

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

April 2009

Pow-Wow Committee Seeks Community Involvement!

- T-Shirt Design Contest -

The Pow-Wow Committee is once again hosting a T-Shirt Design Contest for our 24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-wow! Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa, translated to "Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest," is the largest community event the Pokagon Band holds every year. The artist with the winning design will be awarded a \$200 cash prize. Please send jpeg images to Micky at michaelina.magnuson@pokagon.com by Thursday, April 30, 2009. The Pow-Wow Committee looks forward to many great designs!

- Caterer Needed -

The Pow-Wow Committee is seeking a Pokagon citizen to cater the Saturday evening feast and Sunday breakfast for the annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-Wow. The feast is to be held Saturday, September 5, 2009 at the Rodgers Lake Pavilion for an expected 500 Pow-Wow participants. The breakfast will be held Sunday morning, September 6, 2009 for an estimated 200 campers. Interested individuals should submit a bid. In your bid, please include your contact information, a proposed dinner menu, total price, and a short list of previous events catered. Send your submissions to Micky at michaelina.magnuson@pokagon.com. Deadline for submission is Thursday, April 30, 2009.

Healing Lodge

April 25th, 2009 | Starting @ 10:00 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.

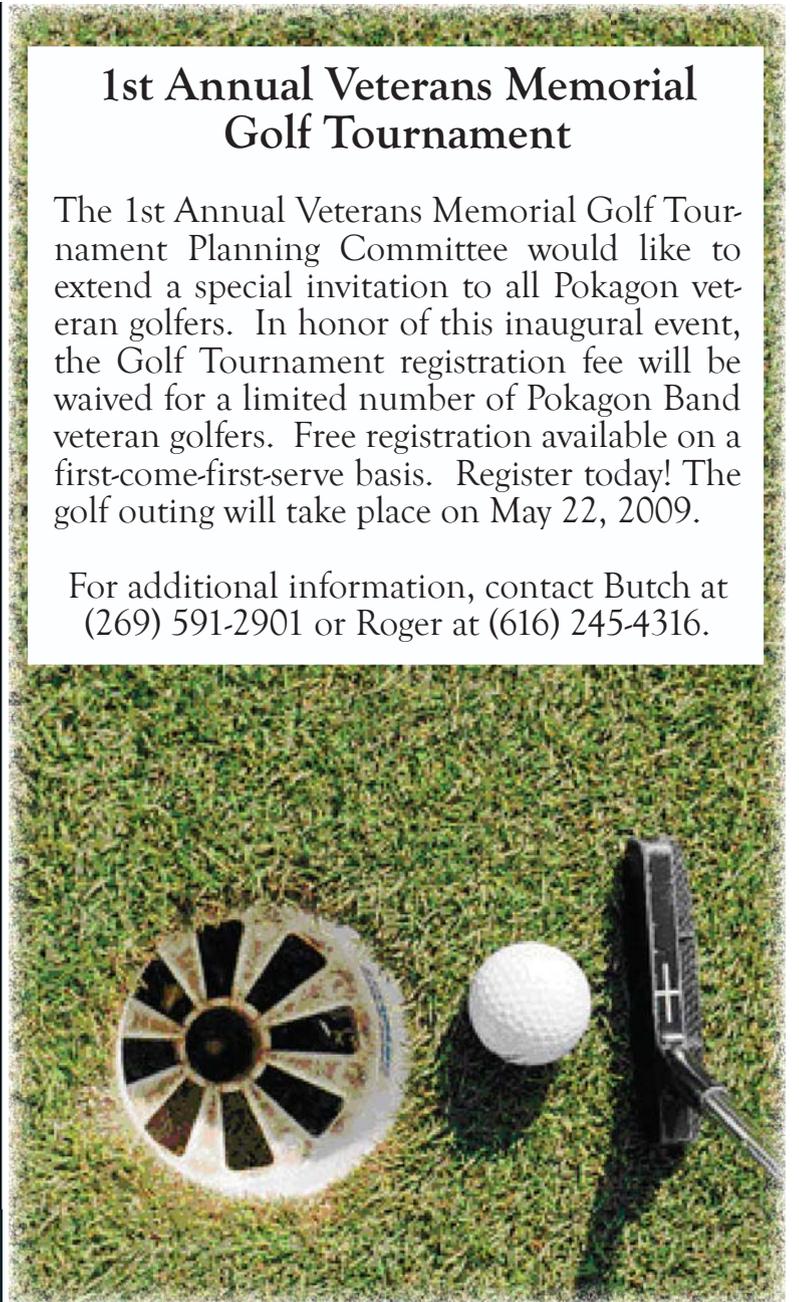
Jake Pine will also be here for Spiritual Healing Appointments on April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Appointments are in half hour increments from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with the hour of 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. not available due to lunch.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

1st Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament

The 1st Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament Planning Committee would like to extend a special invitation to all Pokagon veteran golfers. In honor of this inaugural event, the Golf Tournament registration fee will be waived for a limited number of Pokagon Band veteran golfers. Free registration available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Register today! The golf outing will take place on May 22, 2009.

For additional information, contact Butch at (269) 591-2901 or Roger at (616) 245-4316.



Hand Drum Making

Teaching

Rogers Lake

Tribal Lodge Pavilion

Dowagiac, Michigan

May 8th

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please call

Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate

Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.



Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motedioned 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 31).

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 May newsletter will be **April 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.



April 2009 Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<p>Note: 2% Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/burgers.</p> <p>6 <u>Language</u> Minestrone Soup Roast Beef Sandwich Veggie Tray Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>7 Buffalo Meatballs W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots Strawberries/ Rolls</p>	<p>1 Buffalo Stew Garden Salad W/ Red Peppers Yogurt W/ Fruit Rolls</p> <p>8 Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Fruit Salad/ Rolls Fortune Cookie</p>	<p>2 <u>Business</u> Lasagna Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots Banana Vanilla Wafer Pudding Rolls</p> <p>9 Barbeque Pork Chops Baked Potato Corn on the Cob/ Tomato Salad Apple Crisp/ Rolls</p>	<p>3 Barbeque Chicken or Salmon Patty Scalloped Potatoes Brussels Sprouts/ Tomato Salad Peaches/ Rolls</p> <p>10 Closed Good Friday</p>
<p>13 <u>Language</u> Buffalo Sloppy Joes Homemade Potato Salad Veggie Tray Watermelon</p>	<p>14 Baked Tilapia (Fish) or Chef Salad Spanish Rice Asparagus Fruit Salad/ Rolls</p>	<p>15 Turkey Spaghetti Garden Salad Collard Greens Yogurt W/ Fruit/ Garlic Bread</p>	<p>16 <u>Social</u> Boiled Dinner (Sausage, Potatoes, Beans, Onions, Cabbage, & Corn) Tomato Salad/ Corn Bread Angel Food Cake W/ Strawberries</p>	<p>17 Taco Bake or Veggie Burger Carrots Coleslaw Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Sherbet</p>
<p>20 <u>Language</u> Beef Stroganoff Garden Salad Green Beans <u>Peaches/ Cottage Cheese/ Rolls</u></p> <p>27 Sausage, egg, and Cheese Burritos Hash Browns Fruit Salad with Mangos/ O.J.</p>	<p>21 Salmon or Buffalo Brats Macaroni And Cheese Broccoli <u>Blueberries/ Rolls</u></p> <p>28 Chicken Pot Pie Garden Salad Fruit Pizza/ Rolls</p>	<p>22 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Carrots <u>Jell-O W/ Fruit/ Rolls</u></p> <p>29 Salmon Loaf Baked Potato Spinach/ Peaches/ Rolls Pumpkin Pie</p>	<p>23 Cornish Hens W/ Wild Rice Squash Mixed Salad <u>Fruit Salad/ Rolls</u></p> <p>30 Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Asparagus Watermelon/ Rolls</p>	<p>24 Pizza Day (Meat & Meatless) Tossed Salad W/ Avocado Pudding & Fruit</p>



PBID	First	Middle	Last
0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0299	Frank	Gonzalves	Leonardo
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0507	Tara	Jeanine	Davis
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

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.



ENROLLMENT

Enrollment Committee

The Enrollment Committee is looking for a voluntary to sit on their committee. This is not a paid position. It is strictly volunteer. You must have an eye for meticulous detail. Meetings are the second Monday of the month. @ 5:30 p.m. Other meetings may be called. If you are interested call Kelly Curran at 888-376-9988 or 269-782-6323

The Enrollment committee needs to hear from Jonn Patrick Quigno,
Rhonda Merre Smith, and Karla Renee Quigno.

Please contact the Enrollment office as soon as possible at

1-269-782-1763 or 1-888-782-1001.



Headstart News

The program is currently at full enrollment for the 2008-2009 School Year, however the program always accepts applications for the waiting list. School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30. We provide transportation to the Dowagiac & Hartford area with central pick-up and drop-off locations (the bus route is limited to no longer than one hour with children on the bus). We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The Potawatomi Language and Culture are incorporated throughout each day. Each week the center begins with an opening ceremony and ends each week with a closing ceremony. The program does accept children with disabilities.

Upcoming Events/Closures

- *April 6-10, 2009—Closed for Spring Break.
- *April 13, 2009—School closed in Observance for Easter Sunday.
- *April 17, 2009—Friday 1/2 day make-up snow day.
- *April 24, 2009—Friday 1/2 day make-up snow day.
- *April 30, 2009—Family Fun Night from 6-8.
- *May 1, 2009—Friday 1/2 day make-up snow day.
- *May 14, 2009—Last Day of School & Graduation Day.

Enrollment for 2009-2010 School year

The program will begin accepting pre-applications for the 2009-2010 School Year in January. 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.

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 include: Inexpensive tennis balls to put on the bottom of the kids' chairs so they do not scratch the floor, play dough, wet wipes, one time use disposable cameras, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles or any school supplies. To prepare for the upcoming summer months, the following items are always good things to donate; spray sunscreen, bug repellent spray, bubbles, children's gardening tools and any outdoor toys. If you would like to donate any of these items or have any thing else in mind, please drop them by the Center.

Happy Birthday to You!

April Birthdays:

Jonathan Phillips—April 24, 2009
Happy 5th Birthday!

Mrs. Tracy Hyatt—April 24, 2009
Happy Birthday!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH Scott Liggett

Scott Liggett is in the eleventh grade at Edwardsburg High School in Edwardsburg, MI, and will be a member of the 2010 graduating class. Although he hasn't decided what he'd like to do after graduation, he has had thoughts about joining the army. Scott's parents are Scott Liggett Sr. and Tracy Wesaw (Torres), and stepfather, Jose Torres. His four siblings include Marissa, India, Michael, and Gage.

During the summer months Scott loves playing basketball with his brothers and cousins,

as well as riding his four-wheeler. His favorite activities include church, hanging out with friends, and attending Pow-wows, which offer one of this favorite foods—Indian tacos! Scott is very involved in singing and drumming at the Pow-wows, and recently showed his younger cousin how to make a hand drum. He has a deep love for his culture, and enjoys reading about Native American traditions, listening to the elders speak, and attending traditional ceremonies. In the past he has even served on the Native American Youth Council.

Scott says he "is proud to be a Native American because our ancestors suffered tremendously and fought battle upon battle for their people and for future generations. They fought so that our people would never die off, so we would have rights among the white people, and to preserve our culture. I am proud to be a descendent of that type of love and loyalty." Keep up the good work, Scott!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH Hunter Goodrich

Hunter Goodrich is a second grader at Moccasin Elementary in Buchanan, Michigan. He is part of a large family. Hunter is the son of Patrick and Bobbie Goodrich. His fraternal grandparent is Patty Topash and his maternal grandparents are Rhonda Holstein and Ron Harker. Hunter's great-grandmas are Phyllis Holstein and Norma Harker. His great-

grandpa is Gene Holstein. Hunter has one brother, Darrin and one sister, Blaine. In the past, Hunter has attended Summer Camp at Pokagon's campground and has even camped there with his Grandma Patty. In Hunter's own words- "I love the X-Mas party and Back to School Bash. I also get lots of awards from the Education Department party." His favorite food is hot dogs. Hunter enjoys baseball, football, and soccer. Hunter's favorite toy is his football and his favorite activity is playing hockey in his basement. He also likes to play Tony Hawk on his Nintendo DS. Hunter's "dream would be to halfback at The University of Michigan and then get drafted into the Indianapolis Colts." Hunter is most proud to be Native American because "it's nice to be different from everybody else."



STUDENT OF THE MONTH Tyler Deuel

Tyler Deuel attends fifth grade at Sister Lakes Elementary. In addition, he occasionally attends the Pokagon K-5 Enrichment Lab on Mondays, and enjoys learning the Potawatomi language. Tyler has an older sister, Stephany Gross, and a younger sister, Alexis Deuel. His parents are Phillip and Jennifer Deuel. Tyler's grandparents include Martha and Scott McCo-

nnell and Phillip Deuel Sr., as well as Diane and Dwight Jackson and Don Comming, respectively.

Tyler enjoys his Playstation, playing board games with his family, and jumping on the trampoline. He also likes having Airsoft Wars with his friends. Tyler's favorite food is pizza, and he loves playing sports. He plays quarterback for his father's Rocket football team and is a pitcher for Michigan Knights, a travel baseball team coached by his dad. Tyler also plays baseball for the Little League, where he is a member of their All-Star Team. Tyler is very proud of his Native American heritage and of how the Pokagon Band conducts itself. He thinks it's awesome to have a trust fund and loves to watch it grow. Keep up the good work, Tyler!

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 several weeks prior to testing dates.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 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.
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!

For more information please contact Traci Henslee, Employment and Training Specialist at 1-888-330-1234 or traci.henslee@pokagon.com



Summer Programs for Pokagon Youth

Applications are now available for the following summer programs:

Pokagon Summer School

July 6th -July 30th , Mon-Thurs
Location: Pokagon Band Head Start Building
For youth entering K-6th grades in Fall 2009

The Pokagon Summer School is an opportunity for students to keep their minds sharpened during the summer and to prepare them for success in the upcoming school year. Morning classes are taught by certified teachers and focus on reading, math and science. Afternoon workshops focus on cultural programs, including the Potawatomi language. Limited transportation is available to and from areas local to Dowagiac.

Pokagon Summer Enrichment Program

June-August 2009
Location: Anywhere in the United States
For youth entering 7th-12th grades in Fall 2009

The Tribal Council will fund summer programs (up to \$500) for a limited number of youth. The types of programs to be funding include Life Skills Programs, Enrichment Camps, Workshops, Pre-College Summer Classes, and Conferences. Interested tribal youth are encouraged to ask school counselors and club leaders about possible opportunities. Also, youth can contact the Pokagon Department of Education for some suggestions.

Applications for these programs are due on April 15th.
For more details, please contact Penny Brant, Education Coordinator at 1-888-330-1234 or at penny.brant@pokagon.com .

Pokagon Summer Camp

June 19th-June 28th
Location: Rodgers Lake Property, Dowagiac
For youth entering 2nd-12th grades in Fall 2009

The Pokagon Summer Camp is divided into three sessions this year: Session I , June 19th-Jun 21st, is for youth entering grades 2nd-4th,. Session II, June 21st - June 25th, is for youth entering grades 9th -12th and Session III, June 25th-June 28th , is for youth entering grades 5th-8th.

Campers will be staying in the Pokagon cabins.

Pokagon Summer Internship Program

July 6th-July 30th, Mon-Thurs
Location: Pokagon Band Departments

For youth ages 14-18 entering junior or high school in Fall 2009

Pokagon youth are given the opportunity to work in tribal departments for a four week period during the month of July. The youth will gain valuable employment skills and will learn more about how the tribe really operates.

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 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the community center in Gun Lake, MI.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the community center in Athens, MI.

Dowagiac classes are being held in the Niles campus of SMC until April.

If you need a ride, a van will be leaving from the Department of Education.

The van leaves at 6:15 p.m.
Class runs 7:00-9:00 p.m. in room 208.

Higher Education Assistance

The Department of Education is able to assist tribal members in costs for the following:

Graduate Entrance Exam Fees (Such as GRE, MCAT, LSAT, etc)

- Assistance up to \$250 for one exam (per member)
- Will reimburse exam that was paid for from October 2008
- Must submit paperwork and copy of Tribal ID

Graduate School Application Fees

- Assistance up to \$100 (per tribal member)
- Will reimburse fees that were paid from October 2008
- Must submit paperwork and copy of Tribal ID

Major Related Conferences/ Workshops/ Internships

- Assistance up to \$400
- Will assist for programs occurring from April 2009
- Must be a full-time student and have completed at least 12 credits of college
- Must submit paperwork and copy of Tribal ID

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



Get out and get active!

AHH... spring is in the air, many of us are anticipating the smell of early flowers, feeling the earth through our fingers, and warming up in the bright sun. Along with these sentiments, thoughts of fitting into our summer clothes, especially the bathing suit, might bring a nagging thought that we ate very well over the winter months, gained weight, and exercise didn't happen often enough. Thought of actions to change may be simmering in the back of the mind and the Health Services Department is here to help get those thoughts into motion. Last month we celebrated National Nutrition Month and the news media focused on many health and nutrition ideas that emphasized good health through portion control, healthy ways to prepare meals, and getting up and moving. But just because March is over, it doesn't mean that good nutrition and healthy lifestyles should lose their focus. Several activities and programs offered by the Health Department are available to help you achieve your goals for good health.

Join us for any of the following opportunities for good health:

Chair Exercise on Tuesday and Friday at 10:45 am at the ELDER'S HALL on Townhall Road, Dowagiac. This program will run through May 22 and is designed to increase aerobic and muscle strength through fun videos all done while sitting on a chair!

Weight Loss Challenge: weekly meetings on Tuesday at 3:30 pm beginning April 7 in the Health Clinic Building 1 Conference Room. Join this fun, informative, and supportive way to learn about good nutrition and physical activity to bring balance to your life style and help shed those unwanted pounds.

Family Fun Walk watch for notice in the May newsletter for more information about this May 16th date.

Walk the Path 2009 The Family Fun Walk in May will be the kick off event for the Prevention of Diabetes and its Complications while your steps are logged to record a "virtual" walk of over 700 miles around Lake Erie to Niagara Falls.

For more information please call Susan, RD, at the Health Services Department, at 888-440-1234 or at 269-782-4141.

Take the Nutrition Quiz!

Are you eating right? Rate your habits with this quick quiz. Answer the questions below and add up your score.

Do you -----	Most days	Sometimes	Never
Consider nutrition when making food choices?	2	1	0
Avoid skipping meals	2	1	0
Include 3 or more whole grain foods daily	2	1	0
Eat at least 2 ½ cups of veggies daily?	2	1	0
Vary veggies with dark green & orange varieties?	2	1	0
Eat at least 2 cups of fruit daily?	2	1	0
Get 3 cups of low-fat or fat-free milk, yogurt or cheese daily?	2	1	0
Choose lean meats and poultry?	2	1	0
Vary protein with more fish, beans & nuts?	2	1	0
Try to limit saturated fat and trans fat.	2	1	0

Based on Dietary Guidelines 2005, www.healthierus.gov/dietaryguidelines

Contract Health Services Update

Effective May 1, 2009 Contract Health Services will no longer reimburse members that pay, up front, for prescriptions or for prescription co-pays, unless you have an emergency that pertains to life and death situations. Remember when visiting the emergency room, you can request enough medication, from them, to last you till Contract Health Services opens. With this action, members will no longer have out of pocket expense for approved medications. Please, eligible members may contact your CHS Processor to request a prescription voucher.

We have several pharmacies that will accept our voucher for payment for medications. Pharmacies in Indiana and Michigan that accept our vouchers are listed below. You may contact the Contract Services for addresses and phone numbers.

- Meijer Pharmacies 14 locations
- Rite Aid Pharmacies 10 locations
- Family Fare Dowagiac
- Pamida Dowagiac
- Pamida Syracuse
- Value Drug Allegan
- Bio Plus Rx
- Day's Rx
- Dorr Pharmacy
- McDonald Pharmacy South Haven
- Main Street Pharmacy Watervliet
- New Buffalo Pharmacy
- Paw Paw Village Pharmacy
- Saugatuck Pharmacy
- Swanstra's Pharmacy Bangor
- Van's Pharmacy St Joseph
- Walgreen's Niles
- Wayland Pharmacy
- Westside Pharmacy Kalamazoo
- L'Anse Pharmacy

Remember Contract Health Services is not an entitlement program or insurance. To access Contract Health Services, eligible tribal members must notify the Pokagon Band Health Department three days in advance of any non-emergency appointment including pharmacy refills, and must call in emergency visits within three days after encounter. Please be watching for future notifications and updates on possible changes that may effect your Contract Health Service coverage.

For more information or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Lois Wesaw CHS Coordinator at 269-782-4141, or 1-888-440-1234, Ext 234.

Nutrition Quiz Score Sheet

16 to 20 points - Healthy eating seems to be your habit already!
 10 to 15 points - You're on track. A few easy changes will make your total eating plan healthier.
 0 to 9 points - Sometimes you may eat smart. For your good health, add more smart choices to your eating plan.

If you score 10 points or lower, please call Susan, RD, at 888-440-1234 to discuss how you may be able to revamp your eating patterns and begin a new path and gain balance for a healthier lifestyle.



The Tribal Development Program at Four Winds

Clarity, Challenge, Support – these are the three key elements of the Tribal Development Program (TDP). Launched in April of 2008, the TDP program is part of the ongoing commitment of Four Winds Casino Resort to the education and development of Pokagon Citizens and their spouses employed by the Casino. The program helps participants toward their professional development goals by assessing their current skills, finding relevant educational and professional challenges, and providing the support and mentoring they need to meet those challenges. Benefits to participants include access to leadership and computer courses offered at Four Winds, external professional conferences and seminars, tuition reimbursement for attending GED or college programs, a computer purchase assistance plan, and a well-stocked library of business-related materials and books. This winter, several participants began attending Lake Michigan College's Organizational Management Certificate Program – college courses offered here at Four Winds one night a week.

A key part of the TDP program is the matching of participants with a mentor of their choosing. Mentors are experienced Four Winds employees who volunteer to provide support and encouragement, as well offering goal setting and professional development planning and monitoring.

The TDP program resulted from a management agreement the Pokagon Tribal Council negotiated prior to Four Winds being constructed. The Council and The Pokagon Gaming Authority, as well as our managing partners and onsite staff are committed to the ongoing success of this program. Three Gaming Authority Members sit on the five person Tribal Development Program Committee, which oversees its progress. These include Marchell Wesaw (Chairperson), Judy Winchester and Marie Manley.

If you are interested in employment opportunities at Four Winds Casino Resort, please contact Jennifer Lasiewicz, Manager of Tribal Placement and Development at 269-926-5306 or 1-866-4WINDS1, Ext 5306. Four Winds offers competitive salaries and benefit packages including Blue Cross Blue Shield medical insurance, Delta Dental insurance, vision insurance, short term disability, life insurance, and an on-site wellness center.



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;

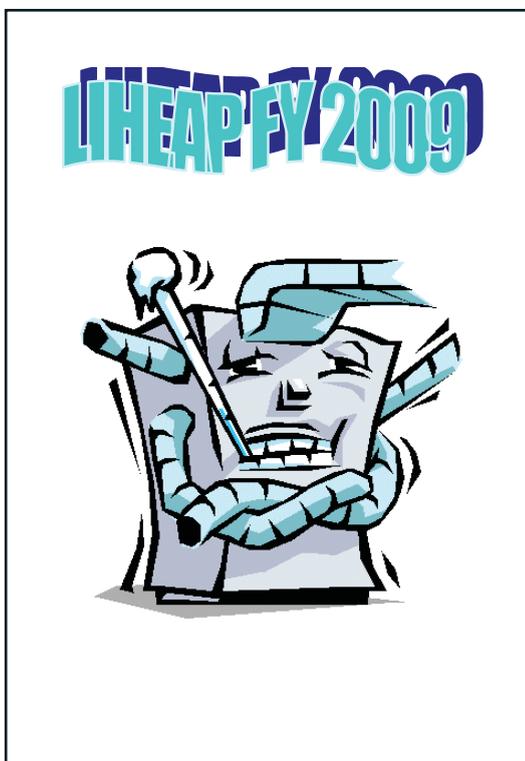
Recommend a continuum of services for Pokagon Band children and their families with emphasis whenever possible on prevention, early intervention, and community based alternatives;

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.

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.



ATTENTION: POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified Members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This program is intended to supplement, but not replace, federal, state, and county assistance programs. Should you have any questions or would like to apply for this program call: The Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998.

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to

respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221

Personal Financial Skills Training Offered to Tribal Members

Door Prizes! Attend a class for a chance to win a \$25 gift card, Pokagon Band history book or other great prizes!
No need to attend all five classes or attend classes in any particular order!

What: "Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report" – the 4th in a 5 class series on personal financial skills
 Where: Pokagon Band Head Start Building, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac
 When: 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Tuesday, April 14 or 9:30 – noon, Saturday, April 18 (same class, different date)
 Who: All Pokagon Band tribal members and spouses/partners (regardless of county of residence)
 Why: To strengthen the 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, however, it is not necessary to attend classes in numerical order. Participants who attend the entire series of five classes will receive a \$25 gift card. Should you miss a month's class, you may attend during the next series of classes as the classes will be repeated on an ongoing basis. Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Month	Tues.	Sat.	Class No.	Class Topic
April	14	18	4	Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report
May	12	16	5	Accessing Credit 101
June	16	20	1	"Circle of Life" – Native people Have Always Planned & Saved *
July	14	18	2	Developing a Spending Plan
August	11	15	3	Managing Checking & Savings Accounts
September	15	19	4	Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report
October	13	17	5	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.

Overview of Financial Empowerment Classes for 2009

Door Prizes! Attend a class for a chance to win a \$25 Gift Card, Pokagon Band history book or other great prizes!

No need to attend all five classes or classes in any particular order!

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 activities that are meant to 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. 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.

April - Session 4 Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report

April: For generations, Native communities migrated throughout the year to be near the natural resources that supported each community. Native people often followed migration patterns and lived in what is called a "traditional economy"—one in which a community 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!"

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May - Session 5 Accessing Credit 101

May: 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.

June - Session 1 The Circle of Life – Traditional and Modern Economies

June: 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 our communities. We'll be challenged to develop short and long term actions that we can take to strengthen our community's self-reliance and build our local and tribal economies.

July - Session 2 Developing a Spending Plan

July: 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—such as freezing your ATM and credit cards in a container of water. This will give you time to think before making a purchase

August - Session 3 Managing Checking and Savings Accounts

August: 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.

September - Session 4 Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report

September: 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!"

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November - Special topic Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays

November: Get tips on ways to resist the urge to overspend 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..

December Special topic More Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays

December: Get more 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.



Tribal Artists Thrive at Four Winds Gift Shop

Two artists who are in the Tribal Artwork Program are each telling their story to invite other tribal members to give it a try. Angie Rice and Kelli Ottinger made a trial commitment to the gift shop, and supplied some of the art they had been doing as a hobby. Visitors to Four Winds took a strong liking to their art and it sold beyond their expectations.

Angie put her art into the gift shop about nine months ago. When asked about her experience a few weeks ago, she said:



"I have been enjoying creating art for years, and now I am enjoying even greater fulfillment in being able to share what I love to create with others through the Tribal Art Program. I feel that, since being given the opportunity to work with the gift shop at the Four Winds, I have opened up some new avenues of creativity for myself. I am no longer making projects just for me. Now, I have to consider what other people, with other tastes, might find appealing. It has really made me think "outside the box." I have found many new and different things that I truly enjoy, things that I may have never even thought about if I hadn't been open to this new experience. I hope that other tribal members with a talent to share, decide to do just that. It is a wonderful feeling at the end of the day to know that something that I made, that was pleasing to me, is now part of someone else's life, making someone else happy."

Kelli has been involved with the gift shop for about a year. Her story is different than Angie's in some ways but similar in many ways. Kelli comments:

"My Mom and Dad encouraged me to bring in my art work. They always loved the pictures I painted but I just figured, you know, that's my family so, of course, they would like my paintings. But would people I don't even know enjoy the paintings? So I took the chance and brought a few in and to my amazement they did very well. Every time I sell one I am genuinely surprised and very happy. I enjoy painting and the thought of having those paintings on display in public is very exciting to me. The money I make from them is just an added bonus. I am grateful that the Tribe decided to display Tribal Artwork at the casino otherwise my family and I would have walls full of paintings."



Angie Rice and Kelli Ottinger are just two of many tribal artists whose work is on display and selling in the gift shop.

All Pokagon Band artists are welcome. If you or someone you know has talent, please encourage them to try the program at the casino. There is an art review for the Tribal Art Program on Saturday, April 11 from 10AM to noon. It's in the conference room off the casino lobby. If you want more information, call Amy Senninger at 269-932-5260 or send an email to her at amysenninger@gmail.com.

Reviews are held regularly and are announced in the Tribal Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jamie Goss of Indianapolis, Indiana the granddaughter of Joyce Green, is attending Western Illinois University on a Softball Scholarship was 2 for 2 during last weeks game in Louisville, Kentucky.
Way to go Jammer.

Happy Belated Birthday to:

Lauren Alsap (Feb. 18)
Todd Miller (Mar. 3)
Azhanay Page-Miller (Mar. 28)

From Tammy and the Family

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• Happy Birthday!!! •
• Aunt Stella Heffington 4/4 •
• Love, Kathy •
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Happy Birthday

Robert Allan Hoekstra on April 25th

To an awesome son, brother, & uncle

We love you,

Mother, John, Michelle, Jay, Tamara,
Bradley, Kaitlyn, Cailin, Kayley, Kelcey, & Jaylee



Happy 28th Birthday
Kimberly Grubb

Love all of your family



Happy 3rd Birthday to the cousins!

• Addybug (Apr. 13) and Nozhowen Rader (Apr. 19) •

• From Tricia, Katy, John, Roger, Bereniz, Ydalee,
• Anthony, and the rest of the families! •

• We love you both so much! •
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MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to my wonderful grandma!!!!

April 4

Love, Amanda and Briann

Happy Birthday!!!

Courtney Shiflett 4/5

Devin Shiflett 4/13

Love, Aunt Kathy

Happy Birthday!!!

Haley Johnson 4/19

Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy Birthday Estella Heffington

We love you,

Eva, Robert, John, Michelle, Tamara,

Bradley, Kaitlyn, Kayley, & Kelcey

Happy Birthday Eva Hoekstra on April 1st

To a wonderful mother & grandma

We love you,

Robert, John, Michelle, Jay, Tamara,

Bradley, Kaitlyn, Cailin, Kayley, Kelcey, & Jaylee

Happy Birthday!!!

Robert Hoekstra 4/25

Love, Kathy

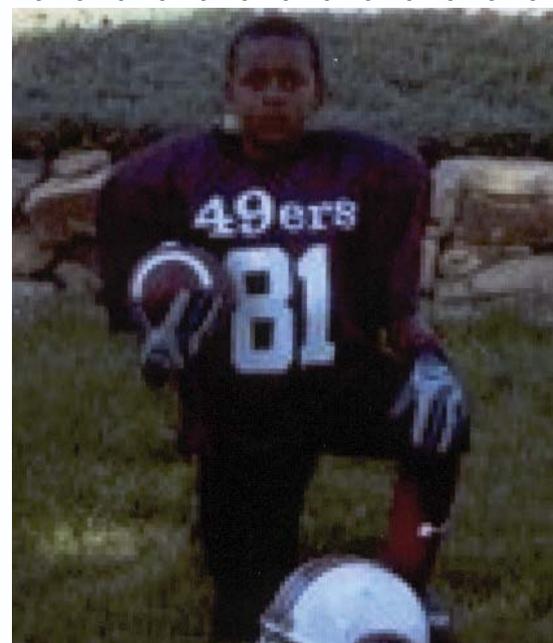


Welcome to the world little

Kynnadi A. Britton

Born Feb. 12, 2009

From mother Kimm and father Reggie



Happy 12th Birthday

Isiah "Ice" Birks

From Mom, Dad, and the
other 3 horsemen.



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 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!



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