

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

June 2009



The Pokagon Fund Announces April Grant Awards

New Buffalo, MI, The Board of Directors for The Pokagon Fund is pleased to announce the funding of 12 new projects in April totaling \$ 481,128.

The Pokagon Fund began funding grant proposals in November 2007, and since that time has provided over \$4.6 million in project funding. Grant funding supports initiatives in the fields of health, human services, art, education, recreation, and environment.

Ten percent of all funding from The Pokagon Fund supports the communities in and around Pokagon Band land consolidation sites. The remaining 90% of all funds support the municipalities and nonprofit organizations providing programs and services to the people in the New Buffalo region.

Grants Awarded Near Pokagon Band Land Consolidation Sites

Up to \$10,000 to Cass County Council on Aging for the Handy Helpers Program

The Handy Helpers program provides support to seniors by performing minor home repair projects, installation of wheelchair ramps, and other home maintenance projects. Funding will support the cost of those projects for seniors in the Dowagiac area over the next two years.

\$1,000 to Dowagiac Dogwood Fine Arts Festival

Funding will underwrite two of the festival's popular children's events: a national storyteller, Willy Claflin, focusing on folktales and ballads; and Toast N Jam, a program which introduces youth to hands-on orchestral instruments and arrangements. The festival is scheduled for the week of May 8 - 16.

\$5,000 matching grant to Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce for the Dowagiac Fun Fest.

Corporate and individual contributions will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 to support the expenses of the Dowagiac Fun Fest, scheduled for July 23 - 25. The Fun Fest features more than 120 hours of musical entertainment, children's entertainment, educational workshops, and sporting and family events.

\$78,775 to Hartford Public Schools for their Community Education Summer School Program

Funding will provide a six week summer school program for 150 students, kindergarten through 8th grade that are at-risk of not meeting state standards in math, reading and writing.

\$150,000 to His Place: Hartford Community Center for their Community Fitness Center Project

Funding will support the creation of a physical fitness program in the new full sized gymnasium, including the purchase of weights, sporting equipment and exercise equipment for the fitness center. The Center will be available to all age groups.

\$9,734 to Hartford Public Library for the Youth Summer Programs

Free summer programs for the youth of Hartford will include hands-on art, music, and dance activities, reading and learning, as well as field trips to the Kalamazoo Institute of Art and the Museum of Science & Industry for the Harry Potter exhibit.

Grants Awarded in the Harbor Country Region

\$58,332 to support the New Buffalo Area Schools' Summer School

Funds will support the core summer school classes as well as enrichment programs. Enrichment programming includes classes focusing on the environment, creative writing, nuclear physics, dance, theatre, beginning piano and guitar lessons.

\$300 to underwrite the transportation to the Shriner's Circus

Funding will provide transportation to the Shrine Circus in 2010 for children in the townships of New Buffalo, Chikaming and Three Oaks.

\$15,000 to Opera at the Acorn to support their 2009 season

Opera at the Acorn will be bringing six concerts to the area including: The Other Three Tenors, Puccini's Madame Butterfly, Franz Schubert and the Beatles, Isola Jones and Darrel Rowader, and Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Michelle De Young. Additionally, outreach programs will also be offered to raise awareness and interest in music and opera among students at the local schools.

\$10,000 to Animal Lovers for the Spay/Neuter project.

Funding will allow Animal Lovers to provide low cost or subsidized spaying or neutering for dogs and cats in The Pokagon Fund service area.

\$5,500 to New Buffalo Rocket Football for a new equipment shed.

As the New Buffalo Rocket Football league continues to grow each year, they have outgrown their storage space. Funding will provide for a larger storage shed to house the equipment that The Pokagon Fund purchased in 2008.

A loan of \$137,487 to New Buffalo Township to provide police protection for April, May, and June

The Pokagon Fund has supported the township's police force since January 2008. The loan will be paid back with proceeds from the Local Revenue Sharing Board at such time as those funds are released.

The mission of The Pokagon Fund is to enhance the lives of the people in the New Buffalo region. Requests for funding can be submitted at any time, and the Board of Directors meets monthly to review grant applications. The Pokagon Fund is a private foundation supported by 2% of the electronic gaming revenue from the Four Winds Casino.

Ten percent of all funding from The Pokagon Fund supports the communities in and around Pokagon Band land trusts. The remaining 90% of all funds support the municipalities and nonprofit organizations providing programs in the Townships of New Buffalo, Chikaming, and Three Oaks, and cities and villages within those townships. Please refer to The Pokagon Fund web site, www.pokagonfund.org to learn more about the projects we fund and review the grant application guidelines.



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

The deadline for membership submissions for the 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 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.



Attention Elders

Please Attend the Business Meeting at Elders Hall on June 4th 2009 at 11:00 AM there will be a Presentation on Social Security, Medicare Part B and D and any questions that you may have.

Our Area District Social Security Staff out of Benton Harbor will be here.

JUNE 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

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1 Buffalo Stew Garden Salad Whole Wheat Rolls Fruit	2 Baked Chicken Baked Potato Spinach Whole Wheat Rolls Fruit	3 Lasagna Cauliflower & Broccoli Garden Salad Fruit Garlic Toast	4 Navy Beans Soup/ Ham Green Salad Corn Bread Fruit	5 Pot Roast Potatoes & Carrots Whole Wheat Rolls Applesauce/cinnamon Fruit Oatmeal Cookies
8 Chicago Style Buffalo Brats/ Bun Baked Beans Broccoli Salad Fruit	9 Swedish Meatballs Over Noodles Green Beans Whole Wheat Rolls Fruit	10 Pork Chops Baked Sweet Potatoes Asparagus Whole Wheat Rolls	11 Taco Day/Ground Turkey Lettuce , Tomato Refried Beans Cheese Fruit	12 Chicken Wings or Fish Corn on the Cob Brussels Sprouts Fruit Rolls
15 Salmon Patty Green Salad Macaroni Cheese Summer Squash Rolls	16 Salad Day Chicken Over Assorted greens Rolls	17 Potato Soup Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Garden Salad Fruit	18 Buffalo Tip Over Noodles Broccoli Rolls	19 Pizza Day Garden Salad Fruit Yogart
22 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy Cook Carrots Rolls Green Salad	23 BBQ Chicken Green Peas Rolls Pears Potato Salad Vegetable Tray	24 Buffalo Meatloaf Baked Potato Mixed Vegetable Rolls Fruit	25 Tuna Noodle Casserole Salad Greens Rolls Fruit	26 Stuffed Peppers/Veggie Burger Scalloped Green Beans Rolls Fruit Cucumber Salad
29 Lumberjack Vegetable Soup Cabbage Rolls Mixed Green Salad Rolls Fruit	30 Potato Soup Fish Sandwich /Bun Green Peas Fruit Tropical Fruit Salad			



The Nike Air Native N17 is here!



The Nike Air Native N7 is the result of nearly two years of collaborative research, development and fit testing in partnership with the Native American community.

This first-of-its-kind performance shoe is built on a new and unique last created to address the specific fit and width requirements for the Native American foot. The result is a true Native fitting, performance product. The Nike Air Native N7 shoe marks another milestone in Nike's long-standing commitment to Native American communities. Profits from the sale of the Nike Air Native N7 will support "Let Me Play" programs on Native American lands that leverage sport to promote an active and healthy lifestyle. The Nike Air Native N7 shoe also embraces Nike's Considered design ethos, where details in the development and design of the shoe are geared to deliver sustainable innovation and reduce waste, without compromising product performance. The Considered design ethos also honors the traditional Native American Seventh Generation philosophy, an approach that respects the impact of decisions made today on seven generations. The shoe's design draws inspiration directly from Native American culture.

If you are interested in ordering shoes, please contact Steve Lowe at Indian Health Services Office. Bring in cash or a money order to IHS and we will place your order. We will call you when the shoes come in. This will be an on going program, shoe orders will be placed every Friday by 3:00 p.m. If you would like to have your feet measured or have any questions, please contact Steve (269) 782-4141 ext.241 or toll free 1-888-440-1234.

Available in:

Men's Nike Air Native | \$42.80
Colorways: Black/Black or White/Metallic Silver-White
Sizes: 6-12, 13, 14

Women's Nike Air Native | \$42.80
Colorways: White/Turquoise or Pink/White
Sizes: 5-11, 12

Program Development

Community Health Nutrition Services needs your help with deciding if there is any interest in growing a community vegetable garden next to the Clinic Office on M-51 in Dowagiac.

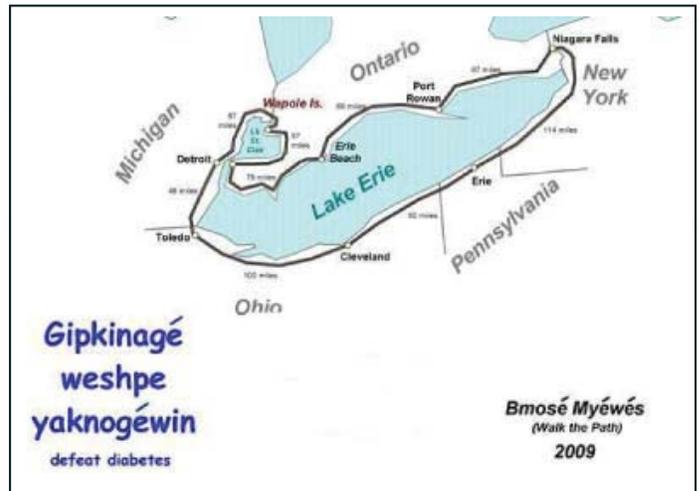
If you would like to participate, please talk with Susan Gundersen, in the Health Services Office at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141 x343.

Help Help!

The Pokagon Band is having a baby boom and experiencing numerous requests for breastfeeding equipment.

We are trying to take inventory of both the electric and foot pump Breastfeeding Pumps and need your help in locating our five electric and five manual pumps.

Please telephone Susan, at the Health Clinic if you know where one is out on loan. Thank you. 888-440-1234 or 782-4141



Walk the Path: Lake Erie May 16th through November 1st, 2009

It is time to gear up, get a new pair of walking shoes, and rise to the challenge of taking our fourth virtual/pretend walk around the next Great Lake—Erie. This 775 mile virtual trek will start at Walpole Island First Nation and head east to the Mighty Niagara Falls and back again to Walpole Island. Our goal is to emphasize a healthy lifestyle and promote exercise/activity to help stop or control diabetes. Can you do it? Join us May 16th at Rogers Lake to learn more about how to sign up and begin recording your miles to complete this "virtual" walk. You will also receive fun incentives at designated stops along the way. If you aren't able to make this date (May 16), call Susan at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141 to register and start the program at your earliest convenience.



Pokagon Band Head Start

2009-2010 Enrollment

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

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

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

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

Information

- *School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30.
- *Transportation provided in limited areas in the Dowagiac & Hartford areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations.
- *We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.
- *The Potawatomi Language and Culture is incorporated through each day.
- *The program does accept children with disabilities.

Upcoming Events/Closures

- *August 18-20, 2009—Parent Orientations
- *September 3, 2009—Open House for enrolled children & families
- *September 7, 2009—Closed for Labor Day
- *September 8, 2009—First day of school for the 2009-2010 School Year

Volunteers

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

Happy Birthday to You!

June Birthdays:

- *Brett Allen—June 8, 2009—Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Sophia Behnke—June 8, 2009—Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Jose Razo—June 16, 2009—Happy 4th Birthday!
- *Allison Warner—June 10, 2009—Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Miss Maggie—June 30, 2009—Happy Birthday!

T-SHIRT CONTEST

Want a really special T-Shirt from the Pokagon Band Department of Education? Well, then, put your imagination into the process – enter the T-Shirt Design Contest!

Who: All students presently in Kindergarten through 12th Grade

What: Design a logo for the shirt given out by the Department of Education in August, 2009. Use your favorite medium – pencils, paint, crayons, computers—whatever calls to your creativity! The shirts will be light grey.

How: Finished design to measure up to 8x10 inches. Must include the words “Pokagon Band Department of Education”. Art work must be original and completely done by the student. No copyrighted material allowed. May be black and white or color Digital files accepted (300 dpi). Identify with name and current grade on back. Will be judged on relevance to Pokagon culture, creativity, neatness, and reproducibility. Please be mindful that these shirts will be worn by K-12 students, so design for all ages. The winning design will become the property of the Pokagon Band Department of Education

When: Entries may be: hand delivered by July 1, 2009, 5:00 pm. Emailed to penny.brant@pokagon.com by July 1, 5:00 pm post-marked by July 1, 2009.

Where: Pokagon Band Department of Education, 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac, MI 49047

The winning design becomes the property of the Pokagon Band Department of Education. Questions? Call the Department of Education, 269-782-0887, 888-330-1234

Let the creating begin!

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 attaining a Bachelors degree	\$200 per credit/hour
Students attaining a Graduate or a Post graduate degree	\$300 per credit / hour

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

Students attaining an Associates or Bachelors degree	\$50 per class
Students attaining a Graduate or a Post graduate degree	\$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)

For more information, 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



JUNE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Emily Potter



Nathaniel "Nate" Al Pierce



Kayley Gillette



Dylan VanTubbergen

Emily Potter is a second grader at Patrick Hamilton Elementary in Dowagiac, MI. She is the daughter of Melissa and Patrick Potter, and has two siblings—Molly and Anthony. Emily plays soccer for the Mud-dogs and is also very creative. She is a talented artist, and would like to be an art teacher someday. Her favorite food is Shepherd's Pie.

Emily is extremely involved in tribal and cultural activities. She is a Potawatomi language "superstar", and looks forward to every Monday's language lesson at Enrichment Lab. Last year, she attended Pokagon Summer Camp, and can't wait for this summer's camp. She is proud to share Potawatomi customs and language with her friends, and enjoys going to pow-wows to see the dancers in their regalia. Keep up the good work, Emily!

Nathaniel "Nate" Al Pierce is nine years old. He is a third grader at Howard Elementary in Niles, Michigan. Nate is the son of Christine and Larry Pierce. His grandparents are Butch & Tina Starrett and his great-grandpa is Victor Starrett. Nate's brothers and sister are Larry (10th grade), Aaron (8th grade), and Amber (12th grade). Nate has been to summer school for two years and this summer will be his third year. He loves going to school at the tribe. He wishes they would have a school all the time, not just for the summer. His favorite food is chicken nuggets. Nate enjoys playing baseball (5 years), basketball (1 year), and this will be his first year for rocket football. His dad, Larry, coaches his teams. As you can tell, Nate loves sports. But out of all the sports, baseball is his favorite and football comes close. Nate would like to continue playing sports and become a pro baseball player and play for the Cincinnati Reds. When asked what makes him most proud to be Native American, he answered with, "I'm still learning a lot. I think the language is cool. And I can use a real bow and arrow."

Kayley Gillette is the daughter of Steve and Tamara Gillette, granddaughter of Eve Hoekstra, and great granddaughter of Maryanne Shoemaker. She has one younger sister, Kelcey Renee. Kayley attends fourth grade at Davis Elementary in Decatur, MI. Her favorite food is pizza, and she plays numerous indoor and outdoor games in her free time. When she isn't playing softball, football, or soccer you can find her on her PSP, Game Box, or PlayStation. She also enjoys drawing. Kayley is proud to be Native American, and feels grateful for everything the tribe provides for members. She thinks it is fun to watch the dancers and hear the drum at pow-wows, and enjoyed attending Pokagon Summer Camp last year. Someday, Kayley hopes to become a police officer or an assistant for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. Keep up the good work, Kayley!

Dylan VanTubbergen is nine years old and a third grade student at Darden, in South Bend, Indiana. Dylan's parents are Mike and Darlene VanTubbergen. His grandparents are Jim and Carol Warren. Dylan's brothers are Ron and Jimmy Bright. Dylan likes to go to pow-pows and is excited about going to camp this year. His favorite toys are action figures and video games. However, Dylan is a sports fanatic. He likes Pop Warner Football and playing soccer. Other activities Dylan enjoys include being outdoors, swimming, watching football, playing with friends, and reading. Dylan's favorite foods are cheeseburgers and french fries. Someday, Dylan would like to be involved in sports like football and boxing. When he is older he would like to join the military. Dylan is most proud to be Native American because "the culture is still being taught and practiced." He also likes "how we help each other."

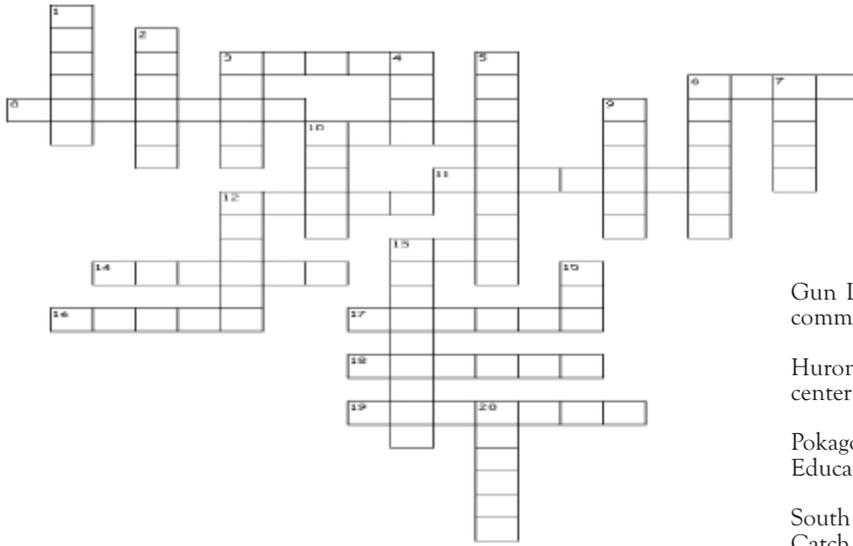
Pokagon Student Chosen to Participate in Dwight D. Eisenhower World Leadership Forum

Amara Wesaw was chosen to take part in the People to People World Leadership Forum. Selection for the World Leadership Forum is based on the academic recommendation of valued and respected educators. Amara was nominated by an educator from New Buffalo Elementary School, who qualified her as an outstanding student with high academic standing and promising leadership potential.

People to People was founded by former U.S. President, Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. The forum is located in Washington D.C. and will take place in 2010. Congratulations Amara!



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Across

- 3. friend/brother
- 6. man
- 8. new born/small baby
- 10. my mom
- 11. girl
- 12. older sister
- 13. my father
- 14. my child
- 16. baby
- 17. younger sibling
- 18. my grandmother
- 19. teenage girl

Down

- 1. cousin
- 2. baby/child
- 3. my dad
- 4. my mother
- 5. teenage boy
- 6. older woman
- 7. older brother
- 9. boy
- 10. my son
- 12. my daughter
- 13. my grandfather
- 15. woman
- 20. older man

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

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

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. at the Dowagiac Education Building on May 11th and 25th.

South Bend office classes are on May 4th and 18th from 7-9 p.m. Catch a ride at Education. The van leaves at 5:30 p.m. and please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

Spiritual Healer

June 24th-26th
Rogers Lake Tribal Court

Jake Pine from Ontario, Canada will be here on the days above. Appointments are in half hour increments from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with the hour of 12-1 not being available due to lunch. Due to our youth camp, we are changing locations for this month. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Band Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SEMA (tobacco)

Medicine Walk

June 27th 2009
Rogers Lake
Dowagiac, Michigan
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We will meet at Rogers Lake Tribal Court. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting a little dirty and bring garden shears if you have some. If you have any questions call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234

**CRAFT
TEACHINGS**

June 8th 2009
Department of Education
Rogers Lake, Dowagiac-MI.
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

June 17th 2009
Mishawaka Office
Mishawaka, Indiana
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Department of Education Awards Banquet**

honoring our
2008-2009 High School Graduates and
GED Recipients

Friday, July 10, 2009, 6:45 - 9:30 pm
Dinner at 7:00 -- Awards at 8:00

Southwestern Michigan College
Mathews Conference Center East
Fred L. Mathews Library and Conference Center
58900 Cherry Grove Road
Dowagiac, MI

Graduate Registration for the program is July 1, 2009. Please contact the Department of Education at 888-330-1234 for information about the Registration Form.

Dedicating this evening to our Graduates allows us to celebrate with our younger students at another event on August 2nd, focusing on their year! Save that date! More info to follow.

RSVP by July 1, to the Department of Education
888-330-1234

Back To School Day

August 2, 2009
Including Awards Ceremony for
Student Involvement During 2008-2009
And Summer Programs

Come join us for a creative, informative, and energizing Family Day at Rodgers Lake! Be a part of Celebrating Our Students with Awards and recognizing them for their fine work in the 2008-2009 School Year as well as their participation in the Pokagon Summer Programs!

Enjoy the Family Potluck in honor of our students and families! Participate in Workshops focusing on helping your students get the most out of school! Create "Make and Take" crafts!

Register for the 2009/2010 JOM Program!

Sunday, August 2, 2009
11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tribal Council Pavilion
Rodgers Lake Property
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI

We are looking forward to sharing this day with you!



This Father's Day, you may be able to help dad save some money

Fathers are often known for their good advice, whether it's how to catch a ball, ace a job interview, grill the perfect burger or get the best deal on a new car.

But if your father is struggling with the high cost of prescription drugs, maybe it's time for you to give him a few words of advice. This Father's Day, you may be able to help your dad save an average of \$3,900 a year on his prescription drug costs. Here's how.

If your father, or any father figure you know, is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, he may qualify for extra help – available through Social Security – to pay part of his monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. The extra help is worth an average of \$3,900 per year.

To qualify for the extra help, he must have:

- Income limited to \$16,245 for an individual or \$21, 855 for a married couple living together. Even if his annual income is higher, he still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments.
- Resources limited to \$12,510 for an individual or \$25,010 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count his house or car as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that you can help complete for your dad. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp. To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

Christy Feltner is the district manager of the Social Security office in Benton Harbor. You can write to her c/o Social Security Administration, 455 Bond St., Benton Harbor MI 49022. You can also call the national office at (800) 772-1213 from 7am to 7pm weekdays. If hearing impaired, call (800) 325-0778.

ATTENTION POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified

Members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This program is intended to supplement, but not replace, federal, state, and county assistance programs. Should you have any questions or would like to apply for this program call: The Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998.

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



Per Capita Updated List

The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

ID	FirstName	MiddleName	LastName
0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
2565	Michael	James	Martin
2649	Mark	Anthony	Jackson
2795	Edward	F	Cushway
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
4020	Kelly	Renee	Granado

PER CAPITA TID BITS

Minors Trust Presentation Packets

On May 7, 2009 packets were mailed out to all households with minors. This packet is a DVD presentation of Tom Baxter from US Bank from February 21, 2009. If you have not received a packet, please call Julie Farver at 269-782-8998 or 800-517-0777 x 241.

If you have moved...

Please update your address with the Enrollment Office. Many per capita checks get returned every month due to addresses not being updated.

Direct Deposit

Direct Deposit is the way to go!! Your money is available on the last day of the month, no waiting for the mail to be delivered. Please call to have a form mailed to you.

Tax Withholding Forms

Per Capita payments are considered income and are subject to federal and state taxes. If you are not having taxes withheld, please call to have a form mailed to you.



TRIBAL POLICE

From the Desk of the Captain Rachel Sadowski

To all Pokagon Band Members and employees. I would like to announce that Officer Jaime Summers has been appointed as Community Resource Officer for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Police Department. Officer Summers has been employed by the Pokagon Tribal Police Department since December of 2005. Since then, Officer Summers has been assigned as a Patrol Officer, Training Officer, and has been involved in various other duties.

As a Community Resource Officer, Officer Summers will take on the duties of setting up different programs which would include educating our Pokagon Band Members and surrounding communities on various items such as Neighborhood Watch Programs, Juvenile Mentoring, Setting Up Safe Homes, and other related programs. Officer Summers will still be involved in the day to day area patrol.

The Community Resource Officer position is not a new idea or new way of thinking for the Pokagon Tribal Police Department. Since the inception of the Pokagon Tribal Police Department in 2003, we have always strived to make the Pokagon Band and their properties our number one priority, however naming Officer Summers as the Community Resource Officer is just one more step towards growing in a positive way for the Pokagon Band and the Pokagon Tribal Police Department.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Pokagon Band Tribal Police Department at 269-782-2232

Captain Rachel Sadowski
Director of Law Enforcement
58155 M-51 South
Dowagiac, MI 49047





Personal Financial Skills Training Offered to Tribal Members

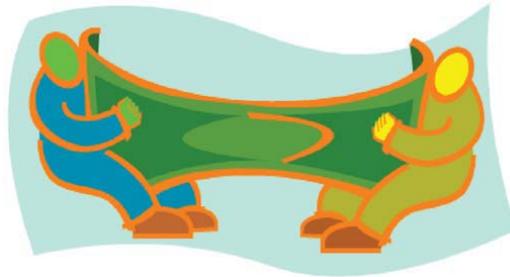
What: "Circle of Life - Building a Healthy Economy" - the first in a 6 class series in personal financial skills
 Where: Pokagon Band Head Start Building, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac (located at the tribal complex)
 When: 5:30 - 8:00 pm, Tuesday, June 16 or 9:30 - noon, Saturday, June 20 (same class, different date)
 Who: All Pokagon Band tribal members and spouses/partners (regardless of county of residence)
 Why: To strengthen the personal financial skills of Pokagon Band families, thereby empowering them to better meet their families' needs
 How often: A two hour and a half hour class per month, starting with a light meal half
 What else: Child care provided for children 3 to 13 years old. Children must be potty trained!
 What to do: Call or email right away: Val Janowski: 269 783-0443 or 877 983-0385; Valerie.Janowski@Pokagon.com

Classes are held on a monthly basis and have been scheduled for the entire year. Every month's class features a different topic. Participants are encouraged to attend on a monthly basis. Participants who attend the entire series will receive a \$25 gift card upon completion of all six classes. Should you miss a month's class, you may attend during the next series of classes as the classes will be repeated on an ongoing basis. Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Month	Tues.	Sat.	Class Topic
June	16	20	Building a Healthy Economy - The Circle of Life
July	14	18	Developing a Spending Plan
August	11	15	Managing Checking & Savings Accounts
September	15	19	Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report
October	13	17	Accessing Credit, Part 1
November	17	21	Accessing Credit, Part 2
December	15	19	Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays

* "Circle of Life" is the start of a new series of classes
 Tuesdays - dinner at 5:30, class from 6 - 8 pm. Saturdays: light meal at 9:30, class from 10 - noon
 Classes will always be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month, as well as the preceding Tuesday. Both days will feature the same topic. Alternate days and times are offered for members with different schedules. The location of the classes will also remain the same. The financial skills program is connected with the Pokagon Head Start program only in that the classes are held at Head Start. Members do not need to have a child enrolled in order to attend. Child care will be available at no charge by trained and certified providers. Attendance is limited to 20 participants. Register now to reserve your spot.

Workshop is Free!
 Space is Limited
 Call Now!
 (269) 783-0443



Free Child Care
 for ages 3-13
 Join Us for Dinner or Brunch
 Before the Workshop

Attend for your chance to win a \$25 Visa Gift Card!

Trying to **Stretch** Your Money?
 Finding More Month than Money?
 Need Help in a TOUGH Economy?
 We're Here to Help!

Join us on either May 12th OR May 16th for our next
Financial Empowerment Workshop
"Accessing Credit 101"

Tuesday May 12th
 Pokagon Band Head Start
 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday May 16th
 Pokagon Band Head Start
 9:30 am to 12:00 pm



Winner of the 25\$ Visa Gift Card: Jessica Colter



Schedule of 2009 Financial Empowerment Classes

What people are saying about the Pokagon Band's monthly financial empowerment classes:

- "Knowing how my ancestors planned makes me feel like it is possible for me."
- "I will share the information that I've learned with my children and my grandchildren."
- "I will use the new skills I've acquired on a daily basis."
- "I am so happy that we have this program available to us!"
- "I like how the class connected with our cultural history."
- "This is something that I feel will benefit our members."
- "I really enjoyed how comfortable the speakers made me feel and the light, friendly atmosphere."

Pokagon Band recently started a personal financial skills program to help tribal members better meet the financial needs of their families. The Band has adopted a curriculum called "Building Native Communities - Financial Skills for Families." It was designed for Native communities and is being used by tribes across the country. The program consists of a series of five monthly classes. Each month's class features a different topic. All sessions begin with a cultural presentation that relates the contemporary lesson to traditional teachings. Classes include fun, hands-on activities that engage participants in light-hearted ways. Participants who attend all five classes will receive a \$25 gift card! The series of classes will be repeated twice a year, so should you miss a class, you can attend when the next time that topic is offered. Although recommended, it is not necessary to attend all five classes in sequential order. Due to classroom space limitations, class size is limited to 20 participants. Participants may alternate from a Tuesday evening to a Saturday morning session if necessary. Tribal members are encouraged to enroll in a particular session of each monthly class by calling Lisa Johnson, Department of Housing: 269 783-0443 or toll free: 877 983-0385.

Session 5: Accessing Credit 101: Tues, May 12 - 5:30 - 8:00 pm or Sat., May 15 - 9:30am - Noon

Learn how to use credit to build a strong Native community, one family at a time. We'll review the entire loan application process. Together we'll learn how loan applications are evaluated. You'll participate in an exercise on evaluating sample loan applications. You will play the role of a member of a credit committee and help evaluate sample loan applications. You'll also gain insights about credit interviews, credit scoring and credit denials. Get tips on credit repair and credit restructuring. Learn about financial systems before and after European contact. Long before the modern banking and financial system was developed, there was interaction and trade between Native communities across great distances. Learn how your ancestors participated in a complex economic system. Build on this knowledge and incorporate the tools and resources of our modern economy to benefit your family and your community. Learn all about the modern financial tool which we call "loans." Become familiar with various rates, terms, and fees. Learn how to restructure loans and how to avoid predatory lending.

Session 1: The Circle of Life - Traditional and Modern Economies: Tues., June 16 - 5:30 - 8 pm or Sat., June 20 - 9:30 am - Noon

Learn about Native resource management strategies, including how the "circle of life"—the traditional concept that all of life has cyclical patterns—can help us all make better financial decisions. We'll discuss our local economy, how to plug a "leaking economy," and how to better circulate money in your community. You'll be challenged to develop short and long term actions that you can take to strengthen our community's self-reliance and build our local and tribal economies.

Session 2: Developing a Spending Plan: Tues., July 14- 5:30 - 8 pm or Sat., July 18 - 9:30 - Noon

Saving and budgeting were very important skills in traditional economies. The community masterfully put aside savings—food and other

items—to ensure that needs were met year round. Learn how the "circle of life"—the traditional concept that all life has cyclical patterns—can help you make sound financial decision even in our present times. Track your spending! Learn the importance of tracking—your spending, your debt and your income. Learn, too, how to develop savings goals and a spending plan, and how to use spending plan worksheets (daily, weekly, monthly and annually). Learn dozens of tips on managing spending—you can freeze your ATM and credit cards in a container of water. This will give you time to think before making a purchase

Session 3: Managing Checking & Savings Accounts: Tues., Aug. 11 5:30 - 8 pm or Sat., Aug. 15 August 9:30 am - Noon

This session helps families manage their financial resources more effectively. Participants will also learn how to protect against forgery. Remember: "Keep good records!" Traditionally, Native people demonstrated tremendous skill in managing resources to support their communities on an ongoing basis. Traditional life involved choices about when and how to use and save resources. Native people used what was needed at the present time, then preserved the rest for the future. The same idea of saving for the future inspires us to do likewise.

Session 4: Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report Tues., Sept. 15, 5:30 - 8 pm or Sat., Sept September 19, 9:30 - Noon

For generations, Native communities migrated throughout the year to be near the natural resources that supported each community. Traditional migration patterns were followed while our people lived in what is called a "subsistence economy"—one in which people could provide for its own needs. History, however, forced Native communities to transition from providing for their own needs to having to purchase goods and services from others—a "market economy." Learn about the importance of credit, the advantages & disadvantages of using credit, as well as the types of credit. Also covered will be credit reports, correcting errors in credit reports, and tips for creating, maintaining and reestablishing your credit history. Remember: "think long term!"

Session 5 Accessing Credit 101: Tues., Oct. 13, 5:30 - 8 pm or Sat., Oct., 17, 9:30 am - Noon

Learn how to use credit to build a strong Native community, one family at a time. We'll review the entire loan application process. Together we'll learn how loan applications are evaluated. You'll participate in an exercise on evaluating sample loan applications. You will play the role of a member of a credit committee and help evaluate sample loan applications. You'll also gain insights about credit interviews, credit scoring and credit denials. Get tips on credit repair and credit restructuring. Learn about financial systems before and after European contact. Long before the modern banking and financial system was developed, there was interaction and trade between Native communities across great distances. Learn how your ancestors participated in a complex economic system. Build on this knowledge and incorporate the tools and resources of our modern economy to benefit your family and your community. Learn all about the modern financial tool which we call "loans." Become familiar with various rates, terms, and fees. Learn how to restructure loans and how to avoid predatory lending.

Special topic Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays: Tues., Nov. 17, 5:30 - 8 pm or Sat., Nov. 21, 9:30 am - Noon

Get dozens of tips on ways to resist the urge to overspend on gifts while still making the holidays special. Please feel free to bring gift-giving ideas to share with the class. We'll discuss ways to be generous with our time and talents, which are often the most appreciated kind of gifts..

Special topic More Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays: Tues., Dec. 15, 5:30 - 8 pm or Sat., Dec. 19 for December! 9:30 am - Noon

Get dozens of tips on ways to resist the urge to overspend on gifts while still making the holidays special. Please feel free to bring gift-giving ideas to share with the class. We'll discuss ways to be generous with our time and talents, which are often the most appreciated kind of gifts.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

I would like to give my special appreciation to my family and friends. On April 28, 2009 I graduated from Western Michigan University with a Master's Degree in Human Resources Development. After the Commencement Ceremony my Uncle Art & Aunt Cathy Morsaw and their family (Joseph, Matthew, Angela, Jessica, Ann) and their respective spouses and children, and Raymond Bush attended a Graduation Party at The Big T in Lawton. I was very honored to be in their audience that day to have some laughs and good eats and best wishes and to those that weren't able to attend. Thank You all very much and from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Donald Sumners



CONGRATULATIONS, JAMIE GOSS
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR 2009 (softball)
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF YOU ON YOUR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT WIU AND
KEEPING YOUR GPA AVERAGE UP AND BEYOND!!!!
GRANDMA IS LOOKING DOWN AND SMILING!

WITH ALL OUR LOVE,
MOM, DAD, AMY, SHANO, GAIGE
AUNT RUSTY, PATTY AND SHERRY
UNCLE ROCKY, JOE AND KEVIN
AND COUSINS

Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Tamara Gillette! Married
April 22nd, 2009

Happy Belated Birthdays: Eva Hoekstra (Apr. 1), Kenny Jackson
and Stella Heffington (Apr. 22), Shannon Myers (Apr. 22), Robert
Hoekstra (Apr. 25), Kelcey Gillette (May 2), Michelle Piper (May 6),
Jackson Little (May 15), The late Alfred Paul Falk (May 19)

Happy June Birthdays: The late Ann Shoemaker (June 1), Margaret
O'keefe (June 9), Leona Falk (June 19), Brett Parker (June 19)

We love you, Kim, Kerby, Brittainy, Corey, Jasmine, and Josiah

Happy Belated Birthday!!!
Jordan Shiflett-5/17
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
James & Nicole Ivy on the
birth of your 1st child
James Otto Ivy Jr. born
May 6th 2009.
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike



Welcome to Turtle Island Devin Weston Helmke!
3-21-2009
8.5 lbs 19.5 Inches
Love,
Your HUGE loving family!



Senequa,

I never thought 2009 would get here. It seemed like a lifetime away but look here we are 18yrs. later and you walked across that stage! That was one of my most proudest moments of you and as a mother to know that all that we have been through you always remained focused. Especially after having De'Andre Jr. you stayed focused and kept your eye on May 2009, and you achieved it making the honor roll this year and on time. Not that is quite an accomplishment!

Just remember that no matter the path or the road blocks God puts in front of you, it's only temporary and you are the only one that can take those roadblocks down and in the end will only make you a stronger person. Always dream big, believe in yourself, have faith, know how to forgive, smile even when life is hard, think positive, have an open mind, make lasting memories, live life to the fullest and most importantly, love yourself and your children.

And I promise you, you will live a long and fulfilled life! I love you for the daughter and mother that you are. You have made me the proudest Mom and MaMa. Congratulations on all of your hard work. And we love you very much.

Love Mom, Derick, Curtis and De'Andre Jr. (That grandma guy!!)

Happy Birthday!!!
Angel Bowling-6/4
Brett Parker-6/19
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Bradley Piper-6/21
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday MOM!!!
Margaret O' Keefe- 6/9
Love, Kathy & Mike



Happy 4th Birthday Kiarra Kelley

From Great Grandmother Cynthia
and Great Grandfather James.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tegan Nesta Marsh

Announcing my first born grandchild. Please pray for her to have a life of purpose and love. Her proud parents are Derek and Tracy Marsh. Her grand parents are John and Priscilla Williams. Her great grandparents are Michael and Cecilia Williams. Megwetch to our creator.

-Trish Williams



Happy Birthday, to my wife, Monica D. Grubb

From your husband Henry

And your family.



Happy Birthday to Derrick (8) and Jacquson (7) Grubb

From Big Daddy and Mommica

Happy Anniversary to Lisa and Ricardo on June 23

Happy Belated Birthday to: Tina Lopez (May 13), Danny Lopez (May 26), Cecil Wilson Jr. (June 3), Chad Swisher (June 5), Opal Wilson (June 5), Linda Lenox (June 9), Thomas Bayro (June 21), Brandon Roberts (June 21), Anthony Swisher (June 25), Stephanie Lenox (June 26), Ryan Rhodes (June 18)

From Dorothy Burgh



Derek Carpenter (Scooter) Class of 2009

Derek will be attending Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac, MI. His greatest ambition in life is to be a teacher and wants to be a role model for kids as his teachers were to him.

Derek's love of science and history is outstanding! He will be working towards his BA Degree in Education with science as his minor.

Scooter, we are very proud of you for all that you have accomplished so far. You're the first in our family to go to college and have a successful career ahead of you, and the first grandchild to graduate high school. Congratulations, we love you, Scooter! You've mad us proud, always remember to be proud of yourself, too!

Love, always and forever.
Mom, Dad, and Cody



Congratulations to Elizabeth Glowacki. She graduated Friday May 1st from Grand Rapids Community College with an associate's degree in child development. Liz is the daughter of Betty McBride and granddaughter of the late Leonard and Mary Church.



Happy Mother's Day Konnstance Birks

From your family



The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

Journey for Forgiveness: Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

In conjunction with White Bison's 2009 Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness

Wednesday, June 17 • 7am - 3pm

7070 E. Broadway - Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Sunrise Ceremony at Tribal Operations followed by a Three Fires Confederacy Forgiveness Walk to the Boarding School and a day of guest speakers, panel discussions, a film screening, prayer vigil, and healing ceremony

100 Drum Honor Song - Bring your drums
Rain or shine • Public welcome • Bring lawnchairs or lawn blankets



First occupied on June 30, 1893 with an average enrollment of 300 students, the school operated until 1934.



For more information contact: Hunter Genia at (989)775-4869 or Shannon Martin at (989)775-4750



2009 POTAWATOMI GATHERING

HOSTED BY PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION • 16281 Q ROAD, MAYETTA, KS 66509 • WWW.PBPINDIANTRIBE.COM

Please check the website regularly for updated information, schedules, registration, activities, and more!



August 6-8, 2009

PBPN Prairie Peoples Park

15400 M Road • Mayetta, KS 66509

Host Hotel Information

Holidome - 785.272.8040

605 Fairlawn, Topeka, KS 66606

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(Ask for Potawatomi Gathering Block)

“who We are”

Nishnabek Taomén

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).

Contact Information

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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 review will be held on Saturday June 20.thThe review will take place between 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 or have lots of things to sell to be eligible. We can work with artists who live out of state.

We are always looking for new and unique items to showcase.

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.

24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow

The 24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow is just around the corner. The Pow Wow Committee is seeking volunteers to assist with making the event a safe, well organized, and enjoyable event for all visitors. We are looking for vendor assistants, parking attendants, golf cart drivers, security, and t-shirt sales persons. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Julie Farver at 269-240-8045. Please be aware that there is a mandatory volunteer training session the evening of Friday, September 4th at Rodgers Lake. Dinner will be provided. This is great opportunity to support the Pokagon community and to get involved...call Julie today!!

Caterer Still Needed!!!

The Pow Wow committee is still in need of a caterer. The feast will be held Saturday September 5th at the Rodgers Lake Pavilion for an expected 500 Pow Wow participants.

If you are interested, please email Micky at Michaelina.magnuson@pokagon.com or call Julie Farver at 269-240-8045. Please contact us by June 9, 2009. We will be making the final determination the following day.



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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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58620 Sink Rd.
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