

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

June 2008

Australian delegation: May 6-8, 2008

The Pokagon Band was privileged to receive a visit from an Australian delegation representing the Traditional Knowledge Revival Pathways (TKRP) Program. The TKRP Program is dedicated to promoting the traditional knowledge of indigenous people regarding their communities, spirituality, and the lands where they live; the Program has been taken up by several tribal communities in Australia, and TKRP representatives are looking to introduce the Program to indigenous people around the globe.

The delegation visited Pokagon Band May 6-8, 2008, and it included Victor Steffensen, a member of the Kuku Thaypan aboriginal community and manager of the TKRP Program, John Hunter, a member of the Gamilaraay aboriginal community who is working on a Gamilaraay TKRP and Indigenous capacity building project, and Brad Lewis, a Natural Resource Management Facilitator with the Australian Department of the Environment and Heritage. Also traveling with them was Don Lyons, who is of Leech Lake Ojibwe and Haudenosaunee descent, and who served as the delegation's tour guide as they traveled throughout the Great Lakes.



Left to right Brad, Victor, Don, and John

The group paid a visit to our Head Start Program on the morning of May 7, followed by a visit to Elders Hall for the Elders Luncheon, and finishing with an evening presentation at the Tribal Council Lodge. The Head Start visit had not been planned in advance, but was arranged on short notice when the delegation learned that there were classes of youngsters at Rodgers Lake. The kids got quite a kick out of hearing about the native wildlife of Australia, hearing traditional aboriginal songs performed on boomerangs and the didgeridoo, and learning traditional Australian clan dances.

Lunch at Elders Hall included another presentation of traditional music, along with a discussion of aboriginal history and traditional knowledge. The presentation was followed with a question-and-answer session. The discussion held everyone's attention as the question-and-answer session turned into a dialog as both the delegation and the Pokagon Band members shared their thoughts on the common experiences with the disaster of colonization in Australia and North America.

The evening feast and presentation was attended by about 45 people, including a Huron Band Councilmember and representatives of the Saginaw Chippewa veterans organization. The TKRP representatives gave an in-depth description of Australia's history and indigenous people, and the TKRP Program. The aboriginal communities in Australia face the same problems we Neshnabék people face in North America, with the loss of culture and language eroding our capacity to survive as communities. TKRP uses modern video and computer databases to preserve traditional knowledge and language, but turns the tools and the responsibility for recording the teachings over to the communities. Arranging the databases in an intuitive,

visually-oriented storage-and-retrieval format, the Program promotes a grassroots approach that engages the entire community, particularly the younger generations, in preserving the traditional knowledge of their people.



Pokagon Band was very fortunate to have the delegation visit our community and share their knowledge and experiences. We wish Victor, John, and Brad well on their travels, and also to Don Lyons for his efforts in coordinating and guiding their tour.

By: Kevin Daugherty





Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"
Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter

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

Identification

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

Communication

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

Etiquette

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

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

Where to send submissions:

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

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

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

The deadline for membership submissions for the July newsletter will be June 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 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.



Elder of the Month

Naomi Waneta Cushway Edwards D.O.B. 12-19-17

Naomi Waneta Cushway) Edwards was born in Wellston, Michigan on December 19, 1917. Her parents were James and Lydia Cushway and her Grand parents were Joseph Cushway and Angiline (Mix) Cushway.

She had two older sisters Daisy and Eva and two younger sisters Ruth and Laura Lou. They grew up in the Chase and Reed City areas. On September 5, 1937 Naomi married Charles LaVierre Edwards. They

had two daughters, Ruby Marlene born October 22, 1938 and Carol Ann born August 21, 1945. They raised their family in the Pontiac and Auburn Hills area and retired to Farwell, Michigan in 1972. On a very sad day in August of 1992 Naomi lost her husband Charlie.

Naomi is the proud Grandmother of 5, Great Grandmother of 8 and Great, Great Grandmother of 3.

She has always been known for her quiet ways, her sense of humor and the little tune she whistles that no one knows but her.

Throughout her life she has been very active as a volunteer. The hours she has volunteered at the Clare Mid-Michigan Hospital total over 8,000. She has been involved in and held offices in many other organizations over the years, PTA, Cooperative Extension, Clare Historical Society, Oakridge Sub-division Association, Christian Women's Association and the Farwell Methodist Church.

Naomi bowled for 60 years. She's bowled on 2 leagues for the past 30 years. She had to give it up at age 88 but came home with the first place trophy her last year! Her other passions are fun parties, jokes, games and playing cards. If you think your winning, you can forget it because she likes to win and usually does!

At 90 years old, Naomi lives in Plainview Senior Neighborhood in Auburn, Michigan where she is giving new meaning to "Senior Living".



June 2008
Pokagon Band Elder's Hall

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

2 Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Peaches	3 Taco Salad w/ Buffalo Garlic Bread Applesauce	4 Chicken Stir Fry/Rice Angel Cake with Strawberries Rolls	5 Business Baked Fish Baked Potatoes Beans Fruit/Rolls	6 Pizza Day Stuffed Peppers Lettuce/Salad Jell-O/Fruit
9 Chili w/ground Buffalo Lettuce Salad Cornbread Watermelon	10 Beef Stroganoff w/Peas Mashed Potatoes Fruit Salad/Rolls	11 Bratwurst Macaroni and Cheese Brussels Sprouts Fruit	12 Language Baked Chicken In Mushroom Soup Stuffing Cauliflower Fruit/Rolls	13 Spaghetti w/ Ground Turkey Lettuce/Salad Garlic Bread Applesauce
16 Ham and Bean Soup Sliced Ham Sandwich Fruit	17 Chicken Wings Waffle Fries Green Beans Fruit/Rolls	18 French Toast Sliced Ham Hash Brown Fresh Fruit/OJ	19 Language Ham and Scalloped Potatoes Cornbread Asparagus Fruit	20 Lasagna Garlic Bread Lettuce/Salad Fruit
23 Potato Soup Roast Beef Sandwich Jell-O/Fruit	24 Pork Chops Sweet Potatoes Squash Fruit/Rolls	25 Chili-Dogs Chips Fruit	26 Elders Picnic Tribal Lodge Buffalo Burgers-Brats Potato Salad Baked Beans Fruit	27 Barbeque Chicken Wild Rice Wax Beans Fruit/Rolls
30 Broccoli Soup Turkey Sandwich Fruit	<p>Attention Elders The Elders Hall is creating a Veteran Wall to Honor all of our Native American Veterans those who wish may take a picture/with a story of the experience in the Military of them to Elders Hall!! Please call Petey Boehm 1800-859-2717 or 269-782-0765.</p>			



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



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

Enroll ID#	First	Middle	Last	Enroll ID#	First	Middle	Last
0049	Michael	Anthony	Sisk	1406	Orville	Arthur	Goss
0050	Joseph	Wayne	Sisk	1445	Michael	David	Bush
0051	Lori	Rachael	Sisk	1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
0083	John	Dylan	Watson	1538	Dawn	Marie	Mendoza
0099	Richard	Allen	Sturgeon	1674	Christina	Elizabeth	Winter
0187	Codie	Gerald	Grigsby	1788	Amanda	Renee	Underwood
0202	Jeffery	Scott	Morseau	1837	Steven	Ray	O'Brien
0228	Carey	Lee	Morseau	2005	Jeffrey	Lewis	Cunningham
0239	Francis	Wayne	Morseau	2014	Jenny	Ruth	Collins
0332	Robert	Allen	Ser	2050	Terina	Da	Meier
0390	Alex	Wayne	Goodrich	2109	Nickolle	Lea	Drane
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt	2138	Laura	Marie	Duddy
0416	Richard	Earl	Welty	2183	Coy	George	Davison
0417	William	Everett	Welty	2391	Forrest	Lee	Sierminski
0418	Tena	Anne	Welty	2428	Rachele	Nmn	Loonsfoot
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray	2607	Amanda	Sue	Fick
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie	2644	Phyllis	Ann	Thompson
0507	Tara	Jeanine	Davis	2650	Andrea	Rene	Rider
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw	2712	Christopher	John	Tanner
0520	James	Ryan	Hamstra	2713	Tamara	Lynn	Tanner
0847	Cecilia	Marie	Barger	2723	Sean	Ryan	Carmody
0881	Robert	Dwayne	Antisdel	2779	Johnny	H	Hill
0934	Shelly	Marie	Weesaw	2784	Michael	Francis	Pillow
1050	Jennifer	Marie	Green	2789	James	Harris	Walsh
1060	Chasity	Lynn	Martin	2794	Tony	Lee	Horn
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins	2795	Edward	F	Cushway
1204	Kara	Liana	Brown	2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
1259	Melissa	Kay	Marunycz	2952	John	Anthony	Montano
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield	2992	Jacob	Ammon	Worthington
1369	Ted	Thomas	Wesaw	3467	Keith	Wesley	Rider
				4020	Kelly	Renee	Granado

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.

Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

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

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

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

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



"Our People, Our Homes"

Workshop is Free!
 Space is limited!
 Call now!
 (269) 783-0443



Free Child Care
 for ages 3 -13

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 14th or 15th for our next
Financial Empowerment Workshop

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

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

"Take Back Control of YOUR Finances"

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



POKAGON BAND CHILD PROTECTION HIGHLIGHTED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Chief Judge Michael Petoskey was invited to make a panel presentation before a national audience at the Federal Bar Association's 33rd Annual Federal Indian Conference. The panel topic was "Indian Child Welfare Act: 30 Year Update". The panel presentations focused on the impact and effectiveness of the federal Act. One of themes that emerged was that the Act spurred the desire of many tribes to implement their own court systems, so that child protection matters involving tribal children could be transferred out of state courts to the tribes to be dealt with according to tribal standards.

laboration fostered development of a system which works to maximize the opportunity for success in protecting children; ensuring that their individual needs, often special, are met; ensuring that parents are given every opportunity to become the parents that the community expects them to be; and providing for the preservation of Indian families. It was noted that Tribal courts have several advantages over state courts. The very importance of these matters in tribal communities gives rise to a long-standing philosophical approach which emphasizes community support, empathy, encouragement and accountability.

The Chief Judge was asked to share the success of our Band's child protection system because it is widely recognized as an exemplary example of what can happen when tribes have the opportunity to develop their own systems.

Associate Justice Jill Tompkins was a presenter on the panel as well. Justice Tompkins specializes in Indian Child Welfare Act litigation as the Director of the American Indian Law Clinic at the University of Colorado School of Law. Her presentation focused on current issues in the representation of Indian children and parents in Colorado state courts.

The Pokagon Band's child protection system was developed by bringing each of the components to the table to collaborate. The power of col-



Don't Drink and Drive

Drunk Driving Prevention

The "I'll Just Have One More" Martini

- 3 oz. gin or vodka
- 1/2 oz. dry vermouth
- 3 olives
- 1 automobile
- 1 long day
- 1 diminishing attention span
- 1 too many

Combine ingredients. Drink. Repeat.
Mix with sharp turn, telephone pole.

Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 31 minutes and nonfatally injure someone every two minutes. The blood alcohol level in the State of Michigan is 0.08. You drink, You drive, You lose!

Consequences

Right now, in Michigan a first offense drunk driver could face up to 90-days in jail; a year behind bars for the second offense; five years for a third offense.

Law enforcement officers arrested 708 drunk drivers in Michigan March 17-18, 2007, according to the Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center. Ninety-six alcohol-related crashes on those two days resulted in four fatalities, and 45 injuries. About 40 percent of all traffic fatalities in Michigan in 2006 involved alcohol and/or drugs, and 440 people died in alcohol and/or drug-related crashes.

Preventatives

If you are going out to drink, drink responsibly and above all have a designated driver. If going alone take the bus or a taxi. Find yourself drunk and you can't drive, many bars offer taxi rides free of charge. It's not worth it, not only could you be taking your own life, but the life of someone else!



Notice to All Artists Who Are Pokagon Band Members

Thank You! to all the artists who contributed their work to the Four Winds Casino Gift Shop Consignment Program. The Pokagon Tribal Artwork section is beautiful and is continuing to experience good sales.

The gift shop at Four Winds Casino Resort has been open awhile and will need more art in the months to come. You are invited to bring new artwork every other month at an informal meeting.

The next two reviews will be held on Saturday July 26th and on Saturday September 27th. Both reviews will be from 10:00am to Noon at the Four Winds Casino Hotel. This will be in a conference room - just inquire at the front desk. Amy Senninger, who is the Liaison for the Tribal Artists, and the Gift Shop Management Team will be there to meet artists and review their artwork. We will be available as resources on that day to discuss what is selling and why. The most popular price range is in the range of \$15.00 to \$60.00. We are starting to sell more expensive items on occasion. We will offer our thoughts on creating a balanced collection with items in all price ranges, including a few high-end ones.

Jewelry and crafts that have "casino" themes, such as dice, cards etc. seem to be experiencing popularity, but buying habits are as many and varied as the people buying. The main thing is to focus on what truly brings you pleasure to make. You do not have to be a professional artist to be eligible. We have also received requests for artwork that features the symbolism of clans. In addition, Amy will offer on-the-spot tips on how to present artwork in the most saleable way for the lowest cost, with regards to matting and framing.

Bring what you have and get ideas on how to sell it!

Amy Senninger
amysenninger@gmail.com
269-932-5260

YOU MUST BE A POKAGON BAND MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLACING YOUR WORK IN THE GIFT SHOP AT FOUR WINDS CASINO RESORT.



INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES



Where: Health Services Department

When: June 28, 2008

Time: 10 am – 3 pm

Come in anytime during

June

For labs or pap smears and get a ticket!

Exciting activities:

- Haircuts
- Manicures
- Raffles
- Message therapy
- Healthy lunch

Also available:

- Annual health updates
- Labs (fasting)
- Pap smears
- Breast exams

Lots of great prizes!!

Call ahead that Saturday morning to schedule an appointment for labs and/or pap smear
269-782-4141 or 888-440-1234

If you've had a pap smear, breast exam or lipid panel (cholesterol) done after January 1, 2008
Notify us to get a ticket – you must provide proof

The Department of Education Welcomes Chad Dee as the Higher Education Specialist!

Chad Dee joined the Pokagon Band on May 5, 2008 as the new Higher Education Specialist. Previously, Chad has worked in Education for the past nine years. Most recently, Chad was an Admission's Representative for Davenport University- South Bend as well as the Campus Director for Indiana Tech in South Bend/Elkhart. Chad is looking forward to working with the tribe. "I'm very excited to be a part of this great organization and plan to utilize my experience to help members of the Pokagon Band in any way that I possibly can," he commented. Chad graduated from Indiana Tech in 2003 with an MBA with a concentration in Management and Marketing. Chad's hobbies include Michigan State Basketball and Football, Texas Hold 'Em, and fixing up his house and yard (which never seems to end).

Chad encourages members to contact him. "I'd like to invite anyone who is looking to continue their education or even to find an internship, to stop by my office and see what resources we have available to them. I'm here to help!"

To contact Chad, please call the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 or contact him by e-mail at chad.dee@pokagon.com or @scholarship@pokagon.com.

Pokagon Band Head Start

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 tentatively 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 at the center with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year.

Pokagon Language

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

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 June 12th and 26th.

South Bend office classes are on June 5th 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 June 19th due to Summer camp.

Elders classes are held at Elders hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00am.

Attention Class of 2008!

The Department of Education would like to celebrate your achievement of graduating from High School. We have heard from a few of our tribal members, but would like to hear from more! If you are interested in being featured in the July Tribal newsletter as one of our graduates, please contact Heather Pauley at 1-888-330-1234 or at heather.pauley2@pokagon.com for more details. We will have to have photos and information by June 7th.

JUNE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



ERNEST LUCIA

Ernest is twelve-years-old and in the Sixth Grade at Patrick Hamilton in Dowagiac, although he was quick to point out that he will be in the Seventh Grade this fall! He is joined at home by his sister, Samantha Lucia; brothers, Gordy Schultz, and Lewis Williams; and Mom, Cheryl Mayberry. Science is a class that he really enjoys at school and eating KFC Fried Chicken is the best. As far as Pokagon Band activities, he has appreciated the Summer School, Christmas Party, Pow wow, and the Dowagiac and Notre Dame Enrichment Labs. He is proud to be on the A and B Honor Roll at school. His mind is set on being a Veterinary Technologist when he is older. Keep up the great work, Ernie!



ISABELLA MILLER

Isabella is 9 years old and attends the 4th Grade at Hartford Red Arrow Elementary School. She is the daughter of John and Angela Miller. She is the granddaughter of Glen and Evelyn (Morsaw) Miller, and Burt Sturgeon and LaSanda K. Williams. She has a sister, Kathryn, and a brother, Steven. Isabella has participated in the tribal activities such as the after school enrichment labs, pow wows, and Christmas parties. Isabella loves to create art and to draw. She has also received art awards in sculpting. She is dedicated to sports and enjoys playing a pitcher for softball for the Hartford Indians. She enjoys science. Her favorite foods are Indian tacos and blanket dogs. Her favorite color is purple. Isabella is achieving her reading goals. She wants to go to Notre Dame and do her dad's job when she grows up!



DEVIN HILL

Devin Hill is 9 years old. He is in the 3rd Grade at Hartford Red Arrow Elementary School. He is the son of Laura Hill and Shayne Darling. His grandparents are Larry and Sheila Darling, and Paul and Linda Hill. He has a close cousin, Mijikwis Wabanimkee. Devin has attended tribal activities such as pow wows. He attends the after school enrichment labs, and has attended several craft workshops. His favorite food is tacos. His favorite color is black. He collects Star War items, loves sports and outdoor activities. His favorite subject in school is science. He has gotten art awards (some of which were Native American art) and has had his artwork submitted at the Krasl Art Museum in St. Joseph. He enjoys all sports but especially football. He has received accelerated reading awards. He enjoys reading nights at school and grandparents day. He loves animals. He helps his dad to work on classic cars. Devin and his dad have placed 1st place at classic car shows. Devin wants to be like his dad and sell cars when he grows up.



SAMANTHA LUCIA

Samantha is an eleven-year-old Fourth Grader at Dowagiac's Justus Gage. Her family is Cheryl Mayberry (Mom), and four brothers. Her favorite class at school is Math. Sam has enjoyed the Pokagon Band Christmas Party, Summer School, Dowagiac Enrichment Lab and Pow wow. She also likes crab legs and playing golf. First, Second, and Third Place ribbons from Math-a-rama are hers. Sam is undecided about what she wants to do when she is "grown up", but with her thoughtfulness and smarts, she'll do well, whatever it is.

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.

MAY 28-30
JUNE 25-27
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 May 29th starting at 6:00 p.m.

All that attends will need to bring their own towel, longshorts, 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



Buffalo Delivery



Pokagon Band acted as the lead tribe this year in distributing buffalo meat and hides from Yellowstone National Park. The National Park Service (NPS) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) culls those animals each year that wander away from the main herd in the Park and out onto private ranchland, and kills the animals and makes the meat available to Indian tribes. This year, because of the growing size of the herd plus the rough winter weather in Wyoming, about 1500 animals were killed.

There were 30 animals total in the distribution coordinated by the Band. Participating tribes included Bay Mills, Grand Traverse, Gun Lake, Huron Band, Little River, Saginaw Chippewa and Sault St. Marie. Pokagon Band secured nine animals. The animals were provided free of charge by the USDA and NPS; however, tribes had to incur the meat processing costs and shipping charges.

The animals for our distribution were professionally processed, packaged and labeled by cut of meat by Pioneer Meats of Big Timber, Montana. The meat and hides were frozen, and then

shipped along with the heads in a refrigerated semi-trailer hired specifically for the shipment from ABF Trucking. Deliveries were made in Hartford, Mt. Pleasant and Manistee. Two years ago Pokagon Band participated in the buffalo distribution, and this year the process went much smoother due to the exceptional cooperation and service by Pioneer Meats in processing, packaging, and freezing the meat, and by ABF in their responsive service with the shipping. A big hand goes out to both firms.

Each animal yielded approximately 350 lbs. of meat—an assortment of burger, ribs, steaks and roasts. The meat will be used for a variety of community and cultural events. Five hides and skulls are being cleaned and tanned by the Pokagon Band Cultural Program, following the direction of Jake Pine, the traditional healer who visits our community monthly. The remaining skulls are being cleaned by a local commercial processor, Northern Exposure Taxidermy of Dowagiac. More news on the buffalo distribution will be included in the July issue of this newsletter.

Water Walkers Visit Pokagon Band



The Water Walkers then attended a feast that evening given by the Pokagon Band at the Rodgers Lake property. Some of the women who work to promote the water teachings in the Pokagon Band community presented the Water Walkers with an eagle feather to be added to their staff. About 35 people attended the feast and stayed afterward to listen to Josephine and her group answer questions and talk about their journeys and experiences.

The Water Walkers said that they were originally inspired on their task by a traditional teacher, who said that on mankind's present course water would one day be more precious than an ounce of gold, and asked the rhetorical question, "What are you going to do about it?"

The Water Walkers are walking the entire southern shore of Lake Michigan, having walked the northern half in 2004. The delegation began with a send-off from Manistee, Michigan by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on Saturday, April 26th. The women stopped at various communities along Lake Michigan, including Holland, before reaching St. Joseph. On their journey, the women pray for the health of the water of Lake Michigan and of all other bodies of water they encounter. One woman carries a sacred copper vessel of water, and another carries an eagle staff. Prayers are said for every creek, river and lake they cross. Josephine and her supporters have circled all the other Great Lakes in the past, including:

- 2003 Lake Superior
- 2004 Lake Michigan (northern half)
- 2005 Lake Huron
- 2006 Lake Ontario
- 2007 Lake Erie
- 2008 Lake Michigan

A traditional role of Neshnabek women is to protect and care for the water. Pokagon Band tribal citizens were inspired by the women's water teachings. Plans are being made for future local events to carry on the work of these amazing women.

For additional information visit <http://motherearthwaterwalk.com>.

A special delegation of Canadian Ojibway grandmothers arrived in St. Joseph, Michigan at Lions Park on Wednesday, April 30th, to raise awareness of the fragility and health of the Great Lakes. The delegation consisted of seven women who are the core participants in the Mother Earth Water Walk of 2008. The group met at the Park for about an hour with representatives of the Pokagon Band and other supporters, with Josephine Mandamin, 66, of Thunder Bay, Ontario, and the leader of the Water Walkers, speaking about the group and their mission.



MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 24, 1982
 Happy Birthday Tiffany Evans alias (AAMPK)
 You're a great mom, daughter and friend.
 Love Always
 Mom

Happy Birthday, June 10th to my
 sister, Margaret O'Keefe.
 Love sis, Stella.

Linda, Look out, here she
 comes! Congrats on your gradu-
 ation, we are so proud of you!
 We love you!
 Mom, Dad (Mike), J.T., Jake,
 Harlie, Kristin, and Kaitlin

June 28, 1952
 Happy Anniversary to Gerald
 and Evelyn Wesaw
 Congratulations on 56 years of
 marriage.
 Love You Both Very Much
 Matt, Mark, Lois & Keith

June 28, 2000
 Happy Anniversary Keith & Rachel Wesaw
 Congratulations on 8 years together.
 Love Lois

Happy Birthday to our daughter,
 Tracy Andrews on June 15th
 Love, your Mom and Dad

Happy Anniversary
 Timothy and Laura
 Ketchum.
 We love you and wish
 you many more years
 of happiness.
 Love, Jessica, Ethan,
 and Emily.



Terra Wilson achieved a Bachelors of Science
 degree in Education From Western Michigan
 University. She graduated with high honors
 Suma Cum Laude. She was in the top 30
 of 650 graduates. This accomplishment is a
 tremendous task that she was able to maintain
 a 40 hour job as well. She applied for and
 received several scholarships to include Po-
 kagon Education scholarship. We thank all the
 members of Pokagon Education that assisted
 her during those years. We congratulate Terra
 and would like to let her
 And all readers know how proud we are of her.
 Mom & Dad Laurie and Mark Wilson Sr

Happy Birthday to our son,
 Craig A. Andrews on June 9th.
 Love, your Mom and Dad

Happy birthday to our daughter
 Terri Andrews June 2.
 Love, Mom and Dad.

Happy belated Birthday to Van Johnson,
 Cathy Goodson, Aunt Eva, Michelle, Brian,
 Chrissy, Kelcey, Kaitlyn, Clara, Ronnie,
 John Wayne, Angel, Austin, Ernie, Aunt
 Stella and also Haley.
 Love, Lisa Johnson



Happy Birthday Zachary Wesaw June 28th
 Love Dad, Mom and Sidney

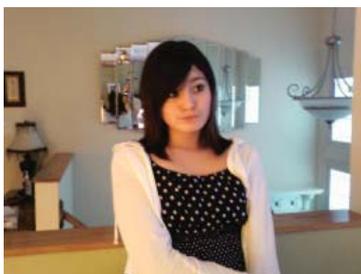


Senior Brittany Bundy of River Valley
 High School
 Congrats, Babygirl. Brittany has
 obtained many awards from her love
 of music. She has been accepted to
 Northern Michigan University as she
 will major in music. Mommy will miss
 you and is so proud of you. Good luck
 with you new chapter in life.
 Love you, Mom and Sis and family.



Wendy A. Hargett of Dowagiac
 Bachelors degree in organizational management.
 Bethel College May 3, 2008.
 Congratulations to a wonderful, determined, and
 goal setting daughter, mother, niece, sister, you've
 made all of us proud of you as you always have.

Love always, your loving family.



June 9 Happy 13th Birthday Nicole
 Renae Harjer & congrates on making
 the honor roll all six marking periods!
 We Love You!
 Love your Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday, June 3rd, to
 my son, Ronald Heffington Sr.
 Love, Mom

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



All Nations Skate Jam 2008

The second annual All Nations Skate Jam, the largest and most prestigious of all Native skateboarding events, was held Sunday, April 27th in Albuquerque, NM. Nearly 3,000 spectators showed up to cheer on the over 350 registered skaters at the all day event at Los Altos Skatepark. Top Native skateboard companies - Native Skates, WoundedKnee, Full Blood, and 4-Wheel Warpony were there as well as Native bands, dancers, crafts, and food vendors. Event sponsor, Vans, rolled up in a city-sized bus full of free give aways and surprises for the crowd. A line stretched around the skatepark for hours as young and old waited in line for autographs signed by Vans pros Tony Alva, Ray Barbie, and John Cardiel and waffles and hotdogs cooked by Vans President, Steve Van Doren.

Organized by the Native non-profit group Nibwaakawin (Wisdom), the All Nations Skate Jam attracts Native skaters from all over the United States. 'It's one of the few Native events where Native kids from the cities, pueblos, reservations, and suburbs can come together to share a common interest,' said Nibwaakaawin President Todd Harder. 'Skaters came from as far away as California, Idaho, Colorado, and Florida to compete in this event.'

In just one short year, The All Nations Skate Jam has grown to become not just the largest Native skate event, or the largest skate event in Albuquerque, but the largest skate event in the entire state of New Mexico. 'Next year will even be bigger,' promises Harder. 'We may even have to make it a two-day event just so everyone who wants to skate can have a chance to compete- we never want to turn anyone away.'

Pokagon Tribal Members, Teresa Magnuson (Nibwaakawin Treasurer) and Marcus Winchester, helped plan and run this event. For more information on the 2008 or 2009 All Nations Skate Jams, please visit the website www.allnations-skatejam.com or myspace at www.myspace.com/75005914.



ELDERS ATTEND MIEA CONFERENCE



HEAD START VISITS ELDERS





United Tribes Elects New Executive Director



The United Tribes of Michigan would like to welcome Mr. Matthew Wesaw, as our first Executive Director. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the hiring of Mr. Wesaw at the last meeting held in Petoskey, Michigan. Mr. Wesaw comes to United Tribes with a background that is well suited to assist the federally recognized tribes in Michigan through the efforts of our organization.

Mr. Wesaw retired from the Michigan State Police in January of 2001 after 26 years of service. During his career he served as a trooper at the Jackson, Flat Rock and Lansing Posts before being promoted in 1986. He was later transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division, where he became Detective Sergeant and served in the Organized Crime and Auto Theft Units. In 1995 he was elected to the full-time position of Vice President of the Michigan State Police Troopers Association (MSPTA). He served as the Vice President of the MSPTA until his retirement in January of 2001. Following his retirement, Mr. Wesaw was hired by the Troopers Association to serve as the Director of Government Relations where he remained until his retirement in March of 2008.

In addition to his responsibilities while with the MSPTA, Mr. Wesaw has been very active as a tribal citizen with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians in Dowagiac, Michigan. Mr. Wesaw has served on the tribal council at different times in the last thirteen years as Vice-Chairman, Chairman, council member at large. He currently holds the elected position of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Wesaw has been

involved in many Native American organizations, including being a past board member to the Lansing North American Indian Center, the Nokomis Learning Center and the past chairman of the Commission on Indian Affairs.

In his lobbying career, Mr. Wesaw has come to understand the nature of politics in Lansing and our nation's capital. Mr. Wesaw has worked very hard in developing relationship on both sides of the aisle during his lobbying career.

Mr. Wesaw had been previously appointed to the Michigan Community Service Commission and the Commission on Indian Affairs by Governor John Engler. He was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm in September of 2004 to the Civil Rights Commission where he currently serves as the Vice-Chairman. Mr. Wesaw is only the second Native American to be appointed to the Civil Rights Commission.

Matthew Wesaw attended Great Lakes Christian College and has a degree in Criminal Justice from Lansing Community College. He lives in Holt with his wife, Gloria.

Article Courtesy of: unitedtribesofmichigan.org

NATIVE VOTE

I have been selected as the Native Vote coordinator for our tribe. I wanted to get an article in the newsletter to alert you that you will see informational articles from now until the general election in November. Most of you know that I'm a person who has been interested and involved in politics for many years. I fully believe it is critical for us to be involved in the selection of our government representatives at the tribe, local, state, and federal levels.

Most of the articles you will read will be information developed by the National Congress of American Indians and used with their permission. NCAI started this initiative in 2004 and continues to promote the impartiality and importance of getting out the Native Vote. After the 2000 presidential election I don't believe anyone can say one vote doesn't count. Every vote counts and your vote could be the deciding one.

Additional information will be available by accessing the website of United Tribes of Michigan at: www.unitedtribesofmichigan.org This will have updated and additional information on political party platforms, links to candidates and other important political information. You may also access the website of NCAI at www.ncai.org to see what is happening in Indian Country.

You will also see that Michigan has been identified as a target state. There are congressional seats that will be on the November ballot that will be highly contested and targeted by both political parties as well as control of the Electoral College votes that go to the presidential candidate who carries the popular vote of Michigan. This means we will probably see the presidential candidates in this state often, once they have been con-

firmed at their party conventions.

REMEMBER, NATIVE VOTE AND EVERY INFORMATIONAL MESSAGE THAT WILL APPEAR IN OUR NEWSLETTER IS IMPARTIAL. THERE WILL BE NO EFFORT, NOR INTENT TO LEAN TO ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDATE OR PARTY. THE FOCUS OF NATIVE VOTE IS TO ENCOURAGE VOTER REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION.

In July of this year, at the time our own tribal election we will have over 2,100 citizens who will be of voting age. About one third of those citizens are registered to vote in tribal elections. I don't know at this time how many are registered to vote in local, state, or national elections. That is not a very good percentage, and will be the focus of my efforts to encourage participation. We need to register and participate in every election we are eligible to vote in. I would hope you all agree and take this seriously, please register to vote!

In order to participate in the voting process, other than tribal elections, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you are applying to register to vote
- Be 18 years old by the next election
- Not be confined in a jail after being convicted and sentenced

Registration Deadline: 30 days before the elections



State Election Website: <https://services2.sos.state.mi.us/mivote/>
Secretary of State: <http://www.michigan.gov/sos>

You may access the above websites if you would like additional information.

The website for native vote is www.nativevote.org and you will see the following information:

Welcome to the National Congress of American Indians' 2008 Native Vote Campaign official website! We hope this site will be an instrumental tool for your community as we gear up for one of the biggest elections in years. This year, America will pick a new President, decide the balance in Congress, and vote in important state and local elections. We want Indian Country's voice to be heard! On this site you will find everything from voter registration information to grassroots voter training information. We hope it is helpful as you work in your communities to get out the Native Vote.

Our 2008 Native Vote Campaign is an extensive national non-partisan effort to mobilize the American Indian and Alaska Native vote in collaboration with regional organizations, local tribal governments, centers serving the Indian populations of urban areas, and non-governmental organizations whose focus is on democracy initiatives.

In 2004, NCAI spearheaded this groundbreaking campaign to register and turn out a record number of American Indian and Alaska Native voters. The culmination of the Native Vote efforts in 2004 and 2006 was a resounding moment for tribal governments nationwide, as it empowered Native voters and raised the profile of Native issues in the eyes of politicians. It was a truly a historic moment for all of Indian Country. Native voters proved that we can make our voices heard with the power of the vote.

Native Vote is a permanent project intended to advance the Native agenda at all levels of decision-making and promote Native candidates to public offices. Our next step is to protect the incredible strides that we have made and be proactive in our approach to Native Vote. We must ensure that Natives' right to vote is never threatened again, as it has been in the past. We need consultation with Secretaries of States and Election Boards to maximize accessibility to the polls. We should be heartened by court victories that guaranteed the right to use tribal identification documents to vote. These are huge victories for Native voters. We must not wait until election time to be concerned with elections.

The rising political clout of Native voters will only grow going forward, as the unified voice of American Indian/Alaska Natives becomes a force for political candidates to address Native concerns by developing platform statements and making campaign promises to Native voters. The power of the vote will put Native issues before elected leaders like never before in history.

NCAI Releases Political Platform for 2008 Election Cycle

WASHINGTON—May 7, 2008— The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) recently released its detailed political platform urging candidates for President, Vice-President, U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to support NCAI's principles including government-to-government relations, trust responsibility, cultural rights, health care, education and Native children.

"This political platform is a true exercise of sovereignty, and it outlines the areas that are important to Indian Country and vital for members of Congress and political candidates to acknowledge," said NCAI President

Joe A. Garcia.

To read the full NCAI Political Platform 2008 document, please visit www.nativevote.org/policyissues.html.

Excerpts from the platform:

GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS

"WE BELIEVE that the federal government must consult with tribal governments on a government-to-government basis to develop Indian policy and incorporate Indian policy goals into planning and management activities, including the budget, operating guidance, legislative initiatives, management accountability systems and ongoing policy and regulation development processes."

CULTURAL RIGHTS

"WE BELIEVE that the policy of the United States must be to protect and preserve for American Indians and Alaska Natives our inherent right of freedom of belief, expression, and exercise of traditional religions, including but not limited to access to sacred places, use and possession of sacred objects, the freedom of worship through ceremonial and traditional rites, traditional subsistence practices, and return of Indian human remains and associated funerary objects to Indian tribes. The United States must protect sacred places from intrusion and destruction from development in any form. In addition, the rights of tribal members must be protected to continue to hunt, fish, and gather on traditional lands and places and engage in subsistence practices."

HEALTH

"WE BELIEVE that the United States' responsibility for American Indian and Alaska Native health and well-being must be supported adequately. The United States must re-authorize and strengthen the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and fully fund its programs, actions that will significantly improve Indian health care delivery and increase tribal self-determination. Successful health programs such as the Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program, childhood immunization programs, the Healthy Start Program to reduce infant mortality and funding to tribes under the Drug Free Schools Act should be supported. Until tribal governments have the resources to combat the epidemic impacts of diabetes, heart disease, cancer, suicide, and alcoholism—each disproportionately severe in Indian Country—our very existence is at risk. The United States must support tribal and federal program initiatives to fight these critical threats to Indian lives and future well being."

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. I sincerely hope that you become involved by registering to and making your vote count. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 269-591-9806, or by e-mail at: Matthew.Wesaw@Pokagon.com

Matt Wesaw, Vice-Chairman



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN

POSITION DESCRIPTION

OFFICIAL POSITION TITLE:	NATHPO Community Development & Marketing Fellowship
DEPARTMENT:	Ziibiwing Cultural Society
CLASSIFICATIONS:	Stipend through NATHPO
REPORTS TO:	Sales & Events Coordinator
SUPERVISES:	Not Applicable
DATE:	5/12/2008

POSITION SUMMARY:

Position serves as the Assistant to the Sales and Events Coordinator for the Ziibiwing Center (ZC). All visitors will receive excellent customer service from this division whether it be a phone call for bookings, marketing request, special event, special guest, workshop or questions about the Ziibiwing Center or the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Community Development & Marketing Fellowship position will be responsible for enhancing and following through with any and or all marketing endeavors dealing with membership, tour and room bookings, educational workshops and programs, volunteer assistance, Collection Showings, special events and more.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist with the launch of the 2008 membership drive (Individual and Corporate)
- Research and assist with marketing plans to develop other tribal relations and cooperatives
- Plan and/or implement one (1) of the Artists in Residence programs and/ or Collection Showings
- On occasion, work as a Visitor Service Representative and provide excellent customer service
- Research target markets for upcoming marketing campaigns and collaboratives
- Assist with school group bookings; schedule and work during their visit to the ZC
- Assist with direct marketing to local businesses. Will need a vehicle and a valid driver's license.
- Assist with the marketing plan development for upcoming events, cooperatives and educational workshops
- Troubleshoot or solve problems in an efficient manner
- Monitor and collect research surveys, comment cards (verbal and written) for review to ensure that the guest has received a positive experience
- Attend the Referral Over Breakfast Group with Sales & Events Coordinator
- Communicate with internal ZC departments to coordinate schedules and events
- Must be knowledgeable about all services, events and personnel of the ZC
- Assist with a Ziibiwing historical lecture workshop
- Other duties as assigned

CONTACTS/PURPOSE OF CONTACTS:

Contacts are with a wide range of audiences. All guests who visit the ZC will have contact with this position. The position will assist all guests to their destination within the ZC through all forms and mediums, telephones, fax, mail, email, and in-person contact.

WORK ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY HAZARDS:

Frequent use of hands, fingers as associated with computer use. Some driving required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be 18 years of age. Museum/cultural center experience preferred. Must demonstrate excellent interpersonal communication skills. Possess and demonstrate high level of organizational skills in time management, ability to work with a team, office protocol and procedures. Ability to manage multiple tasks. Must have a keen understanding and respect of Anishnabek cultural and the mission of the Ziibiwing Cultural Society.

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT TRIBAL COUNCIL LODGE - Contact Kelly Curran
and the POKAGON ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**



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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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