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### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual NCGLNAC Pow Wow to Benefit Local Organizations and People**

**May 26, 2009. Portland, Indiana.** The Jay County Helping Hands Food Pantry and the Portland Lions Club will both benefit from people attending the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual NCGLNAC Gathering of Great Lakes Nations Pow Wow June 13 and 14. The event is sponsored by National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. (NCGLNAC) at the Tri-State Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Grounds, 1010 Morton Street in Portland, Indiana.

NCGLNAC has asked the Jay County Helping Hands Food Pantry to have collection containers at the entrance to the Grounds for donations of non-perishable food items by the people that come to enjoy the pow wow. All donated food items will be used to assist area families hurt by the economic downturn.

In addition, the Portland Lions Club will receive a percentage of the gate admissions to use for their Portland area philanthropic programs. The higher the attendance, the higher the donation to the Portland Lions Club!

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Great Lakes Nations Pow wow is a celebration of the Great Lakes Native Americans and their culture. It features Native American drums, singers and dancers from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday June 13 and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday June 14. Award-winning Cherokee musician Michael Jacobs will present live performances of his American “roots” music, a mixture of pop, rock, folk and Native American, at 12 noon and 6 p.m. Saturday, June 13 and at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 14. Other activities of the event on both days include Native American vendors from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Alabama, Arizona and Tennessee, Native American foods, a pre-1840 living history camp complete with atlatl and tomahawk demonstrations, artisan demonstrations, and children’s activities which include storytelling, clay pinch pots and beaded necklaces. All activities, including the live performances by Michael Jacobs are included in the gate admission of \$4 per person, children under 12 free with a maximum of \$15 per carload for families. Parking is free. Camping is available on site for \$15 per night including electricity.

National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. was formed as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 educational organization. The Center is composed of Native and non-Native members whose mission is to continue and preserve traditional Great Lakes Native American art, history and culture by helping pass those traditions on to Native People and by educating the general public about the importance of Great Lakes Native peoples, their art, history and culture. NCGLNAC now owns nearly 30 acres (generously donated by the Jay County Fair Board) of beautiful, wooded land, complete with pond and wetlands, located just north of the Jay County Fairgrounds in Portland. The first ethno-botanical hiking trail is nearing completion and was opened to the public in 2008.



Andy Norman at an earlier NCGLNAC Gathering

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