

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

August 2008

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

23rd Annual Kee-Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow

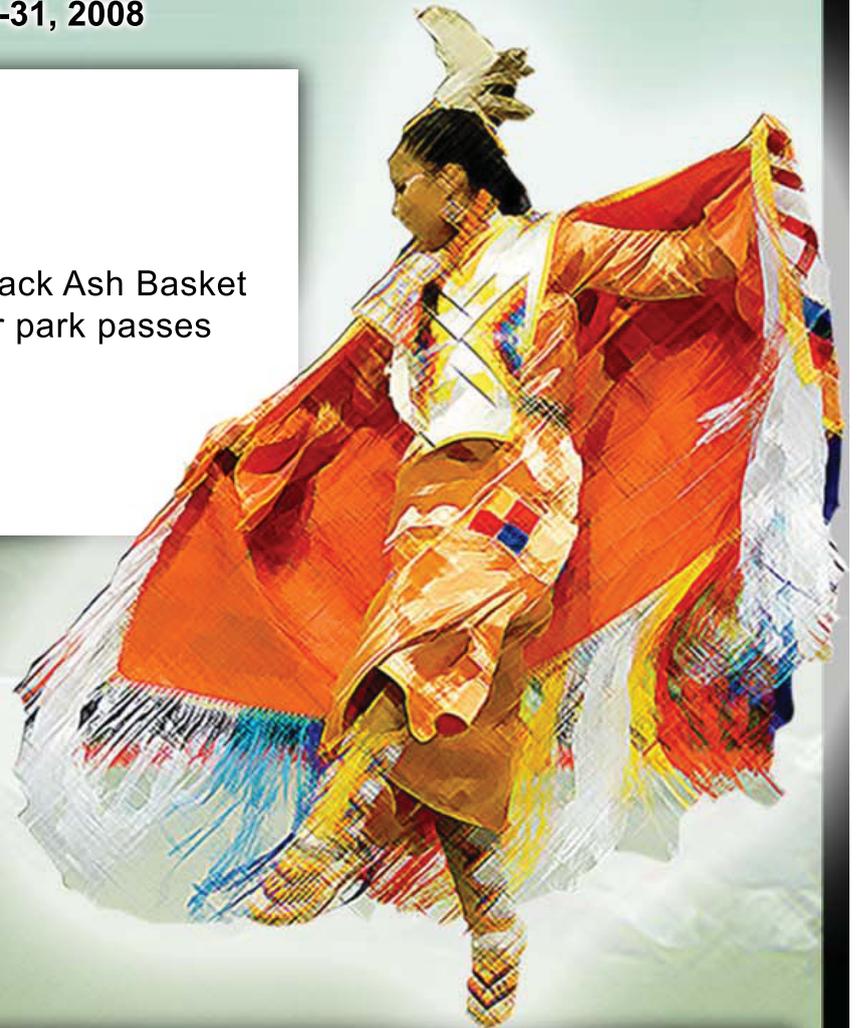
Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac, MI
August 30-31, 2008

POW WOW RAFFLE

1st Prize – Camping Package valued at \$750

2nd – 5th prizes - Hand Drum -Turtle Rattle - Black Ash Basket
- Night stay @ Ramada Inn, Watervliet w/4 water park passes
- Other prizes, too many to list.

Need not be present to win
Tickets 1 for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5
Drawing to be held Sunday Aug 31 at 3 PM



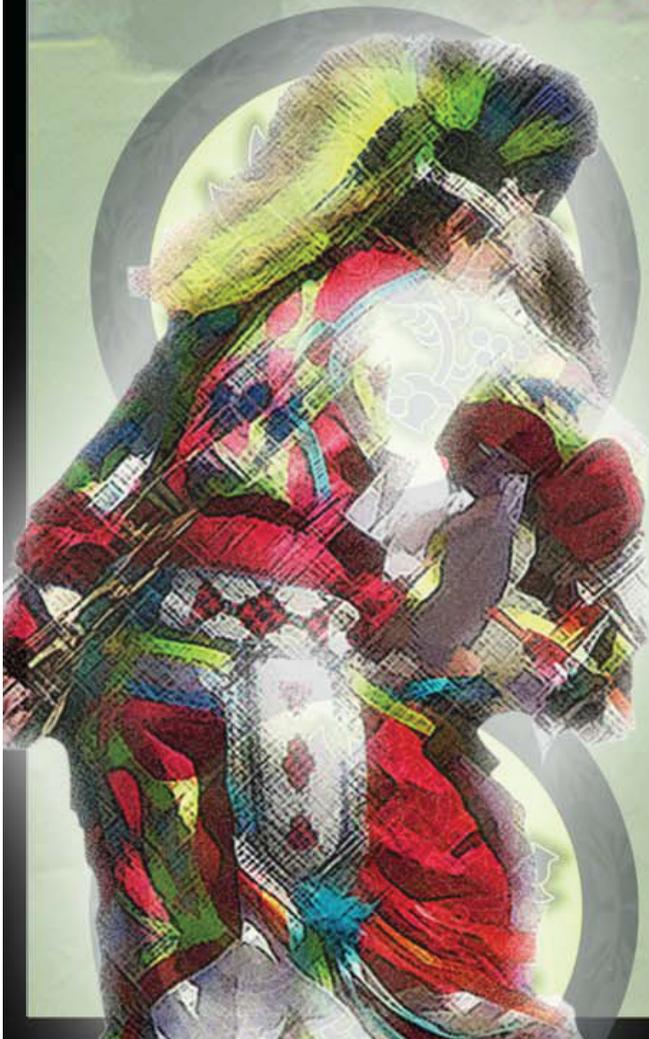
PRE-POWWOW ACTIVITY

Women's Water Walk
Friday, August 29, 2008
3:00 PM Starting at Gage Street Property
Ending at Rodgers Lake

As life-bearers, it is the responsibility of Anishnabe women to care for water. Pokagon women and their families are encouraged to participate in the tribes first ever Water Walk! The Water Walk is inspired by teachings shared during a recent visit by Ojibway elder Josephine Mandamin. The goal of Water Walk is to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our sacred water for our future generations.

Women should wear long skirts.
Everyone should wear comfortable walking shoes.

Please contact Majel DeMarsh at (269) 782-6440 or
Andi Jackson at (269) 757-2520 for more info.





Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter

Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:

Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

This issue and past issues (2 months prior) of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.

To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for membership submissions for the September newsletter will be August 14. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday - Food Commodities staff will be on-hand when bread is available from Felpausch. Please contact the Food Commodities program to confirm times and availability.

- Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday - 1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday - Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday - Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

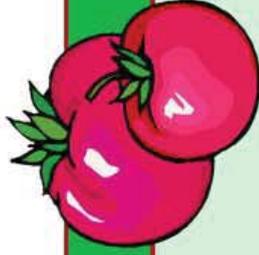
ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.



August 2008

Pokagon Band Elder's Hall



FRIDAY

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY

MONDAY

Lunch Info:
PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals.

Meal Service begins at 12:00 Noon

269-782-0765
or
800-859-2717



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|---|--|--|
|  4 Closed Vacation | Note: 2% Milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. 5 Closed Vacation | 6 Closed Vacation | 7 Closed Vacation | 8 Closed Vacation |
| 11 Closed Vacation | 12 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn on the Cob Tossed Salad Fruit/ Rolls | 13 Chicken Baked Potatoes Green Beans Coleslaw Fruit/ Wheat bread | 14 Business Buffalo Sloppy Joes Cold Tuna Salad/W Peas Veggie Tray Cottage Cheese/Fruit | 15 Pizza Or Stuffed Cabbages Tossed Salad Rolls Jell-O/ Fruit |
| 18 Chicken Noodle Soup And Dumplings Grilled Cheese Sandwich Angel Cake/Strawberries | 19 Goulash W/Kidney Beans Veggie Tray Garlic Bread Cottage Cheese/Fruit | 20 Beer Battered Cod Wild Rice W/ Mushrooms Squash Cornbread/Fruit | 21 Social Sliced Ham Sweet Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Tossed Salad Fruit/Rolls | 22 Beef Stroganoff W/ Noodles Cauliflower/Broccoli/ Carrots Tossed Salad/Fruit/Rolls |
| 25 Barbeque Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Fruit/Rolls | 26 Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Tossed Salad Fortune Cookies/ Fruit | 27 Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Cheese Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fruit | 28 Language Chili W/ Ground Turkey Tossed Salad Fruit Salad Brownies Cornbread | 29 French Toast Sausage Links Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit/ V8 Juice |



The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

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|------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0049 | Michael | Anthony | Sisk |
| 0051 | Lori | Rachael | Sisk |
| 0083 | John | Dylan | Watson |
| 0202 | Jeffery | Scott | Morseau |
| 0228 | Carey | Lee | Morseau |
| 0239 | Francis | Wayne | Morseau |
| 0406 | Michael | Lynn | Hewitt |
| 0416 | Richard | Earl | Welty |
| 0417 | William | Everett | Welty |
| 0418 | Tena | Anne | Welty |
| 0433 | Elizabeth | Alexandra | Gray |
| 0434 | Thomas | Charles | Abercrombie |
| 0507 | Tara | Jeanine | Davis |
| 0518 | David | Francis | Wesaw |
| 0520 | James | Ryan | Hamstra |
| 0705 | Matthew | Thomas | Morris |
| 0847 | Cecilia | Marie | Barger |
| 0857 | Peter | John | Ramirez |
| 0881 | Robert | Dwayne | Antisdell |
| 1050 | Jennifer | Marie | Green |
| 1180 | Joshua | Scott | Perkins |
| 1204 | Kara | Liana | Brown |
| 1283 | Jodi | Lynn | Burfield |
| 1369 | Ted | Thomas | Wesaw |
| 1445 | Michael | David | Bush |
| 1503 | Amanda | Elizabeth | Mix |
| 1506 | Michaela | Lynne | Canard |
| 1674 | Christina | Elizabeth | Winter |
| 1788 | Amanda | Renee | Underwood |
| 1804 | Tia | Marie | Councilman |
| 1837 | Steven | Ray | O'Brien |
| 2014 | Jenny | Ruth | Collins |
| 2050 | Terina | Da | Meier |
| 2138 | Laura | Marie | Duddy |
| 2175 | Jordon | Matthew | Heflin |
| 2183 | Coy | George | Davison |
| 2188 | Adela | Nmn | Galvan |
| 2712 | Christopher | John | Tanner |
| 2713 | Tamara | Lynn | Tanner |
| 2723 | Sean | Ryan | Carmody |
| 2784 | Michael | Francis | Pillow |
| 2789 | James | Harris | Walsh |
| 2794 | Tony | Lee | Horn |
| 2795 | Edward | F | Cushway |
| 2805 | Isabel | Marie | Campos |
| 2952 | John | Anthony | Montano |
| 2992 | Jacob | Ammon | Worthington |
| 3149 | Aaron | Robert | Horner |
| 3166 | Tiffany | Melissa | Moor |
| 3266 | Bradley | Joseph | Ramirez |
| 3467 | Keith | Wesley | Rider |
| 3809 | Michel | Christian | Cook |
| 4020 | Kelly | Renee | Granado |

The following Tribal members had their July 2008 Per Capita checks returned by the Post Office. Please call Julie Farver at 269-782-8998 or 800-517-0777. You must also call Judy Augusta at the enrollment office to update your address, 269-782-1763 or 888-782-1001.

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| Jessie David Ballew | Anita Morales |
| Eric Randall Blevins | Jonathan Morris |
| Brandon Alan Bontrager | Christine Morseau |
| Katherine A Carlton | Gary Morseau |
| Anthony John Carney | Taylor Morseau |
| Jonathon D Collins | Jamie Parsons |
| Elena Jean Dewey | Meghan Pillow |
| Veronica Diamond | Sarah Pillow |
| Paul Richard Ellis | Jeremiah Rader |
| Frank Lee Gallegos Jr. | Carrey Reakoff |
| Erin Therese Gebhardt | Michele Reynolds |
| Charles Gillan | Alexis Rodriguez |
| Kara Anne Alexis Gressel | Dawn Rummage |
| Gordon Henslee Jr. | Sarah Schippers |
| Cindy Jane Hill | Stephen Smiechowski |
| Jason Paul Holloway | Jenna Smith |
| Jeremy Ross Joy | Chad Swisher |
| Otis Kevin Lewis | Matthew Swisher |
| Jeffrey Marunycz | Roxane Tate |
| Gregory Matulaitis | Andrea Topash-Rios |
| | Andrew Trusler |
| | Robert Weesaw |
| | Joseph Scott Winchester Jr. |

A FEW NOTES REGARDING PER CAP...

Taxes being withheld from per capita payments

Beginning with the Per capita payment that you received May 1st, 2008, federal taxes will not be withheld. If you wish to continue having taxes withheld you must fill out the form that you received with your April 1st check. If you need a form, please call the Administration office and we can mail one to you.

Per Capita checks may not be picked up

Per the Revenue Allocation Plan, ALL per capita checks must be mailed. No one is allowed to pick up their check, even if it has been returned to us by the post office. If you are having difficulties receiving your check by mail, you need to check with the post office to straighten out whatever those issues may be.

Current mailing address

It is extremely important that when you move that you update your address with the Enrollment office and with your post office. We have several checks that get returned EVERY month due to members not updating their addresses with enrollment. These checks can not be mailed back out until the address is updated with enrollment.

Direct Deposit

It is extremely important that you notify Julie Farver in the Finance Department if you would like your direct deposit stopped. If you close your account, please notify us as soon as possible, preferably before you close your account.

Updates & Changes

Any updates and/or changes that you make to your name or address must be received by the enrollment coordinator 30 days in advance of the next per capita payment in order for that update/change to take place. If the update/change is not received in time, then the change will take place the following month.



New Car Seat Law

Effective July 1, 2008, until a child is either 8 years old OR 4'9" tall, they are required to ride in a child restraint (car seat) in the State of Michigan. An acceptable child restraint will depend on the child's height and weight. Pokagon Tribal Police Department have certified Car Seat Technicians that are available to check your child restraint and answer any questions that you may have. Pokagon Tribal Police Department will also issue a child restraint to a tribal member who is in need or if their child restraint is damaged, expired or on the recall list. An appointment is required to obtain or have a child restraint checked. The appointment will take approximately 30-45 minutes; in which the parent, along with their child, will receive instruction/training on the installation of the child restraint. Please contact Pokagon Tribal Police Department if you have any further questions at 269-782-2232.



SOCIAL SERVICES

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221



Women's Health Fair 2008



Phoebe Hall



Thank you Jackie Genereaux



Grand Prize winner
Jill Byrket

Chi megwetch (big thank you) to the women who participated in the annual Women's Health Fair. We hope you had a good time; we certainly did.

More than 60 women attended the Health Fair. The agenda included more than just annual check ups and exams; the women were pampered and enjoyed manicures, haircuts, massages and much more. We look forward to seeing you and others next year!!

Update on Bmosè Myèwès (Walk the Path)

Can you hear the sound of footsteps? Bmosè Myèwès is in full stride. Bmosè Myèwès (Walk the Path) is our program that helps people establish a healthy exercise habit.

To date:
52 have joined
Females outnumber males 3 to 1
Men, take this as a challenge!
10 children have joined

To sign up or for more information, call Susan Gundersen, R.D.
Public Health Nutritionist at (269) 782-4141 extension 243

"Close to the Heart," a program supporting breast feeding babies and honoring our values celebrates National Breast Feeding Week on August 1-7.

Please stop in at the Pokagon Band Health Services Office to meet Susan, RD, our Public Health Nutritionist. Learn about our resources available to support breastfeeding Moms.

Breastfeeding is a gift of love that lasts a lifetime.

IHS IS EXPANDING TO A 2nd BUILDING!

Some Health Services Department programs and staff will move across the street.

We will keep you informed.
Clinic and counseling stay at
57392 M-51 South Dowagiac



LEAD PAINT SAFETY What Tribal Members Should Know

Childhood Lead Poisoning, What is the Problem?

Approximately 890,000 children aged 1-5 years have blood lead levels greater than the CDC recommended level of 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood. Lead poisoning can affect virtually every body system.

Because lead poisoning often occurs with no distinctive symptoms, it frequently goes unrecognized. Lead poisoning can cause learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and, at very high levels, seizures, coma, and even death.

The most significant sources of lead exposure for U.S. children are deteriorated lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust. Lead-based paints were banned for use in housing in 1978. However, approximately 24 million housing units in the United States have deteriorated lead paint and elevated levels of lead-contaminated house dust; more than 4 million of these dwellings are homes to one or more young children.

Who is at risk?

Children under the age of six who live in a home built before 1978 are at the highest risk of lead poisoning.

Children from all social and economic strata can be affected, although children living in or below the poverty line who live in older housing are at greatest risk.

Can lead Poisoning be prevented?

Lead poisoning is entirely preventable. The key is stopping children from coming into contact with lead and treating children who have been poisoned by lead.

Lead hazards in a child's environment must be removed.

Children who are at risk of lead poisoning need to be tested, and, if necessary, treated.

If you are working on an older home, you must follow safe lead practices to limit the possibility of lead contamination. The Housing Department has a free guide to safe lead practices during renovations and other information on lead safety for any Tribal Members who are working on or living in an older home.

What Parents Can Do to Reduce Blood Lead Levels

Ask a doctor to test your child if you are concerned about your child being exposed to lead. If you live in an older home or apartment, you should have your children tested for lead paint exposure.

Damp-mop floors, damp-wipe surfaces, and frequently wash a child's hands, pacifiers, and toys to minimize the exposure to lead.

Avoid using home remedies (e.g. arzacon, greta, pay-loo-ah) and cosmetics (e.g. kohl, alkohol) that contain lead.

Take basic steps to decrease your exposure to lead if you remodel buildings built before 1978 (e.g. showering and changing clothes after finishing task) or if your work or hobbies include working with lead-based products.

Providing children with a healthy diet with special attention given to foods rich in Calcium and Iron can help limit lead poisoning.

Want to know more?

If you would like to find out more information about lead paint safety, please contact the Housing Department at (269)-783-0443.

We have information available to members on lead safety and offer a free home inspection for any members who are concerned about possible lead hazards in their homes.

Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

We are preparing to build two new homes on Dailey Road and we also have rehab and repair projects. We need more Native American contractors and sub-contractors. We offer a Native American preference to qualified contractors and sub-contractors.

If you are already on our "Certified Contractor List" please make sure your information is current.

If you are not on our "Certified Contractor List" please call us to receive an application. The process to become certified is quick and easy.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Department of Housing
32142 Edwards Street
PO Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
(269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385



"Our People, Our Homes"



Student Rental Assistance Program



Are You a Full Time Student?
Could You Use Assistance in Paying Your Rent?

We're Here to Help!

To qualify you must:

- Meet Income Requirements
- Have Your Permanent Address in the 10 County Service Area

You may attend school anywhere in the world!

Call Kim Cushway-Zepeda in Housing for Details at (269) 783-0443

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MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday, Uncle Roger!
Hope you have a great day.

Love Jessica, Ethan, and Emily

Dylan happy birthday We are so very proud of you and for all the work you do for ROTC. We are so blessed to have a wonderful Grandson like you. Happy sixteenth Birthday. We love you so much.

Love, Papa and Grandma Mckinney

Happy 30th Birthday Tamara Lynn Piper

Love,
Your Family

Crystal Morseau 7-16

Happy Belated Birthday! Well, I want you to know I agree fully with the story I was telling you about our friend and the beautiful Indian Girl. Also, I believe in one of your dad's famous quotes, "You're not one in a million, but one of a great kind." Please know your family loves you very much, Baby Girl.

Love, Aunt Cleora



Congrats to Roger and Patricia Rader, and family.
Wedding was on July 11, 2008.

Happy 2nd Birthday
Cody Harmon
July 14th



With All Our Love,
Mom, Dad
Cheyenne, Alexis
and your
guardian angel Grammy



Thought you might enjoy the pictures I took of Chris White and the gang at the end of camp. What a crew!!!!!! They had a great time please extend a big thank you to everyone who helped make the time so special for all the kids.

Respectfully,
Barb White (Chris' grandmother)



JOB OPENING

Grant Administrator

The Pokagon Fund, a private foundation in New Buffalo, Michigan, is seeking a grant administrator to manage their grant portfolio and workflow including logging, tracking and follow up of proposals and awards; ensuring completion of grant proposals, processing correspondence, and managing follow-up reporting.

Additional duties include the support of the foundation's public relation initiatives through the writing of news releases, updating web site, and writing copy for foundation newsletter.

Ideal candidate will have 3 to 5 years of experience in the nonprofit sector and hold a bachelor's degree; exhibit exceptional organizational and communication skills; proven ability to master a diverse and demanding workload, and have previous grantmaking or grantwriting experience. Proven proficiency with Microsoft Office a must; experience with fundraising database helpful.

Position is full time and reports to Executive Director. Please forward cover letter, resume, and salary history to: jobs@pokagonfund.org by August 8th. The Pokagon Fund, Inc is an equal opportunity employer.

Mary L. Dunbar, Executive Director



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New Buffalo, MI 49117
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mdunbar@pokagonfund.org
www.pokagonfund.org

Don't forget.....

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23rd Annual Kee-Boon-Mein Kaa
"Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest"
Contest Pow-wow**

August 30—31, 2008

Rodgers Lake
58620 Sink Rd
Dowagiac, MI

Grand Entry

Saturday
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Sunday
1:00 PM

Featuring

*** Dance Contest * Hand Drum Special *
* Great Lakes Old Style
Traditional Special ***

**Public Welcome
FREE Admission!**

Head Staff

Host Drum: Smokeytown, WI
Invited Drums:
Whitefish Jr, MI
Buffalo Horse, WI
Ribbontown, MI
Master of Ceremonies: Leonard Malatare, IL
Head Veteran: Duece Miller, MI
Head Male Dancer: Will Hedgepeth, ONT
Head Female Dancer: Paula Hedgepeth, ONT
Head Male Jr Dancer: Aaron Martin, IN
Head Female Jr Dancer: Crystal Morseau, MI
Head Male Dance Judge: Nigel Schuyler, MI
Head Female Dance Judge: Marie Dreaver, MI
Arena Director: Steve Oldman Sr, MI

**American Indian vendors only. Vendor information contact Teresa Magnuson
Phone * (517) 712-5581 Email * teresa@redpaintprinting.com**

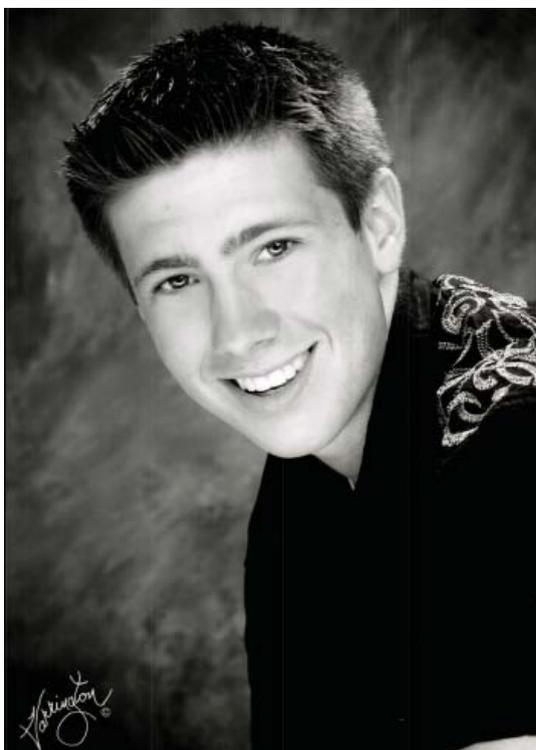
**Other pow-wow information contact Rhonda Purcell
Phone * (269) 462-2518 Email * rk.purcell@yahoo.com**

Host Hotel * Ramada Inn * 8258 Arnt Blvd Watervliet, MI 49098 * (269) 463-7946

Call by July 28 to receive pow-wow discount. Don't forget to ask for pow-wow rate!

Rustic camping also available for pow-wow participants

No firearms, drugs, alcohol, tribal politics, or pets in the pow-wow area.



CODY SMITH

Cody is 16 years old. He has recently graduated from Penn Foster High school. He is the son of Angela Manfredine and William Smith. Cody resides with his mother and step father Lawrence Manfredine, 2 brothers and 1 sister in New Buffalo, MI. Cody's family relocated to New Buffalo MI in April of 2007. Cody's mother Angela accepted a position at Four Winds Casino. Cody was very persistent at doing home schooling on line to complete the rest of his high school courses. He started his classes in September 07, he completed 10th, 11th & 12th grade in 8 months with a GPA of 3.4. Cody enjoys skateboarding, snowboarding and weight training. He also enjoys spending time with family and friends & listening to music. Cody is working as an apprentice in the masonry field. He has been working since October 07 along with doing his schooling.

Department of Education Welcomes Laurel Bieschke

Please welcome Laurel Bieschke, Education Associate, who began working in the Education Department at the end of May. Laurel is from South Bend, IN and feels honored to drive the scenic route to Dowagiac every morning to serve the Pokagon community. She earned her B.A. in English-Creative Writing from Indiana University, where she also minored in Cultural Anthropology and International Studies. She decided to delay graduate school for a few years in order to pursue her writing and find a creative and meaningful job. Eventually she would like to earn an M.A. in Activist Anthropology at the University of Texas-Austin but is making herself learn Spanish first! Laurel is looking forward to learning from the community as much as she is to teaching, so please don't hesitate to give her a call.

SIGN UP FOR BACKPACKS!

Backpacks and school supplies are available for the following students:

—All Pokagon Band members in grades Pre-K-12th grade (residing anywhere)

—All Native American students from federally recognized tribes attending public school in the 10 county service area

—All Native American students from state recognized tribes attending specific school districts in the 10 county service area

Parents/guardians of eligible students must complete a "2008-2009 Application for Pre K-12 Services" form. This form must be signed by the legal parent/guardian.

August 30-31 (Pow wow days) at the Department of Education
Sat, August 30th 11 am-6 pm
Sun, August 31st Noon-4 pm

Tuition Incentive Program

The Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is an incentive program that encourages eligible Michigan students to complete high school by providing tuition assistance for the first two years of college and beyond. To meet the financial eligibility requirement, a student must have (or have had) Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive month period as identified by the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS).

Students may be identified as TIP eligible as early as sixth grade, typically 12 years old or older. Students may begin using the TIP by enrolling at a participating college/university within four years of high school graduation. Eligibility ends within ten years of high school graduation or GED completion.

There are two phases of TIP which can help cover the costs of attending college including tuition, technology fees, registration fees, etc. Most community colleges and public universities are included in this program as well as some private universities. Contact the Department of Education for a complete list of eligible colleges.

For more information on the TIP program, please visit www.michigan.gov/osg. You may contact the Office of Scholarships and Grants toll free at 1-888-4-GRANTS or by visiting Chad Dee, Higher Education Specialist, at the Department of Education.

Tutoring Services

Tutoring is available for the 2008-2009 school year for Native American students in the 10 county service area attending public schools. Now is a good time to find out more information about the tutoring services.

Please contact Penny Brant, Education Coordinator, at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at penny.brant@pokagon.com



Walpole Island First Nation
"Potawatomi Gathering"
August 8, 9, 10, 2008

"MAAWNJIDIWAAD ANISHNAABEG WII-KENDMOWAAD NISHNAABEMWIN"

"Our People Gathering to Learn the Language"

August 5, 6, 7, 2008

(Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

**Bkejwanong Waa-zhi-nishnaabemong
– Bkejwanong Language Conference –**

*presented by Bkejwanong's...
Anishnaabe Language Advisory Group
and the Walpole Island First Nation*



Registration:

Call or e-mail for registration details

Location:

Walpole Island Elementry School

Accommodations:

- Rooms available in Wallaceburg
- Rough camping will be available

For more information contact:

Chris Riley
Conference Coordinator
Phone: 519-627-2999
E-mail: tribalapparel@aol.com

For Potawatomi Gathering information contact:

Karen Deleary
Potawatomi Gathering Coordinator

Workshop Topics / Activities:

- How the "Language Shift" from Anishnaabemwin to English was created and how to reverse it.
- What can we do to help the revitalization process?
- What are methodologies of language revitalization?
- Native language and cultural interconnectedness.
- History of residential school and colonization.
- Successful community language revitalization case studies.
- How technology is utilized to teach/learn language.
- Differing dialects; sharing circles, etc.
- Ceremonies, story telling, songs, games, crafts, etc.
- Tours of the Walpole Island First Nation Community.

Visit our website at: www.bkejwanong.com/alag

Bkejwanong's Anishnaabe Language Advisory Group and the Walpole Island First Nation are not responsible for personal injuries, damaged property, lost or stolen items.



Pokagon Tribal Judge Supports Tribal Courts in U.S. Supreme Court Case

Submitted by: Justice Jill E. Tompkins of the Pokagon Band Court of Appeals

More than 500 cows and calves died and a tribally owned ranching business—in operation for more than five decades—was wiped out when a bank failed to provide funds it had agreed to supply. The ranch, the Long Family Land and Family Company owned by tribal members Ronnie and Lila Long, filed suit against the Plains Commerce Bank in the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court for discrimination and breach of contract. The tribal jury found in favor of the Longs and awarded nearly \$900,000 in damages. Interestingly, the bank had been involved in eight previous cases in tribal court and this was the first one it had lost.

The bank subsequently unsuccessfully filed suit in the U.S. District Court and the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals arguing that the tribal court did not have jurisdiction over it because it is non-Indian. In most situations, under the U.S. Supreme Court's 1981 ruling in *Montana vs. U.S.*, tribes, in general, lack jurisdiction over non-Indians except in certain conditions. The 8th Circuit ruled that the conditions were satisfied in the case. The bank had benefitted from the ranch's tribal status when it received Bureau of Indian Affairs loan guarantees, had previously acknowledged the likelihood of tribal court jurisdiction and had established a consensual relationship with the Longs, and therefore the Cheyenne River Sioux government had the right to regulate the conduct of the bank, ruled the three judge panel.

After losing in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, the bank filed a petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court. The petition for cert was granted and now the Supreme Court will have the chance to revisit its decision in *Montana v. U.S.* The Court has agreed to hear the bank's challenge to the ability of tribal courts to hear tort claims brought by tribal member-owned corporations against non-member defendants. Due to the fact that the ruling of the Supreme Court will affect the authority of every tribal court in the country to hear such cases, Pokagon Tribal Appellate Justice Jill E. Tompkins (Penobscot) who is the Director of the University of Colorado American Indian Law Clinic and Courtney Frola, a student attorney in the clinic, wrote an amici ("friend of the court") brief on behalf of the National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA). Joining NAICJA on the brief were the Northwest Intertribal Court System and the Navajo Nation—which has one of the busiest and most sophisticated tribal justice systems in the U.S. The primary purpose of the brief is to inform the U.S. Supreme Court justices of the hundreds of tribal courts that are well-functioning and hearing, in a fair manner, thousands of cases each year involving non-Indians. It was also important for the Court to be made aware of the adverse impact that a ruling finding no jurisdiction over non-Indians would be in that it would be a severe blow to tribal sovereignty, self-government and community safety. Oral arguments before the Supreme Court were held on April 14, 2008 and a decision is still pending.

Postscript: The decision was rendered on June 25, 2008. The Court focused on the fee status of the land, which was within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation, rather than the consensual relationship voluntarily entered into by the non-Indian bank along with its history of a course of dealings with the Tribe and its members, and ruled that the Tribal Court did not have jurisdiction to hear the discrimination claim.



Nokomas/Meshomas Scholarship / Incentive Fund Awards Presented on June 26, 2008

Awards were presented to the students at the Elders Picnic. Congratulations to all of the award winners, keep up the good work. Three seniors received awards, four grade school students received Incentive awards. Awards will be presented again next year.

Women's Talking Circle

There have 12 to 15 women showing up for our Water Ceremonies and talking circle and everyone has so much to contribute. Our next session will be August 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Lion's Park in St. Joseph, MI. Weather permitting we hope to sing and pray for the water of Lake Michigan. Please come and join us and help up plan for our Water Walk the Friday before our Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa pow wow. As always bring your chairs and a snack to share, but do not forget to wear your skirts. If the weather is inclement, please call Majel at 269-782-6440 for directions to her home.

POW WOW COMMITTEE IS SERCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The Pow-Wow Committee seeks volunteers to assist with making the Pow Wow a safe, well organized, and enjoyable event for all visitors! We are looking for vendor assistants, parking attendants, golf cart drivers, security, and t-shirt sales persons. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Kelly Curran at (269) 782-6323 to sign up for a shift. Please be aware, there is a mandatory volunteer training session the evening of Friday, August 29th at Rodgers Lake. Dinner will be provided. This is a great opportunity to support your community...call Kelly today!

TRADITIONAL HEALER JAKE PINE

From Ketegannseebee First Nation of Ojibways Ontario, Canada. Jake Pine will be in our community on these following dates to provide his gift of healing to our people. To make an appointment contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234. Appointments are scheduled in half hour increments and times are as follows:

8:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

JULY 30-31 , AUGUST 1st
August 27,28,29,30th

On August 30th, Jake will be here from 8:00-12:00 p.m.

Bring Your Sema! (Tobacco)

Tutors Wanted

The Department of Education's K-12 Program is seeking tutors for the upcoming 2008-2009 School year. Tutors would work in the Pokagon Band 10 county service area. Interested tutors must:

- Be committed to tutor for the entire 2008-2009 school year (2-4 hrs weekly per assigned student for 32 weeks)
- Be willing to submit and able to pass required background checks
- Have graduated from high school (Preference will be given to college graduates and those with some college background)
- Have a strong academic background in Reading/ English, Math or Science
- Be willing to attend any necessary training

If you are interested in more information, please contact Penny Brant, Education Coordinator, at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at penny.brant@pokagon.com

Below is the year end list of days that the Pokagon Band Offices will be closed. Please take note for your convenience.

September 1
Labor Day

September 22
Reaffirmation Day

November 27 and 28
Thanksgiving

December 24 and 25
Christmas

December 31 and January 1
New Years



**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Tribal Council**

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Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

- Criminal background
- Motor vehicle report
- Work history
- References
- Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
- DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.

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