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Language Apprentices Relocate to Wisconsin to Become Fluent in Native Language

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

In an effort to revitalize the Potawatomi language, Pokagon citizens Carla Collins and Kyle Malott recently moved to the Crandon, Wisconsin to spend the next few years learning from first language speakers. The two are the tribe's first language apprentices, part of the inaugural language master/apprentice program.

"We will be spending 20 hours each week with the speakers, and then we will have another 20 hours for study and classes," said Carla. "I have been working on learning the language for the past couple of years, and I have gone as far as I can without an immersion program. This apprenticeship will teach me to be fluent in the language."

Collins is bringing her two sons to Crandon with her for this experience. "My thirteen-year-old is about as far along as I am with the language, and my five-year-old understands a lot," said Collins. "They are adjusting well to the move."

After their apprenticeship, Collins and Malott will move back to Dowagiac to teach other tribal citizens the language. "We are under contract to work for the tribe for five years after we are done with the apprenticeship," explained Carla. "We will become the mentors to others interested learning the language or becoming an apprentice."

Malott is eager to get started and feels that this is an excellent opportunity for him and for the tribe. "My great-grandfather was the last person in my family to speak Potawatomi, and I want to keep that part of our culture alive,"

said Malott. "Language describes who you are, and I feel that it is important to our culture for Pokagons to speak our native language."

Collins and Malott are grateful for Rhonda Purcell and Conrad Church of the Language and Culture Department making this apprenticeship a reality. "Our Council members got in touch with the language speakers in Wisconsin who encouraged an immersion program," explained Collins. "Rhonda and Conrad played a huge role in getting this program started."

Malott has worked for the tribe since 2008. He spent time working in the Department of Language and Culture and in the Department of Natural Resources. Malott is from Niles, Michigan and earned his Associates degree from Southwestern Michigan College in CAD graphing.

Collins grew up in Belleville, Michigan and lived in Dowagiac prior to relocating to Crandon for the apprenticeship. She taught language classes for the tribe and is eager to expand on what she already knows. "I am comfortable teaching the basics of the language, but there were students, like Kyle, who were ready to move past the basics," said Collins. "This apprenticeship will give me the knowledge I need to bring them to the next level."

"Our culture defines our tribe," said Malott. "And language is an important part of that culture."

Congress, President Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act

By Casey Kasper

Victim Services Manager/Case Worker

After much debate, the Violence against Women Act (VAWA) was reauthorized by the House of Representatives on February 28, and was signed into law by President Obama on March 7. VAWA was first introduced in 1994 by then-Senator Joe Biden as a way to protect women from domestic and sexual violence, provide funding to domestic violence programs and training to law enforcement, and increase prevention and awareness in communities. It also sent the message that violence against women and girls is a crime and will no longer be tolerated by the U.S. legal system. VAWA has been incredibly effective in reducing the number of domestic and sexual assaults.

Included in this legislation are additional protections for Native American women not included in past legislation. Tribal governments now have the ability to investigate and prosecute non-native offenders who commit acts of domestic and dating violence against native women on tribal lands. This is important due to the prevalence of domestic and sexual violence against Native American women. Native American women are far more likely to become victims of

domestic and sexual violence than non-native women. It is reported that 39 percent of Native American women will be in an abusive relationship at some point in their life and 33 percent will be raped. The overwhelming majority of these assaults are committed by non-native assailants, making the expansion of tribal government jurisdiction especially important for protecting Native American women. Prior to this legislation, Tribal Courts and governments were unable to prosecute non-native offenders who abused native partners. Victims had to rely on the federal government to prosecute these cases, which rarely happened due to their overwhelming caseloads, unfortunately.

Pokagon Band's Department of Social Services now offers services for community members experiencing domestic and sexual violence. These services include case management, crisis intervention, safety planning, referrals to domestic violence shelters, and community education/outreach. If you or someone you know is being hurt and want help, please contact Casey Kasper, victim services manager/case worker at (269) 462-4324. All services are free of charge and confidential.

Caleb Wesaw Takes Archery Beyond Hunting to Compete at National Level

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Caleb Wesaw's father introduced him to hunting and fishing as a young child and he learned to shoot a bow at the age of five. After many years of fine tuning his skills, he has become a nationally competitive archer.

Wesaw has been a competitive archer since the age of fifteen. "In an average year I participate in a couple of state level and four national level competitions," said Wesaw. "I have travelled to Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana for events." Last year was the first year that Wesaw competed as a professional at indoor competitions, and he competed at the amateur level at outdoor events.

"The best that I have finished so far was placing seventh at the state level," said Wesaw. "The great thing about this sport is that there is always room for improvement. It is a learning process, and every day you can improve your knowledge and understanding of your equipment."

Wesaw's success in archery has allowed him to secure several sponsors. "I am sponsored by PSE Bows, Trophy Taker for arrow rests, Gold Tip arrows, and Bee Stinger stabilizers," said Wesaw.

"Archery has helped me in my everyday life," explained Wesaw. "Much of the challenges that we face in life are mental. Set your mind to what you want to do and go for it." Perseverance and patience are two elements of archery that he applies to the daily life.

In addition to archery competition, Wesaw enjoys hunting turkey and deer with his bow. Because of his love for the sport, he has a long term goal of opening his own bow shop. "I used to work in sales and tune equipment for Hale Hardware in Dowagiac, and I still have a good relationship with them," said Wesaw. "Perhaps that will translate to more business for me when I am ready to get back into tuning and working on bows."

Wesaw has not been as active in competitions this year because he is expecting a baby girl this July. "Between buying a house and getting ready for the baby to arrive, there hasn't been time for me to compete," said Wesaw. "When things have calmed down and everything is a bit more settled, I will start to compete again."

While he cannot credit his Native American heritage with drawing him into archery, he does feel that it



contributes to his love for the sport. "It is a huge part of my life," said Wesaw. He would welcome the opportunity to share his knowledge with other Pokagons sometime in the future.

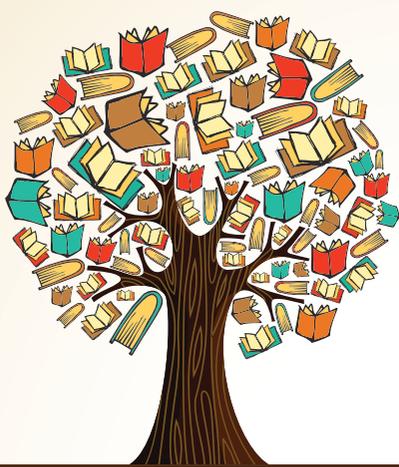
Wesaw lives in Watervliet, Michigan and is a lead security officer at Four Winds Hartford.



Film Documenting Anishnabek Civil War Sharpshooters Premieres April 10

Producer Dr. David Schock will premiere his documentary film about a Native American unit in the Civil War, *Company K, First Michigan Sharpshooters*. The unit was made up largely of Anishnabek warrior/soldiers from Michigan's Little Traverse Bay that essentially fought as modern day snipers. The documentary film will be screened at Central Michigan University on April 10, 2013 at 7 p.m. A discussion will follow.

In May 2010 a group of Anishnabek from southwest Michigan travelled to the site of the infamous Confederate prison at Andersonville, Georgia to perform traditional burial ceremonies for seven of their own who died there while prisoners. Schock traveled with the group and throughout the trip chronicled both the meaning of the ceremonies for those who performed them and the story of the 139 Anishnabek who served in Company K. In addition to those who made this journey, the film includes the commentary of two leading scholars who have written about Company K. Ray Herek's book *These Men Have Seen Hard Service*, documents the history of the First Michigan Sharpshooters, and Chris Czopek wrote *Who Was Who in Company K*. The film's associate producer is Pokagon Elder Kookoosh Roger Williams.



Pizza & Ice Cream Party

April 27, 2013 | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 Pokagon Community Center
 27043 Potawatomi Trail | Dowagiac, MI 49047

We did it. We reached our goal of reading 4,509 books! We couldn't have done it without all your help and dedication. As a thank you for participating, we will be hosting a pizza/ice cream party on April 27 at the Community Center from 4 pm - 6 pm. We will have drawings for gift cards and if you win we will contact you with your choices. You do not have to be present to be part of the drawing for prizes.

Since it has been so long since we first started sign-ups we would like for you to resend shirt sizes. Your choices will be: Youth x-small, small, medium, large, x-large; Adult small, medium, large, and x-large, 2X, 3X and 4X.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Will be attending Pizza Party Will not be attending pizza party

Please list name and shirt size for all participants:

Please RSVP to Connie at (888) 330-1234 or e-mail Connie.Baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov by Friday, April 12. Your RSVP can be returned by mail, fax, email or phone. We look forward to seeing you, but if you cannot attend, we will send your t-shirt(s) to you.

Pokagon Health Services Offers Tobacco Cessation Classes, Options

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Traditionally Native Americans used tobacco in a sacred way as an offering to the Creator. Tobacco has also been used as medicine and to show thanks and respect to elders. But today, Native American and Alaska Natives have the highest commercial tobacco use when compared to other populations.

Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body. Cigarette smoke contains a deadly mix of more than 7,000 chemicals; hundreds are toxic and about 70 can cause cancer. Smoking causes an estimated 90 percent of all lung cancer deaths in men and 80 percent of all lung cancer deaths in women. An estimated 90 percent of all deaths from chronic obstructive lung disease are caused by smoking. Smoking increases your chances of having coronary artery disease, stroke, and lung cancer in men by 23 times and in women by 13 times. Smoking also causes coronary heart disease, and reduces circulation by narrowing arteries. Smoking and nicotine use is highly addictive. Nicotine dependence is the most common form of chemical dependence in the United States. Research suggests nicotine may be as addictive as heroin or cocaine.

Quitting smoking is difficult and may require multiple attempts. Users often relapse because of stress, weight gain, and withdrawal symptoms. Overcoming this

is difficult but will impact your health in a positive way. In order to help you be successful the Pokagon Band Department of Health Services is offering tobacco cessation classes to all tribal citizens and their spouses.

The course follows the American Lung Association's Freedom from Smoking Program. The program consists of eight sessions over a seven week period, each session runs approximately 90 minutes. The program utilizes three features: 1) educate on proven and effective methods of quitting 2) support from your tribal community in your effort to live a smoke free, chew-free lifestyle 3) assistance with tobacco cessation medications to support your success. The classes are led by tribal facilitators. If you are interested in the Tobacco Cessation classes, come and get some support. You can contact Lorraine Malone in the Pokagon Band Pharmacy at (269) 782-4570 or (888) 440-1234 at ext. 335. Come and experience the benefits of kicking the habit.

Individuals who attend a nicotine cessation class along with using a nicotine cessation product are more likely to be successful. If you are interested in a nicotine cessation product the Pokagon Band Pharmacy offers the below choices to help.

Name	How you use it	Length of Treatment	Identified side effects	Stop use and consult a doctor
Nicotine Gum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You chew this slowly until you mouth tingles. Nicotine released from gum is absorbed through the gum and cheeks. "Park" the gum between the cheek and gum. When tingling goes away, chew again until mouth tingles. Repeat chew and park steps as directed on package label. 	Take smaller and smaller doses over about 2-3 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mouth Soreness Hiccups Indigestion Jaw ache 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe mouth soreness Severe jaw ache Nausea Vomiting Dizziness Weakness Rapid heart beat
Nicotine Patch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply patch to skin. Nicotine released from patch is absorbed through skin. Wear 1 patch for length of time as directed on package label. Apply new patch to different area of skin. Wash hands after applying patch to avoid getting nicotine in eyes and nose. 	Take smaller and smaller doses over about 2 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local skin irritation (skin redness, swelling, or rash) Insomnia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skin redness, swelling, or rash that doesn't go away after 4 days. Nausea Vomiting Dizziness Weakness Rapid heartbeat
Bupropion SR (Zyban)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescription pill taken according to doctor's instructions. Does not contain nicotine. Reduces withdrawal symptoms and urges. May be combined with a nicotine replacement product, such as the nicotine patch or gum, to increase the users chances of successfully quitting. 	Start 2 weeks before you quit, then take for 2-6 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skin rash Insomnia Dry mouth Shakiness Nervousness Seizure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allergy to bupropion Rash Hives Difficulty breathing Alcohol use. This must be discussed with your doctor before taking bupropion.
Varenicline (Chantix)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescription pill taken according to doctor's instructions. Does not contain nicotine. Blocks the urge to smoke. Inform your doctor about all medications you take, especially asthma medicines, insulin, and blood thinners. 	Start 1 week before you quit, then take for 3 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nausea Changes in dreams Constipation Gas Vomiting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If persistently troubled by the identified side effects, talk with your doctor about reducing the dose.

Ogitchedaw Travel to Arizona for Iwo Jima Anniversary Commemoration

By Roger Williams and Anthony Foerster

The Pokagon Bodéwadmik Ogitchedaw recently traveled to Sacaton, Arizona to again participate as guests of the Ira Hayes American Legion Post in the commemoration of the 68th anniversary of the Iwo Jima landing and flag raising.

One of the iconic images of World War II, the flag raising on Iwo Jima was famously photographed by Joe Rosenthal. The image depicts five Marines and a Navy corpsman raising the flag of the United States atop Mount Suribachi; one of those men was Ira Hayes, a Pima from the Gila River Indian Community. Three of the flag raisers would die on Iwo Jima in the days following that flag raising. The battle of Iwo Jima was the first American attack on Japanese home territory. During the battle, more than 6,000 Americans were killed, 2 were captured and almost 20,000 were wounded.

Although Ira Hayes was not wounded in the war, he never recovered. He could never justify his status as a hero when so many of his friends died. Less than ten years after returning from the war he died of exposure and alcohol poisoning. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

On our first morning we were invited to Faye and Art Magnuson's house in Arizona City. Faye cooked a meal for us and we visited with them and other elders. That evening a dinner honoring Ira Hayes at the Gila River Indian Community was well attended. The tribe presented the colors to start the events, and offered a traditional meal of tortillas, a spicy soup, baked salmon, and potato salad. During the meal, we were entertained with traditional dances from community members. A highlight of the event was when George Martin and the chairman of the Gun Lake Band, D. K. Sprague, gifted the event sponsors a beautifully beaded talking stick. The evening was topped with a raffle giveaway for which our table seemed to have a high percentage of winners.

Clarence White is Elder of the Month

Boosho,

I am a lifetime resident of South Bend, Indiana and the son of Julie Mix-White-Lentz and Henry White, Sr. I attended Holy Childhood Boarding School in Harbor Springs, MI through the eighth grade and graduated from Central Catholic High School in South Bend. My wife Jenny and I have been married for 37 years and I have three siblings, Marge Moody, Midge Holleman and my brother John White.

I enjoy being involved in all Pokagon activities and have served the Elders Council as treasurer since 1996. I received the Golden Hoosier Award in 2011 from Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman. It was a fun day at the Indiana State Fair Grounds attended by my wife Jenny and family, and many thanks to all who helped getting us to Indy on time. I was honored and humbled to receive this award for volunteering to serve as the spiritual elder for the Pokagon Band citizens over the years.



I am also proud to be a Pokagon Band elder and to see how the tribe has grown and benefited our elders, families and children with many traditional and cultural activities that interest me. I am proud to see the many improvements in our daily lives and how the tribe has progressed. We all have much to be proud of. Bamapii.

The next morning the Pokagon Ogitchedaw marched in a parade carrying the Eagle Staffs, the Pokagon Nation Flag, the U.S. Flag and others. A flyover started the parade. There were hundreds of entries from all over the United States and it was the largest group of native veterans in one spot that we have ever seen. There were six Iwo Jima survivors and four Navajo code talkers in attendance. People roamed the parade line up taking photographs and just introducing themselves. Our group seems to attract a lot of attention because they considered our community eagle staff one of the best that they have ever seen. The parade was lengthy, but we received applause all along the route plus a large applause at the reviewing stand. Members of the Ogitchedaw that attended were Gayle Green, Anthony Foerster, Ken Rader, Gus Gwilt, Jerry Campbell, Derek Brunell, Carl Wesaw and I. The Pokagon Ogitchedaw banner was carried out front by Rusty and Jackie Trux. Two of our loyal friends from the Saginaw-Chippewa Indian Tribe, David and Mike Perez, also marched with us carrying their flags, and we welcomed them. A large contingent of veterans from the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish or the Gun Lake Band of Potawatomi travelled to Sacaton to participate too.

At the Mathew B. Juan and Ira H. Hayes Veterans Memorial Park following the parade was a flag raising and lowering to half-staff, a moving POW/MIA ritual. It included bagpipes, a wreath laying, and was followed by a massing of colors. Thousands attended the event. Later that same day we joined in a gourd dance and a pow wow.

Megwetch to the Magnusons, to Butch Starrett and Melissa Rodriguez for their travel assistance, and the community for giving the veterans group the opportunity to take part in something so important.

Tribal Court Cooperation Gets Attention

The Pokagon Band Tribal Court was highlighted in the March 2013 publication Promising Strategies: Tribal State Court Relations from the Tribal Law and Policy Institute. The publication spotlights some of the most successful strategies for tribal courts and state courts to interact across an array of issues, including child welfare, cross jurisdictional enforcement of domestic violence orders of protection, and civil commitments.

The article mentioning the Pokagon Band Court focuses on an effort to provide Michigan lawyers with some of the basic information needed to work with tribal authorities. It describes how the Michigan State Bar ensured that the annual directory issue of the Michigan Bar Journal would include detailed information about tribal governments and their justice systems. Including tribal courts in the directory has made it possible for judges and state court officials to identify their counterparts in tribal court systems. This knowledge, in turn, has facilitated new initiatives that enable the two court systems to work together.

In addition, the Michigan Bar Journal periodically dedicates one of its monthly issues to Indian law and tribal law. Since 1986, the Michigan Bar Journal has published four issues that were specifically dedicated to exploring Indian law topics. In addition to joint training sessions for judges, run by the Michigan Judicial Institute, tribal court representatives have been invited to participate in strategic planning activities by the Michigan state court system.

Visit [www.walkingoncommonground.org/files/Promising Strategies Tribal-State Court Final 3-13.pdf](http://www.walkingoncommonground.org/files/Promising%20Strategies%20Tribal-State%20Court%20Final%203-13.pdf) to read the whole publication.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Know the Facts

**By Casey Kasper,
victim services manager/case worker**

Each April, domestic and sexual violence agencies and advocates raise awareness of sexual violence in our communities and encourage others to speak out against sexual violence.

Rape, sexual assault, and other forms of sexual violence are unfortunately all too familiar in our communities. Overall it is estimated that one in six women and one in thirty-three men will be victims of sexual violence in their lifetimes. These numbers, especially for women, are even higher when we look at instances of sexual violence against Native American women. According to the Department of Justice it is estimated that one in three Native American women will be victims of sexual violence at some point in their life. Much of the time rapes go unreported due to the shame, fear, and stigma associated with being a rape victim.

Through popular culture we are exposed to many different messages, beliefs, and values surrounding rape and sexual violence. A great deal of this information is incorrect and promote the idea that all victims and perpetrators look and act a certain way, which can lead to minimizing or denying abuse, or blaming the victim for the assault. Below are some common myths and facts about sexual assault.



Myth: This won't ever happen to me.

Fact: Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, class, age, religion, ability status, or education level.

Myth: Only women are raped.

Fact: While the overwhelming majority of rapes are committed by men against women, ANYONE can be a victim of sexual violence.

Myth: Women who dress seductively, drink alcohol, use drugs, or go out late at night should know better and are asking to be raped.

Fact: No matter what she wears, how much she drinks, if she uses drugs, dances seductively, goes for a run late at night, etc..., NO ONE asks to be sexually assaulted, nor do they deserve it.

Myth: Rapes are committed by strangers.

Fact: The overwhelming majority of assaults are committed by people the victim knows.

If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse and would like help please contact Casey Kasper, victim services manager/case worker for the Pokagon Band Department of Social Services at (269) 462-4324. All services are confidential and free of charge.

Ezh N'bamendamen Nibi | Water Studies Continue

**By Kristie Bussler,
K-12 resource specialist**

The Pokagon Band Tribal Court was highlighted in the March 2013 publication The Ezh N'bamendamen Nibi Project | How We Think about Caring for the Water keeps rolling along. Since last year, the Pokagon Band Departments of Natural Resources, Education, and Language and Culture have partnered for water education activities and quality testing with students in the K-12 Program. Native people have always greatly respected water, and the project has allowed us to pass this value on to our youth.

During recent educational events, we have provided K-12 students and their families the equipment, materials, and information necessary to do scientific experiments, to make crafts, and to share in cultural experiences that involve water. Our older students, grades 7-11, have an additional role in Ezh N'bamendamen Nibi. They are collecting scientific data to study the water on Pokagon lands. Last November, they gathered data about fish populations from Peavine Creek. Then in February, during our Washegme | Clear Water event, they collected water

samples from Gage Street Lake to measure nutrient levels.

We will continue to incorporate water into our future events as well. The Pokagon Band Summer School has adopted "Where We Live" as the theme for 2013, which will blend nicely with the study of the water around us. Summer school students (grades K-6) will study both the classroom setting and in field throughout the month of July. Our 7th-11th grade group will meet several more times throughout the summer for trainings and fieldwork and will organize their findings into a scientific report to be presented to Tribal Council.

We are looking for more students to join us for this important and exciting endeavor. What a great opportunity for teens to experience science in a way that can impact our community for generations to come! If your family has been involved with Ezh N'bamendamen Nibi, we look forward to spending more time with you for future water-related events. If you have not been able to join us, it is not too late. Please watch for more information about the events listed below or feel free to ask for details. For more

information about Embrace Math or Summer School, please ask a member of the Department of Education K-12 Staff. For more information about the Fishing Tournament or the 7th-11th Grade Group Meetings, please see Grant Poole from the Department of Natural Resources.

Upcoming Water Events

Embrace Math April 20, 2:00-4:00,
Community Center

Fishing Tournament/Lake Property
Clean-Up Date To Be Announced

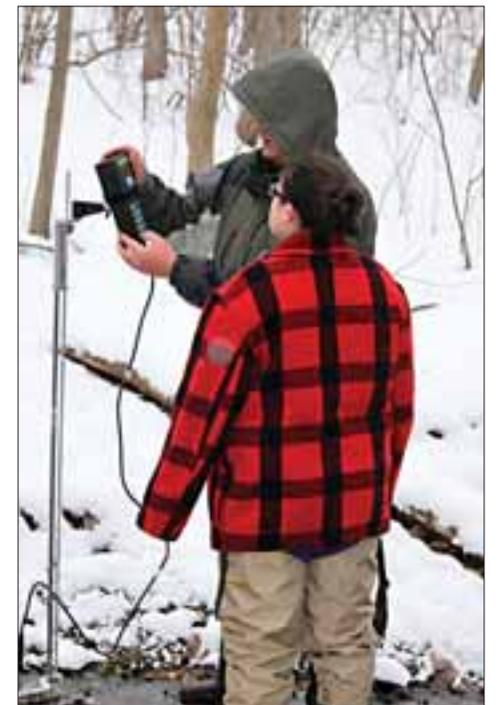
7th-11th Grade Group June 14,
10:30-2:30, Dept. of Education

7th-11th Grade Group June 28,
10:30-2:30, Dept. of Education

Summer School (K-6th Grades)
July 8 - August 1

7th-11th Grade Group July 12,
10:30-2:30, Dept. of Education

7th-11th Grade Group July 14,
10:30-2:30, Dept. of Education



Chi Ishobak Announcements and Updates

Consumer Loan Program

The continued support from Finance Board, Tribal Council, and our Board of Directors has made the Consumer Loan Program a reality. Chi Ishobak's Consumer Loan Policy was unanimously approved by our Board of Directors on March 15. The Consumer Loan Policy contains our new Automobile Loans and Credit Builder Loans that are designed to assist with individual and family capacity building for Pokagon citizens.

April 1, 2013 will be the official launch date for this new program. Chi Ishobak is excited for the opportunity to assist an even greater number of citizens. If you would like to receive more details or have any questions regarding this program, contact Chi Ishobak at (269) 783-4157.

Youth Transportation Individual Development Account (IDA)

Chi Ishobak would like to welcome Logan Serba and Justin Sherwood as Chi Ishobak's first Youth Transportation IDA Program participants. Congratulations on beginning your journey for automobile savings and individual financial management.

The Youth Transportation IDA Program helps to provide Pokagon Band youth (between the ages of 13 to 17) the opportunity to save for a period up to 60 months and have those funds matched 1:1 by Chi Ishobak for the purchase of an automobile.

Program participants will also attend Financial Wellness Workshops designed to promote sound budgeting practices and fiscal self-discipline. This program helps our youth create a pathway to financial well-being, establish banking relationships, and accomplish goals.

Financial Wellness and Individual Financial Coaching

Chi Ishobak has structured a Financial Wellness Program that is unique for Pokagon citizens. We are here to help you conquer financial problems and improve your financial habits. Individual coaching sessions and workshops are provided by Chi Ishobak and will provide you with the tools necessary to manage your finances effectively. The atmosphere is positive and relaxed; the solutions are practical and relevant. The first series of workshops will take place April 3, 10, 24 and May 1, 8. There will be a workshop at 1:00pm to 2:00pm on each date as well as an evening session from 6:00pm to 7:00pm on each date in an attempt to accommodate more participation. All workshops will be held at the Community Center in Dowagiac.

Chi Ishobak, Inc. Contact Information

Chi Ishobak, Inc.
415 E. Prairie Ronde St.
Dowagiac, MI 49047



FINANCIAL WELLNESS SERIES

Chi Ishobak and the Pokagon Band Department of Housing have collaborated to introduce a new financial education program for Pokagon Band citizens. More than just information, this program is designed to identify financial behaviors and the cultural relevance associated with them. A series of five classes will address the basic aspects of personal financial management and provide participants with the tools and processes to take control of their financial health. Two classes are available on each date in an attempt to accommodate more participation.

SAVINGS IS COMMOM CENTS

This segment introduces the importance of saving, the purposes of saving, and how saving is culturally tied to us.

Date: Wednesday, April 3
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

A MARRIAGE WITH MONEY

Whether you are married or single, your financial decisions and activities must have checks, balances, and accountability.

Date: Wednesday, April 10
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

A PLAN FOR CASH FLOW

Knowing exactly where your money goes and why will allow you to have an effective, purposeful spending plan.

Date: Wednesday, April 24
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

TACKLING DEBT

This segment will introduce a proven method to prioritize debts and gain traction in eliminating them for good.

Date: Wednesday, May 1
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

LET THE BUYER BEWARE

By understanding how large companies compete for your money, you may identify necessary and significant purchases.

Date: Wednesday, May 8
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

Contact Information: Sean Winters, Executive Director
Sean.winters@chiishobak.org - Office: (269) 783-4157

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Practice Your Potawatomi

Please try the activity above and send it in to the Department of Language and Culture and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card. You can email, fax, or US mail your answer to:

Department of Language and Culture
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Fax: (269) 782-1817
Rhonda.Purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Potawatomi Spring Word Search

T X E T E G H Z I G O N M N K M K J
G X T V U G L W Z U E L M H Z Z U L
O C J Y U D W Z R Y W O B B E W T D
K J K K H E S E Z N K I M P N C M J
P I G U T D M X N M H Z Q A B C C W
E H I Q B E H O G B S E B N A E F P
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Bogishkwe (Mud)
Mzhekwet (It is a clear day-Weather)
Win (Him/Her)
Gdede (Otter)
Nanokashi (Hummingbird)
Wowen (Egg)
Gin (You)
Nin (I, Me, or Mine)
Zego (Crane)
Gokpenagen (Basket)
Wabozo (Rabbit)
Zenba (Ribbon)
Ktegan (Garden)
Washkbuk (Candy)
Zhangesh (Mink)
Mnogizhget (It is a good day-Weather)
Waskonedo (Flower)
Zheshke (Dirt)
Mtuk (Tree)
Wenbisamget (It is lightly raining)
Zheshkwedok (Ribbon)

Four Winds Gift Shop Featured Pokagon artist for April and May | Kathy Getz Fodness

I was first introduced to and fell in love with pottery making in my high school art class. After a long hiatus, I was able to return to the pottery studio in early 2009 and my passion for the craft was ignited once more.

Being a very practical person, my focus is on function. However, I love creating beautiful pieces, too. I have found that the very definition of 'beautiful' continues to evolve for me, in respect to my artwork. I like working with clay because it is a way to re-create the things I see, things I love from my life, my travels, from my ancestors in a permanent and lasting way. I want you, the viewer, to connect with my art through your own personal experiences and memories. I hope that when using my pottery, you are offered a chance to enjoy something from within, a moment of contemplation and beauty while experiencing the most ordinary of every day moments.

By far, the Four Winds Casino Gift Shop in New Buffalo has been the best outlet for my work. I was asked to be a supplier for tribal artwork to decorate many of the hotel rooms as well as a recently finished ceramic installation in the Players' Lounge. My work is also available at CircaArts Gallery and the Dot Shop at the South Bend Museum of Art, both located in South Bend, Indiana. In addition, I am excited to be returning for the Labor Day Weekend as a Pokagon artist vendor during our Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow.

I am incredibly grateful for everyone that has supported me in this journey. Whether it was offering guidance, a few kind words, or making a purchase, know that you've all played a significant part in the success of my dream.





Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Language Events | Zisbakdoké Gizses | April

12-Week Basic Language Classes
 The class will be taught every Tuesday at the Community Center with **John Winchester**. The class will focus on learning the Potawatomi vowel system, past/present/future tense markers and basic verbs and nouns.
Date: April 2, April 9, April 16, April 23, April 30
Time: 6:00–8:00 pm
Location: Community Center, Training Room

Intermediate Language Classes
 Intermediate Language Class is taught every Thursday at the Community Center. Intermediate Language class will be led by students focusing on speaking and hearing the language while using advanced sentence structure and new verb forms.
Date: April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25
Time: 6:00–8:00 pm
Location: Community Center, Training Room





Language Workshop | Jeopardy
 Teams of two will compete in a round of Jeopardy that will review basic and intermediate Potawatomi language.
Date: April 24
Time: 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Location: Community Center, Training Room

Elders Language Classes
 Elders Language Class is a beginner level class that is held every Monday with **John Winchester**. New learners are welcome.
Date: April 1, April 8, April 15, April 22, April 29
Time: 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Location: Elders Hall

Early Start Language Class | Kindergarten to Grade 5
 Children, kindergarten to grade 5, who are interested in learning our Potawatomi language are welcome to attend the Early Start Language Class.
Date: April 2, April 9, April 16, April 23, April 30
Time: 6:30 pm–7:30 pm
Location: Pokagon Band Headstart Building

For more information, contact: Rhonda Purcell, Language Coordinator, (269) 462-4255 office or (269) 783-9027 cell
 E-Mail: Rhonda.Purcell@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning Neshnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. These events are not exclusive to Pokagon citizens. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Cultural Events | April

Boys and Mens Drumming Practice
 Please come and learn techniques of drumming, singing and drum etiquette. This is a chance to bring your sons out for a wonderful learning experience.
South Bend practice with John T. Warren
Date: Wednesday, April 10
Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Location: PNC Bank
 310 W McKinley Ave, Ste. 300
 Mishawaka, IN 46545

Dowagiac practice with John T. Warren
Date: Wednesday, April 17
Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Location: Rogers Lake campus
 58620 Sink Road
 Dowagiac, MI 49047

Hartford practice with Jason S. Wesaw
Date: Wednesday, April 24
Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Location: Hartford Middle School, choir room
 141 School Street
 Hartford, MI 49047

Womens Hand Drum Practice
 Please come and join the ladies for an evening of camaraderie, singing, songs, and drumming. Please bring a dish to pass as we will enjoy a feast when we are finished. Also please wear your skirts.
Date: Wednesday, April 17
Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Location: Gage Street House
 26464 Gage Street, Dowagiac MI

Native Healing with Jake and Mary Pine
 Jake and Mary Pine visit our community for traditional 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).
Date: Monday – Wednesday, April 15–17
Time: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. [individual appointments]
Location: Teaching Cabin
 Rodgers Lake Campus
 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Co-ed Sweat Lodge
Date: Tuesday, April 16
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Seasonal Teachings with Steve Winchester
 Steve will be discussing the changing of the seasons and what our responsibilities are during these times and what we should be honoring. Please come ready to ask questions and listen to stories. We need these teachings to come back to our community, bring your family for an afternoon of sharing. Dinner will be provided.
Date: Saturday, April 20
Time: 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Location: Gage Street House
 26464 Gage Street, Dowagiac MI

Contact Information: Andy Jackson, cultural associate
 Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov | Office: (269) 462-4261

Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning Neshnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. These events are not exclusive to Pokagon citizens. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Head Start News

By Sarah Hyatt, Head Start director

Please keep in mind that the Head Start building remains locked during school hours. If you come to the center, please ring the black button for the doorbell to gain access into the building. The employees reserve the right to ask to see picture identification before allowing anyone into the building.

We are accepting applications for the 2013–2014 school year. The application deadline is June 1, 2013. Any applications received after the deadline will be placed on the waiting list. Children must be three years of age by December 1, 2013 to be eligible for the 2013–2014 school year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF Assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the tribal ID to be considered for enrollment. Please contact the center at (269) 783-0026 or (866) 250-6573 with any questions about enrollment or to request a pre-application.

School days are Monday–Thursday from 8:30–2:30. Transportation is provided in limited areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations. We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The Potawatomi language and culture is incorporated throughout each day. The program does accept children with disabilities.

The program is looking for regalia that anyone would be interested in donating. If you have regalia that your children have outgrown or any old shawls and do not have any uses for these items, the Head Start children would be honored to have the opportunity to have these items in their classrooms. If you have any items that you are willing to donate, please contact Samantha Townsend at the center or by email at Samantha.Townsend@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Volunteers

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

Volunteers

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for: bubbles, sidewalk chalk, outdoor sand & water toys, boys & girls clothing sizes 2T–6X/7 (there are always families in need), various art supplies, any cultural items.

Upcoming Events/Closures

March 28, 2013 Family Fun Night 6:00–8:00 p.m.

March 29, 2013 the program will be closed in the afternoon for Good Friday.

March 31–April 6, 2013 The program is closed for Spring Break!

April 8, 2013 School resumes from Spring Break.

April 25, 2013 Family Fun Night 6:00–8:00 p.m.

May 16, 2013 Last day of school for the 2012–2013 school year.

June 1, 2013 Application deadline for the 2013–2014 school year.

Happy Birthday to you!

Devin Helmke 3/21/13 Happy 4th Birthday!

Lilly Rapp 3/31/13 Happy 4th Birthday!

Sydney Olson 3/31/13 Happy 5th Birthday!

Aliayah Huddleston 4/3/13 Happy 5th Birthday!

Myah Richards 4/10/13 Happy 5th Birthday!

Mrs. Tracy Hyatt 4/24/13 Happy Birthday!



The children from classroom #2 celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday recently.

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Tribal Citizens that are enrolled in college.

If you would like to know more please contact:

Theresa Getz
Manager of Tribal Placement & Development
269-926-5228

Extended application deadline April 30, 2013.



WHAT: Pre-college Summer Business Boot Camp

WHO: Native Youth in 10th, 11th or 12th Grade during Fall 2013–Spring 2014

WHEN: Saturday, July – Friday, July 26, 2013

WHERE: Michigan State University campus

COST: Free

APPLICATION DUE: May 3, 2013

For more information or NABI 2013 Applications visit: mbp.broad.msu.edu/nabi

Department of Education Announcements and Updates

Pokagon Band: A Nation That Reads Program

Our goal this time was 4,509 books, which was the tribal citizen count as of October 2012. We are close to reaching that goal! Out of the 75 families that signed up, we had 50 families that sent in their book lists. We will be having our celebration soon and invitations will be sent to those who participated. Thank you to all who participated!

Graduating?

If you have or will be completing your bachelor's degree or higher, please complete the College Graduate Gift application, attach it with the copy of your diploma, and submit them to the Department of Education. The application can be found on our web site. If you have any questions please call the Department of Education (269) 782-0887.

Summer Youth Internship Program

Calling all Pokagon youth, 14–18 years old, attending middle school or high school in the fall of 2013. This is a paid internship that runs Monday through Thursday, July 8 through August 1 and places students within the government's offices and programs during that time. Applications, which are available through the Department of Education, will be followed by interviews. The deadline for the completed applications is Monday, April 15. Contact Connie Baber for more information (888) 330-1234.

Annual Title VII Hearing

The Pokagon Band Department of Education's K–12 Program is holding the Annual Public Hearing for Title VII Grant for the 2013 – 2014 school year Tuesday, May 7 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Department of Education Offices. We will discuss the services offered through this grant. Please call (888) 330-1234 for further information.

Save this Date for High School Senior Awards Banquet

The Banquet is set for Friday, June 21, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center. More information is coming your way. Seniors, letters about the evening have been mailed out, so if you haven't received a letter, call Diana Smith at (269) 782-0887. This banquet is open to everyone — come join us as we honor the graduates, their families, and their achievements!

Tutoring News

The first semester grades are now out. If your K–12 student is struggling with schoolwork, please contact us. We have tutoring services available, including for students outside of the ten county area. Call Kristie Bussler at (269) 782-0887 or email her at kristie.bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov for details.

We have great kids all over the place!

And we have the opportunity to get that word out – in this newsletter! Call the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 to get the “Academic Excellence” and the “Extra-Curricular Excellence” forms. Nominate your own child, a relative, a friend – this is a fun opportunity to show support to a child and share with the rest of the community about what awesome kids we have!

GOAL

Get Organized and Ahead for Life: we are beginning this program for 7th – 12th grade students and families. With the informative assistance of George Fierro from WMU, we held a discussion about preparing for college. There is more to come. In the meantime, GOAL resources are available in person and from a distance! Feel free to contact Penny Brant (269) 782-0887 or penny.brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov for more information.

Volunteers

Volunteering – what an awesome way to get involved with the tribe's youth. You would assist in long-term activities, short-term activities, or single events. Volunteers will go through the Tribe's background check, including drug screening. Duties will vary depending upon the event. A possible involvement could be working with the LEGO League as it grows. What a great way to make a difference and have a fun time!

Stumped Students

Students (and parents!) can get stumped on a task or math problem and not need a continual tutoring arrangement. We can help! Give us a call for help over the phone, email us, or set up an appointment to come in.

Magazines for You!

This is just a reminder that we have Parent and Child magazines, a delightful magazine focused on children and family. Please stop by the Department of Education to get your copy. Several other Pokagon Band offices have them as well.

Michigan State University | July 14–19, 2013

Pre College Leadership Program

Sponsored by: College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Office of Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education

Contact Information:

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Asst. Coordinator
winche19@msu.edu

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- You can obtain the application on our website!
http://www.canr.msu.edu/prospective_students/pre_college/pre-college_leadership_program/

Academic Excellence Recognition for Molly Potter

By J.T. Laraway,
education associate

This month we are applauding Molly Potter on her academic achievements. Molly is a third grade student at Patrick Hamilton Elementary in Dowagiac, Michigan. She received all 1s on her report card and scored high on the MEAP test. Molly was also asked to be in the Science Olympiad at Southwestern Michigan College.

In her free time Molly enjoys reading and drawing. She would like to be an author and illustrator when she grows up. Please join the Department of Education as we applaud Molly for her academic excellence and continued hard work. Thank you mom and



stepdad, Melissa Potter and Tim Craig, for submitting this recommendation for academic excellence to the Pokagon Department of Education.

If you know of a Native child who excels in their academic or extracurricular activities please share it with the Department of

Education by filling out an excellence application, found on the Pokagon website or in the Department of Education, and sending it to connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Department of Education, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

Join Pokagon Band in a Statewide Health Initiative

Hopefully many of you have already signed up for the Michigan Healthier Tomorrow program (www.michigan.gov/mihealthiertomorrow) and have marked your calendars for the Pokagon Band Zumba class Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. at the Pavilion at Rodgers Lake.

Any Pokagon Band citizen or staff member is welcome to participate in the exercise programs.

For those interested in exercising at lunch, trainer Dean Orvis will be offering beginner, moderate, and advanced exercise classes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:15p.m. –12:45 p.m. at the Pavilion starting March 26. Please come to the first class March 26 for assessments and to be placed in the right class for you. Please be sure to bring water to the classes to stay hydrated while exercising.

Now is the time to make the changes that can last a lifetime and extend your life. Did you know that losing just ten percent of your body weight can make a significant improvement to both your physical and mental health? It can reduce your risk of heart disease, diabetes, stroke and cancer. Exercising at least 30 minutes a day can also make you in better overall health.

Make the time to put yourself and your health first today. Take the MI Healthier Tomorrow Pledge. You will receive a free getting started kit and can sign up for healthy texts and/or e-mail support. You'll also find more inspiration, motivation and conversation on Facebook. Join us and buddy up to create new healthy habits at work and at home. Together we can create a healthier tomorrow.

Join at www.michigan.gov/mihealthiertomorrow. When you register, the form will ask you how you found out about the program; please choose Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.



Lunch hour Exercise Class
Rodgers Lake Pavilion
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
starting March 26
12:15pm– 12:45pm

Zumba Class
Rodgers Lake Pavilion
Wednesdays
5:15pm– 6:15pm

ALL TRIBES LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

APRIL 27 10:00 AM | RODGERS LAKE, DOWAGIAC

Please join us as we kick off the season with family friendly tribal tournament. Each tribe may bring more than one team. However each team should have a minimum of 7 players. This event is for the whole family. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. There is no registration fee and you receive a free T-shirt if you preregister your team before April 15.

There will be three categories:

- A YOUTH TEAM kids under the age of 13
- B LEAGUE for beginner level players
- C LEAGUE for advance level players

Teams are all co-ed.

Please e-mail Conrad.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call (269) 783-6773 to register.

Your Number Is your Card

By Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Often people decide they need to apply for a new Social Security card because they can't find their old one. As long as you have all of the required information and documentation, it's not difficult to obtain a replacement Social Security card. Here's even better news: you probably don't need the card.

When you think about it, your Social Security number is your Social Security card. That is, knowing your number is usually all you'll ever need. Know your number by heart, and you'll never leave home without it.

In the event that you really do want or need to get a replacement card, either for yourself or for a child, you can find all the details at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber. The "Get or Replace a Social Security Card" page provides information on how to obtain a replacement card and what specific documents you need to provide. Each situation is unique, but in most cases you simply need to print, complete, and either mail or bring the application to Social Security with the appropriate documentation (originals or certified copies only).

In almost all cases, though, an application for your newborn's Social Security card and number is taken in the hospital at the same time that you apply for your baby's birth certificate.

Whether you need a Social Security card for yourself or your child, it's easy to apply for one. But remember: if you already have one and just can't find it, in most cases all you really need is to know your number. Memorize your Social Security number, and you'll never leave home without it.

 Learn more about your Social Security card and number at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.



Elders: let's Get in the Garden!

Youth Council is sponsoring a gardening initiative. They will be helping ten Elders who would like to grow a garden but need a hand tilling the land and planting the seeds. Youth will also help keep it weeded.

For those that live in urban areas, or do not have tillable property, we will help you start a bucket garden for your porch.

If you are 55 or older and are interested, or know of someone who might be, please fill out the form below and send it by April 26 to Conrad Church, PO Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047. Or you can e-mail it to Conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Questions? Please call (269) 783-6773.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Tribal ID #: _____ Are you 55 or older: Y N

Would you like a Bucket Garden or do you have property that can be tilled? _____



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Chi Ishobak (pronounced Chee Ish oh bock) which means "big cabbage," is the Pokagon Band of Pottawatomi's CDFI, Community Development Financial Institution. Chi Ishobak provides citizens access to affordable capital for the purposes of business start-up and expansion through education-based lending services.

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 Writing a Business Plan
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 Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center
 SCORE
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It is the vision of Chi Ishobak to support the efforts of a nurturing community that has restored its culture and language and provides a meaningful substance for all Pokagon citizens and individuals through employment, self-employment or traditional life ways.

For questions and additional information regarding Chi Ishobak, please visit us at:
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 Or contact
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April 2013 Department of Language and Culture

Director, Conrad Church (269) 462-4254, Cultural Specialist, Andy Jackson (269) 462-4261,
Language Coordinator, Rhonda Purcell (269) 462-4255

Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30				

Culture—

- 4/20 | Seasonal Teaching w/ Steve Winchester, Gage Street Cabin, 26464 Dowagiac, MI 49047, 1-5pm
- 4/28 | Domestic Violence Shawl Project, Community Center, 1-5pm
- **Contact Andy to help with Sugar Bush**

Drumming—

- 4/10 | Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ John T Warren, PNC Bank W. McKinley Ave, Ste. 300, Mishawaka, IN 46545 6-8pm
- 4/17 | Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ John T Warren, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6-8pm
- 4/17 | Ladies Drumming, Gage Street Cabin, 26464 Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6-8pm
- 4/24 | Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ Jason Wesaw, Hartford School Choir Room, 141 School St, Hartford, MI 49047, 6-8pm

Language—

- Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am-12pm
- Tuesdays | 12 Week Basic Language Course Community Center, 6-8pm
- Tuesdays | Early Start Language, Pokagon Band Head Start, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047 6:30p-7:30pm
- Thursdays | Intermediate Language Class Community Center, 6-8pm
- 4/24 | Monthly Language Workshop w/ Jeopardy, Community Center, 6-8p

Native Healing—

- 4/15—4/17 | Jake Pine, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 9a-5p (Individual appointments)
- 4/16 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6pm

Youth—

- 4/6 | Youth Council Special Elections, Community Center, 10a-11a
- 4/6 | Jr Youth Council Meeting, Community Center, 10a-11a
- 4/6 | U of M College Visit & Powwow, Ann Arbor, MI-Bus leaves Community Center at 11:00a sharp
- 4/13 | Sr Youth Council Business Meeting, Sassafra Lake, Hartford, MI 4:00p-6:00p
- 4/13 | Community Service Project, Community Center, 10:00a
- 4/27 | All Tribes Lacrosse Tournament, Rogers Lake, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 10am

Traditions and Repatriation Committee—

- 4/29 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6-9pm

Honor Shawl Project Planned

Domestic violence is a serious concern for Native American communities, as Native American women and girls are at a greater risk of becoming victims of domestic and sexual violence than non-natives.

The Domestic Violence Team will be hosting an Honor Shawl Project workshop on April 28, 2013 from 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The goal of the Project is to honor the memory and experiences of domestic violence survivors through making dance shawls. The Honor Shawl Project will provide a safe space for community members of all ages to participate in traditional teachings as a way of healing.

Workshop participants do not have to have experienced domestic violence to attend. We will be having a potluck luncheon and ask that participants bring a dish to pass, if possible. If you have any questions please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 783-9256, Andy Jackson at (269) 462-4261, or Katy Morseau-Rader at (269) 782-8998.

If you or someone you know is being abused and would like help, please contact Casey Kasper, victim services manager/case worker at (269) 783-9256.

Wellbriety House of Recovery

The Wellbriety House of Recovery meets at the teaching cabin at Rodgers lake, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, MI. Call Mingo for more information at (269) 462-5061 or (269) 462-9552.

Weekly Meetings:

Tuesday, 5:00–6:00 pm.

The Red Road to Wellbriety Elders Way

Friday, 5:00–8:00 pm.

A/A and N/A open meeting

Saturday, 6:00–8:00 pm.

The Red Road to Wellbriety Elders Way

Sunday, 6:00–8:00 pm.

A/A and N/A open meeting

Pokagon Band

Enrichment Program

NEW Year Round Program

If you are 5th through 12th grade you can:

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- Participate in workshops,
- Attend life skills programs,
- Take pre-college classes or school programs,
- Attend conferences.

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\$500 limit per year

ARE YOU 5TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE?

Do you want to learn something new?

If you are interested in applying, please send the following to the Department of Education:

- 1) Completed Application
- 2) Information about enrichment program you want to attend
- 3) Copy of your tribal card

Please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education or contact Connie Baber for an application (269)782-0887 or (888)330-1234 connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

Train Together for the Family Olympics

What: Michigan Indian Family Olympics, something for all ages. All Michigan Tribes participate

When: Summer, 2013

Training Schedule:

March 2013

Mar 16 | Hopkins Gym | 3:00p.m.–5:00p.m.

Mar 23 | Discovery Middle School, Granger, IN | 3:00p.m.–5:00p.m.

Mar 30 | Hartford High School Gym | 3:00p.m.–5:00p.m.

May 2013

May 4 | Hopkins Gym | 3:00p.m.–5:00p.m.

★ May 11 | Hartford High School Gym | 3:00p.m.–5:00p.m.

May 18 | Discovery Middle School, Granger, IN | 3:00p.m.–5:00p.m.

Each participant must attend at least 2 of the 8 sessions that will be offered to qualify to participate in the Olympics. We will count a school sport as 1 session. Each member and or member's guardian must fill out the assumption of risk, release, waiver, covenant not to sue and indemnity agreement form.

Win a pair of Nike tennis shoes! To be eligible for the drawing, pre-register the training session and attend the event that you pre-registered for.

Participants must be there and registered/signed in by no later than a half hour after the event time starts.

To reserve your spot, or for more information contact: Conrad.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call (269) 462-4254



★ new or rescheduled date

Youth Elders Detroit Tigers Game

Where: Comerica Park, Detroit, MI

Date: Sunday, May 12, 2013 (tentative)

Pokagon Youth Council is looking for caring, hardworking Pokagon Youth between the age of 12–18 years old to assist Elders during a Detroit Tigers trip. Volunteers will help Elders with walking, carrying packages, or getting food and drinks. Most importantly, this is a great chance to visit and learn from them.

Permission to transport forms & permissions slips must be complete before a child can attend.

If you are interested, please e-mail or fax your 150 word letter of intent explaining why you would like to attend the outing and spend time with Elders, and how you can help them.

Deadline is **FRIDAY, April 19 at 5:00 PM**

Contact: Conrad Church
Conrad.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov

(269) 783-6773 cell

(269) 782-1817 fax

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



Elders Council Business Meeting | March 7, 2013

MEETING: Ken Rader, 11:07 a.m.

INVOCATION: Clarence White.

ROLL CALL: Maxine Margiotta, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Saldivar, P. Also in attendance, Petey Boehm, Elders Specialist

AGENDA: Sean Winters gave a report on Chi Ishobak. This program helps citizens get loans to start businesses, and help them get started. Commercial loans are available. Youth in the 13–17 years old are also helped to save money, education bonuses, personal finances.

Last year \$88,700.00 was spent helping 85 citizens. Contact Sean for further information.

Jason S. Wesaw informed the membership that Tribal Council has given their permission to start the Cultural Center. March 27, 28, 29 meetings will be held at the Community Center for further discussion. You can contact Jason for more information.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Membership was informed that a trip to South Dakota was being looked into. The trip would take us to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument, and a stop at Wounded Knee. Waiting on the quote to see what the price will be.

Audrey informed the membership that the deadline for Elders Representative to be filed is March 22, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS: MIEA conference will be held April 8,9,10, at the Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek MI. A \$25.00 deposit is required.

Petey informed us that active living classes will start March 8, 2013

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Ken Radar explained that the loan closet and the emergency fund will not be implemented due to the complex issues that could arise.

MINUTES: Maxine moved to accept the minutes of February 7, 2013, Ruth supported, (5) yes, passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Audrey moved to accept the treasurer's report. Ken supported, (5) yes, passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Chili cook-off will be held March 21, 2013.

Basket making will be held in March 27

Active living classes will be Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cooking class will be held March 28, 12:00 p.m. at the Commodity Bldg.

Gathering will be held in Dowagiac MI, August 8-11, 2013.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Jim Topash, Gerald Wesaw, Evelyn "Cookie" Wesaw, Ila Jean Wolf, Carol Klemm, Pat Klemm, Ann Zimmerman, Essye Kirvan, Kittie Collett, Jo Shear Spichtig, Majel DeMarsh, Bonnie Daisy, Hal Weatherwax.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:00 p.m.

Interested in Employment with the Pokagon Band?

If you are a Pokagon citizen or the spouse of a Pokagon who is interested in working for the Pokagon Band, including tribal construction projects, you must have your application in the talent pool. Heather Farver, human resources generalist for the tribe, will be the initial point of contact for registering for the talent pool.

There are two ways to register for the talent pool. You can do so online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Career_Opportunities.aspx and you will

need to submit a resume. You may also call Heather and make arrangements to fill out a registration form at the Department of Human Resources in the Administration Building at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI. She will generate the lists that are sent to the hiring managers or contractors when they request additional staff. She will handle all updates to your profile and contact information.

Please remember to update your profile as you gain more experience

or obtain certifications. In addition, please remember to let us know if your contact information changes. If you are using a cell phone, give us an alternate number in case something happens to your cell phone or you run out of minutes. If the tribe or contractor is unable to contact you, you obviously will miss out on an opportunity to work.

We often have only a short window of time to fill a labor request. Occasionally, a contractor could submit

a request and need a worker to report to the site within the hour. Availability, hard work, and excellent attendance are the keys to obtaining and maintaining employment. All hiring decisions are made by the departments or the contractor. Human Resources has no say in who works on a particular job.

Contact Information

Heather Farver
human resources generalist
(269) 462-4267 office
heather.farver@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.

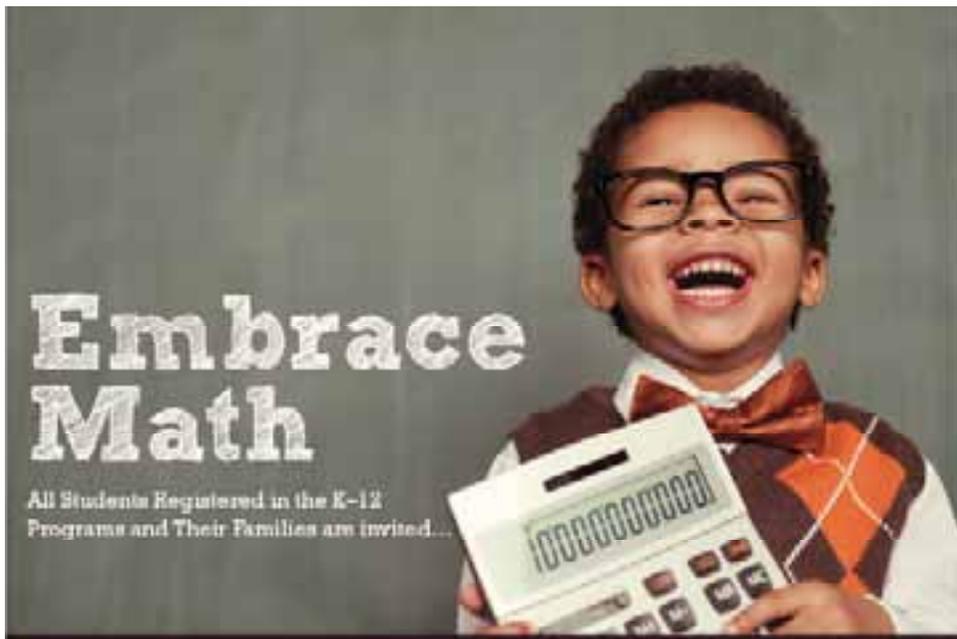
The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa
Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047
newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The pinwheel is the national symbol of child abuse and neglect prevention. The pinwheel is an uplifting reminder of childhood and the bright future all children deserve.



Saturday, April 20, 2013
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Community Center

Come and enjoy a day of hands-on math activities!

Hands-on Fun! To register, call the Department of Education at (269) 783-0887.

Event Schedule

2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Math Carousels
2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Hands-on Activities
3:45 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Closing

Enjoy an afternoon of family fun!

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DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Youth Cultural Events | April

Youth Council Special Elections

The following seats are up for election in this Special Election for Youth Council.

- The following seat on Junior Youth Council is up for the remainder of this election year: **Secretary**
- The following seat on Senior Youth Council is up for the remainder of this election year: **Treasurer**

Date: Saturday, April 6

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Community Center

Junior Youth Council Business Meeting

It is going to be a busy spring and summer, we need your help in planning many activities from cultural workshops, presentations, Tigers baseball, and community service. Please join us at our next business meeting; we are always taking new members, so if you are interested please call Conrad Church at (269) 783-6773.

Date: Saturday, April 6

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Community Center

Senior Youth Council Business Meeting

Please join us at the Tribal Council Meeting as the Youth present to Tribal Council on their experience to NCAI in Washington DC. There are many youth already involved from students actively pursuing their educational goals, career professionals, business owners, and those who just want to give back to their tribe. Please join us at our next business meeting. If you have questions please feel free to contact Collin.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Date: Saturday, April 13

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Community Center

University of Michigan Pow-wow and College visit

Youth will have an awesome opportunity to experience campus life as well as indulge in their indigenous culture at the historic campus of the University of Michigan. We will leave the community center at 11:00 AM—this will be a first-come, first-serve basis, so don't delay please call today. Conrad Church at (269) 783-6773.

Date: Saturday, April 6

Time: leave at 11:00 am

Location: Ann Arbor, MI

Community Service Project | Cleaning Sassafras Lake Property

Please join us as we take care of Mother Earth by cleaning our tribally-owned Sassafras Lake Property. We will be working with tribal DNR. Dinner will be provided, for those who work.

Date: April 13

Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: Hartford, MI

All Tribes Lacrosse Tournament

Please come out and enjoy this very traditional sport. Various Tribes are invited to participate in this event. We will start the day in a good way at 10:00 am at the Pavilion at Rodgers Lake. There is no fee and you receive a free t-shirt for those who pre-register before the deadline of April 15. This event is for the whole tribal family and those who are not tribal but would like to learn about Anishnabek ways. Please call or email Conrad.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 783-6773 to register. Lunch will be provided.

Date: April 27

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Rodgers Lake
Dowagiac, MI

Save the Date | Youth Summit at Grand Valley State University | Friday, May 3

Save the Date | 2nd Annual Family Fishing Tournament | Sunday, May 5

For more information, contact Conrad Church | (269) 462-4254 | Conrad.Church@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



Discover Something New!

Order your 2013 Pokagon Discovery Kit by May 31.

Don't miss your chance to order a Pokagon Discovery Kit, available for all Pokagon youth ages 2–11th grade enrolled in pre-K–12 programs.

☎ Call (888) 330-1234

💻 or visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education

✉ or e-mail Penny.Brant@PokagonBand-nsn.gov to order.

If you live out of the Pokagon 10-county area, we will mail it to you. Residents of the 10-county service area must arrange to pick up their Kits.

Application deadline is May 31, 2013! Kits are only available during June 2013.

Notice of Open Position | Vice-President of Sales Accu-Mold, LLC

Job Summary. The Vice-President of Sales (VPS) assumes responsibility for all sales functions of Accu-Mold, LLC, by conducting the company sales effort, growth planning, and oversight of the company's direction. The VPS sees to the highest customer satisfaction and quality of work at Accu-Mold through proactive customer relationships and problem solving. The VPS will set long-term strategy to develop high-margin markets and sales opportunities in markets that are growing. The VPS reports to the Company President.

Duties

The typical duties of the Vice-President of Sales include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Technical Expertise:** Maintain advanced technical knowledge in plastics and a broad knowledge of plastics and related design systems. Keep abreast of plastics and plastics design and engineering innovation. Attend technical training and professional society meetings and seminars keep current knowledge of the industry. Maintain ISO certification and advise the President on improvements to company quality and product lines. Recommend error and risk reduction methods to, and execute when approved by, the Company President.
- **Oversight:** Passionately communicate the company vision at all levels. Lead by example, mentor and motivate personnel as a team, communicate vision to all staff, and gain buy-in of company direction and goals. Submit annual company budget recommendations, and budget modifications as business opportunities or threats require, to the Company President.
- **Profitability:** Conduct business development so that sales meet or exceed financial goals and ensure steady and progressive growth of the company. Develop sales budgets. Take initiative to operate efficiently and advise the President on measures to maximize efficiency of company operations. Utilize the economic advantages of the Owner as a tribal instrumentality, including minority status, to increase company sales and profitability.
- **Strategic Planning:** Work collaboratively to develop Accu-Mold's strategic plan and execute the plan's sales and other assigned goals profitably. Make tactical modifications in the performance of goals and objectives when threats require and to stay on top of emerging business opportunities. Build the company's strategic alliances and partnerships to support its goals.
- **Customer Service:** Ensure effective communication and coordination between administration, sales and operations to deliver high-quality and on-time products

to customers. Ensure all quotes are accurately budgeted and profitable. Analyze customer circumstances to recognize new business opportunities and maintain regular contact with customers to ensure a high level of satisfaction. Represent the organization in a professional manner to key stakeholders and the public. Take initiative to ensure that the quality of product and servicing to customers is consistent with the company's high standards.

- **Reporting:** Report sales and performance to the Company President and Owner. Maintain frequent communication with the Company President with a sense of urgency on changes in customer relationships, and any concerns related to products and services. Report opportunities for Company growth and new investments discovered through industry networks and customer relationships.

Position Requirements

- Have a strong sense of commitment, responsibility and urgency toward the work of Accu-Mold.
- Have excellent leadership and managerial skills.
- Have excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Have mechanical knowledge, creativity, strategic planning experience, new product and market vision, and a demonstrable passion for technical sales and market development.
- Have 10 years of experience in either sales and/or manufacturing showing a progression of success and responsibility in your career.
- Bachelor's degree not required but preferred.
- Have knowledge of the principles and practices involved in manufacturing, sales, contract development and cost estimating.
- Have computer skills with proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite.
- Pass a drug and alcohol screening.
- Pass a background screening including previous employment, education, criminal history, and driving record.

Compensation and Benefits:

Accu-Mold, LLC offers market compensation with performance incentive and benefits.

To Apply:

Contact Troy Clay troy.clay@mno-bmadsen.com or Doug Ballew at doug.ballew@mno-bmadsen.com or contact either party by phone at 269-783-4111.

Notice of Open Position | Health Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to fill a vacancy on the Pokagon Band Health Board. The vice chair position is vacant. The Health Board is responsible for assisting Pokagon Health Services of a preparation and comprehensive health plan for the community. The Health Board shall work jointly with Pokagon Health Services Director to assess the health needs of the community and to prioritize services to assure that those needs are being met; assisting with the development and review of fair, ethical and proper policies for the delivery of health services to eligible clients; deciding which medical procedures will be covered by limited funding and establishing medical and dental priorities within those procedures; implementing when necessary a Contract Health Committee under Indian Health Service guidelines to oversee the quality and quantity of care delivered through Community Health Service funds; serving as an appeals board for Health Service delivery issues in accordance with section 5 below; and provide such other information or engage in such further health service related activities as Tribal Council may direct. The Health Board meets the third Monday of every month at Pokagon Health Services. Including meeting preparation, other Health Board business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately three hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF VICE CHAIR:

COMPENSATION: Health board members are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$225. In addition, Health Board members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Health Board business.

ELIGIBILITY: To serve as a member of the Health Board, a Band citizen must:

- Be responsible for being informed in Pokagon Health Services and Indian Health Services policies and procedures as they relate to duties called for under

this Ordinance; make a good-faith effort to attend all Health Board meeting; and maintain the strictest of confidentiality standards in carrying out the duties established by this Ordinance. Each Board Member must sign and abide by a statement acknowledging the standards of confidentiality required for serving as a Board Member; as outlined in Section 4 of this Ordinance. Board Members shall sign such a statement upon appointment and renew such statement whenever reappointed.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS: Health Board members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There is currently one vacant seat on the Health Board that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for a two (2) year term of office.

HOW TO APPLY. Please submit letters of interest along with a current resume to:
Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Please submit letters of interest by April 30.

Questions concerning the Health Board or this Notice may be directed to Kelly Curran, (888) 376-9988, Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Health Board members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Band's website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

DEADLINE. This position shall be open until filled.

Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs 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 Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Christmas 2011	Christmas 2012	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	
2090	Matthew Sinn					x
2509	Karra Barr				x	
2595	James Hamstra				x	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	x
4319	Crystal Pokagon			x	x	x

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
 Attn: Enrollment Office
 P O Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI 49047
 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by April 15 in order to make it on the May check run. Anything received after April 15 will be processed on the check run for June. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Tuesday, December 15, 2012	Thursday, December 29, 2012	Friday, December 30, 2012
Tuesday, January 15, 2013	Wednesday, January 30, 2013	Thursday, January 31, 2013
Friday, February 15, 2013	Wednesday, February 27, 2013	Thursday, February 28, 2013
Friday, March 15, 2013	Wednesday, March 27, 2013	Thursday, March 28, 2013
Monday, April 15, 2013	Monday, April 30, 2013	Thursday, April 30, 2013
Wednesday, May 15, 2013	Thursday, May 30, 2013	Friday, May 31, 2013
Friday, June 14, 2013	Thursday, June 27, 2013	Friday, June 28, 2013
Monday, July 15, 2013	Tuesday, July 30, 2013	Wednesday, July 31, 2013
Thursday, August 15, 2013	Thursday, August 29, 2013	Friday, August 30, 2013
Friday, September 13, 2013	Tuesday, September 26, 2013	Friday, September 27, 2013
Tuesday, October 15, 2013	Wednesday, October 30, 2013	Thursday, October 31, 2013
Friday, November 1, 2013*	Tuesday, November 26, 2013	Wed, November 27, 2013

*Please note that in November the deadline to receive changes is November 1, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen.

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

Elders Lunch Menu | Zisbakdoké Gizeses April

monday

1 **language**

Pork Chops in Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Roll

8 **language**

Buffalo and Broccoli Stir Fry
Brown Rice
Cucumber Salad
Fortune Cookie
Crescent Roll

15 **language**

Chicken Ala King over Biscuit
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Watermelon

22 **language**

Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce,
Tomato, Onion, and Cheese
Hard or Soft Taco Shell
Black Beans and Rice
Cake

29 **language**

Pork Roast
Potatoes
Carrots
Garden Salad
Applesauce
Roll

tuesday

2

Chicken Fajitas W/ Peppers and
Onions
Soft or Hard Taco Shells
Assorted Toppings
Angel Food Cake and Berries

9

Sausage on a Bun
Macaroni and Cheese
Tomato Salad
Relish Tray
Dessert

16

Buffalo Lasagna
Winter Blend Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

23

Pork Loin, Stuffing, Mashed
Potatoes, and Gravy
Spinach
Fruit
Roll

30

Chicken and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Dessert
Roll

wednesday

3

Buffalo Meatballs W/ Spaghetti
and Sauce
Collard Greens
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Ice Cream

10

Potato Soup
Egg salad Sandwich
Garden Salad
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie

17

Ham
Au Gratin Potatoes
Corn
Garden Salad
Strawberry Shortcake

24

Swiss Steak
Baked Potato
Tri- Blend Vegetables
Coleslaw
Red Velvet Cupcake
Roll

thursday

4

business

Buffalo Vegetable Soup
Low Sodium Turkey Pinwheels
Fresh Fruit
Birthday Cake

11

Chicken Wings
Sweet Potato Fries
Green Beans
Fresh Fruit

18 **social | basketweaving**

Baked Potato Bar with Chili,
Sour Cream and Chives, and
Broccoli and Cheese
Fruit Salad

25

Bean Soup
Low Sodium Ham Sandwich
Veggie and Relish Tray
Melon Slices

friday

5

Tuna Casserole
Broccoli Salad
Ambrosia Salad
Cornbread

12

Salmon Patty
Baked Potato
Asparagus
Tomato Salad
Dessert
Roll

19

Cold Tuna and Pea Salad
Lettuce and Tomato
Veggie Tray
Jell-O W/ Fruit

26

Tilapia
Spanish Rice
Garden Salad
Peas
Dessert
Roll



april

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals. (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon.
Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.
Business meetings are held at the Community Center.

Tribal Office Directory

Administration Information Technology 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free 800-517-0777 FAX 269-782-6882	Housing & Facilities 27043 Potawatomi Trail (269) 783-0443 FAX (269) 783-0452
Commodities (269) 782-3372 Toll Free (888) 281-1111 FAX (269) 782-7814	Human Resources 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 FAX (269) 782-4253
Communications 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998	Language & Culture 32142 Edwards St. (269) 782-9602 FAX (269) 783-0452
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Education and Training 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-0887 Toll Free (888) 330-1234 FAX (269) 782-0985	Social Services 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-4295
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Enrollment 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-1763 FAX 269) 782-1964	Tribal Court 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 783-0505/ FAX (269) 783-0519
Finance 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-1028	Tribal Police 58155 M-51 South (269) 782-2232 Toll Free (866) 399-0161 FAX (269) 782-7988
Head Start 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 783-0026/ (866) 250-6573	
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Tribal Council Directory

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Audrey Huston
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Treasurer

Clarence White
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Senior Youth Council Directory

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Vacant

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Member at large

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Conrad Church

Youth Cultural Coordinator
(269) 462-4254

Tribal Council April Calendar of Events

- 1 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 2 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 8 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 9 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 13 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 16 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 22 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 23 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 29 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 30 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon

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

Zisbakdoké Gizes April Citizen Announcements

Lillian, happy 11th birthday munchkin!
Love mom, Dan, Thad, and mawgy



Happy birthday **Kynnide Britton!**
Mom, Dad and the entire band

Derrek,

Happy Birthday and congratulations on becoming a seven-time state qualifier; on the good year in your first year at middle school, and on being part of the first one in twelve years. Good job.

Love Dad, Connie, Dakota, Dwayne, Driana



Happy belated birthday to **Monica Leigh DeGraw**. 25 on March 1.
Love, Uncle Bill



Happy belated birthday to my baby doll, **Hillary Marie DeGraw**. 23 on March 30.
Love, Uncle Bill



Congratulations to **Nicole Graves**, daughter of Jill Topash Byrket and Jeff Byrket, granddaughter of Wanda Topash Campbell, on being selected the Healthcare Hero at the 2013 Spirit of Women Awards. Nicole is a registered nurse in oncology at Elkhart General Hospital, and is pictured above accepting her award from actor Christian Leblanc, star of "The Young and the Restless" at the Century Center in South Bend on March 2.



Happy sweet 16, princess! **Haley JM Johnson** April 19

Love Mom, Dad, Lee, Brett, Dylan, Ashley, Vanessa & Leah

Happy birthday, **Kayla Lewis**. 20 on April 20.
Love, Uncle Bill
Happy birthday, **Aunt Judy Augusta**, April 20.
Love, your nieces and nephews (Lewis clan)

Happy birthday, **Eric**, 18 on April 21.
Love, Uncle Bill



Happy 36th birthday **Pete Joseph Wesaw** April 18. I hope you have a wonderful and fun filled day!
Love, Mom and Jose

Congratulations **Carson Elizabeth Rice** on being crowned the first ever Little Miss Hartford. We are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Alec, Sarah Quinn and Brady



Happy 7th Birthday **Lotus Kay Wesaw** March 6. We love you very much and hope you had a fun filled day.

Love, Pawpaw and Grandma



Happy first birthday to the happiest baby in the world, **Charlie**, April 27.

Love you, Mommy, Daddy, Aidan and Tade

You are invited to celebrate the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

GED Recipients & K-12 Graduates Class of 2013

Friday, June 21 Community Center

5:00 p.m. Refreshments

6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served

Hosted by Department of Education

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