

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

July 2009

Potawatomi at the Potawatomi Zoo

Article Written by Laurel Bieschke, Education Associate

On Saturday, May 16th, the Pokagon Band Department of Education sponsored a “Learn Potawatomi at the Potawatomi Zoo” outing. Despite the early morning rain, nearly one hundred community members gathered at the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend, IN for an afternoon of language activities focused on zoo animals and local critters. Children were taught animal words through cross word puzzles, word searches, matching games, and a spinning prize wheel in addition to several rounds of Shishib’ e—everyone’s favorite method of learning! Each child went home with a free book of their choice as well as a folder packed with creative language games. As the sun emerged and the animals awakened, families shared in a picnic lunch before exploring the zoo grounds for the remainder of the day. If you are interested in free copies of Potawatomi Language games, please stop by the Department of Education 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.



Reminder

Pokagon Band General Elections

July 11th

Polls open at 9am and will close at 6pm

Absentee Ballots can be post marked no later than 4:30PM, July 10th

For questions and information, contact the
Pokagon Band Election Office (269) 782-9475

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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Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published.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 Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.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

South Bend Area Office Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

Human Resources and Compliance have moved
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have moved to the
Administrative Health Building located at
57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI.
This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year.
Contact info is updated on the Department Information.

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

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

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

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

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.



ELDER OF THE MONTH
Oddil Amen Shaer
Dowagiac, Michigan

Oddil Amen Shaer, born January 8, 1938 in Dowagiac, Michigan. His Mother Clara Winchester Shaer was Native American and his Dad, Joseph Amen Shaer was born in Lebanon, so he grew up enjoying two different cultures with lots of delicious foods, liking the Lebanese food as well as the Native American food.

He has one brother Ollie Shaer, and three sisters, Mary Vogt, Josephine Spichtig, and Jeanne Miller, brother Francis deceased. Oddil served in the Army from 1961 to 1963 in the Military Police and was stationed in Utah for a short time which was beautiful country in the mountains.

Oddil has 4 daughters, Gianna Nate, Maria Shaer, Liana Heath and Toni Shaer (deceased). He has 3 grandchildren and enjoys them very much, all girls Ava, Anysia and Danica. He also has two step-daughters, Julie Keating of Fort Myers, Florida and Jenny Behnke of Dowagiac. Granddaughters, Grace and Sophia and Grandson Sam.

Oddil is married to Sandy and they enjoy going to auctions, and traveling up North and spending as much time together as they can.

Hobbies are Gardening, collecting fishing lures which he has been doing for about 6 years and being on the computer.

Oddil retired in September 2003 from SPX/Contech in Mishawaka. He has been working with Pokagon Tribal Maintenance part time since spring 2004.

July 2009 Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Note: 2% milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.		1 Pork Loin on Grill Red Skin Potato Salad Collard Greens Jell-O W/ Fruit/ Roll	2 <u>Business</u> Cornish Hens W/ Wild Rice Tomato Salad Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Carrots Strawberries/ Rolls	3 Closed Fourth of July
6 Buffalo Burgers on Grill Assorted Relish Tray Black Bean Salad Fruit Salad	7 Ham W/ Pineapple Sweet Potatoes Brussels Sprouts/ Roll Cottage Cheese / Sliced Tomatoes	8 B.B.Q. Chicken Breast on Grill Baked Potato Asparagus Blueberry Cobbler/ Roll	9 Spaghetti W/ Meat Sauce Garden Salad/ Garlic Bread Zucchini and Summer Squash Spumoni Ice Cream	10 Salmon Patties Macaroni and Cheese Tomato Salad/ Green Beans Yogurt W/ Fruit/ Roll
13 Pork Chops on Grill Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Broccoli and Carrots Melon Salad/ Roll	14 Buffalo Meatloaf Noodles W/ Gravy Garden Salad/ Beets Strawberry Cheesecake Cup/ Roll	15 Egg and Ham Strata Potato Cakes Fruit Salad/ V-8 Juice Mini Bagel W/ Cream Cheese	16 <u>Social</u> B.B.Q. Chicken Potato Salad/ Coleslaw Carrots Sherbet/ Roll	17 Taco Bake or Fish Sticks Garden Salad Fruit Salad Garlic Bread
20 Boiled Dinner (Sausage, Beans, Potatoes, Cabbage, and Corn). Cottage Cheese/ Sliced Tomato Apple Crisp/ Corn Bread	21 Buffalo Sloppy Joes Potato Cakes Assorted Veggie Tray Jell-O W/ Fruit	22 <u>Deli Day</u> Ham, Turkey, or Roast Beef Pita or Sandwich Assorted Veggie Tray Macaroni Salad/ Strawberry Pie	23 Pork Roast W/ Red Potatoes and Carrots Coleslaw Applesauce/ Roll	24 <u>Seafood Day</u> Shrimp, Crab Cakes & Scallops Alfredo Noodles Garden Salad Melon/ Roll
27 Hamburgers and Hotdogs on Grill Oven Baked French Fries Assorted Relish Tray Baked Beans Cottage Cheese and Pineapple	28 Turkey Pot Pie Garden Salad Waldorf Salad Roll	29 Chicken Manhattan Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Garden Salad/ Broccoli Fruit Salad	30 Spanish Rice W/ Sausage Brussels Sprouts Cucumber Salad Yogurt W/ Fruit Roll	31 Sliced Ham or Crab Salad Garden Salad Peas W/ Carrots Watermelon Roll



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defeat diabetes

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(Walk the Path)
2009

Walk the Path Lake Erie Enrolling Participants NOW

Participants are on their walk and it's not too late to join them. The Family Fun Walk with 13 participants who were not afraid to get wet on Saturday, May 16, began the pretend "virtual" quest of 733 miles, round trip. There is plenty of time for any one to begin this opportunity to increase your daily exercise and begin the fight to prevent diabetes or if you are diabetic, to lower the complications of diabetes. You choose how quickly you would like to complete this "paper record" of your journey to Niagara Falls and back to Wapole Island. If you walk an average of 5 ¼ miles a day you would be finished in just 20 weeks, 3 ½ miles a day you would complete the journey in 30 weeks. The pace is yours and so are the health benefits. Call Susan, at 1-888-440-1234, to get a map, learn about the incentives as you pass through each distance marker, and receive your T-shirt and pedometer to get you started. Make your phone call today and join in the fun.



Women's Health Fair

"It was a great success," "I had a great time" "It was fun," was the echo from all those who attended Women's Health Fair, 2009, on Saturday, June 6th, at both IHS office buildings. Over 50 women buzzed with the excitement of visiting with each other and renewing acquaintances from past years health fairs. The lines moved swiftly to get nails manicured, hands waxed, hair cut, see the shoes offered for the Native foot by Nike, get eye glasses adjusted, or get a massage while at the Clinic 2 building. Across the street in the Clinic 1 building, new sessions were offered to our participants that included hearing screenings by Pam Riley of Darr Associates, and a presentation about fibromyalgia by Malanee Swihart, physical therapist at Borgess/Lee Memorial Hospital. In addition, all of the regular offerings of lab tests, blood pressure tests, annual physicals, body composition analysis, and the healing touch of Marie, a native healer were available. One woman indicated that "This is a wonderful opportunity to have free health screenings if you don't normally see a doctor during the year." As a fun break, during our delicious lunch, diabetes bingo was played. Wonderful complementary gift bags that emphasized foot care and T-shirts were provided for all those who attended and submitted a program evaluation. All of us at Health Services want to thank all of the women who attended and showed their support with their participation in IHS programming. Planning has already begun for next years Women's Health Fair and we hope that you will plan to attend. If you have suggestions for future health fair activities, please contact Health Services at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141.



LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Spiritual Healer

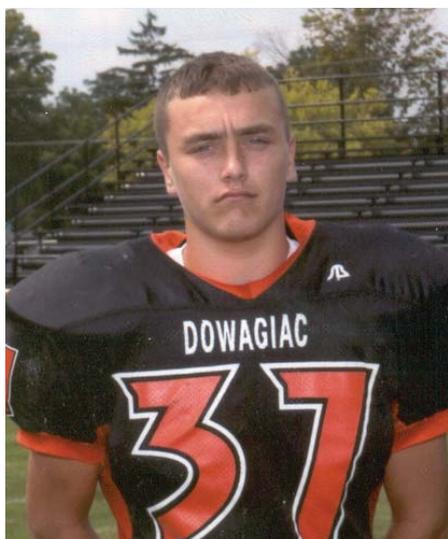
Jake Pine will be here July 29th, 30th, & 31st for healing. Appointments are done in half hour increments. If you would like to make an appointment, call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, at the Department of Education. 1-888-330-1234.

Healing Lodge

There will be a healing lodge conducted by Jake Pine August 1st starting at 8:00 a.m. If you are attending, you'll need to bring a towel, long shorts, and a non-fitted t-shirt. Women on their cycle will not be able to come into the lodge. If you have any questions, call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, at the Department of Education. 1-888-330-1234. Miigwetch

Full Moon Ceremony

There will be a Full Moon Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, July 7th, 2009



Anthony Nelson Student of the Month

Anthony Nelson attends 10th grade at Dowagiac Union High School in Dowagiac, MI. He is the son of Greg and Lynn Nelson, and grandson of the late Bev Nelson. In his free time, Anthony likes to play football, basketball and lift weights. His dream is to play football for Notre Dame, where he would like to obtain a degree in Business Management. Gregory also enjoys attending Pow-wows, hunting, fishing and swimming on the tribal land. He is proud of his elders who have fought to save Pokagon land and keep the Potawatomi culture alive. One day he hopes to pass these stories on to his children and grandchildren.

“Mzenegenek” Reading Program

Article Written by Becky Accoe, Education Associate

Pokagon Band Department of Education “Mzenegenek” Reading Program has reached an end. K-12 students were asked to read as many books as possible, especially books from the Pokagon Band Library, from March 23 to June 3, 2009. As a group, the students read a total of 280 books. This means approximately four books were being read per day. Nice job!

Lucie Carpenter, a first grade student at Sister Lakes Elementary, read the most books during the K-5 Enrichment Lab “Mzenegenek” Reading Program.

Megan Shepard, a sixth grade student at Dowagiac Middle School, read the most books for 6th - 12th graders.

All readers were acknowledged for participating and the students who read the most books won an educational game.



Lucie Carpenter, Mzenegenek Program Reading Champ for the K-5 Dowagiac Enrichment Lab, is surrounded by friends and fellow readers: Shelby Wilkinson, Carolina Delgado, Lucie, Emily Potter, and Gracie Wilkinson. She read 73 books during the three month program.

Higher Education Programs Updates

New Scholarship Format starting for the Fall 2009 Semester Starting with the Fall semester, the Pokagon Band Higher Education Scholarship will have the following payment process:

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

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

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

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

New Higher Education Assistance Now Available The following financial assistance is now available for Pokagon Tribal members:

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

Attention Recent College Graduates:

The Department of Education would like to honor your accomplishment. Pokagon members who have received a Bachelors Degree Graduate Degree, or a Post Graduate Degree from October 2008-August 1, 2009 will be honored at the Kee Boon Mein Pow Wow on Sunday, September 6th with a gifting of Pendleton blankets. Graduates who cannot attend but would like to be honored can have a family member or friend receive the blanket for them in their place. To qualify for the blanket, you must fill out the required form and submit proof of your graduation date by July 20th.

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

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

Pokagon Alumni Networking Breakfast

Sunday, September 6th (Pow Wow Weekend)

Zeke's Restaurant, Downtown Dowagiac 9 am

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



Checklist for the Department of Education Summer Activities

T-Shirt Design Contest – All K – 12 Students,
including recent High School Grads
Deadline – July 1

• Graduate Awards Banquet – Honoring High School Graduates
and GED Recipients
• Friday, July 10 from 6:45 – 9:30 pm at SMC
• Deadline for Senior Award Forms – July 1
• Deadline for Banquet Reservations for
Graduates, Families and Community – July 1

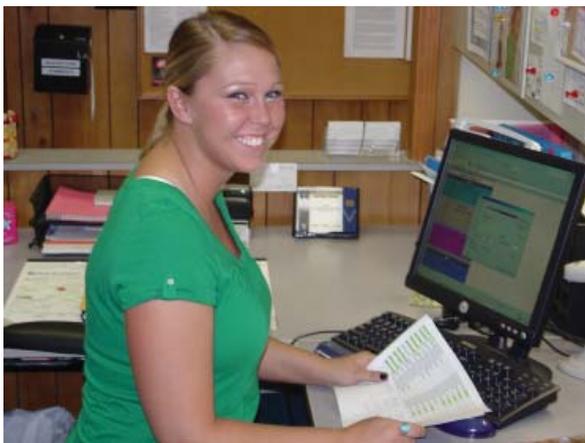
Skono Gizhguk! (Go to School Day)
Sunday, August 2, 11:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tribal Council Pavilion
Potluck, Workshops, and Awards Ceremony
Program Registration with School Supplies
(We will also be registering K-12 students
and issuing school supplies at
Keen-boon-Mein-kaa PowWow , Labor Day Weekend
Deadline for Student Awards Forms – July 17

Science Camp
July 18 and 19
Rodgers Lake Property
Deadline for Registration – July 3

Please call the Department of Education, 888-330-1234 or 269-782-0887 for further information.

Enjoy your summer!

New Faces in the Education Department



Jessica Cornelius
Administrative Assistant

My name is Jessica Cornelius and I am the Administrative Assistant for the Pokagon Band Department of Education. I graduated in 2004 from Niles High School. After high school, I attended Western Michigan University to major in Organizational Communications and minor in English. In December 2008, I graduated from WMU with a Bachelor's of Arts. I have a strong passion for Native American People as I myself am Oneida. I am very excited to work with the Pokagon Band and especially love working with the Department of Education. I look forward to my future employment with the Pokagon Band and hope to benefit the tribe in every way possible.



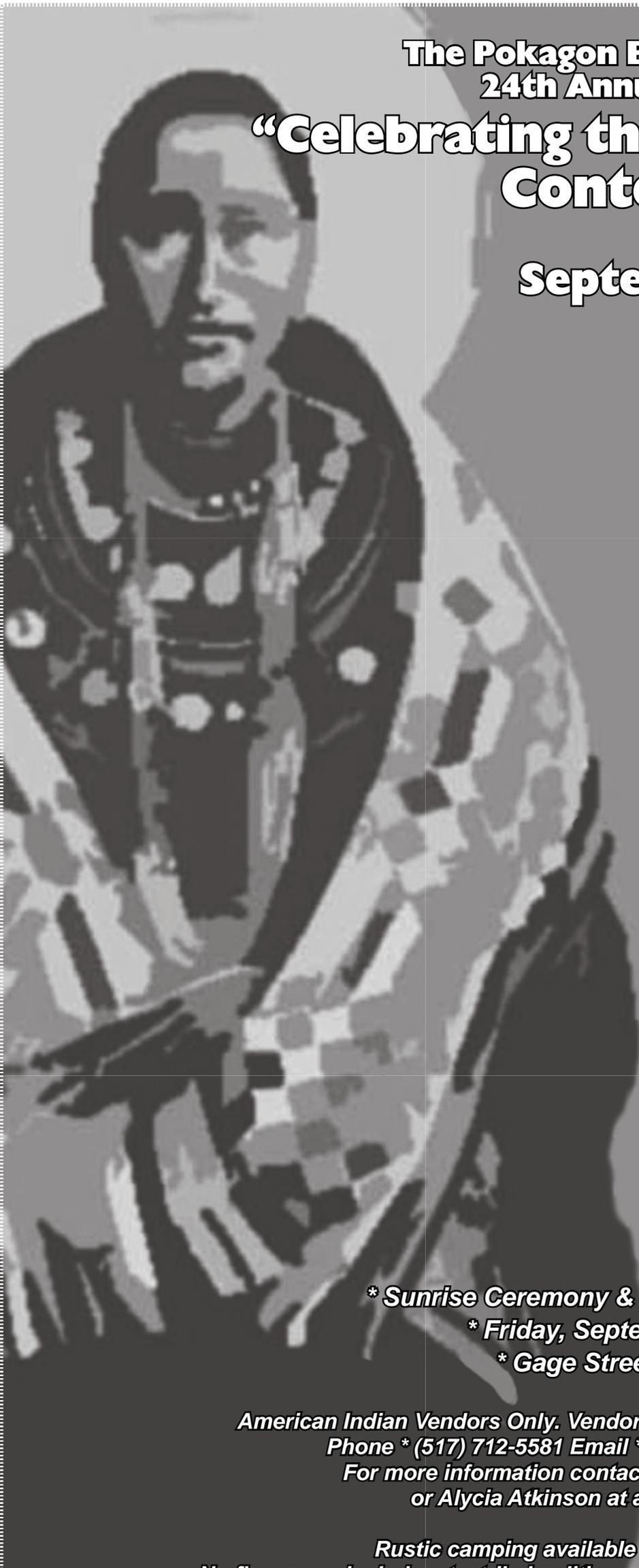
Joseph Avance
Higher Education Specialist

Hello, my name is Joseph Avance and I work in the Pokagon Band Department of Education as the Higher Education Specialist. I graduated from the Niles Community School system and received my Bachelors degree in Business Management from Adrian College, located in Adrian, Michigan. I have been married for 21 years and am the proud parent of two wonderful children. I have worked for years in higher education and I value the opportunity of working for the Pokagon Band. I hope that the experience and commitment that I have to education will bring great success to members of the Pokagon Band family.



Kateri O'Toole
Education Associate

Hi my name is Kateri O'Toole. I am from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. I grew up in Mayetta Kansas on the PBPB Reservation. I Graduated from Royal Valley High School in Hoyt, Kansas. After high school I moved to Lansing, Michigan where I attended Lansing Community College and received a General Associates Degree. I then transferred to Central Michigan University where I am currently finishing a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Administrations. I recently just moved to the area with my fiancé Brian Dayson. I am very excited to be working with the Pokagon Band in the Department of Education. I hope it will be a long and prosperous relationship.



**The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein Kaa**

**“Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest”
Contest Pow-wow**

September 5-6, 2009

Rodgers Lake
58620 Sink Rd
Dowagiac, MI

Grand Entry

Saturday

1PM & 7PM

Sunday

Noon

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

Host Drum: Midnight Express, MN

Invited Drums:

- War Club, WI
- Ribbon Town, IN
- Southern Straight, MI
- Spirit Lake, MI

Master of Ceremonies: Leonard Malatare, IL

Head Veteran: George Martin, MI

Head Male Dancer: Greg Morsaw, MI

Head Female Dancer: Esther St. John, MN

Head Jr. Male Dancer: Stanley Morseau III, MI

Head Jr. Female Dancer: Skyler Ballew, MI

Head Male Dance Judge: Dave Shananaquet, MI

Head Female Dance Judge: Punkin Shananaquet, MI

Arena Director: Steve Oldman Sr, MI

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

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

*** Gage Street Property ***

American Indian Vendors Only. Vendor information contact Teresa Magnuson

Phone * (517) 712-5581 Email * teresa@redpaintprinting.com

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

or Alycia Atkinson at anishmama2@aol.com

Rustic camping available for pow-wow participants

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

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mikayla Pratt, daughter of Wayne & Lisa Pratt, Granddaughter of Sharon (Wesaw) & Forrest Pratt, Great Granddaughter of T. Nelson & Marion (Medawis) Wesaw, was presented with several school awards on June 4th 2009. She received; Spelling Bee finalist, Perfect High Honor Roll (all four marking periods), and was nominated by her class mates and teachers for "The Bud Fryling Good Citizenship Award" for good attendance, great attitude, Service & Volunteerism, and good manners. Mikayla is a 5th grader at Nickel Intermediate school is Byron Center, Michigan.

Congrats, Mikayla!

Happy Anniversary Nonnie and Poppy. Thanks for being such wonderful and fun Grandparents.

I love you, Deyton

Happy Birthday to our Arkansas Babies
 July 1st-George McMurtrie Jr.
 July 6th-David Maleski Jr.
 July 15th-Trey McMurtrie III
 July 24th-Tammy Sorters
 We Love You All,
 Granny & PaPa McWhorter

Happy Birthday!!!
 Skye Wallin-7/7

Love, Kathy

Happy 23rd Birthday Raquel
 Congratulations on your graduation
 Good luck with your job at
 Four Winds Casino Resort

Love
 Grandpa

Happy Birthday!!!
 James Ivy-7/2
 Dylan Johnson-7/6
 Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
 Skye Wallin-7/7

Love, Kathy

Happy Birthday to my Bra-Bra
 Kenneth Rader
 It is just Me & You,so
 Stay well,Love You Always,
 Sarah & George McWhorter

Happy twenty ninth anniversary to our children Derek and Francie. Many more wonderful years together.

We love you, Dad and Mom.
 July 5, 1980

Happy Birthday!!!
 Skye Wallin-7/7
 Love, Kathy



YOU DID IT!
 Jessica Blake
 2009

Lakeshore High School Graduate

Congratulations,
 Rob, Dawn, Cheyenne
 Alexis and Cody Harmon

Happy 14th anniversary to our children Ryan and Lisa. Many more happy years together. July 1, 1995

Love Mom and Dad



Congratulations to Hailey Elizabeth Lewis for making the honor roll. I'm really proud of my baby.

Love Uncle Bill



Happy 21st Birthday to Jeremy Joy on Jul. 10



Happy Belated 18th Birthday
 Steffen Morseau

Love,
 Aunt Martha, Uncle Josh, and Sydney

Happy Birthday!!!
 James Ivy-7/2
 Dylan Johnson-7/6

Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike



Joseph Scott Winchester, Jr. graduated in May from the University of Texas at Austin with a Master of Fine Arts with a concentration in time based art. His work includes film projects, video and sound pieces and photographic works. The 3 year program at the University of Texas is one of the top MFA programs in the country. Fellowships and honors include: the David Bruton, Jr. Endowed Graduate Fellowship, two years running; and the Helen Milam Hughes Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Art.

Joe is the son of Scott Winchester and Diana Winchester of Sister Lakes, and Carol Winchester of Sarasota, Florida. After spending the summer in Rome, Italy, working on personal projects, he will be moving to New York City to continue his work as a director and filmmaker.

We wish to thank the Pokagon Band for the scholarship assistance throughout his Bachelor and Masters studies.

Chi Megwitch - The family of Joseph Winchester.



Happy 41st Birthday on Jul 21, Dean and Dale Lewis, the babies ones of the Lewis clan.

Love you big bro, Billy



Happy 21st Birthday to Shane Roy Rummage Jul. 26th



Happy Birthday
 Cody Harmon
 Our Little Man is turning 3!

With All Our Love,
 Mom, Dad
 Cheyenne and Alexis



Happy Belated 12th Birthday to
 Joshua Lewis

Love your Uncle Bill



Happy Father's Day Uncle HANK

Love,
 Malik, Ahmad, Jayeir and Isaiah

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to the following:

Anela Wilson - July 3
 Ranella Parker - July 4
 Preston Carpenter - Jul. 5
 Drew Willis - July 7
 Daniel Wilson - July 8
 Richard Burgh Jr. - July 19
 Ralph Kenney - July 11
 Guy Brasmer - July 15
 Patricia Kenney - July 15
 Chester Swisher - July 17
 Mark Wilson Jr. - July 17
 Justin Brazie - July 23
 Adam James Guise - July 23
 Sarah Dutty - July 24
 Mindy Wilson - July 26
 Kelly Wilson - July 28
 David Councilman - July 29
 Emily Roach - July 20

Happy Anniversary Edward and Mariella July 21

From Dorothy Burgh



Happy Father's Day Henry Jefferson Grubb II

From your loving family



Happy Father's Day Henry J. Grubb

From Your Wife and Children



Happy Birthday and Happy Father's Day, Steven Birks

Love,
 Konnie Malik, Ahmad, Jayeir and Isaiah



Jeanna T. Winchester, Ph.D. completed her Doctorate in Philosophy at Florida Atlantic University at Boca Raton, Florida in April; specializing in Complex Systems and Brain Sciences. Dr. Winchester's pioneering work in neurodegenerative diseases has focused in advancing our knowledge of the debilitating effects of Diabetes Mellitus and Alzheimer's Disease. Working with functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging techniques, she has contributed new insights into the cognitive decline known to affect the aging population and patients suffering from Alzheimer's.

Having completed her work in Florida, Dr. Winchester has relocated to Irvine, California; expanding on her predoctoral work with world renowned scientist, Dr. Carl Cotman, Ph.D.; at the Brain Aging and Dementia Institute at the University of California, Irvine.

She will be running genetic tests and using Positron Emission Tomography to study how exercise and dietary changes may help halt the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

Jeanna is the daughter of Scott and Diana Winchester of Sister Lakes and of Carol Winchester of Sarasota, Florida.

The Winchester family thanks the Pokagon Band for their scholarship assistance throughout Jeanna's Bachelor, Masters, and Doctoral studies.

Chi Megwitch.

Happy Birthday!!!
 James Ivy-7/2
 Dylan Johnson-7/6

Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike



Happy 39th Anniversary Henry and Monica Grubb

From you Children and Grandchildren



Happy Father's Day Big Daddy

Love,
 Malik, Ahmad, Jayeir and Isaiah

Where Are You?
 by Liz Glowacki

Recently I attended a committee meeting. Having never been to a tribal meeting of any sort I was curious as to what to expect. Of course I came with preconceived notions like a room full of concerned people ready to give ideas to benefit our cause. Instead I walked into a room of only three people, only one of which would count towards having a 'quorum'. (For those of you who are not familiar with the word, it means the minimum number of members required to be present in order for anything to be voted upon or even discussed.) In our case we had to achieve the magic number of five. I arrived with one, and one showed up shortly after we did, so that made three. The final two we needed did show up, however much later.

Although there were several thoughts and concerns in my mind, one of my top concerns was where was everyone? Aren't we the tribe with around 4,000 members? Aren't we the tribe that now has access to funds to help stabilize and strengthen ourselves? Where are the committee members who promised to come to these meetings to decide what will happen and speak on behalf of everyone in the tribe? What happens when committee members don't show up? Who makes the decisions when the committee cannot? These are all questions that I have, and think you should have too! This is our tribe and there are decisions being made that affect us and we have the right and privilege to voice our opinions and what is important to us, instead of getting upset when something gets decided that makes us unhappy. This meeting was an eye opener for me and my hope is that this article will serve as an eye opener for you.

The purpose of this article and possible future articles is to shed a little light on what I witnessed as a plea to our members who have never given thought to getting involved to get involved. There is power in numbers, and numbers is what we are lacking. By the end of the meeting I found myself wishing I could attend all committee meetings, and perhaps even become a member to facilitate change. Now, my wish is to inspire many more members to feel the same. Ask not what your tribe can do for you, but what you can do for your tribe.



Mr. Mark Parish....

Thank-you so much for the opportunity to work with you once again on the North Liberty Property, planting prairie grass this past spring. As always your vision, dedication to the Pokagon Band and Stewardship of their properties is surpassed by no other.

It was truly an Honor & Privilege to be involved in the creation of something that will be forever enjoyed by our families & all Pokagon Families for generations to come. We look forward to all the possibilities the future has to offer.

Mike & Andy Jackson, Environmental Services.



Pictured from left to right: John Wernet, Matthew Wesaw, Steve Winchester, Governor Jennifer Granholm, Butch Starrett

POKAGONS MEET WITH GOVERNOR GRANHOLM

Vice-Chairman Matt Wesaw, Council members Steve Winchester and Butch Starrett attended the annual Tribal/Governor Accord meeting on June 11th host by the Sault Saint Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians on their reservation. The Accord fulfills a commitment called for in a tribal state accord signed between Governor Engler and the Tribes in his last year as Governor. The accord called for annual meetings between the Governor and the Tribal Leaders of Michigan's 12 federally recognized Indian tribes. Governor Granholm had pledged to honor the accord in her first year in office.

The Governor and Tribal Leaders signed a Climate Accord this year. As part of the accord, a Tribal-State Climate Change Forum comprised of representatives of the Governor and the Indian tribes will meet at least twice each year to share information, develop analyses, and propose action plans to address global warming. Those action plans may include pollution control, alternative clean-energy technologies, and conservation. Tribal council will now consider who will represent the tribe's interest in these meetings.

In addition, Tribal Leaders were able to meet privately with the Governor to discuss issues of specific interest. Steve, Butch, and I, all offered comments to the Governor for her consideration.

Vice-Chairman Wesaw was invited by the White House to attend a press event in Kalamazoo on Friday June 12th in which the Vice-President of the United States was going to announce that the U.S. Treasury is offering \$2 billion in recovery zone bonds. During the Road to Recovery event at Loy Norrix High School, V.P. Biden announced a \$44 million road widening of I-94 project that will be financed by stimulus money. The project will include the re-engineering of the exit to Westenedge Avenue from I-94. The event was attended by Governor Granholm, Senators Stabenow and Levin and other local officials. This is the second invitation, that I'm aware of, where Native American Leadership has been included by this administration. That is a distinct improvement from the past eight years.

In closing, I would like to offer my congratulation so my sister, Lois Wesaw. Lois was just appointed to the Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital board of Trustees to a three year term ending in 2012. In her letter of appointment the Chairman of the Board, Charles Burling, D.D.S. indicated that Lois was appointed partly based on her combined knowledge, expertise, and talents which will be used to assist Borgess-Lee Memorial in serving the community. Nice work Lois, the Pokagon Band can be proud one of their own has received such a significant appointment.

- Matt Wesaw, Vice-Chairman



GENERAL INFORMATION

Indiana Native American Heritage Day

A festival celebrating modern and thriving Native American cultures in Indiana

- Saturday
- August 29, 2009
- 10am to 7pm
- Garfield Park, Indianapolis, IN

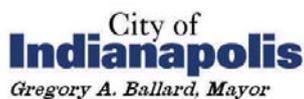
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A celebration of fellowship and learning that brings the nine bands of Potawatomi people together as one. The Gathering is in its 16th year. Please join us at Prairie People's Park located on M Road between 150th and 158th on the Reservation (approximately 20 miles north of Topeka).

“ALL POTAWATOMI GATHERING 2009”

The “All Potawatomi Gathering” will be held in Mayetta, Kansas on August 6th-8th, 2009.

Bus transportation will be available on August 4th, departing from the Dowagiac Train Depot and returning on August 9th. A Community Dinner is taking place at the Pow Wow Grounds in Mayetta on August 5th so this has been figured in with travel time.

If you are interested in reserving a seat on the bus, please contact Kelly Curran/Beth Warner at the Council Lodge at (269) 782-6323 or

1-888-376-9988. A \$25.00 Cash Only deposit to hold your seat is needed no later than July 27th at 4:00p.m. This money will be returned to each individual once they arrive at the bus on August 4th. Please note Elder's will have preference on holding a seat on the bus. If we find that the bus is filling up we will look into providing a second bus. Once your deposit has been paid it is non-refundable if you decide not to attend or are a no show the day of departure.

A list of hotels are attached. If you are not an Elder that has already signed up with the Elders for a hotel room it is your responsibility to make your own hotel arrangements. Please contact the first hotel on the list and go on from there. This will keep everyone in the same general area for transporting back and forth during the Gathering.

Please feel free to call Kelly Curran/Beth Warner at 1-888-376-9988

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

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

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

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

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

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

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

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

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

Please call for an appointment today!



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