



Pokagon Band Artist Receives Michigan Heritage Award

John Pigeon tells the story of the time he took his young daughter on an outing to plant squash and corn in a remote field. He remembers his daughter questioning why they went so far off to plant fruit and vegetable seeds that they would never harvest.

"I told her about the animals and living things that would come eat the plants and their fruit," he says. "And how they would spread the seeds far and wide.

"You never know where it's going to lead," he adds. "That's why I do some of what I do."

Pigeon, a Pokagon Band citizen and seventh generation black ash basket maker, plants the seeds of culture, tradition, artistry and community by teaching his craft and making connections all around the Great Lakes region. In February the state of Michigan announced that he received the Michigan Heritage Award, and he'll be honored at a special ceremony at the Great Lakes Folk Festival in Lansing August 14. The award acknowledges his role as a community leader and as a tradition bearer.

"Our people have been making baskets for a thousand years," says Pigeon. "Even without knowing me, my ancestors passed this gift down to me. And I want my grandchildren and their grandchildren to hold onto these things just like I did."

Pigeon teaches basket

making with the goal of helping make people self sufficient. He holds community weaving sessions and hosts art markets, providing a way for artists to sell their work. His respect for the trees as life-giving beings is obvious. His work will be featured in an upcoming exhibit called My

bows and arrows to sustain us with hunting," he says. "That one plant can provide all these things for us is just amazing to me."

He's hopeful that a remedy will be found to the problem plaguing ash trees: the emerald ash borer.

"There's a teaching there: if we don't care for what we have, we'll lose it."

Pigeon's work has taken him all over the country. He has been an artist in residence at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona. In 2006 he was a part of a group of sixty master basket makers to be invited to Washington, D.C. for the Smithsonian Institute's Folklife Festival. He remembers sitting under a tent with native artists from as far away as Alaska, Hawaii, Maine and Florida. The master artisans shared ideas and materials, and learned from one another about each groups' heritage and techniques.

"I told my son, 'Look at all this power in one place,'" he recalls. "It reminded me how close we are to the past."

While on that trip, the artists visited the National Archives, and Pigeon and his son looked through archived Potawatomi basket collections. While they saw similar techniques, there were certain differences, too.

"It reminded me of where I came from," he says.

Pigeon plans to continue his teaching and traveling. And who knows where those scattered seeds of tradition and artistry may take root and flourish?



John Pigeon will be honored for his basket making artistry August 14.

Courtesy of Michigan State University Museum, photo by Winnie Wabanimkee.

Ash Makes More Than Baskets.

"There are so many things this tree can do: the ash bark covers lodges, its saplings create the frames for lodges, branches can be made into pipe stems and

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Head Male Dancer: Marcus Winchester, MI
Head Female Dancer: Amanda Pigeon, MI
Honored Elders: Clarence White & Majet DeMarsh
Tom Topash & Angie Francisco
Clarence Dyrseth & Val Baker
Head Dance Judges: Dave & Punkin Shananquet, MI
Award Director: Steve Oldman Sr, MI

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

Participants also invited to a Sunrise Ceremony and Women's Vision Walk
Friday, September 3, 2010 starting at Gage Street Property

American Indian vendors only. Vendor information contact
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Phone * (313) 578-4373 Email * aliciaaddison@aol.com
Camping available for powwow participants first
come first serve starting Thursday noon.
All specials need to be pre-approved.
No firearms, drugs, alcohol, tribal
politics, or pets in the
powwow area.



The elders gathered at the tribal lodge pavilion July 15 for their annual summer picnic. They feasted on barbecued chicken and ribs, fruit, salads and an array of desserts. Pictured along with Jean Mollett is Father Kevin Covert, left, a Chippewa, the new priest for Sacred Heart and Holy Maternity parishes who was invited to attend the picnic to get to know some of his Pokagon parishioners.

Elders Stampede to Tennessee on Spring Bus Trip



Despite the hot weather and more than a few bus hiccups, forty Elders enjoyed their trip to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee June 15-17. The group attended Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede dinner and show. The event included the carriage room opening act and a main show in the arena with horse performances, dramatic lighting, music and fireworks. Everyone was treated to a four-course dinner and a dessert following the show.



At left, the group gathered for a photo before the show. Right, some members of the group get creative to beat the heat during one of several unscheduled bus stops thanks to transmission and air conditioning problems. The next trip will be to the Potawatomi Gathering in Oklahoma August 5-7.

August 2010 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 |
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| 2 VACATION CLOSED | 3 VACATION CLOSED | 4 VACATION CLOSED | 5 VACATION CLOSED | 6 VACATION CLOSED |
| 9 Language Buff & Biscuit W/ Mixed Veggies Mashed Potatoes Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Blueberries and Strawberries | 10 Roasted Chicken Baked Potato Carrots Cottage Cheese and Pineapple Roll | 11 Pork Barbeque Sandwich Macaroni Salad Tangy Red Slaw Waldorf Salad | 12 Business Swiss Steak Whole Wheat Noodle Zucchini and Summer Squash Melon Salad Cake/ Roll | 13 Baked Salmon Rice Pilaf Garden Salad Cherry Crisp Roll |
| 16 Language Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Tomato Salad Fortune Cookie Banana Wafer Pudding | 17 Grilled BBQ Pork Chops Mashed Sweet Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Cucumber Salad Applesauce | 18 Turkey Pita Pocket Assorted Veggie Tray Baked Beans Peach Crisp | 19 Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Beans, and Cheese. Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fruit Cocktail | 20 Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Assorted Breads Veggie Tray Fresh Fruit |
| 23 Language Beef Chili Broccoli Slaw Fresh Fruit Cornbread | 24 Santa Fe Salad W/ Taco Chips Banana Bread Jell-O Fruit | 25 Sea Bass Spanish Rice Green Beans Garden Salad Peaches/ Roll | 26 Social Chicken Pot Pie W/ Mixed Veggies Cottage Cheese Sliced Tomatoes Fruit Salad Roll | 27 Veggie Burgers Baked Fries Relish Tray Jell-O W/ Fruit |
| 30 Language Low Sodium Ham Turkey or Tuna Subs Assorted Veggie Toppings Baked Lays Chips Blueberry Crisp | 31 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn on the Cob Tomato Salad Pears/ Plums/ Roll | | | Note: Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/ burgers. |

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the guidelines printed on the final page of this issue.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa
Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Tribal Historic Preservation Office Joins Government Staff

Thanks to a grant from the National Parks Service, the Pokagon Band now has a tribal historic preservation officer. Michael Zimmerman Jr. began his duties on June 14. As the tribal historic preservation officer, or THPO, Zimmerman will be functioning like a state historic preservation officer: advising and working with federal agencies on the management of tribal historic properties, and preserving and rejuvenating the unique cultural traditions and practices of the Pokagon Band's tribal community.

The THPO position is guided by the Traditions and Repatriation Committee, and Zimmerman is charged with implementing its tribal historic preservation plan. The comprehensive plan includes identifying culturally and historically relevant sites and cataloging and documenting artifacts from the sites. Some of those sites include Pokagon's villages, which are in present day Niles and Dowagiac, Wesaw's villages in Niles and Marcellus, and the villages in Northern Indiana. He'll be working closely with other tribal departments to provide historic educational materials and heighten awareness

of historic preservation within the tribal and non-tribal communities.

Zimmerman says he feels strongly about the repatriation process, and plans to work to implement the federal mandate called the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or NAGPRA, to restore native people's remains and funerary artifacts to their rightful place. He will also be building a tribal archive to include family histories, oral histories, and documents that record lifeways, like basket making techniques. Another project: helping citizens to create or fill in their family trees.

Zimmerman graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelors degree in anthropology and a minor in history. He is a Nishnabe speaker, a skill he refined by taking community classes held one night a week for a year at the University of Michigan and traveling throughout the Nishnabe communities in the Great Lakes region, listening to and learning from native people speaking the indigenous language. His travels took him to the Walpole Island community in Canada, to Fond du Lac and Mille Lacs in Minnesota,



and Forest County and Lac Courte Oreilles in Wisconsin.

"I hope that people will start actually speaking the language more often," he says.

Zimmerman's office is located in the Department of Natural Resources and he welcomes questions or information from tribal citizens. You can reach him at 269-782-9602 or Michael.Zimmerman@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Above, Zimmerman talks about Pokagon Band history at a recent outing to the Gage Street property.

Newsletter Changes In Store

You may notice some changes in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* over the next few months. The Pokagon Band now has a director of communications, and therefore more resources to spend writing articles, taking photos and keeping readers updated on newsworthy tribal events and stories.

Paige Risser began as director of communications May 10. With nearly twenty years experience in public relations and communication, she has worked for such organizations as the American Red Cross, the Peace Corps, the Boys and Girls Club and the University of Notre Dame.

Plans are underway to revise the design and augment the content of the newsletter, and we'd like to hear your feedback, suggestions, and story ideas for the future editions of *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Please send your comments and ideas to Paige Risser, director of communications, at newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Judy Augusta Retires from Pokagon Band Enrollment Office

After fifteen years of service to Pokagon Band citizens, Judy Augusta retired as the tribal enrollment coordinator July 14. One of the longest serving tribal government employees, Augusta says she'll always remember the exciting and challenging work of compiling the Band's base role after reaffirmation in 1994.

"I couldn't wait to get to work," she recalls. "We had an enrollment staff of nine, and I remember the day we had to print out the base role. Tribal Council was waiting for it, and we had to turn it in to BIA by May 2, 1996."

Augusta is looking forward to the freedom of retirement and having her own schedule.

"Perhaps I'll talk my son into taking me fishing," she says.

As for advice to her colleagues left behind, she recommends they "enjoy what you do. I always did; I liked the challenge."

Beth Edelberg is getting lots of advice from Augusta, as she'll become the new enrollment coordinator upon Augusta's retirement.

"I'm excited for the new challenge. There's a lot to learn," Edelberg says. "But I'm a seeker, so I'll find out what I need to know."



Beth Edelberg, the tribe's new enrollment coordinator, left, looks on as Tribal Chair Matthew Wesaw presents Judy Augusta with her retirement gift from the Band, a gold watch, at a staff gathering celebrating Augusta's fifteen years of service to tribal citizens.

New Michigan Law Spotlights the Dangers of Distracted Driving

While the use of mobile phones has grown enormously in the past two decades, it's still unclear to what extent cell phone calls and texting contribute to automobile accidents. What is clear is that talking on the phone and texting behind the wheel both lead to distraction, and driver inattention is the leading cause of car accidents.

According to 2008 statistics, more than 800,000 Americans were texting, making calls, or using a handheld cell phone while driving during the daytime. With distracted driving killing nearly 6,000 Americans that year, it's easy to see that cell phone use, especially texting, is risky for all motorists, particularly teen drivers. While all distractions can endanger drivers' safety, texting is the most alarming because it involves all three types of distractions: visual—taking your eyes off the road, manual—taking your hands off the wheel, and cognitive—taking your mind off what your driving.

Thumbs on the Wheel Campaign Spotlights Driver Texting Ban

Beginning, July 1, drivers who text behind the wheel risk not only an accident, but a \$100 citation under provisions of a new Michigan state law designed to keep drivers' eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel.

To encourage awareness and compliance, the Michigan

Office of Highway Safety Planning is launching a "Thumbs on the Wheel" campaign that will feature billboards, public service announcements and posters aimed at reducing driver distractions.

"The state's ban on texting while driving recognizes the potential danger when drivers are not fully focused on the road," said Col. Eddie L. Washington, Jr., director of the Michigan State Police. "As with all traffic laws, law enforcement officers will take appropriate action when witnessing violations."

The primary enforcement law prohibits drivers from reading, manually typing or sending a text message while driving. Drivers face a \$100 fine for a first offense and a \$200 fine for subsequent violations. Michigan now becomes the 24th state to ban drivers from texting.

Teen Drivers Particularly at Risk

Despite the risks, the majority of teen drivers ignore cell phone driving restrictions. Talking on a cell phone while driving can make a young driver's reaction time as slow as that of a 70 year-old. Fifty-six percent of teenagers admit to talking on their cell phones behind the wheel, while 13 percent admit to texting while driving. But because this information was given voluntarily by teens, actual cell phone use numbers may be much higher.



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Forty-eight percent of young Americans from ages 12-17 say they've been in a car while the driver was texting. In 2007 driver distractions such as using a cell phone or text messaging contributed to nearly one thousand crashes involving 16 and 17 year-old drivers. Over 60 percent of American teens admit to risky driving, and nearly half of those that admit to risky driving also admit to text messaging behind the wheel. Each year, 21 percent of fatal car crashes involving teenagers between the ages of 16 and 19 were the result of cell phone usage. This result has been expected to grow as much as 4 percent every year. Teens say that texting is their number one driver distraction.

But distracted driving isn't just a teen problem, studies show that talking on a cell phone causes nearly 25 percent of car accidents and that one-fifth of experienced

adult drivers in the United States send text messages while driving. Four out of every five accidents, or 80 percent, are attributed to distracted drivers. In contrast, drunk drivers account for roughly one out of three, or 33 percent, of all accidents nationally. Texting while driving is about six times more likely to result in an accident than driving while intoxicated, and people who text while driving are 23 percent more likely to be in a car accident. Studies have found that texting while driving causes a 400 percent increase in time spent with eyes off the road.

If you have any questions about this subject or would like more information, please feel free to contact the Pokagon Tribal Police Department at 269.782.2232.

Police Explorers Program In the Works

The Pokagon Police Department is looking at launching a Pokagon Band Police Explorers Program. Pending Tribal Council approval and depending on the interest level, teens ages 14 to 20 could participate in a program that allows them to become familiar with their police department, and explore whether they want to pursue a career in law enforcement. Teens might learn the ins and outs of accident and domestic violence investigation, building/vehicle searches, firearms safety, and parade and drill skills.

Participants would have monthly meetings at the police department and would receive a

uniform, duty gear (a duty belt, handcuffs and case, flashlight and holder) and they will spend their time with police explorer advisors who will be their instructors. There is also a chance for the group to participate in state and national competitions.

"I can personally say that the Police Explorer Program is a great thing, as I was one 'back in the day,'" says Police Chief Rachel Sadowski-Spiegel. "The program showed me so many things that pushed me ahead in my college classes."

A minimum of five youths and five adults are required to start the program. Please call the Police Department if you are interested.

Indianapolis the Site for Native American Heritage Days

The 2nd Annual Native American Heritage Days will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29 in Indianapolis at Garfield Park. The event honors Pokagon citizen Joyce M. Green, whose dream was to one day have a pow-wow in downtown Indianapolis to educate the public about Native American cultures.

The free event will be a festival celebrating modern and thriving native cultures in Indiana. There will be Native American dancing, drumming and food, plus arts and crafts vendors and stickball games.

Events run Saturday from noon to 7 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call Rebecca Martin, president of the Indiana Native American Business and Cultural Association at (877) 273-8199 or Rusty Green, vice-president, at (317) 298-0785.

New Buildings, Growth and Development for Band

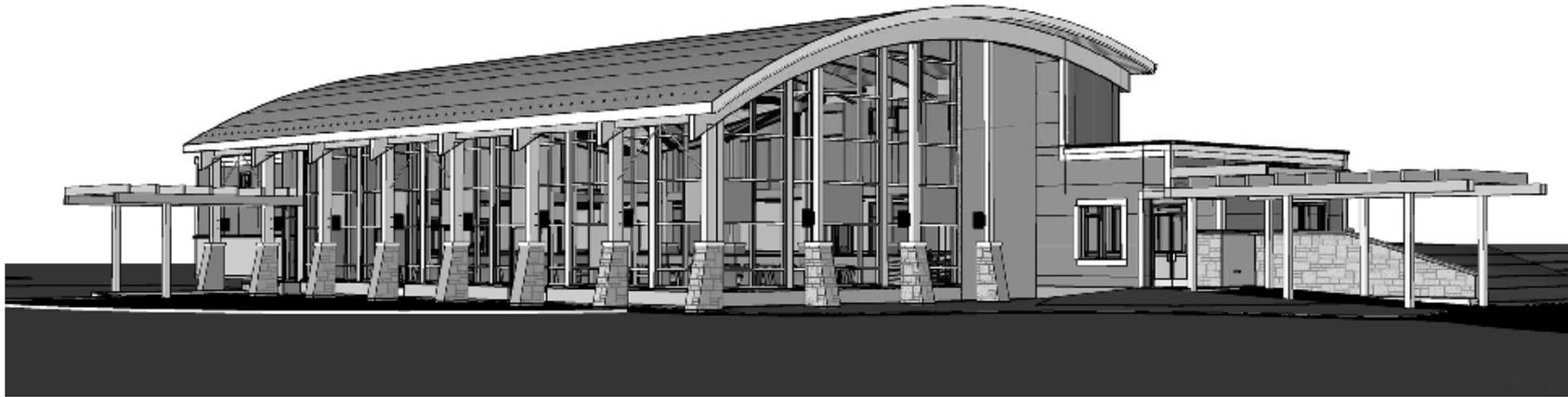
Before long, passersby will start to see construction activity near the administration building and near Pokégnek Édawat in Dowagiac. Plans are moving forward for a new commodities warehouse and for the community center at Pokagon Village.

The new commodities warehouse will feature a 20' x 20' demonstration kitchen, significantly expanded storage space, and brings the building into compliance with USDA commodities standards. The goal is to eventually collaborate with MSU and Purdue University's

extension services and use the demonstration kitchen to provide nutrition education programs, helping citizens better prepare the food they receive from commodities. Construction teams are expected to break ground in late July.

The community center, below, will be a state-of-the-art, silver LEED certified building. The LEED certification indicates that the structure will integrate green building technology in its construction: geothermal heating and cooling, 2,000 feet of solar panels for heating and electricity, plants on the roof, and berms

of soil and vegetation half way up the outer walls on the north and west sides of the building for natural insulation. Inside the building citizens can take advantage of a large meeting room, a warming kitchen, office space, and smaller conference spaces for community activities. The central gathering space features high ceilings and an exposed timber-frame structure. A patio outside will contain a sunken fire pit. Bids for construction on the community center project should be awarded by late August.



Housing Staff Sharpens Skills in Training Sessions

The Department of Housing recently hosted a two day “train the trainer” training on personal financial management to the tribe’s financial education team. The instruction was provided by Donna Fairbanks, an Ojibway from the White Earth Nation and a consultant for the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC). Participants learned how to more effectively coach tribal citizens in the areas of managing family finances and establishing good credit, so that they may purchase a home some day or realize other long term goals. Ms. Fairbanks emphasized that personal finances impact every aspect of a person’s life—including education, health, transportation, recreation and general lifestyle. Participating in the training were front line staffers from Health Services,

Social Services and Tribal Police, in addition to Housing. Because Pokagon Band is a member of NAIHC, the training was provided at no cost. A third day of training, which was directed to Housing staff only, centered on establishing and implementing effective housing policies.

“She shared a wealth of ideas with our staff,” said Jim Coleman, Pokagon Band’s housing director. “It helped bring the team together, and I see it fitting into our overall plan to improve the housing department and reorganize for future growth.”

Soon after the first training, Housing staff met with Melissa Petersen, an independent auditor who shared new tools that will improve both efficiency and oversight of department programs.



Housing Director Jim Coleman, right, attempts to toss a ball into a box while listening to direction from staff members in an activity designed to show the importance of teamwork at a recent training on personal financial management.

Pokagon Band Students Gear Up for Summer Learning

Studies show that “summer lag”—the learning relapse that occurs when students are out of school during summer break—can cause teachers to use valuable class time to reteach lessons from the previous school year to catch students up to where they should be in the fall. In response to this, and to give native students the opportunity to participate in Potawatomi language and cultural activities, the Pokagon Band’s Department of Education is sponsoring its fifth annual summer school program.

Forty-seven Native students entering kindergarten through sixth grade are participating in activities designed to keep them moving ahead in their school work. Each morning students are working with certified teachers on academic subjects like reading, writing and math.

“Our program isn’t designed to be remedial,” said education coordinator Penny Brant. “We’re trying to keep students engaged over the summer

break, and expose them to cultural teachings, too.”

This year’s theme is Bmendezok, which in the Potawatomi language means to take care of yourselves. In the afternoons, students will learn about nutrition from a dietician, and talk about health, physical fitness and taking care of the Earth.

The program began Tuesday, July 6 and runs Monday through Thursday until July 29. Held at the Head Start building on the Rodgers Lake campus, the program provides limited transportation, and a light breakfast, snack and lunch each day to students.



Above, Robert Ledesma plays a card game with summer youth intern Corinne Kasper. At left, older students ran off some energy during an after-lunch lacrosse match.



Summer Camps Give Kids Opportunity for Fun and Cultural Activities

Pokagon kids from second grade through high school enjoyed a summertime favorite, summer camp, from June 18-27 at Rodgers Lake campus. Campers hiked, canoed and participated in a wide range of traditional Potawatomi activities during their two, three or four-day experience at camp.

Left, Tristan Kiggins concentrates on his black ash basket during middle school camp. Below left, the second through fourth grade campers show their enthusiasm. Above right, Ernest Lucia crafts his lacrosse stick during senior high camp. Lower right, Liz Glowack, camp counselor, and her daughter Echo, a camper with



the second through fourth graders, take a canoe out for a spin on Rodgers Lake.



August Students of the Month

Submitted by Kateri O'Toole and Susan Doyle, Education Associates

Elijah Ledesma

Elijah Ledesma is a second grader at Red Arrow Elementary in Hartford, Michigan. His parents are Robert and Misty Ledesma, his grandparents are Terry & Adeline Dixon. His siblings are Robert Jr. and Raven. The tribal or cultural activity that he is involved in is the Red Arrow enrichment lab. He also attends the pow-wows and wants to learn how to be a drummer. His favorite foods are steak, chicken, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. His favorite sports to play are football, baseball, basketball, and soccer. Elijah also likes to draw and color. When he grows up he would like to be a police officer or a firefighter. He would also like to play basketball for the San Antonio Spurs. Elijah is proud to be Native American because he has a unique background.

Masie Daggett

Masie Daggett is a first grader at North Side Elementary in Winchester, Indiana. Her parents are John and Brenda Daggett. Her grandparents are Benny and Janet Brake, and also Bob and Mary Wilker. Masie's brother is Aiden. Her favorite things are pizza, hamburger helper, computers, Girl Scouts, softball, basketball, soccer, theater, and dance. When she grows up Masie would like to be a doctor, singer, movie star, and the first woman president. Masie is proud to be a Native American because they were the first people in America.

Santiago Ramos

Santiago Ramos is a freshman at Dowagiac Union High School in Dowagiac, Michigan. His parents are Pablo and Sarah "Sally" Ramos. His grandparents are Loraine and Jim Gideon Sr. He currently participates with the Pokagon after school enrichment lab along with the Notre Dame enrichment lab. Santiago likes to play guitar and listen to music. His favorite foods are fish and venison. His favorite activity is judging fry bread stands at pow-wows. When he gets older he would like to be an auto mechanic or maybe a doctor, possibly a zoologist. His

future is still undecided. He thinks the thing that makes him proud to be Native American is the heritage that has been passed down to him from his Elders, and also going on trips to places like Kansas.

Kassidy Wesaw

Kassidy Wesaw is a fourth grader at Alamo Elementary in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Her parents are Jason and Necole Wesaw. Her grandfather is the late Michael Wesaw. Kassidy enjoys reading about Native American history and attending pow-wows. Her favorite food is Sushi and her favorite toy is her stuffed animal, a fox. She enjoys Yide games, playing the guitar, playing outside and adventuring into the woods and the pond. She likes drawing and reading. Kassidy is an A student, she plays Little League softball, and is a member of Alamo Elementary Destination Imagination Team. Kassidy plans on attending college and becoming an artist some day. She is proud to be Native American because she is different and proud of Native history.

Jackie Winchester-Jones

Jackie Winchester-Jones just completed third grade at Kincheloe Elementary School in Dowagiac. She is the daughter of Michele Winchester and Thomas Jones. Her siblings are Madelynn (16), Brandon (12), Marcus (11), and Joshua (4). She is the granddaughter of Joyce Winchester of Dowagiac, Mike & Sally Winchester of SchoolCraft, Nancy Payton & Gene Payton of Elkhart, IN, and the late Thomas Jones Sr. of Elkhart, IN.

Jackie's favorite food is strawberries, her favorite toy is a wagon, and her favorite activities are going outside, playing memory, and dancing. Jackie loves being Native American because she loves learning about her heritage and it makes her feel happy that she is Pokagon Potawatomi. She is involved with tribal cultural activities by attending the Labor Day Pow Wow.

Upcoming Events from the Department of Education July

28-30 Traditional healing appointments with Jake Pine

28-30 Women's drum and medicine teachings and talking circle with Barb Peltier

31 Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine

August

1 Back to School Launch

2 Language class at Elders hall with John Winchester

5 Community College Student Night, 6-7:30 p.m.

5-7 Potawatomi Gathering, Oklahoma

9 Language class at Elders hall with John Winchester

12 Language class in Dowagiac with Frank Barker

16-20 Potawatomi Summer Language Immersion Camp, Hannahville

24 Language class at Elders hall with John Winchester

26 Language class in South Bend office with Frank Barker

25-27 Traditional healing appointments with Jake Pine

25-27 Women's drum and medicine teachings and talking circle with Barb Peltier

28 Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine

September

5-6 Backpack distribution

5 Pokagon Alumni Breakfast

5 Gifting of graduate blankets at Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow

7 First day of school for Head Start

11-12 Language Immersion Weekend, Tribal Lodge

For more detailed information, please call 269-782-0887.

Vocabulary for Niben (Summer)

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Squirrel | Jedmo |
| Mosquitoes | Skemé |
| Grass | Mishkon |
| Hummingbirds | nanokashi |
| Fire fly(s) | wasesi(yek) |
| Fishing | Demojgé |
| Strawberry | Démen |
| Nice day or Good day | Mno gishget |

Labor Day Weekend Full of Pow-Wow Activities

The Traditional Woman of the Pokagon Band Community present the
3rd Annual Sunrise Ceremony & Women's Water Walk

Friday, September 3

7:00 a.m.

64264 Gage Street
Dowagiac, Michigan



Ceremony and walk begin at our Gage Street Property and end at Rodgers Lake. This walk is held every year before the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-Wow to honor the waters of the Pokagon Band homelands. Everyone who wishes to support the women and their effort is welcome to join in on the walk. Women are encouraged to wear long skirts. Everyone should wear good walking shoes! For more information, contact Alycia at 231-578-4373.

Volunteers Needed

The 25th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow is just around the corner. The Pow Wow Committee is seeking reliable volunteers to assist with making the event 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 Julie Farver at 269-501-1867. Please be prepared to attend a mandatory volunteer training session the evening of Friday, September 3 at Rodgers Lake. Dinner will be provided.

This is great opportunity to support the Pokagon community and to get involved, so call Julie today.

Elders Council Business Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2010

Meeting called to order at 11:12 a.m.

Invocation: Butch Starrett

Roll Call: Margaret Rapp, Ken Rader, and Audrey Huston, present. Clarence White, absent and excused. Also in attendance: Yvonne "Petey" Boehm, Lynn Davidson.

Agenda: Susan Gunderson introduced the new employees from the health clinic. We have 3 community health representatives, 2 RNs, a pharmacist, a pharmacy technician and a clinic manager.

Matt Wesaw introduced three new employees, the housing director, communications director and the tribal historic preservation officer. Petey Boehm reported that active living classes will resume in the fall. She will also give us the room and travel information for the trip to the MIEA conference in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan July 7-9, 2010.

Additions to the agenda: Ed Williams, assistant general counsel, explained the referendums and amendments that are on the ballot for this year's election. Matt Wesaw suggested writing a letter to Arthur Culpeper,

health services director, asking for more chore providers.

Minutes: Ken moved to accept the June 3, 2010 minutes. Margaret seconded, 3 yes, 1 absent, approved.

No treasurer's report was given. New business: Nominations were taken for MIEA officers. Hal Wiggins and Gerald Wesaw were nominated for chairman, both declined. Bonnie Parrish was nominated for secretary and she accepted.

No old business.

Communications: Matt Wesaw will pursue the issue of dealing with B&W Charter with general

counsel.

Announcements: language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11 a.m.-12 noon. Elders picnic will be July 15 at the Tribal Lodge. Bingo will be held at Elders Hall July 14, 21, 28 at 1 p.m. The Potawatomi Gathering will be in Shawnee, Oklahoma August 5-7.

July birthdays: Jim Lepal, Ken Kirvan, Patsy Carney, Ken Rader.

July anniversaries: Paul and Vivian Jackson

Adjournment: 1 p.m.

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HEAD STAFF

Host Drum: **Midnight Express, MN**
Co-Host: **RibbonTown, IN**

Invited Drums:

Southern Straight, MI

War Club, WI

Great Lakes Alliance, MI

Painted Rock, MI

TBA

Master of Ceremonies: TBA

Head Veteran: George Martin, MI

Head Male Dancer: Marcus Winchester, MI

Head Female Dancer: Amanda Pigeon, MI

Honored Elders: Clarence White & Majel DeMarsh

Tom Topash & Angie Francisco

Clarence Syrette & Val Baker

Head Dance Judges: Dave & Punkin Shananaquet, MI

Arena Director: Steve Oldman Sr, MI

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

Participants also invited to a Sunrise Ceremony and
Women's Water Walk
Friday, September 3, 2010 starting at Gage Street Property

American Indian vendors only. Vendor information contact

Teresa Magnuson

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Other pow-wow information contact Alycia Atkinson

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Camping available for pow-wow participants first

come first serve starting Thursday noon.

All specials need to be pre-approved.

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





Happy 5th Birthday
Jordan Wesaw 8/23

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brendan and Mason



Happy Birthday to our kids
Briann Cummins-August 13
Matthew Cummins Jr.-August 3
Love, Mom & Dad



Happy 5th Anniversary Karen and
Corey. To a terrific couple.
I'm proud of you both!
Love ya, Mom

happy birthday heather (heffington) may
on august 2nd.
love you, amanda

happy birthday
isiah heffington
on august 21st
love, amanda



Happy Birthday to Derrick Grubb
From, your brothers

Happy 21st Birthday to my lil'
brother Mikey on august 29th
love ya bunches, amanda

Happy Birthday
Bobby Parker-8/5
Tammy Gillette-8/30
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday
Timmy Jo Lee-8/16
Tommy Lee Martin Jr.-8/24
Ashley Martin-8/26
Love, Aunt Kat & Uncle Mike

Happy 22nd Anniversary Mike Goodson
Can you believe it's been 22 years?
Let's go for 22 more.
Love you with all my heart.
Always, Kathy



Happy Belated Birthday
Love, Mom and Dad, brothers and sisters
Happy Birthday
Princess Julie Williams
Love, Mom & Dad



Happy Birthday
Joseph Tyler Williams
Love, Mom & Dad



Andy,
Congratulations on your
cultural associate position. Even
back then at 13 years old, you
knew who you were:
an Indian princess.

Pokagon Health Services Briefs

August Recognized as National Breastfeeding Month

Native American women have always nursed their children as part of their heritage and to honor the natural and traditional gift a mother is given from the Creator for the children of earth.

Breastfeeding's benefits are multiple: it heightens a baby's immunities, it protects our babies from developing diabetes, it helps both mother and baby maintain a healthy weight and it promotes brain development and the mother-baby bond. These are important life-long benefits. It's also free!

Pokagon Band Health Services provides ongoing professional breastfeeding support and is a great resource for Pokagon women making a decision about how to feed their babies. If you are looking for breast pumps, information or supplies please call the Health Services Office at 888-440-1234 x343 to make an appointment.

Nutrition Boot Camp

Is there any interest in a

class on fun foods and learning about healthy eating? Consider signing up for a class exploring the world of food designed for 8 to 12 year old children and their parents. Classes are limited to ten children and ten parents, and will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, August 10, 12, 17 and 19, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Location to be determined. Call dietician Susan Gundersen at 888-440-1234 to sign up.

Red Road Wellbriety Adds Tuesday Meeting

A Tuesday evening meeting has been added to our current Friday evening Red Road AA/NA Wellbriety meeting at Health Services building II. Come by Tuesdays 6- 7:30 p.m. and Fridays 7-8:30 p.m. Refreshments are offered, and facilitators will sign off on paperwork and provide informational materials.

Info Provided to Higher Education Students

The Department of Education continues to process scholarship requests for tribal citizens attending college. Members pursuing associates, bachelors, masters, or doctorate degrees are encouraged to apply. We are happy to see so many being the first in their family to attend college. As a reminder: the technology stipend is a one-time award, but the book stipend requires students to apply every semester.

If you are considering applying for education assistance, be sure to attend Community College Student Night August 5 from 6-7:30

p.m. in the administration building's break room. Not only will there be pizza and drinks to enjoy, but higher education staff will be on hand to answer questions about scholarships and stipends. You'll be able to pick up applications for the programs, and speak with former community college students about transferring to a four-year institution to complete a bachelors degree.

For more information please contact Joseph Avance or visit our web site at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov

Native Foster Parents Needed

Our traditions tell us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children and our Elders. Our children have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders are facing the West on their way to the Spirit World to be with the Creator again.

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility "to provide for the welfare, care and protection of the children," through our Child Protection Code. "The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band" says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term "foster parents." Native people have had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent?

We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.

Changes Made to the Band's Burial Fund Code

The Tribal Council amended the Pokagon Band Burial Fund Code. For a copy of an amended version of the Burial Fund Code, please visit the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov. Provided below is summary of the amendments.

Eligibility for the Burial Benefit– Changes to Eligibility Requirements Regarding Children Who Are Not Enrolled

Children of Pokagon Band members who are eligible for enrollment with the Band, but not yet enrolled, are covered by the Burial Benefit only if they are 5 years of age or younger. The Burial Benefit now covers Stillborn Children.

Payment of Burial Benefit – Changes to Payment Structure Regarding Distribution of Excess Funds

Previously, after the payment of monument, funeral, and funeral luncheon costs, any Burial Benefit funds remaining were distributed. The Burial Benefit of \$10,000 will now be used solely to pay for the cost of a monument, funeral, and luncheon. After the payment of those three expenses, no excess funds will be distributed.

Reimbursement for Prepayment of Funeral and/or Monument Expenses – New Provision Permits Reimbursement for Prepaid Expenses Now in Limited Circumstances

If a Pokagon Band member prepaid the cost of his or her funeral and/or monument expenses via an irrevocable agreement with a funeral home or monument company on or before May 8, 2010, then the Pokagon Band will reimburse the Pokagon Band member the cost of such prepaid expenses, in accordance with the dollar limitations provided for funeral and monument expenses in the Code. Following reimbursement by the Band of the prepayment expenses, the member will not be covered by the Burial Benefit upon his or her death, to the extent the Band previously reimbursed the member for such expenses.

This is only a summary. Please review the Burial Fund Code for more specific details. If you have additional questions concerning these amendments or the Burial Fund in general, please contact the Band's Department of Social Services at (269) 782-8998 or (800) 517-0777.

Per Capita News

The following list of citizens have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office for Per Capita payment distribution and 2009 Christmas checks. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band enrollment office to verify the address.

- 1499 Peter Cusi Gibbons-Ballew
- 3282 Daniel Sanderson
- 0083 John Dylan Watson
- 0406 Michael Lynn Hewitt
- 0433 Elizabeth Alexandra Gray
- 0434 Thomas Charles Abercrombie
- 0857 Peter John Ramirez

- 1283 Jodi Lynn Burfield
- 1445 Michael David Bush
- 1446 Bobby Marcus Haynes
- 1506 Michaela Lynne Canard
- 2795 Edward F Cushway
- 2805 Isabel Marie Campos

The following list of citizens have not contacted the enrollment office to verify their valid addresses to receive their 2009 Christmas checks.

- BRANDIE SHENEE ANTISDEL
- RUBY TUESDAY BALEY
- MICHAEL ALLEN BARR
- NICHOLAS RAY BENNETT
- FELICIA CHRISTINE BIXLER
- IAN THOMAS CURREY
- PAUL ISAAC GIBSON
- ELIZABETH ALEXANDRA GRAY

| Deadline to receive changes/updates/additions in Finance Department | Checks mailed out on | Check date for direct deposits |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Thursday, July 15, 2010 | Thurs, July 29, 2010 | Fri, July 30, 2010 |
| Monday, August 16, 2010 | Mon, Aug 30, 2010 | Tues, Aug 31, 2010 |
| Wednesday, September 15, 2010 | Wed, Sept 29, 2010 | Thurs, Sept 30, 2010 |
| Friday, October 15, 2010 | Thurs, Oct 28, 2010 | Fri, Oct 29, 2010 |
| Monday, November 15, 2010 | Tues, Nov 23, 2010 | Wed, Nov 24, 2010 |



South Bend Area Office Schedule

Mondays: Housing staff will be available to provide information on housing programs.

- 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.

Wednesdays: Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and Workforce Investment Act applications.

Fridays: Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the daycare program will be available.

Does Investing For Retirement Intimidate You?

While most of us know we should prepare for retirement, the thought of making decisions about stocks, bonds, and mutual funds can be intimidating. So at the Financial Planning Workshop we will work on demystifying the various options. Fred Lamble and Kathy Reinhardt of Key Bank will review types of investments, risk profile, ideal invest mix along with hands on examples. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period.

What: Financial Planning Workshop

Where: Key Bank building, South Bend, Indiana

When: September 16

Who: All Pokagon Band tribal members and spouses/partners (regardless of county of residence)

Why: To strengthen the personal financial skills of Pokagon Band families, thereby empowering them to better meet their families' needs

How long: 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Light snacks and refreshments will be served (childcare will not be provided)

What to do: Call or email right away. Seating is limited. Contact Rose Waldschmidt, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor at (269) 462-4254, (877) 983-0385 or email at Rose.Waldschmidt@PokagonBand-NSN.gov.

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The Veterans Committee meets on the first Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at Elders Hall. For more information, contact Butch Starrett at 269-591-2601

From the Tribal Chairman

If memory serves, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission made history during its last meeting. The Sault Saint Marie Band of Chippewa Indians hosted the commission meeting at their St. Ignace conference center. The most senior member couldn't remember the Civil Rights Commission holding a meeting across the bridge in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. To make our first venture across the bridge and hold a meeting in Indian Country is a positive statement, in my opinion.

The topic for the meeting was the state's broken public defense system. It has reached the level of becoming a civil rights issue. This is a growing problem that includes Michigan's Native American citizens who can't afford proper representation. I have included in my column this month a guest column I submitted to the state's newspapers on this topic. As you can see, there are serious consequences when public defenders aren't able to provide adequate defense for their clients.

We will continue to work with those who are attempting to raise the bar on the state's system to meet the constitution's requirements and protecting everyone's civil rights. My guest column follows:

Last month, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission unanimously approved a resolution stating "in order to protect the civil and constitutional rights of all, Michigan must maintain a public defense delivery system that meets national standards and provides the effective assistance

of counsel ... to those who cannot afford to hire an attorney."

As a retired Michigan state trooper, I am acutely aware that the safety of our state depends in large part on the integrity of the criminal justice system. Justice must be distributed based on a consideration of investigated evidence, not the ability to pay for an attorney.

First, some background. Almost two years ago, a report commissioned by the Michigan legislature and issued by a panel of national experts cited Michigan's public defense system as one of America's worst. Unlike other states, the report found Michigan provides no funding for defense services in criminal or juvenile delinquency proceedings. These services are funded and managed by the counties.

The state sets no standards for attorneys working in the system. We require no training for defense attorneys. We offer no oversight or performance monitoring. We fail to provide consistent access to investigators and experts. And we set no workload limits to ensure that clients receive an effective defense.

The effects on residents and our communities are many. A broken public defense system fails taxpayers. It fails people accused of a crime, and it fails to protect the safety of our communities. With our state budget again facing deficits, we cannot afford to throw away tax dollars on a defective and constitutionally deficient system that increases corrections costs beyond what they need to be.



In addition, inadequate assistance of defense counsel can lead to false convictions or excessive sentences. Innocent men and women sometimes go to prison when they shouldn't, or they are incarcerated for longer than appropriate — again, affecting lives, devastating families and wasting money. When an innocent person goes to jail for a crime he or she did not commit the real criminal remains in society.

None of these realities are good for our state or its residents, and all point to the immediate need to reform public defense in Michigan.

As the nation's only constitutionally created Civil Rights Commission, we are called upon to work to protect the civil rights of all people equally. For this simple reason, we add our voice to the growing chorus calling for a public defense system that upholds our constitution and

serves all the people of our state.

I would like to make a brief comment on the last election. I appreciate those who voted. Our Band has 2,561 eligible voters and 1,210 registered voters out of a population of about 4,300. Yet only 352 voted in the last election. I would be very interested in hearing why more of our citizens don't participate in their government and what council and the election board could do to create a process that will encourage more participation. This is where you make your greatest impact.

In closing, I hope you all enjoyed the Fourth of July, and please continue to remember our veterans and those currently serving. The freedom we enjoy is a direct result of their willingness to sacrifice. As always, my phone is on and my door is open. If you are in the area please stop in and say hi.

Matt

Tribal Council Calendar of Events

August

- 2 Tribal Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lodge
- 3 Gaming Authority, 1 p.m., Four Winds
- 9 Tribal Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lodge
- 10 Gaming Authority, 1 p.m., Four Winds
- 14 Tribal Council Citizen Meeting, 10 a.m. Lodge
- 16 Tribal Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lodge
- 17 Gaming Authority, 1 p.m., Four Winds
- 23 Tribal Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lodge
- 24 Gaming Authority, 1 p.m., Four Winds

- 26 Tribal Council Special Session, 6 p.m., Lodge
- 30 Tribal Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lodge
- 31 Gaming Authority, 1 p.m., Four Winds

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov or call 1-888-782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

Trying to Save Vanishing Native Languages

By Stephan Salisbury, Philadelphia Inquirer

In May, representatives from 10 tribal communities across the United States, plus archivists and scholars, gathered for a two-day conference in Philadelphia to discuss how to make practical use of the American Philosophical Society's vast collection of historic Native American materials, including about 113,000 photographic images and more than 1,000 hours of recorded American Indian languages.

This was no arcane academic exercise. Many native languages are on the verge of extinction, with only a handful of fluent speakers surviving, and many others already have passed into history.

Larry Aitken, tribal historian for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in northern Minnesota, performed a pipe ceremony at the beginning of the conference because the stakes were very high: Succeed in revitalization efforts or see languages die. All human and higher powers will be necessary to prevent that.

According to Robert J. Miller, a Shawnee and law professor at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Ore., there were an estimated 300 distinct languages spoken in North America at the time Europeans first arrived in the late 15th century.

Archivists and librarians at the philosophical society are acutely aware of the precarious nature of native languages. The conference represented the culmination of a three-year effort to digitize the society's holdings - which have been accumulating for more than two centuries - and make them widely accessible over the Internet.

At the same time, the society has sought to work with tribal communities to find ways they can take advantage of the material, formerly available only to a small world of on-site scholars. Michael

Zimmerman, a Pokagon Potawatomi linguist from southwestern Michigan, said he found several hours of tapes in the society's archives recorded a generation ago in his own community. The material will help Zimmerman overcome local

resistance to learning Potawatomi from outside speakers.

"If we have to interpret our world with the language with which another people interpret the world, then it is no longer our world."

Such resistance, which is not uncommon, has severely hampered efforts to resurrect language in a community that no longer has native speakers, he said.

"I speak, but I had to go outside of my community to learn, and there's some contention with that because of the fact that I didn't learn in my area. So some people say I speak different," Zimmerman said.

"But what's interesting is I

go dig back into archives - actually, this archive here had something, around 16 tapes of audio of two elders in my community. And this is from back in 1992. . . . Last night I got copies of them and I'm playing them in my hotel room and I understand everything that they're saying."

Why is preserving the language so important?

"The fact is that the language not only validates but embodies the idea of being something," said Tom Belt, elder-in-residence in the Cherokee studies program at Western Carolina University. "The importance of the language is that without it we can't be who we are. All language is the way we interpret the world - any language is. Any language on the face of the Earth is simply the way in which that particular group of people in that geographic area interpret the world. And if we have to interpret our world with the language with which another people interpret the world, then it is no longer our world.

"We're not that people. We're something, but we're not what we say we are. So in order to be Cherokee, in order to be that, that's the importance of it. In order to be that, we have to say that, we have to speak that, we have to think that."

Wisconsin Law Bans Native American Mascots

by Brian Bull, Wisconsin Public Radio

School team nicknames like the Chieftains and Braves may soon be a thing of the past in Wisconsin, where a new law allows the state to ban race-based mascots and logos. If a complaint is upheld, school districts face fines of up to \$1,000 a day.

It's been 42 years since the National Congress of American Indians challenged the use of Native American mascots. Today, an estimated 900 high schools and colleges still use Native American names and images for sports teams. And of course, there are the professional teams — the Chicago Blackhawks, Cleveland Indians, Atlanta Braves, Kansas City Chiefs and Washington Redskins, among others.

For decades, Native American civil rights groups have called on these teams to change their

names. They've had little success. But Dave Czesniuk, of the Boston-based group Sport in Society, thinks the Wisconsin law may turn out to be a game-changer.

"I think what's going on in Wisconsin is exciting, and it's a true sign of real change," he says. "Social responsibility is on the rise, even in the ranks of professional sports and the corporate level."

Czesniuk says attitudes have changed since the 1970s, when an estimated 3,000 schools and colleges had Indian mascots. He says the key to making the case is teaching team officials and fans how they perpetuate stereotypes and hurt some Native Americans.

But then again, some Wisconsin lawmakers pushed that argument for nearly 30 years before their mascot bill became law. And many school and professional teams argue that their mascots honor Native

Americans rather than degrade them.

Bob Kliebenstein of Tomah, Wis., says that was the case with the Tomah Indians. He's still upset that the school board changed the mascot to the Timberwolves a few years ago. He says there's no telling where the mascot wars will go next.

"Right now, the trendy thing seems to be to get rid of Native American mascots. And in three to five years, the trendy thing might be to get rid of animal mascots. And after that, who knows? We might all have to just be one mascot, just real generic."

But there's a twist. A provision in the law says schools with mascots specifically named after a federally recognized tribe could keep it, if they have that tribe's permission. The legislator who penned that in is a graduate of Auburndale High School — home of the Apaches.



The mascot for the Dowagiac High School Chieftains was recreated in 1990 in consultation with Pokagon Band citizens to more accurately represent the area's original people.

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Tribal Citizens' Spouses May Apply for Temporary Staffing Pool

The Pokagon Band temporary pool will accept applications from tribal citizens and their spouses. Native American preference still applies, so the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band citizen is unavailable for the position. Pay for temporary positions is \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal citizens 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, a motor vehicle report, work history, references, tribal membership (or spouse of enrolled tribal citizen) and 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 to occasionally supplement income and gain experience while aiding the government in continuing smooth delivery of services. Call for an appointment today.

Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

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

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.

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.

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.

Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.

Fundraiser Showcases Talents and Raises Pow Wow Funds

The Kee Boon Mein Kaa Labor Day Pow Wow Committee held their third annual fundraiser Saturday, July 10 at the Wood Fire in downtown Dowagiac. The event raised close to \$1,000 and featured a lunch buffet, silent auction, and entertainment. John T. Warren displayed his hand drum skills, mens traditional dancer Marcus Winchester, left, and ladies jingle dress dancer Rhonda Purcell, right, performed, and Kevin Daugherty gave a history presentation. The silent auction included both handcrafted artwork by such Pokagon artists as Hal Wiggins and Gerald Wesaw, as well as a number of donations from local businesses. Almost sixty Pokagon citizens came out to socialize and support the pow-wow committee in the fundraising effort, many after casting their votes in the annual Pokagon election.

For more details on Pow Wow weekend events Saturday and Sunday September 4 and 5, see page 8.



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