

# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"THE POKAGONS TELL IT"

March 2008



## QUILT RAFFLE

To benefit the John R. Winchester  
Scholarship Fund  
At Michigan State University

This quilt will be raffled at the Michigan  
State Pow Wow on March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

All proceeds are going to the John R.  
Winchester Scholarship Fund. The quilt has  
been donated and made by Julie Farver.

## 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.

March 26-28  
April 30-May 2  
May 28-30

Bring Your Sema! (Tobacco)

## NATIVE DANCE

Those that are interested in learning how to do  
various types of our male & female traditional  
dances, please contact Rhonda Shingwauk,  
Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of  
Education @ 1-888-330-1234  
by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

BAMA PI!

## Pokagon Band Education Awards Banquet

Sunday, June 8th, 2008  
Dinner at 5:00 pm, Awards at 5:30 pm

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

Registration deadline for the program is May 19th.  
Questions? Please contact the Department of Education  
at 1-888-330-1234.

## The Pokagon Summer School Program

The Department of Education is pleased to announce its  
plans for this year's summer school program!

**Who:** Native children entering K-6<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2008-2009  
school year in the 10 county service area who are eligible for the  
JOM and/or Title VII programs.

**What:** The program will focus on culturally based academics.

**When:** Mondays - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Monday June 30<sup>th</sup> - Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** The Pokagon Head Start Building on the Rodgers Lake  
Property

**Why:** To provide a summer of learning and fun!

Limited transportation will be available in areas local to  
Dowagiac.

Summer School applications are available by contacting Marie  
Willis, Director of Education, at 1-888-330-1234 or at  
[marie.willis@pokagon.com](mailto:marie.willis@pokagon.com)

**Applications are due in the Department of Education by  
April 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**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).

**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.

**Pokégnek Yajdanawa “The Pokagon’s Tell It”**

**Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions  
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05**

**Newsletter**

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

**Identification**

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

**Communication**

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

**Etiquette**

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

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

**Where to send submissions:**

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

**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 –1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month:	Health Services Social Worker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month:	Contract Health Services Processor
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month:	Community Health Nurse
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month:	Community Health Representative
<u>Each</u> 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.

**COMMITTEE CORNER**

**The Substance Abuse Task Force** is also looking for active members to join. If you are interested please contact Kelly Curran at the Tribal Lodge, 269-782-6323 or 888-376-9988.

**The Family Welfare Commission** is looking for active members to join. If you are interested please contact Mark Pompey at the Department of Social Services, 269-782-8998 for an application.

**The newly formed Conservation Club Committee** would like to extend an open invitation for any interested members to serve on the committee. Please contact Kelly Curran @ 269-782-6323 or 1-888-376-9988. If there is another committee you are interested in serving on please submit your name for consideration. We are always looking for members who would like to participate on the committees. This is what helps make projects move forward.

The deadline for membership submissions for the April newsletter will be March 14. Send articles and announcements to:

Pokagon Newsletter  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

[roger.rader@pokagon.com](mailto:roger.rader@pokagon.com)



**ELDER OF THE MONTH**  
**Susan Laursen**  
 Dowagiac, Michigan

Susan is the daughter of Laura Lou Cushway-Walters. Susan is 56 years old born in Pontiac, MI. and raised in Florida. She has two children and has been blessed with twelve (12) grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Food management as well as cooking has been her passion for many years. Susan serves as vice-Chairperson on the Election Board. She has other activities like Pow-Wow's, MIEA, and caregiver for other elders, native crafts such as beadwork of many types is another interest. Susan hopes to be able to help with Elder's activities for many years to come.

**Medicare B  
 Attention Elders!**

Please turn in a copy of your new Benefit Amount 2008 from Social Security if you are having Medicare Part B deduction and wish to have Pokagon Band Reimburse you the \$96.40. Any question please call Elders Hall 1-800-859-2717.

**March  
 2008**

**Pokagon Band Elder's Hall**



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> Vegetable Soup Turkey Sandwiches Peaches	<b>4</b> Baked Chicken In Mushroom Soup Stuffing Broccoli Applesauce	<b>5</b> Pancakes Sausage Links Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit OJ	<b>6 Business Lunch</b>  Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Peach Cobbler	<b>7</b> Pizza Day Lettuce Salad Jell-O/Pears
<b>10</b> Potato Soup Grilled Cheese Veggies Mandarin Oranges	<b>11</b> Chicken Wings Lettuce Salad Baked Beans Peaches/Combread	<b>12</b> Taco Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Cocktail/Jell-O	<b>13 Language</b>  Sloppy Joes Potato Salad Fresh Fruit	<b>14</b> Baked Fish Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Pineapple Upside-down Cake
<b>17</b> Stuffed Cabbage Rolls Bratwurst Apple Crisp Dinner Rolls	<b>18</b> Barbeque Chicken Baked Potatoes Asparagus Berry Mix	<b>19</b> Biscuits & Gravy Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit OJ	<b>20 Social Lunch</b>  Turkey Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Tropical Fruit Salad	<b>21</b> Pork BBQ Sandwiches Waffle Fries Corn Peaches
<b>24</b> Chicken Noodle Soup & Dumplings Salad/Veggies Jell-O/Fruit	<b>25</b> Spaghetti Salad Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit	<b>26</b> Chicken Stir Fry/Rice Angel Cake with Strawberries Dinner Rolls	<b>27 Language</b>  Beef Stroganoff and Noodles Broccoli/Cheese Peaches/Rolls	<b>28</b> Chili w/ground Turkey Salad Pears/Jell-O Combread
<b>31</b> Ham & Bean Soup Tossed Salad Fruit Salad Cornbread				

**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





**Shishibé is Coming**

Three tribe Shishibé March 7<sup>th</sup> at Huron Band's community center. Call the Department of Education if you're interested in riding along. Limited space in the van, so please call early.

*Jayek I Zhetonawa O*

(All that makes)

The Department of Education is creating a list for all Pokagons who are dancers, supply or food vendors, and for those who know how to make various traditional items such as:

- Tanning Hides
- Weaving
- Beadwork
- Basket Making
- Shield Making
- Stone/Bone Carving
- Drum Making
- Regalia
- Quill Work
- Other

This network will be a great way to give back to our community and come together as one to teach and learn from each other. If you would like to be on our contact list to possibly help teach upcoming and future events or workshops in our community, please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

MIGWETCH!

**Camp is coming! Register your children now!**

**Session I: For Native youth entering grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> in Fall 2008**

Dates: Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

**Session II: For Native youth entering grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> in Fall 2008**

Dates: Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>-Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

Camper applications are available by contacting Marie Willis, Director of Education, at 1-888-330-1234 or at [marie.willis@pokagon.com](mailto:marie.willis@pokagon.com)

**Applications are due in the Department of Education by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Language Words (Time)**

Morning it is	Waben
Noon	Nawkwe
Afternoon	Gishnawkwe
Dusk (getting dark/toward evening)	Nenséyak
Dawn	Waséyabek
Midnight	Abtedbekok
Today	Ngom
Yesterday	Nago
Tomorrow	Wabek
Last night	Debkok

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 Pokagon Department of Education in Dowagiac on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

South Bend office classes are on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m. Catch a ride at the Department of Education in Dowagiac. The van leaves at 5:30 p.m. and please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, do to limited room in the van.

**\*\*\*No class on the 27<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

Elders classes are held at Elders hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

**Attention High School and College Students:**

If you are interested in receiving a weekly on-line Higher Education newsletter focusing on scholarships, internships, and other higher education information, please contact Marie Willis, Director of Education, by e-mail at [marie.willis@pokagon.com](mailto:marie.willis@pokagon.com) or [scholarship@pokagon.com](mailto:scholarship@pokagon.com) or by telephone at 1-888-330-1234.

**Attention Pokagon College Graduates:**

The Department of Education is planning on creating a Pokagon Alumni Network to help current and future Pokagon college students. If you are interested in finding out more information on how you can be a part of this network, please contact Marie Willis, Director of Education, by e-mail at [marie.willis@pokagon.com](mailto:marie.willis@pokagon.com) or [scholarship@pokagon.com](mailto:scholarship@pokagon.com) or by telephone at 1-888-330-1234.

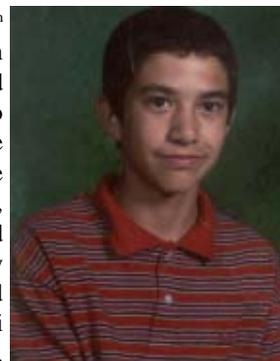


**Students of the Month**  
**\*\*\*March\*\*\***

**Leanna Lewis** is a 12 year old, 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Lakeshore Middle School in Stevensville. She is the daughter of Derek Black and Terri Lewis and a sister to Michael Lewis and Brooke Pennington. Leanna received citizenship awards last year from Lakeshore Middle School. When she is not in school studying her favorite subject Social Studies, Leanna enjoys the tribal Christmas party, pizza, basketball and video games. Leanna wants to design video games when she grows up. Keep up the good work, Leanna!



**Justin Randolph** is a 13 year old 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Northside Middle School in Elkhart. He is the son of Tonia and Howard Randolph and a brother to Elizabeth. At school Justin's favorite subject is Math! Outside of school he enjoys Play Station 3, football, basketball, the tribal Christmas party and Pow Wows. Justin would like to play football professionally as a wide end receiver, but in the meantime racing mini stock cars will be a highlight this year. Keep up the good work, Justin!



**Kaitlyn Stull** is a 12 year old 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Patrick Hamilton Middle School in Dowagiac. She is the daughter of Craig and Jill Checkly and a sister to Jared and Zach. At school Kaitlyn's favorite subjects are Math and Science! She has received student of the month at Kincheloe Elementary School and outside of school she has received numerous dancing awards. Kaitlyn enjoys soccer, basketball, and Pow Wows. Keep up the good work, Kaitlyn!



**Alexis Winchester** is a 13 year old 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Dowagiac Junior High School. She is the daughter of John Winchester and Katherine Harmon, a sister to Ashley Harmon, and a step-sister to Lance, Anthony, Julian, Jayda and Lauren. At school Alexis is quite the artist. Her art is often displayed and used as examples by her teacher. She can also write in Greek, Spanish, and Potawatomi. Outside of school Alexis has participated in many tribal programs including: language classes, tutoring, enrichment labs, summer camp, science camp, Native American craft classes, the tribal Christmas party, and Pow Wows. She also enjoys cheerleading, skateboarding, football, and playing the guitar. Alexis wants to be a zoologist when she grows up. Keep up the good work, Alexis!



**Samantha May** is a 9 year old 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Davis Elementary School in Decatur. She is the daughter of Jason May and Kimberly Morsaw, the grand-daughter of Pamela McGlothlin, and a sister to Derek Morsaw. We are proud to say that Samantha has perfect attendance and straight A's! When she's not studying her favorite subject Spelling, she enjoys participating in arts and crafts, Decatur public library activities, tribal Christmas parties and preparing for the 5K walk/run at her school. Samantha wants to be a lawyer when she grows up. Keep up the good work, Samantha!



**Attention High School Seniors:**

The Department of Education, through the High School Senior Success Program, can offer assistance in completing your senior year and in preparing for college in the following ways:

- Reimbursement of college entrance exam fees. We will pay for one ACT or SAT exam.
- College Application fees. We will pay for application fees up to \$100.
- Reimbursement of graduation gown.
- Providing you with information about the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship and other financial aid opportunities.

We also want to acknowledge your success! We are planning to highlight high school seniors in the June newsletter. If you are interested in having your photograph featured and your future plans highlighted, please contact the Department of Education by April 15<sup>th</sup> for more information.

For more information on any of these services, please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at [marie.willis@pokagon.com](mailto:marie.willis@pokagon.com).



**Wanted: Summer Youth Camp Staff**

The Department of Education is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the Pokagon Summer Youth Camp 2008:

**Camp Counselors**

**Camp Cook**

**Camp Lifeguard**

Dates needed:

Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Interested? Applications can be obtained in the following ways:

By e-mail. Contact Marie Willis at:  
[marie.willis@pokagon.com](mailto:marie.willis@pokagon.com)

By phone. Contact the Department of Education at: 1-888-330-1234.

Applications are due by **Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Any questions? Please contact Marie Willis, the Director of Education by e-mail at [marie.willis@pokagon.com](mailto:marie.willis@pokagon.com) or by telephone at 1-888-330-1234.

**Pokagon Band Head Start**  
**March News**

**Make Up Days (Headstart)**

In an effort to ensure we have 128 school days in by May 15, 2008, we will be offering four make-up days at the end of April and the beginning of May. These will be half days on Friday's 8:30-12:00. We will serve breakfast and lunch. Children can be dropped off at 8:15 and must be picked up at 12:00.

Transportation will not be offered these days. The make-up days are 4-11, 4-18, 4-25, and 5-2. More information will follow soon.

**March's Calendar (Headstart)**

March 9<sup>th</sup>- Daylight Saving time begins (set clocks forward (1) hour)

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Easter Sunday

March 24<sup>th</sup> - Closed in observance to Easter

March 27<sup>th</sup> - Family Fun Night (Presentation on Second Hand Smoke)

March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 4<sup>th</sup> - Spring Break

**March Birthday's**

Molly 17<sup>th</sup>

Carson 29<sup>th</sup>

Annabelle 30<sup>th</sup>

**Tribal Council**  
**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**  
P.O. Box 180  
53237 Townhall Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Aanii,

On behalf of the Michigan Indian Elders Association I extend to you our most sincere appreciation for your very generous donation of \$500 to our Scholarship Program. Your support to one of our two student based programs helps us to reach out to those young people who, we hope, will one day take on the responsibility of protecting our sovereignty and maintaining and preserving the traditions of all Anisinabe.

Since 2002, the major emphasis of the Michigan Indian Elders Association has been to bridge the gap between our Elders and our youth. We are doing this by recognizing and rewarding academic achievement. Your generosity allows us to reach out to one more student.

If you don't already know, your Elder Council has also sponsored a \$500 scholarship. They are a fine bunch of people who have always taken an active role in our Association. You should be very proud of the way they represent your Band.

Sincerely,

**Robert S. Menard, President**  
**Michigan Indian Elders Association**

**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:**

**Don't forget about the College Scholarships and the Student Incentive awards that MIEA is offering.**

**The College Scholarships must be returned before June 18, 2007 and Incentive Awards before April 1, 2007.**

**For complete information contact the Education Department.**



**Pokagon Band Head Start**  
**March News**

***Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year***

We will be accepting pre-applications at the beginning of February 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 8, 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.

**Volunteers Needed**

We are always looking for volunteers to come help at the Center. Volunteers can help with reading to the children or just spending time in the classroom, helping in the kitchen, or helping in the office. If you are interested please call the Center at 269-783-0026.

Donations are always greatly appreciated as well.

Items that we are always looking for: Inexpensive tennis balls, one time use cameras, and play dough. Other donations that are good at this time of the year are hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants, and boots for ages 3-5 years. If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them by the Center.



***Want to become 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

# MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Inteus, you are finally a big borther! Hope you have lots of fun with your new baby sister. As for your baby brother...???  
Love Mommy and Daddy

Congratulations Ricardo and Lisa Abundes on the arrival of Kayla Victoria Abundes. Born 1-29-08. 8 Lbs. 4 oz. 19 1/2 inches. The proud Grandparents are Dorothy and Reynaldo Lopez Sr.

Great Grandma is Dorothy Burgh.

Happy 40th Birthday to "Poopers" --- From Auntte, Bish, Pooh Bear, Whitey, J, Poppa, CC Rider, Uncle Corner, Tiges, Snoogs, Miss Rae, Cam Man, R Van Heineken, Markie, YaYa, Otta, Uncle Harve, D & J, Bella & Tar Tar.

Happy 15 month birthday, Joseph Lopez. Happy 5th Birthday Leslie Nicole Lopez.



Christian Dean Morseau was born on Oct. 7, 2007. Weighing 7 lbs. 1 ounce and 19 inches long. His parents are Angel Morseau and James Stein Jr.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MOM JOYCE M. (WESAW) GREEN

March 17, 1932 – November 8, 2003

Our lives go on without you, but nothing is the same, we have to hide our heartache, when someone speaks your name. Sad are the hearts that loved you, silent the tears that fall, living our lives without you, is the hardest part of all. You did so many things for us, your heart was kind and true, and when we needed someone, we could always count on you. the special years will not return, when we were all together, but with the love within our hearts, You will walk with us forever.



Love, Rusty, Kevin, Patty, Rocky, Joe, Karen and Sherry  
Grandkids and Great-Grandkids



Happy 6th Birthday Alexis Harmon  
February 28th  
With All Our Love, Mom,  
Dad, Cheyenne, Cody,  
and Your Guardian Angel Grammy



Happy Birthday, Henry  
Jefferson Grubb II  
Happy Birthday Son! Love  
Mom and Dad.



Happy Birthday Twins.  
Ardianna and Brianna Morseau Mares. I hope your birthday is full of laughter and fun. You have brought a lot of happiness to our family. We love you bunches.  
Tia  
Waub Nimki Qua

# MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

We miss you and love you Richard Burgh (3-24-07)

Love, Dorothy - Your wife Dorothy - Your Daughter Richard and David - your Sons All your grandchildren and great grand children.



Happy Birthday. A ghost na na. I hope your birthday is filled with beautiful memories. I know the creator has given you many gifts, like the time you saw an angel and was only four years old. Not many people get that privilege.

Love Nuc - mus mus  
Waub nimki Qua.

Happy 16th birthday to our beautiful granddaughter Elliot on March 3.

Also congratulations on being named queen of the Winter Fest at Monroe High School.

We love you and are so proud of you Love Gram and Gramp Parrish



Happy Birthday Clyde Brazie Jr. on March 21st. Congratulations on the following achievements.

Hartford School Honor Roll  
Business Professionals of America  
Regional Competition at SWMC  
Place in Cisco Computer Division  
Eligible to participate in the State Competition at AMWAY Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, in March.

Great Job, we are very proud of you.  
Dad, Mom, and Justin Brazie, Grandma Skipper  
Good Luck!



Announcing the birth of our new baby girl. A'zhani Del Socorro Simon-Dixon 9 Lbs. 1 oz. 20 3/4 inches. January 18th, 2008. Parents, Melody Dixon and Oscar Simon-Santes. Grandparents, Terry and Adeline Dixon. Great Grandparents, (late) Mitchell Lewis and (late) Geraldine Sturgeon.

Happy Birthday to Aaron Robert Horner on March 24th...  
Get a haircut.

-yer uncle.



Happy 8th Birthday Myrriam Grubb.  
From you Mom and Dad.



Congratulations Inteus on winning 1st place in the national Pizza Hut Coloring Contest. Although you didn't win the grand drawing, you are my "Big Winner"! I am so proud of you! Love, Mommy and family.

Happy 6 month birthday to the twins Richard and Robert Lopez. Proud parents are Robert Shawna Lopez. Grandparents Dorothy and Reynaldo Burgh. Great Grandma, Dorothy Burgh.



# Tribal Council Directory

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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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