

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

September 2008

Summer Youth Internship Program

BOOZHOO SYIP Employees, Department Supervisors and helpers!

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Summer Youth Internship Programs successful! A special thanks of appreciation to the departments and their supervisors for taking time to work with the summer youth employees. Your support helps to provide the opportunity for the summer youth to grow and learn both culturally and professionally and helps the program grow.

To all the summer youth internship program employees, you did a fine job! Keep up the good work! Remember, the experiences and job skills you learned are good resources for your future goals and plans. If you need help with your resume, please give me a call at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 782-0887.

MEGWETCH!

Traci Henslee, Curriculum Associate (SYIP Supervisor)



"I'd like to thank the youth group for doing another fine job working with the Maintenance staff this summer. They are a great group of fine young men who did their parents proud! Thanks so much, Marah Starrett, Dylan Johnson, Richard & Michael Rodriguez, Derek & Cody Carpenter, it was a pleasure working with you guys. "Pokagon Mike" & Crew."



Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

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

Newsletter

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

Identification

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published.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 Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

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

Etiquette

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

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

Where to send submissions:

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

This issue and past issues (2 months prior) of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.

To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for membership submissions for the October newsletter will be September 14. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

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

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

South Bend Area Office Schedule

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

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

Tuesday -1st Tuesday of the month:	Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month:	Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month:	Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month:	Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday:	Behavioral Health Counselor

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

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

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

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

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



ELDER OF THE MONTH

Michael D. Rapp
Touquin, Michigan

Michael D. Rapp Jr. D.O.B. 3-15-1942, 66 years old. Parents are Michael D. Rapp Sr. and Agnes (Aggie) Rapp. Brothers Dan Rapp and (Sam Rapp-passed away this year) sister, Cindy Rapp.

Married: to Kuscuitta Rapp with three daughters Debbie, Kathy, and Michella. Lived at Touquin for the last 32 years, a little hamlet northwest of Hartford, at the corner of Co. Line Rd. and CR 376.

I was the Chaplain at the Berrien County Jail for 20 years. I was a Missionary for the Forgotten Man Ministries station at the jail. Sheriff Nick

Jewel, Sheriff Steve Marshque, Sheriff Robert Kimmerly and Sheriff Paul Bailey, Chaplain under these Sheriff. Kuscuito (my wife) was the Chaplain to the women for 15 years. We worked together organizing the religious activities inside the jail. This work was very interesting. People making wrong choices, young people addicted to drugs and alcohol. Then there was the big crime (murder) most of these had an emotional effect on the person. Then there was the cold blooded person, who was not guilty. The saddest was the women caught up in all of this with children. Out of High School I worked in the grocery food industry, from bag boy to store manager.

I was born at Lake City at home, we moved to Benton Harbor, MI. I was 2 years old we lived at Morton Hill in an apartment. Dad got a job at Paramount Die Casting, we moved to Fairplain, on Jakeway Ave. Mom said "Do Not Go Near The River" (St. Joseph) We Did!!! Fell in, swam and fished there, the whole neighborhood would meet at the swimming hole, a great time.

We retired at age 62, our life now is to help grandchildren make it in this life. Our love and life are these great grandchildren that the Lord of Heaven and Earth has given us. Life has had its hard times, sad times, and good times we have enjoyed them all. More to write about but little time.

Hobbies are Pike fishing, Golfing, travel and teaching grand and great children fishing and golfing.

September 2008 Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

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

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1 CLOSED LABOR DAY	2 Salmon Patties Baked Potato Green Bean Casserole Fruit/ Roll Tomato Salad	3 Grilled Brats Grilled Vegetables/Potatoes Fruit Salad Rolls Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	4 Business Chicken Pot Pie Spinach Salad Fruit/Rolls Pumpkin Pie	5 Pizza Day OR Stuffed Green Peppers Tossed Salad Jell-O W/Fruit
8 Beef Vegetable Soup W/Dumplings Grilled Cheese Sandwich Coleslaw Watermelon	9 Fish Macaroni and Cheese Tossed Salad Brussels Sprouts Fruit/Rolls	10 Barbeque Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Baked Beans Tomato Salad Fruit Salad/Rolls	11 Language Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn on the Cob Tossed Salad Fruit/Rolls	12 Grilled Pork Chops Wild Rice Squash Berries Rolls
15 Hot and Barbeque Chicken Wings Cheese Potatoes Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit/Rolls	16 Buffalo Tacos W/Lettuce, tomatoes, beans, and cheese Fruit Blueberry Pie	17 Beef Stir Fry W/Rice Banana Pudding W/Vanilla Wafers Tossed Salad/Rolls	18 Social Grilled Pork Steaks Sweet Potatoes Corn Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit/Rolls	19 Tuna Casserole W/Mixed Veggies Beets Tossed Salad Cornbread/Fruit
22 Closed Reaffirmation Day	23 Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, and Cheese Casserole Apple Crisp Cornbread	24 Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links Melon Cranberry Juice	25 Language Baked Salmon Alfredo Noodles Spinach Fruit/Rolls Apple Pie	26 Buffalo Burgers on the Grill Potato Salad Coleslaw Fruit
29 Boiled Dinner (sausage, beans, potatoes, onions, cabbage, corn) Cornbread/ Cottage Cheese W Fruit Angel food Cake W Strawberries	30 Hot Beef Manhattan Mashed Potatoes Bread/Asparagus/Fruit/Sherbet	Note: 2% Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/burgers.		



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.

0705	Matthew	Thomas	Morris
0847	Cecilia	Marie	Barger
0857	Peter	John	Ramirez
0881	Robert	Dwayne	Antidel
1050	Jennifer	Marie	Green
1180	Joshua	Scott	Perkins
1204	Kara	Liana	Brown
1283	Jodi	Lynn	Burfield
1369	Ted	Thomas	Wesaw
1445	Michael	David	Bush
1506	Michaela	Lynne	Canard
1674	Christina	Elizabeth	Winter
1788	Amanda	Renee	Underwood
1837	Steven	Ray	O'Brien
2014	Jenny	Ruth	Collins
2050	Terina	Da	Meier
2175	Jordon	Matthew	Heflin
2183	Coy	George	Davison
2188	Adela	Nmn	Galvan
2644	Phyllis	Ann	Thompson
2650	Andrea	Rene	Rider
2712	Christopher	John	Tanner
2713	Tamara	Lynn	Tanner
2723	Sean	Ryan	Carmody
2784	Michael	Francis	Pillow
2789	James	Harris	Walsh
2795	Edward	F	Cushway
2805	Isabel	Marie	Campos
2952	John	Anthony	Montano
2992	Jacob	Ammon	Worthington
3166	Tiffany	Melissa	Moor
3266	Bradley	Joseph	Ramirez
3467	Keith	Wesley	Rider
3809	Michel	Christian	Cook
4020	Kelly	Renee	Granado

The following Tribal members had their July 2008 Per Capita checks returned by the Post Office. Please call Julie Farver at 269-782-8998 or 800-517-0777. You must also call Judy Augusta at the enrollment office to update your address, 269-782-1763 or 888-782-1001.

- Jessie David Ballew
- Eric Randall Blevins
- Katherine A Carlton
- Elena Jean Dewey
- Frank Lee Gallegos Jr
- Cindy Jane Hill
- Jeffrey Marunycz
- Gregory Matulaitis
- Jonathon Morris
- Christine Morseau
- Gary Morseau
- Taylor Morseau
- Sarah Pillow
- Michele Reynolds
- Alexis Rodriguez
- Sarah Schippers
- Andrew Trusler
- Joseph Scott Winchester Jr.



ATTENTION: POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified Members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This program is intended to supplement, but not replace, federal, state, and county assistance programs. Should you have any questions or would like to apply for this program call: The Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998.

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to

respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221



Annual Joint Meeting of Tribal Council and Tribal Judiciary Held on July 16, 2008

On July 16, 2008, the Pokagon Band Tribal Council and the Pokagon Band Judiciary held their annual joint meeting. Tribal Council and the Judiciary have met on an annual basis since the establishment of the Tribal courts in 2003. The meeting is designed to share information to keep each other informed and to foster collaboration between the two branches of government to ensure that both are working together to meet community needs. Thus, the meeting is structured to update each other on activities, future plans, share other relevant information, discuss needs and review report information supported by statistics and other data. In addition to the collaboration between Tribal Council and the Judiciary, it is also a time meet face to face. Busy schedules and distances make it difficult to meet in person, but Tribal Council and the Judiciary are dedicated to holding an annual meeting to continue the strong collaborative relationship between the two branches of government.

Chief Judge Michael Petoskey presented information and accomplishments about the Court. The Chief Judge spoke about the current work of the Judiciary under the Pokagon Band Tribal Constitution. The Tribal Constitution mandates that the Court of Appeals establish and amend general rules for practice, procedure and evidence in the Tribal Court and the Court of Appeals. The Judiciary is accomplishing this with the development and adoption of Chapters of Court Rules and Administrative Orders. Current Chapters of Court Rules and Administrative Orders can be found on the Pokagon Band's website. The Judiciary is currently working under a Tribal Court Assistance Grant to draft rules of civil procedure and rules of evidence. The work on these Chapters of Court Rules are close to completion.

The Chief Judge presented the Judiciary's work involving technical revisions and amendments to the current Court Rules. The Judiciary understands that court rules may need revision from time to time to "fine tune" them. Thus, the Judiciary is now working on technical revisions and amendments to the following Chapters of Court Rules:

Court Rules for Small Claims; and
Court Rules for Recognition of Foreign Judgments.

The revisions and amendments will better address such matters as recognition of foreign court subpoenas and warrants, and removal of small claims matters from the Small Claims Division to the General Civil Division of the Court.

Each year the Court provides Tribal Council a joint meeting report. Included with the report is statistical data of cases transferred or filed in Tribal Court. The Chief Judge presented data on the numbers and types of cases transferred or filed in Tribal Court since the opening of the Four Winds Casino Resort. The case numbers demonstrate the dramatic increase and steady growth in caseload handled by the Court. From July 31, 2007 to July 16, 2008, two hundred seventy six (276) cases were transferred or filed in Tribal Court. Many of the cases involve the recognition of foreign court judgments and orders which may include child support orders, monetary judgments, bankruptcy orders, student loan payment orders, and wage assignment orders. The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is a separate sovereign within the family of governments that exist within the United States. As a sovereign government, the Pokagon Band Tribal Council provides substantive law and

the Tribal Judiciary provides court rules for procedure and practice before the Pokagon Band Tribal courts. Tribal law and Tribal Court Rules require that a foreign order or judgment be recognized by the Tribal Court before it is enforced.

As presented by the Chief Judge, the Court is committed to providing Tribal Council and the Tribal community information about the activities of the Court. The Court will continue to provide updated information about cases before the Court. However, as explained by the Chief Judge, although the numbers and types of cases help to demonstrate what the Court is involved in, it may not fully explain the work that the Court must accomplish within the cases. To give a better explanation, the Court provided Tribal Council some of the forms developed by the Court to further update Tribal Council on the work that the Court is accomplishing.

The Court Administrator provided an overview of the development of Court forms on an everyday basis. The Court Administrator presented information about how forms state procedures that parties are to follow and what actions parties may need to take within a case. Also, Court forms direct parties to do as ordered by the Court. The Court is addressing new types of matters everyday with the expansion of the Pokagon Band's laws and economic development. Each type of matter has lead to the Court having to develop new forms. Further, even though a case may be the same "type" of case already presented before the Court in the past, new circumstances can lead to the creation of an order that must meet the new circumstances before the Court. Therefore, as presented, a great deal of work is spent in this area.

The Tribal Judiciary heard from Tribal Council about the forecast for the future of the Pokagon Band community. The Court was provided an overview on issues such as recommending collaboration to develop systems for adoptions and guardianships and recommendations of additional Court filing fees as requested by Tribal Council. The Court was also provided with information about new laws and procedures being developed by Tribal Council and the Office of General Counsel. The information helps the Tribal Judiciary to prepare for current activities and plan for future needs as they may occur.

Overall, the meeting allowed for an open dialog between Tribal Council and the Judiciary, an opportunity to ask questions and provide information. The Judiciary and Tribal Council embraced the opportunity to meet again and hear about the progress the Band has accomplished and continues to make. Both are committed to this annual event.

Submitted by Stephen H. Rambeaux, Tribal Court Administrator.



Pokagon Band Annual Men's Health Fair

Target Audience: Men enrolled in federally-recognized tribes
 When: Wednesday, October 22, 2008
 Time: 3 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. *
 Where: Pokagon Health Services Department
 57392 M-51 South
 Dowagiac, MI 49047

*Earlier fasting labs by appointment

We will offer the same labs and exams as last year along with fun activities and great prizes!
We look forward to seeing you!!



HOUSING

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

Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

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

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

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

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Student Rental Assistance Program



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

We're Here to Help!

To qualify you must:

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

You may attend school anywhere in the world!

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

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MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



September 9th
HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY
Jakob Cardinal Lane Baham
We love you angel!!

Love,
Mommy, Granny & Josh

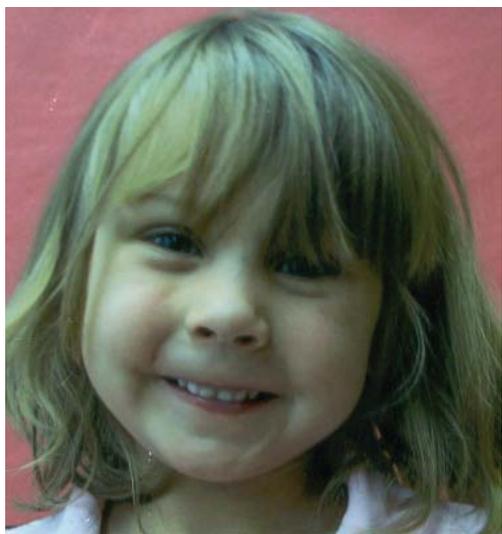
Happy tenth birthday, Jacob (10th birthday). We are so proud of your good grades in school. Hope you have a great year in fifth grade. You and Dad enjoy your fishing trips. We love you .

Papa Ron and Grandma McK-inney

Happy Birthday.
Gary Morseau.
Love, Martha Ann, Josh,
and Sydney



Congratulations Nicole Graves graduating from IUSB Nursing School May 6, 2008. Passing state boards July 19, 2008. Now R.N. in Oncology at Elkhart General Hospital. We are so proud. Grand daughter of late Wanda Topash Campbell. Daughter of Jill and Jeff Byrket.



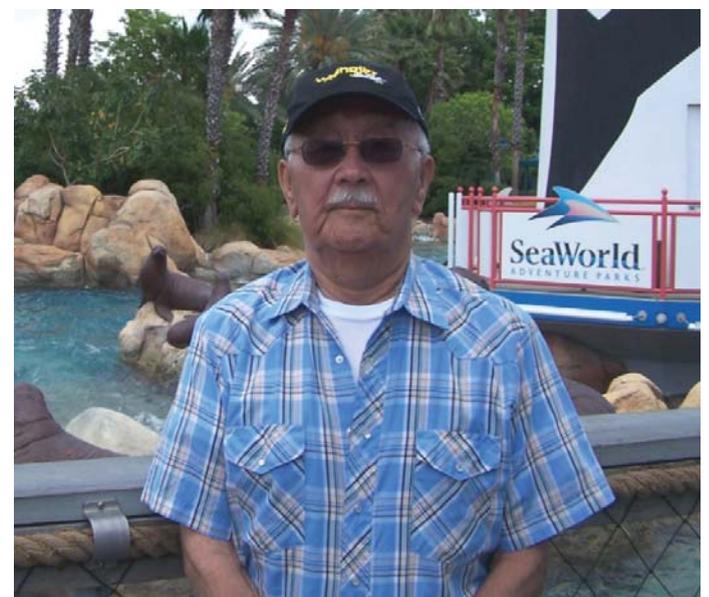
Mshak Gigyagonan (Our Big Girl),
Noe'g Pon Wges (She is seven years old.)
Shyanne Nichole Newsome, Happy Birthday! (Sept. 1st).
Gtabaginan pine' (We love you always.)
Mom - Jennifer Gulick, Dad-Victor Newsome,
Gampa - Vic Starrett, Aunt/Uncle-Tina and Butch Starrett,
Aunt - Donna Starrett and the rest of the family.



Bonnie Gibson

Happy Birthday Bonnie! You are a wonderful daughter and sister and we love you very much. Here's hoping your birthday is extra special. You are the kindest, most caring person we know and we send you our love and prayers today and always.

We love you!
Dad, Jim, Crystal, and Peggy



Bud Gibson

Happy Birthday Dad! You are the best and we love and admire you more than you can know. You have been a tower of strength and courage and we hope your birthday is as wonderful as you! Our love and prayers are with you not only on your birthday, but every day.

Your adoring family!
Bonnie, Jim, Crystal, and Peggy

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 10th Birthday
Kayley May Gillette

Love, All of your family

Happy Birthday To a
great Kentucky Son-in-
Law. Hope to see you
soon. Have great birthday.

Love you, Dad and Mom
McKinney

Daniel also known as DaDa . Happy Birthday
to our first born grandson. Hope you have a
great day. We wish happiness and joy for you
always.

We love you. Papa Ron and
Grandma McKinney

Happy 19th Anniversary, Gary
and Chris Morseau.

Love, Martha Ann, Josh, and
Sydney.

Attention Pokagon Veterans

A meeting call for all Pokagon Veterans (combat and peacetime) at Rogers Lake in the pavillion behind the Lodge to discuss by-laws, organization and future projects. Meeting time is Saturday, 8:00 a.m., September 13, 2008.

If you can not make this meeting please call me at (616) 245-4316.
Roger Williams



Congratulations! David, Rhonda, Sierra
to the new addition to your family.

Love, your family.

Learn the Language

Wénije/Who
Family terms

Nin	Me or I
Gin	You
Win	Him or Her
Nijanes	My child
Ngwes	My son
Ndanes	My daughter
Gijanes	Your child
GGwes	Your son
Gdanes	Your daughter
Nos	My father
Ngyé	My mother
Nikan	Friend/Brother
Ntawes	Cousin
Nshimé	Younger sibling

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm at the community center in Gun lake.

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

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Dowagiac Education on Sept 18th.

Pokagon Mishawaka office classes are on Sept 25th from 7-9pm. Catch a ride at the Department of Education in Dowagiac. The van leaves at 5:30pm. Please bring money for dinner. Please call Matthew Morsaw at 1-888-330-1234 if you plan to ride, since there is limited room in the van.

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



Happy Birthday Daughter
From Mom and Dad

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Pokagon Band Council for the chance to work in the Summer Youth Internship Program this summer. We spent our hours in the Maintenance Department and really enjoyed learning and meeting new people. We want to send a special thank you to Michael Jackson and his crew, Bob Linn Sr., Oddil Shaer, and Richard Shingwauk, we really appreciate the time you took with us you guys are the best! You added to a wonderful summer vacation from school! We look forward to seeing you guys around! Thanks again.

Michael and Richard Newcomer



Pokagon Band Head Start

The first day of school is Tuesday September 2, 2008! School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30. We provide transportation to the Dowagiac & Hartford area with central pick-up and drop-off locations (the bus route is limited to no longer than one hour with children on the bus). We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The Potawatomi Language and Culture and incorporated throughout each day. Each week the center begins with an opening ceremony and ends each week with a closing ceremony.

Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year

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

Volunteers

Summer is a time for planning for the upcoming school year. This is also a great time to sign up as a volunteer for the next school year. 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. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! We will be looking for any donations for small and large pumpkins for the kids to decorate in class and for families to carve for family fun night in October. If you or you know of someone who would like to donate pumpkins, please contact us at the center.

Items that we are always looking for: Inexpensive tennis balls to put on the bottom of the kids' chair so they do not scratch the floor, play dough, wet wipes, one time use disposable cameras, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles or any school supplies. If you would like to donate any of these items or have any thing else in mind, please drop them by the Center.

September Birthdays:
Mrs. Kathy Sweeney 9/4

October Birthdays:
Jacoba West Jr. 10/12
Happy 4th Birthday!

Joshua Winchester-Jones 10/20
Happy 3rd Birthday!

Family Fun Night

The September Family Fun Night is scheduled for Thursday September 25, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

We will be holding Policy Council & Parent Committee Elections. Each Head Start Program needs to have a Parent Policy Council Representative and a Community Policy Council Representative. Policy Council Members can hold up to a three-year seat. Policy Council Representatives are a part of the decision making for our Head Start Programs. Policy Council Representatives are a part of the hiring/firing process of Head Start Staff, overview and approve Head Start budget, overview and approve Head Start policies & procedures, report to other Head Start Programs about activities and accomplishments of our Head Start Program, are a part of the Federal Review Process and attend meetings at ITC-Central Meetings with the other 6 Head Start sites for collaboration.

Samantha Townsend has been the Parent Policy Council Representative for the last year, and will be able to hold a seat for an additional two years.

Tom Topash has been the Community Policy Council Representative for the last three years, so unfortunately this was Tom's last year. So we are in need of a new Community Representative. If you are interested, or have any questions please contact the center.

We will also be doing a parent awareness training on bus & pedestrian safety.

The October Family Fun Night is scheduled for Thursday October 30, 2008 from 6:00-8:00. We will be carving pumpkins, having a Halloween Party and other activities.

A Special Thanks:

The ITC-Pokagon Band Head Start Program would like to recognize the Pokagon Fund for their kind and generous award of \$74,825 to purchase a new school bus. The Pokagon Band Head Start Program owned a 1999 small school bus that was permanently red-tagged for school use at the end of the 2007-2008 School Year.

The Pokagon Band Head Start Program investigated all avenues for possible funding, and there was no funding available to replace the bus. The ITC-Pokagon Band Head Start Program applied for the grant in May of 2008 and received an award letter on June 9, 2008.

The program would like to recognize the Pokagon Fund for such a quick turn around for this award. The program was on tight time constraints to order and receive a new school bus before the start of school in September. Thanks to the quick response from the Pokagon Fund, the new school bus will be delivered in the middle of August, just in time for school!

This funding will ensure that the Head Start children can continue to receive early childhood development/education services on a regular basis and that they are provided with safe and reliable transportation on a daily basis.

Thank you,
Sarah Hyatt, Pokagon Band Head Start Center Director
Pokagon Head Start Children, Families & Staff
Inter-Tribal Council Of Michigan, Inc.

Adult Education

Are you Native American tribal cardholder living in our 10-county service area, 18 years old or older and low-income, who needs assistance to complete your GED?

Are you a Pokagon Band member residing in any region of the United States 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 Building Assistance/Workshop

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:

A Resume Workshop is being scheduled at the Pokagon Band Offices in Dowagiac, October 4th and the Mishawaka Office on November 1st.

If you are interested in attending either one of these workshops, please call Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 for further information.

K-12 Programs Available

During the School Year for Pokagon Band Members through the Department of Education

- **School Supplies Reimbursement Program**
All tribal youth, attending school from Pre-K-12th grades are eligible for a yearly \$50 reimbursement for school related items and other supplies for extracurricular activities.
- **Backpacks**
All tribal youth, attending school from Pre K-12th grades are eligible for backpacks/ gym bags / messenger bags(based on availability)
- **One-to-One Tutoring**
Tutoring is available to K-12th grade students in the 10 county area attending public school. Services are limited and are based on academic need. It is best to contact the Department of Education at the beginning of the school year to accommodate a student's schedule.
- **After School Enrichment Labs**
There will be two locations this school year for after school labs which will focus on homework assistance and culturally based academics. There will be a Monday lab at the Pokagon Head Start Building in Dowagiac with transportation provided from Dowagiac public schools. There is also a Wednesday lab scheduled at the Red Arrow Elementary School in Hartford.
- **High School Success Program**
This is a financial support program from high school seniors. The program will pay or reimburse for a students graduation cap and gown, one ACT or SAT test, and up to \$100 in college application fees.
- **College Visits**
High school students are invited to participate in one day and overnight visits to universities and colleges in Michigan and Indiana.

For more details, please contact Heather Pauley at 1-888-330-1234 or at heather.pauley2@pokagon.com.

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors! Attention Community College Students! (AND parents!)

On, Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 6PM, The 31st Annual St. Joseph County College Fair, with representatives from over 80-100 universities, colleges and technical schools, will take place at the Century Center in South Bend. This is a great opportunity to visit with numerous schools all in one setting. Collect general information, talk about financial aid, talk about different programs all in ONE NIGHT!

If you are interested in attending the event, please contact Chad Dee, Higher Education Specialist at 269-782-0887 to make arrangements! We will be carpooling from the Education Department located on Sink Road in Dowagiac.

Departure time is 5 PM SHARP.
(Please eat prior to attending as there will not be enough time to stop for dinner.) Estimated return time is 9 PM.

Attention College Students and College Graduates:

The Department of Education is looking for tribal members who have participated in college internship programs. If you have participated in a program of which you would like other tribal members to know about, please contact Chad Dee, the Higher Education Specialist by telephone at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at chad.dee@pokagon.com .

Information on Receiving Backpacks

Backpacks will be available at the Pow wow on August 30th-31st at the Department of Education Office.

Saturday, August 30th 11 am-6 pm
Sunday, August 31st Noon-4 pm

Backpacks will also be available in the Dowagiac Office after the Pow wow dates.

For more information, please contact Heather Pauley @ 1-888-330-1234.

Backpacks and school supplies are available for the following students:

- All Pokagon Band members in grades Pre-K-12th grade (residing anywhere)
- All Native American students from federally recognized tribes attending public school in the 10 county service area
- All Native American students from state recognized tribes attending specific school districts in the 10 county service area

Parents/guardians of eligible students must complete a "2008-2009 Application for Pre K-12 Services" form. This form must be signed by the legal parent/guardian and a copy of the student's tribal card must be given.

PLEASE NOTE: If anyone besides the parent/guardian is planning to pick-up a backpack, that person MUST bring the application form signed by the legal parent/guardian along with the copy of the student's tribal card.



Summer School 2008

July 31 concluded the five week run of Pokagon Summer School 2008. This year forty students registered, and we had three classrooms staffed by wonderful teachers and dedicated summer youth interns in addition to Education and Head Start staff. We used a holistic approach in constructing curriculum that would allow students to grow both academically and culturally. This year's theme was "Native Americans: Many Tribes, One Nation," which turned the classroom focus to Native Nations across North America. Often, lesson plans integrated cultural explorations of indigenous people of Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, and Mexico as well as our own neighboring tribes. Anishinabe cultural presentations and teachings were the foundation for the second session of each day.

The first session of each day was dedicated to the core subject areas of Math, English, Social Studies, and Science. Each child was able to build upon the knowledge acquired from the previous school year and delve into some concepts that may be introduced in the fall. In addition, reading, writing, and listening comprehension were taught in imaginative ways by each classroom. The kindergarten and first grade room viewed *Walking With Grandfather*, a film in which two children learn valuable lessons about nature and life while walking with a Lakota elder. The second, third, and fourth graders learned about the pain of loss and the power of loyalty from a cantankerous dog in the book *Summer of Riley*, by Eve Bunting. In room three, the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders had the opportunity to write their own books based off of creative writing prompts that allowed them to be superheroes and interact with aliens!

The second session of each day brought many wonderful presenters from our community. During week three, naturalists Chuck and Mindy from Sarett Nature Center taught the children about ducks with teeth, frogs that bark, and birds that stand on their tiptoes—all animals local to our area. We also received a visit from talented artist, Michele Gauthier, who inspired the children with her storytelling and drawing technique. Throughout all five weeks, Majel DeMarsh, John, Winchester, and Frank Barker shared their knowledge of the Potawatomi language with the students. The children learned numbers, colors, introduction phrases, face parts, table settings, foods, firekeeper words, and fishing words.



On the last Wednesday of summer school, the children were able to use some of what they learned around the sacred fire kept by John Winchester. School ended with a wonderful picnic courtesy of Mr. Paul and the summer youth interns. Chi Megwetch to all of the teachers, interns, staff, presenters, and community members whose support made our program a success!



Education Awards Banquet

The Department of Education's annual Awards Banquet was held on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at Southwestern Michigan College. Over fifty students were recognized for their outstanding achievements, including eight High School graduates and four College graduates. Sharon Winters gave the invocation and John T. Warren and Rich and Minisno Shingwauk sang an honor song. Department of Education temp staff member and recent college graduate Casey Kasper gave the keynote address. Goffey Wabaunsee catered the event with some very delicious traditional foods. We are extremely proud of our hard working students and wish them the best of luck in this coming school year. If you have any questions about the various programs and opportunities offered by the Department of Education, please feel free to contact us at any time.



Summer Enrichment Program

Young members of the Pokagon community gained a new and exciting program this summer through the Department of Education's Pokagon Summer Enrichment Program. Thanks to the support of the Tribal Council, twenty-two 7th - 12th Grade youth have attended various workshops, camps, seminars, and summer classes. Each student has been able to receive up to \$500 reimbursement to attend the event of their choice. There has been a wide variety of experiences made possible, including camps for music, sports, life enrichment, and even a plane ticket to our own Summer Culture Camp.

Each person has been asked to send in a report about their experience. While not all of the reports are in, yet, an appreciation for the Tribe's support is obvious. Discovering new skills and strengths, new friendships, bonding with team-mates, and building self confidence are among the benefits these students experienced. Nicole Harjer, who attended the Muskegon Career Tech Center, may have discovered a career she'd like to pursue in college - Culinary Arts. She said that the experience of learning to cook "was a lot better than sitting at home and watching T.V.!"



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

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

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

Tutoring Services

Tutoring is available for the 2008-2009 school year for Native American students in the 10 county service area attending public schools. Now is a good time to find out more information about the tutoring services.

Please contact Penny Brant, Education Coordinator, at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at penny.brant@pokagon.com

Tutors Wanted

The Department of Education's K-12 Program is seeking tutors for the upcoming 2008-2009 School year. Tutors would work in the Pokagon Band 10 county service area.

Interested tutors must:

- Be committed to tutor for the entire 2008-2009 school year (2-4 hrs weekly per assigned student for 32 weeks)
- Be willing to submit and able to pass required background checks
- Have graduated from high school (Preference will be given to college graduates and those with some college background)
- Have a strong academic background in Reading/ English, Math or Science
- Be willing to attend any necessary training

If you are interested in more information, please contact Penny Brant, Education Coordinator, at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at penny.brant@pokagon.com

Traditional Healer

Healer Jake Pine will be in our community to provide his gift of healing to our people on the days below. To schedule an appointment, contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate @ 1-888-330-1234. Times are 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with appointments being in half hour increments. On August 30th is 9:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

August 27, 28, 29, 30
September 24, 25, 26

Remember to bring your sema!

AT&T Native American Political Leadership Program

The George Washington University's Semester In Washington ~ Washington's most respected political leadership semester program ~ announces its 2009 AT&T Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP).

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS

In January 2009, a select group of qualified Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students will receive individual scholarships to cover tuition, fees, housing, books and other expenses. As a participant in NAPLP you will have the opportunity to:

Spend a semester in the nation's capital while taking classes at GW

Participate in hands-on internships

Interact with political leaders and policy makers

Receive academic credit for classroom study

Study issues of importance to Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities

You will learn key elements of political campaigns and governance such as:

Message development Media production Fundraising

Voter targeting Direct Mail Lobbying

You will return to your campus knowing what it takes to win elections, form coalitions, pass legislation and influence the processes that affect your community.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested students who are enrolled members of a Native community or possess proof of ancestry may apply online or by downloading and mailing the application to SIW Admissions, The George Washington University, 1922 F Street, NW, Room 401-A, Washington, DC 20052.

For further information, call (202)994-8908 or, toll-free, 1-800-367-4776 or email us at NAPLP@gwu.edu.

For an on-line application, visit siwpolitics.gwu.edu

For scholarship application form, visit www.gwu.edu/~siw/politics/naplp

In addition to the application form, SIW requires the following:

One letter of recommendation

Official transcripts of all college academic work

A current resume

Scholarship application form

Indication of Tribal Enrollment and/or Native American (American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian) ancestry.

Application DEADLINE for SPRING 2009 is October 15, 2008
siwpolitics.gwu.edu/



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

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

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

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

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

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

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

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

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

Please call for an appointment today!



HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
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