

# THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

July 2008

**The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
23rd Annual Kee-Boon-Mein Kaa  
"Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest"  
Contest Pow-wow**

**August 30—31, 2008**

Rodgers Lake  
58620 Sink Rd  
Dowagiac, MI

**Grand Entry**

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

**Featuring**

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

**Public Welcome  
FREE Admission!**

**Head Staff**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Pokagon Vendors Wanted! Pokagon Volunteers Needed!

The 23rd Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow is just around the corner. The Pow-Wow Committee is looking for Native American vendors, particularly Pokagon citizens, to set up at the pow wow this year. For more information call Teresa Magnuson at 517-712-5581 or email [teresa@redpaintprinting.com](mailto:teresa@redpaintprinting.com) If you are a Pokagon Band tribal citizen, make sure you let Teresa know! Space is limited so please hurry!

The Pow-Wow Committee also seeks 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 Kelly Curran at (269) 782-6323 to sign up for a shift. Please be aware, there is a mandatory volunteer training session the evening of Friday, August 29th at Rogers Lake. Dinner will be provided. This is a great opportunity to support your community...call Kelly today!



## Student Rental Assistance Program



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

## We're Here to Help!

To qualify you must:

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

**You may attend school anywhere in the world!**

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

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



"Our People, Our Homes"

## WOMENS TALKING CIRCLE

Sorry we did not get an article in the last newsletter but we are still meeting at least once a month. For June, we met at Rodgers Lake to do Water Ceremony as the children were coming in that day to start their week at Camp. We were able to meet at the Ishkode for our Talking Circle. Migwetch to John Winchester for being the Fire Keeper that day and the rest of the week for the children at camp. Our next gathering will be at Gage Street Mbes (Lake) starting at 1 p.m. So bring your chairs and a snack to share and wear your long skirts in acknowledgement of our female spirit. The wearing of the skirts identifies us as respectful granddaughters to all those spiritual relatives who have walked this Mother Earth before us. Any questions, please call Majel DeMarsh as Cleora Morseau is up North for the next few weeks. (269) 782-6440 or (269) 591-0602.



## 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)

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

To download and view, visit: [www.pokagon.com](http://www.pokagon.com) and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for membership submissions for the August newsletter will be July 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 4 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

### South Bend Area Office Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from

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



# July 2008

## Pokagon Band Elder's Hall



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

**Note:** 2% Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal.

**1** Barbeque Pork Chops  
Baked Potatoes  
Peas  
Jell-O/Fruit  
Rolls

**2** Buffalo Meatloaf  
Whipped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Cottage Cheese/ Fruit

**3** **Business**  
Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob  
Tossed Salad  
Fruit

**4** Buffalo Tips  
Over Noodles  
Broccoli/Cauliflower  
Wheat Rolls  
Applesauce

**5** **Language**  
Pot Roast  
Potatoes  
Carrots  
Rolls  
Fruit Salad

**6** **Language**  
Potato Soup  
Chicken Salad Sandwich  
Tossed Salad/Fruit  
Veggie Tray

**7** Beefy Vegetable Soup  
Ham Salad Sandwiches  
Tossed Salad  
Fruit

**8** Baked Chicken W/  
Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Asparagus  
Pears

**9** Fish  
Wild Rice  
Squash  
Tossed Salad  
Strawberries

**10** **Language**  
Boiled Dinner (sausage, Potatoes, beans, onions, cabbage, corn)  
Cornbread  
Fruit Cocktail

**11** Chicken ala King  
Mashed Potatoes  
Tossed Salad  
Peas  
Rolls/Fruit

**12** **Social**  
Ham  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Cornbread  
Fruit

**14** Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy  
Corn  
Wheat Rolls  
Watermelon

**15** Lumberjack Soup  
Cabbage Rolls  
Mixed Green Salad  
Wheat Rolls  
Fruit

**16** Buffalo Meatballs w/  
Swedish Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Rolls/Fruit

**17** **Language**  
Pot Roast  
Potatoes  
Carrots  
Rolls  
Fruit Salad

**18** **Social**  
Ham  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Cornbread  
Fruit

**21** Goulash w/ Gr. Turkey  
Tossed Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Strawberry Short Cake

**22** Buffalo Meatballs w/  
Swedish Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Rolls/Fruit

**23** Garlic Pork Chops  
Sweet Potatoes  
Salad  
Cauliflower  
Roll/Fruit

**24** **Language**  
Pot Roast  
Potatoes  
Carrots  
Rolls  
Fruit Salad

**25** Pub Burgers  
Onion Rings  
Coleslaw  
Fruit/ Cottage Cheese

**28** Buffalo w/ Wild Rice  
Broccoli  
Tossed Salad/Fruit  
Rolls

**29** Biscuits & Gravy  
Scrambled Eggs  
Hash Browns  
Melon/ Cranapple Juice

**30** Ham w/ Pineapple  
Red Potatoes  
Corn  
Tossed Salad/Fruit  
Rolls

**31** Potato Soup  
Chicken Salad Sandwich  
Tossed Salad/Fruit  
Veggie Tray

**Lunch Info:**

**PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE** if you are not a regular attendee for meals.

Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon

269-782-0765  
or  
800-859-2717





PBID	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	PBID	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
0049	Michael	Anthony	Sisk	1837	Steven	Ray	O'Brien
0051	Lori	Rachael	Sisk	2014	Jenny	Ruth	Collins
0083	John	Dylan	Watson	2050	Terina	Da	Meier
0099	Richard	Allen	Sturgeon	2109	Nickolle	Lea	Drane
0202	Jeffery	Scott	Morseau	2138	Laura	Marie	Duddy
0228	Carey	Lee	Morseau	2183	Coy	George	Davison IV
0239	Francis	Wayne	Morseau	2607	Amanda	Sue	Fick
0390	Alex	Wayne	Goodrich	2644	Phyllis	Ann	Thompson
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt	2650	Andrea	Rene	Rider
0416	Richard	Earl	Welty	2712	Christopher	John	Tanner
0417	William	Everett	Welty II	2713	Tamara	Lynn	Tanner
0418	Tena	Anne	Welty	2723	Sean	Ryan	Carmody
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray	2784	Michael	Francis	Pillow
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie	2789	James	Harris	Walsh
0507	Tara	Jeanine	Davis	2794	Tony	Lee	Horn
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw	2795	Edward	F	Cushway
0520	James	Ryan	Hamstra	2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
0847	Cecilia	Marie	Barger	2952	John	Anthony	Montano
0881	Robert	Dwayne	Antisdell	2992	Jacob	Ammon	Worthington
1050	Jennifer	Marie	Green	3467	Keith	Wesley	Rider
1060	Chasity	Lynn	Martin	4020	Kelly	Renee	Granado
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins	1503	Amanda	Elizabeth	Mix
1204	Kara	Liana	Brown	2188	Adela	Nmn	Galvan
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield	2175	Jordon	Matthew	Heflin
1369	Ted	Thomas	Wesaw	3266	Bradley	Joseph	Ramirez
1445	Michael	David	Bush	3149	Aaron	Robert	Horner
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard	3964	Brandon	Lee	Peters
1538	Dawn	Marie	Mendoza	3166	Tiffany	Melissa	Moor
1674	Christina	Elizabeth	Winter	3809	Michael	C	Cook
1788	Amanda	Renee	Underwood	135	Otis	Kevin	Lewis
				128	Thomas	Jerry	Sturgeon

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.

Pokagon Band Enrollment Office  
32141 Edwards St.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(888) 782-1001

## A Few Notes Regarding Per Cap

### Taxes being withheld from per capita payments

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

### Per Capita checks may not be picked up

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

### Current mailing address

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

### Direct Deposit

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

### Updates & Changes

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



## HOW TO AVOID BEING SWINDLED

### 1. BEWARE OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND INSURANCE SCAMS:

Retired people in particular should safeguard against companies peddling:

- Useless items such as laminated Social Security Cards.
- Services that the Social Security Administration provides for free.
- Special veteran's insurance appearing to be offered by the US Government.

### 2. LOOK OUT FOR ADVANCE-FEE SCAMS :

These scams often involve an offer for a "free" product or an opportunity to make money. Or a reward may be offered for help in transmitting money out of a foreign country. But first you must pay a fee or give your bank account numbers. The swindlers then fail to deliver on what's promised, or they take money from your bank account.

### 3. DON'T BE A VICTIM OF TELE-FRAUD

Anyone with a telephone can be a target for identity theft or for shady dealers trying to peddle worthless goods or services. Never give money or confidential information to anybody without:

- Checking carefully on them first
- Initiating the call yourself

### 4. CHOOSE CHARITIES CAREFULLY

Make sure you know exactly who will get your money and how it will be used. Fast-buck artists won't think twice about cashing in on your sympathy and generosity.

### 5. READ AND UNDERSTAND "EVERYTHING" BEFORE YOU SIGN

- Are all promises in writing?
- Is the guarantee specific?
- Are all blank spaces filled in?
- Are all charges itemized?
- Have you read the small print?
- Do you get a copy?

Be on the look out for legal "doubletalk". Know that "as is" means no warranty.

### TAKE ACTION IF YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN CHEATED

Places to Contact:

Internet Crime Complaint Center - [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)

Better Business Bureau - [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

Federal Trade Commission - [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

Your local, state or federal consumer protection agencies



# SOCIAL SERVICES

## Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:  
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221

# Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

## Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

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

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

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

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Workshop is Free!  
Space is limited!  
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Free Child Care  
for ages 3 - 13

RECEIVE A \$25 VISA GIFT CARD FOR ATTENDING  
(Limit One Per Household)

Trying to Stretch Your money?  
Finding More Month than Money?  
Need Help in an Economy of High Gas and Food Prices?

### Join us on either July 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> for our next **Financial Empowerment Workshop**

Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>  
Pokagon Band Headstart  
1:00 to 5:00 pm  
Join us for lunch at 12:00 pm

Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Pokagon Band Headstart  
6:00 to 9:00 pm  
Join us for dinner at 5:00 pm

**"Take Back Control of YOUR Finances"**

# INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES



**Bmosé Myewes 2008  
(Walk the Path)** circles Lake Huron for a virtual 1053-mile "walk". Participants complete and record activity that approximates a one thousand-mile walk.

The health challenge begins again!  
Bmosé Myéwés 2008

- Realize a goal:
- Defeat diabetes and its complications.
- Ramp up your exercise habit
- Feel more comfortable in your own body
- Get fit, feel stronger
- Lose weight
- Lower your blood pressure

- To get started:
- Call Susan Gundersen, RD, Public Health Nutritionist, (269) 782-4141, ext. 243 or toll-free at (888) 440-1234 for more information
- Receive your starting packet, an activity record book, T-shirt and towel at your first visit with Susan.

Then: Report your activity "miles" to get prizes throughout the walk.



## MSU INDIGENOUS LAW & POLICY CENTER

Associate Justice Matthew Fletcher of the Pokagon Band Court of Appeals is the Director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center at the Michigan State University School of Law. In addition, he is Associate Professor at the College of Law teaching Federal Indian law, Constitutional law, and other subjects.

Each year the Indigenous Law & Policy Center hosts a number of events that raise the visibility of Michigan Indians, increase awareness in others and provide opportunities for all to share and learn. The events hosted this past academic year included the Center's 4th Annual Conference "American Indian Law and Literature". Presenters came from throughout the country to share different perspectives on the intersection of Indian law and literature. In addition, the Center hosts a panel series throughout the year. "Voting Rights in Indian Country", "Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country", "Felix Cohen's Indian Law Legacy" and "Careers in Indian Law" were the presentations this year.

The 5th Annual Conference "Forty Years of the Indian Civil Rights Act - History, Tribal Law, and Modern Challenges" will take place October 10-11, 2008 at the College of Law. This will be a timely examination of the issues related to civil rights throughout Indian country.

Justice Fletcher is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, grew up in the Wayland area and is the Grandson of Mary Church, a Pokagon Tribal Elder, who has walked on. He is a very prolific writer having penned numerous articles regarding the law as it relates to us Indians.

Submitted By: Chief Judge Michael Petoskey



## Pokagon Band Head Start

Graduation 2007-2008 was a huge success! The children did a wonderful job on singing their Native songs and pronouncing introductions. All of the families seemed to really enjoy themselves! Thank you to all of the individuals that helped with this special event! We couldn't have done it without you!

We want to wish all of the children who will be entering Kindergarten the best of luck! It was fun to watch all of the children grow over the past two years. They are all great kids! We also look forward to working with the returning students, as well as any new students in the upcoming school year!

### Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year

We are accepting pre-applications for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year. Even if your child will be a returning student, we still need a pre-application for our new enrollment/ selection policy. Pre-applications will be accepted until July 11, 2008. We welcome families with children with disabilities. Any applications after that time will automatically go towards the waiting list. On July 11, 2008 the top 33 applicants will be selected for the open slots & will be given a deadline of August 2, 2008 to return all of the required paperwork. The annual Head Start Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2008. This will be an opportunity for the 33 applicants to get all of their medical requirements complete. If families choose not to attend the health fair, all medical requirements must be completed & received by August 2, 2008. After this date, any applicant that does not have all required paperwork & medical requirements complete, will automatically be placed on the waiting list. The next applicant on the waiting list will be selected based on priority for the available slot. Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year.

### Volunteers

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, and many other ways. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

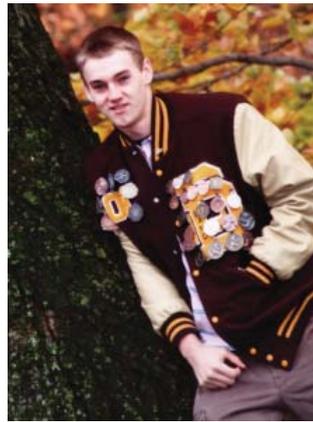
### Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for: Inexpensive tennis balls, one time use cameras, play dough and any children's clothing for ages 3-5 years. If you would like to donate any of these items or have any thing else in mind, please drop them by the Center.



### JUSTIN SMITH

Justin is 18 years old. He has recently graduated from Reeths Puffer High School in Muskegon MI. He is the son of Angela Manfredine and William Smith. Justin resides with his mother and step father Lawrence Manfredine, 2 brothers and 1 sister in New Buffalo, MI. Justin's mom Angela is employed at Four Winds Casino in the purchasing department. She purchases everything from hotel amenities, food & beverage items to soft ware and wardrobe items. Justin's very proud of his heritage and very excited about the casino. Justin's grandparents are John & Pat Carney. Justin has several hobbies. One of his interests include horticulture which he received a certificate from Muskegon Vocational School. He loves to landscape, draw landscape designs, plant flowers and do gardening. Justin also enjoys, snowboarding, skateboarding, basketball, fishing & hunting. He enjoys spending time with family and friends & listening to music. Justin's currently working as an apprentice in the masonry field and is very happy to be finished with high school.



### LUCAS MACKELLAR

Lucas is a Senior this year at Decatur High School. He enjoys wrestling, skateboarding, music and movies. During much of the 2007-2008 wrestling season, Lucas was ranked 8th Statewide in his Division and weight class on Michigan Grapppler.com. He plans to attend Muskegon Community College this fall.



### SAMANTHA JEAN DOUGHERTY

Graduated May 25th 2008 from Benzie Central high school. Samantha graduated with honors. She plans to attend Northwest Michigan College in Traverse City this fall, and transfer to Grand Valley University in the winter session. Samantha is the daughter of Kimberly Dougherty and granddaughter of Timothy and Donna Dougherty. We are all very proud of you, and love you very much.



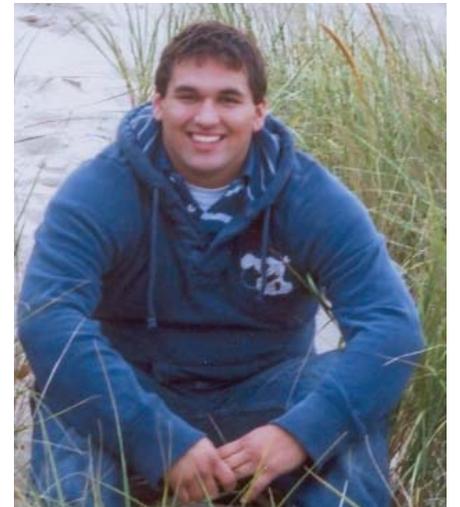
### KYLE JACOB MALOTT

We would like to congratulate Kyle Jacob Malott. He graduated with the class of 2008 at Brandywine High School. His future goal is to attend South Western Michigan College this fall. He will be studying Computer Aided Drafting and Design. We are very proud of you Kyle. Love Mom, Don, and Karli



### DEANNA RIDER

My name is Deanna Rider, I will be graduating with a 3.3 GPA in June from Land O Lakes High School in Land O Lakes FL. My parents are Gary and Janet Rider and I have two siblings Derek and Devan Rider. My grandparents are Bob and Mary Rider and Pat Culhane. I am on the Girls Varsity Tennis Team for 3 years and am a member of the National English Honor Society and also a member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatimi Indians. I volunteer 3 days a week at a local elementary school and love working with the kids. I will be attending Pasco/Hernando Community College in the fall to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.



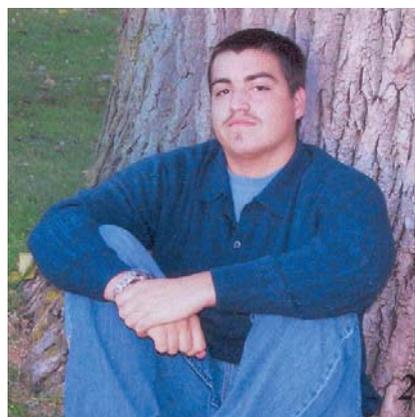
### RYAN SMALLEY

Ryan Smalley, 18, is a senior at Watervliet High School. Parents are Beth Edelberg, Jeff Sapp, Charles and Courtney Smalley. Grandparents are Bonnie Daisy and David Edelberg. Ryan was inducted into the National Honors Society in 2006. He serves his community by volunteering at the Habitat for Humanity, Soup Kitchen, and blood drives. He participates in football, wrestling, track, and drama. He attends Professional Health Careers Academy and will earn fourteen college credits. Ryan's favorite things to do are workout and ride his razor. Favorite food is mom's lasagna. Ryan is employed at Hanson Cold Storage in Hartford, MI and will caddy for his fourth year at Point O' Woods in Benton Harbor. Ryan's outstanding academic achievements and dedication throughout school has awarded him the Michigan Promise and Evans Caddy Scholarship. With the Evans Scholarship he will receive a full paid tuition for four years to Michigan State. His ultimate goal in life is to be a pharmacist. He plans to graduate from Michigan State with a bachelors degree in pre-pharmacy and then transfer to graduate school, either Ferris State or Purdue University. Ryan is a big Spartans fan and can't wait to college in the fall.

# Graduation 2008



## Education Updates and Events



### **CLYDE BRAZIE JR.**

Senior at Hartfor High School  
 18 Years Old  
 Parents: Clyde and Sarah Brazie of Hartford  
 Grandparents: Waneta Skipper and Bertha Brazie

My future plans are:

I hope to intern at the Four Winds Casino this summer to acquire work experience in the field of computers.

In the fall of 2008 I plan on starting my bachelors degree in computer networking/security. I will be attending Davenport University in Kalamazoo. I currently have taken courses at the Van Buren Technology Center in this area and have earned college credit for such courses. I have participated in the Business Professionals of America Competition through the technology center and placed 3rd in Cisco Systems at the regional level and went on to the state competition and placed 7th in Cisco.

I look forward to using my knowledge to help better our Tribal Community in the future in the computer networking/security field.

I'd like to thank the Education Department for all the help that they have given me over the years. You are wonderful and caring people. Keep up the great job helping tribal members.

**Congratulations to the  
 Graduating Class  
 of 2008!**

Casey Kasper started working for the Department of Education as a Temporary Education Associate this past May. In April, she graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Gender, Race, and Ethnicity. She is currently looking to pursue various meaningful endeavors while studying for her LSAT and preparing for law school. She hopes to practice Tribal and Public Interest law and someday receive a PhD in Women's/Feminist Studies.

### **SEASONAL CEREMONIES**

All starting @ 6:00 PM being held @ Rodger's Lake, Tribal Grounds

Summer Ceremonies  
June 21, 2008

Fall Ceremonies  
September 20, 2008

Winter Ceremonies  
December 20, 2008

For more information, please call Education:  
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 with no cards that can ask for a card, the winner is the player with the most pairs.

Ngot- One	Nish- Two
Nswé- Three	Nyéw- Four
Nyannnen- Five	Ngotwatso- Six
Noég- Seven	Shwatso- Eight
Zhak- Nine	Mdatso- Ten
Jack- Bwakat	Queen- Wgema kwé
King- Wgema	

### **TRADITIONAL HEALER JAKE PINE**

From Ketegannseebee First Nation of Ojibways Ontario, Canada. Jake Pine will be in our community on these following dates to provide his gift of healing to our people. To make an appointment contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon

Department of Education @  
1-888-330-1234.

Appointments are scheduled in half hour increments and times are as follows:

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

**JULY 30-31 & AUGUST 1st**

### **WHITE DEER HEALING LODGE**

There will be a sweat @ the healing lodge behind the teaching Cabin at Rodgers Lake on Thursday June 25th starting at 5:30 p.m.

All that attends will need to bring their own towel, long shorts, a long t-shirt and a towel or mat to sit on inside the lodge.

Those women who are on their cycle will not be able to go into the sweat lodge. If you have any questions please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234

Gun lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm at the community center in Gun lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9pm at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Dowagiac Education on July 10th and 24th.

South Bend office classes are on July 17th and 31st from 7-9pm. Catch a ride at Education. Van leaves at 5:30pm, please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

NO Class July 3rd due to the Holiday. Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00am.



## 2008 Michigan Native Vote Kick-Off

In 2004 Native Vote was spearheaded by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This was a groundbreaking non-partisan campaign to register and turn out a record number of American Indian and Alaskan Native voters. The culmination of the Native Vote efforts in 2004 and 2006 was a resounding success for tribal governments nationwide. It empowered Native voters and raised the profile of Native issues in the eyes of politicians. It was a historic moment for all of Indian Country. Native voters proved that we can make our voices heard with the power of the vote.

For the 2008 General Election the (NCAI) Native Vote Michigan State Lead, Su Lantz and our team of Tribal Coordinators kicked off the Michigan 2008 Native Vote Initiative with a conference call that took place on April 17, 2008. We have a very supportive team comprised of a Tribal Coordinator from each of the twelve (12) federally recognized Indian tribes in Michigan as well as a State Lead to coordinate their efforts and ideas. The infrastructure of the Native Vote Michigan Tribal Coordinators Team will prove to only breed success.

The Team will focus on Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) efforts and provide a plan for a Native Vote Election Protection Project (NV-EPP). We will target every level of potential voters including the youth and first time voters, sporadic voters, Elders and those needing transportation, education, and assistance. We will pay particular attention to voters with special needs, such as in holding mock elections for training, or assistance with absentee voting for shut-ins. Our public education efforts will include hosting feasts, and other public gatherings associated with GOTV and NV-EPP.

If you are not a registered voter in Michigan and will be eligible to vote on November 4, 2008 you need to register by October 6, 2008. Watch for more information in the next issue on how and where to register. Our Team is here to help. We will have voter registration forms available and someone to assist you. You can also access information on voting by visiting [www.nativevote.org](http://www.nativevote.org) and clicking on your state.

Let's Get-Out-The-Vote and let our Native American voices be heard!

# MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Kathryn Miller for making 1st place in the Watervliet tournament as pitcher.  
Love, Mom, Dad, and Granny Miller

Happy 50th Birthday, Kiko (Lois Wesaw)!  
Love your buddy, Aaron and little girl, Chloe.

Happy belated Birthday June 2nd to Steffen Morseau  
Love, Aunt Martha, Uncle Josh and Sydney

Happy belated Birthday's to Mom (Margaret O'Keefe) and Brett Parker - Big 18!  
Love Lisa and Mom

Happy Belated birthday, Mommy (May 14th) and Daddy (May 12th)!  
Love Kathryn the coolest and Isabella the Brave.

Isabella Miller, congrats on your 4th place win at the Watervliet tournament.  
We are very proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad, and Grandma Miller

Happy Birthday, Dylan Johnson July 6th!  
Love Mom

Loving thoughts go out to Price Parker on July 23rd.  
Love Lisa



Happy 17th Birthday, Jenna Huffman-Winchester (belated June 10th)  
Love you, Mom and Sly



Congratulations to Jenny and Randy you have some beautiful twins. Makenna Taylor, and Hayden Reilly Brown. Born May 19th.

Congratulations to Rob and Marie on the birth of their son Kai Motay Willis born May 17th.

Grandma and Papa are very happy and proud of their new Grandchildren.

Drew and Patty Willis



Congratulations to Taylor Morseau for graduation from John Adams High School this year.  
Love, Aunt Martha, Uncle Josh, and Sydney

Happy Birthday Jenna, you're the best!  
Little Joe, Robbie and Sarah

# MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kristina Sutton returned back in the states on May 14th from a 15 month tour in Iraq with the 3ID from Ft. Benning Ga. Her two children and parents were at the Welcome Home ceremony at the airport. Kristina we are very proud of all you have done for our country. We are so glad to get you back home safely.

Love, You whole family  
Mom, Dad, Rob, Marie, Kai, Jenny, Randy, Tony, Magen, Makayla, Makena, Hayden, and Most of all Hailey and Trent your children.

July Birthdays from Arkansas.  
July 1st-George McMurtrie Jr 28  
July 6th-David Maleski Jr 36  
July 15th-George McMurtrie III 5  
July 24th Tammy Sorters 31  
Happy Birthday to our July Babies !!!  
Love Ever-Ever Mom,Pops, McWhorter



KAI MOTAY WILLIS  
May 17, 2008  
9 Pounds 3oz

For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.  
- Psalm 139:13-14

Happy Birthday to my Brother  
Kenneth Rader 68 years(OLD)  
July 14th  
Love You,Sissy,George McWhorter

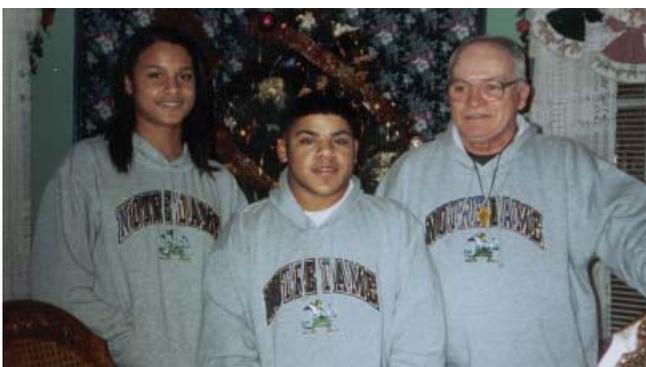
Happy Birthday, Dad. As a gift, I'll give you something I think you can use for your Birthday.....fishing lessons!

Love, Roger, Bereniz, Ydalee, Addy Bug, Tricia, and the rest of the family.

Happy 50th Birthday Dad (Tim Ketchum)  
Love Jessica, Ethan, Emily.

Mikayla, We are so proud of you for achieving straight A's all year, staying on the Principal's list all four quarters and being the great kid that you naturally are. You have worked so hard and accomplished so much. Now it's time for some FUN in the sun. Keep up the great work. We love you.

Love Mom, Dad, Christian, Denise, Gabriella & Ethan



Happy Birthday Grampie (Jim Lepel-75)!!!  
We love you so much!  
From Robin, Lee, Raquel and William

Happy Birthday, Ken Kirvan on July 2nd.  
Love, Essye and the Kids.



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

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

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

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

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

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

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

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

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

Please call for an appointment today!



**HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

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