

# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"THE POKAGONS TELL IT"

May 2008

## 100K Educational Endowment Gift

At the Tribal Council Special Session meeting held on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> the tribe was gifted with a check in the amount of \$100,000.00 from a joint venture, Christman /Kraus-Anderson Company. This is an Education Endowment to be used for scholarships for Pokagon Band students furthering their education. The Pokagon Band would like to sincerely thank Christman/Kraus-Anderson for this generous gift.



## Land in Trust Celebration and Membership Meeting

On March 22, Pokagon families gathered for the Land in Trust Celebration & Membership Meeting hosted at Lake Michigan College. The day was filled with activities for families, lunch, department representatives from the Pokagon Band, giveaways, speakers throughout the day, two drum groups and a flag ceremony honoring our veterans.

It was an informative afternoon where information was given about Four Winds Casino, Tribal Trust, and our Land in Trust. Families gathered from all over the region to celebrate and share with each other.

Many thanks to our hosts, guests, drums, speakers, and veterans that made Land in Trust Celebration and Membership meeting an eventful day.



Honoring the flags and our veterans.



Tribal Chairman - John Miller



Tribal Trust Administrator - Tom Baxter



Activities and Crafts for the kids.



Tim Cope - Lakes Entertainment



Keith Stoneburner - Auditor



### Cigarette Sales

**Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices.** We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 4 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

### **ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS**

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

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

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

##### **Newsletter**

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

##### **Identification**

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

##### **Communication**

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

##### **Etiquette**

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

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

##### **Where to send submissions:**

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

### South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Food Commodities staff will be on-hand when bread is available from Felpausch. Please contact the Food Commodities program to confirm times and availability.

– Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

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

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

### **Point Person for Census 2008.**

The 2008 Census is coming soon and the Pokagon Band is looking for a Census Point Person. The position will be responsible for obtaining and collecting information on the upcoming Census, organizing and distributing information to the tribe, and providing assistance as needed to assure that no one within the tribe is misinformed about the Census.

Interested persons can contact Kelly Curran, at (269) 782-6323.

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

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

[newsletter@pokagon.com](mailto:newsletter@pokagon.com)



# May 2008

## Pokagon Band Elder's Hall



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

			<b>1 Business</b> Beef Rump Roast Sweet Potatoes Carrots Fruit/Rolls	<b>2</b> Pizza Day Stuffed Cabbages Lettuce/Salad Jell-O/Fruit
<b>5</b> Beef Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Sandwiches Pineapple Cottage Cheese	<b>6</b> Chicken and Beef Shish Kabob Lettuce/Salad Fruit Cocktail/Rolls	<b>7</b> Tuna Noodle Casserole Lettuce/Salad Garlic Bread Banana Pudding	<b>8 Language</b> Baked Ham/Pineapple Baked Potatoes Peas Berries/Rolls	<b>9</b> Chicago Style Hot Dogs Macaroni Salad Tossed Salad Tropical Fruit Salad
<b>12</b> Potato Soup Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Lettuce/Salad Peaches	<b>13</b> Baked Fish Scalloped Potatoes Peas Fruit/Rolls	<b>14</b> Biscuits & Gravy Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit OJ	<b>15 Social</b> Barbeque Chicken Wild Rice Squash Strawberries/Rolls	<b>16</b> Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit/Rolls
<b>19</b> Buffalo Stew Turkey Sandwich Pears	<b>20</b> Chicken Pot Pie Lettuce/Salad Fruit/Rolls	<b>21</b> Pork Barbeque Sandwiches Baked Beans Potato Salad Fruit	<b>22 Language</b> Meatballs/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit/Rolls	<b>23</b> Spanish Rice W/ Sausage Squash Fruit/Rolls
<b>26</b> <b>Memorial Day Closed</b>	<b>27</b> Pork Chops Baked Potatoes Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad Fruit/Rolls	<b>28</b> French Toast Sausage Links Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit OJ	<b>29</b> Chicken, Broccoli & Rice Casserole Lettuce/Salad Fruit/Rolls	<b>30</b> Buffalo Sausage or Patty On Bun Three Bean Salad Waffle Fries Fruit

Lunch Info:  
**PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE** if you are not a regular attendee for meals

Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon

269-782-0765  
or  
800-859-2717



# INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

## Helpful Hints from the Pokagon Band Health Office

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

<u>Enroll #</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Enroll #</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Suffix</u>
0049	Michael	Anthony	Sisk		0520	James	Ryan	Hamstra	
0050	Joseph	Wayne	Sisk		0521	Gloria	Anne	Hamstra	
0051	Lori	Rachael	Sisk		0522	Lynne	Renee	Hamstra	
0083	John	Dylan	Watson		0523	Anthony	Lee	Hamstra	
0099	Richard	Allen	Sturgeon		0796	Jill	Angelia	Campbell	
0187	Codie	Gerald	Grigsby		0847	Cecilia	Marie	Barger	
0202	Jeffery	Scott	Morseau		0851	Colleen	Patricia	O'Brien	
0203	Joseph	Nmn	Morseau		0859	Kevin	Arthur	Perry	
0228	Carey	Lee	Morseau		0881	Robert	Dwayne	Antisdell	
0239	Francis	Wayne	Morseau		0898	Paul	Isaac	Gibson	
0332	Robert	Allen	Ser	II	0934	Shelly	Marie	Weesaw	
0390	Alex	Wayne	Goodrich		0970	Orville	K Joseph	Starrett	
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt		0999	Mark	Anthony	Drane	
0416	Richard	Earl	Welty		1050	Jennifer	Marie	Green	
0417	William	Everett	Welty	II	1060	Chasity	Lynn	Martin	
0418	Tena	Anne	Welty		1066	Richard	Allen	Ashby	
0429	Lora	Roxann	Adams		1099	James	Watson	Lewis	
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray		1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins	
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie		1195	Sheldon	Wesley	Novencido	
0449	Robert	Johnathon	Hicks	Jr	1204	Kara	Liana	Brown	
0451	Karrie	Lynn	Rusinek		1259	Melissa	Kay	Marunycz	
0507	Tara	Jeanine	Davis		1265	Daniel	Silas	Bush	
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw		1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield	

### A FEW NOTES REGARDING PER CAP...

#### Taxes being withheld from per capita payments

Beginning with the Per capita payment that you will receive May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, federal taxes will not be withheld. If you wish to continue having taxes withheld you must fill out the form that you received with your April 1<sup>st</sup> check. If you need a form, please call the Administration office and we can mail one to you.

#### Per Capita checks may not be picked up

Per the Revenue Allocation Plan, ALL per capita checks must be mailed. No one is allowed to pick up their check, even if it has been returned to us by the post office. If you are having difficulties receiving your check by mail, you need to check with the post office to straighten out whatever those issues may be.

#### Current mailing address

It is extremely important that when you move that you update your address with the Enrollment office and with your post office.

#### Direct Deposit

It is extremely important that you notify Julie Farver in the Finance Department if you would like your direct deposit stopped. If you close your account, please notify us as soon as possible, preferably before you close your account.

#### Updates & Changes

Any updates and/or changes that you make to your name or address must be received by the enrollment coordinator 30 days in advance of the next per capita payment in order for that update/change to take place. If the update/change is not received in time, then the change will take place the following month.



## PROBATION DEPARTMENT

**By: Darlene Wagner, Probation Officer/Community Justice Coordinator**

I am a mother of two beautiful and very active children. My son is 13, loves to play soccer and has plans of joining the military when he graduates. My daughter is 9, she loves school and has plans of being a doctor when she grows up. While taking care of my aging parents, I love to work on my 100 year old house. I started working for Tribal Court on April 10, 2006. Prior to coming here, I worked in juvenile detention for thirteen (13) years and worked for *Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency* for three (3) years. I am going into my eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) year working in justice systems and have found it very rewarding to be working for the Band. I can say in all honesty I love my job. I have an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice/Liberal Arts and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement.

One of the first things that Chief Judge Michael Petoskey asked me to do was gather demographics of Band's members such as age and what percentage of members live within the ten (10) county service areas. The Chief Judge wanted a determination of where best to use our limited resources. He requested that I speak with the departments within the Band to identify the services available to members. I have developed a Service Directory for use by the Court. I have worked on the development of the Tribal Probation Department on all levels needed by the Court. This includes developing forms for use by the Court and development of probationary tools of diversion, community learning, and restoration.

In order to learn how other Michigan tribes handle probation services and restorative justice, I conducted site visits. I was introduced to Tribal Court Judges, Court Administrators and Probation Officers. Now I have relationships with other tribes' court staff and we network by sharing information, methods and problem resolution. I encouraged the others to renew the *Tribal Probation Officer's Consortium* that had met quarterly where it had provided a forum for sharing information and creating resources. Breathing new life into the *Tribal Probation Officer's Consortium*, tribal probation officers now meet twice a year. We are currently working on a tribal probation officer's manual where we will share procedures, forms and information. The next meeting is scheduled in April 2008 and we will be talking about Teen and Drug Courts.

I attended tribal probation training, the Juvenile Justice Probation Officer Training, and completed the certification program through the State of Michigan. While working towards completing the certification, I made contacts with state family court departments to build relationships with surrounding jurisdictions. I have also successfully completed the *Tribal Probation Academy* and received a Tribal Probation Certification.

When I came to work for the Band, I brought with me many contacts in the state court system. This made it easier for me to create a network of contacts within the four county service areas in the State of Michigan. I have established relationships with the state court jurisdictions and currently work with state court probation officers to provide co-supervision of juveniles on probation and to act as a liaison with state court counter parts introducing them to Tribal services that are available to Tribal members. My relationships helped me coordinate and connect Pokagon youth to culturally appropriate services. I continue to cultivate

these relationships making stronger contacts in state courts for tribal youth. Participating in the Cass County Task Force against Family Violence has assisted me by placing key individuals within the local community in my network of services.

In September of 2006, I began work on nine (9) juvenile cases. Six (6) cases were taken as co-supervision and three (3) cases were taken as a liaison. A determination whether to take a case as a co-supervisor or liaison is made by the Court Administrator and myself based on the facts and circumstances of the case and resources that can be provided to the youth. When co-supervising, I work along side the state court probation officer gather information, conduct home visits, write reports for the state court and testify on recommendations for state court probation conditions. Information about Tribal services is provided to the state court probation officers along with contact information. I currently have two (2) juvenile cases that I am co-supervising. I am continuing to work with the local counties on assisting the probation officers with Tribal services, strengthening and establishing working relationships collaborating on Tribal members who have been placed on probation.

As a part of our TCAP Grant, I am assisting in developing the foundation and infrastructure of both a Diversion and Community Service Programs. Diversion and Community Service provides options of judicial tools for the Court. The Diversion Program is designed for both juveniles and adults because each diversion plan is made to fit the individual person after an assessment is completed. The intent of the program is to divert an individual from the formal adversarial criminal justice system into an informal and non-adversarial program. In this way the stigma of a criminal record is avoided, and provides a quicker response to a violation of community standards, along with the ability for intensive supervision if the individuals accepts responsibility for his/her unacceptable behavior. The basis for our Diversion Program is to unlearn antisocial/procriminal behavior, attitudes and values.

The Juvenile Community Service program is named *Pokagon Service Learning* because our intent is an educational community work experience performed by a juvenile who has violated the community standards. This program will benefit the juvenile by promoting the values, beliefs and standards of the community. The juvenile needs to take responsibility for his/her behavior and understand that negative action has an impact on the community. The adult Community Service Program is named *Pokagon Restorative Service* and to restore that person back to the community for a violation of community

As the Pokagon Band enacts Codes that expand the role of the Tribal Court, I am looking forward to joining the Tribe in its journey to restorative justice and traditional ways of correcting behavior. This is only a beginning of providing services to members of the Tribe by the Community. Both growth and development is expected in the future.



Tribal Trust Administrator, Tom Baxter

Dowagiac Office Location:  
Office of General Counsel  
58155 M-51 South  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Mishawaka Office Location  
310 West McKinley Avenue, Suite 300  
Mishawaka, IN 46545

## Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Trust Spring and Summer Office Hours

Tribal Trust Administrator, Tom Baxter, will be available for meetings concerning the Minor's Trust on the following schedule at Dowagiac or Mishawaka as indicated. To set up a meeting with Tom, call him toll free at 800-863-3479. Office addresses are above the schedule.

### May

Mishawaka

Tuesday, May 6, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, May 7, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Dowagiac

Tuesday, May 20, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, May 21, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

### June

Mishawaka

Tuesday, June 3, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, June 4, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Dowagiac

Tuesday, June 17, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, June 18, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

### July

Mishawaka

Tuesday, July 8, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, July 9, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Dowagiac

Monday, July 21, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Tuesday, July 22, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

### August

Mishawaka

Tuesday, August 12, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, August 13, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Dowagiac

Tuesday, August 26, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, August 27, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

### September

Mishawaka

Tuesday, September 9, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, September 10, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Dowagiac

Tuesday, September 23, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, September 24, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM



## Oops!!!!

Did you miss the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadlines for the Pokagon Summer Camp and the Pokagon Summer School? If so, please call the Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234 to see if any spaces are still available.

## TRADITIONAL HEALER Jake Pine

From Ketegannseebee First Nation of Ojibways Ontario, Canada. Jake Pine will be in our community on these following dates to provide his gift of healing to our people. To make an appointment contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

**MAY 28-30**  
**JUNE 25-27**

**Bring Your Sema! (Tobacco)**

### Attention High School Seniors

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

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

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

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

## TRADITIONAL ANISHNABÉK DANCES

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

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

If interested please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.



<b>English</b>	<b>Potawatomi</b>
<b>Fold</b>	<b>niboon</b>
<b>Hit me</b>	<b>byénan tadigen</b>
<b>Stand</b>	<b>nnibwé</b>
<b>Raise</b>	<b>nbzegwin</b>
<b>Snake Eyes</b>	<b>genabek wshkishgon</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>zhoneyah</b>
<b>Double down</b>	<b>nizhek mine</b>
<b>To gamble</b>	<b>tadi</b>



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

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

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Dowagiac Education on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.

South Bend office classes are on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, do to limited room in the van.

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



## Pokagon Band Education Awards Banquet



**Sunday, June 8th, 2008**  
**Dinner at 5:00 pm, Awards at 5:30 pm**  
 Southwestern Michigan College  
 Mathews Conference Center East,  
 Fred L. Mathews  
 Library and Conference Center  
 58900 Cherry Grove Road,  
 Dowagiac, Michigan

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

*Pokagon Education Awards Banquet*  
 AWARDS FORM

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Student will \_\_\_\_\_ will not \_\_\_\_\_ be attending. Total number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Category: (check all student is eligible for 2007-2008)**

- Graduation from high school or college
- Graduation from high school or college
- Attainment of GED
- Perfect Attendance for the entire school year (Send report card by June 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Missed five days or less for the entire school year (Send report card by June 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- All A's for the entire school year (Send report card by June 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Honor Roll at least one marking period (Send report card by June 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Improvement in at least one core subject area (Send report card by June 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
 (Must show improvement in at least 1 core subject area and maintaining a C or better in other 3 core subject areas. Core subjects are: Math, Science, Reading/English, and Social Studies.)
- Participated in sports, band, or other club/activity  
 Please list: \_\_\_\_\_
- Recognition for any school-related accomplishment  
 (Student of the Month, Most Improved awards, etc.)  
 Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM BY May 19th!**  
 Pokagon Education Department  
 P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047  
 OR CALL TOLL-FREE: 1-888-330-1234  
 OR FAX TO: (269) 782-0985



# May Students of the Month



## MARAH STARRETT

Marah Starrett is 14 years old. She is in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and attends Dowagiac Middle School. She is the daughter of Mark Starrett and Vicky Hotrum. Marah has two brothers, Khitt and Taylor, and a sister, Rebecca. Marah had attended the pow wow. She enjoyed all the different things which could be purchased, the dancing, the food and the location. She says, "It was beautiful". She enjoys foods such as spaghetti. She likes doll houses, painting, singing, playing hide and seek, and playing checkers. She enjoys playing softball and fishing at Rodger's Lake, where she caught her biggest bass and crappie.

Marah's favorite subjects are math and science. Marah has received awards for arts, chores, and good attendance. Marah wants to be a veterinarian or a zoologist when she grows up.



## MEGAN CARPENTER

Megan Carpenter is in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and attends Lawton Elementary School. She is the daughter of Melissa Carpenter. Megan has a sister, Katelyn, and a brother, Preston. She loves to eat pizza and play with the "littlest pet shop". Megan has participated in the tribal Christmas party and backpack distribution.

Megan's favorite subject is science. She has received above average grades in math and MEAP scores. Megan is a very giving and compassionate person; and wants to work with animals when she grows up.



## SKYLER DAISY

Skyler is 12 years old and attends Hartford Middle School. Skyler is the son of Brian and Marie Daisy. He has a sister, Tonda; a brother, Simon; and one on the way. Skyler has participated in the tribal Christmas party, cultural camp, and language classes as he goes with some of the teachings with his grandfather, Ernie Daisy. He enjoys karate, lots of fishing, school, and karate parades in the summer time. His favorite food is Chinese.

His favorite subjects are science, math and social studies. He has been on the honor roll and has had perfect attendance. He wants to be a biologist, a marine biologist, or a veterinarian when he grows up.



## RICHARD NEWCOMER

Richard, 15, is in the Ninth Grade at Niles Senior High School. He is the son of: Melissa and Tony Rodriguez, Michael Newcomer (brother), Tori Rodriguez (step-sister), Grandparents Marie and the late Lawrence Manley, and Great Grandparents Raymond and Madalene Morseau. He has enjoyed the Pokagon Band Christmas Parties and the Summer Youth Internship Program. Richard's "List of Favorites" includes his English classes, goulash, pizza, playing X-Box Live with his friends, attending sporting events and concerts, hanging out with his brother, watching the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and activities in the Keeler Church of God congregation. A grade point of 3.2 or better has been kept up since Richard began playing football in Junior High School. He earned the "Best Sportsmanship" Award during his first year of football. Richard is interested in Security Surveillance as a career. He is now ready to roll with his driver's license permit!



## Four Winds Employee Appreciation Day

Four Winds Casino Resort is able to provide an outstanding experience for guests, not only because of the beauty of the facility and its amenities, but also because of the outstanding staff. Each employee adds value in their own unique way. To show gratitude for their dedication and over the top service, Four Winds celebrated with an Employee Appreciation Day on Thursday, March 27, 2008.

The Chef prepared a special menu for the employee dining room and Tribal Council Members, Four Winds Vice Presidents and Directors volunteered to assist in bussing tables and serving ice cream creations. Human Resources personnel were also present giving away Four Winds baseball caps. In addition to their gift, employees were entered in a raffle drawing with the chance to win one of several prizes including dinner for two at the Copper Rock Restaurant, an iPod and many other goodies.







# MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to my brother Ernie Shoemaker May 15  
Love, your sis Stella

Happy Birthday May 3  
To my great grandson, Austin Brown  
Love, Grandma Stella

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

Happy Birthday to:  
Loretta Edwards May 1  
Christina Lenox May 8  
Tina Marie Lopez May 13  
Alex Goodrich May 26  
Daniel Lopez May 27  
Kelly Alexis Wilson May 19  
Priscilla Swisher May 19  
Emma Louise Duddy May 17

From Dorothy Burgh

Happy belated Birthday  
Derrick Collett April 8, 8 years old  
Andrue Dayson April 9 Big 3 years old  
Isiah Mix April 10 Yahoo! 1 year old  
Kennedy Kiggins April 10 Big 5 yrs.

Love your family.

Ahaw jayekm (hello everyone)

We had our Kwek Mno Bmadzewen Waweyawen (womens circle) on Sunday and as usual, had lots of good stuff to share. Megwech to all. Looking forward to seeing everyone again on 5-11-08, Sunday at 1:00PM. Megwech to Tribal Council, our Ogemaw, veterans, elders, youth, and Pow wow committee for your support for our quest with the grandmother water walkers. We, and everyone else are doing good services (anishnabek mno bmadzewen) people living the good spiritual life. Our hearts are grateful, Megwa Chi megwech! big thanks again!

Respectfully, Cleora and Majel

Happy Birthday to Monica Grubb  
Just a note to let you know  
That I was thinking of you  
On your birthday, so  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM!!!!

Love,  
Konnie

Happy Birthday Sidney Wesaw on May 12

From Jill Wesaw

Happy Anniversary Mary and Billy Swisher on May 19  
Happy Anniversary Paul and Michelle Wilson on May 24

From Dorothy Burgh

Happy Birthday to my niece Kath Goodson May 23  
Love Aunt Stella

# MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proud new parents of a baby girl, Josh and Martha  
(Morseau) Olson  
Sydney Ann Olson  
Born Mar. 31, 2008 at 2:55 pm  
7lbs 15oz, 21 inches  
Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo MI



Happy Birthday Monica Diane Grubb  
From your husband, Henry and children, Connie,  
Hank, Kanndy, Kimm, and Garrison

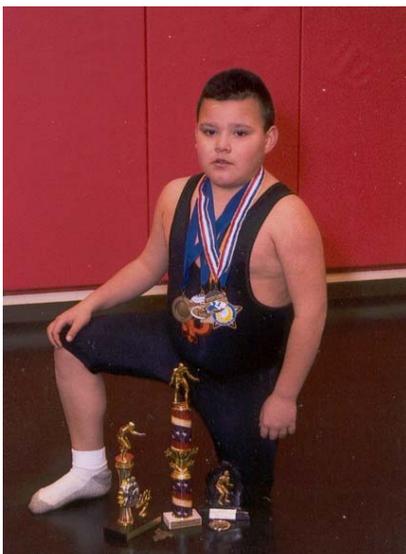


Happy Birthday on May 9th  
Jessica L Wesaw

From your Dad, Candy, and the girls

Happy 8th Birthday Kelcey Renee Gillette  
We Love You,  
Aunt Michelle & Bradley

Happy 13th Birthday Kaitlyn Marie Stull  
We Love You,  
Aunt Michelle & Bradley



Congratulations Derrick Collett  
Placing 2nd place at state in my way wrestling.  
Love, Mom and Dad & your brothers and sister.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!  
Van Johnson-5/1  
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday to my grandchildren:  
Ciara Heffington May 7  
Ronald Heffington Jr. May 13  
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Johnny Reed May 27  
Angel Woodard May 30

Love, Grandma



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## **Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!**

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also **their spouses**. **Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.**

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an “on-call” basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

- ❖ criminal background
- ❖ motor vehicle report
- ❖ work history
- ❖ references
- ❖ tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
- ❖ DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



**HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.**

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