

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

November 2009

The Elders Go To Washington

The Pokagon Elder's Council, with the support of Pokagon Tribal Council, sponsored a trip for Pokagon Elders to visit the sites in Washington D.C. The diligence with which the tribe used to hire Grueninger Travel Group Tours with Chris Richards as Tour Guide and Harry as our driver paid off in an excellent and informative trip as observed by this traveler.

The tour dates were from 9-14-09 to 9-17-09. We traveled from home on the 14th and to home on the 17th; home being Dowagiac. Though the bus trips of this length can be very trying and tiring, the guide's willingness to provide many rest stops and a lunch break both ways made the going and coming more comfortable. Chris the guide and Harry the driver were enjoyable personalities and became friends over the period of the tour.

Tuesday the Elders and their spouses visited The National Museum of the American Indian, Arlington Cemetery and Monuments of Washington D.C. A cultural look of all of North and South America's Native People was seen at the Museum of the American Indian. When we visited Arlington Cemetery we saw the grave site of Audie Murphy; John, Bobby, and Ted Kennedy; the Eternal Flame; the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a history of why Arlington is located where it is. During the monument tour we visited the Iwo Jima Memorial; Lincoln Memorial; Viet Nam War Memorial (the Wall); the Korean War Memorial which in the shape of a triangular piece of land with sculptures of a platoon traveling through it, all going in one direction. Our group approached from behind but arrive at the point of the front of the platoon at about the same time as a group of school children (10 to 12 years old) and their teachers arrived from the opposite direction. We got there first and was shooting pictures of the Veterans that was traveling with us, when one of the school girls from the children's group saw Paul Jackson and I believe recognized the Korean War medals he had on his hat and asked if the school group could take pictures. So Paul and Ken Rader were allowing pictures to be taken and as this was happening someone yelled out "Hey Paul, tell them your story!" and he did. Paul told of his being a member of the 3rd Combat Engineers whom were attached to the 21st Regiment, 24th Division, of the U.S. Army. The Army had been deployed from occupied Japan. His outfit landed at Pusan and took a train to the front line of battle, got their equipment off the train and went right into battle. They were continuously overrun by enemy, including part of the group being strafed (shot at) by two of our own jets. They were about a week into battle when Paul became the first Native American wounded in the war, he lay all day in a rice patty before he was rescued and as a result contracted gangrene. He was in and out of consciousness most of the time and remembers one time waking up on a cart with another wounded person and the cart being pulled by a Korean in uniform. He woke up in a hospital and by that time his leg had been removed. Paul expressed the feeling that his faith in God is his answer to being alive today and asked the children to pray for the men and women soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan today.

We ate great meals in Chinatown and an Italian Restaurant. The day before we left we visited the U.S. Capitol, the National Archives, and Mount Vernon. After we ate supper we took a leisurely ride on a Riverboat Cruise up and down the Potomac seeing many majestic buildings (Jefferson Memorial; Kennedy Center) and locations (Old Town Alexandria; Georgetown Washington Harbor).

Tom and Bonnie Parrish was asked for their comments on the trip and provided the following:

"Although the entire trip was great I think two stops we made stand out in my mind. Visiting the National Records and Archives was a lot more interesting and impressive than I expected. Seeing first hand such important documents and seeing the signatures of the famous people who signed them was inspiring. The other stop we made at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, I was mesmerized by the perfect precision and reverence surrounding the whole area. It brought tears to my eyes.

Thank-you, Bonnie Parrish

My wife Karen and I felt the tribe spared no expense, making sure that we had the best of everything available to us. Megwetch, Waawaana, Thank-you.

Respectfully submitted
Kookoosh Roger Williams Kchinodin





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@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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.

VETERANS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Veterans Committee has scheduled monthly meetings to be held on the 1st Thursday of every month at 1:30PM at Elders Hall. For more information, contact Butch Starrett @ 269-591-2601

Human Resources and Compliance

have moved to the Administrative Health Building located at 57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI. This is a temporary move until the new Tribal Complex is constructed by the end of this year. Contact info is updated on the Department Information.

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@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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).

We are now accepting credit cards!

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 2009 Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals

Meals subject to change 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <u>Language</u> Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Beans, & Cheese Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fruit	3 Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies/ Brown Rice Tossed Salad Fortune Cookie/ Fruit/ Roll	4 Pot Roast W/ Potatoes & Carrots Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad Apple Crisp Roll	5 <u>Business</u> Salmon Patties Scalloped Potatoes Spinach Garden Salad Fruit / Cake / Roll	6 Potato Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Fruit Salad Raw Carrot Sticks
9 <u>Language</u> Fish Sandwich on Bun Roasted Garlic Tomato Soup Garden Salad Watermelon	10 B.B.Q. Chicken Baked Potato Green Peas Fruit Cocktail / Roll Tomato Salad	11 Closed Veteran's Day	12 Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Asparagus/ Garden Salad Peach Crisp/ Roll	13 Bean Soup Squash Salad Cottage Cheese & Pears Yam Biscuits
16 <u>Language</u> Baked Chicken Potato Wedges Brussels Sprouts Tomato Salad Fruit / Roll	17 Ham Sweet Potatoes Veggie Tray Pineapple / Cottage Cheese / Roll	18 Chili W/ Ground Beef Garden Salad Fruit Tray Corn Bread	19 <u>Social</u> Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes & Dressing Cauliflower, Broccoli, & Carrots Cucumbers & Onions / Rolls Pumpkin Pie / Cranberries	20 Minestrone Soup Cold Tuna, Pea, & Spinach Salad Fruit Medley Roll Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
23 <u>Language</u> Buffalo Meatballs Noodles W/ Gravy Collard Greens Garden Salad Fruit / Roll	24 Baked Pork Chops Macaroni and Cheese Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Blueberry Crisp Roll	25 Salmon and Potato Dish Green Beans Tomato Salad Fruit Roll	26 Closed Thanksgiving Day	27 Closed Thanksgiving Day
30 <u>Language</u> Beef Pot Pie Spinach Salad Fruit W/ Yogurt Carrot Cake / Roll				Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.



Please join us as we showcase Pokagon artwork!

Pokagon Band
Art Show
Dowagiac Middle School
November 21, 2009
10am - 3pm

Calling all Pokagon Band Artists!

The Pokagon Band will be purchasing items to show in our display cases and also through out the new Administration Building. Also, we will be looking at possible commissioning some artwork.

Mary Dunbar will be attending to look at artwork to display in New Buffalo at the Pokagon Fund, Inc

4pm - 3pm Artists will be able to sell their artwork to Tribal Citizens who attend the Quarterly Meeting held that same day.

Lunch will be provided for artist and volunteers.

CONTACT

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269-782-8998

For more information.



Notice to All Artists Who Are Pokagon Band Members

Thank You! to all the artists who contributed their work to the Four Winds Casino Gift Shop Consignment Program. The Pokagon Tribal Artwork section is beautiful and is continuing to experience good sales.

The gift shop at Four Winds Casino Resort has been open awhile and will need more art in the months to come. You are invited to bring new artwork every other month at an informal meeting.

The next two reviews will be held on Saturday, November 7th. This will be the last review of this year. The review will be held from 10:00am to Noon at the Four Winds Casino Hotel.

This will be in a conference room - just inquire at the front desk. Amy Senninger, who is the Liaison for the Tribal Artists, and the Gift Shop Management Team will be there to meet artists and review their artwork. We will be available as resources on that day to discuss what is selling and why. The most popular price range is in the range of \$15.00 to \$60.00. We are starting to sell more expensive items on occasion. We will offer our thoughts on creating a balanced collection with items in all price ranges, including a few high-end ones.

Jewelry and crafts that have "casino" themes, such as dice, cards etc. seem to be experiencing popularity, but buying habits are as many and varied as the people buying. The main thing is to focus on what truly brings you pleasure to make. You do not have to be a professional artist to be eligible.

We have also received requests for artwork that features the symbolism of clans.

In addition, Amy will offer on-the-spot tips on how to present artwork in the most saleable way for the lowest cost, with regards to matting and framing.

Bring what you have and get ideas on how to sell it!

Amy Senninger
amysenninger@gmail.com
269-932-5260

YOU MUST BE A POKAGON BAND MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLACING YOUR WORK IN THE GIFT SHOP AT FOUR WINDS CASINO RESORT. PLEASE BRING YOUR ENROLEMENT CARD



Men's Health Fair

"Friendly staff and service", "The opportunity to meet staff members", "The Indian tacos were great!" was the feedback from all those who attended the Men's Health Fair on Thursday, October 8. Around 18 men showed up to get their hair cut, have a massage, see Marie Meyers, and enjoy an Indian taco. Our participants had the opportunity to have a hearing screening by Pam Riley of Darr Associates, and listen to a presentation given by Greg Otto, Physical Therapist, on back pain.

All the usual offerings of lab tests, annual exams, body composition, blood pressure tests and the healing touch of Marie were available. One man indicated that "The idea is great and in our neighborhood." Awesome complementary gift bags were given to the men at the front door and T-shirts were given to all those who attended and submitted an event evaluation.

All of us at Health Services would like to thank you for your support and help! If you have any suggestions for future health fairs please contact Health Services at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141.

Attention Pokagon Citizens November is Diabetes Awareness Month

To see if you are personally at risk for diabetes, answer the following questions either "yes" or "no":

1. Has any member of your family been diagnosed with diabetes?
2. Do you have an increase in thirst, drinking more liquids than you usually do?
3. Have you been urinating more frequently?
4. Have you felt more tired than usual?
5. Have you felt light headed or shaky if you've missed a meal?
6. Have you felt more compelled to know what your blood sugar level is?

If you have answered yes to 3 or more of the above questions, you may have conditions of high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), or low blood sugar (hypoglycemia). These are conditions associated with Diabetes.

Would you like to be screened for diabetes? Call the Pokagon Indian Health Services Clinic and request an appointment for diabetes screening. If you have had labs completed by your primary provider, please bring these with you. If you have not had labs, our provider will request labs before your scheduled appointment.

If you are diagnosed with diabetes and feel you need more information or education on diabetes, contact Becky Price, CHN, Diabetes Coordinator, 1-888-440-1234, or 782-4141, ext. 224. If you would like assistance and education on your diet, contact Susan Gunderson, RD. We are here to assist you with all your health needs.

Pokagon Health Services
57392 M-51 South
Dowagiac, MI 49047
1-888-440-1234 or
1-269-782-4141

The Facts About Diabetes: America's Seventh Leading Cause of Death

What is diabetes?

Diabetes is a group of diseases marked by high levels of blood glucose resulting from defects in insulin production, insulin action, or both. Diabetes can lead to serious complications and premature death, but people with diabetes can take steps to manage the disease and lower the risk of complications.

How many Americans have diabetes and pre-diabetes?*

- 23.6 million Americans have diabetes – 7.8 percent of the U.S. population. Of these, 5.7 million do not know they have the disease.
- Each year, about 1.6 million people ages 20 or older are diagnosed with diabetes.
- The number of people diagnosed with diabetes has risen from 1.5 million in 1958 to 17.9 million in 2007, an increase of epidemic proportions.
- It is estimated that 57 million adults aged 20 and older have pre-diabetes. Pre-diabetes is a condition where blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not high enough to be called diabetes. Studies have shown that by losing weight and increasing physical activity people can prevent or delay pre-diabetes from progressing to diabetes.

What is the prevalence of diabetes by type?

- Type 1 (previously called insulin-dependent or juvenile-onset) diabetes accounts for 5 to 10 percent of all diagnosed cases of diabetes.
- Type 2 (previously called non-insulin-dependent or adult-onset) diabetes accounts for 90 to 95 percent of all diagnosed cases of diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is increasingly being diagnosed in children and adolescents

What is the prevalence of diabetes by race/ethnicity?*

Non-Hispanic Whites

14.9 million; 9.8 percent of all non-Hispanic whites aged 20 and older have diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes

African Americans

3.7 million; 14.7 percent of all non-Hispanic blacks aged 20 and older have diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes.

Non-Hispanic blacks are about 1.8 times more likely to have diabetes as non-Hispanic whites aged 20 and older.

Hispanics/Latinos

10.4 percent of Hispanics/Latinos ages 20 or older have diagnosed diabetes.

Among Hispanics/Latinos, diabetes prevalence rates are 8.2 percent for Cubans, 11.9 percent for Mexican Americans, and 12.6 percent for Puerto Ricans.

American Indians and Alaska Natives

About 16.5 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives aged 20 years and older who are served by the Indian Health Service have diagnosed diabetes.

Diabetes rates vary ~ among Alaska Native adults (6.0%) to American Indians in southern Arizona (29.3%).

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

The rate of diagnosed diabetes in Asian Americans is 7.5 percent. However, prevalence data for diabetes among Pacific Islanders is limited.

How many deaths are linked to diabetes?*

- Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death listed on U.S. death certificates.
- Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death among people with diabetes – about 68 percent die of heart disease or stroke.
- The overall risk for death among people with diabetes is about double that of people without diabetes.

Treating Diabetes*

- Diabetes can lead to serious complications, such as blindness, kidney damage, cardiovascular disease, and lower-limb amputations, but people with diabetes can lower the occurrence of these and other diabetes complications by controlling blood glucose, blood pressure, and blood lipids.
- Many people with type 2 diabetes can manage their blood glucose by following a healthy meal plan and exercise program, losing excess weight, and taking oral medication. Some people with type 2 diabetes may also need insulin to manage their blood glucose.



LEGAL NOTICE



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Court

58620 Sink Road, P.O. Box 355
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone (269) 783-0505
Fax (269) 783-0519

CASE NO: 09-615-PCDCS

Court Ref: 1994000517-DP
FOC Ref: 140004257

Petitioner: name(s), address(es), telephone number(s):
(Intentionally Omitted)

v.

Respondent: name(s), address(es), telephone number(s):
Paul Isaac Gibson
2207 Clark Street, Apt. 6
Jonesboro, AR 72401

PUBLICATION TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

This Court, having reviewed the Notice and Request for Order of Publication and having been advised in the premises,

MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

1. On Friday, September 18, 2009 a Petition/Affidavit to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support was filed with the Court.
2. Tribal law mandates that all or an appropriate portion of per capita payments, due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy delinquent court-ordered child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan.
3. On September 23, 2009 an Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments was entered by the Court to preserve the Respondent's per capita payments up to the amount of the delinquent child support obligation in order to provide Respondent notice and an opportunity to file any objection to the contemplated redirection of his per capita payments.
4. The Court obtained the Respondent's address from the Pokagon Band Revenue Allocation Administrator who keeps a list of current addresses of members which is provided by the Enrollment Office.
5. On September 23, 2009 the Court mailed, by first-class mail, notification to the Respondent of the right to object to the entry of an Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support within fourteen (14) days of the date appearing on the Certificate of Mailing of the Notice of Petition/Affidavit.
6. However, the Court received the its mailing back from the U.S. Post Office as "Return to Sender, Moved Left No Address, Unable to Forward" on October 7, 2009.
7. On October 7, 2009 the Court again contacted the Revenue Allocation Administrator to confirm the address of the Respondent which is the same as stated in the caption above. The Revenue Allocation Administrator is holding an amount of Respondent's per capita payments which were mailed to the address provided by the Respondent and returned to the Band.
8. The Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan, Section 12 states: "...all or an appropriate portion of the per capita payment of any eligible member shall be directed so as to satisfy such obligation." for delinquent child support.
9. Based on the circumstances in this matter, an alternate method of service to notify the Respondent is required.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Court Administrator shall publish this Publication to Provide Notice to Respondent in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa, the Tribal newsletter.

2. The Petitioner's name and address shall be omitted on this Order and Notice.

3. An Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments has been entered by the Court against Respondent's per capita payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The Order to Stay Distribution of Per Capita Payments has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.

4. An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court on October 31, 2009 unless the Respondent files an objection(s):

- a. to the recognition of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 5; or
- b. to the enforcement of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6.

5. The Respondent may file (a) written objection(s) to the recognition of the Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support with the Court. The objection(s) must be filed on or before October 30, 2009 and MUST demonstrate that:

- a. the foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
- b. the foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.

6. Unless the Respondent files an objection(s) to the enforcement of the foreign court order, an Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support will apply ALL of your per capita payments, INCLUDING the amount that is being held by the Revenue Allocation Administrator due to the Respondent's bad address, to satisfy the delinquent court-ordered child support until such time as the delinquent child support obligation is satisfied or until further order of this Court. The objection(s) must be filed on or before October 30, 2009 and MUST demonstrate that:

- a. the Respondent does not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
- b. applying all of Respondent's per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to Respondent's health or general welfare.

7. If Respondent files (a) written objection(s) based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, the Respondent will be required to establish grounds why the Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support should not be granted by this Court.

Michael Petoskey, Chief Judge



NOTICE

SURVEY REGARDING MARRIAGE CODE

Earlier this year, the Tribal Council accepted a generous offer from the American Indian Law Clinic at the University of Colorado School of Law to draft a Pokagon Band Marriage License, Birth Certificate, and Death Certificate Code ("Marriage Code"). The Marriage Code will define the requirements for lawful marriage, determine who can perform a marriage ceremony, and allow birth certificates and death certificates to be issued under the Band's jurisdiction and authority. This new law is intended to reflect important Pokagon Band cultural and traditional notions of marriage and family relations. For that reason, the Tribal Council decided that the Pokagon Band membership should be provided an opportunity to offer its views concerning these culturally-sensitive issues. The Tribal Council determined that the best means of gathering input from Pokagon Band members would be through a survey made available solely to Pokagon Band members via the Internet. You can access the Marriage Code survey by clicking on the following weblink of from the link provided on Pokagon.com:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2295YKEWN5L>

If you are reading this notice in the Pokagon Band Newsletter, you may access the survey by typing the web address above into the address bar in the internet browser on your computer.

The Marriage Code will govern all marriages issued under the Band's authority. It is vital that we receive your feedback, as the issues are extremely important and controversial. For example, one such issue is whether the Band will allow same-sex marriage. The Marriage Code survey will only be available until November 30, 2009. Should you have any problems accessing the survey, please contact the Pokagon Band General Counsel's Office at (269) 783-0970.



PER CAPITA INFORMATION

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.

1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1400	Nicholas	Glen	Easley
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1446	Bobby	Marcus	Haynes
1482	Jesse	David	Ballew
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
1982	Christopher	Lee	Diamond
2382	Alexander	Zienert	Parrish
2565	Michael	James	Martin
2649	Mark	Anthony	Jackson
2795	Edward	F	Cushway
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
3959	Robert	Paul	Helsel
3942	Francine	Lee	Hamilton

EnrollID	FirstName	MiddleName	LastName
0083	John	Dylan	Watson
0406	Michael	Lynn	Hewitt
0433	Elizabeth	Alexandra	Gray
0434	Thomas	Charles	Abercrombie
0518	David	Francis	Wesaw
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez



ENROLLMENT

Enrollment Committee

The Enrollment Committee is looking for someone to fill a vacant seat. This person must have an eye for detail. The Committee is responsible for reviewing all applications and all documentation submitted to determine eligibility of membership. They meet once a month. The second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Enrollment office located at 32142 Edwards St., Dowagiac, MI 49047. Please contact Kelly Curran if you have an interest in joining the Committee. Provide your name, address & phone number.



DEADLINE: 5:00 PM (mst) November 6, 2009

Essay Topic: "How Would I Manage Agriculture Risk on My Reservation?"

(Research WHAT is Risk Management using the links below and then apply it to the essay topic)

http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/1997/irm_intr.html <http://farm-risk-plans.usda.gov/>

2009 Native Women & Youth in Ag Annual Writing Competition

Also Sponsored By: Seminole Tribe of Florida, USDA Risk Management Agency & the Intertribal Agriculture Council

Who Is Eligible? Young Native American Women & Men who will be entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2009. Graduates of May or August 2009 are also eligible to enter. Must be a member of a **Federally Recognized Tribe**.

Winners & Prizes: Three (3) finalists will be announced the second week of November 2009 and provided an all-expense paid trip (including chaperone) to the 2009 Intertribal Agriculture Council & Indian Nations Conservation Alliance annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV December 7-11, 2009. Finalists will be awarded several other special prizes presented at the event & will serve as Ag Ambassadors in 2009/2010. Each finalist is required to read a short self introduction and their essay (as submitted only) at the awards luncheon.

Guidelines:

- ✓ 3-6 pages in length
- ✓ Typed
- ✓ One-inch margins
- ✓ Double spaced
- ✓ 12-point font
- ✓ 3-5 sources

Judging Criteria:

- ◆ Creativity
- ◆ Quality of Sources
- ◆ Quality of Grammar
- ◆ Spelling & Punctuation
- ◆ Organization of information
- ◆ Length of Entry
- ◆ Documentation of Sources (3-5 sources required)
- ◆ Appropriate information for topic



2008 Finalists Joshua Moore (Colorado River Indian Tribes) with 8-time World Champion Joe Beaver who presented the awards & prizes.

All entries **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED** by a separate sheet containing the student's name, address, telephone number, email (if available), school attending & Tribal affiliation.

Send Essay Submission to:

Native Women & Youth in Agriculture
c/o Tina Voigt
Intertribal Agriculture Council
100 N. 27th Street, Suite 500
Billings, MT 59101

Phone: 406.259.3525
Fax: 406.256.9980
Email: tvoigt@indianaglink.com

Note: all entries will be used in future publications & for PR purposes

Entries may be mailed (postmarked 11/06/09), faxed or emailed (re: essay contest)

Library News

by Penny Brant, Education Coordinator

Even if you weren't able to attend the Library Night in the Mishawaka office on September 29th, you can still benefit. A highlight of the event was meeting with one of our book suppliers. We read books, looked at the many subjects covered, enjoyed the awesome art in them and got great ideas for our next order. These span many subjects: academic, Native American interest, fiction, help with research for reports, DVDs . . . just some great reading and viewing. You'll just have to stop by and use your library. We have fresh books for fall reading waiting for you.

Chicago Field Trip a Success!

by Penny Brant, Education Coordinator

The weather tried to put a damper on us early in the morning on Saturday, September 26th, but it failed! Once the buses were boarded and headed for the Chicago Field Museum, all one hundred and forty-two riders - Pokagon Band citizens and Department of Education employees - snacked, relaxed and prepared for a busy day at the Museum. We were met by a family of five at the entrance before everyone took off to explore their interests. High in the priorities were: The Ancient Americas exhibit, North American Indians, "Sue" the Dinosaur (who has her own store!), Evolving Planet, Inside Ancient Egypt, the Underground Adventure, and Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the Whydah from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship.

McDonald's lunch was included for all and then, once again, we worked our ways through the displays, stores, and resting areas. We had a network: "Hey, have you been through . . .?", "Have you seen . . .?", "You have to go to . . .!" and packages started appearing in arms as the day progressed.

Families were able to enjoy this time together and share this with family and friends in the Pokagon Band and not have to worry about the traffic in Chicago. Once 4:15 pm arrived, the weather welcomed us as we boarded the buses, heading to a snack, on-the-road movies and home.

This field trip, created and coordinated by the Department of Education and supported by the Tribal Council and JOM, once again confirmed how important these activities are to the students and families. Seeing the sparks in eyes and the hearing the excited banter between all was a huge reward for a great day!

Hunting Season/Egiwsewnegek

Courtesy of Jim Thunder's
Bodewadmimwen Nish Mbook.

- It is hunting season ~ Giwsewnget
 - Gun ~ Baskegen
 - Shells or Cartridges ~ Nwin
 - Hunting Knife ~ Giwse Koman
 - Buck ~ Yabe
 - Big Buck ~ Che Yabe
 - Doe ~ Nijan
 - Little Doe ~ Nijanes
 - Antlers ~ Ashknen
 - Buck hide ~ Yabewagen

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6PM - 8PM at the community center in Gun Lake.

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

Pokagon classes are being held at the SMC Niles campus on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The van leaves from education at 6:15pm. Classes this November are the 5th, 12th and 19th. No class on the 26th due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

- I am going to go out hunting. ~ Nwi pa giwse.
- Okay, let's go hunting. ~ Ahaw, ke pa giwsemen.
- Did you see anything? ~ Gego ne ki wabdan?
- No, I didn't see anything. ~ Cho, shna gego ngi-wabdesin.
- I saw one while out. ~ Ngot se wi she ngi-bmewabma.

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on Monday's at 11:00 a.m.



Students of the Month



Shandiin Church

Shandiin Church is 17 years old. She is a senior at Albuquerque High School in Albuquerque, NM. Shandiin parents are Lora & Leonard "Casey" Church. Her brothers and sisters include Alilee (14), Nizhoni (12), Deezbah (9), & Bahozhoni (5) Church. Her grandparents are the late Mary & Leonard Church of Dorr, MI and Alberta & Curtis Morgan of Albuquerque, NM. Shandiin participated in the Santa Fe Indian Market Fashion Show wearing a traditional Potawatomi outfit. She also danced in the Jingle Dress and Northern Traditional categories at powwows. Shandiin also helps at ceremonies that emphasize prayer, making shawls and helping design outfits. Her favorite food is pizza with pepperoni and green chili. She plays varsity volleyball for her high school. She enjoys bowling and hanging out with "her girls". She is also in the unarmed drill team as commander in Army Jr. ROTC. She loves to travel with her family and mentor young children. Shandiin plans to move back to Michigan after she graduates and attend the University of Michigan. After college, she plans to commission in the Marine Corps and become a Military Police officer. Then, later, she wants to become a city police officer and have a huge family, like the one she grew up in. Shandiin is most proud to be a Native American because "I love the fact of being different and going against all the odds, for I am proud to be a drug and alcohol free Native American teenager. I am able to stand out from a crowd because of the strong history and culture that is represented by not just me, but all Native Americans as a whole".



Gabriel Tone

Gabriel Tone is nine years old and a fourth grader at Marcellus Schools in Marcellus, Michigan. Gabriel's parents are Rachael and Joe Tone. His grandparents are Tom and Cheryl Topash. Gabriel's brother and sister are Quinton and Lillian. He enjoys playing baseball and basketball. Someday, Gabriel would like to be a lawyer. Gabriel has been involved with Pokagon Band's Summer School Programs. He also puts tobacco down when he is with his Papa. Recently, Gabriel got to go to his first sweat lodge ceremony. The thing that makes Gabriel proud to be a Native American is dancing at the Powwow. Gabriel exclaims, "It is fun to show everyone how I dance. I also get to drum once in a while." Well done, Gabriel.

Family Night

September 15, 2009

By: Kateri O'Toole Education Associate

Our first Family Night of 2009 - 2010 school year occurred on a Tuesday in the evening at the Department of Education. All JOM and Pokagon band families were invited. The event took place between 6 - 9 pm. Several families joined us as everyone feasted then started the craft activity. Linda Yazel was our presenter for craft activities leading us in creating key size dream catchers, and artfully decorated pine cones. Beading supplies for others to work with were made available by the Cultural Associate, Rhonda Shingwauk. There were board games and trivia games for families to play. Our next Family Night will be held on October 27th at the Head Start building to accommodate for more room. There will be more Family Nights to come in November and beyond so keep an eye out.

Backpacks - Duffle Bags - Messenger Bags - All Stuffed!

Following a wonderful tradition, we are continuing the distribution of Back Packs, Duffle Bags, and Messenger Bags containing school supplies. The sturdy bags, themselves, are a beautiful blue with the Pokagon Band insignia silk screened on the front. We have handed out over 500 and we are not done.

Distribution of the bags and supplies will continue until November 25, 2009. Registering for the service can happen in the Department of Education building from 9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday. For Indiana citizens, please call the Department of Education (269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234) with your preference of bag. We will bring them to the Mishawaka office for pickup. For those of you out of the Ten County Service Area, just call and we can make arrangements to get them to you.

Tutoring

We are placing students with tutors - do you have a K-12 child in need of help? Tutoring Request forms are available and questions are always welcomed by calling Penny Brant at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234. The e-mail works, too: penny.brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Enrichment Labs

We are well into the Enrichment Labs: Dowagiac K-5th Grades from 4:00 -5:15 on Mondays, Dowagiac 6th-12th from 3:00 - 4:30 on Wednesdays, Hartford Lab at Red Arrow (notice the return to Red Arrow) from 3:15 - 4:15, and Notre Dame for 5th-12th Grades on select Wednesdays. Kids and staff are keeping busy.

This is chance for us to help with homework and work on good study habits also reinforces cultural understanding and gives the students time to spend together. Please call the Department of Education and ask for Penny, Kat, or Becky to register your students.

Reimbursements

What a wonderful word! School Supplies Reimbursements are available through the Department of Education. Any of us can drop the form in the mail - just call. This gift of \$50 from the Tribe covers supplies mandated by your child's school. Save the original receipts to send in with the easy-to-fill-out form. The form also lays out specifically what is covered in this program.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS ASHLEY MARTIN!!!
On the birt of your first child a beautiful baby girl, MaKenzi Elizabeth Martin born on 9/9/9, weighing in at 9lbs. 7oz. and 21in. long. I am so proud of you and love you both so much.
I love you Aunt Kat

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH
BETTE J. RAPP - MORSEAU
A HAPPY 66TH BIRTHDAY ON
NOVEMBER 20TH.
FROM ALL YOUR SENIOR FRIENDS,
FAMILY AND ALL THOSE OUT THERE
WHO ARE A PART OF YOUR LIFE.



Happy Birthday David Grubb
From your Mom and Dad



Congratulations on your accep-
tance to Pillissippi College! Go
Garrison Grubb

From your Siblings

CONGRATULATIONS
ASHLEY MARTIN!!!
On the birth of your first child, a
beautiful baby girl,
MaKenzi Elizabeth
weighing in at
9lbs. 7oz. and 21in. long.
We love you, Aunt Kat & Uncle
Mike, Grandma O' Keefe, Uncle
Bobby, Uncle Johnny, Aunt Lisa &
Family, Aunt Sandy & Family

Congratulations To Our Beautiful
Daughter Ashley Martin!!!
On the birth of our beautiful
granddaughter MaKenzi Elizabeth
Martin-9lb.7oz. 21in. long.
We are so proud of you and Love
the two of you so much.
Love, Mom & Dad, TJ & Angel



Look who's Two!!! Happy Birthday to
Hugo Alexis!!!



Happy Birthday
Kaylann Miller

Love your Mother

Happy Belated Birthday
Oct. 31 Cheryl Purcell

Love, Your cuz,
Sally and Family



Happy 15th Birthday
Nadyah N. Grubb

From Mom and
the 3 brothers.



Congratulations to our
Granddaughter, Elliot Lynn
Parrish who was crowned Queen
of the Monroe High School
homecoming on October 2nd.
Her proud parents are Mike and
Melissa Parrish. We all are so
proud and we love you.
Grandma Bonnie and Grandpa
Tom Parrish

On behalf of me and my family I would
like to thank the education department
for sponsoring our recent trip to the
Chicago Museum. We had a wonder-
ful time not only at the museum, but
the ride down there and back was a
wonderful time of fellowship and con-
versation. The snacks were yummy too.
Thank you for all of the time and effort
put into making this trip a success. I
hope more activities such as this are
planned in the future.

chi-miigwetch,
Liz Glowacki and family

Jeremy Cagle
Best Wishes on your
Birthday

From Dad, Mom, and
Grandma Mix



Happy 3rd Birthday
Claire Starrett

Love Daddy, Mommy, Ethan,
Nickolas, Jackie Sue and Family



Happy Birthday
Kanndice A. Grubb

From all of your children.

Congratulations Ashley Martin!!!
On the birth of MaKenzi Elizabeth
You did a great job.
We love you, Grandma Martin
& Aunt Betty

Santiago Cruz Ramos
Happy 15th Birthday 11-15-1994

"Wishing that you get a buck.
Happy Birthday and good luck".

Love your family,
Mom, Dad, and Grandma,
Lil Jimm and Uncle Jim



Happy Birthday Jason - November 3.

Here you are at 14
Now your at 24
You are still a cutie
Who we all love and adore.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Haley L.J., Gabriel,
Jada, Jai, Anthony & Juanita.

Happy Birthday Sally.

From your cuz,
Billy Evans



Congratulations Newlyweds
Shelly and Steve Smedberg 9-11-09

Congratulations on your
beautiful baby girl, Julianna on
July 31, 2009.

Love, Sally and Family



Fred Rader
Family and Friends miss you and
love you.

Love your Brother Ken

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HEATHER
SHOEMAKER!AND CONGRATS
ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT! SO
HAPPY FOR YOU! LOVE,

AMANDA, BRIEANN AND BABY
MATTHEW!

HAPPY WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY!!!
Mike Goodson-10/19
I Love You Always, Kathy

KEE-BOON-MEIN-KAA Pow Wow 2009 Photos

All photos courtesy of Jessica Fortuna



Pow Wow Committee 2010

The Pow Wow Committee is seeking individuals interested in planning the 2010 Traditional Pow Wow. This Pow Wow is a new event and is different than the annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow. For those that are interested in being on the Traditional Pow Wow Committee, please submit a letter of interest to Michaelina Magnuson to Michaelina.Magnuson@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Or if you are interested on being on the Kee-Boon-Mein Kaa Committee, please submit a letter of interest to Mickey. Please submit before Monday, November 16, 2009.



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 57365 M-51 South
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 Toll free- (Coming Soon)

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

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

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

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

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

- Criminal background Motor vehicle report
- Work history References
- Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
- DSH clearance (if applicable)

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

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

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

Please call for an appointment today!



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