

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

November 2008

REAFFIRMATION DAY CELEBRATION

There was a tremendous turnout for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Reaffirmation Day Celebration 2008.

The date of the Celebration was Saturday, September 20th. The weather was absolutely wonderful. The day began with an invocation given by John Warren, with drums throughout the day.

The day was full of events that included a meal prepared for 400 people, Copper Bowl Making, Necklace Making, Shi Shi Be, Pink Shawl Project Sign-ups, Car Seat Safety Check, Property Tours, Buffalo Distribution, and Backpack giveaways at Education.

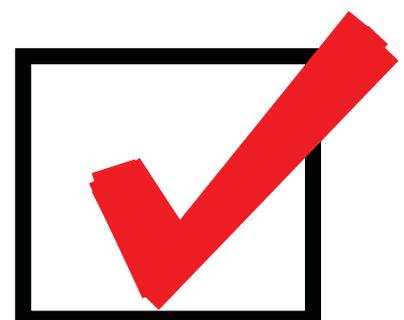
There were drawings held for the youth and adults. One young man won a skateboard valued at \$100 and a young lady won \$100 in apparel from Red Paint Printing. Four lucky adults walked away with VISA cards worth anywhere from \$25 - \$75!

There was a lot of hard work put into the day. Staff and volunteers were wonderful. Thank you to all that made this day possible for the Pokagon Band Membership to enjoy and take part in.

We look forward to next year!



VOTE
NOVEMBER 4th
Let your voice be heard!





Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
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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Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published.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 Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.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.

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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 (2 months prior) 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 December newsletter will be November 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.



November 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

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
3 Barbeque Chicken Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Tomato Salad Fruit Salad/ Rolls	4 Grilled Pork Chops Wild Rice Squash Berries Rolls	5 Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Corn on the Cob Tossed Salad Fruit & Yogurt Cups/ Rolls	6 Business Baked Salmon Alfredo Noodles Spinach Apple Crisp/ Rolls	7 Taco Bake Tossed Salad Jell-O W/Fruit
10 Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links Melon Cranberry Juice	11 Closed Veteran's Day	12 Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Fruit Salad/ Rolls/ Fortune Cookie	13 Language Buffalo Goulash W/ Kidney Beans Veggie Tray Garlic Bread Cottage Cheese/ Pineapple	14 Potato Soup Roast Beef on Onion Roll Fruit Salad Raw Carrot Sticks
17 Hot and Barbeque Chicken Wings Au Gratin Potatoes Tossed Salad Wax Beans Fruit/Rolls	18 Beef Pot Pie Spinach Salad Fruit & Yogurt Rolls/ Pumpkin Pie	19 Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions Black Beans, Cheese Pineapple Upside Down Cake	20 Social Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Dressing Cucumbers & Onions/ Rolls Blue Berry Crisp/ Cranberries Cauliflower, Broccoli, Carrots	21 Tilapia (Fish) Baked Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Jellied Vegetable Salad Rolls
24 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes W Gravy Brussels Sprouts/ Mixed Green Salad Watermelon/ Rolls	25 Pork Roast Potatoes, Onions, Cabbage, & Carrots Tomato Salad Apple Sauce/ Rolls	26 Chicken Soup & Dumplings Grilled Ham Cheese Sandwich Fruit Salad/ Veggie Tray	27 Closed Thanksgiving	28 Closed Thanksgiving
30 Beef Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Sandwiches Pineapple/ Cottage Cheese		Note: 2% Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/burgers.		

POKAGON BAND CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Featuring Native American handcrafted items from our
Pokagon Band Tribal Members

Saturday, November 15, 2008

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pokagon Band Elder's Hall
53237 Townhall Road
Dowagiac, MI

Interested in being a vendor? Call 269-782-8998

Public is Welcome!!

Attention All Students

The Michigan Indian Elders Association is again offering scholarship awards to college bound students. There is one - \$1000 award and at least six - \$500 awards being offered.

For students K thru 12 who apply there is a \$25 award for the current marking period that you have straight A's and or perfect attendance. Please contact our Education Department for application and information or go to the internet at michiganindi-anelders.org Come on Pokagon parents and grand-parents, get behind your children. They deserve your help!

Thank you, Bonnie Parrish



Direct Deposit Per Capita Checks

The following tribal members need to have address updates with the Enrollment Office. Please contact Judy Augusta at 888-782-1001. Your mail is being returned. The Finance Office will need an updated address for you in regards to 1099's at year end.

- Terri Lynn Andrews
- Marilyn Michelle Brewer
- Kevin Lindsey Brown
- Bennie Cowgill III
- Monica Leigh DeGraw
- Cindy Gonzalez
- Steffan Gonzalez
- Jennifer Laura
- William Morris
- Dawn Russell Paul
- Anthony W Ridenour
- Alexis Rodriguez
- Ervin Allan Starrett Jr.
- Philip Sturgeon

Returned Per Capita Checks by Post Office

The following tribal members have checks waiting for address updates so that they can be mailed back out. Please contact Judy Augusta the Enrollment Coordinator at 888-782-1001 or 269-782-1763. Once you have submitted your update the Finance Department will mail out your check.

- Jesse David Ballew
- Eric Randall Blevins (2)
- Katherine A Carlton
- Shawn Isaac Genereaux (2)
- Jeffrey David Marunycz
- Gregory Louis Matulaitis
- Tiffany Melissa Moor
- Craig Allen Neidlinger
- Brandon Lee Peters (2)
- Sarah Elizabeth Pillow (2)
- Bradley Joseph Ramirez
- William Jefferson Rose II
- Heather Michelle Shoemaker
- Joseph Scott Winchester Jr
- Nicole Marlene Wood

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.

PBID#	First	Middle	Last	PBID#	First	Middle	Last
0051	Lori	Rachael	Sisk	1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
0083	John	Dylan	Watson	1369	Ted	Thomas	Wesaw
0202	Jeffery	Scott	Morseau	1445	Michael	David	Bush
0239	Francis	Wayne	Morseau	1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
0299	Frank	Gonzalves	Leonardo	1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt	1674	Christina	Elizabeth	Winter
0416	Richard	Earl	Welty	1837	Steven	Ray	O'Brien
0417	William	Everett	Welty	2565	Michael	James	Martin
0418	Tena	Anne	Welty	2644	Phyllis	Ann	Thompson
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray	2649	Mark	Anthony	Jackson
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie	2712	Christopher	John	Tanner
0507	Tara	Jeanine	Davis	2713	Tamara	Lynn	Tanner
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw	2723	Sean	Ryan	Carmody
0668	Joseph	Scott	Winchester	2789	James	Harris	Walsh
0847	Cecilia	Marie	Barger	2795	Edward	F	Cushway
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez	2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
0881	Robert	Dwayne	Antisdell	2992	Jacob	Ammon	Worthington
1106	Lindsey	Ann	Williams	3166	Tiffany	Melissa	Moor
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins	3467	Keith	Wesley	Rider
1204	Kara	Liana	Brown	3985	Brittany	Ann	Hamilton
				4020	Kelly	Renee	Granado



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



News

School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30. We provide transportation to the Dowagiac & Hartford area with central pick-up and drop-off locations (the bus route is limited to no longer than one hour with children on the bus). We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The Potawatomi Language and Culture and incorporated throughout each day. Each week the center begins with an opening ceremony and ends each week with a closing ceremony.

We would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation. Thank you, Mary Jo Morris for donating one-time use disposable cameras. Thank you, Val Janowski for the pumpkins, and Thank you, Majel DeMarsh for volunteering time for working on the mural on the wall. We would also like to thank Officer Callahan, from Pokagon Tribal Police, and Officer Wiggins, from Dowagiac Police, for presenting Pedestrian, Bus, and Car seat safety at our October Family Fun Night.

We would like to welcome our new employees. Tracy Hyatt - receptionist, Linda Boyce - Housekeeping, and Samantha Townsend - Center Assistant. We would also like to congratulate Tia Councilman on getting the Language & Culture Coordinator job!

“Voices and Visions from Michigan’s American Indian Head Start Programs: A Photo Voice Project”

The program was asked to participate in a research project “Voices and Visions from Michigan’s American Indian Head Start Programs: A Photo Voice Project”. This research project is in partnership with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Michigan State University, Bay Mills Community College, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Head Start and the Grand Traverse Band Head Start.

The nine Head Start sites began the project in April 2008. The entire group meant at the end of July to decide on the final twenty-five pictures that will make up the traveling exhibit. Each of the twenty-five pictures have been enlarged to poster size and positioned on a black background. Each picture will be on an easel and have a caption underneath explaining the meaning of each picture. Each Tribe will have the opportunity to host the traveling exhibit at their Tribes throughout the year. The Pokagon Band Head Start is anticipating a December 2008 arrival.

This project entailed a Tribal Staff Member (Sarah Hyatt) from each site taking photographs of places, persons and things related to their community and the impact of Head Start. The photographs help tell a story about elements of our lives—in this case, the impact of Head Start. The goal of each picture was to provide answers to four key questions: What should people know about life in your community? In what ways has Head Start impacted your community? Photographs that I have taken will be used for purposes of informing and educating community leaders, residents, and neighborhood organizations about life in American Indian communities in Michigan and the impact of Head Start. My photographs may also be used to assist in building community awareness through using photos for flyers, reports, and other program literature.

This was truly in honor to participate in the project and represent the Pokagon Band Head Start Program for the Pokagon Band. The exhibit will be hosted at the Southwestern Michigan College Museum throughout the entire month of December.

Upcoming Events/Closures

- *Tuesday, November 11, 2008- Closed in observance of Veterans’ Day.
- *Thursday, November 20, 2008- Family Fun Night from 6-8pm
- *Thursday, November 27, 2008- School closed for Thanksgiving Day.
- *Friday, November 28, 2008- Closed for the day after Thanksgiving.

Family Fun Night

The November Family Fun Night is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008. We will be having the Pokagon Township Fire Department join us for fire safety. The families will have the opportunity to learn some fire safety skills and complete a fire escape route for their homes. **There will be no Family Fun Night in December.**

Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year

We are accepting pre-applications for the 2008-2009 school year. Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2008 to be eligible for the current school year. We are currently full for the funded thirty-three slots. However, we always accept applications for the waiting list. Please contact the office to have a pre-application mailed to you. You will need to return proof of all household income with the pre-application. Children on the waiting list are ranked based on priority for the available slot. Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for: Inexpensive tennis balls to put on the bottom of the kids’ chair so they do not scratch the floor, play dough, wet wipes, one time use disposable cameras, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles or any school supplies. To prepare for the winter months; hats, gloves, boots, snow pants and coats are always accepted. If you would like to donate any of these items or have any thing else in mind, please drop them by the Center.

November Birthdays:

- *Adam Lozano 11/10–Happy 4th Birthday!
- *Miss Pam Keller 11/14–Happy Birthday
- *Dale Personette 11/12–Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Miss Tia Councilman 11/18–Happy Birthday!
- *Emily Ketchum 11/20–Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Ethan Ketchum 11/20–Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Mrs. Sarah Hyatt 11/26–Happy Birthday!

December Birthdays:

- *Hayden Langley 12/5-Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Haley Juroff-Holloway 12/10-Happy 4th Birthday!
- *Alissa Morseau 12/13-Happy 4th Birthday!
- *Rylee Reinhardt 12/15-Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Sierra Helmke 12/19-Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Sammy Linn 12/20-Happy 4th Birthday!
- *Mrs. Amy Wiggins 12/20-Happy Birthday!
- *Maddisyn Stull 12/22-Happy 5th Birthday!

School & Bus Closings

1. If Dowagiac Schools are closed, Pokagon Band Head Start is closed.
2. If Dowagiac Public Schools have a 2-hour delay, then the Pokagon Band Head Start will have a 2-hour delay. This means school will begin at 10:30 rather than 8:30. For transportation purposes, please plan for your child to be picked up 2 hours after their normal bus time.
3. If Cassopolis schools are closed, we will not travel to those areas.
4. If Hartford schools are closed, we will not travel to those areas.
5. You may watch Channel 16 (NBC) out of South Bend, Channel 22 (WSBT) out of South Bend, Channel 28 (WSJV) out of South Bend and Channel 3 (WWMT) out of Kalamazoo to view the listings. **We will try to have the postings on these news stations by 6:30 a.m. However, whatever closing/delay that Dowagiac lists, Pokagon Head Start will follow.
6. If Dowagiac Public Schools cancel classes early, then Pokagon Band Head Start will cancel classes early. Parents will be contacted to inform them of the early closure and to confirm that children shall be transported to their normal destinations. **Please note...it is the responsibility of the parent to notify the day care providers of early closures, so they can allow for proper adult to child ratios, not the center. **It is always the discretions of the bus drivers and bus monitors to determine if the road conditions are safe. If the drivers begin the routes and they feel they will be transporting in unsafe conditions, they may call of the bus route for the day. If this happens, they will call the center and staff will begin to notify families immediately according to the bus schedule. In this instance, it would be a self-transport day.



Brag-Time!!

Feel free to brag to us about your children! Keep us informed on their growths, accomplishments, goals, awards and milestones. We will be starting up the "Student of the Month" column next month and are looking forward to highlighting your children!

Contact the K-12 Program and ask for Becky, Laurel, Dan, or Penny - 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

Schools Supplies - One Last Reminder

The deadline for Backpacks and School Supplies is quickly approaching! We will be "closing our store" of the supplies on November 26th. Don't miss this opportunity for some useful supplies and beautiful backpacks that you children can use with pride! Call the Department of Education (269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234) for more information. Indiana families - we will deliver the bags and supplies to the Mishawaka office.

Summer Enrichment

Tribal Council supported a wonderful program this year on behalf of our 7th through 12th grade members, the Summer Enrichment Program. Members were invited to apply for a scholarship to cover tuition and possibly transportation - not to exceed \$500 - for a summer program, camp or workshop. Twenty-two Pokagon Band children had experiences this summer that will be enriching the rest of their lives. What they have reported back through a feedback questionnaire is too important and rewarding to keep quietly in my files. Chi Migwetch to all who participated - Tribal Council, Department of Education, families and the students! Enjoy!

Featured this month is Michael Maina of New Jersey. He is an Eighth Grade student and son of Theresa Maina and Robert Campbell.

Where was your experience, what camp or workshop?

Pokagon Band Summer Camp. (Editor's Note: Michael used his air flight as his Summer Enrichment.)

Did your experience meet your expectations?

Yes.

What was the most enjoyable part?

Making drums.

What was the most difficult part?

Staying in the Sweat Lodge.

Would you repeat this event again? Why or why not?

Yes, because I think it is a great way to learn our culture.

What about this experience will be your strongest memory?

All the people I met and friends I made

How might this Summer Enrichment experience help with your future?

I can now teach people the culture.

Would you suggest this for other Pokagon children?

I would suggest this to other Pokagon children.

Migwetch, Michael, for sharing with us! We look forward to seeing you at Camp in 2009!

We Have Information!!

That is reassuring to read, especially coming from the Department of Education - but it is true! We just got in many very helpful booklets with a great variety of hints and help. Some of the titles are: "How to Study", "Learning Begins at Home", "Reading With Purpose", and "Help Your Child Succeed in School". Some of the booklets are intended for students to read and use and some are for parents' and guardians' use. Come in to the Department of Education and use this wonderful resource.

Tutoring

We are still scheduling K-12 children with tutoring sessions. We are also open to "temporary tutoring" when students need help getting ready for tests or completing a major project, depending upon our availability. Questions are always welcomed at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234. Ask for Penny Brant. (E-mail works well, too! Penny.brant@pokagon.com.)

Joseph Bruchac

Joseph Bruchac is a talented and insightful author, novelist, storyteller, singer, songwriter, poet, environmentalist and cultural preservationist. His Educational background includes a B.A. from Cornell University (English Literature Major and Zoology Minor), an M.A. in Literature and Creative Writing from Syracuse and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the Union Institute of Ohio. He has written more than 70 books intended for both children and adult readers and has received numerous awards for his writing. Storytelling has led him on a journey across the United States and into Canada and Europe, with audiences spanning across cultures and age ranges.

He and his wife, Carol, live in the Adirondack Mountain foothills' town of Greenfield Center, New York. They are the Co-Founders and Co-Directors of the Greenfield Review Literary Center and The Greenfield Review Press. His two grown sons, James and Jesse, work with him on projects involving the preservation of Abenaki culture, language and traditional Native skills. Dawn Land Singers, a performance group including the three men and Joseph's sister, Margaret, features traditional and contemporary Abenaki music.

His writings bring to life the importance of the continuation of the teachings of the Native American tradition, stressing respect of Mother Earth and all who inhabit Her. Many of his stories are based on the stories he learned from his Abenaki Grandparents, while drawing on cultures from across the world. Mr. Bruchac can simplify the most complex ideas and at the same time emphasize the importance of the most seemingly minor realizations. He brings the Teachings to the reader through conversation and thought, much like a new discovery hidden within an ancient thought. He shared this comment Eliza T. Dresang of the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), on October 22, 1999: "If there is one way that I would want to be remembered, it would be as a voice for the people rather than as one who spoke for himself. Whatever gifts I've been given have been given to me for a reason. No matter how much I give back, it could never be enough."



Community Colleges

Deciding where to continue your education can be a grueling one. This month's topic shows the advantages and disadvantages of going to a community college. If you need more assistance in this matter, please contact Chad Dee, Higher Education Specialist at chad.dee@pokagon.com.

ADVANTAGES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- **Cost of Attendance.** Average Tuition is usually less expensive at a community college compared to a public or private 4-year University.
- **Quality instructors.** A lot of community college instructors are adjunct instructors. This means they work in the same area they teach.
- **Time Frame.** The light at the end of the tunnel is a little shorter! 2 years compared to 4!
- **A great alternative for non-traditional students.** Community colleges often are much more geared to the needs of nontraditional students than four year colleges.
- **Easier transition from high school.** If you don't feel prepared to go to a four year college after high school, or you didn't do well enough to get into a school of your choice, a community college can be a great transition. Remedial classes are available to help students prepare, and if you prove yourself with a high GPA at a community college, acceptance to a four year school will be much easier.
- **Close to home.** Community colleges are typically more geographically-friendly than traditional 4-year Universities.
- **Classes may be more career-oriented.** If a four year college isn't right for you, look for associate degrees from community colleges and technical colleges that will help you advance your career.
- **Dual Enrollment option for HS students.** In some school districts, students have the option to take classes at a community college to fulfill both high school and college credits.
- **Flexible class schedules.** Community colleges are offering more and more flexible options for students, day vs. evening, one meeting per week vs. 2 or 3 meetings each week, etc. Online classes are an option as well (and are becoming increasingly more popular).

DISADVANTAGES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- **You don't get a bachelor's degree.** Although, more community colleges are setting up articulation agreements with area 4-year Universities to ease the burden of transferring. Some community colleges have 4-year institutions set up on their campus. For example, Western Michigan offers select bachelor level programs at their campus next to LMC. SMC has Ferris State University.
- **Less college atmosphere.** Community colleges typically do not offer the extra-curricular activities that most 4-year schools provide, such as more athletic programs and fraternities/sororities.
- **Less interaction among students.** It's harder to get to know your fellow students on a community college campus than at a four year school. Find clubs that you are interested in and making friends with classmates become easier.
- **Fewer campus resources.** At a community college, you're less likely to have an excellent college library, student center, and other perks (compared to a 4-year University)

Getting to know: D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas

Recently, the K-12 Education Program had the pleasure of going to the 12th annual Upper Peninsula Indian Education Conference where the Keynote Speaker was D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas, an Odawa Indian. D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas was an excellent motivational speaker with lots of applicable information from his own childhood and experiences to pass on. His easy, outgoing manner and his cultural knowledge gave life to his examples.

D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas achievements include Captain in the U.S. Air Force earning him the name Mato Wambli (Eagle Bear) and consultant to Fortune 500 companies, as well as Bachelors in Management. From there he went onto receiving a Masters in Systems Management at the University of Southern California.

His web site: www.nativediscovery.com

Available with links to purchasing his book *The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery & Achievement*, which is printed in six countries and other links to published magazine articles.

Walking away from his presentation gave me a list of some fine examples for everyday life:

EVERYDAY

Review Your Vision

Ask At least one question

Create A list of things to complete

Take Time To walk for about 15 minutes

Take Time For Prayer or Meditation

Use Your gifts to help others

Taking a few minutes every day to review these items or something like them will keep you on a track and help keep your daily life interesting and enjoyable.

Currently Available: The Pokagon Band Library has a copy of his published book, as well as, a set of two of his DVD's. Please check them out.

Written by: Becky Accoe, Laurel Bieschke, Dr. Dan King

Pokagon Band Department of Education Library

Have You Seen It Lately?

It is well worth stopping in to the Department of Education. A lot of purchasing, sorting, organizing, and cataloging have gone into the Library lately - and there is more to come! Plan to spend some time. This is one of the best sources for Native American writing and information you will find! Part of our new additions to the shelves are a nice collection of Joseph Bruchac books for family and individual reading and awesome reference books in Language Arts, Math, and Science. Come be part of the growth and excitement - bring your Tribal ID and check out the knowledge and enjoyment!

Folsom Prison

Translated by Jim Thunder

I hear the train a coming its coming around the bend
 Nodwa o shkwe de dabyan, e bye wagbozet
 And I ain't seen the sun shine
 Cho ngi wabmasi o gises
 Since I don't know when
 Mech na yedek pi
 I'm stuck in folsom prison
 Mba tashen shote Folsom Prison
 And time keeps dragging on
 Bma dzewen bmosemget
 When I hear that lonesome whistle
 E nodman I bodachgen
 I hang my head and cry
 I shna e webdemyan

Second verse is available at Education

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 Nov. 13th and 27th.

South Bend office classes are on Nov. 6th and 20th 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.

Resume Assistance

Are you interested in creating or updating your resume?

Do you need some hands-on experience and training assistance?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, then this may be a workshop for you.

- Mishawaka Office on November 1st from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please respond by Friday, October 24th
- Dowagiac Education Office on December 6th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please respond by Wednesday, November 26th

Space is limited at these locations. Please call Traci Henslee or Chad Dee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 so that we may get contact information and a count of those interested in attending.

CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

NOVEMBER 15, 2008

Held @ Rodgers Lake Tribal Lodge
 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

There will be three different workshops held on this day starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00p.m. The schedule is as follows:

Black Ash Basket/Bookmark making: 10-12pm
 12:00 pm-1:00 pm—Lunch
 Continuing Black Ash Baskets/Bookmarks: 1-2pm
 Shishibe'/Bingo: 2:30-3:30pm

If you would like more information please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

See you there...

Jayek I Zhetonawa O

(All that makes)

The Department of Education is creating a list for all Pokagon's who are dancers, supply or food vendors, and for those who know how to make various traditional items such as:

- Tanning Hides
- Weaving
- Beadwork
- Basket Making
- Shield Making
- Stone/Bone Carving
- Drum Making
- Regalia
- Quill Work
- Other

This network will be a great way to give back to our community and come together as one to teach and learn from each other. If you would like to be on our contact list to possibly help teach upcoming and future events or workshops in our community, please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

Month of November 2008 Cultural Workshops

Below are the dates for upcoming workshops.

If you have any questions please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate @ 1-888-330-1234.

November 3rd- Beading Class being held at Education from 6-9pm.

November 10th—Beading Class being held at Education from 6-9pm

November 15th—Workshops of Black Ash Baskets, Black Ash Bookmarks, & Shishibe', being held at Tribal Lodge.

Baskets/Bookmarks—10-12pm, 1-2pm.
 12-1—Lunch
 Shishibe'—2:30-3:30pm.

November 17th—Craft Day being held at Education from 6-9pm

November 19th—Beading Class being held at Mishawaka office 6-8pm



The lively steps of Bmosé Myéwés

The lively steps of Bmosé Myéwés, our program to prevent, defeat, or treat diabetes, can be heard through “call ins” as our Walk the Path membership pass through each of the 12 nations. Please congratulate our first finalist, Minnie Barnes, who completed the 1053 ‘virtual’ mile walk on September 23rd. This is pretty impressive!! Don’t forget to continue to call in your miles and log in the Nations you pass through for your incentives. All while you develop and strive for healthy exercise or lifestyle habits.

Also, it is not too late to join the virtual Lake Huron Walk the Path as a way to keep active during the fall and winter months. We will complete this program next April just in time to start our “Walk the Path–Lake Erie” in 2009. Call Susan, 782-4141, in the Health Services offices for more information.

Learn the basics of type 2 diabetes, blood sugar control, healthy eating, and exercise during our Lifestyle and Balance Classes. Four sessions beginning October 29th, and continuing on November 5, 12, and 19, 2008 will be offered at the Elders Hall at 12:45pm to 2:00pm. You will receive an eating plan designed just for you, food models and demonstrations, plus information about how food and exercise affect your blood sugar control, and prevent further complications of diabetes.

Please call Susan, RD, Health Services nutritionist at 782-4141 for more information or to enroll.

Attention Health Clinic Patients

The Pokagon Health Clinic has recently had a turnover in Providers. Our previous Physician is no longer with us. We have had to ask local Providers to help cover the clinic until we hire a full time Physician. We have a Family Nurse Practitioner that is in our Clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays, (hours fluctuate depending on his clinical obligations elsewhere). A Physician is covering on Wednesdays from 8:00 AM -12:00 PM. We have recently received our new drug dispensing license. We can only dispense medications from our clinic Pharmacy when a Physician or Nurse Practitioner is present in the clinic. All patients must make a Clinic appointment for medication refills, please, call and make appointment at least 2 weeks before you run out of medication. Provider’s time in the Clinic may fluctuate, so call ahead and make sure their will be a Provider available to see you. When calling the clinic, let the receptionist know that you are making the appointment for medication refill so the clinic can be prepared. Not calling early could delay your medication refills. If you have any questions, please call 1-888-440-1234, or 269-782-4141, ext. 224. Thank You for your patience.



A Parent’s Guide to Internet Safety

What Are Signs That Your Child Might Be At Risk On-Line?

1. Your child spends large amounts of time on-line, especially at night.
2. Your child receives phone calls from people you do not know or they are making phone calls, sometimes long distance, to numbers that you do not know.
3. Your child receives mail, gifts, or packages from someone you do not know.
4. Your child becomes withdrawn from the family.

What can you as a parent do to minimize the chances of being exploited?

- Communicate and talk to your child about the potential on line danger.
- Spend time with your children on line. Have them tell you about their favorite on-line destinations.
- Keep the computer in a common room in the house, not in your child’s bedroom.
- Utilize parental controls provided by your service provider and/or blocking software.

For further information please contact the Pokagon Tribal Police Department, toll free at 1-866-399-0161, or your local FBI office or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678.

Sources: U.S Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation – Publications



A Thank-you for the Pokagon Community

The Eagle Staff Gathering took place from 10-11-08 & 10-12-08.

Since my name is Kookoosh I will speak of the food first. The meals were great! The main feast on Saturday was fantastic. Thank-you to the cooks.

Many Chiefs and elders from from different tribes throughout the Midwest and Canada, as far north as Northern Ontario visited our grounds at Rodgers Lake. We received many compliments on our grounds and some indicated that it was better than their own, thank-you to the grounds crew I had first hand observation of how much hard work the Staff and volunteers had to expend. I am humbled by their dedication.

A special thanks to the Pokagon Tribal Council members who came to visit, I know it was a busy day for them. I would like to thank the entire Pokagon Tribal Council and community for supporting this event.

Megwetch
Kookoosh Roger Williams Kchinodin

Photos provided by: Mike Jackson and Penny & Dan Brant



Anishnabe Ogitchedaw - Veterans and Warriors Society



Host: Kookoosh Roger Williams



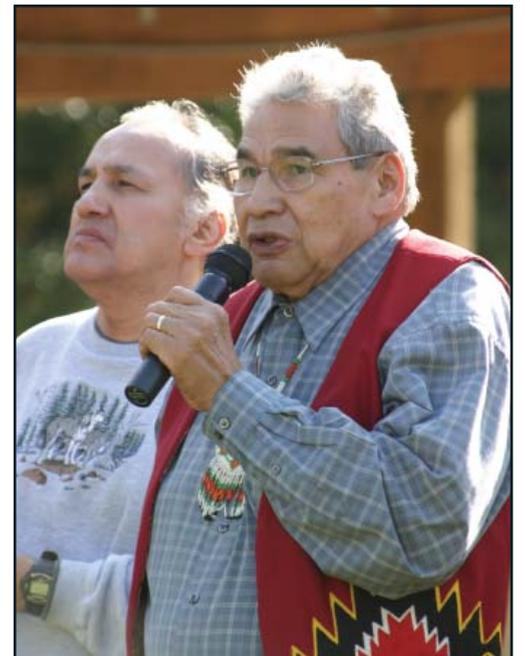


Head Veteran - George Martin





Host: Doris Boisseneau -
Sault College Native Education and Training



MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bozho mezodanen mina jayek
(hello family and friends).

Just a note to say Iqwien (thank you) to all for the good food and attendance at our women's circle. Our net Kwek (women's good life circle) will be at 1 PM on 11-9-08 at Rodgers Lake Cabins.

Hope to see you there.

Iqwien, Cleora and Majel.

"Happy Birthday Scott Kirvan.
Love from Dad and Essye"



I'm Betty McBride, daughter of the late Mary Church. I am blessed to be a cancer survivor since 2005. I made my Pink Shawl in 2007. I'm proud and honored to have been asked to loan my Pink Shawl to the Grand Rapids public museum for a one year display, as part of the ongoing Pink Shawl Project to help promote Cancer awareness and the importance of early detection to everyone especially the native community.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth McBride



"Announcing the birth of Adam Michael Skipper. He was born to Michael and Joan Skipper on July 14, 2008. Adam was born at 5:13 p.m., weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz., and was 22 inches long.

His grandparents are Waneta Skipper and Leroy and Theresa Schaub."



Happy 4th Birthday Little Man! Sug Sway Way Cabow (Standing in the Sound of Thunder)
He turns 4 on Nov 7th, We Love You More Nokomis & Mishomis



For My Buddy and My Princess
Happy Third Birthday to our twins
Arron & Chloe Evans
My Heart
You are everything !!!

Love Keku
Gran & PaPa Wesaw



In Loving Memory
Joyce Marie (Wesaw) Green
March 17, 1932
November 8, 2003

I give you this one thought to keep -
I am with you still - I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone ~
I am with you still - in each new dawn.

Not a day goes by that you are not thought of or remembered. We see you in everything we do or say. We love you still and miss you.

Rusty, Kevin, Patty, Rocky, Joe, Karen and Sherry, grand and great grandchildren!

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulation Abbie and Kasey on the birth of your beautiful baby girl, Jaden Andrea Kusch Born Oct 3, 2008 21 1/2" long 8# 4oz. We are so very proud of your new family.
Love You More Nokomis & Mishomis

Happy Birthday to:

Robin Green 11/11
Andrew Green 11/14
Jennifer Green 11/17

From the Green Clan!

For our Dad
(Robert Linn)

Dad or Daddy, that's the title given to only those fathers who are worthy of it. Anyone Can be a father, all you have to do is reproduce, that doesn't qualify a man to be a Dad. A Dad is a person who is there for his family, who works hard to provide for them and does everything he can to make things better for them. That makes a man noble. That's what it takes to be a Dad. I am proud to say that my Dad is a noble man. He has worked for 44 years of his life, that's longer than I have been alive. I once applied for a job at his employer of 39 years, just to see what it was like to do what he did all those years. I made it one year before desperately seeking another form of work. The work he did for 39 years (in my opinion) was work intended for a mule. I am still proud to say I handled it for one year much less 39 years. It is now time for my Dad to retire and all I can say is that I, as well as my sisters, are as proud as kids can be of our Dad. Our Dad has always had an ongoing joke where he will say, back when I used to be a plumber or an electrician or a contractor or a mechanic etc. He will say these things as he is working on something at home, in other words he has worked on it all and he has, I have learned everything from him. He even taught me to play music, imagine that, being able to give someone the gift of playing music. And to me just the fact that he plays and sings 60's rock and roll music makes him probably the coolest Dad I could have asked for. Being on stage and your jamming to a rolling stones classic and you look over and it's your dad jamming that guitar, man that's a feeling not every person gets to experience. I just want to say thanks for everything Dad, all the hard work, I hope you have a wonderful retirement, I hope Mom does too, she has been a full time homemaker all of our lives and a hardworking one at that, she did and still does things that some of today's modern Moms would cringe at the thought of. So to the both of you Happy retirement from your three kids, Bobby, Kelli, and Marci. We love you both and would not have had things any other way.



DANIEL & BARBIE MCNEW
MARRIED ON OCTOBER 4TH AT
RODGERS LAKE

CONGRATULATIONS
LOVE DAWN & ROBERT



In Loving Memory & HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
Ralph Duane "RD" Green
Oct. 7, 1959 - Apr. 30, 2007

Don't think of me as gone away -
For my journey has just begun. Life holds so many facets,
this earth is only one. Just think of me as
resting from the sorrows and
tears in a place of warmth and comfort. Where there are
no days and years. Think of how much I must be wishing
that you could
know today how nothing but sadness can really pass away.
And think of me as living in all the hearts I touched.
For some loved is never lost, because with your love
I WAS LOVED SO MUCH!
As your birthday came and passed we thought of you with
such good memories!

We love and miss you, lots!
Rusty, Kevin, Patty, Rocky, Joe, Karen & Sherry.
All your nieces and nephews. Jennifer, Jared and Dylan



NOTICE

SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT

This *Notice* shall be posted in all of the public offices of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians which includes the Tribal Council Lodge, the Pokagon Band Police Department, the office of General Counsel, the Tribal Courthouse, the Administration Building, the Department of Social Services, the office of the Commodities Building, the office of the Housing Department, the office of the Education Department, the office of Indian Health Services Department, the office of the Enrollment Department, the office of the Information Technology Department, the Pokagon Band South Bend satellite office, Elders Hall and the Pokagon Band Head Start facilities.

START DATE: November 1, 2008
END DATE: November 30, 2008

TITLE: Chapter 3: "Rules of Evidence"

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this Chapter of Court Rules for the Tribal courts of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is to establish rules of evidence by which parties in a court action may introduce certain information, documents and testimony before the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal courts. Adoption of these rules fulfills a requirement of the Tribal Constitution.

TRIBAL COURT CONTACT INFO: Pokagon Band Tribal Courthouse
58620 Sink Road, P.O. Box 355
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone: (269) 783-0505
Fax: (269) 783-0519
E-mail: stephen.rambeaux@pokagon.com

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A COMPLETE COPY OF THE PROPOSED CHAPTER OF POKAGON BAND COURT RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Copies of the proposed Chapter of Court Rules may be obtained by contacting the Pokagon Band Tribal Court Administrator at the above address, phone number, fax number, or e-mail address. A complete copy of the proposed draft will be forwarded promptly for review and comment. Comments must be submitted to the Tribal Court Administrator no later than the "End Date" specified within this *Notice*. All comments submitted will be considered by the Pokagon Band Court of Appeals prior to adoption of the final rules.

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE AND PROPOSED CHAPTER OF COURT RULES IS ALSO POSTED ON THE POKAGON BAND WEBSITE.



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!

Workshop is Free!
Space is limited!
Call now!
(269) 783-0443



Free Child Care
for ages 3-13

RECEIVE A \$25 VISA GIFT CARD FOR ATTENDING
(Limit One Per Household)

Trying to Stretch Your money?
Finding More Month than Money?
Need Help in an Economy of High Gas and Food Prices?

Join us on either November 11th OR 15th for our next
Financial Empowerment Workshop

Tuesday November 11th
Pokagon Band Head Start
6:00 to 8:00 pm
Join us for dinner at 5:30 pm

Saturday November 15th
Pokagon Band Head Start
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Join us for brunch at 9:30 am

“Take Control of YOUR Finances”

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.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Department of Housing
32142 Edwards Street
PO Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
(269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385



“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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Pokagon Band Tribal Council November Schedule

Nov. 3 – Monday – 1:30 PM: T.C. Special Session (Lodge)

Nov. 4 – Tuesday – 1:30 PM: Informational Meeting with Jeff Davis, Etc.
and Adam Walsh Act (Lodge)

Nov. 8 – Saturday – 10 AM: T.C. Meeting (Lodge)

Nov. 10 – Monday – 1:30 PM: T.C. Special Session (If needed) (Lodge)

Nov. 17 – Monday – 1:30 PM: T.C. Special Session (Lodge)

Nov. 18 – Tuesday – 3 PM: Tour of Casino (Four Winds Casino)

Nov. 18 – Tuesday – 5:30 PM: G.A. Meeting (Casino)

Nov. 20 – Thursday – 6 PM: T.C. with TOO (Lodge)

Nov. 22 – Saturday – 10 AM: Legislative Session (Lodge)

Nov. 24 – Monday – 1:30 PM: T.C. Special Session (Lodge)





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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.

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

