common punctuation, grammar and spelling rules. Writers who ignore these rules decrease their chances of being published.

**Originality:** Letters written to a third party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokegnuk Yajdanawa are not original. We prefer not to publish these "open" letters to officials.

### What we look for:

**Brevity:** Cover the topic in the fewest possible words

**Focus:** Your letter should make a point, and you should get to that point quickly.

**Style:** Avoid adjectives such as "really" or "extremely". Avoid phrases such as "in my opinion" or "as I see it". Readers know that opinions are being presented; these phrases are unnecessary.

**Fairness:** Avoid personal attacks and disparagement of a group of people based on the actions of a member of that group. Argue your points on the merits, not on emotions.

**Edit Yourself:** After writing the letter, read it aloud. Put yourself in the place of the reader. Is your point clear? Is there a faster, better way to say what you're trying to say?

**Readability:** Readers are attracted to short sentences. Keep to one idea per sentence. Avoid using more than three numbers in a sentence.

### Why do we edit letters?

All letters to Your Views are accepted with the condition that we reserve the right to edit. We make every attempt to preserve the writer's essential meaning. Editing is done throughout the newspaper, whether the writer is a paid professional or letter writer. The main reason for editing is that it allows us to accept more letters to the editor. An editor's job is to determine which part of piece of writing is most essential to make a point. We also correct errors of grammar and spelling and delete inflammatory material. The most likely candidate for extensive editing is a letter that is twice the length it needs to be to make a point, or one that tries to make too many points.

How can I tell if you're going to publish my letter so I can send it to someone else?

Please have your letter in by the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month to assure it will be in the following month's newsletter. Call 1-800-517-0777 or e-mail: [gwesaw@pokagon.com](mailto:gwesaw@pokagon.com). If it's not published within that range, chances are it was not accepted for one of several reasons. Unfortunately, we cannot respond to every letter we don't accept with a reason for its rejection.



# "YOUR VIEWS" EDITORIAL

## What Motivates Tribal Council?

Does anyone know what is motivating certain members of the current Tribal Council? There seems to be a small number who are manipulating the system in an attempt to accomplish their personal interests at the expense of providing needed services to the citizens of the Pokagon Band. Tribal Council is responsible to the citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. By accepting the position of elected or appointed office, Council members assume the responsibility to do what is best for the entire Pokagon population. In reviewing some of the Council's latest actions, I sincerely question not only their motivation, but also their sense of responsibility to the Band. I will cite just a few examples that I have observed.

The first and most unnecessary was the trip to Hawaii for Council training. Not only could that training have been provided in Michigan at a much lower cost, it could have been arranged to allow for Band members who may be considering an elected office or appointed position to attend. We have Council members who indicate they can't take the time to attend important activities in Washington D. C. representing the Band, but yet seem to have found the time and desire to fly to Hawaii to receive this training. I personally am still waiting to see the benefit of that training. The only change I have seen to date is an increase in meetings, especially now that a stipend is being paid, and a decrease in moving the Band forward. If the actions of our current Council members are a direct result of that training, then those who went to Hawaii have done the Band a disservice. What has been the benefit to the Band?

The next question is our Housing Department. Serious questions have developed as a result of the lack of leadership that has been displayed by those in charge. For those who have attended previous Council meetings, when the issue came up for a vote to disband the Housing Department, it quickly developed into a case of who could blame whom the most. It would have been more appropriate to have the Council members in charge of the Department to take a stand and provide information on how the problems were going to be corrected. For all the meetings they were having, it didn't seem to produce much work. The stipend that was being paid to those members, (\$60.00 per meeting), came into question by H.U.D., not so much for the amount of money being expended but the number of meetings that were being held. Now we find that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has seized the Housing files and it will be anybody's guess when this issue is finally resolved and how much damage will be done to the reputation of the Pokagon Band. All due to the lack of leadership on the part of those involved. How is this moving the Band forward?

I would like Tribal Council to answer this question, "why do you hire consultants to assist the Band in decision/policy making, only to disregard their expertise and make decisions in direct opposition to the recommendations of the consultants?" One case I would like to discuss in particular. Council hired a consultant to develop the law enforcement department and develop job descriptions for the necessary positions. In addition to the consultant, Council contracted with a personnel agency to recruit candidates for the police chief position. A rough estimate of this cost is \$75,000. There were approximately fifteen candidates who applied for the position. Not every candidate was interviewed, due to their failure to meet the minimum qualifications. Tribal Council was presented with the recommendations of the consultants. At Council's direction an additional candidate was presented, who in the opinion of the consultants, was not qualified. The fact that this candidate didn't meet the qualification was pointed out to the Tribal Council on more than one occasion. Tribal Council, by a slim margin, then voted to hire the candidate who didn't meet the qualifications. Fortunately the candidate turned the position down. Tribal Council then asked the candidate to appear before Council where he was again offered the position. The candidate turned Council down again. This type of action by the Council is inappropriate for these reasons:

- 1) Council **blatantly ignored** the recommendation of the experts whom they hired, therefore, wasting the time of the consultants and failing to be fiscally responsible for Band funds;
- 2) Council jeopardized the Band's liability and integrity by offering a position to a candidate who failed to meet the requirements and qualifications of the position;
- 3) It is inexcusable for Council to purposely place any individual in a position of failure, just to make a point with other members of Tribal Council.

A member of Council was overheard stating that the person who the consultants recommended for the position was not going to get the job due to a newspaper article, which stated the position had been offered to "another candidate". To deny the Pokagon Band of a potential employee who would have been an excellent Chief of Police so that they could embarrass other members of Council is inexcusable. The Pokagon Band is still without a Police Chief. This is a position that needs to be filled. We still have a candidate willing to take the job. What is Council waiting for?

This brings us to the latest of Council's actions that show their inability to serve the citizens of the Band. Council has recently completed interviews for the

position of Housing Director. Council has offered the position to an individual who has been turned down twice already for this same position. In a letter to Council it was cited that the offer of employment was being rejected. A couple of the reasons listed for rejection of the job were; lack of leadership and turmoil on Council, and an apparent lack of confidence in the candidate's ability to do the job. I find it astounding that Council would offer a position to a candidate and then have the candidate inform Council that it appeared there was a lack of confidence in the candidate's ability to do the job. What type of message is Council delivering? What is the motivation in attempting to hire particular candidates?

What I find even more disturbing is that another candidate who failed to meet the qualifications for Tribal Operations Officer, and didn't apply for the position is now being considered by some Council members for the position. It seems this individual is a Tribal member and this is another opportunity to make a statement to other Council members who don't follow the lead of the manipulating few. If this action does take place, Council will once again be violating Band policy. A Band member who is qualified for a position will have a preference in hiring, however, if they are not qualified, the most qualified person should be hired.

I'm sure other Band members can provide other examples. These are the most recent that I recall and the most egregious.

It is my belief that Pokagon Band members deserve better representation. I also believe there are members who are saying that while certain members are on Council they won't run for a seat. They would like to wait until they leave. I submit if that is your thought process then you also are part of the problem. The only way we, as citizens of the Band, can make change is to be involved. That involvement may not be running for a Council seat, but by attending meetings, voicing your opinion, and especially by registering to vote and exercising that right. Don't stand on the sidelines waiting for someone to take a stand; we are all in this together. Your voice counts. When we attend Council meetings we deserve to see action on behalf of the best interests of the Band, and professional behavior. What we don't have to put up with is Council members telling each other to "shut up", an action that is self-serving. We have every right to demand professionalism, commitment to the Band and integrity from our Council members. If they can't display that type of character, we have every right to vote them out of office.

In closing, I encourage you to get involved. Let the members of Council know your thoughts. Register to vote and elect members who have a vision for the future and the ability to get things done. To paraphrase from comments made by Tribal Judge Pokagon of the Grand Traverse Band, "*if you don't get involved with your community, you deserve the government you get*". We have stalled too long.

Thank you,

Matt Wesaw

My Anishnabeg,

I reach out to you, for you are my people. I am one of many Anishnabeg in the penitentiary. Many of our ancestors have also been in this predicament: Crazy Horse, Geronimo, and many others. Many of our Red Nation's great leaders have been as well. Eddie Benton, Russell Means, Leonard Crow Dog, Leonard Peltier, and countless others.

We natives are not made for this environment yet, like our brave and beloved ancestors we strive for a dream. A dream that one day will have a good meaning and benefit our people. We are not murderers, rapists, thieves, or crooks. We are Mnoshno who have made mistakes and are ready to learn from them.

We are looking for an Elder or Teacher, a brave Anishnabe who will step up and guide us to get back on our feet and back on that good Red Road. Someone to come in and share their wisdom and teachings with us. If such a person exists within the tribe, I pray that you will contact me. Our facility is located close to the Mount Pleasant Indian Reservation. Migwetch for you time!

Neeaganee Kaanaa "All My Relations" Aho!

Todd Miller "Onung Nihne"

Please send replies to:

Todd Miller #284142

Saint Louis Correctional Facility

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## JULY 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Gerobics@ IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	6
7	8 Gerobics@ IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	9 Optical Day@IHS	10 Gerobics@ IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	11 IHS/CHS @ South Bend Office	12 Gerobics@ IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	13 *Tribal Elections* EH 9:00am- 6:00 pm
14	15 Gerobics@ IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	16 Optical Day@IHS	17 Gerobics@ IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am Foot Care Clinic@ Beh. Health Home by Appointment	18 IHS/CHS @ South Bend Office Elders Social Luncheon EH11:00a	19 Gerobics@ IHS 10:00 - 11:00 am	20
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Happy "Sweet Sixteen" Tyle Carlock!!  
July 30<sup>th</sup>

Love-Mom, Steven, Madolyn and Family

Happy Birthday to the

Wayne-er!

Wayne Holleman

July 13<sup>th</sup>

Love-Becky & Ginny

Happy Birthday 7/21

Dean & Dale Lewis

Love-Your Family

Happy Birthday John Boy Wesaw 7/30  
Love-Tammy, Steven, Kyle, Madolyn &  
Family

Happy Birthday

Ginny Wesaw Rice

July 13<sup>th</sup>

Love-Your Family

Happy Birthday 7/5  
Rhonda Warren  
Love your Sis, Mary Jo

Happy Birthday Kim Wheeler 7/16/1

Happy 36<sup>th</sup> John Melvin!  
Love ya lots! Candy &  
Charles

Happy Birthday  
Julius Rummage 7/20  
Shane Rummage 7/24  
Love-Aunt Carol

Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday Kyle Joseph! Congrats Tia Councilman & Matt Swisher  
Love-Auntie & Charles  
On your High School Graduation!

Happy Birthday

Samantha Jo Burns!

July 26<sup>th</sup>

Love Your Family

Love-Uncle David, Aunt Karen,  
Mom & Dad Councilman, Samantha & Brian.

Happy Birthday  
Tommy Wesaw 7/30  
Jebet Thomas 7/16  
Love-Your Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

JULY 23,

WENDY HARGETT

LOVE YOUR FAMILY!!!!!!

Happy Birthday Kim Wheeler 7/16/1

Happy Birthday David Councilman!

July 29<sup>th</sup>

Love-Karen, Tia, Samantha, Brian,  
Tucker and Batcher

Happy Birthday

7/5 Jerry & Jeff Williams

7/22 Joshua Williams

7/28 Ed Williams

Love-Your Family

Happy Birthday

Ginny!

Love Aunt Candy &

Charles

Happy Birthday Collin Banghart!

Love-Your Family

Happy Birthday

Sandy Jo Burns

Love-Aunt Candy & Charles

Happy Birthday

Lois Wesaw 7/1

Cloria Wesaw 7/14

Love-Mom &

Dad

Happy Belated

Birthday Deacon

Art Morsaw

Love-Your Family

Happy (belated) Fathers day

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Love Aunt Jude

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July 27<sup>th</sup>

Love-Mom, Dad, Nate

& Logan Elizabeth

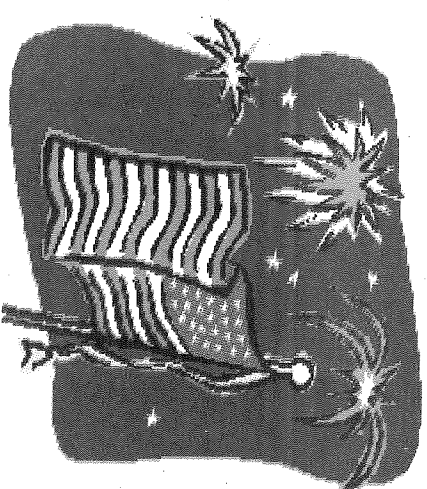
Eleven Swisher is hitting the big S-O on 7/11

Have a happy one!

Love your MUCH YOUNGER sister, Karen,

David, Tim, Samantha, Brian Townsend and Brian

Jackson.



I remember way back in school, receiving some sort of paper from a teacher, the kind that you fill out all your personal information on. This paper asked for name, address, all the usual stuff and then it asked your race, in said Caucasian, African American, etc. and it also said Native American. I must have been 7 or 8 years old. I always knew that I was mixed between white and Indian, I say Indian because that's what we always said, we never heard the term "Native American" when I was little. It was always "Indian". Well on that paper I proudly checked Native American. I remember my teacher saying, "are you Native American Bobby"? I said "yep". My Grandpa was full-blooded Potawatomi. I always felt proud saying those words, even though I never knew my grandpa much. But I did know my Dad and he was half Potawatomi and he could play "proud Mary" on the guitar and that was all I needed to know. My Dad had me singing "Proud Mary" as my debut at 3 years old, "What's next Daddy"? Is what he would hear as I tried to remember the words. I remember going to a friends house for a birthday party once and noticing that there was no guitar standing in the corner of the room. I asked my friend, "where's your Dad's guitar"? He said, what guitar? That's when I realized not everyone's parents are the same. I'm sure glad mine are who they are. My Dad has worked extremely hard for 35 years on his job at National Copper. I know first hand how hard he has worked. I worked there for a year and that was enough for me! And throughout those 35 years he still managed to teach me to play guitar, to sing, to play football, to race stock cars, throw horseshoes, to draw, to paint, to hunt, to fish, to fix cars, to do carpentry work, this list is endless and so are my memories of being a kid with a Super-Cool Dad. I wish everyone could say that but I know they can't and I am thankful that I can. I love you Dad (keep rockin') and it is true that behind every good man, is a great woman. I love you too Mom!!!  
Love your son,  
Robert Joseph Linn Jr.