

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

May 2009

GROUNDBREAKING The New Tribal Administrative Complex

Although April 13, 2009 was a rainy and dreary day, spirits were high at the Rodgers Lake Complex in anticipation of the official Groundbreaking for the 19-thousand square foot Tribal Administration Building.

Participation was wonderful despite the weather. There were well over 100 participants in the event including Membership, Tribal Council, local government officials, and Staff.

We were honored by Elder Clarence White who performed a pipe ceremony; and Ribbontown was the drum.

Chairman John Miller is quoted as saying, "This building represents a new face for the tribe and is a very deep source of pride for all of our tribal citizens." Tribal Operations Officer Eric Trevan stated, "This is a new morning. We will keep the momentum going," Each member of the Tribal Council present took their turn in speaking of what this day meant to them and the years it has taken to get to this day.

Those in attendance were invited to participate in a luncheon held at the pavilion after the Groundbreaking events took place.

It was a great day for our Membership, Tribal Government, and Staff!

Each time you drive by the property remember to check on the progress of the building!



**Let's learn Potawatomi
at the**



**Join us for language games, a picnic,
and a visit to the zoo of course!**

Saturday, May 16th

Potawatomi Zoo, 500 S. Greenlawn, South Bend, Indiana

**Picnic and games start @ Noon in the Corporate
Picnic Area in the zoo.**

**A Department of Education staff member will be in front of the
zoo from 11:30 pm-1 pm handing out zoo passes. The language
program and picnic will take place from Noon-2 pm. Families are
welcome to stay the rest of the afternoon to enjoy the zoo.**

All youth **must** be accompanied at all times by a parent or a guardian.
The Pokagon Band Department of Education will not be responsible for participants.

Questions? Please contact the Pokagon Department of Education @ (888)330-1234.
The event will still take place in moderate rain. In the event of severe bad weather,
please call (888)330-1234 on the program day for info.



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 (Page 27).

This issue and past issues of the

Pokagon Newsletter are available online in

Adobe PDF format.

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

The deadline for membership submissions for the

June newsletter will be **May 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.



Notice

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Elders are planning a trip in the near future. The destination location is yet to be determined, but we would like to extend an invitation to any elders wishing to participate.

If you are interested in participating, information can be obtained by calling Petey at 1-800-859-2717, or Audrey at 269-782-7913.

We will be taking calls between
May 15th, 2009, and May 22nd, 2009.
Pokagon Band Elders and spouses only.

May 2009 Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Note: 2% milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.				1 Stuffed Green Peppers or Cold Tuna and Pea Salad Mangos/Cottage Cheese Rolls
4 Buffalo Shish Kabob W/ Veggies & Potatoes Garden Salad/ Rolls Pumpkin Pies	5 Chicken Ala King W/ Noodles Mashed Potatoes Veggie Tray/ Coleslaw Fruit Salad/ Rolls	6 Ham W/ Scalloped Potatoes Peas W/ Pearl Onions Tomato Salad Pineapple/ Roll	7 <u>Business Lunch</u> Salmon Patties or Brats Macaroni and Cheese Collard Greens Strawberries/ Blueberries/ Rolls	8 Grilled Pork Steaks or Veggie Burger Potato Salad Baked Beans Yogurt W/ Fruit Cups/ Rolls
11 Spring Vegetable Soup Braunschweiger Sandwich Spinach Salad Blueberry Pie/ Roll	12 Polish Beef Sausage/ Rice Corn on the Cob Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Peaches/ Corn Bread	13 Barbeque Grilled Chicken Macaroni Salad Vegetable Kabobs Melon Wedges/ Roll	14 Buffalo Meatballs & Gravy W/ Parsley Noodles Green Beans Waldorf Salad/ Rolls	15 Pizza (Meat or Meatless) Garden Vegetable Salad W/ Avocado Jell-O Poke Cake
18 Pepper Steak Baked Potato Cooked Carrots Fruit Salad/ Rolls	19 Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, Casserole Veggie Tray Strawberry Angel food Cake Roll	20 Pork Loin Roast Garlic Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Tomato Salad/ Roll	21 <u>Social Lunch</u> Grilled Fish or Buffalo Burgers Pasta Salad Brussels Sprouts Pineapple/ Cottage Cheese/ Roll	22 Turkey, Ham, Salami slices or Salmon Salad on Croissant Broccoli Slaw Baked Potato Chips/Oatmeal Cookie
25 Closed Memorial Day	26 Turkey Spaghetti Spinach Salad Broccoli Peaches/ Garlic Bread	27 Cooks Choice Entrée Salad Hot Veggie Dessert	28 Grilled Pork Chops Baked Steak Fries Corn on the Cob Coleslaw/ Roll	29 Buffalo Stew or Fish Garden Salad W/ Red Peppers Yogurt W/ Fruit Cups Roll



Family Fun Walk/Run

WHEN: May 16, 2009, 10:00 AM - 12 NOON

WHERE: Rodgers Lake Tribal Grounds Picnic Pavilion

WHY: To promote wellness, diabetes prevention, and have fun with the Walk the Path: Lake Erie Kick Off

WHAT: 1/2 mile and 1 mile walk/run paths at the grounds, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Learn about the athletic shoes for Native Americans, and awards for completing the family walk/run.

If you would like more information about the Family Fun Walk/Run or how to sign up for the Walk the Path: Lake Erie virtual walk, call Susan Gundersen, at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141 x343.

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

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES NON-COVERED SERVICES

Contract health is not an entitlement program or insurance. To access Contract Health Services, a tribal member MUST notify the Pokagon Band Health Department three days in advance of any non-emergency appointment, or within three days following an emergency encounter. Pharmacy refills also require a three day advance notice. The services below are NOT covered by Contract Health Services (CHS).

1. Long Term Care
 - a. Nursing Home
 - b. Foster Care
2. Home Health Care
 - a. Skilled Nursing
 - b. Home Health
 - c. Respite Services
 - d. Home Physical Therapy
3. Hospice
4. Prolonged Services
5. Elective Surgery
6. Surgical Sterilizations
 - a. Vasectomy
 - b. Tubal Ligation
7. Cosmetic Services
 - a. Cosmetic Surgery
 - b. Obesity Services
 - c. Cosmetic Dental Procedures
8. Substance Abuse Services
 - a. Outpatient
 - b. Inpatient-Detoxification
9. Mental Health
 - a. Outpatient
 - b. Inpatient
10. Transplants (May be submitted for review)
11. Selected Durable Medical Equipment
12. Alternative Medicine
 - a. Acupuncture (Offered by Tribe)
 - b. Therapeutic Massage
13. Workers' Comp. Injuries
14. Disability Evaluations
15. Motor Vehicle Accidents, MVA (Liability Insurance)
16. Second Opinion (Unless Requested by CHS)
17. Dental Services
 - a. Bleaching
 - b. Orthopedontia (Braces)
 - c. Implants
18. Alternately Funded Service
 - a. Out-of-Network Services
 - b. Health services available through alternative
19. Immunizations (Offered by Tribe)
20. Services to non-eligible persons
21. Artificial Insemination, Fertility including medication
22. Diet ,Cosmetic & Erectile dysfunction, Prescriptions, including:
 - a. Xenical
 - b. Meridia
 - c. Adipex
 - d. Phentermine
 - e. Lustra
 - f. Viagra
 - g. Levitra
 - h. Chantix
23. TMJ-Temple MandibularJoint
24. DNA Testing
25. Hyperbaric Treatment
26. Bariatric Surgery/Lap Banding
27. Chiropractic Care other than subluxation of spine



Enrollment for 2009-2010 School Year

The program is accepting pre-applications for the 2009-2010 School Year. 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. The pre-application must be returned by May 31, 2009 with proof of all household income (check stubs, W2's, tax return, per capita stubs, child support stubs etc.) to be considered for enrollment. The pre-application deadline is May 31, 2009. Applicants must return proof of all household income with the pre-application to be considered for enrollment.

All applications received by the deadline will be 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.

All applicants will be notified by mail the week after the deadline as to whether they have been selected for enrollment or selected for the waiting list. The applicants that are selected for enrollment will receive the full application packet with a list of medical requirements and documentation that must be submitted with the application packet by June 30, 2009. If the application packet, medical requirements and documentation are not returned by June 30, 2009, then the applicant will be placed on the waiting list and the next applicant will be offered the slot. The applicants that are selected for the waiting list will receive a letter stating the child has been placed on the waiting list.

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.

Pokagon Band Head Start

- *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 throughout each day.
- *The program does accept children with disabilities.

Upcoming Events/Closures

- *May 14, 2009—Last Day of School & Graduation Day.
- *May 15-August 31, 2009—closed for summer Break
- *September 1, 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.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated!

Items that we are always looking for:

- *Play dough
- *wet wipes
- *One time use disposable cameras
- *outdoor play toys
- *sidewalk chalk
- *bubbles

Happy Birthday to You!

May Birthdays:

- *Alexis Jones—May 9, 2009—Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Miss Christina Blue—May 15, 2009—Happy Birthday!
- *Ross Green—May 17, 2009—Happy 4th Birthday!



May Students of the Month



Jack Murphy

Jack Murphy is the son of Matt Murphy and Brooke Maddox, and grandson of Ann and Patrick Murphy and Cindy Maddox. He has one sister; Maya, and two future stepsiblings; Roman and Isabella, children of Norm Botelho. Jack attends first grade at Brown Elementary in St. Joseph, Michigan. He really enjoys school, and thinks he would like to become a fifth grade teacher or a librarian someday. Jack's favorite activities are playing "Heads Up, Seven Up", soccer, baseball, street hockey, and swimming. He loves building creative things with his Lego's, and his favorite food is pizza. Jack has participated in several tribal activities that have helped him prepare for the first grade. In addition to receiving a backpack from the Department of Education and new glasses from Indian Health Services, he attended this year's Bolt Christmas Party. Jack says he is proud of his Native American heritage because he is a part of history. Keep up the good work, Jack!



Maya Murphy

Maya Murphy is 11 years old. She is a fifth grade student at Brown School in St. Joseph, Michigan. Maya's parents are Brooke Maddox and Matt Murphy and soon to be step-father, Norm Botelho. Other family members include her grandpa, Patrick Murphy; grandmas, Ann Murphy and Cindy Maddox, brother, Jack Murphy, and soon-to-be step brother and sister, Roman Botelho and Isabella Botelho. Maya attended last years Christmas party and enjoyed the movie. Maya's favorite food is peanut butter. She enjoys playing the board game Clue, playing her Nintendo DS, swimming and reading. She would like to be a kindergarten teacher or a dentist when she grows up. Maya is most proud to be a Native American because "I feel great to know that I have a big extended family in the tribe."



Cassandra Church

Cassandra Church is 16 years old and is in the 10th grade at Hopkins High School in Hopkins, Michigan. Her parents are Conrad & Kathy Church. Cassandra's grandparents are Carl & Nancy Perry and Leonard & Mary Church. Her younger brother's name is Collin. Cassandra has attended Cultural Camps at the Pokagon Summer Youth Camp and the Anishnabek Future Leaders Camp. She also makes fry bread and corn soup at her family's food stand during the Three Fires Powwow in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She participates in volleyball, soccer, and basketball. This year she made Varsity for soccer and basketball as a sophomore. Congratulations, Cassandra! She also is involved with Student Council and the P.A.L.S. Program. After she graduates from high school she plans on continuing her education at Michigan State University with hopes of becoming a veterinarian and owning her own clinic. Cassandra is, "proud to be a Native American for many reasons, some of which include the cultural traditions and the history of my people."

Language Corner 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 Dowagiac Education on April 14th and 28th.

South Bend office classes are on April 7th and 21st 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. (269) 782-0887

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on Mondays at 11:00 a.m.

Clay Pottery Making

First Class:
May 30th 2009
 Teaching Cabin
 Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac
 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Continuance of First Class
June 13th 2009
 Teaching Cabin
 Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac
 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Frank Barker will be teaching this class. There are two parts to this teaching with two separate days, one day to start and one day to finish. If you have any questions call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate @ 1-888-330-1234

HEALING LODGE

May 30th 2009
 Starting @ 8:30 a.m.
 Rodgers Lake Teaching Cabin
 Dowagiac, Michigan

Jake Pine, Traditional Healer from Ontario Canada, will be the conductor. The healing lodge is located behind the teaching cabin at Rodgers Lake. If you attend you will need to bring a towel, long shorts, and a t-shirt. Women on their moon time (cycle) will not be able to participate. Please bring a dish to pass. If you have any questions, please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

CRAFT TEACHINGS

June 8th 2009
 Department of Education Building
 Rodgers 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.

Traditional Healer

Rodgers Lake Teaching Cabin
 May 27th-29th 2009

Jake Pine will be here to heal our community on the dates above. Appointments are in 30-minute increments and are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to make an appointment please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, at the Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

Remember to bring your Sema!

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ADULT SERVICE PROGRAMS

Adult Basic Education (ABE) – an adult basic training program.

Requirements:

1. Must be a Pokagon Band tribal member and provide proof by supplying a copy of Tribal I.D.

2. Must be 18 years or older and U.S. citizen

Core Services: Application (available upon request from the Pokagon Band Department of Education) and Payment of GED Testing costs and fees. Must contact Pokagon Band Department of Education at least several weeks before testing dates.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) – an Employment training program.

Requirements:

1. Native American (federally recognized tribe) and provide proof by supplying copy of Tribal I.D.

2. 18 or older and U.S. citizen and provide copy of driver's license or state I.D.

3. Living in 10-county service area and provide proof of residency by providing a delivered piece of mail.

(Michigan: Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Van Buren; and Indiana: Elkhart, Kosciusko, La Porte, Marshall, St. Joseph and Starke)

4. Registered with Selective Service (if male between ages 18 to 26 and born after 1960) and provide proof.

5. Low Income or Underemployed or Unemployed and provide proof of all household income for the previous 6 months.

Core Services: Application (available upon request from the Pokagon Band Department of Education), Intake (determine eligibility), Initial Assessment, and Orientation.

Training & Supportive Services: Program Training Activity and Supportive Services (if applicable) enrollment, Program Completion and 1-Year Follow-Up.

WIA COMMON MEASUREABLES:
Employment and Retention!

Sam English Book

An Exciting Addition to Pokagon Band Libraries

Through a generous grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the Pokagon Band Department of Education Library at Rodgers Lake Property and the Pokagon Band Library housed within the Mishawaka, Indiana office, along with over 300 libraries nationwide serving American Indian students, have each received a copy of the new book, SAM ENGLISH, THE LIFE, WORK & TIMES OF AN ARTIST by Sam English and Ann Dallman.

Sam English is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. His work is well known by his use of elongated figures to depict his People as well as the night sky, stars and nature. Sam has been honored with numerous awards from art shows around the country, including the prestigious 2009 Lifetime Achievement award from the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts. He is also known for his donation of artwork for posters for non-profit agencies and commissions from various tribal and governmental agencies. The work of Sam English is also represented in private art collections around the world.

The book has over 90 full color, full page copies of prints, posters, and other works. There are also many other examples of his work along with his explanations of the works, and his philosophy of life and work. Biographical information and his association with Indian organizations are also included. For more information, go to www.samenglishart.com.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930. The organization supports children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the southern African countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. For further information, please visit the Foundation's website at www.wkcf.org.

WANTED

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Work Experience participant, part-time. The participant must meet the WIA five main requirements and be pursuing a career in the Educational field. The Work Experience training program is up to 20 weeks training experience in a specific job related field. We have one part-time opening on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested, please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234.

Language Update

In March 2009, the Dowagiac K-5 and 6-12 Enrichment Labs welcomed John Winchester as language instructor for the remainder of the year's program. After homework has been completed, the children gather to learn new Potawatomi words and phrases from John and share what they already know. On Mondays, the K-5 students have been given colorful flashcards and donated Mead binders as teaching aids. Each flashcard has a picture and phonetic spelling to assist our young readers in learning the language. So far they have enjoyed learning terms related to food and family.

Every other Wednesday, John visits the 6-12 Grade Enrichment Lab to teach a more advanced language class to the older group. In the Department of Education Library, students can be found taking notes from the language board and listening to John speak Potawatomi at length. They have been learning fire and clan terms as well as phrases such as "Shkwede w nene nin se", or "Firekeeper I am," which celebrate the rich Potawatomi culture as Keepers of the Fire. While some of our students are new to the language, others have remembered words from Pokagon Head Start or Summer School. Regardless of their background knowledge, the children have been very dedicated in their language studies, and the K-12 staff agrees that the students catch on much faster than the adults!

Chi Migwetch to John for spending time with our students as they learn and grow. John also teaches elders language classes every Monday, 11am, at Elders' Hall. In addition, adult language classes, taught by Frank Barker, are held at Southwest Michigan College-Niles campus every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in room 208. The last class of the season will be held Thursday, April 23rd, 2009.

College Information Night

The department of education will be having on May 7 College Information Night. We have College recruiters from Community colleges and Four year Universities coming. Some one will also be here to answer questions on financial aid. This event is from 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm. at the Lodge. Bring your parents and plenty of questions for the recruiters.

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

Reminder to GED school attendees

If you would like extra assistance: There will be a GED Study Hall every Thursday at the Dowagiac Department of Education from 4-5pm. Must call the day before to reserve a spot and bring any paperwork or book you are currently working on.

The Department of Education is scheduled in Mishawaka every Wednesday, however, the Adult Services representative are scheduled every second Wednesday of the month. Must call the day before to reserve a spot and bring any paperwork or book you are currently working on.



Interested Applicants Needed POKAGON BAND FAMILY WELFARE COMMISSION

In order to protect the best interests of our children, the Pokagon Band Tribal Council formed the Child Welfare Commission by ordinance and resolution, on November 6, 2001.

The Commission was designed, not only, to protect the best interests of Pokagon Band children, but also to:

Promote the stability and security of Pokagon Band families;

Recommend to the judicial and administrative agencies involved, a course of action for the guidance and care of

Pokagon Band children which most preserves the unity of the family;

Recommend actions that will best serve the cultural, spiritual, emotional, mental and physical welfare of the child;

Recommend a continuum of services for Pokagon Band children and their families with emphasis whenever possible

on prevention, early intervention, and community based alternatives;

Recognize and acknowledge the cultural traditions of the Pokagon Band for child-rearing and family preservation.

Please remember the goal of the Commission is to maintain the family unity with a focus on Pokagon Band community values. The Pokagon Band Social Services Department would be happy to provide you with an application and any additional information that you feel would assist you in making a decision to become a Family Welfare Commissioner.

Please call 269-782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777 for assistance.

ATTENTION POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

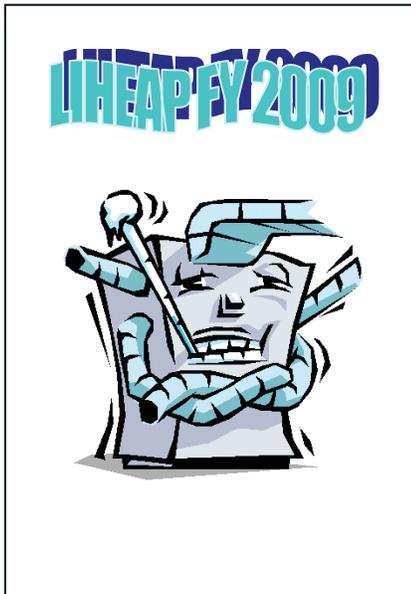
The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified

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.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR WINTER HEATING BILLS?

The Social Services Department is accepting applications for LIHEAP. Remember this program is designed to provide a one time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months. *The program is designed to assist members living within our service area; LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties in Indiana; and Cass, Berrien, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan.*

- To apply call or come into the Social Services Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. Phone number (269) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777 or you may fax information to (269) 782-4295. Information may also be found on the Pokagon website.
- Proof of all household income is needed:
 1. 2007 or 2008 income tax return and/or
 2. Proof of last 30 days of income, including Per Capita and/or
 3. Award letters from (SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, VA, etc...) and/or
 4. Child Support Received or paid or
 5. Completion of Zero Income Form if those above do not apply.
- *Providers Bill.*
- Tribal identification is also needed.



The Income Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	28,310
2	37,021
3	45,732
4	54,443
5	63,154
6	71,865

** For family units of more than 6 members, add 3% to 132% for each additional member, and multiply the new percentage by \$54,443.



Pokagon Band Supplemental Heating Program

The Pokagon Social Services Department announces for a third year the Pokagon Supplemental Heating Program. This program will provide a credit of \$250 per eligible household to help with high energy costs, and is supported by a generous donation from Citizens Energy Corporation of Boston, MA. Since Citizens Energy is a private corporation and not an agency of the federal government, Social Services is able to offer the Supplemental Heating Program assistance to income-eligible Pokagon Band households anywhere in the United States. The Supplemental Heating Program is NOT limited to the 10-county service area.

Please note: The Supplemental Heating Program is separate from the LIHEAP Program. The Supplemental Program has higher income guidelines and can be provided to more households. Current LIHEAP recipients automatically qualify for the Supplemental Program, but are required to still submit documentation.

HOW TO APPLY:

You will need to contact Pokagon Band Social Services to get a Program Application. You can call the Department at: (269) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777. Fax # (269) 782-4295. Or visit in person at: 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Items you will need to fill out the application:

- Proof of all household income:
- 2008 income tax return and/or
- Proof of income for last 30 days and/or award letters (from SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, etc...) and/or
- child support received or paid or
- completed Zero Income Form (obtain from our office) if above do not apply
- Bill from your energy provider
- Tribal ID card

Act now--applications will not be accepted after May 27,2009!

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$36,000
2	43,000
3	50,000
4	57,000
5	64,000
6 and above	71,000

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



Personal Financial Skills Training Offered to Tribal Members

What: "Accessing Credit 101" – the last in a 5 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, March 17 or 9:30 – noon, Saturday, March 21 (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: One two-hour class per month, starting with a light meal half an hour before class begins

What else: Child care provided for children 3 to 13 years old

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 of five classes will receive a \$25 gift card upon completion of the fifth class. Should you miss a month's class, you may attend during the next series of class as the classes will be repeated on an ongoing basis. Mark your calendars with these important dates:

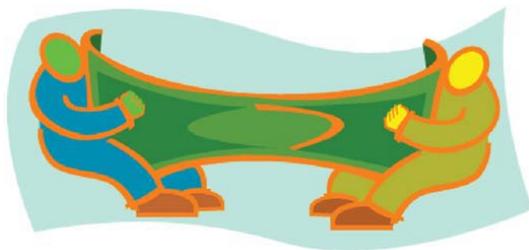
Month	Tues.	Sat.	Class Topic
May	12	16	Accessing Credit 101
June	16	20	"Circle of Life" – Native people Have Always Planned & Saved *
July	14	18	Developing a Spending Plan
August 11	15		Managing Checking & Savings Accounts
September	15	19	Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report
October	13	17	Accessing Credit 101
November	17	21	Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays
December	15	19	More 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



Kim Cushway-Zepeta leading the way to financial empowerment.



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

Congratulations to

MIKAYLA PRATT
GABRIELLA PRATT and
ETHAN PRATT

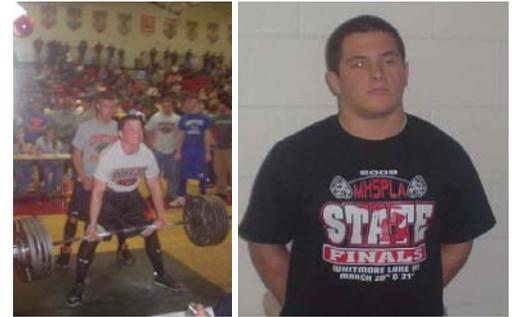
for working so hard in school
and achieving Straight A's again this
period! Keep up the good work.

Love Dad, Mom, Christian and
Denise Pratt

I'd like to wish my Husband
Ron McKinney a Happy An-
niversary. Have great day.
I love you.

Your Wife
and Innkeeper Helen

Megan R. Sorters
April,11, 13 Yrs Old
Hot Springs,Arkansas
We Love You, Ever-Eve
Granny, & PaPa McWhorter



Ricky Roach won the 194-pound state title in junior
varsity competition.

Roach squatted 355-pounds, benched 265-pounds and
had a deadlift of 425-pounds for a total of 1,045.

He competed against 15 other weightlifters.

Congrats Ricky. I'm very proud of you. State Cham-
pion in powerlifting! They know who's #1.

Love Mom.



Happy Birthday to our "sweet" little angels.

Bereniz 5/5
Ydalee 5/31

Love your Mom and Dad



Wishing you a Happy Birthday, Chuck!
Let's not be late for your 48th!

Love, Mom, Dad, and the rest of the
Christopherson Family.

Happy Birthday To My
Wonderful Husband
George McWhorter
May,15th
We Love You
Sarah, & 4-Kids, and
10, GrandBabies And
Your Bro-in-Law Ken Rader

Happy Belated 6th Birthday
Kennedy Kiggins, Wow you are
a big girl now! We Love you!



Happy 1st Birthday
KAI MOTAY WILLIS
Love, Mom and Dad



Happy Belated 2nd Birthday
Isaiah Mix, you are so big

Love The Collett Clan



Happy Belated 9th Birthday
Derrek Collett

Love your whole family

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday!!!
Aunt Eva Hoekstra-5/1
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Van Johnson-5/1
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Michelle Piper-5/6
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Christina Gillan-5/16
Brian Gillan-5/19
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy Birthday!!!
Kaitlyn Hoekstra-5/27
Kelcey Gillette-5/2
Love, Kathy & Mike



Derrek Collett

Awesome job this wrestling season. Congratulations and good job at regionals, keep up the good grades.

Love Mom, Dad, David, Rhonda, Dakota, Dwayne, Baby Devin, Sierra and the rest of the family.

We love you!



Madison, we all wish you a Hapy 3rd Birthday on May 1,2009!

We all love you!
From you whole family.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rush Lake Memorial Day Mass

May 25th, 2009 at 1:00 pm.

Pot luck to follow mass Mass is being celebrated by Father Garza, Deacon Arthur Morsaw. Please come and join us.

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Shaun Mark Eli Cadoret

Class of 2009
Central High School
Spring Hill, Florida

Shaun is the son of Annette (Williams) Cadoret and Mike Cadoret.

Shaun will be attending Limestone College in Gaffney, South Carolina. He will be working towards a degree in Physical Education with a minor in Coaching. Shaun will also be fulfilling his dream by being a member of the Limestone Saints wrestling team.

We are all so very proud of all of your accomplishments.

You set a goal and work till you accomplish it.

We love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Brittany, Joey, Brianna, Grandma Faye and Grandma Cadoret

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.

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
2871	Sarah	Elizabeth	Pillow
4020	Kelly	Renee	Granado



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

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 FAX (269) 782-9625

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 (269) 782-0765 /
 Toll Free (800) 859-2717
 FAX (269) 782-1696

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 58620 Sink Rd.
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 FAX (269) 782-4295

**Health Services /
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 57392 M 51 South
 (269) 782-4141 /
 Toll Free (888) 440-1234
 FAX (269) 782 - 8797

**Resource Development/
 Environmental**
 32142 Edwards Street
 (269) 782-9602 Phone
 (269) 783-0452 Fax

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 58620 Sink Rd.
 (269) 782-0887 /
 Toll Free (888) 330-1234
 FAX (269) 782-0985

Finance Department
 58620 Sink Rd.
 (269) 782-8998 /
 Toll Free (800) 517-0777
 FAX (269) 782-1028

Enrollment
 32142 Edwards St.
 (269) 782-1763 /
 Toll Free (888) 782-1001
 FAX (269) 782-1964

Commodities
 (269) 782-3372 /
 Toll Free (888) 281-1111
 FAX (269)782-7814

Head Start
 58620 Sink Rd.
 (269) 783-0026/
 (866)-250-6573
 FAX (269) 782-9795

South Bend Area Office
 310 W. Mc Kinley Ave. Suite 300
 Mishawaka, IN. 46545
 (574)-255-2368 /
 Toll Free (800) 737-9223
 FAX (574) 255-2974

Housing Department
 32142 Edwards St.
 (269) 783-0443 /
 Toll Free (877) 983-0385
 FAX (269) 783-0452

Tribal Court
 58620 Sink Rd.
 (269) 783-0505 /
 FAX (269) 783-0519

Tribal Police
 58155 M-51 South
 (269) 782-2232 /
 Toll Free (866-399-0161)
 FAX (269) 782-7988

Election
 32142 Edwards St.
 (269) 782-9475 /
 Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Human Resources / Compliance
 57365 M-51 South
 (269) 782-8163 - Human Resources
 (269) 782-5198 - Compliance
 Toll free- (Coming Soon)

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!



Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047