

# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"THE POKAGONS TELL IT"

April 2008

## Pokagon Band

### Summer Enrichment Program

Applications are due to the Pokagon Band Department of Education by April 15th!

Do you want to learn something this summer?

If you are going into the 7th through 12th grade in the 2008-2009 school year and from June 1st to August 31st plan to:

- Attend an enrichment camp,
- Participate in workshops,
- Attend life skills programs,
- Take pre-college summer classes, or
- Attend conferences

ARE YOU GOING INTO 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE?

You can apply for the Pokagon Summer Enrichment Program! If your application is randomly selected by Tribal Council you could receive up to \$500 to attend enrichment programs! Call the Department of Education for an application.

If you have any questions call the Department of Education at (269)782-0887 or toll free (888)330-1234 or email Marie Willis at marie.willis@pokagon.com.

### Nekomas/Mishomas Scholarship and Incentive Fund

Incentive rewards for grades K-12 are to be awarded in the month of June during the Pokagon Student Awards Banquet.

For more information, or to apply for the Scholarship Fund, contact the Education Department at (888)-330-1234

### "Living the Good Life" Womens Talking Circle

The "Mno-Bmadziwin Kwek Kigdowen Wawyewen" has met four times since January. Jake Pine, Traditional Healer, met with at our third gathering and shared much Traditional knowledge with us. At our last gathering, we shared teachings on the womens' responsibility for the Water Ceremonies within our Nishnabe community.

The next gathering will be on Sunday, April 13, 2008, at 1 p.m. at the Teaching Cabin near the pow wow grounds at Rogers Lake. Please wear your skirts, bring your hand drums, rattles and a snack to share. The women of this group welcome all Nishnabek kwek of other Nations and the non-Native mothers of Nishnabe children.

Wewene, Cleora Morseau and Majel DeMarsh (269) 783-0026 - work number at Head Start

### Notice

The 2007 Annual Performance Report is available for review at the Department of Housing office, 32142 Edwards St., Dowagiac, MI 49047.

This is a report of the various programs within the Department of Housing that are funded through the Native American Housing And Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). These grants are the primary source of funds for the Department of Housing.

### Attention Elders Soon to be 55 years old!!

Please contact Elder Specialist at Elders Hall 1-269-782-0765 or 1-800-859 2717 so an application can be sent to you. Thank You.

### NAMING A BENEFICIARY

The Pokagon Band Burial Fund Code on February 18, 2008 by the adoption of Tribal Council Resolution No. 08-02-18-04 sections 4 and 9 were amended. A portion of those amendments includes the "Naming of a Beneficiary". A "Named Beneficiary" is the person identified by the decedent, who is to receive the remainder, if any, of the Burial Benefits, following the payment of costs. The decedent must identify the person by completing a Beneficiary Designation Form. Please note: minor children need not have a beneficiary designated. Forms are available on the Pokagon Website by clicking on the Department of Social Services and then clicking on Burial Fund or by contacting the Department of Social Services at the number listed below.

After completing the Designation of Beneficiary Form, please return it to the Department of Social Services at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047. Please note that this form must be notarized. For additional information, please contact the Department of Social Services at (269) 782-8998.



## 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 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](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 May newsletter will  
be April 14. Send  
articles and  
announcements to:  
Pokagon Newsletter  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

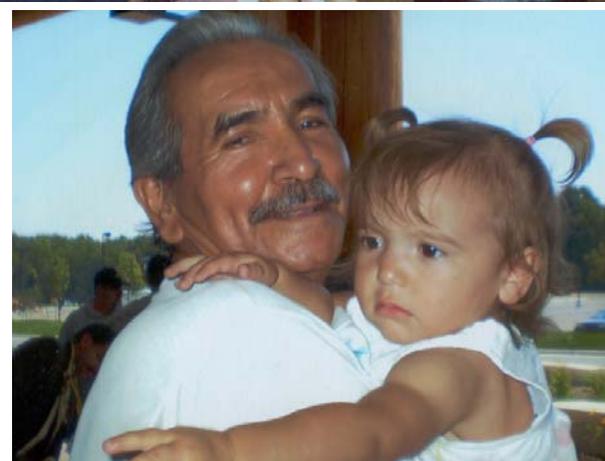
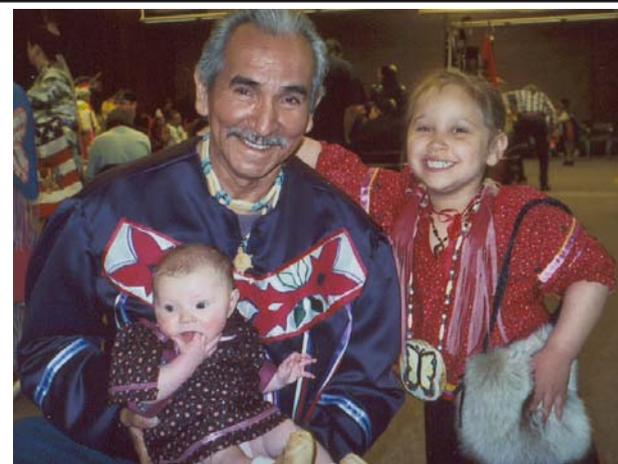
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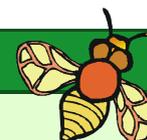
## Elder of the Month John J. Morseau

I'm John J. Morseau. Born in Dowagiac, MI. Raised on the south end of town. There wasn't many Nishnabe living there; I guess you could call me a veteran from the south end of Dowagiac. That being the Morseau's were the last family to move out, don't take it the wrong way, I had and still do a lot for friends from the south end. To this day, I still have a very close friend in Robert Linn. I love sports, I've done a lot of bowling, basketball, softball, I haven't excelled in any yet, except for softball (almost). I'm 62 and I'm still playing. My favorite college is of course Michigan (Go Blue!). My brothers and sisters are Raymond (punk), Leonard Morseau (Sweetum), Tom Morseau, we used to call him Dum Dum, and he wasn't really

dumb, it was just a nickname. Of course, my mother Madelene (Augusta) Morseau, and my dad Raymond Morseau who I loved especially my mother who I talk to everyday. I also have brothers, Francis and Ron Morseau and my sisters, Marie Morseau (Manley) who is on Council whom I'm very proud of. I have a sister, Cathy Ford, who lives in Ann Arbor and she loves U of M also. I also have my own family: My daughters Rechelle Morseau (Herman), and Shannon Lynette Morseau (Adam) and my baby- Sonya J. Moreau, the J. of course stands for John. And also my son Cody Allen Eberhard. I also have 7 grandchildren-Derrick Hiler, Nathan Hiler, Jessica Herman, Skylar R. Herman, Logan Hiler, Presley Blake Adam, Kadyn W. Wesaw. My own family means everything to me. I hope to be around when they are all grown up. Thanks to whoever chose me to be elder of the month.

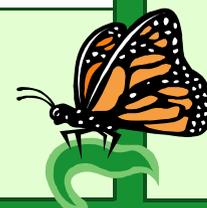


### Pokagon Band Elder's Hall



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>1</b> Fish Baked Sweet Potato Green Beans Wheat Bread Fresh Fruit	<b>2</b> Tuna/Pea Salad Baked Beans Lettuce/Salad Berries	<b>3</b> Business Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit Salad/Rolls	<b>4</b> Pizza Day Lettuce/Salad Mandarin Oranges/ Jell-O
<b>7</b> Minestrone Soup Grilled Ham/Cheese Sandwiches Pineapple	<b>8</b> Chicken Alfredo Lettuce/Salad Wheat Bread Peaches	<b>9</b> Biscuits & Gravy Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit OJ	<b>10</b> Language Hot Roast Beef/Au Jus Home Made Potato Salad Pears	<b>11</b> Taco Day W/ Ground Buffalo Meat Lettuce, Tomatoes Refried Beans, Cheese Fruit
<b>14</b> Potato or Pea Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich Fruit Cocktail/Jell-O	<b>15</b> Spaghetti W/Turkey Lettuce/Salad Garlic Bread Cottage Cheese Pineapple	<b>16</b> French Toast Sausage Links Scrambled Eggs Berries OJ	<b>17</b> Social Pot Roast Potatoes Carrots Wheat Bread/Peaches	<b>18</b> Beef Franks Waffle Fries Onion Rings Baked Beans/Fruit
<b>21</b> Chili W/Ground Turkey Lettuce/Salad Fruit Salad Cornbread	<b>22</b> Cheeseburgers Macaroni Salad Bean Salad Jell-O/Fruit	<b>23</b> Beef Stroganoff Asparagus Pears/Cottage Cheese Wheat Bread	<b>24</b> Language Baked Chicken Wild Rice Green Beans Wheat Bread/Fruit	<b>25</b> Boiled Dinner (sausage, potatoes, beans, onions, cabbage, corn) Cornbread Tropical Fruit
<b>28</b> Chicken Noodle Soup And Dumplings Lettuce/Salad Banana Pudding	<b>29</b> Baked Chicken Baked Potato Peas Wheat Bread Pineapple	<b>30</b> Sloppy Joes Macaroni & Cheese Corn Mandarin Oranges		

Lunch Info:  
PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals  
  
Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon  
  
269-782-0765  
or  
800-859-2717





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

**Pokagon Band Enrollment Office  
32141 Edwards St.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(888) 782-1001**

<u>Enroll #</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Enroll #</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Suffix</u>
0049	Michael	Anthony	Sisk		1303	Josephine	Nmn	Griffith	
0050	Joseph	Wayne	Sisk		1313	Melissa	Lois	Evans	
0051	Lori	Rachael	Sisk		1369	Ted	Thomas	Wesaw	
0083	John	Dylan	Watson		1406	Orville	Arthur	Goss	Jr
0099	Richard	Allen	Sturgeon		1445	Michael	David	Bush	
0187	Codie	Gerald	Grigsby		1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard	
0202	Jeffery	Scott	Morseau		1538	Dawn	Marie	Mendoza	
0203	Joseph	Nmn	Morseau		1674	Christina	Elizabeth	Winter	
0228	Carey	Lee	Morseau		1788	Amanda	Renee	Underwood	
0239	Francis	Wayne	Morseau		1791	John	Allen	Holley	
0332	Robert	Allen	Ser	II	1837	Steven	Ray	O'Brien	
0390	Alex	Wayne	Goodrich		2005	Jeffrey	Lewis	Cunningham	
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt		2014	Jenny	Ruth	Collins	
0416	Richard	Earl	Welty		2050	Terina	Da	Meier	
0417	William	Everett	Welty	II	2096	Terry	Ellen	Taber	
0418	Tena	Anne	Welty		2101	Elizabeth	Anntoinette	Barbera	
0429	Lora	Roxann	Adams		2109	Nickolle	Lea	Drane	
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray		2138	Laura	Marie	Duddy	
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie		2183	Coy	George	Davison	IV
0449	Robert	Johnathon	Hicks	Jr	2273	Joseph	Jerome	Trudeau	II
0451	Karrie	Lynn	Rusinek		2391	Forrest	Lee	Sierminski	
0507	Tara	Jeanine	Davis		2417	Julius	Edward	Williams	
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw		2428	Rachele	Nmn	Loonsfoot	
0520	James	Ryan	Hamstra		2453	Daryl	Evan	Fortner	
0521	Gloria	Anne	Hamstra		2506	Petrina	Rae	Atwood	
0522	Lynne	Renee	Hamstra		2600	Matthew	Thomas	Kossow	Jr
0523	Anthony	Lee	Hamstra		2607	Amanda	Sue	Fick	
0796	Jill	Angelia	Campbell		2644	Phyllis	Ann	Thompson	
0847	Cecilia	Marie	Barger		2650	Andrea	Rene	Rider	
0851	Colleen	Patricia	O'Brien		2656	Dayna	Marie	Springer	
0859	Kevin	Arthur	Perry		2712	Christopher	John	Tanner	
0881	Robert	Dwayne	Antisdell		2713	Tamara	Lynn	Tanner	
0898	Paul	Isaac	Gibson		2723	Sean	Ryan	Carmody	
0934	Shelly	Marie	Weesaw		2779	Johnny	H	Hill	Jr.
0970	Orville	K Joseph	Starrett		2784	Michael	Francis	Pillow	
0999	Mark	Anthony	Drane		2789	James	Harris	Walsh	
1050	Jennifer	Marie	Green		2790	Kenneth	Alan	Stahl	
1060	Chasity	Lynn	Martin		2794	Tony	Lee	Horn	
1066	Richard	Allen	Ashby		2795	Edward	F	Cushway	
1099	James	Watson	Lewis		2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos	
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins		2855	James	Edward	Bush	
1195	Sheldon	Wesley	Novencido		2952	John	Anthony	Montano	
1204	Kara	Liana	Brown		2992	Jacob	Ammon	Worthington	
1259	Melissa	Kay	Marunycz		3467	Keith	Wesley	Rider	
1265	Daniel	Silas	Bush		4020	Kelly	Renee	Granado	
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield		4023	Damien	Walter	Kelman	



## April Students of the Month



**CORRINE KASPER**

Corinne Kasper is 12 years old. She is in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and attends Dowagiac Middle School. Corinne is the daughter of Frances Kasper and Christine Daughtery. Corinne has a brother, Michael, and a sister, Casey.

Corinne likes to eat spaghetti and enjoys classic rock music. Corinne has participated in tribal summer camp and the Award Ceremony. Corinne is on the A-Team basketball team. She enjoys playing basketball and softball.

Corinne's favorite school subject is math. She has received all A's and is on the honor roll with perfect attendance. She wants to be a money manager in finance when she grows up.



**ANDREW CRIFFIELD**

Andrew, fourteen, is in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Bangor Middle School. He is the son of Raymond and Sharion Criffield and the brother of Tabitha, Tausha, Cassey, and Raymond. He has attended the Pokagon Band Christmas Parties. Social Studies and Health are two of Andrew's favorite classes. Recently, he was selected as "Student of the Month" at Bangor Middle School. His other "favorites" are pizza, soccer, and playing guitar with his friends. He plans to join the Air Force after graduation. Andrew is proud that he set a goal to be to be the Middle School Football team's wide end receiver and he did it!



**ZACHARY MacKELLAR**

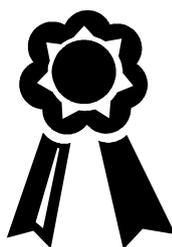
Zachary is fourteen and in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade at Decatur High School. His parents are Andrea and Nate MacKellar and Lucas is his brother. Zachary likes Math, pizza, drawing, and playing "360" and "Wii". His favorite sport, wrestling, has brought him medals and lots of fun experiences.



**MATTHEW MORRIS**

Matthew is a six-year-old Kindergartener at South Bend's Lincoln Elementary School. Melissa and Matthew are his parents and Jacob, Patrick, Anthony, and Samantha are his brothers and sister. Matthew enjoys puzzles and playing volleyball, "V-Smile" and "Mario" and eating pizza. His favorite activity at school is drawing. Pow wows are another of his "favorites". When Matthew grows up, he wants to be a Doctor.

### 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.

**Application forms are available at the Education Department!**

### 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:

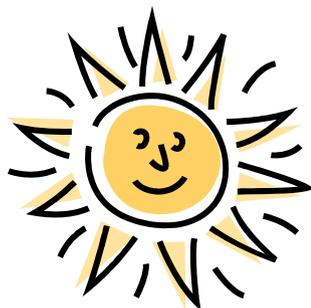
- Reimbursement of college entrance exam fees- We will pay for one ACT or SAT exam
- College Application fees- We will pay for application fees up to \$100
- Reimbursement of graduation gown
- Information about the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship and other financial aid opportunities

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).



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>.

**Pokagon Summer Camp**

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>.**

**Native Nations**

**Youth Council Membership Meetings**

The next two regular Native Nations Youth Council Meetings are:

- Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at the Tribal Council Lodge, Dowagiac
- Saturday, May 10 at 1 pm at the Mishawaka Office

If you are in the 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades and are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

If you are interested in transportation from the Dowagiac Office on May 10<sup>th</sup> to attend the meeting at the Mishawaka location, please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

**Educational Opportunities at the Indiana Universities**

There are undergraduate and graduate opportunities for Potawatomi at Indiana universities. The Tecumseh Project at Purdue University provides opportunities for Potawatomi who wish to pursue an education in science or engineering or any of the many graduate programs offered by Purdue University. Indiana University Bloomington has graduate and undergraduate opportunities for American Indians and has recently opened the First Nations Education and Cultural Center (FNECC). Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) has hired a Potawatomi from Oklahoma, Johnny Flynn, PhD, as the new director of American Indian Programs. IUPUI has a world-class museum studies program and opportunities for internships at the Eiteljorg Museum located in Indianapolis, just a stone's throw from the Colts stadium. There are several additional programs to consider and for more information please feel free to contact Dr. Flynn at [jopflynn@iupui.edu](mailto:jopflynn@iupui.edu) or Marie Willis, Director of Education at [marie.willis@pokagon.com](mailto:marie.willis@pokagon.com) or at 1-888-330-1234.

**Just a Friendly Reminder:**

There are several applications due to the Department of Education by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The applications are for the following summer programs:

**Pokagon Summer Camp**

**Who is eligible:** Any Pokagon youth and any JOM eligible Native American youth entering grades 2<sup>nd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> in the Fall.  
For youth entering grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>:  
Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>  
For youth entering grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>:  
Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>- Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

**Pokagon Summer School:**

**Who is eligible:** Any Pokagon youth and any JOM eligible Native American youth entering grades K-6<sup>th</sup> in the Fall.  
**Dates of summer school:** Mondays-Thursdays, June 30<sup>th</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup>, No class on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Pokagon Band Summer Youth Internship Program**

**Who is eligible:** Any Pokagon youth who will be attending school (through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) in the Fall who are from 14-18 yrs old  
**Dates of Summer Youth Internship Program:** Mondays-Thursdays, June 30<sup>th</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup>. No program on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Pokagon Band Summer Enrichment Program**

**Who is eligible:** Any Pokagon youth entering grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades in the Fall  
Dates of Summer Enrichment Program: Youth apply for programs which take place this summer

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



***TRADITIONAL ANISHNABÉK  
DANCES***

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Noon-4 pm  
Pokagon Powwow Grounds  
Rodgers' Lake Property**

All Anishnabe who would like to learn how to do our various types of traditional dances such as men's traditional, grass or women's traditional, fancy, and jingle are invited to participate. This will be a great opportunity to learn the traditional understanding, respectfulness, and representation on each dance and regalia.

If interested please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234, by April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**BEADING CLASS**

**Mishawaka Office**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 2008  
&  
April 23 2008  
6:00pm-9:00pm**

**There will be a beading class held at the Mishawaka office on Wednesday April 9 & April 23 from 6:00pm-9:00pm. We will be making beaded loom pieces to make barrettes on April 9th & beaded earrings on April 23. Refreshments will be provided.**

**For further information contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate @ 1-888-330-1234.**

***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.**

**APRIL 30- May 2  
MAY 28-30  
JUNE 25-27**

**Bring Your Sema! (Tobacco)**



**Bugs/Insects**  
Manitos



Mosquito  
Butterfly  
Bee  
Dragon Fly  
Fleas  
Wood tick  
Fly  
Grasshopper  
Praying Mantis

Skemé  
Memegé  
Amo  
Bojkwansi  
Kojisek  
Ézgak  
Ojé  
Kwakwadé  
Neméwomiskosi

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

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

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Dowagiac Education on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

South Bend office classes are on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. Catch a ride at Education. The Van leaves at 5:30pm and please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

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

Please contact Matthew Morsaw, the Language Coordinator at 1-888-330-1234 if you have any questions about the language program.



# EDUCATION

## Important FAFSA Information

In order to be considered eligible for most financial aid opportunities including the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship, you must file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You can now file the FAFSA for the upcoming school year. Apply as early as you can.

Please keep in mind:

- You must apply for every year you are in school
- You can apply for your PIN # anytime. You will need this pin # to sign your application and receiving the # early will save you time.
- Different states and institutions have different deadlines for state aid. Make sure you check with your school's financial aid office for deadlines.
- There is no cost to apply for the FAFSA. Be careful of organizations and websites that require you to pay to apply for the FAFSA.

The official website to apply for the FAFSA is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Need help in filling out the FAFSA?

Some of the resources available are:

- Financial Aid office of your college
- Guidance office of your high school
- Call the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 for assistance. We have a computer lab available where students can check out online resources and file the FAFSA. Arrangements can be made by contacting Marie Willis, Director of Education, to use the computer lab during non-business hours if necessary to accommodate your schedule.



# HEADSTART

### Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year

We are accepting pre-applications for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year. Even if your child will be a returning student, we still need a pre-application for our new enrollment/selection policy. Pre-applications will be accepted until July 11, 2008. We welcome families with children with disabilities. Any applications after that time will automatically go towards the waiting list. On July 11, 2008 the top 33 applicants will be selected for the open slots & will be given a deadline of August 2, 2008 to return all of the required paperwork. The annual Head Start Health Fair is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2008. This will be an opportunity for the 33 applicants to get all of their medical requirements complete. If families choose not to attend the health fair, all medical requirements must be completed & received by August 2, 2008. After this date, any applicant that does not have all required paperwork & medical requirements complete, will automatically be placed on the waiting list. The next applicant on the waiting list will be selected based on priority for the available slot. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year.

### Make-Up Days

In an effort to ensure we have 128 school days in by May 15, 2008, we will be offering five 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, 5-2, and 5-9. More information will follow soon.

The last day of school will be Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. We are in the process of planning a small graduation ceremony for the children and their families.

### April's Calendar

- March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 4<sup>th</sup> - Spring Break
- April 11<sup>th</sup> - Make-up Day
- April 18<sup>th</sup> - Make-up Day
- April 24<sup>th</sup> - Family Fun Night
- April 25<sup>th</sup> - Make-up Day

### April Birthday's

- Justin 10<sup>th</sup>
- Jonathan 24<sup>th</sup>
- Jaylee 27<sup>th</sup>
- Karlee 29<sup>th</sup>
- Joseph 29<sup>th</sup>

### 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. If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them by the Center.



## Helpful Hints from the Pokagon Band Health Office

We send you a postcard to update your file with the Health Office when you are going to have a Birthday. Please remember that your file does not have to be complete to access the clinic, however your file **MUST BE** complete to access Contract Health Services. We need the same information every year, even if you have no changes.

A **COMPLETE** file consists of the registration form, a driver's license or state ID with your current address (front and back), a 2<sup>nd</sup> proof of your address (this document cannot be personal or tribal mail), tribal card (for new clients only) insurance card (front and back). If you do not have insurance you **MUST** apply for Medicaid. Please note that if you have to

apply for Medicaid or have applied, your file is not complete until we receive the determination.

If you move, please remember to update your address with the Health Office. If you seek Contract Health Services, this is a **REQUIREMENT** in keeping your file up to date. Updating your address with the Enrollment Office or the Administration Office **DOES NOT** constitute being updated with the Health Office.

For the purposes of Contract Health Services your file is considered complete the day we receive your **COMPLETED** registration with the supporting documentation.

We are here to help you. If you have any questions please give us a call at (269) 782-4141 or toll-free at (888) 440-1234

**Three Fires Road to Wellness Health Fair** Save the Date!

*When: May 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30am – 10am (for fasting Lab tests only)  
10am-3pm (all other events)*

*Where: Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Tribe's  
Luella Collins Community Center Bradley, MI*

**! Health Fair Activities !**

- Health Screenings
- Nutritional Information
- Plenty of Health Stations
- Tons of Health Info
- Poker Walk
- Fire Safety
- Monitor Your Mood
- Sit N be Fit Video (by Little River Band of Odawa)
- Great Food!

**Games**

**Prizes**

*Location: 419 125<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Shelbyville, MI 49344  
For more information call:  
Gun Lake HHS (616)681-0360*

**Scheduling for fasting Lab tests**  
**ALL TRIBES please contact the**  
**NHBP Health Dept**  
**@**  
**888-662-2808 or 616-249-0159**

\*In partnership with: Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Little River Band of Odawa, The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Little Traverse Bay Band of Indians, and Grand River Ottawa Tribe



***Come meet*** with agencies for help with housing, finances, and food assistance; medical, dental and mental health; legal aid, migrant services and more!

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Thursday, April 17, 2008

**Come Anytime Between 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Van Buren ISD Technology Center  
250 South Street, Lawrence, Michigan

***This is a FREE event*** and a great opportunity to get help filling out applications and making appointments and receive information, referrals, support, and gifts.

***\*\*\*There will be free hot food served from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.\*\*\****

For more information, or to save your seat for free transportation,



**CALL: First Call for Help 1-800-310-5454**

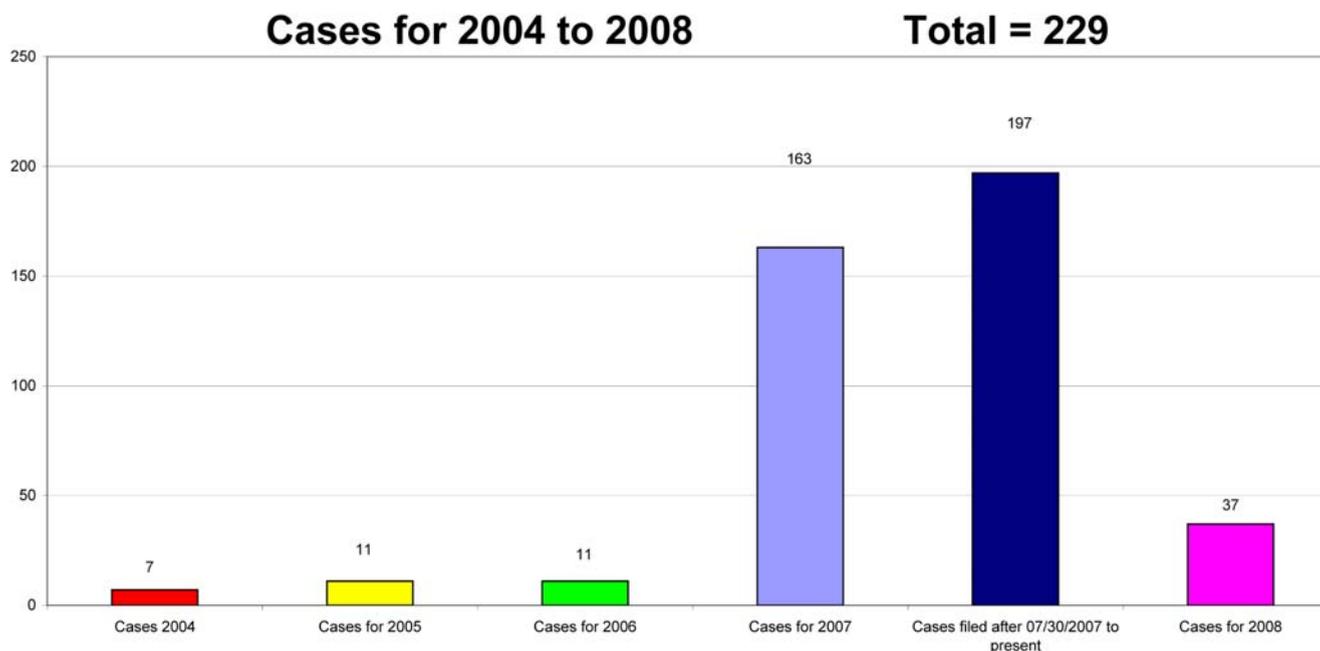




## Case Activity of the Tribal Court

The Tribal Court began taking cases in November of 2004. Cases continue to be transferred or filed in Tribal Court. In the past, many of the cases involved child protection matters transferred from state courts to Tribal Court under the *Indian Child Welfare Act*. Five (5) new child protection cases were transferred to the Tribal Court in 2007 and 2008. Other matters such as recognition of foreign court judgments, child support recognition matters, garnishments, and general civil matters were also filed with the Tribal Court. However, with the expanding economic development of the Pokagon Band and the opening of the Casino, cases filed in Tribal Court have greatly increased. A total of one hundred sixty three cases (163) cases were filed in 2007. One hundred sixty (160) of the cases were filed after July 30, 2007 to February 28, 2008. The cases consisted of foreign judgment recognition, child support recognition, garnishment, Chapter 13 Bankruptcy wage deduction, and delinquent child support per capita collection, criminal, general civil and administrative appeals. The greatest areas of increase for the Court have been in child support recognition, foreign judgment recognition and garnishments. Tribal law mandates that foreign judgments and orders must be recognized by the Tribal Court as valid before enforcement may occur. The Tribal Judiciary developed a Chapter of Court Rules and an Administrative Order to enact the processes needed for recognition of foreign judgments and orders which can be found at the Pokagon Band's public website at the Tribal Court link.

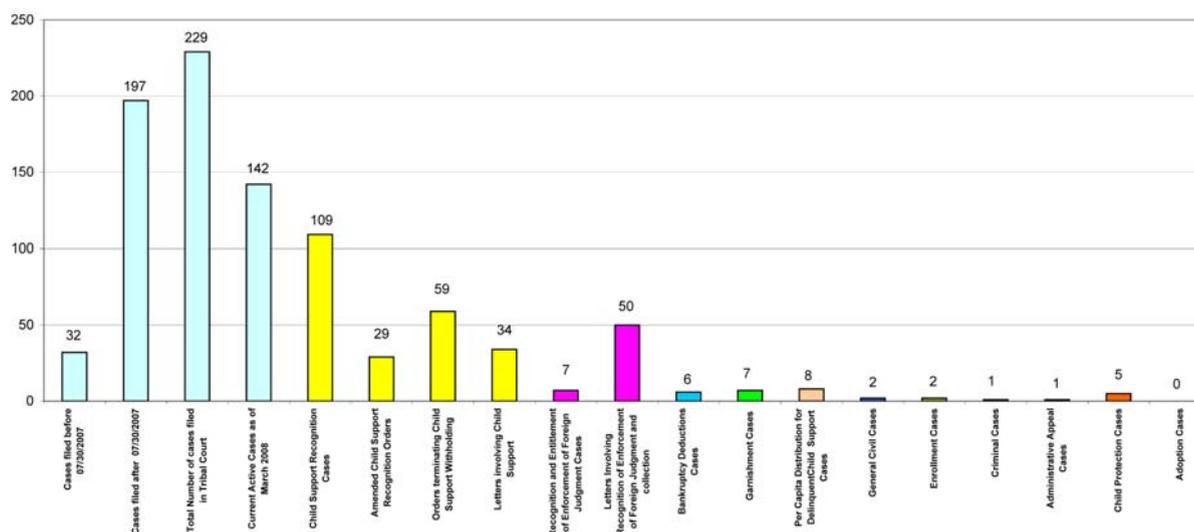
To give a better idea of the increase in cases, the chart below shows the number of cases filed since the inception of the Court.



While some types of cases have been filed over the years, the Court is seeing a far wider range of the type of foreign judgments seeking recognition as well as where judgments and orders are coming from. When the Court first started receiving cases in 2004, most came from Michigan. Now with the casino, many are coming from Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana. Child support orders are coming from many states throughout the United States. Also, the Court is receiving new matters that it had not encountered in the past such as criminal, certain civil actions and administrative appeals.

The Court is adapting to the many different types of actions the Court has received. The next chart shows the type of current open cases in Tribal Court. The Chart also shows the number of letters sent to child support agencies, attorneys and private individuals seeking recognition of foreign judgments and orders. Letters are sent when agencies, attorneys and individuals are not correctly following the processes of the Pokagon Band and the Court needs to contact them to explain the processes. The figures do not show the time contacting the various individuals involved in each case and the amount of time the Court has committed to revising its forms and letters to adapt to a larger number of cases and wider area of entities and people seeking to access the Tribal Court.

## Current Active Cases as of March 2008



# MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am writing this letter in appreciation for all those involved in helping me to achieve where I am today. In April of 2005, I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Physiology from Western Michigan University. This accomplishment would have been very difficult financially if it were not for the Education Department's Assistant program. As I look back, I feel completely blessed because of this help I have received. Upon graduation I only had a small student loan that I had taken out. I have great appreciation for this aid, considering most college graduates have thousands of dollars in loans. Another program I wish to thank is the First Time Home Buyers Program by the Housing Department. In September of 2006, I purchased my first house with aid of their program. This was an enormous help for me. The Housing Department not only helped me financially but educated me throughout the entire process. My final thank you goes out to the Indian Health Services. I look at health as being an essential part of our quality of life and I commend those in the health field. I know everyone there works exceptionally hard to reach out to band members. I have been cared for there, and am very grateful. I know I have been involved with many of you within these departments over the years and this is a long overdue, thank you. I appreciate every person and each individual contribution to my success.

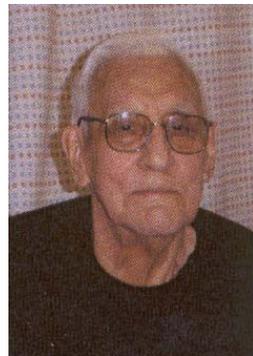
Thank you and God bless.  
Joshua Price, Band Member.



Congratulations to Gregory and Rosey Alexis, proud parents of a new baby boy:  
Hugo Gregory Alexis  
Born on Sept 1, 2007  
Grandparents: Phil and Melody Alexis  
7lbs., 20 3/4"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!  
Haley Johnson-4/19  
Courtney Shiflett-4/5  
Devin Shiflett-4/13  
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy birthday to my daughter Sue Heffington on April 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Love, Mom.



Robert "Bob" Mix  
Jan 22, 1918 – Feb. 21, 2008

### Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when the day is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun, of happy memories that I leave behind when the day is done.

"I Miss You"  
By Victor A. Newsome

The Band, it's members, are on my mind.  
Not now and then, but all the time.  
Those that know me shared respect and bliss.  
I want you to know you are greatly missed.  
And if you are wondering where I've gone,  
I'm paying the debt for all my wrongs.

I was always around and you were there for me,  
But now there is no one that I can see,  
I tried to stay connected,  
So I wrote through our newsletter.  
But all in all it made things better.  
I made some bad choices, yes I'm sorry to say.  
And now I'm lonely, day after day.

I miss life among the Band,  
And I'm reaching for a second chance.  
I know it's my fault that I'm lonely, it's true,  
But I can't help missing all of you.

Happy Birthday Eva Hoekstra,  
We Love You,  
Robert, John, Michelle, Tamara  
Bradley, Kaitlyn, Kayley, &  
Kelcey!!!!!!!!!!



Happy 73<sup>rd</sup> Birthday To the greatest mother and grandmother in the world, Stella O'keefe.  
In loving memory of our greatest grandmother,  
Mary Ann Shoemaker. – June 1<sup>st</sup> 1914.  
Love, Susie, John, Donna, Johnny, and all of your other children and man grandchildren.

Happy Birthday to my Grandson, Chris Heffington on April 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Love Grandma.

HAPPY 5th BIRTHDAY  
Joseph Ward  
We Love You!  
From Grandma and Grandpa Wolf

# MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations  
Tammy & Jason Sorters  
New Baby Boy  
Luke Gregory  
Born: Feb.20,2008  
At Talihina,Ok. Indian Hosp.  
Welcome Home From His  
Sisters,Megan & Molly  
Hot Springs Ark.  
& Granny & PaPa  
McWhorter

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1956. Happy  
Birthday to the most loving  
and caring Mom anyone  
could ask for! We love you  
very much!  
Love, your son and daughter,  
Johnny and Donna.

Mickey,Danny,Cindy Rapp  
So Sorry for your loss,of your  
Brother Sammy.Sorry I could  
not make it to the Services.  
Love Always,Cousin,  
Sarah McWhorter  
Arkansas

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!  
Aunt Stella Heffington-4/4  
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday Mom,  
We don't know what we would  
do without you,  
Love,  
Michelle & Bradley

Happy Birthday to:  
Linda Swisher 4/1  
Marvin Wilson 4/1  
Kenneth L Wilson 4/9  
Justin Michael Townsend 4/10  
Cecil Wilson Sr. 4/11  
Roberto Lopez 4/14  
Neil Edwards Jr. 4/18  
Scott Wilson 4/20  
Leonard Goodrich Jr. 4/21  
Samantha Haggard 4/22  
Robert Willis 4/25  
Shirley Haggard 4/29

Happy Anniversary Mark and Laurie Wilson  
From Dorothy Burgh

Happy 20th birthday to our grandson, Alex  
Parrish on April 16th. With love, Gram and  
Gramp Parrish  
Thanks again, Bonnie Parrish



Announcing the birth of  
Savanna May Grace Graves  
Feb. 23, 2008 1:44AM  
7 lbs. 7 1/2 oz.  
Parents: Steve and Nicole Graves  
Grandparents: Jill and Jeff Byrket

Happy Birthday  
Megan Sorters  
12 Years Old  
Hot Springs,Ark.  
We Love You,  
Granny & PaPa  
McWhorter



A multiple donation of \$150.00 was  
made to The Diabetes Foundation  
preventive research, in the memory  
of Samuel Wesaw, who recently  
succumbed to the dreaded disease of  
diabetes. The donors are as follows:

Kenneth Antidel  
Bill and Shirley Sigfrids  
Mary Maddox  
Jackie Genereaux  
Scott and Martha McConnell  
Briant and Sue Andrews  
Wendy Hargett and Family  
Scott Sigfrids



Congratulations from the Campbell  
family. Good luck Mike. Son of late,  
Mike Campbell, Grandson of late Wanda  
"Topash" Campbell. Mike Campbell was  
recently hired as the new highschool  
football coach of the Jimtown Jimmies.

Happy Birthday Robert Hoekstra,  
We Love You,  
Mom, John, Michelle, Tamara, Bradley,  
Kaitlyn, Kayley, & Kelcey!!

In memory of Sam Wesaw

A fire burns, the Drums call out,  
The Snows of Winter blow.  
Hearts cry, Elders speak,  
A peoples words from long Ago.

Twenty-One guns and Songs are Sung.  
The Sacred candles glow.  
A purple Heart-Sweet memories  
Farewells to this honored Soul.

The Light of Life that is Left to us,  
Will still Shine bright and True.  
For Faith gives us a gathered place,  
Where you still know-How very much,  
...we will,  
Always love you.

(Words captured from the heart of Laura and put  
into verse for her friend Ginny)



Happy Birthday  
Bradley "The grinch" Grubb-Miller  
From Grandma (Mommica) and Grandpa (Big  
Daddy) Grubb

Happy Belated Birthdays to Adrianna Mares, Brianna  
Mares and Issac Michael. I love you's too much!  
Mema, Tia, Cleora



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## **Tribal Council April Meeting Schedule**

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**April 7 - 1:30PM**

**Tribal Council Special Session (Lodge)**

**April 12 - 10:00AM**

**Tribal Council Special Session (Lodge)**

**April 14 - 1:30PM**

**Tribal Council Special Session (Lodge)**

**April 28 - 1:30PM**

**Tribal Council Special Session (Lodge)**

**April 29 - 5:30PM**

**Gaming Authority (Lodge)**

**April 30 - 5:30PM**

**Tribal Council Special Session - T.O.O./ Legal (Lodge)**

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# CONTACT INFORMATION

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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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