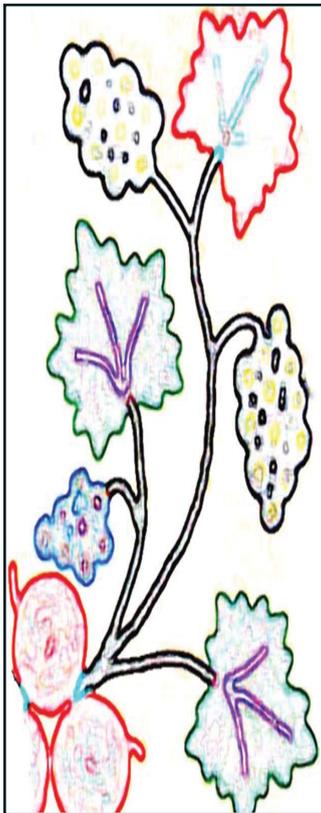


THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

October 2009



MEZODANEK GISHEK

“A Day for Family”

October 9-11, 2009
Rodgers Lake Campgrounds

Featuring cultural teachings and language immersion activities for the whole family! Camping available for participants. Meals will be provided.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 7, 2009 with Tom Topash at (269) 470-3745 or Matt Morsaw at (269) 782-0887.

For more information, please contact Micky Magnuson at (269) 591-5616.

Brought to you by the Pokagon Promise Committee and the Education Department

Schedule

Friday, October 9th

5:30 PM	Opening Ceremony
6:30 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Language Activity

Saturday, October 10th

7:00 AM	Sunrise Ceremony
8:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Language Activity
Noon	Lunch
2:00 PM	Women's /Men's Teachings
5:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	Language Activity
9:00 PM	Closing

Sunday, October 11th

7:00 AM	Sunrise Ceremony
8:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Depart

Message from the Pow-wow Committee

Boozhoo Tribal Citizens!

The Pow-wow Committee is happy to report our 24th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-Wow was once again held over Labor Day weekend on our beautiful property at Rodgers Lake. The event was a huge success with 10 drums in attendance, 200 dancers, 40 vendors, and an estimated 5,000 visitors! Official events were held throughout the weekend, starting with Sam Bush lighting the ishkode (sacred fire) Thursday afternoon. Friday morning a group of Pokagon women, veterans, and community members participated in the Second Annual Water Walk. The Water Walkers, led by Majel DeMarsh, started at Gage Street property with a sunrise ceremony, then prayed, sang, laughed, and walked their way 10 miles to Rodgers Lake by mid-afternoon. Friday afternoon the committee asked respected elder Clarence White to bless the pow-wow grounds and brand new drum arbor. As evening rolled around, the Pokagon Education Department hosted a number of cultural activities for families camping. Activities included copper bowl making and a drum social. Young people in particular found the extra activities enjoyable. By Saturday afternoon, the Pokagon community was ready to pow-wow!

First grand entry started Saturday afternoon with a beautiful song by host drum Midnight Express and an official welcome by Chairman Matt Wesaw. The pow-wow continued through Sunday evening. Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa was fortunate to have many special guests in attendance including Miss Potawatomi Elaine Frank, Four Winds Casino and Resort staff, and actress Irene Bedard! Irene Bedard is best known as the voice of Pocahontas in the Disney animated film.

At this time the Pow-Wow Committee would like to say chi-miigwetch to all 70 volunteers that helped throughout the weekend. Many volunteers donated four or more hours of their time. A handful of volunteers even donated their entire weekend in helping the committee! Our volunteers are one of the most important elements in the pow-wow being such a huge success! The Committee would also like to express appreciation to:

- Tribal Council for their financial support
- All demonstrators who facilitated cultural activities during the weekend including John Pigeon, Ed Pigeon, Renee Dillard, Ben Secunda, Carla Collins-Sprague, Steve Perry, Todd Parker, Vince Yazel, and Larry Plamondon.
- Charles Baker for creating another popular t-shirt design,
- Tribal Maintenance crew for prepping and maintaining our beautiful pow-wow grounds,
- Pokagon Band Police for providing security throughout the weekend and keeping our families and visitors safe,
- Pokagon Band IHS for providing first aid services and water for pow-wow participants,
- Roger Rader for creating attractive programs,
- And to all pow-wow committee members from years past, for checking on us and offering suggestions on how to improve the event in the future.

Coordinating the 2009 Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-Wow for our community was both an honor and privilege. The Committee will take a few weeks to finish recuperating, but by winter, we will be back planning for next year! The Committee is already terribly excited for next summer. The 25th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-wow will be the best event yet!

Baamaapii Kawabmin!

Micky Magnuson	Andy Jackson	Julie Farver
Julie Hartman	Valerie Janowski	Kevin Daugherty
Teresa Magnuson	John Morseau	Mike Jackson
Kelly Curran	Alycia Atkinson	John T. Warren
Susan Larsen		

Complete list of Pow Wow Dance Contest Winners on Announcements page.
Pow Wow Pictures will be featured in upcoming issue of the Newsletter.

Attention Tribal Citizens

Tribal Council has authorized the implementation of a new Pokagon Band government presence on the Interent. The new presence will be located at WWW.POKAGONBAND-NSN.GOV. Website and e-mail addresses of the Band have officially changed to the new @PokagonBand-NSN.Gov domain. If you have any trouble making contact by e-mail with any of our departments or government entittes, please feel free to contact the Department of Information Technology at 1-800-517-0777 or (269) 782-8998.



Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

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

Newsletter

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

Identification

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

Communication

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

Etiquette

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

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

Where to send submissions:

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

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 November newsletter will be **October 14**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon-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!

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.



October 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
<p>Note: 2% milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light Beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onions served with sandwiches. Bread / Rolls and butter are also included.</p> <p>5 Driveway will be getting paved. CLOSED.</p>	<p>6 Driveway will be getting paved. CLOSED.</p>	<p>7 Driveway will be getting paved. CLOSED.</p>	<p>1 Business Stuffed Peppers Alfredo Noodles Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots Fruit Salad Cake / Garlic Bread</p>	<p>2 Turkey, Ham or Roast Beef Sub Baked Beans Relish Tray Cottage Cheese Pineapple</p>
<p>12 <u>Language</u> Buffalo Stew Garden Salad Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Cornbread / Sherbet / Melon Slice</p>	<p>13 Chicken Soup W/ Dumplings Roast Beef Sandwich Spinach Salad Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>14 Tator Tot Casserole W/ G. Beef Corn On the Cob Coleslaw / Sliced Tomatoes Cottage Cheese W/ Pears / Roll</p>	<p>15 <u>Social</u> Salmon Patties Baked Potato Cauliflower, Broccoli, & Carrots Veggie Tray / Peaches / Roll</p>	<p>16 Closed Vacation</p>
<p>19 <u>Language</u> BBQ Pork Chops Au Gratin Potatoes Asparagus Tossed Salad Fruit / Roll</p>	<p>20 Cold Tuna and Pea Salad Baked Beans Veggie Tray Tomato Salad Berry Mix/ Roll</p>	<p>21 Spanish Rice W/ Sausage Brussels Sprouts Cucumber Salad Yogurt W/ Fruit Roll</p>	<p>22 Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Tossed Salad Fortune Cookie / Fruit /Roll</p>	<p>23 Veggie OR Meat Pizza Day Tossed Salad Fruit Salad</p>
<p>26 <u>Language</u> Ham W/ Pineapple Sweet Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Fruit Roll</p>	<p>27 Buffalo Meatballs and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrots Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Fruit Cocktail / Roll</p>	<p>28 Turkey Goulash Collard Greens Cottage Cheese Sliced Tomatoes Waldorf Salad / Garlic Bread</p>	<p>29 Beer Battered Cod Oven Baked Fries Coleslaw Three Bean Salad Fruit / Roll</p>	<p>30 Lumberjack Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Spinach Salad Fruit Salad</p>



EVENT CALENDAR FOR ELDERS COUNCIL ELECTION

November 14, 2009

Post and Distribute the Election Notice	September 4, 2009
Deadline to file candidate declarations	September 25, 2009 at 4:30 P.M
Deadline to file Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background	September 25, 2009 at 4:30 P.M
Post and Distribute to Declarants the Uncertified Candidates List	October 2, 2009 at 8 P.M
Deadline to file a challenge to a Declarant eligibility determination (not later than three (3) business days from the date the Uncertified Candidates List is posted)	October 6, 2009 at 4:30 P.M.
Deadline to file a request for an absentee ballot	October 15, 2009
Deadline to Register to Vote	October 15, 2009 at 4:30 P.M
Certify the List of Candidates and Post the List	October 15, 2009 at 8 P.M
Certify the Registry of Voters	October 20, 2009
Deadline to file a Candidate Statement	October 20, 2009 at 3:00 P.M
Distribute Candidate Statement to registered voters	October 23, 2009
Distribute absentee ballots to voters that filed a timely request	October 30, 2009
Deadline for Election Board to receive absentee ballots	November 13, 2009 at 4:30 P.M.
Election Held at Tribal Elders Hall <i>Ballot count / Uncertified Election Results Posted</i>	November 14, 2009 at 9 A.M.—6 P.M
Deadline to file ballot recount request with the Election Board	November 17, 2009
Deadline to file an election challenge with the Tribal Court (3 Business days following day of election)	November 18, 2009
Deadline to complete ballot recount (If one is requested) (within 3 days of receiving ballot recount request)	November 18-20, 2009
The Tribal Court shall endeavor to render a final decision on an election challenge(s) one business day after the hearing on the election challenge. The Election Board will certify and post election results 1 day after responding to all challenges.	

For questions or more information, contact the Election Office @ 269-782-9475



Contract Health Services Update

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

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

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

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

If you go to the Emergency Room or an Urgent Care Facility after hours or over the weekend, please call 782-4141 ext 234 leave your information. This extension will be checked periodically over the weekend and your call will be returned.

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

New Schedule for Pokagon Optical Services

Effective November 1, 2009, I will be available for Optical services at 57365 M-51 South, Dowagiac, Mi, on Wednesdays, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM, and every Friday 8:00 AM-11:00AM. I will be available for our Indiana Pokagon Citizens every Friday 1:00 PM-4:00 PM. Please try to call and make appointment in advance for these times available to ensure efficient service. If this time is not within your schedule, please call me and I will set appointment to try to meet your schedule. If I am not in my office please leave a message and I will contact you. As a Community Health Representative, I am out of the office on home visits. Hopefully this schedule will assure that we can meet your optical needs. If you have any questions or concerns please phone me at (269) 782-4141, or 1-888-440-1234, ext. 241.

Thank you:
Steve Lowe, CHR/ Optical dispenser
Pokagon Band Health Services



SOCIAL SERVICES

AN ERNEST APPEAL FROM THE POKAGON BAND FAMILY WELFARE COMMISSION

Our Traditions tells us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children, as they have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders, as they are facing the Western Direction on their way to the Spirit World to be with the Creator again. As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility "to provide for the welfare, care and protection of the children..." per our Child Protection Code and that "The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band" per our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance. There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term "foster parents." In this day and age, we as Native people have had to adapt and the use of this term is now needed for the reason that sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Therein, is the purpose of this article which comes with two questions:

Do you have in your spirit and a place in your home for a child who needs a temporary family?

Have you ever thought about being a foster parent?

We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Social Services Director, or Kathleen McKee, Indian Child Welfare Social Worker.



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, call and we can make arrangements to get them to you.

Awards Banquet

The Senior Awards Banquet and the Awards Day for the rest of the students may be in the summer, but the work toward them starts on the first day of school. These occasions are more than a fun time with a nice feast and certificates – it is about acknowledging the growth and strength of our students. It is an opportunity to reinforce that what they do, does matter and does get noticed. The students are honored in these categories: High School Graduation, GED Recipients, Outstanding Attendance (absent five days or less during the year), Perfect Attendance, Excellent Academic Performance (all A's for the entire school year), Improvement in Core Areas, Honor Roll, and Sports / Extra Curricular Activities. Our students have a lot to be proud of, and working well in school supports that pride. If we can help anyone in reaching one of the goals honored in the Awards Banquet, please contact us. We are looking forward to highlighting many accomplishments in the summer.

Tutoring Available

We are currently establishing our fall tutoring schedule. You still have time to request help for your child, K-12th grades. We are also open to “temporary tutoring” when students need help getting ready for a test or assistance with a major project, depending upon our availability. Questions are always welcomed at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234. Ask for Penny Brant or e-mail to: penny.brant@pokagon-nsn.gov

Tutors Wanted!

Are you looking for a way to help others – and earn some money? If so, this experience may be just what you are seeking!

We have learners, Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade, and GED Candidates, ready for tutors. A variety of hours are available. This can be a year-round opportunity! We pay \$15/hour for tutors with some college and \$20/hour for those with Teacher Certification.

Please contact the Department of Education
269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

Language Corner

Wénije/Who 2 - Family Terms Part 2

Nishote	Twin
Noshe	Aunt (maternal)
Nshegwas	Aunt (paternal)
Njische	My uncle
Ndekweyom	My wife
Ndennim	My husband (lit. My stallion)
Nmezodanek	Parents
Nmesé	My older sister
Ndekwém	Sister of a male
Nidgek	Sister of a woman (any age)
Ndewema	My older brother of a female
Nseze	My older brother of a male

Reimbursements

What a wonderful word. School Supply 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 and is not covered in this program.

Enrichment Labs

The Enrichment Labs will be in full swing starting Wednesday, September 23rd. Dowagiac's Lab for 6th-12th Grades and Hartford's Lab begin that day. Dowagiac students will be picked up at the Middle and High Schools and delivered to the Department of Education for the Lab which lasts until 4:30 pm. Hartford's Lab will take place at Woodside Elementary. We will pick up the students from Red Arrow Elementary and take them to Woodside until 4:15 pm. On Monday, September 28th, our Education Associates will pick up the Kindergarten through 5th Grade Dowagiac students and take them to the Pokagon Band Head Start for the Lab from 4 – 5:15 pm.

This is a 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.

Calling All Summer Enrichment Stories

If you had a Summer Enrichment experience this year, please make sure to send your essay in telling us about the time you had, the great things you did, and how it has enriched your life. We are waiting to hear.

GED Assistance

Are you Native American tribal cardholder living in our 10-county service area, 18 years old or older and low-income, who needs extra assistance with tuition and/or mileage for classroom training at a college or university, or to complete your GED?

Are you a Pokagon Band member who wants to continue your education by completing your GED?

If so, please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 for further information, to discuss the eligibility requirements for the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) program or the Adult Education program.

Resume Assistance

To all those who are Native American tribal cardholders living in the 10-county service area, 18 years old or older and low-income, who would like assistance with Resume writing, interview tips, work experience, On-The-Job Training and support services. Please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 for further information and details.

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 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 – 9:00 p.m. The van leaves from the Department of Education at 6:15 p.m.

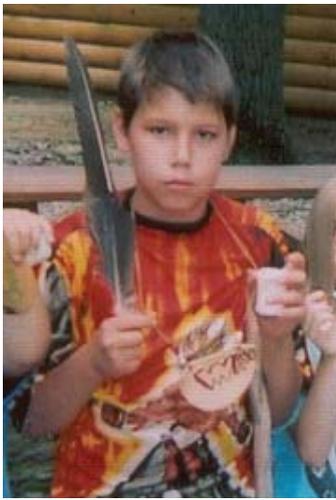
Classes this October are the 1st,8th,15th,22nd and 29th.

Elder's classes are held at Elders Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m.



We have a young and mighty hero!

Matt Brown, ten-year-old Pokagon citizen, was enjoying the day at Big PawPaw Lake in Coloma on July 26th. He and his cousins, Dakota and Cheyenne Dixon, and Uncle Lendell Dixon, were relaxing at the waterfront when Matt noticed a swimmer having a difficult time in the water. According to him, he just "ran out there and dived" off of the pier. The five year old girl that he pulled out of the lake was coughing and gasping for air. A very grateful Mother was waiting to take care of her when they got to the shore.



Matt also attended Summer Camp this year. Here he is showing some of the crafts he made.

Good going, Matt! Weye I!

October Students of the Month

Cory Ridenour

Cory Ridenour, is 17 years old and going into his senior year at Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo, MI. Cory's family includes Mom (Kelli Ridenour), Buddah, Haley, and Grandma. He has exceptional grades and has participated in: four years of football and received a leadership award from his team; three years of track and field; Treasurer of the executive board; member of The Renaissance Council; has three years of mentoring for the Ignite program; NAHA Member (National Art Honor Society); and three years of "stat man" for men's and woman's basketball team. He is a member of Red Ballers (male athletes competing academically for a chance to win a trip each marking period) and has won three trips. Cory also traveled to Peru this summer with the Loy Norrix travel team. Cory is dual enrolled his senior year at Loy Norrix and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. He aspires to obtain a Masters Degree at Michigan State University. His Mom, Buddah, Haley, and Grandma wish their best and would like to say "Cory, We know you will achieve anything you aspire to accomplish! We Love You!" Excellent work, Cory.



Lucie Carpenter

Lucie Carpenter is eight years old. She lives in Dowagiac, Michigan and is currently a second grader at Sister Lakes Elementary. Lucie is the daughter of Lucky and Tina Carpenter. Her grandparents are Elaine and Lucky Carpenter. She has one sister named Ashley. Lucie's favorite foods are shrimp, vegetables, omelets, and pasta. "I love to play with my dog Daisy and listen to country music," exclaims Lucie. When Lucie grows up she would like to be a doctor. She has enjoyed being involved with Brownies, the Potawatomi Zoo Trip, Pokagon Band Enrichment Labs, Pokagon Band Summer Camp, and Pokagon Band Summer School. There Lucie has made new friends, learned about her culture, and is beginning to learn the Potawatomi language.



HEAD START NEWS

1st Day of School

The first day of school was on Tuesday September 8, 2009 and it went great! We welcomed 9 students back that returned from last year & welcomed 24 new students. All of the children did a great job & were very brave to venture their 1st day of school! Good job to all of the brave parents watching their little ones go off to school for the first time too!

2009-2010 Enrollment

We are still accepting applications for the waiting list! Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2009 to be eligible for the 2009-2010 School Year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applicants must return proof of all household income with the pre-application to be considered for enrollment. Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

Pokagon Band Head Start

- *School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30.
- *Transportation provided in limited areas in the Dowagiac, Sister Lakes & Niles areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations.
- *We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.
- *The Potawatomi Language and Culture is incorporated throughout each day.
- *The program does accept children with disabilities.

Upcoming Events/Closures

- *September 24, 2009—1st family fun night! Parent Committee & Policy Council Elections, Bus Safety, Bike Safety & Pedestrian Safety.
- *October 29, 2009—Head Start Children's Halloween Party & Family Fun Night.
- *November 11, 2009—Closed in observance of Veterans Day
- *November 19, 2009—Family Fun Night—Fall Feast
- *November 26 & 27, 2009—Closed for Thanksgiving Break

Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer! Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture, being a Community Policy Council Representative and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for; fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

- Donations are always greatly appreciated!
Items that we are always looking for:
- *Play dough
 - *wet wipes
 - *outdoor play toys
 - *sidewalk chalk
 - *bubbles

Happy Birthday to You!

- October Birthdays:
- *Miss Linda Guthrie—October 18, 2009
Happy Birthday!
 - *Joshua Winchester-Jones—October 20, 2009
Happy 4th Birthday!
 - *Claire Starrett—October 23, 2009
Happy 3rd Birthday!



Personal Financial Skills Training Offered to Tribal Members

- What: “Accessing Credit, Part I” – the 5th in a series of 6 workshops in personal financial skills
- Where: Pokagon Band Head Start Building, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac (located at the tribal complex)
- When: Tuesday, October 13th, 5:30 – 8:00 pm OR Saturday, October 17th 9:30 – noon
(same workshop, different date!)
- Who: All Pokagon Band tribal citizens and spouses/partners (regardless of county of residence)
- Why: To strengthen the personal financial skills of Pokagon Band families, thereby empowering them to better meet their families’ needs
- How often: Offered twice per month—the Tuesday workshop is repeated on Saturday. Each workshop lasts 2-1/2 hours.
- What else: Each workshop starts with a light meal. Child care is provided for children 3 to 13 years old by trained and certified child care providers (children should be potty trained).
- What to do: Call or email right away! Contact Val Janowski: 269 783-0443 or 877 983-0385 or via email at: Valerie.Janowski@PokagonBand-NSN.gov

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Month	Tues.		Sat.	Workshop Topic
October	13	or	17	Accessing Credit, Part I
November	17	or	21	Accessing Credit, Part II
December	15	or	19	Cost Saving Ideas for the Holidays

Workshops are held on a monthly basis and have been scheduled for through the rest of the year. Every month’s workshop features a different topic. Participants are encouraged to attend on a monthly basis. Participants who attend the entire series of six workshops will receive a \$25 gift card upon completion of all six sessions. Should you miss a month’s workshop, you may attend the missed session during the next series of workshops as the series will repeat on an ongoing basis.

Workshops will always be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:30 till noon, as well as the preceding Tuesday from 5:30 till 8:00 pm. Both days will feature the same topic. Alternate days and times are offered for citizens with different schedules. The location of the workshops is Pokagon Band Head Start building. The financial skills program is connected with the Pokagon Head Start program only in that the workshops are held at Head Start. It is not necessary to have a child enrolled in Head Start in order to for tribal citizens to attend the financial skills workshops. Child care will be available at no charge by trained and certified providers. Attendance is limited to 15 participants. Register now to reserve your spot.



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THANK YOU,

I have been in office one month as I write this article and I must admit I can't remember when I have had such an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I would like to thank the tribal citizens for the faith, trust, and support that you have placed in me as your new Tribal Chairman. I will do my best to live up to your expectations. I appreciate all the kind words and rousing applause at the swearing-in on the 15th of August.

One of several issues I felt was a priority was to improve communication. I will make every effort to provide an article for each edition of our newsletter as well as making myself available to listen to your concerns. I have established, beginning in November, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 1pm to 2pm to listen to your concerns. You may call me at the office at 1-888-376-9988 or my cell at 517-719-5579. I will adjust the times based on call volume if necessary. I will also work with Council to make available more information of interest to our citizens. I believe Council will support a new position and job description for a Communication Director. I expect that the director will oversee almost all tribal communications, including a new and improved newsletter, timely press releases, and develop a media contact list so that we can promote upcoming events in which the tribe is involved. There are too many events, on both the state and local levels, that we are involved in which we don't get appropriate recognition. We should change this and promote the Band as the good neighbor and business partner that we have always pledged to be.



Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Chairman

On August 25th Council Members Marie Manley, Alice Overly, Steve Winchester, John Warren, Elder Council Member Clarence White, lobbyist Noel LaPorte, and I meet with Andrew Norris of the Office of Governor Daniels, and Jamal Smith, Senior Advisor, Minority Affairs. Recognizing that this was the first, if not first ever, meeting with any Governor's Administration in the state of Indiana, the meeting exceeded my expectations. We opened with a brief discussion of the history of the Pokagon Band, by Clarence and John, emphasizing that the Pokagon's are the only federally recognized tribe in the state. The talks involved a discussion of the Indian Commission, identifying our concerns as well as our support of the Governor on this issue. The discussion then became more general in nature focusing more on our desire to develop a government to government relationship, noting what we have accomplished in Michigan and commenting how well things have progressed. While Indiana will be different, based on one tribe not twelve, both Mr. Norris and Mr. Smith, seemed genuinely interested in further talks and even mentioned they would like to visit our community to learn more. They commented to Steve and John as we were leaving that the relationship with the Band will be similar with relationships that they have with other states and even the federal government. We were all very pleased to hear this comment because it showed they were starting to "get it". They said their door is always open and we can call anytime if we need to talk. We absolutely will be following up with developing this relationship.

It was both unfortunate and timely that we had an incident occur in the state of Indiana the very day of this meeting with one of our young people who was reported missing by the family. While the young person returned home safe and sound, it emphasized the lack of a government to government relationship in Indiana. I don't believe the family or the Band received the proper support and service in this situation. We have discussed this internally and the wheels are in motion to make sure a better relationship exists so that if a future event occurs there will be more cooperation between the governments.

The budgeting process for the next fiscal year is almost complete. Included in the budget are improvements to existing programs and a couple of new ones. At this writing council has not fully reviewed the budget, but unlike the State of Michigan, we are not at risk of a government shutdown. I would like to extend my appreciation to the department directors for their diligence in developing budgets that will assist in improving the quality of life for our citizens. I am excited about our future. I believe we are moving in a very good direction in a very good way.

Council is in the process of reviewing legislation for changes as well as preparing new legislation. In my opinion each document we create is a living document that can be changed based on new developments. This isn't a new concept and helps our government function more efficiently.

The ability for our citizens to view council meetings by means of webcasting is near. By the time this newsletter reaches your home, the construction of the basic structure should be started. Robert Willis, our Information and Technology Director has been very diligent in making this a reality. He has the framework for us to post, on a secure website, much of the information our citizens have been asking to review. I attended a meeting with Robert and Kelly with another computer company who is working with the Band to make our technology more secure and user friendly. This is a significant move for us as a government and I hope our citizens will appreciate what we can do once it is up and running. If all things go well, I would anticipate webcasting being up and running by the end of the year.

On another note of interest, by the time this reaches your home, we will have a new Director of Health. Council has filled the position with a person who has the experience and training to move our department forward. A full audit of our facility will be scheduled once the new Director gets settled.

I would also like to welcome our new Human Resource Director, Jim Dybevik. Jim comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. This should not only provide for efficiencies of economy but employee morale. I look forward to the improvements he will bring to our government.

I can't offer enough praise for our Pow Wow Committee. This year's Pow Wow was an excellent example of hard work, commitment to details, and a labor of love. I know there were many people who worked on making this the success that it was, but I would like to make a special note of recognition to Michaelina Magnuson. Mickey made sure Council was in the communication loop from beginning to end. Thank you for that, and thanks again to the entire committee and everyone else who volunteered their time and energy to make this a great event. Next year will be even better as we celebrate our 25th Annual Pow Wow.

In closing, feel free to contact me at any time. My door is always open and my phone is always on.

Matt

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Baby we made it 1 year already and we have many more to come, I love you ,your wife.
Happy Anniversiy Oct 4,2009

Daniel&Barbie Mcnew

Congratulations Ashley Martin on the birth of McKenzie Elizabeth on Sept. 9th, 2009. 9lbs, 6oz. Good job!

Love, The Parker-Johnson Family

Happy 3 year Wedding Anniversary
10/7 Josh

Love, Martha

Happy Belated Anniversary
Gary and Chris Morseau

Love, Martha, Josh,
Sydney, and Peanut

HAPPY 45th BIRTHDAY TO RAYMOND "lil Ray"
MORSEAU JR
ON OCTOBER 9th.
FROM ALL YOUR FRINDS & FAMILY
WE LOVE YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU

Happy Belated September
Birthday Gary Morseau

Love,
Martha, Josh, Sydney,
and Peanut

Happy 43rd Birthday
Raymond Morseau III

Love Mom and Brian

Congratulations to Ana Magnuson for completing her Bachelors Degree of Fine Arts in Furniture Design from Kendall College of Art and Design through Ferris State University. Ana is looking forward to pursuing a career in Los Angeles as a Furniture Designer. What an exciting new venture.

We wish you well Ana,
The Housing Staff

Happy Birthday to the following:

Edward Lopez - Oct. 1
Patty Willis - Oct. 7
Juanita Skipper - Oct. 7
William E. Swisher - Oct. 4
Jennifer A. Wilson - Oct. 10
Terra Wilson - Oct. 12
Mark Wilson - Oct. 15
Christopher Goodrich - Oct. 15
Audrey Swisher Oct. 18
David Lennox - Oct. 20
Charles Skipper - Oct. 25
Joline Swisher - Oct. 29

Happy Anniversary to:
Karen and David Councilman

From Dorothy Burgh

Native American Business Association
Indianapolis, IN

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big "HUGE, THANK YOU" to the Pokagon Band Tribal Council, Midnight Sun drums (Jimmy Wesaw) Todd Miller and Crystal Morseau, Education Office representatives and to the Pokagon Veterans - Ken Rader and Lynn Davidson for participating in the 1st Native American Heritage Day! Special "Thanks" to Melissa Rodriguez for assisting in getting everyone down to Indy!

The day was a success with great responses afterwards. Mayor Ballard and his office were so impressed with the event he is already looking forward to next year!

On a personal basis, I, Gayle "Rusty" Green greatly appreciate the council and members for always backing events here in Indianapolis, IN to bring awareness and education the State and City on Native Americans.

Hi. This is Tracy Wesaw and I wanted the following Thank You put in the next newsletter. Thanks!

The family of Marissa Liggett would like to thank all of you who helped Marissa be found.

An awsome group of people joined together during a time of need and desperation for a common goal. That goal was to help find a young lady who means so much to so many and get her back to a safe environment. Words can never express the gratitude we have for you!

So many people willing to help in whatever was needed to be done was the most touching gesture imaginable.

Hours spent by many of you driving around passing out flyers and following any leads as to where she could be and all of your prayers is what made it possible for us to find her. We will never forget everything you did for us!

We would like to thank everyone including John Warren and singers for showing your support by coming to the candlelight vigil and singing and praying and for sending the "Heart Beat" of the drum out across mother earth to call for her return. She was found the next day!

Love you all!! God Bless!!



Thank ou again, Ribbon Town Singers for letting my son Jacob sit with you and be apart of your group while you sang. He sure enjoyed it with that big grin! Bamapii!

Alicia Jackson and Family

2009 Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Dance Contest Winners

Girls Youth Traditional Ages 5 - 11

1st	Onyleen Zapata	Huron Potawatomi Michigan
2nd	Ofelia Zapata	Huron Potawatomi Michigan
3rd	Mary Bush	Gun Lake Potawatomi Michigan

Girls Youth Jingle Ages 5 - 11

1st	Dajia Shinos	Ojibwa/Odawa Michigan
2nd	Ana Wemigwase	Odawa Michigan
3rd	Maya Schuyler	Oneida/Ojibwa Michigan

Girls Youth Fancy Ages 5 - 11

1st	Tessa Diamond	Oneida/Ojibwa Wisconsin
2nd	Alexa Oldman	Northern Arapho/Odawa Michigan
3rd	Cicilee Shinner	GTB Michigan

Boys Youth Traditional Ages 5 - 11

1st	Alonzo Oldman	Northern Arapho/Odawa Michigan
2nd	Micah Cozad	Dakota/Comanche/Kiowa/Assiniboine Minnesota
3rd	Tobias Pamp	Ojibwa Michigan

Boys Youth Grass Ages 5 - 11

1st	CJ Lasley	Ojibwa/Oneida/Ho-Chunk Michigan
2nd	Jakob Pamp	Ojibwa Michigan
3rd	Everett Webkamigad	Ojibwa/Odawa/Potawatomi Canada

Boys Youth Fancy Ages 5 - 11

1st	Kalab Pamp	Ojibwa Michigan
2nd	Kane Funmaker	Oneida Wisconsin
3rd	Gabe Jackson	Ojibwa Michigan

Teen Girls Traditional Ages 12-17

1st	Ahna Hartico	Potawatomi Kansas
2nd	Cecilia Hill	Navajo/Ojibwa Illinois
3rd	Makayla Webkamigad	Ojibwa/Odawa/Potawatomi Canada

Teen Girls Jingle Ages 12-17

1st	Cassisi Webkamigad	Ojibwa/Odawa/Potawatomi Canada
2nd	Shay Skyler	Oneida/LTBB Odawa Michigan
3rd	Sarah Ballew	Pokagon Potawatomi Michigan

Teen Girls Fancy Ages 12-17

1st	Krysallin Antone	Potawatomi Kansas
2nd	Cassandra Gibson	LTBB Michigan
3rd	Cassie Rowe	Pokagon Potawatomi Michigan

Teen Boys Traditional Ages 12-17

1st	Michael Begay	Navajo Illinois
2nd	Jaime Begay	Navajo Illinois
3rd	Angus Bush	MBPI Michigan

Teen Boys Fancy Ages 12-17

1st	Arlan George	Chippewa/Oneida Michigan
2nd	Calvin Ballew	Pokagon Potawatomi/Ojibwa Michigan
3rd	Nodin Jackson	Ojibwa Michigan

Teen Boys Grass Ages 12-17

1st	Austin Summers	Ho-Chunk/Menominee Wisconsin
2nd	Dominique Cisneros-Watson	
3rd	David Garcia-Wix	Odawa Michigan

Golden Age Women

1st	Debbie Klein	Oneida Michigan
2nd	Rev. Evelyn White Eye	Canada
3rd	Karen Wahwasuek	

Golden Age Men

1st	Mike King	
2nd	Bob St John	Dakota Sioux South Dakota
3rd	Badger Wahwasuck	

Women's Traditional Ages 18 - 49

1st	Melissa Montoya	Ojibwa Michigan
2nd	Angelina Hindsley	Ho-Chunk Wisconsin
3rd	Cheryl Funmaker	Ho-Chunk Wisconsin

Women's Jingle Ages 18 - 49

1st	Cheyenne Petosky	Odawa Michigan
2nd	Iliana Montoya	Ojibwa Michigan
3rd	Alexarae Funmaker	Anishnaabe Michigan

Women's Fancy Ages 18 - 49

1st	Rose Track	Cree Wisconsin
2nd	Heather Schuyler	Oneida/Odawa Michigan
3rd	Alicia Summers	Ho-Chunk/Menominee Wisconsin

Men's Traditional Ages 18 - 49

1st	RJ Smith	Michigan
2nd	Steve Charging Eagle	Minnesota
3rd	Gabe Cleveland	Ho-Chunk Wisconsin

Men's Grass Ages 18-49

1st	Wanbli Charging	Eagle Wisconsin
2nd	Armando Lucio	Apache Indiana
3rd	Calvin Hill	Navajo Illinois

Men's Fancy Ages 18 - 49

1st	Tony Klein	Oneida Wisconsin
2nd	Chad Nedeau	
3rd	James Chupco	Menominee/Seminole/Creek Michigan





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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!



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