



## Pokagon Band World War II Veteran Shares Experiences as a Prisoner of War in Germany

By Jennifer Dougherty

The majority of tribal citizens learn about World War II in history classes. Others may hear first hand accounts of the war experience from family members. And a select few tribal citizens are WWII veterans themselves. Richard Rider is one of those veterans, but his story has a different twist. Not only did Rider serve overseas, but he also endured 14 months as a prisoner of war in Germany.

On March 16, 1943, just few months after his eighteenth birthday, Rider was drafted into the military. He was inducted at Fort Custer in Michigan and was sent to Camp Butler in North Carolina where he received infantry training. In November 1943, Rider found himself heading off to the warfront. He boarded a ship in Newport News, Virginia and landed in Oran, North Africa seven days later. Though he had traveled thousands of miles from his home already, his long journey was just beginning.

Rider's unit traveled by boxcar to Bizerte, Tunisia. They were promptly sent by landing ship tank to Salerno, Italy where Rider was assigned to the 157th Regiment, 45th Division. His outfit was assigned to take the beachhead



Richard Rider

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### Veterans Preparing for Memorial Day

Memorial Day is fast approaching, and the Ogitchedaw veterans group has a full schedule of activities for veterans, their families and the community.

<b>Veterans Sweat Lodge</b>	<b>6:00 p.m., Saturday, May 21</b>
<b>3rd Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament</b>	<b>Friday, May 27</b>
<b>Eagle Staff Ceremony</b>	<b>7:00 a.m., Saturday, May 28</b>
<b>Dowagiac Memorial Day Parade</b>	<b>Monday, May 30</b>

#### Sweat Lodge

All Veterans are welcome as Clarence Syrette conducts a sweat lodge Saturday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. A feast for the Eagle Staff will follow.

#### 3rd Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament

Local veteran groups will be honored and all veterans are encouraged to participate. The public is invited. Entry deadline is May 16. See flyer for more information.

#### Veterans Eagle Feather Ceremony

The Veteran Committee would like to invite the community to recognize their families' veterans, living or deceased, on Saturday morning, May 28. The committee encourages families to recognize their veteran family members, native or non-native, by bringing a family eagle feather to be honored and placed on the veterans Eagle Staff. Please remember that the eagle feather must be ready to hang in traditional fashion. For a family

to commemorate a veteran the following information is needed:

- Name:
- Rank:
- Branch of service:
- Date of service:
- Campaigns:
- Medals:
- POW, MIA, KIA, WIA, and date:

The morning will begin with a pipe ceremony at 7 a.m. at the sacred fire pit on the Rodgers Lake campus. All family members are invited. If you cannot attend, please give your feather and veteran's information to veteran who is attending. Breakfast will be served after the ceremony.

To R.S.V.P. or ask questions, please contact Roger Williams, Veterans Committee secretary, at 616-245-4316, by e-mail at [kchinodin@hotmail.com](mailto:kchinodin@hotmail.com) or by mail at the administration building address below.

#### Veterans Gravesite Flags

If you would like an American flag placed at your veteran's resting

place, they will be available starting May 2 at the Administration Building. Please contact Melissa Rodriguez, senior administrative assistant, at 269-462-4200, or at the administration building address below.

#### Joining the Ogitchedaw Society

Registration forms are available for the Ogitchedaw Society (Veterans Committee). Upon completion and return of registration forms and proper documentation, you will receive a branch of service hat and Ogitchedaw shirt. To obtain a registration form, please contact Ervin (Butch) Starrett, Veterans Committee chairman, at the administration building address below. The Code Development is available for review by any tribal veteran; please contact Ervin (Butch) Starrett at:

Pokagon Band  
of Potawatomi Indians  
Administration Building  
Attn. Ervin (Butch) Starrett  
P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047

## Pokagon Band World War II Veteran Shares Experiences, *continued*

at Anzio. Unfortunately, his group was surrounded and captured by German forces on Feb. 22, 1944.

The Germans held his group in a small camp in Italy, but later moved them farther north. They were loaded on 40 x 8 foot boxcars, on hundred men per car, and were sent to Stalag VIIB in Memmingen, Germany. Because of Rider's private first class rank, he was assigned to work detail. They repaired railroads and buried the bodies of dead Germans who had been deceased for days.

"Anyone who ranked below a staff sergeant had to work. We worked long days, and had very little food," recalls Rider. The prisoners survived on a small cup of broth and slice of bread per day.

"The bread was mostly sawdust," said Rider. "I lost 43 pounds during my time in captivity." Prisoners had no access to showers and developed body lice. Despite the horrific conditions they were exposed to each day, every member of his unit survived incarceration. After a grueling 14 months, the men were liberated on April 14, 1944.

Prior to his capture, Rider sustained injuries that damaged his hearing and one of his eyes. "I was standing guard at the entrance to a cave, and a bomb hit overhead," said Rider. "A commissioned officer happened to be there, and he took all of my information." Because his injuries were documented, he received awards after the war. Rider was awarded a Purple Heart, European Campaign 2 Battle Stars, a Bronze Star, a World War II Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, and the Prisoner of War Medal, and an American Campaign Medal.

"It is very common for POWs to not remember anything from their experience," explained Rider. "I spent 14 months with thirty men, and I couldn't tell you one of their names." Rider belongs to an ex-POW group through the VA Hospital. Members have access to counselors who can assist them with applying for compensation and disability. "The VA has been very helpful, and there is a beautiful new hospital being built," said Rider.

After returning from war, Rider worked for General Motors in Flint, Michigan until he retired in 1974. He and his wife of 52 years, Katheryn, have three sons, and Rider has one daughter from a previous marriage. He has two granddaughters and twin great-grandchildren. Rider and all of his descendants are enrolled citizens of the Band, however he did not find out that he was Native American until later in his life.

"My father never told me I was Native American. I didn't find out until he passed away," said Rider. He has memories of his grandmother—who was full-blooded Native American—having very dark skin.

"She was a beautiful woman. I remember her always wearing a hat and covering her arms whenever she worked in her garden so that her skin wouldn't get any darker." Rider suspects that his father didn't reveal his heritage because Native Americans were treated like second-class citizens at the time. Rider's connection to the tribe dates back to John Mix, who was assigned the enrollment number one.

He now lives in Leesburg, Florida, near Orlando, where he is enjoying his retirement and getting some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

### Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

#### Third Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament

Benefiting the Pokagon Potawatomi Veterans Society | Military Emergency Relief Fund

**Friday, May 27**

**Hampshire Country Club  
29592 Pokagon Hwy.  
Dowagiac, MI**

**4-Person Scramble Schedule**

**8:00 a.m. Registration  
9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start**

**Prizes**

**1st, 2nd, 3rd Place  
Longest Drive  
Closest to the Pin**

**Special Veteran Team Prizes**

**1st, 2nd, 3rd Place**

**Special Guest Sponsors**

**Chairman Matt Wesaw,  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
SSG Matthew Martin, USMC**

**Entry: \$60 per person**

**includes green fees, 18 holes of golf, shirt, soft drinks, lunch, dinner,  
team picture CD, goody bag, prizes**

**Red, White and Blue Sponsorship: \$500**

**includes one hole sign, entry fee for four players, special sponsor prizes,  
special recognition, and sponsors' pre-event reception at Four Winds  
Buffet, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Local veteran groups will be honored. All veterans are encouraged to participate. Public is invited.**

For more information, or for a registration form, please contact Ervin "Butch" Starrett at 269-591-2901 or email at [butch.starrett@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:butch.starrett@pokagonband-nsn.gov)

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa* is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

[newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

# Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow

**Honoring the New Eagle Staff**  
Presented by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

**Memorial Day Weekend**  
**Saturday and Sunday**  
**May 28 & 29**

Rodgers Lake  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, Michigan

**Saturday, 7:00 a.m.**  
Ceremony and feast for  
Pokagon Band veterans  
honoring the new  
Eagle Staff

**Grand Entries**  
Saturday  
1 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m.

Pow Wow vendor information:  
Julie Farver, 269-462-4200

Volunteers please call:  
Susan Laursen, 269-591-4456  
Alycia Atkinson, 231-578-4373  
or anishmama2@aol.com

For other Pow Wow information  
Contact Kevin Daugherty,  
269-591-1230 or 269-462-4200



**Head Veteran:** George Martin

**Head Female Dancer:** Rachael Topash-Tone

**Head Male Dancer:** Tom Topash

**Junior Dancers:** Onyleen Zapata & Gabriel Tone

**Invited Drums:** Ribbon Town,

Sons of Three Fires, Southern Straight

and Painted Rock

**Co-MCs:** Jason Wesaw and Roger Rader

**Arena Director:** Carl Wesaw

**Fire Keeper:** John Winchester and  
the Firekeepers Society

*This is a family event. No drugs, alcohol, firearms, or tribal politics.*

## Pokagon Band Citizen to Lead Tribal Government Staff

Jason Michael Wesaw joined the Pokagon Band team last month, taking on the newly-created position of government manager. A native of Otsego, Michigan, Wesaw recently retired from the U.S. Army after serving 22 years—13 years in the Army and nine years with the Michigan Army National Guard.

Wesaw joined the Army after graduating from high school, looking for both higher education funding and experiences around the world. Drawn to serving in an elite unit, he became a member of the 82nd Airborne Division and served in the Gulf War and as an Army Ranger instructor.

“Your body can only handle colliding with the earth so many times,” Wesaw says of his transition from paratrooper to recruiting manager. In 2003 he began his service in the Michigan Army National Guard, eventually managing the recruitment and retention of incoming soldiers from an area spanning Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and the western part of the state. He also earned a bachelor’s degree in management.

But as he traveled the world and continued his career in the Army, Wesaw says he always watched his tribal government from afar, hoping to one day assume a leadership role and serve the community. When he saw the government manager position, it seemed the time was right.



Jason Wesaw near an heirloom image of his great-grandfather James Wesaw, which hangs in his office in the administration building.

“My vision is to establish this government as the premier tribal government in the state and region,” he says. “I’m excited to work with the leadership team toward excellence. I believe we are poised for success.”

“I think Jason has great potential to lead our directors to the level we all desire,” said Chairman Matt Wesaw. “His career has been molding leaders, and we expect no less from him in this role. I think all will notice changes in our operations now that we have filled this role again.”

Jason M. Wesaw and his wife Necole have an 11-year-old daughter, Cassidy, and a three-month-old son, Gaike. In his spare time he enjoys coaching Cassidy’s travel fast-pitch softball team.



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## Tribal Citizen-owned Business Spotlight: RBG Designs Create Contemporary Jewelry

**By Jennifer Dougherty**

Esiquio “Russ” Garza has always felt a spiritual connection to the world around him. He holds nature and wildlife in high esteem, and now he has found a way to pair his love for the world around him with his artistic gift for jewelry making. With help from his wife, Barb, they own and operate RBG Designs, a small business specializing in the design and sale of jewelry.

Three years ago, the Garzas began taking classes on the art of jewelry making. They purchased DVDs that taught them the basics of design, texture and color schemes. It wasn’t long before their small business was up and running.

“Our jewelry emphasizes the Turtle Stone, also known as the Petoskey Stone, combined with other semiprecious stones,” said Barb Garza. “The turtle is very sacred to the Native people.”

The Garzas sell their jewelry online and at various art shows. This year, they will be selling their items at the Ship & Shore Festival in New Buffalo, Michigan, at Amish Acres in Nappanee, Indiana, and at Artbeat in South Bend, Indiana. Many of their high-end pieces are for sale in the gift shop at the Four Winds Casino Resort.

“The casino has been a real asset,” said Barb. “People have been coming in and asking about new pieces.”

The Garzas also sell copper rings and necklaces. Russ’s nephew, Mikey, helps make these items and they are their biggest seller. “We sell them as fast as we can make them!” said Barb. “Copper is a sacred metal, and we like to use that in our pieces.”

“Most of our pieces have a theme,” explains Barb. “Esiquio recalls walking with his grandfather as a child, and he draws from those memories when designing jewelry.” Pieces may represent wind, water, or even a cluster of leaves.

The business has provided great opportunities for the Garzas to spend quality time together. They have a studio in their basement, and they often lay their beads right out on the table and go to work with their designs. They also spend a significant amount of time researching trends and pricing in the jewelry business.



The artists of RGB Designs draw their inspiration for their work from nature.

They are dedicated to offering their buyers the best prices possible. If they find

their supplies at discounted prices, they pass that savings on to their customers.

Like his mother before him, Russ has found his inner artist later in life. “I have always been timid about developing the artist in me, but when something just feels right, you just can’t deny it,” said Russ. Jewelry-making provides him with a creative outlet and is also a source of self-expression.

The Garzas recently caught the attention of Susan Street, a New York jewelry designer who will soon interview them for a feature article. It is unusual to find a husband and wife team in the jewelry business, and she is eager to share their story. The Garzas are currently featured on Magpie Gemstones website, [www.magpiegemstones.com](http://www.magpiegemstones.com), under the “client” link.

The Garzas work hard to grow their business with the long-term goal of mentoring family and other tribal citizens on jewelry making. The business would eventually be passed on to them.

With warmer weather on the horizon, the Garzas are getting ready for business to pick up. Their jewelry can be viewed online at [www.rbgdesigns.etsy.com](http://www.rbgdesigns.etsy.com), and they also have a showroom in the front of their home in the Elders Village at 57598 Kekyllak Odanek, Dowagiac. Pokagon citizens receive ten percent off of their purchases while supporting this tribal citizen-owned business.

- RBG Designs
- Jewelry
- 57598 Kekyllak Odanek, Dowagiac, or at various art galleries and shows in the area
- 231-350-2302
- [www.rbgdesigns.etsy.com](http://www.rbgdesigns.etsy.com)

## Learn Some Salt Shaker Savvy

By Susan Gundersen, RD, CD, Public Health Nutritionist

Many of you may have heard the U.S. Department of Agriculture's recent announcement of their 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and are wondering what the hoopla is about. During the next few months I will share highlights of those changes.

Many such chronic diseases as diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease, and stroke center on blood pressure. Luckily, many food manufacturers have made a decision to lower the sodium content of foods, and restaurants are listening to patrons and the medical world and reducing sodium in the foods prepared in their kitchens.

No one is expecting that we stop using salt entirely. Salt is made of sodium and chloride which are very important nutrients and, with potassium; they are the main regulators of the body's water-balance system. In the United States, the average person consumes one tablespoon of salt a day. This is about twenty times the amount of sodium we really need. For people under the age of 50 who do not have high blood pressure, the guidelines are 2200 milligrams a day. For a person over 50, or someone with heart disease and/or high blood pressure, the new recommendation is to eat no more than 1500 milligrams a day.

What can you do to lower your family's daily salt intake? Here are some ways to keep salt intake under control:

- Cook without salt. Taste the food before adding it.
- Use a coarser type of salt like sea salt or kosher salt, as you will sprinkle less on your food automatically.
- Retrain your taste buds. This takes about three weeks.
- Use herbs and seasonings in place of salt.
- Read the food labels on the foods that you buy at the store and, whenever possible, choose low-salt, reduced-salt, or no-salt-added versions of a product. Tomato products and soy sauce are loaded with sodium, and many lower sodium products are available.
- Eat more potassium-rich foods, such as oranges, mangos, cantaloupe and you will excrete more sodium in your urine. However, do not take potassium supplements unless your doctor prescribes them, because too much potassium can cause an irregular heart beat.

Here is an easy-to-make seasoning that can replace salt in your shaker:

### Sodium-Free Herb Seasoning

2 tablespoons crushed dried basil  
1 tablespoon dried dill weed  
1 tablespoon crushed dried mint  
1 tablespoon crushed dried tarragon  
1 tablespoon crushed dried thyme  
Combine all ingredients. Store in a spice jar away from heat and light and use within one month.

Please call Susan Gundersen, health services dietitian, at 888-440-1234 or at 269-782-4141, if you would like more information on lowering salt in your diet.

### Coming in May

Family Fun Walk

Walk the Path: Saint Lawrence Seaway River, our final destination on the Great Lakes walk east.

Judy Augusta recently presented Lynn Davidson with a quilt made in the womens quilting class honoring his military service.



## Get Real. Get Tested.

### April is STD Education and Awareness Month

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there are approximately 19 million new cases of STDs—sexually transmitted diseases—each year in the United States, almost half of them among young people ages 15 to 24. In 2008, there were more than 1.5 million total cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea reported to CDC—making them the two most commonly reported infectious diseases in the United States. Untreated STDs can lead to serious long-term health consequences, especially for adolescent girls and young women. CDC estimates that undiagnosed and untreated STDs cause at least 24,000 women in the United States each year to become infertile. Vaccines offer protection against two common sexually transmitted infections: hepatitis B and human papillomavirus (HPV).

These vaccines can prevent health problems, such as liver disease and cervical cancer.

To reduce the impact of STDs, it is important to increase knowledge about sexually transmitted infections and make STD testing a part of routine medical care. Because many STDs have no symptoms, those at risk need to get tested and find out if they are infected. Chlamydia is one of the most common STDs, especially among young women. CDC recommends that all sexually active women younger than 26 years of age get tested for chlamydia once a year. Women who are older than 26 years of age should be tested if they have a new or multiple sex partners.

Getting tested and treated for chlamydia can reduce new cases of pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) by as much as 60 percent. Women

with PID can experience pregnancy complications, infertility, chronic pain, and irreversible damage to their reproductive organs. Reducing the impact of PID among women also requires men to be tested and treated for chlamydia to reduce new cases. Recent studies have shown that many young women who have been diagnosed with chlamydia may become re-infected by male partners who have not been diagnosed or treated. The CDC's sexually transmitted diseases treatment guidelines recommends that sex partners of infected patients be treated to prevent re-infection of the patient and transmission of the infection to others, and those with chlamydia be re-tested for the infection approximately three months after treatment.

Being sexually active with more than one partner puts you

at increased risk for developing STDs. Parents should talk to their children about abstinence or using protection. People of all ages should be aware that even though there are no physical indications of a partner or themselves having an STD, they can still be infected. You cannot see an STD, and some STDs have no signs or symptoms associated with them. Asking a partner about their STD status will not provide you with accurate information, as they may not know they are infected. Being open with your partner about current and past sexual partners will give a better understanding of their possibility of being infected.

If you have had several sexual partners, have any questions, concerns, or would like to be tested for STDs, please contact the health clinic or behavioral health offices at 269-782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234.

## April Students of the Month

by Susan Doyle and Sue Johnson, Education Associates

**Marcus Puehler** is a 14-year-old eighth grader at Whitehall Middle School in Whitehall, Michigan. Marcus' parents are Brian Puehler Sr. and Dorothy Updyke. He has one brother, Brian Puehler Jr. Marcus likes to play football at school with his friends and wrestle with his brother Brian. He would someday like to be the star running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Marcus is proud to be Native American because, "our ancestors were the first people in the United States of America and they traveled all around the country."



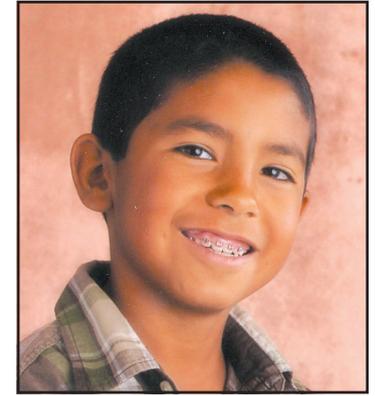
**Alissa LeBlanc** is a 12-year-old seventh grader at JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School in Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan. Alissa's mother is Jennifer LeBlanc. She has two brothers, Isaiah and Josiah. Alissa has participated in drum dance socials at school as well as local pow wows and tribal family craft days. Alissa keeps busy with volleyball, basketball, soccer, track, skating, skiing and playing the cello. She also enjoys hamsters and watching movies as well as macaroni and cheese. She plans on becoming a doctor or veterinarian when she grows up. Alissa is proud to be Native American because, "it gives you a sense of support, community, and family: someone to go to."



**Aubrey Cooper** is a 9-year-old fourth grade student at Lincoln Park Elementary School in Muskegon, Michigan. Her parents are Luanne and Bryan Cooper. Aubrey has four sisters, Kristin, Miranda, Ashley, and Madison. Aubrey loves tacos and her Wii. She loves to draw, play Narnia for DS, Guitar Hero, as well as basketball and soccer. She wants to be a designer and own her own store someday. Aubrey has been involved in making dream catchers and going to the pow wows with her grandmother to dance. She is proud to be a Native American because she loves to dance in the pow wows.



**Darrin Goodrich** is a 16-year-old junior at Buchanan High School in Buchanan, Michigan. His parents are Pat and Bobbie Goodrich and his grandmother is Patricia Topash. Darrin has two siblings, Blaine and Hunter. Darrin loves pizza and playing Black Ops as well as football, basketball and baseball. Darrin is proud to be a Native American because, "I get to experience so many things that other kids my age don't. I love our culture and how interesting it is."



**Inteus Dixon** is a 9-year-old fourth grader at Woodside Elementary in Hartford, Michigan. His mother is Melody Dixon and his grandparents are Terry and Adeline Dixon. Inteus' siblings are Azhani, Ignacia, Analisa, Alyssa & Gloria. He enjoys playing soccer, baseball, basketball and PlayStation, as well as the Wii. Inteus also enjoys Sorry, Uno, Monopoly, wrestling toys and skateboarding. When not involved in these activities, Inteus loves to eat pepperoni pizza, tacos, burritos, and tamales. He would like to be a professional soccer player when he grows up. In the meantime, he would like to learn how to sing and drum. Inteus has attended pow wows, drum making and copper bowl making classes. Inteus is proud to be a Native American because, "If it weren't for my ancestors, my family and I wouldn't be here today. Our people would be extinct."

## Michigan Indian Elders Association Offers Incentives for Straight-A Students

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) is offering a student incentive program to recognize students who achieve all A's and perfect attendance in a marking period. A minimum of \$3,000 is available to fund this program this year. Twenty-five dollars will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery. Here are the conditions to qualify:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the M.I.E.A. constituent tribes/bands.
- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. Home schooling is not eligible.
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight A award. (A-, A, A+)
- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight As will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.
- Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school-sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute perfect attendance.
- The first two marking periods of this 2010/2011 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight As for both marking periods. For example, straight A's and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.

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**Incentives for Straight-A Students, *continued***

- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.
  - A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent, or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight A's and perfect attendance.
- The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April, 2011 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
- You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form, a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator, and copy of student's or parent's tribal identification card must be received at the following address not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 11, 2011:
- Sheligh Jackson, Coordinator  
c/o Michigan Indian Elders Association  
7070 E Broadway  
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

**Michigan Indian Elders Association  
2010/2011 Student Incentive Program  
Application Form**

<b>Student's Name:</b>		<b>Age:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>
<b>Address:</b>		<b>City:</b>	
<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
<b>School Name:</b>		<b>School Address:</b>	
<b>School Phone and Fax:</b>		<b>Principal's Name:</b>	
<b>Student's Social Security Number(voluntary):</b>		<b>All A's</b> Number of marking periods	<b>Perfect Attendance</b> number of marking periods

**Please attach the following documents to this completed application in order for your student to qualify and be considered:**

1. A copy of the student's report card signed by his/her parent and/or a letter from an administrator in his/her school stating the marking periods for which he/she have had all A's or perfect attendance; (note: student must be in grades 4 through 12 to qualify for all A's and K through 12 for perfect attendance)
2. A copy of the student's tribal membership card; (If the student doesn't have a card please include a copy of a parent's tribal card)
3. NOT REQUIRED, however, if a photograph of the student is available which could be used in promotion of the program please enclose with the completed application. Please write the student's name on the back of the picture.

I certify that all the information given is true and correct. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of funds and the Michigan Indian Elders Association program coordinator may verify the information on the application with my child's school. I further give consent for the use of my child's name and/or likeness for the promotion of this program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please mail the preceding information to: Sheligh Jackson, in-care of: Michigan Indian Elders Association, 7070 E Broadway, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858.

All information must be received by **5:00 p.m. on April 11, 2011** to be eligible for the program.

## Department of Education Announcements and Events

### Employment Training Labs

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Vocational GED programs will be offering Employment Training Labs for individuals in these programs. Employment Training Labs will be offered in a group, open environment, and work at your own pace setting. The workshops will provide appropriate breaks, however, it will not provide meals.

The Employment Training Labs will provide assistance for those interested in work employability skills, such as:

- learning more about planning to work
- taking Career Assessments
- creating and updating resumes and cover letters
- job searching
- learning more about the Pokagon Band ABE-GED program
- taking the GED Pre-test Assessments

It's always a good idea to call ahead to let us know you're coming, or to confirm a closure in case of inclement weather. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you call at least 24 hours before the lab you are planning on attending to let us know, so we may pre-enroll you into the program, collect your

contact information, and learn more about your specific needs so that we may better serve you.

#### APRIL

Labs are being offered on:

- Lab 10 — Wednesday, April 6, from 8–4:30\*
- Lab 11 — Saturday, April 9, from 10–2 (instead of 9:45–2:15)
- Lab 12 — Tuesday, April 19, from 8–4:30\*

#### MAY

- Lab 13 — Wednesday, May 4, from 8–4:30\*
- Lab 14 — Saturday, May 14, from 10–2
- Lab 15 — Tuesday, May 17, from 8–4:30\*

You must call ahead to schedule Saturday and late night sessions.

\* Late night sessions may be offered as an extension of the planned Wednesday and Tuesday labs until tentatively 6 p.m. upon request. Please note that Saturday's times have changed from 9:45–2:15 to 10–2.

If you are interested in learning more about this lab or wish to sign up, please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

### Career and Education Day at the Pokagon Band

The Department of Education will be hosting a Career and Education Day for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, their parents, and all adults attending college or interested in exploring career opportunities.

#### Friday, April 29

Pokagon Band Tribal Lodge, Rodgers Lake

Keynote speaker: Chairman Matthew Wesaw

- **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** visit with college representatives from universities and community colleges
- **12:00- 1:00 p.m.** lunch

#### Afternoon workshops:

- Kevin Leonard and Allard Teeple of Michigan State University on a multicultural business summer program for high school citizens
- Success stories from and information about the dual enrollment program and the higher education scholarship

There will be drawings for prizes for all students and parents who pre-register for this great event. If you have any questions please contact Higher Education Specialist Joseph Avance at 269-782-0887.

### Pokagon Band Summer School

Summer School registration is open for Pokagon children and children registered in the K-12 Program who are entering kindergarten through 6th grades in the fall, 2011. We meet with the students Monday through Thursday from July 11 until August 4. This is a great opportunity to keep the students' minds active while spending valuable time together. Classes are held in the Pokagon Head Start building during the morning, and afternoon activities take place around the Rodgers Lake campus. Limited transportation is available. Please contact Connie Baber, Department of Education's administrative assistant at 888-330-1234 for an application. The deadline is April 15.

## Native Foster Parents Needed

Our traditions tell us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children and our Elders. Our children have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders are facing the West 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," through our Child Protection Code. "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" says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term "foster parents." Native people have

had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place 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, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.

## Newly-Appointed Youth Cultural Coordinator to Create a Tribal Youth Council

By Jennifer Dougherty

The Department of Language and Culture recently hired Katy Morseau as the youth cultural coordinator. This is a newly-created position, and Morseau will be responsible for organizing a Youth Council for the tribe.

“The Tribal Council has been asking for a Youth Council,” said Morseau. “We want to teach our youth about how tribal government works, and provide them with professional training and cultural experiences.” Once the Youth Council is established, they will report to the Tribal Council, and members will attend monthly business and cultural meetings.

Opportunities for Youth Council involvement may be open to tribal citizens as young as age 12. “We are having preliminary discussions about having a Junior Council for members ages 12 through 17. A separate Senior Council would be for those members who are 18 to 24 years of age.”

The Junior Council would provide members with the opportunity to visit college and university campuses, receive college prep support, and attend a unity conference. The United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc puts on unity conferences to help tribes organize their own youth councils, and

provide opportunities for young Native Americans to interact with others with similar backgrounds, heritage and interests. Senior Council members would attend the annual National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Conference, receive professional training and work directly with the Pokagon Tribal Council on youth-related issues.

The Department of Language and Culture is hosting a Youth Social on Saturday, April 9 to kick off their new endeavor. They will have door prizes and will be serving refreshments. Morseau hopes to recruit new student and showcase tribal opportunities for youth. Those attending the event will have time to socialize with others interested in Youth Council, and they will have the opportunity to discuss their future plans and goals. Youth Council Alumni also will be on hand to talk about their experiences and to answer questions.

Prior to accepting this position, Morseau spent five years as a stay-at-home mother. She attended Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas and continues to work toward her Bachelor’s degree in elementary education at Southwestern Michigan College.

Morseau is up to the challenge of creating the Youth Council, and is eager to get started. With



Katy Morseau at the offices of the Department of Language and Culture.

such a large number of minors in the tribe, it is important to pass on tribal values and culture as well as to educate them. Citizens interested in more information on the Youth Council or the upcoming social may contact Katy by phone at 269-462-4254 or by e-mail at [katy.morseau@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:katy.morseau@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

### Call for Pokagon Culture Camp Counselors

The Department of Language and Culture is looking for people interested in being counselors for the 2011 Pokagon Culture Camp. The camp dates are Thursday, June 24 –Thursday, June 30 with a mandatory orientation and training on Wednesday, June 23.

Counselor Requirements:

- At least 18 years of age
- Culturally knowledgeable
- High school graduate
- Physically capable to participate in most camp activities
- Available to from June 23 – 30, 2011
- Able to pass a criminal background check, drug screening, and fingerprinting

If you are interested in being a part of the 2011 Culture Camp team, please call Teresa Magnuson, director of language and culture, at 269-462-4296 to request a counselor application. All applications must be returned by April 20.

### Native Nations Youth Council Planning Trip to MSU Native American College Day

Native Nations Youth Council will be traveling to Michigan State University for a Native American College Day visit. The day-long event will be held on Thursday, April 21. The program is open to Native Nations Youth Council members who are Pokagon citizen high school students. The Native American College Day visit will include information about college life, the Eli Broad College of Business’ Multicultural Business Program, and presentations from the North American Indigenous

Student Association (NAISA) and the Native American and Hispanic Business Students (NAHBS). Students will also be given an opportunity to learn about admissions and the financial aid process.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Katy Morseau, youth cultural coordinator, at 269-462-4254. Transportation and meals will be provided.



### Gage Street Property Clean Up Day

Gage Street is a beautiful and spiritual place for our people. To take good care of it, we have to be respectful and responsible. The lake and the area around it have been neglected and need our tender loving care. When we work as a community to help heal Mother Earth, we all benefit from the medicine she gives back.

Please bring your family and join us Saturday, April 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to clean up garbage at the Gage Street property and help us restore the natural beauty. Bring a dish to pass at the potluck following clean-up.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 CMU Pow Wow
3 CMU Pow Wow	4 Elders Language Class	5	6 Womens Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming; Emerald Ash Borer Symposium	7 Language Class with John Winchester; Emerald Ash Borer Symposium	8	9 Native Nations Youth Council Youth Council Social
10	11 Elders Language Class	12	13	14 Language Class with Walter Johnson	15 Language Class with Walter Johnson	16 Gage Street Clean-Up
17	18 Elders Language Class	19 Native Healing	20 Native Healing; Womens Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming	21 Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge; Lunch-and-Learn; MSU Native American College Day	22 Offices Closed (Good Friday)	23
24	25 Elders Language Class; Traditions and Repatriation Meeting	26	27	28	29	30

Central Michigan University Pow Wow - CMU Events Center, Mt. Pleasant, MI  
Co-ed Sweat with Jake Pine- Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
Elders Language Class - Elders Hall, 11am - 12pm  
Emerald Ash Borer/Black Ash Basketry Symposium - Plainwell, MI  
Gage Street Clean-Up - Gage Street, Dowagiac, MI, 1pm - 4pm  
Language Class with John Winchester - Tribal Lodge, 6pm - 8pm  
Language Class with Walter Johnson - Tribal Lodge, 6pm - 8pm

Lunch-and-Learn - Tribal Lodge, 11am - 12pm & 12pm - 1pm  
Men & Boys Drumming - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
MSU Native American College Day - MSU Eli Broad College of Business, East Lansing, MI  
Native Healing with Traditional Healer, Jake Pine - Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm  
Native Nations Youth Council, Youth Council Social - Language & Culture Office, 12:30pm - 5pm  
Traditions and Repatriation Committee's Meeting - Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm-9pm  
Womens Hand Drumming - Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

The Gaming Authority moved to allow Pokagon citizens a 50 percent discount at all Four Winds New Buffalo and Hartford restaurants, effective May 7. This applies to all the restaurants: Copper Rock, Willowbrook, the Buffet, Timbers and the Kiosk.

### Four Winds Casino Resort Offers Summer Internship Opportunities

Four Winds Casino Resort's Tribal Development Program is pleased to offer a paid internship program for Pokagon Band citizens and spouses who are currently enrolled in college full time and at least 18 years of age. The eight-week program is for students with future goals of permanent employment at Four Winds Casino or as a means to build valuable work experience.

Our internship program will provide you with on-the-job training and practical experience in the casino industry, preparing you for employment positions in the casino and/or business fields. As a participant, you will also gain knowledge of tribal gaming while developing career-specific skills

and participating in professional development activities. Tribal gaming is an industry that is growing nationally, and the professional skills you will learn will help you for a lifetime in any career path you may seek. This is a paid internship; you will earn an hourly wage and, if needed, lodging will be provided at no cost to you. With an official request, your participation in the program may qualify for college credit.

Employment is subject to the completion of a satisfactory background check, pre-employment drug screening, and licensure by the Pokagon Gaming Commission.



If you, or someone you know, is eligible to participate in the internship program and would like more information, please contact Dana Binder, career development specialist at: 269-926-5228 or [dbinder@fourwindscasino.com](mailto:dbinder@fourwindscasino.com) or Torie Winchester, manager of Tribal Placement and Development at: 269-926-5244 or [twinchester@fourwindscasino.com](mailto:twinchester@fourwindscasino.com).

## Chairman's Column

For those of you who may have missed the Annual Meeting we are still working to make sure the information is available to everyone. Our intent is to video and make available all meetings to our citizens. This should be the last meeting we will have to hold off our campus of facilities. In July of this year we will be opening the Community Center which will be large enough to hold our bigger meetings and also provide the needed technology to show most of our meetings live. If you get the opportunity, I would encourage you all to visit the offices and see what is new. I would also encourage you to get a copy of the Annual Report and see what has happened in the last year. I think you will be as proud as I am.

In addition to having each of our departments represented at the meeting, we also included an update by our directors on the Band's vision, guiding principles, desired outcomes and strategic initiatives. We as a government are always mindful of our responsibility to provide services to our citizens in the best way possible and with the respect you all deserve. You will note many changes in our system of service delivery as we work to meet our vision and guiding principles. I ask for your continued patience as we continue to work to find ways to provide better services to all of our citizens. I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of our employees and staff for their efforts in this regard. We have held several meetings between staff and council to discuss and fine tune the strategic plan and exchange ideas on how we can work better to provide that needed service. Thank you all again.

The Minors Trust folks were in town to answer any and all questions from our citizens. If you forgot your question or have a new one, they are very accessible and would be happy to speak with you. Feel free to contact our finance department for specific contact information.

Probably the more exciting parts of the meeting were the updates on casino expansion, financing, and Four Winds Hartford. Some of you may have heard us talk of Four Winds North, and I want you to know that the name has been changed to Four Winds Hartford. This change ultimately was a business decision, and based on the potential, this is a sound decision. You will see more soon as we get closer to opening this property. Invitations should be



mailed out as soon as we identify the exact date of completion. We are ahead of schedule on the projected October 1 opening date, so as you can see, things are moving smoothly. You can view the webcam by going to the Four Winds Casino website and click on webcam. A new picture is shown each day. We have many citizens employed in the construction phase and job fairs will begin soon for our citizens who wish to work at Four Winds Hartford.

The final plans for expansion at Four Winds New Buffalo are almost complete. Things have not changed much and this will be an important step in making Four Winds the Casino and Resort we market. I think everyone will be very pleased with the final plan and I'm sure we are all excited to see a finished project.

The more critical component is the refinancing of our debt. This has been a work in progress for nine months and we are just about to the point of a final decision.

Consistent with the philosophy of Council, there is a debt reduction plan/date contained in this refinancing. We can now make future financial decisions with the knowledge of a payoff date. I believe in future expansion talks we will be in a position to finance based on our bottom line, and not have to go through this process anymore. This is a major step for our future and places us on sound financial footing. The details aren't final but again I believe everyone will be pleased with the outcome. Our projections are conservative and the only place to go is up. As soon as we have reached a final decision we hope to convene a community meeting so that everyone can ask questions about the structure. We will have our finance team in attendance.

On a closing note, I would like to welcome our new Government Manager Jason Wesaw. In the past we have had a tribal operations officer, and as you can see we have changed the title. Jason is a tribal citizen who is recently retired from the military. We made a few changes to the job description and I think we have hit a home run with the new structure. Please stop in and say hi to Jason if you are in the area. You will find him very approachable, and dedicated to problem solving and building a standard of excellence from all of us.

Matt



Representatives of the Pokagon veterans group traveled to Sacaton, Arizona in February to participate in the annual Iwo Jima flag raising event at the Ira Hayes Post of the American Legion. Anthony Foerester carries the Eagle Staff, above, with Carl Wesaw, Ken Rader, Jerry Campbell and Jackie Trux is marching in regalia.

Ira Hayes was a Pima Indian from Sacaton who served in the Marines during WWII. During the battle on the tiny island of Iwo Jima in February 1945, an American flag was raised on a high point of Mount Suribachi. Ira went to help his comrades raise the flag and became a part of one of the most famous photographs in history. This photograph of six men raising the flag went on to become a symbol for rallying the American public towards victory, and the model for the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.



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## April Language Classes

We are honored to invite John Winchester and Walter Johnson to be guest presenters for April's language classes. John Winchester (Pokagon Potawatomi) will incorporate the 200 Words to a Community project to teach demonstratives on April 7th (ex: this/that, these/those). Walter Johnson is a first language speaker and Forest County Potawatomi elder will be joining us to teach questions — how to ask and answer questions—on April 14th and 15th.

### Dates:

**John Winchester's Class**  
Thursday, April 7, 2011  
Topic - Demonstratives

**Walter Johnson's Classes**  
Thursday, April 14, 2011  
Friday, April 15, 2011  
Topic - Questions

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Location:

Tribal Lodge  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047



### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

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Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

## April & May

### Dates:

Tuesday - Thursday  
April 19 - 21, 2011  
May 24 - 26, 2011

**Individual Appt. Times:**  
Jake, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. &  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Co-ed Sweat Lodge:

Thursday, April 21, 2011  
Thursday, May 26, 2011

### Location:

Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

### Visiting with Healers:

- Be yourself and be respectful.
- Take tobacco to give as an offering.
- Explain why you have come to them.
- Refrain from drugs and alcohol for 4 days prior.
- Other gifts can be given to express gratitude.

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## Native Healing

Jake Pine, traditional healer, will be visiting our community for healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco). Jake will wrap-up his visit with a co-ed sweat lodge on Thursday night at 6:00 pm.



### Contact Information:

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## ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

### Dates:

Every Monday  
April 4, 2011  
April 11, 2011  
April 18, 2011  
April 25, 2011

### Time:

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Location:

Elders Hall  
53237 Townhall Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Elders language classes are taught by Pokagon Potawatomi citizen, John Winchester. John uses the 200 Words to a Community Project's resources to teach beginner level Potawatomi language. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend.



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## Women's Hand Drumming

## Men's Drumming

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### Dates:

Wednesday, April 6, 2011  
Wednesday, April 20, 2011  
Wednesday, May 4, 2011  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011

### Time:

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Location:

Women - Tribal Lodge  
Men - Teaching Cabin  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and to learn songs. The ladies will learn hand drum songs and are encouraged to wear a long skirt. John T. Warren is leading the men's class where participants will practice on a pow wow drum and learn pow wow songs. A sharing feast will follow, so please bring a dish to pass. We hope you can join us for drumming, singing, food, and friends. All ages are encouraged to participate.

### Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

### Contact Information:

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## Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment office at 269-782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at 269-782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
113	Barbara Sanders			x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
413	Patricia L DePriest		x	
433	Elizabeth Alexandra Gray	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
521	Gloria Kellogg			x
630	Veronica Diamond			x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
898	Paul Isaac Gibson	x	x	
1026	Justin Means			x
1060	Chasity L Martin			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
2162	Rodney J Ross		x	x
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdell		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2614	Jackson P Little		x	
2649	Mark Jackson			x
2771	Cody L Bevins		x	x
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
2805	Isabel Marie Campos	x	x	x
3096	Aaron Cortelyou		x	
3238	Christina L Hatt		x	
3282	Daniel Scott Sanderson		x	x
3315	James Sanderson			x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4347	Ian T Currey	x	x	
4348	Marlon T Currey		x	x
4611	Kendra B Leija		x	
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

## Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accts
Friday, January 14, 2011	Thurs, Jan 27, 2011	Fri, Jan 28, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Thurs, Feb 24, 2011	Fri, Feb 25, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Wed, Mar 30, 2011	Thurs, Mar 31, 2011
Friday, April 15, 2011	Thurs, Apr 28, 2011	Fri, Apr 29, 2011
Friday, May 13, 2011	Thurs, May 26, 2011	Fri, May 27, 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wed, June 29, 2011	Thurs, June 30, 2011
Friday, July 15, 2011	Thurs, July 28, 2011	Fri, July 29, 2011
Monday, August 15, 2011	Tues, Aug 30, 2011	Wed, Aug 31, 2011
Thursday, September 15, 2011	Thurs, Sept 29, 2011	Fri, Sept 30, 2011
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011

# Scrapbooking Day

April 2, 2011

1pm - 4pm.

58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, MI

Administration Building-Department of Education

Once again it is time to bring in your pictures and turn them into works of art.

*Join us to learn how to scrapbook, or get new ideas for your current scrapbook.*

Refreshments will be provided.

*Open to all Pokagon and JOM students and their families.*

RSVP to Connie at 269-782-0887 or toll-free 888-330-1234. Special drawing to be held for those who RSVP before March 30th.

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## Elders Council Business Meeting

March 3, 2011

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Jeanette Mollett, 11:02 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Clarence White

**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, P, Ken Radar, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P. Also in attendance, Yvonne "Petey" Boehm, Lynn Davidson.

**AGENDA:** Audrey gave an update on the jackets, the first shipment will arrive Friday March 4. These are for the people that live in Dowagiac and the surrounding towns. The next shipment will be the ones that have to be mailed. Lee Salvidar will drive the van to the MIEA conference. Petey explained that the LIHEAP and supplement heating will end March 14, 2011. LIHEAP serves the service area, supplement serves all over.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Stanley brought some information on a possible trip to Branson, MO. Elders Council is going to set up some trip procedures before any more are taken.
- Hannahville rooms have been booked for the August Gathering.
- A one-day casino trip was talked about. No decision.
- Ernie LaPointe, great grandson of Sitting Bull, will have lunch with the Elders on April 8, 2011.
- Not sure when the cook will be back.
- Wellness gathering was very interesting.
- Jeff Ballew would like the Elders support for the language program. A sheet was put out to sign if you were in support of the program. Many persons signed in support.

- Father Kevin will be the guest speaker at our March 17, 2011 social luncheon.
- Ruth commented on the no call backs from I.H.S. She called three times and never received a call back.

**MINUTES:** The February minutes were read, Ken moved to accept the minutes, Ruth supported, (5) yes, approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Audrey moved to accept the Treasurers report with corrections, Ken supported, (5) yes, approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11:00 am to 12:00pm.
- Active Living has resumed, every Friday 10:00 am.
- Basket making will be held March 23, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
- Social luncheon is St. Patrick's Day, so everybody get out your green and wear it.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:** Jim Topash, Gerald Wesaw, Evelyn "Cookie" Wesaw, Ila Jean Wolff, Carol Klemm, Pat Kleem, Ann Zimmerman, Essye Kirvan, Kittie Collet, Jo "Shear" Spichtig, Majel DeMarsh, Bonnie Daisy, Carol Minard, Charls Tindell.

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ken moved to adjourn, Ruth supported, (5) yes, Adjourned at 1:08

## Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

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

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.

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.

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.

### Tribal Council April Calendar of Events

- 4** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 5** Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 9** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, 10 a.m.
- 11** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 12** Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 18** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 19** Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 25** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 26** Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 28** Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, TBA

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov) or call 1-888-782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

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### Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.

### AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Health Services building II

Use the side door for entry.

## Happy Birthday



**Pete Joseph Wesaw**  
Have a very happy 34th birthday  
April 18!

Happy Birthday, **Kennedy**  
Love, The Colletts



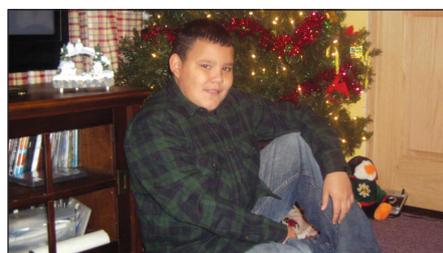
Happy 2nd Birthday, **NeNe**



**Lotus Kay Wesaw**  
Happy 5th birthday March 6  
I love you with all my heart,  
Grandma



Happy birthday, **Isaiah Mix**  
Love, Your Family



Happy 11th birthday,  
**Derrek Collett** April 3  
Love, all your family & friends

Happy belated birthday to a wonderful son, brother and uncle, **Dean Orvis**, and congratulations on a great finish in the Tough Mudder competition. Out of more than 5,000 participants, Dean came in 7th place and was invited to the World Tough Mudder competition. We love you and are proud of you! Good luck!  
Love, Mom, Dad and family

Congratulations, **Kenneth Antidel**, on your new job as property manager at Four Winds Hartford! We are all so very proud of you. Love, Martha, Jackie, Mary, Shirley, Bob, Sue, Brian and Bill

Happy Birthday April 12 to my son-in-law, **Cory Livingston**. Love, your mother-in-law, Martha McConnell

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## Youth Council Social

### Native Nations Youth Council

**Date:**  
Saturday  
April 9, 2011

**Time:**  
Refreshments- 12:30  
Activities- 1:00-4:00  
Dinner- 4:00-5:00

**Location:**  
Language and Culture  
Department Office  
32142 Edwards Street  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(Old Enrollment Office)

This will be the initial gathering to establish our new Native Nations Youth Council. All Pokagon students between the ages of 12-25 are encouraged to attend. A discussion on the past, present and future of the program will take place. This event will give us the opportunity to hear your ideas for future trips and activities. We will also review the roles and responsibilities of youth council members.

**Door Prizes!!**

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