

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

December 2008

Have a safe and wonderful



Holiday Season!

Women's Talking Circle

Bozhoo mine, Hello again, we are making a slight change in location for our next Talking Circle which will be Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. I am inviting everyone to my home at 401 Fairfield Drive, Dowagiac, MI. I live in town very near the high school but please call me for directions (269) 782- 6440. Cleora and I will be out of town that week before the talking circle so try to call her (269-782-6836) or myself to let us know if you are coming. Again, wear your skirts and bring a snack to pass. Please get the words out to our Sisters.

-Majel DeMarsh

The Pokagon Band Annual Children's Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held at two locations:

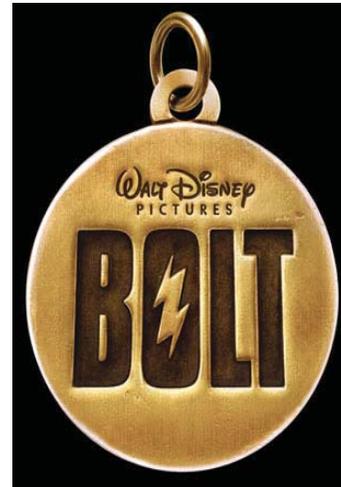
Wonderland Cinema
402 North Front Street
Niles, MI 49120

M-89 Cinema
Cross Oaks Mall
Plainwell, MI 49080

We will watch...

**Sunday,
December
7th**

At Wonderland,
Admission will
start at 8:50
a.m. and the
movie will start
at 9:35 a.m.
At Plainwell,
admission will
start at 8:35
and the movie
will start at
9:20 a.m.
Seats are
limited and are
on a first come
basis.



A limited # of
tickets will be
available for the
next showing if
there is an
overflow.

We will provide
the movie
ticket, popcorn
and pop!

Children **must**
be
accompanied by
an adult.
Limit of two
adults per
family.

This opportunity is being made available to households of Pokagon Band youth
18 years and younger.

Gifts for children with tribal enrollment cards will be distributed.
Children unable to attend the movie will be able to pick-up a Christmas gift
on the same day

Sunday December 7th at the Tribal Lodge in Dowagiac from 3-5 p.m.
Children must be present to receive a gift at any location. **YOU WILL HAVE TO
PROVIDE YOUR CHILD'S POKAGON BAND TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD** for your
child to receive a gift.
In the event of bad weather, children unable to make the 3-5 pm event in Dowagiac on December
7th will be able to pick-up gifts the following Sunday, December 14th at the Tribal Lodge from 3-5
pm only if there is bad weather on December 7th. The movies will still be shown on December 7th,
but please use good judgment in driving in bad weather.

**Questions? Please contact Marie Willis @ 1-888-330-1234 or
Melissa Rodriguez @ 1-800-517-0777.**

Winter Weather

With the winter approaching, please be advised that if Dowagiac Union Schools are closed or on a two (2) hour delay that all Pokagon Band of
Potawatomi Indians offices will also be closed or on a two (2) hour delay.

This information can be found by watching the following TV channels:

Channel 16 - WNDU (NBC) - South Bend

Channel 22 - WSBT (CBS) - South Bend

Channel 28 - WSJV (FOX) - South Bend

Channel 3 - WWMT (CBS) - Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, and Kalamazoo

In addition to the mentioned news channels, the closings or delays will be placed on the website and an
announcement will be placed on the Administration Office answering machine, 269-782-8998 or 800-517-0777,
providing there is power and Internet service at the Administration Building.

With this procedure in place membership will be able to know in advance if the offices are closed before making a trip.



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

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 January newsletter will be **December 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).

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.

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.



Elder of the month Stella (Baker) Bivens Born March 3, 1916

Stella was born in Hope, MI her parents were Henry and Nancy Baker. She lived in the Upper Peninsula most of her life. She was raised in Petoskey, MI. She is Pokagon Band Elder at 92 years of age. She now resided at a Nursing Home.

Stella was married in 1934 had 9 children, 6 girls, and 3 boys. She has 31 grand children, 51 great grandchildren, the 51st names after her, and 3 great grandchildren.

Stella widowed in 1965. She then went to work in Grand Rapids for 10 years. Moved back to Escanaba, MI. and did housework for awhile. She made baskets to sell and did lots of sewing and crafts. She never learned how to drive, but didn't matter too much she has always been a adventurous woman. Stella's grandchildren took her to the Grand Canyon in Arizona, she loved it. She went to the Grand Ole Opera in Nashville, TN with her daughter. Last year at age 91, went on a hot air balloon.



Calling All Students Michigan Scholarship

This is a reminder to get your application for MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS scholarship awards for the college bound. There is a \$1000 award and at least six \$500 awards. These are awarded by a panel of judges.

For K thru 12 who apply they will receive \$25 for the current marking period for straight A's and or perfect attendance. For application you can go to the Internet at michiganindianelders.org

Also you can contact our Pokagon Education Department. Come on parents and grandparents, get behind your children. They deserve your help.

December 2008 Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Chili W/ Turkey Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit	2 Pork Barbeque Baked Beans Coleslaw Veggie Tray/ Applesauce	3 Buffalo Lasagna Tossed Salad Green Beans Garlic Bread/ Fruit	4 <u>Business Lunch</u> Cornish Hen W/ Wild Rice Brussels Sprouts Fruit Salad Rolls	5 Beef Goulash W/ Kidney Beans Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad Peaches Rolls
8 Potato Soup Turkey Sandwich Relish Tray Fresh Fruit	9 Carved Ham Sweet Potatoes Succotash/ Tomato Salad Jell-O Poke Cake/ Rolls	10 Salmon Patties Scalloped Potatoes Peas W/ Pearl Onions Cottage Cheese/ Pineapple/ Roll	11 <u>Language</u> Rutabaga & Chicken Stew Jell-o W/ Fruit Garlic Bread	12 Buffalo Meatballs Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Squash Pears/ Rolls
15 Ham and Bean Soup Chicken Breast Sandwich Mixed Green Salad/Roll Blueberry Pie	16 Veggie Pizza Tossed Salad Brownie Fresh Fruit	17 Boiled Dinner (Saus., potatoes, beans, corn, cabbage, & onions) Cottage Cheese & Applesauce Combread/ Peanut Butter Cookie	18 <u>Social Lunch</u> Prime Rib/ Twice Baked Potato Honey Glazed Carrots Tomato Salad Tiramisu Cake/ Rolls	19 Beer Battered Cod French Fries Coleslaw Green Beans/ Rolls
22 Beef Hamburgers Macaroni and Cheese Spinach Baked Apple	23 Polish Sausage Sauerkraut Mashed Potatoes/ Roll Corn/ Tomato Salad	24 Closed Merry Christmas	25 Closed Merry Christmas	26 French Toast Canadian Bacon/ Hash Browns Fresh Fruit/ Juice
29 Baked Tilapia (Fish) Au Gratin Potatoes Mixed Veggies/ Rolls/ Fruit	30 Chili Cheese Dogs Baked Fries/ Pears Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	31 Closed Happy New Year	Note: 2% milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.	



PBID	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0202	Jeffery	Scott	Morseau
0239	Francis	Wayne	Morseau
0299	Frank	Gonzalves	Leonardo
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0507	Tara	Jeanine	Davis
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw
0847	Cecilia	Marie	Barger
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez
0881	Robert	Dwayne	Antisdell
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1204	Kara	Liana	Brown
1244	Nicole	Marlene	Wood
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
1674	Christina	Elizabeth	Winter
1837	Steven	Ray	O'Brien
2565	Michael	James	Martin
2644	Phyllis	Ann	Thompson
2649	Mark	Anthony	Jackson
2712	Christopher	John	Tanner
2723	Sean	Ryan	Carmody
2795	Edward	F	Cushway
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
2871	Sarah	Elizabeth	Pillow
2992	Jacob	Ammon	Worthington
3467	Keith	Wesley	Rider
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.



Are you interested in joining the Pow Wow Committee?

The Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow-Wow Committee is actively seeking 4 individuals to join the committee starting January 2009. The 4 new members will assist in coordinating a traditional pow-wow the committee hopes to host in the spring of 2009 as well as the annual contest pow-wow held Labor Day weekend. Please send a letter of interest including any relevant experience you may have with coordinating pow-wows and your contact information. You must be willing and able to attend evening weekday meetings and commit to working the entire weekend of the Labor Day pow-wow. Please submit letters by January 13, 2009 via email to michaelina.magnuson@pokagon.com or mail to

Pokagon Band Potawatomi Indians
 Attention: Pow-wow Committee
 P.O.Box 180 58620 Sink Rd
 Dowagiac, MI 49047



Is there a Manufactured or Modular home in your future?

Are you considering the purchase of a manufactured or modular home? It's a major decision - we're here to provide support and advice. So...before you enter into a contract, contact the Department of Housing at (269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385.

We're here for you!

Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

We are preparing to build two new homes on Dailey Road and we also have rehab and repair projects. We need more Native American contractors and sub-contractors. We offer a Native American preference to qualified contractors and sub-contractors.

If you are already on our "Certified Contractor List" please make sure your information is current.

If you are not on our "Certified Contractor List" please call us to receive an application. The process to become certified is quick and easy.

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"Our People, Our Homes"



Student Rental Assistance Program



Are You a Full Time Student?
Could You Use Assistance in Paying Your Rent?

We're Here to Help!

To qualify you must:

- Meet Income Requirements
- Have Your Permanent Address in the 10 County Service Area

You may attend school anywhere in the world!

Call Kim Cushway-Zepeda in Housing for Details at (269) 783-0443

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Indian Education Parent Committee Begins a Great Year!

An energetic Indian Education Parent Committee met for an organizational meeting on Sunday, October 26th from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Library of the Department of Education. The purposes of this meeting were to welcome the new members, elect the officers, and set the future meetings.

New members are: Jeffrey Brown, of Union Pier, MI; Nancy Petty, South Bend, IN; and Rachel West, Hartford, MI. These three complete the Committee with Conrad Church, Allegan, MI; Rechelle Hermann, Niles, MI; Marie Keller, Benton Harbor, MI; Ginny Rice, Hartford, MI; Judy Winchester, Dowagiac, MI; and Michele Winchester, also of Dowagiac. This is a dynamic group of concerned parents ready to roll up their sleeves to help create the best education for the children our services reach. The Department of Education staff works with the Indian Education Parent Committee to identify the needs and solutions. The two staff members focusing on the Committee are Marie Willis, Director and Penny Brant, Education Coordinator.

Elections were held with these results: Conrad Church, Chairman; Ginny Rice, Vice-Chair; Jeffrey Brown, Secretary; and Nancy Petty is the Treasurer.

Future meetings are set for Sundays from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. The dates are: December 14, 2008; January 11, 2009; March 8, 2009; and May 3, 2009. More may be added if the needs arise. These meetings are open to everyone and notices will be posted prior to each one. Attending one can be a great way to get more involved in the successful education of some wonderful children! If you can't attend and have comments or concerns, please contact one of the Parent Committee members or the Department of Education.

Submitted by Penny Brant

2009 Native American Student Artist Competition

Are your notebooks often filled with doodles and drawings? Do you like to paint, write, or photograph? If so, the 2009 Native American Student Artist Competition is waiting for you! The contest is sponsored by the Office of Indian Education, and is open to all American Indian and Alaskan Native students Pre-K through 12th grade.

This year's theme is Tradition is My Life, Education is My Future.

The grade categories for the art competition are Pre-K (ages 4-5), K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12.

The writing competition grade categories are 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12.

Artwork may take the form of painting, drawing, print-making, mixed media, photography, or computer art.

Essays must be 1-2 pages, doubles spaced, 12 point font, and in the personal narrative form.

All entries must be postmarked by January 16, 2009.

For more information, please visit www.indianeducation.org or call 1-866-259-0060.

Attention College Students and College Bound Students

Important FAFSA Information

In order to be considered eligible most financial aid opportunities including the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship, you must file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

You can file the FAFSA for the upcoming school year after January 1st. Apply as early as you can.

Please keep in mind:

- You must apply for every year you are in school
- While you can not apply until January 1st, 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.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
- The College Goal Sunday website has information for each state on Sundays where local colleges host workshops to help in the FAFSA process. The website is www.collegegoalsundayusa.org
- 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.



Book Review

Marie Annharte Baker, Coyote Columbus Café. Winnipeg: Moonprint Press, 1994.

On October 15th, many school children fashioned construction paper ships and read the romanticized text-book tale of Christopher Columbus. Feeling the need to escape, I picked up a copy of Coyote Columbus Café from the Department of Education's Lending Library. In this collection of poetry, Marie Annharte Baker addresses issues of Native identity and self-discovery, feminism, and the racism she experienced growing up in Winnipeg. She urges coyotisma as a model for reinvention of what it means to be indigenous. While the coyote is often seen as a trickster, Annharte sees his transformative nature as something to aspire to in order to challenge the constraints of colonialism.

Weaving between the realms of fantasy and five hundred years of reality, coyote takes many forms in Annharte's poems. In "Tongue in Cheek, if not Tongue in Cheek", Annharte muses:

"I always wonder what is the difference between a hyena and a coyote? Then I had a coyote insight. Inner revelation. You don't always know coyote is laughing. Except deep inside. Pretty sneaky, eh? (2-6)

Coyote is not a figure used to symbolize oppression or colonialism but an archetype of wily resistance and refusal of complacency. To champion indigenous rights, celebrate Native culture and confront the sorrows of history is to embrace coyotisma—to become like the coyote. In her collection of poems, Coyote Columbus Café, Annharte awakens the inner coyote of each reader.

Marie Annharte Baker is Anishinabe from the Little Saskatchewan First Nations. Her poems have appeared in Canadian Native Writing in English: an Anthology, Black Apple, Earth Spirit Anthology, and Callaloo. Her other books include Being on the Moon (1990), Blueberry Canoe (2001), and Exercises in Lip Pouting (2003). In addition, she is co-founder of the Regina Aboriginal Writers Group and a contributing director of Five Feminist Minutes (1990). Marie Annharte Baker currently resides in Brandon, Manitoba Canada.

Submitted by Laurel Bieschke, Education Associate

Beginners Language Class!

Are you interested in learning your native language? We are now offering a beginners class through SMC starting in January at the Niles campus. Frank Barker will be instructing and college credit is being offered for completing the course.

Registration Begins Nov 10 to Jan 7th.

Classes will be on Thursday nights from 7-9pm.

Contact Matthew Morsaw or the Education Office for more details.



Tyler Owen

Tyler Owen is ten years old and attends fourth grade at Ottawa Elementary in Buchanan, Michigan. He is the son of Scott and Shawnee Owen. Tyler's proud grandparents are Steve and Carla May and Jerry and Kay Bloom. Tyler has two sisters—Rhonda and Michaela—and a brother, Benjamin. Tyler enjoys playing baseball, football, soccer, and floor hockey, as well as Nintendo DS and Wii. Over the summer he even won a sportsmanship medal from his little league team! His favorite foods are tacos and spaghetti.

Tyler is proud to be Native American because of the value he places on his heritage and culture. This year Tyler participated in Pokagon Summer School, where he studied hard and played a lot of baseball. He especially enjoyed the visit from Sarett Nature Center. Tyler loves animals and would like to be a dog trainer someday. His short-term goal is to vacation at Disney World in Florida. Keep up the good work Tyler!



Tristan Kiggins

Tristan Kiggins is a fifth grade student at Red Arrow Elementary in Harford, Michigan. Tristan is part of a large family. Family members include: Mother: Angelic Meade; Father: Kenneth Kiggins; Brothers and Sisters: Jacob and Keena Luthringer, Cheyenne, Crystal, Kennedy, and Katrina Kiggins and his grandparents. Tristan attended this years pow wow. He enjoyed dancing, buying things (especially candy) and picking out his school supplies. Tristan is also involved in tutoring, summer camp, and family group within the Pokagon Band. Tristan's favorite foods are chicken & rice and chicken & ranch pizza. He enjoys riding his best friend's dirt bike and his uncle's 4-wheeler. Tristan likes to ride on two wheels, sideways, go off ramps, do donuts, and wheelies. After talking about 4-wheelers he shouts "I'm good at it!" Tristan's favorite sports to play are football, basketball, baseball, and soccer. "I'm a sports kind of guy," says Tristan. In basketball, he earned a Shooting Star Award and Coaches Favorite Award. When Tristan grows up he'd like to be either a professional football or baseball player. Be sure to look for Tristan on the field in a few years.



National Gathering on Indigenous Peacemaking: Preserving Tribal Justice through Indigenous Peacemaking

The 2nd Annual Gathering of Peacemakers Conference was held on October 22-23, 2008 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Conference is an information sharing forum for Peacemakers, those who are interested in learning about peacemaking, and those who want to be Peacemakers. Our Court's Chief Judge Michael Petoskey, Court Administrator Stephen Rambeaux and several from the Pokagon Band Traditions/Repatriation Committee were in attendance to accomplish an objective of a grant the Pokagon Band received. That objective is to explore traditional practices for incorporation in the development of our justice tools here at the Band.

The Conference workshops provided a foundation for everyone in attendance about how traditional peacemaking practices can be incorporated within tribal justice systems and communities. Peacemaking allows for a less adversarial justice mechanism that would support families and bring the community closer.

Several different types of programs were discussed during the workshops. The session on Wellness Court described an intensive program for those individuals with substance abuse issues. The session on Equine Assisted Learning incorporated the use of traditional values through the active involvement and education about the Lakota horse culture and their traditional role within the Spirit Lake Dakota Nation. The session on Traditional Healers in Peacemaking explained the important role traditional healers play within the peacemaking process. Another of the workshop sessions talked about historical trauma, what it means, the impact it has had within tribal communities, and ways that the peacemaking process can help tribes and tribal members heal from trauma.

Peacemaking can be used in many different ways, forms and structure. For example, the Oneida Nation Peacemaking System is different from the larger society's methods of alternative dispute resolution. The larger society's methods often seek to narrow disputes to what is legally and factually relevant, such as with mediation and arbitration. The Oneida Nation peacemaking takes a more comprehensive approach. Their peacemaking process involves a person's background and family, and that person's role within the community and how affected the community will be by this person. The values of the culture will influence how a dispute is viewed. The Oneida Nation peacemaking views a dispute or problem

in the larger context of community and culture. Their peacemaking helps to instill community values, heal the participants and community, and guide the participants on how a person is to behave within the community. In different Tribal communities, the peacemaking process may be behind closed doors or open to the community. Also, the peacemaking process may or may not have a recording of the proceeding. Further, an agreement by the participants may be reached, but the agreement may never be put in writing while in some Tribal communities a peacemaking agreement may be submitted in writing to a court for enforcement. Finally, peacemaking does not always have to be used in such a formal setting such as a court, but could be a peacemaker getting together informally with participants to help resolve a dispute.

The community members of the Traditions/Repatriation Committee who attended the conference/workshop reported that they really felt like they had taken away a wealth of information from the Conference. The members were very eager to apply peacemaking to various areas within the community. A member of the Traditions/Repatriation Committee commented on the benefits of bringing peacemaking to our community and the positive impact it would have on the community's citizens. Peacemaking processes have been shown to work through evidence based practices such as therapeutic justice, balanced and restorative justice, drug courts and community courts. Many communities and judicial systems encourage its use. Peacemaking allows for the participants to have an active role in solving a dispute or problem. It allows for a community to instill its values and culture to its members and promotes wellness and healing. After the Conference those in attendance participated in a Talking Circle to share thoughts on the Conference, discuss what we learned, and how to apply peacemaking and its philosophy and concepts to the development of our justice tools for the Pokagon Band.





FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

If you voted in the last election, you were an active participant in the making of history, regardless of your choice for president. If you didn't vote in the last election you are still part of history as a citizen of this great nation. I'm sure you have heard or read the various media comments addressing the election of the first African American as president of the United States.

Analyzing the next four years in a bit of a selfish perspective, the election of a president from the Democratic Party could prove to be very beneficial to Indian Country in many areas, while at the same time creating some difficulty in others. This election gives total control of the legislative process to the Democratic Party. The House has a majority it hasn't held since WWII. The Senate is almost filibuster proof. Some may question the lack of checks and balances; others will rely on what the Democratic Party platform and wait in anticipation for those principles to take shape in America. I think it is very important that we as native individuals, as tribal leaders and as part of a greater Indian Nation get very involved with this administration. If not, we run the risk of "business as usual", which has not served Indian people well these past eight years.

Here is my logic for the above statement. Until the election of Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi was considered the leader of the Democratic Party. Nancy Pelosi is the Speaker of the House, a very powerful position. The Speaker controls the legislative agenda and ALL legislative activity including how a bill is "marked-up" for a vote on the House floor. Nancy Pelosi is the sole reason the Indian Health Care Improvement Act didn't come to a normal floor vote in the House. The Senate, in bipartisan action, approved the legislation with a significant funding increase, 83-10. The Healthcare Improvement Act will die in the House as a result of the Speaker's unwillingness to accept the settlement on the abortion issue. The concern that tribes were approving abortions in violation of the Hyde Amendment was resolved and if the Speaker would allow the bill to be presented for a vote, it would pass with overwhelming support of bipartisan House members, however; the Speaker has chosen not to allow a vote on the bill. When Congress adjourns session in December, all legislation dies and will have to begin the process all over again next year on the Healthcare Act. This is where the Obama Administration will become important. They will have to take the lead on this very important issue for Indian Country and prove that campaign promises will be kept.

While it is assumed by many that the Democratic Party is the "savior and guardian" of all minority communities, you can see that this is not always the case. The Indian community worked very hard on this legislation and in my opinion responded to every concern raised by political leaders from both parties. Our fate rested in the hands of one person, and she failed us because she had a personal agenda and it didn't include the best interests of the native people. It will be critical for Indian Country to have a voice in the Obama administration. Senator Harry Reid, D-Nevada, is Majority Leader in the Senate. While Senator Reid hasn't been consistently harmful to Indian Country, Senator Reid is heavily influenced by the Vegas casino owners and will side with them against Indian Country on gaming issues every time. We need to continue to work for improvements in other areas such as; education, healthcare, law enforcement, domestic violence, and economic development.

President-Elect Obama will now assume the role of party leader and will put forth his agenda for moving this nation forward. Included in that agenda is promises made during the campaign regarding Indian Country. President-Elect Obama stated several times that he believes Indian people should be in charge of Indian decisions, and held positions very supportive of healthcare and education. He also believes we have been improperly treated and the government has not lived up to the treaties signed with our nations. I believe we should work to support the appointment of Native people within the Obama administration, in particular to positions that directly impact Indian Country. In Michigan we have several quality individuals who are politically motivated and willing to serve. As we learn of vacancies in which native people would be beneficial, we should encourage individuals to apply for these very important positions. In my travels across the country I have encountered many native people who would be of great service to the Obama administration and to Indian Country. One who comes to mind is Keith Harper, an attorney in D.C. Keith worked very hard on the Obama campaign and I hope will play a significant role in identifying native people for appointments. I have contacted Keith and offered support to him in getting endorsements for people who will be aggressive in supporting Indian Country issues, including himself.

I will cite two examples of how I believe the Obama administration will be very good for Indian Country. I believe with the right amount of lobbying influence, the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act will pass in the next Congress. I think we as Native Americans can encourage the Obama administration to take the lead on this issue and I also believe the bill will continue to include the increased funding that was included in the Senate. Just as important is the potential for significant improvement in the time it takes to get land into trust. I firmly believe, in reading the campaign material, that the Obama administration will appoint a native to head the Department of Interior and the BIA. Included in this, will be a more streamlined process in taking land into trust. While this process has been cumbersome, expensive, and takes several years to accomplish, I believe will we realize a much more friendly and efficient process under President-Elect Obama. I think we can reduce what is about a ten year average to less than five years to take land into trust. This should be our challenge and focus when we have dialogue with the Obama people.

I was fortunate to get an invitation from Mike Blake of the Obama campaign to stand with Barack Obama during one of his campaign stops in Battle Creek. Unfortunately I was in South Dakota at the time attending the Governor's Inter-state Indian Council as a representative of Governor Granholm and couldn't participate. It was nice to get the invite, but better to realize that the Obama administration was aware of native leaders in Michigan. We need to build on this at every opportunity. I think it is very important that we assist in identifying native people who have the heart and desire to work with the Obama administration for the improvement of Indian Country. If you know of native people who have an interest and would be good selections for opportunities within the Obama administration I hope you will encourage them to apply. If interested please fill out an application by going to the Obama website at: <http://change.gov/page/s/application> It will help if they also contact the office so that we can use our contacts in promoting Indian people for Indian positions.

Good Luck and God Bless American
Matt Wesaw, Vice-Chairman



Appreciation

Now that the election is over and history has been made, I wanted to personally congratulate two people who did an outstanding job and worked very hard on getting out the Native Vote. First is Su Lantz, of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. Su is the state Lead Coordinator for Michigan. Su is responsible for confirming each tribe had a tribal coordinator. It should be noted, that Michigan was the only state in the country that had a tribal coordinator for each of its twelve federally recognized tribes. That shows the effort Su put into the responsibility of being the Lead Coordinator. Michigan registered the highest number of voters ever in a state election. Although it didn't change the percentage of people who voted in this election, Michigan had a significant number of first time voters, especially in the 18-28 year category. This was a common theme across the country. Young people participated in this election like never before.

Second, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Val Janowski. While I may have been appointed the tribes coordinator, it was Val who did most of the work. Val was involved toward the end of the process, but when she realized what needed to be done, there was no controlling her energy or desire to make sure our people were able to get to their voting precinct to cast their vote. Val is not new to the political process. Val ran for the state senate two years ago against the incumbent and put up very respectable numbers. I'm sure this will only serve to keep her interest in working for the tribe as an elected official some day.

My hope is that our people will see the value in voting and getting involved with your government, whether it is at the tribal, local, state, or national level. It doesn't matter if belong to a political party or not, that is part of the process. The point is you should desire to have a say in what your government does from top to bottom. We will have another significant election in two years. There will be much at stake for us in Michigan. We will be electing a new Governor, and the House and Senate will be up for election, as well as many local seats. I would encourage each of you to take part in the next election. If you voted in this election, thank, if not, please consider participating in the next election.

Matt Wesaw, Vice-Chairman
Pokagon Native Vote Coordinator



Registration News

Once a year, all Pokagon Band members must complete the registration process if they utilize any of our healthcare services (contract health, clinic, behavioral health, optical, nutrition, and community outreach). This registration process occurs during your birthday month and the Pokagon Health Office sends out postcards to your home address to remind you of this. For example, if your birthday is December 25, you have the entire month of December to complete the registration process. If you do not receive a postcard from the Pokagon Health Office, please call us at 269-782-4141 or 888-440-1234 and dial "0" to be connected with registration. Registration is there to assist you with the registration process.

Please be patient with us as we continue to transition over to new providers at the clinic. As many of you know, at this time we only have providers at the clinic for 2-3 days a week and our schedule fills quickly. In order to better accommodate those needing our services, we have put a new policy into effect. Anyone who does not "show up" or come in for their scheduled appointment, without canceling their appointment, three times in a row, may be unable to schedule appointment and be placed in walk in status. Walk in status is a patient seen only if time is available between scheduled clients.

When you need medication refills, please call registration at 269-782-4141 or 888-440-1234 and dial "0" or ext. 321 at least 2 weeks in advance of you running out of your medications. Please only speak with a registration staff member and let them know the names of all your medications you need refills on. Because we only have providers at the health office for a couple of days during the week, we need a 2 week advance notice to dispense the medications for you. Our providers need to review your chart, review any lab work you have had or will need, as well as check all the medications you are taking. The providers may need to see you before giving you your medications.

We apologize for any lengthy waiting time you may have experienced lately at the clinic and ask for your patience as we continue to strive to provide the best services to you.



Attention Pokagon Contract Health Recipients

The Pokagon Contract Health Services has moved to a new site just across the street from the Pokagon Indian Health Clinic, and during this move we are updating our claim processing program. This will take time, and in this process the contract health claims may be delayed. We are continuing to process claims as we update. This new process will help our Contract Health Services run more efficient and smoother. We ask that you please be patient and help us through this transition. Our phone numbers and extensions have not changed. If you have questions please call Becky Price, Interim Health Director at 1-888-440-1234 or 1-269-782-4141, ext. 224. We are planning an open house party soon; please watch your mail for time and date. See you then. Our new address is:

Pokagon CHS, & Outreach Program
57365 M-51 South
Dowagiac, Mi 49047

Pokagon Indian Health Clinic and Behavior Health Program remains at our main building. This address is:

Pokagon Indian Health Clinic
Pokagon Behavioral Health
57392 M51 South
Dowagiac, Mi 49047

Health Board Vacancy

Mary Jo Morris resigned her position on the Pokagon Potawatomi Health Board. Her interest in the health and well-being of membership was an asset to the Board, the Health Services Department and our clients. Thank you Mary Jo for your years of service.

There are now two vacant seats on the Pokagon Potawatomi Health Board. Members of the Board are volunteers. Membership is by appointment by Tribal Council to a two-year term.

The purpose of the Health Board is to provide advice and guidance to the Health Services Department on strategic program planning, policy development, to serve as an appeals board and to assist Tribal Council in related areas as Council so directs.

If you are interested in being appointed to the Health Board, please submit your name and number to the Health Board Acting Chairperson, Marie Willis, the Interim Health Director, Becky Price or Health Department Administrative Assistant Anne Schaller. You can reach the Health Department at 269-782-4141 or toll-free at 888-440-1234.

Health Board meetings generally are open meetings. The meetings will be held at the Pokagon Band CHS and Outreach building, 57365 M-51 South in Dowagiac, Michigan.

Walk the Path Update

Extra! Extra! Walk the Path—the pretend walk around Lake Huron is now extended to next April, 2009. If you are searching for an incentive or a motivator to help you with the winter couch potato blues or the “busting out all over” feeling after the Holidays, this is the program for you. Contact Susan, dietitian, at Health Services for more information to get you started on a healthy approach to increased physical activity and wellness.

It’s incredible to think that the year is coming to an end and the Holidays are here. Along with those thoughts of shopping, going to parties and family festivities, wrapping gifts, and meals on the run, many of us will have the nagging thought of unwanted “gained” pounds. By following these little tips perhaps you will make it through the season with fewer pounds gained, and maybe a little happier and healthier.

1. Psych yourself up: don’t allow for expansion—wear your snugest clothes that don’t allow your waist to expand. Leave the sweat pants in the closet.
2. Keep your back to the food. This may seem obvious but don’t stand and watch the buffet table at parties or even stand close to it. Scan the table for 3-4 things you will enjoy eating and save the highest calorie food for the last. You may have less chance of overeating. Go for the protein foods as they are more filling, higher in iron, and rich in lycopene.
3. Pace yourself. Eat slowly by taking smaller bites, chewing and swallowing thoroughly, drinking water between bites, or even putting the fork down. Wolfing down food usually equals an additional 70 calories for one meal. This can add up to a 14 ½ ounce wt gain in just 45 days alone.

4. Write it down. According to the National Weight Loss Registry, the more food records a person kept, the more weight lost. E-mail to yourself what it is that you ate a work during the day or use [www. MyPyramid.gov](http://www.MyPyramid.gov) food tracker to help you keep a food diary.

5. Get moving. Yes its true calories in and calories out. Think exercising in “minutes.” Ten minutes is better than nothing and three-ten minute sessions a day equals a 30 minute workout. Remember the fitness equipment available to you at the Health Services office. Call Susan at 782-4141 to learn more about it.

6. Liquid calories count. These can really sneak up on a person. Eggnog, coffee drinks with whipped cream, hot toddies, spiced rum can all have as many calories as a personal sized pan pizza! In addition, many of them are just calories without any nutritional value in them at all.

7. What’s a good plan to beat the Holiday 8 to 10 pound weight gain? FIBER! Think about eating 5 or more fruits and vegetables a day before you let yourself indulge in high, empty calorie holiday treats. If it works out for you, you may not have anything to loose that second week of January. Good health is the best gift we can give ourselves.

Happy Holidays!



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



LIHEAP FY 2009



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:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limit</u>
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.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Carol Martin Dec. 5
Happy Birthday Johnny Parker Dec. 9
Love Aunt Stella



Happy 5th Birthday
Sierra Mary Jane! We are very proud of
you and love you very much!
Love always, Mom, Buddy, and Marlie

Happy belated 22nd Birthday, Lee Lee!
Nov. 20
I love you mom.
From Lisa

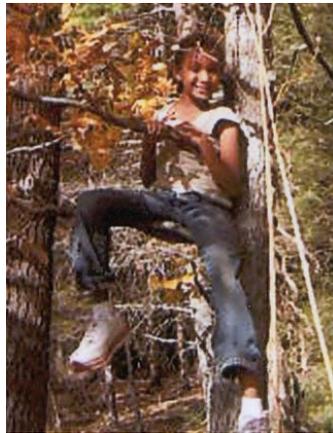
Happy Birthday Dawn Shifflett
Dec 21
Love, Aunt Stella

Happy Birthday to my children.
Karen Spicher Dec. 17
Tim Heffington Dec 19
Cindy Dec 23
Marsha Brown Dec 24

Love Mom



Abbigale June Morris
Born Oct. 10, 2008 at 10:12AM
7 lbs. 13 oz. 19.5"



Happy Birthday to Merriam Grubb (9 years old)
From Mommica and Big Daddy

Congratulations, Brett Parker for completing
high school equivalent.
Love Mom.



Happy 11th Birthday to Jeri Williams
Love Mom and Dad, brothers Jonathan,
Joseph, sisters Katherine, Jana,
and Princess Julie

Happy Birthday!!!
Misty Weaver-12/12
Love, Kathy

Happy Birthday Dec 14 to my
twin grandbabies.
Madisyn and Michael
Love Grandma Heffington



Happy 19th Birthday Garrison Harold Grubb
Love Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday Sis!!!
Carol Martin-12/5
Love you, Kat

Happy Birthday!!!
Johnny Parker-12/9
Love you, Kathy

Happy Birthday
Aunt Marie
Love, Martha Ann, Josh, and
Sydney

Happy Birthday
Katie Morseau
Love, Martha Ann, Josh, and
Sydney

Happy Belated 20th Birthday
Danni Rapp
Love, Aunt Martha, Josh, and
Sydney

Happy Birthday Amanda Spicher Dec 26
Love Grandma Stella

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!
From the Pokagon Newsletter Staff (of 1)

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY
Cheyenne Harmon
Dec. 29th
With All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, Alexis, Cody
and your guardian angel
Grammy

HAPPY 39th BIRTHDAY
(December 31st)
JOHN JACOB HOEKSTRA
WE LOVE YOU



You've been 1,2,3, & 4. Now it's
time to be 5!
And we are just excited
as your are....
Happy Birthday Gigyago!
Love, Your family



We would like to welcome the birth of our
son, Tade Rick, born October 3, 2008 8
lbs. 7 oz., to our family. Also, we would like
to congratulate Big brother, Aidan Rick,
you are such a great big brother.
We love you both, Mommy and Daddy

Happy 17th Birthday Michael Newcomer, Dec. 26th.
You are so special to us, I cant believe you are almost a
grown man! You work so hard at all you do and suc-
ceed at everything you set your mind to accomplish, we
could not be prouder of you! We know grandpa is look-
ing down on you with a smile and a heart full of pride!

Love, Mom, Tony, Grandma, Richard, and Tori

Happy 19th Birthday
Taylor Morseau
Love, Aunt Martha, Uncle Josh,
and Sydney

Happy Birthday Marie Manley,
Dec. 29th. We love you and are
so thankful for all you do for us! I
know that daddy is watching over
you from above!

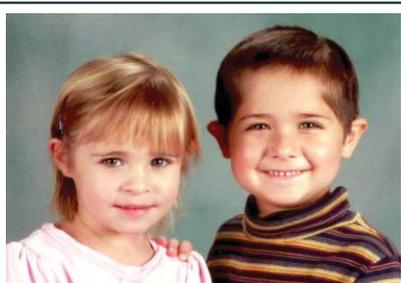
Love, Melissa, Tony, Michael, Rich-
ard, and Tori

Happy Birthday!!!
John Hoekstra-12/21
Love, Kathy

Happy Birthday Evelyn (Morsaw) Miller
Love Always, John, Angie, Kathryn,
Isabella, Steven, and Shane Miller

Happy Birthday!!!
Jake Wallin- 12/26
Love, Kathy

Happy Birthday!!!
Dawn Shiflett-12/21
Chad Gillan-12/21
Love you, Aunt Kathy &
Uncle Mike



Happy belated 5th birthday to
Ethan and Emily
November 20, 2003

Happy Belated Birthday
Margaret Rapp
Love, Martha, Josh, and Sydney

Language Corner

Hunting Terms

Buck	Yabe
Doe	Nijan
Antlers	Ashknen
Gun	Basksegen
Cartridges or shells	Nwin
Hunting knife	Giwse Koman
Buckshot	Wabzhagen
Muzzle Loader	Zhemati
It is hunting season	Giwsewnget
He/she is hunting	Giwse
I am going to go out hunting.	Nwi pa giwse.

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm 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 Dec 11th.

South Bend office classes are on Dec 4th and 18th from 7-9pm. Catch
a ride at Education. Van leaves at 5:30pm, 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 2nd and 4th Thursday of
the month at 11:00am.

NO CLASS DEC 25TH AND JAN 1ST DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.



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 FAX (269) 782-1028

Enrollment
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 (269) 782-1763 /
 Toll Free (888) 782-1001
 FAX (269) 782-1964

Commodities
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 FAX (269) 782-7814

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 (866)-250-6573
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 Toll Free (800) 737-9223
 FAX (574) 255-2974

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 Toll Free (877) 983-0385
 FAX (269) 783-0452

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 58620 Sink Rd.
 (269) 783-0505 /
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 (269) 782-2232 /
 Toll Free (866-399-0161)
 FAX (269) 782-7988

Election
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 (269) 782-9475 /
 Toll Free (888) 782-9475

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.

Pokagon Band Administrative Office
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