


# THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

August 2009



**The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein Kaa  
“Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest”  
Contest Pow-wow**

**September 5-6, 2009**

Rodgers Lake  
58620 Sink Rd  
Dowagiac, MI

**Grand Entry**

*Saturday*

1PM & 7PM

*Sunday*

Noon

- Dance Contest
- Hand Drum Special
- Great Lakes Old Style
- Traditional Special
- Teresa Magnuson Womens Fancy Shawl Special
- Esther St. John Women's Northern Traditional Cloth/Buckskin Special

*Host Drum:* Midnight Express, MN

*Invited Drums:*

War Club, WI

Ribbon Town, IN

Southern Straight, MI

Spirit Lake, MI

*Master of Ceremonies:* Leonard Malatara, IL

*Head Veteran:* George Martin, MI

*Head Male Dancer:* Greg Morsaw, MI

*Head Female Dancer:* Esther St. John, MN

*Head Jr. Male Dancer:* Stanley Morseau III, MI

*Head Jr. Female Dancer:* Skyler Ballew, MI

*Head Male Dance Judge:* Dave Shananaquet, MI

*Head Female Dance Judge:* Punkin Shananaquet, MI

*Arena Director:* Steve Oldman Sr, MI

**Find us online at:  
[www.pokagonpowwow.com](http://www.pokagonpowwow.com)**

**\* Sunrise Ceremony & Women's Water Walk \***

**\* Friday, September 4, 2009 \***

**\* Gage Street Property \***

**American Indian Vendors Only. Vendor information contact Teresa Magnuson**

**Phone \* (517) 712-5581 Email \* [teresa@redpaintprinting.com](mailto:teresa@redpaintprinting.com)**

**For more information contact Julie Farver, (269) 240-8045**

**or Alycia Atkinson at [anishmama2@aol.com](mailto:anishmama2@aol.com)**

**Rustic camping available for pow-wow participants**

**No firearms, alcohol, pets, tribal politics, or personal golf carts on pow-wow grounds**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

For the upcoming Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow  
September 5th & 6th, 2009, Labor Day Weekend

We are still in need of volunteers in the following areas: Security, Parking, Vendor Assistants, T-shirt Sales, and Ice Sales

Please note that on Friday September 4th there will be a mandatory volunteer meeting at the Pavilion and dinner will be served at 7 pm.

Please contact Julie Farver at 269-240-8045 or Email: [Julie.farver@pokagon.com](mailto:Julie.farver@pokagon.com)



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](mailto:newsletter@pokagon.com)

### South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday - 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.

### VETERANS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Veterans Committee has scheduled monthly meetings to be held on the 2nd Thursday of every month. The first meeting will be held on August 13th at 1PM.

For more information, contact  
Butch Starrett @ 269-591-2601

### Human Resources and Compliance

have moved to the  
Administrative Health Building located at  
57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI.

This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year. Contact info is updated on the Department Information.

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](mailto: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).

### 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 2009 Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals  
Meals subject to change 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| 3<br>Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce,<br>Tomato, Onion, Beans, & Cheese<br>Pineapple Upside Down Cake<br>Fruit | 4<br>Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh<br>Veggies/ Brown Rice<br>Tossed Salad<br>Fortune Cookie/ Fruit/ Roll | 5<br>Fish Sandwich on Bun<br>Roasted Garlic Tomato Soup<br>Garden Salad<br>Watermelon          | 6<br><b>Closed</b><br><b>Vacation</b>   | 7<br><b>Closed</b><br><b>Vacation</b>   |
| 10<br><b>Closed</b><br><b>Vacation</b>  | 11<br>B.B.Q. Chicken<br>Potato Salad/ Veggie Tray<br>Green Peas<br>Pears/ Roll                       | 12<br>Pork Chops<br>Baked Sweet Potato<br>Zucchini in Tomato Sauce<br>Fruit Salad/ Roll        | 13 <u>Business Lunch</u><br>Buffalo Meatloaf<br>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy<br>Corn on the Cob/ Garden Salad<br>Blueberry Crisp/ Roll | 14<br>Meat Lasagna<br>Garden Salad/Carrots<br>Jell-O W/ Fruit/ Garlic Bread<br>Spurmoni Ice Cream   |
| 17<br>Goulash W/ Kidney Beans<br>Veggie Tray<br>Cottage Cheese/ Peaches<br>Corn Bread                   | 18<br>Pot Roast W/ Potatoes & Carrots<br>Garden Salad<br>Apple Crisp<br>Roll                         | 19<br>Chili W/ Turkey<br>Coleslaw<br>Fruit Tray<br>Corn Bread                                  | 20<br>Pork Barbeque Sandwich<br>Macaroni Salad<br>Tangy Red Slaw<br>Melon Tray  | 21<br>Salmon Patties<br>Oven Baked Potato Cake<br>Green Beans<br>Fruit Salad<br>Roll  |
| 24<br>Ham in Au Gratin Potatoes<br>Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots<br>Garden Salad<br>Pineapple/ Roll  | 25<br>Buffalo Stew<br>Garden Salad<br>Oatmeal Cookie/ Sherbet<br>Roll                                | 26<br>Chicken and Stuffing<br>Green Bean Casserole<br>Tomato Salad/ Roll<br>Lemon Meringue Pie | 27 <u>Social Lunch</u><br>Swedish Meatballs<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Fruit/ Roll                                 | 28<br>Hotdog / Brats OR Veggie Burger<br>Pork and Beans/ Potato Cakes<br>Spinach Salad<br>Relish Tray/ Fruit<br><br>Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, &<br>Crystal Light beverages served with<br>every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato,<br>pickles, and onion served with<br>sandwiches and burgers. |
| 31<br>Chicken Ala King & Noodles<br>Asparagus<br>Cucumber Salad<br>Fruit/ Roll                          |  |  |   |   |



## Take Safety on Your Pow Wow Picnic

The summer months bring many sunny days, hot temperatures and opportunities for fellowship and picnicking at Pow Wow's and Gatherings. Don't let a foodborne illness be an uninvited guest spoiling those good time activities. Remember to think safety when preparing, storing, and serving the delicious foods that bring nourishment and pleasure to you, your family, and friends.

Reasons good foods go bad and can be hazardous to your health include:

- Some foods receive a lot of handling during preparation such as potato or macaroni salad, shaping hamburger patties, making sandwiches, and even cutting up fruit. Handling increases the risk of bacterial contamination.
- Food is not cooled rapidly after cooking. If you precook a food in large quantities they must be cooled rapidly by small batching and refrigerating immediately so harmful bacteria do not grow. If it is served cold it should be 40 degrees or lower. If it is served hot it must be held hotter than 140 degrees.
- The danger zone for bacterial growth is 40-140 degrees. The longer food sits out bacteria multiply rapidly and foodborne illness can result. How do picnic foods need to be kept safe? By following these guidelines you can help make your picnic risk free of getting a foodborne illness.
- Wash hands and work surfaces before making your recipes. Use clean utensils and containers.
- Do not prepare foods more than one day before you picnic unless you plan to freeze it. Over 67% foodborne illnesses are due to improper cooling.
- Mayonnaise based foods need to be kept cold. Mayonnaise alone is too acidic for bacteria to grow in it. But when mixed with other foods that have been handled a lot or are protein foods, bacteria grow when kept too warm.
- Wash any fruit, including melons before cutting and keep them cold. Melons are not acidic enough to stop the growth of harmful bacteria.
- Pack for safety. Keep cold food cold and hot food hot.
- Do not store food in the car trunk. Travel with food in side the air conditioned car.
- Pack plenty of utensils and dishware to avoid cross contamination with raw and cooked foods. Consider using disposable.
- When cooking at your picnic site, use the same safe handling rules that you do in your home.
- Thoroughly cook food. Do not cook partially and then finish it off later.
- Serve hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Protect contamination by insects that may carry harmful bacteria or viruses on their bodies. Keep food covered.
- Leftovers held out longer than an hour should be thrown out. If the ice in the cooler has melted to water throw out that food also as cold water cannot keep foods cold enough to be safe.

Eat and enjoy knowing that your safe food handling practices will make your summer events the healthiest and most nourishing ever. Questions? Call 888-440-1234 and ask for Susan, Community Health Nutritionist.

## Lightning Safety for You and Your Family

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors! Each year in the United States, more than 400 people are struck by lightning. On average, between 55 and 60 people are killed; hundreds of others suffer permanent neurological disabilities. Most of these tragedies can be avoided with a few simple precautions. When thunderstorms threaten, get to a safe place. Lightning safety is an inconvenience that can save your life. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) collects information on weather-related deaths to learn how to prevent these tragedies. Many lightning victims say they were "caught" outside in the storm and couldn't get to a safe place. With proper planning, these tragedies could be prevented.

Other victims waited too long before seeking shelter. By heading to a safe place 5 to 10 minutes sooner, they could have avoided being struck by lightning. Some people were struck because they went back outside too soon. Stay inside a safe building or vehicle for at least 30 minutes after you hear the last thunder clap. Finally, some victims were struck inside homes or buildings while they were using electrical equipment or corded phones. Others were in contact with plumbing, a metal door or a window frame. Avoid contact with these electrical conductors when a thunderstorm is nearby!

### What You Might Not Know About Lightning

All thunderstorms produce lightning and are dangerous. In the United States, in an average year, lightning kills about the same number of people as tornadoes and more people than hurricanes.

Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rain and may strike as far as 10 miles from any rainfall. Many lightning deaths occur ahead of storms or after storms have seemingly passed.

### What You Should Know About Being Caught Outside Near a Thunderstorm

There is no safe place outside in a thunderstorm. Plan ahead to avoid this dangerous situation! If you're outside and hear thunder, the only way to significantly reduce your risk of becoming a lightning casualty is to get inside a substantial building or hard-topped metal vehicle as fast as you can. In addition, you should avoid the following situations which could increase your risk of becoming a lightning casualty.

Avoid open areas. Don't be the tallest object in the area. Stay away from isolated tall trees, towers or utility poles. Lightning tends to strike the taller objects in an area.

Stay away from metal conductors such as wires or fences. Metal does not attract lightning, but lightning can travel long distances through it.

If you are with a group of people, spread out. While this actually increases the chance that someone might get struck, it tends to prevent multiple casualties, and increases the chances that someone could help if a person is struck.

### Act Fast If Someone Is Struck by Lightning!

Lightning victims do not carry an electrical charge, are safe to touch, and need urgent medical attention. Cardiac arrest is the immediate cause of death for those who die. Some deaths can be prevented if the victim receives the proper first aid immediately.

Give first aid. Do not delay CPR if the person is unresponsive or not breathing. Use an Automatic External Defibrillator if one is available.

If possible, move the victim to a safer place. Lightning can strike twice. Don't become a victim.



| EnrollID | FirstName | Middle    | LastName    |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| 0083     | John      | Dylan     | Watson      |
| 0406     | Michael   | Lynn      | Hewitt      |
| 0433     | Elizabeth | Alexandra | Gray        |
| 0434     | Thomas    | Charles   | Abercrombie |
| 0518     | David     | Francis   | Wesaw       |
| 0857     | Peter     | John      | Ramirez     |
| 1180     | Joshua    | Scott     | Perkins     |
| 1283     | Jodi      | Lynn      | Burfield    |
| 1400     | Nicholas  | Glen      | Easley      |
| 1445     | Michael   | David     | Bush        |
| 1446     | Bobby     | Marcus    | Haynes      |
| 1482     | Jesse     | David     | Ballew      |
| 1506     | Michaela  | Lynne     | Canard      |
| 2382     | Alexander | Zienert   | Parrish     |
| 2565     | Michael   | James     | Martin      |
| 2649     | Mark      | Anthony   | Jackson     |
| 2795     | Edward    | F         | Cushway     |

## Per Capita Updated List

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.

| EnrollID | FirstName | Middle | LastName |
|----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| 3759     | Robert    |        | Helsel   |
| 1194     | Mercedes  | Andre  | Gibson   |
| 3266     | Bradley   | Joseph | Ramirez  |
| 3942     | Francine  | Lee    | Hamilton |
| 898      | Paul      | Isaac  | Gibson   |
| 2805     | Isabel    | Marie  | Campos   |



# HEAD START

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR  
THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR IS:  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2009!**

School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30.

### 2009-2010 Enrollment

The application deadline was May 31, 2009. All applications received by the deadline were considered for enrollment. The Head Start Program accepts all income-eligible children first. There are several other factors that determine priority for the Head Start Program (Household income, Native American vs. Non-Native, Disabilities, 4 year old vs. 3 year old, family status, returning students and any referrals from social services agencies).

Any pre-applications received after the deadline will be placed on the waiting list by priority until an open slot becomes available. Children on the waiting list are ranked based on priority, in the same way they are ranked for enrollment.

We are still accepting applications for the waiting list! Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2009 to be eligible for the 2009-2010 School Year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applicants must return proof of all household income with the pre-application to be considered for enrollment.

Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

### Pokagon Band Head Start

\*School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30.

\*Transportation provided in limited areas in the Dowagiac & Hartford areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations.

\*We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

\*The Potawatomi Language and Culture is incorporated throughout each day.

\*The program does accept children with disabilities.

### Upcoming Events/Closures

\*August 18-20, 2009—Parent Orientations

\*September 3, 2009—Open House for enrolled children & families

\*September 7, 2009—Closed for Labor Day

\*September 8, 2009—First day of school for the 2009-2010 School Year

\*September 21, 2009—Closed for Pokagon Day

### Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer! Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Summer is a time for planning for the upcoming school year. This is also a great time to sign up as a volunteer for the next school year. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture, being a Community Policy Council Representative and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for; fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

### Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for:

\*Play dough

\*wet wipes

\*One time use disposable cameras

\*outdoor play toys

\*sidewalk chalk

\*bubbles

### Happy Birthday to You!

August Birthdays

\*Maxwell—August 8, 2009—Happy Birthday!

September Birthdays

\*Mrs. Kathy—September 4, 2009—Happy Birthday!

\*Elijah—September 26, 2009—Happy Birthday!



## Higher Education Programs Updates

### New Scholarship Format starting for the Fall 2009 Semester

Starting with the Fall semester, the Pokagon Band Higher Education Scholarship will have the following payment process:

Eligible Students  
(based on unmet need) will receive the following assistance:

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Students attaining an Associates Degree | \$100 per credit/hour |
| Students attending a four year college  | \$200 per credit/hour |
| Students attending grad school          | \$300 per credit/hour |

Also, starting with the fall semester, eligible students will be able to receive the following assistance in a book stipend

Students attending a community college

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Or four year college                   | \$50 per class  |
| Students attending a four year college | \$50 per class  |
| Students attending grad school         | \$100 per class |

### New Higher Education Assistance Now Available

The following financial assistance is now available for Pokagon Tribal members:

- Payment for Grad School Application Fees (up to \$100)
- Payment for Graduate Testing Fees (Up to \$250)
- Financial support for major related conferences, workshops, trainings, and internships (Up to \$500)
- Financial support for high school seniors who are dually enrolled in high school and college (Up to \$400 per semester)

### Attention Recent College Graduates:

The Department of Education would like to honor your accomplishment. Pokagon members who have received a Bachelors Degree Graduate Degree or a Post Graduate Degree from October 2008-August 1, 2009 will be honored at the Kee Boon Mein Pow Wow on Sunday, September 6th with a gifting of Pendleton blankets. Graduates who cannot attend but would like to be honored can have a family member or friend receive the blanket for them in their place. To qualify for the blanket, you must fill out the required form and submit proof of your graduation date by August 10th. (Note: the deadline has been extended)

For more information on the above programs, please contact Joseph Avance, the Higher Education Specialist at 1-888-330-1234 or @ joseph.avance@pokagon.com

Please also check out the Department of Education section of the Pokagon Band website @www.pokagon.com Forms for the programs are available at the Pokagon website.

### \*\*\*Reminder about the Pokagon Band Higher Education Scholarship\*\*\*

Completed scholarship applications must be turned into the Pokagon Department of Education before the end of the semester for which you are requesting a scholarship.

Please contact the Department of Education to inquire the status of your scholarship.

Would you like to receive a weekly electronic newsletter with info about scholarships, internships, and other higher education opportunities? If so, please e-mail Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist by e-mail: joseph.avance@pokagon.com

### Pokagon Alumni Networking Breakfast

Sunday, September 6th (Pow Wow Weekend)  
Zeke's Restaurant, Downtown Dowagiac 9:00 a.m.

All Pokagon Band members who are currently attending college, graduated from college, or about to start college in the fall are invited to attend the first networking breakfast. Enjoy sometime sharing resources with other members before enjoying the pow wow. If you are interested, please RSVP with Jessica at 1-888-330-1234 or jessica.cornelius@pokagon.com by August 21st .

## ADULT SERVICE PROGRAMS

Adult Basic Education (ABE) – an adult basic training program.  
Requirements:

1. Must be a Pokagon Band tribal member and provide proof by supplying a copy of Tribal I.D.
2. Must be 18 years or older and U.S. citizen

Core Services: Application (available upon request from the Pokagon Band Department of Education) and Payment of GED Testing costs and fees. Must contact Pokagon Band Department of Education at least several weeks before testing dates.

### Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

Requirements:

1. Native American (federally recognized tribe) and provide proof by supplying copy of Tribal I.D.
2. 18 or older and U.S. citizen and provide copy of driver's license or state I.D.
3. Living in 10-county service area and provide proof of residency by providing a delivered piece of mail.

(Michigan: Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Van Buren; and Indiana: Elkhart, Kosciusko, La Porte, Marshall, St. Joseph and Starke)

4. Registered with Selective Service (if male between ages 18 to 26 and born after 1960) and provide proof.
5. Low Income or Underemployed or Unemployed and provide proof of all household income for the previous 6 months.

Core Services: Application (available upon request from the Pokagon Band Department of Education), Intake (determine eligibility), Initial Assessment, and Orientation.

Training & Supportive Services: Program Training Activity and Supportive Services (if applicable) enrollment, Program Completion and 1-Year Follow-Up.

## Job Readiness Workshops Available

Are you interested in creating or updating your resume, learning about how to fill out applications, how to create cover letters or how to plan to go back to work? Are you going back to school to obtain your GED and would like to attend a homework lab?

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program plans to hold Job Readiness & Employment Skills Workshops in the Dowagiac and/or Mishawaka offices. You must be eligible for the WIA program and enrolled into the classes before you are able to participate.

Please contact Traci Henslee in the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234.



## Témget kedwnen se “demojgé tadiwen”

**Demojgé: fishes with hook and line**

**Tadi: plays cards of gambles**

The game is played like Go Fish, you start with 7 cards and play your pairs until you are out of cards. If you ask someone if they have a card and they give it to you, you play your pair and go again. If you ask and they say “cho, demojgé” you draw a card from the deck and your turn is over. If the card you draw pairs a card in your hand you can play the pair, but you don’t get to go again. The game is over when the first player runs out of cards. The winner is the player with the most pairs.

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| Ngot-     | One    | Nish-      | Two          | ehgh-       | yes       |
| Nswé-     | Three  | Nyéw-      | Four         | cho-        | no        |
| Nyannnen- | Five   | Ngotwatso- | Six          | gin ashtek- | your turn |
| Noég-     | Seven  | Shwatso-   | Eight        |             |           |
| Zhak-     | Nine   | Mdatso-    | Ten          |             |           |
| Jack-     | Bwakat | Queen-     | Ogema kwé    |             |           |
| King-     | Ogema  | Deton i-   | do you have? |             |           |

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the community center in Gun Lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday, August 20th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Dowagiac Education Building.

No Class August 6th due to the Gathering.

South Bend office classes are on August 13th and 27th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Catch a ride at Education. The van leaves at 5:30 p.m. and please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

Elder’s classes are held at Elders hall on Mondays at 11:00 a.m.



## Craft Class

August 19th

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Mishawaka Office

## Craft Day

August 22nd

Tribal Lodge

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

## Traditional Healer

Healer Jake Pine will be in our community to provide his gift of healing to our people on the days below. To schedule an appointment, contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate @ 1-888-330-1234.

Times are 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with appointments being in half hour increments.

August 26th, 27th, 28th

## Healing Lodge

August 29th

Jake Pine is the conductor. The Lodge starts at 8:00 a.m. Women on their moon time won’t be able to come in. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Shingwauk @ 1-888-330-1234.

## Talking Circle

August 14th, 2009

Teaching Cabin, Rodgers Lake Starting @ 6:00 p.m.

John Winchester will be conducting this talking circle. If you have any questions please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

# MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to:  
Janet Byro Aug 3rd  
Paula Pedigo Aug 15th  
Paul Wilson Aug 15th  
Richard and Robert Lopez Aug. 16  
Jessica Swisher Aug 16th  
Renaldo Lopez Aug 20  
Benny Poucho III Aug 20  
Eliana Hope Parker Aug 25  
Mariella Lopez Aug 27  
Michael Skipper Aug 29  
Mary Dutty Aug 30

Happy Belated Birthday  
Opal Wilson June 8th  
Richard Burgh July 9  
Ricardo Abundes July 30

Jone and Michael Skipper, son's first  
Bday. Adam Michael. July 14th.

Dorothy and Renaldo Lopez  
Happy Anniversary Aug 24th  
Samantha Wilson congrats on  
graduation.

From: Dorothy Burgh

Happy Birthday Isiah, Aug. 21  
Love, Amanda

Congratulations Angel for you baby girl. Born 6-28-09.  
5lbs. 13oz. Aiyana Marie

From Cleora Morseau

Brittany Christopherson

Congratulations on your graduation  
from high school. Your whole family  
is so proud of you. Good luck on you  
future endeavors.

Love Mom, Dad, and us all.

Baby Big Bear, we are all so happy  
to have you, the fun has just be-  
gun! XOXOXO from Your Boys,  
Big Sister and Mom and Dad!

Happy 1st Birthday, Briann Cummins on  
Aug. 13th

Love Mom

Happy Birthday, Mikey, Aug. 29th  
Love you big sis, Amanda

Bozho Jayek,

I would like to express my appreciation to all those that voted for me during the 2009 general election. It is your confidence that has given me the energy and enthusiasm to pursue the level of education I currently have. I will carry this level of energy now towards an Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University and currently have taken two courses since graduating with my Masters of Arts on May 25th of this year. I will always respect you as "Anishnabeg" and carry with me your kindness and graditude in all that I do. In these hardtimes that we face as citizens of the USA and our Tribal Community may you always realize that my prayers are with you and always will be. During the last election many spoke of the need for change and with change comes growth. Sometimes growth doesn't come when we want it to, but eventually it comes.

I also spoke of Unity during my campaign and strongly believe that this element needs resolve on the part of our Tribal Community as a whole. We need leadership that speaks of us, not me or I. We need leadership that can honestly say they have done something for each and everyone of the Tribal Members of the Pokagon Band and not their own personal interest. May Mamogosnan (the creator) bless you all each and every day you spend on this place we call mother earth.

bama mine,  
Donald Sumners Enrollment # 1294



# MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Big Brothers Jordan, Broderick, Kendall, Kywin, Maxim and Big Sister Prettyrock are thrilled to announce the arrival of their little sister

Madalene CallsHim Big Bear

Born July 1, 2009

2:18 in the afternoon

8 pounds 12 ounces

21 inches in length

Proud Parents:

Madalene and Sterling Big Bear III

Congratulations to the 4 Pokagon Students that entered the MIEA Incentive Awards Program. The participants were Haley Johnson, Maya Murphy, Daniel Dick, and Robert Dick, Awards were given for A's and of perfect attendance for each marking period. We were very proud of you for entering the program. Next year we hope more students will apply to this program.

Bonnie Parrish  
Committee Person



Congratulations Rhonda and Dave on your-/our baby Meshike  
From Cleora Morseau

Happy Birthday!!!

Bobby Parker-8/5

Love, Kathy & mike

Happy Birthday!!!

Tammra Piper-8/30

Love, Kathy

Happy Birthday!!!

Ashley Martin-8/26

Tommy Lee Martin Jr.-8/24

Love, Aunt Kat & Uncle Mike

Happy Birthday!!!

Timmy Jo Lee-8/16

Love Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy 21st Anniversary!!!

To my Husband Mike Goodson.

I celebrate the beauty of each moment shared with you. Thank

You for the miracle of you....  
you are and always will be the love of my life. I LOVE YOU.

Always, Kathy

Michael graduated from Madisan High School in Adrian MI. His parents are Kevin and Lisa Klemm. We are extremely proud of you for all of your activities in school and sports, also on being chosen as Outstanding Male Athlete. Best of luck to you in Australia competeing against atheletes around the world.

Love ya, Mimi and Pa Pa



Congratulations Crystal on your graduation and happy Birthday too. 7-18

From Cleora Morseau



Team #1  
Way to go, Jake Ketola

From Cleora Morseau



# Princess Candidates Needed

2009 Potawatomi Gathering  
August 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Guidelines and Qualifications:**

1. Must be an enrolled member of a Potawatomi Band
2. Must be between the ages of 15 to 18
3. Must be single with no children
4. Must promote a healthy lifestyle and abstain from the use of drugs and alcohol
5. Must not hold another title at the same time

**Princess Selection Criteria:**

1. 500 word essay
2. Interview
3. Introduction
4. Dance competition

Registration/Application deadline: July 24, 2009

For questions, please call Paula Hopkins at 785.966.4032  
Application accessible through the website at  
[www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com)



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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!



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