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Band Announces Management Buy-out and Four Winds New Buffalo Expansion

By Anita Grivins, director of finance

The Pokagon Band recently released news about three exciting projects that were completed on June 30.

1. Early Payment of the Casino Bonds
2. Buy-out of Lakes Management Agreement
3. Expansion Plans

“The Pokagon Gaming Authority Announces the Acceptance and Early Settlement of and Receipt of Consents to its Tender Offer and Consent Solicitation for its 10.375 percent Senior Notes due 2014” is how the first heading for the official news release read on June 30. But what does that mean?

Over 18 months ago, the Pokagon Gaming Authority (PGA) began to set in place a strategy for refinancing its existing debt, increasing revenue distributions, and finalizing various expansion plans.

Payment in full on the bonds issued to construct the Four Winds Casino Resort was to come due in June 2014. The PGA chose to refinance the outstanding debt this past June—three years early. The outstanding bonds totaled \$283,647,000 and were interest-only bonds for their eight-year term. With this action, the PGA will save nearly \$30 million in interest payments each year.

Not only did the PGA pay off the bonds, but it also paid off the remaining Lakes and Furniture and Fixtures (FFE) Notes. The Lakes notes were being paid at nine percent interest and the FFE at approximately 4.5 percent interest on a total of \$42 million of debt. This will translate into interest savings of an additional \$2.7 million annually.

All the debt was replaced with a single bank loan totaling \$410,000,000, of which the PGA received \$350,000,000 to satisfy all its obligations surrounding the new bank deal. The

remaining \$60 million is accessible as a line of credit and is currently undrawn by the casino. The \$350 million covers the costs of the financing and expenses related to the redemption of the bonds. The interest rate is variable at a current rate of 3.77 percent with scheduled principal payments of \$50 million per year. PGA hopes to eliminate this debt in five years. This new bank deal will also allow the PGA to meet another important objective: to increase the amount of revenue distributions through the Revenue Allocation Plan.

As part of the PGA's efforts to further move forward, it has also successfully negotiated the early buy-out of the management agreement with Lakes. This term of this agreement was set to expire in September of 2012. By buying Lakes out early, Lakes is no longer entitled to receive any management fees and PGA was able to take over the responsibilities for managing all gaming operations as of June 30, 2011.

Finally, PGA announced progress on the expansion of Four Winds New Buffalo and the soon to be completed Four Winds Hartford. These two development projects are being financed by two sources: \$20 million from the tribal government's economic development funds and \$85 million from Four Winds operating cash. The Band government's \$20 million commitment was fulfilled as of June 30, 2011, while Four Winds continues to use available cash to fund the development costs through completion, which is split as follows: \$20 million for Four Winds Hartford and \$20 million for Four Winds New Buffalo. The savings created through the refinancing of the PGA's debt has allowed these expansions to move forward without increasing PGA's total debt.

The tribe will be hosting an educational meeting to cover further details about the financing on August 20, 10:00 am at the Community Center, in conjunction with the induction of the new members of the Tribal Council.

Four Winds Hartford to Host Pokagon Grand Opening Special Events

Pokagon Non-Gaming Family Days

Saturday, August 27 & Sunday, August 28, 2011 11a.m. – 8p.m. Eastern

After a sunrise ceremony on August 27, join us at the main entrance at 11a.m. for a special event to mark the opening of Four Winds Hartford. The festivities will commence with a Grand Entry, posting of the flags, and ceremonial dances – traditional regalia is encouraged. Visit on either August 27 or 28 to tour Four Winds Hartford, including complimentary dining at Timbers or at our outdoor barbecue. Just bring your Pokagon Tribal ID to the W♣ Players Club counter to receive a commemorative gift and to be entered into our special prize drawings. This is for Pokagon tribal citizens and immediate family members only. All ages are welcome.

- Pokagon citizens and immediate family members of all ages welcome
- Complimentary dining at Timbers or our outdoor barbecue
- Commemorative grand opening gift
- Prize drawings throughout each day
- Must present Pokagon tribal ID
- No gaming

Pokagon Live Gaming Day

Monday, August 29, 2011

(Must be 21 years old)

9a.m. – 10 p.m. Eastern

Pokagon & One Guest

Be the first to experience our new games. Anytime after 9a.m., just present your Pokagon tribal ID at the W♣ counter for you and one guest to each receive \$100 in Instant Credit/Free Slot Play to use on any machine. If you can't visit on August 29, just visit any time through September 30 to receive your introductory Instant Credit offer.

- Must be 21 years or older
- Complimentary dining at Timbers or our outdoor barbecue
- Each Pokagon and one guest will each receive a \$100 Instant Credit/Free Slot Play offer valid through September 30, 2011
- Pokagon citizens & Pokagon spouses employed by Four Winds will receive a \$100 Four Winds gift card in lieu of Free Play

Pokagon Tribal Court Establishes New Relationships with Indiana State Courts

By Jennifer Dougherty

The Pokagon Tribal Court recently had the opportunity to work with and educate members of the Indiana judicial system. The interactions have given the Pokagon Band visibility within the state courts and have provided them with information on how to work with a federally-recognized tribe in matters relating to court orders.

While working on a case involving the collection of child support from a non-native parent living in Indiana, Annette Nickel, the presenting officer of the Pokagon Band's Childrens Court, was asked to speak at the Indiana Child Support Enforcement Conference. As the Pokagon Band seems virtually unknown to the state court system, Ms. Nickel was pleased to help educate prosecutors and their staff on the protocol for collecting and enforcing child support orders when dealing with the Band. She invited Stephen Rambeaux, the court administrator, to assist her by sharing information about the procedures and processes of the Tribal Court.

"Federal law requires us to enforce each other's child support orders," said Chief Judge Michael Petoskey. "When the Band or the Four Winds Casino Resort receive state court child support orders, it is important for the Tribal Court to be involved so that others recognize the sovereign status of the tribe."

Thus, this Band has decided that state court orders must be received and processed through the Tribal Court. A state court cannot treat a tribal sovereign nation, which has employees, as any ordinary run-of-the-mill employer. Therefore, all state court child support orders come to the Tribal Court for recognition and enforcement, which results in Tribal Court entry of the appropriate orders.

"We were very well received at the conference," stated Stephen Rambeaux. "The Indiana prosecutor, who worked with the Band to gain recognition and enforcement of the tribal child support order mentioned above, spoke highly of the Pokagons and we gained some valuable visibility."

Another opportunity to work with influential individuals in the Indiana judicial system arose late



Left to right, Justice Steven H. David, Indiana Supreme Court; Judge Gary Chavers, presiding official for the model court project; Pokagon Tribal Court Associate Judge David M. Peterson; Ann Jordan, program attorney for the Indiana Judicial Center; and Chief Judge Michael Petoskey gather for a photo at the Juvenile Judges Conference in June.

last summer. Rambeaux received a call at the Court from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, a national organization with a mission of promoting best practices in child welfare and juvenile court cases. They asked if the Tribal Court was interested in teaming up with one of their Model Courts, which happened to be the Indianapolis Model Court. "With six of the 10 counties in our tribal service area being in Indiana, it made sense for us to get involved," explained Judge Petoskey.

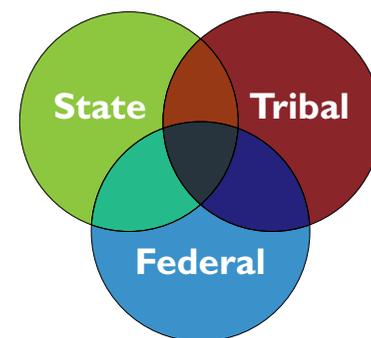
In September 2010, Judge Petoskey and the Court Administrator made a site visit to the Indianapolis Model Court to meet the judicial officials involved there to evaluate the opportunities presented by becoming a member of their team. The visit ended with an invitation for them to visit our community and Court. They visited here in May.

As an outcome of this initial relationship, Judge Petoskey was invited to be the luncheon speaker at the Indiana Juvenile Court Judicial Officers Annual Meeting.

"They were under the impression that there were no federally-recognized tribes in the state of Indiana," said Judge Petoskey. "We are hoping to create a better understanding and awareness among their state courts."

During his presentation, Judge Petoskey pointed out that the Pokagon Tribal Court and the Indiana court system share a lot of common ground. He shared with them the work that the Tribal Court is doing with Indiana child support orders already. "As of June 21, 2011, we have had 113 child support income withholding orders and 111 annual support fee orders from Indiana." The cases have involved nine counties in Indiana. Since Four Winds opened in August 2007, child support deductions from casino employees living in Indiana have amounted to \$749,178. In addition, since June 21, 2011, the Tribal Court has recognized and enforced 21 Indiana judgments leading to 18 cases filed for garnishment enforcement.

"This exposure has really put us on the map, and this is the beginning for some common ground relationships," said Judge Petoskey. "We are committed to following up on any opportunities for Indiana judges and child service workers to get training." The Indiana Model Court has shared their belief that training on the Indian Child Welfare Act is badly needed. Judge Petoskey committed to helping them identify appropriate trainers. "They recognize that there is a need for help," stated Judge Petoskey.



Through education and positive working relationships, the Tribal Court will become more accepted into the family of courts in Indiana and receive greater respect for the sovereignty

of the Pokagon Band. In fact, Judge Petoskey has been invited to the annual meeting scheduled for all Indiana judges later this Fall, the annual Indiana probation officers annual meeting and come back to future Indiana Juvenile Court Judicial Officials annual meetings. "The Pokagon Band has been invisible for far too long," said Rambeaux. "We hope that these new relationships lead to future opportunities for collaboration."

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

Pokégnek Yajdanawa
Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

New Look for Pokagon Band Website

Have you visited the Pokagon Band's website lately? If so, you've surely noticed a big change. If not, visit www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov to check out the new site. The newly-redesigned online presence includes photos, updated content, and fresh features. Citizens can still access forms for applying for programs and services, and information about meeting agendas and schedules. Very soon you'll see a calendar events functionality that will help with planning and greater opportunities for tribal involvement. The hope is that this ever-changing and improving site will allow for deeper engagement between the tribal government and the citizens, no matter where they live. Feedback encouraged!



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Department of Language and Culture

Native Nations Youth Council

The month of August is filled with exciting activities and events for Sr. and Jr. Youth Councils!!

- We will begin with an amazing fundraising opportunity offered by Human Resources to earn \$100 per person up to \$1000 for volunteering at the employee picnic on August 6th.
- For the Potawatomi Gathering, many of our Senior Youth Council will be traveling to Hannahville to volunteer their time and participate in workshops.
- Tribal Council has invited both Sr. and Jr. Council to be sworn in to office at the new Community Center with them on August 20th.
- Barb Peltier will be joining us on August 23rd. Dinner will be provided followed by a talking circle.

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AUGUST

Events

- »August 6th
Volunteer at Employee picnic
Rodgers Lake, 9am-4pm
- »August 10th-13th
Potawatomi Gathering
Hannahville, MI
- »August 20th
New E-Board Swearing In Ceremony
Community Center, 10am
- »August 23rd
Talking Circle with Barb Peltier
Tribal Lodge
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

[August]

Dates:
Every Monday
August 1st
August 8th - No Class
(Hannahville Immersion Camp)
August 15th
August 22nd
August 29th

Time:
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location:
Elders Hall
53237 Townhall Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

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

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Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Everyone is invited!

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

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

September 3rd-4th, 2011

Rodgers Lake
58620 Sink Rd
Dowagiac, MI

FEATURING
Dance Contest
Hand Drum Special
Great Lakes Old Style
Traditional Special

Native American Vendors only.
Vendor information contact
Teresa Magnuson phone: 517-712-5581
email: Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Other PowWow information contact
Alycia Atkinson phone: 231-578-4373
email: anishmama2@aol.com
Host Hotel – Baymont Inn 269-782-4270

Camping available for PowWow participants first come first serve starting Thursday noon.
All specials need to be pre-approved.
No firearms, drugs, alcohol, tribal politics.
No pets in the PowWow area.

GRAND ENTRY
SATURDAY 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM / SUNDAY Noon

HEAD STAFF
Head Veteran – George Martin
Head Male – Paul Syrette
Head Lady – Rhonda Purcell
Head Jr Male – Wasnoday Pamp
Head Jr Lady – Dajia Shinos
MC – Sandon Jacobs
AD – Steve Oldman

Host Drum – Bear Creek
Co Host – Ribbon Town Singers
Invited Drums – TBA

Participants also invited to a Sunrise Ceremony and Women's Water Walk - Friday, September 2, 2011 starting at Gage Street Property

Tribal Council Approves Increase in Scholarship Funding

On July 11 Tribal Council approved a change in higher education scholarship funding. Effective this fall, eligible Pokagon students attending an accredited public, private, or BIA-funded college or university will receive up to the following assistance per semester, based on unmet needs.

Students attaining an associate degree	\$200 per credit/hour (Up to 18 credits)
Students attaining a bachelor's degree	\$400 per credit/hour (Up to 18 credits)
Students attaining a graduate or post-graduate degree	\$600 per credit/hour (Up to 15 credits)

The above scholarship award is the maximum award based on unmet needs. Students will not receive the maximum award if it is determined that their unmet needs are met with less scholarship funding.

Unmet need is determined by adding the costs for tuition, fees, books, transportation (mileage, bus tickets, airline fares, but not vehicle costs or repairs), and room/board and subtracting other grants, scholarships, and tuition waivers received by the student, as reported by the college/university financial aid office on the Unmet Need form. For part-time students, room and board is not included in the calculation. Students receiving other financial assistance through Pokagon Departments must report this assistance. Funding will only cover up to the number of credits needed to graduate, and failed and repeated classes will not be funded again.

Once students start turning in the fall 2011 scholarship application paperwork, they can expect an e-mail verification of scholarship paperwork being processed on Wednesdays, unless government offices are closed. Then, information about missing paperwork will be e-mailed on Fridays (unless the office is closed). The deadline to complete all paperwork for scholarships must be completed by the last day of classes for that semester.

If you have questions concerning your scholarship, please contact the Departments of Education's main line at (888) 330-1234. More information can be found at: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Higher_Education_Scholarship.aspx or on location at the Pokagon Band Department of Education.

Pokagon Band Scholarship Reminders

- If you received a scholarship, you must submit an official grade report at the conclusion of that academic term.
- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed at the beginning of each calendar year for the upcoming academic year. It is best to apply as soon after January 1 to be eligible for certain federal and state funding. Your school financial aid office will need to have a FAFSA on file for you to complete your Unmet Needs form.
- If you received a Pokagon scholarship and have graduated, you must submit a copy of your diploma to the Department of Education to close up that scholarship award and to be eligible for further scholarships.
- If you are allowing other people to ask about your scholarship, you must sign their names on the "Consent to Release Information" form.
- The deadline to apply for a fall 2011 scholarship is the last day of classes of the fall term.



See more online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Higher_Education_Scholarship.aspx



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

August Language Workshops

We are honored to invite John Winchester and Lillian Rice to join us for August's Potawatomi Language Workshops. John will teach on Thursday, August 18th. Lillian will teach for two nights, Wednesday, August 31st and Thursday, September 1st. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend. We hope you can join us!

Dates:
John Winchester's Class
Thursday, August 18th

Lillian Rice's Class
Wednesday, August 31st
Thursday, September 1st

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location:
Tribal Lodge
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047



Everyone is Invited!

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

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Office: 269-462-4261

Mens' & Boys' Drumming Class

Calling all men and boys interested in learning how to drum! John T. Warren will be sharing drum teachings, pow wow singing, and drumming techniques. Please come and join us for an evening filled with traditional drum teachings, singing, and drumming.



Dates:
Wednesday, August 3, 2011
Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Time:
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Location:
Teaching Cabin
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

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



Tribal Citizen and Business Owner Perseveres Through Economic Difficulties

Tribal citizen and entrepreneur Dave Johnson learned firsthand about the value of perseverance when faced with adversity during the economic crisis of 2008. Prior to becoming a business owner, Dave worked in a factory setting for two and a half years, but found that the job didn't suit him.

"I felt like a caged lion trying to get out," recalls Johnson. Looking for a change, Dave became an Amway distributor. "While I didn't stay with Amway long-term, I credit the company with teaching me how to sell, and how to take it on the chin," explained Johnson.

In 1996, Johnson paired his sales knowledge with his previous experience in the flooring industry and decided to start his own company. He applied for business loans three times before receiving the financing needed to launch his business. Johnson Hardwood Flooring, LLC was created, and the business turned a profit right away. Located in Coloma, Michigan, the company serves contractors and individuals in southwest Michigan. His wife, Kim, did all of the bookkeeping for the business and was able to stay at home when their children were young.

The Johnsons enjoyed the success of their business until the housing industry came to a screeching halt during the economic crash of 2008. "Business just stopped," recalled Johnson. "The phone didn't ring for three months." In an effort to stay afloat, Johnson began selling assets. "I got rid of a rental that I had for wood overflow, and I also sold my Harley Davidson," said Dave. "At one time I even sold my firearms to get money for groceries."

In an effort to secure income for his family during the recession, Dave approached the owner of Casual Tees, a custom screen printing and embroidery business that also sells promotional products, awards and trophies, and offered to purchase the company. "I had been interested in the business for awhile, and the timing was right to make a move," explained Johnson. "Casual Tees stayed busy during the recession and business has increased every year, so it has been a great asset," said Dave.

Casual Tees is located in Eau Claire, Michigan and their clients include the YMCA, Four Winds Casino, Boeing and local schools. The business is a privately held corporation and is run exclusively

by the family.

"I didn't plan on the economy crashing, but I learned a lot from the experience," said Dave. "Being well-diversified gives you security, and we continue to look at forming other entities." When he recalls his experiences as a businesses owner, he is reminded of a line from a Rocky movie: "It's not how hard you can hit, it's how hard you get hit and you keep moving forward." Johnson's strong work ethic and dedication to success help him to weather the storms.

With the economy starting to show signs of recovery, business at Johnson Hardwood Flooring is picking up. Work is not consistent yet, but it is heading in a positive direction. And he credits his faith in helping him persevere.

"None of this would have been possible without God directing my life through the ups and downs, molding me as He sees fit," said Johnson.



The Johnson family, Kim, Justin, Ciera and Dave, in front of their Eau Claire, Michigan business.

Photo by Kaity Fuja

Casual Tees

6892 East Main Street
Eau Claire, Michigan
(269) 461-3073
www.casualteesinc.com

Johnson Hardwood Flooring, LLC

Installation, Refinishing, Insured
(269) 468-6608

Drumming

- 8/3 & 8/17 - Men's Drumming Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- 8/3 & 8/24 - Women's Hand Drumming, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

Language

- Mondays - Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am - 12pm
- 8/18 - Language Workshop with John Winchester, Tribal Lodge, 6 - 8pm
- 8/9 - 8/12 - Potawatomi Language Conference, Wilson, MI
- 8/31 & 9/1 - Language Workshop with Lillian Rice, Tribal Lodge, 6 - 8pm

Native Healing

- 8/22 - 8/24 - Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am - 12pm & 1 - 5pm
- 8/24 - Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine Teaching Cabin, 6 - 8pm
- 8/25 - Women's Sweat Lodge with Barb Peltier, Gage Street, 6-8pm

Native Nations Youth Council

- 8/6 - Employee Picnic Volunteering, Rodgers Lake, 9am - 4pm
- 8/10 - 8/13 - Potawatomi Gathering, Wilson, MI (Sr. Y.C. Only)
- 8/20 - E-board Swearing in Ceremony, Community Center, 10am
- 8/23 - Dinner & Talking Circle with Barb Peltier, Tribal Lodge, 5 - 8pm

Pow Wows & Festivals

- 8/3 - 8/5 - Native Fest, Ziibiwing Cultural Center, Mt. Pleasant, MI
- 8/5 - 8/7 - Saginaw Chippewa Contest Pow Wow, Mt. Pleasant, MI
- 8/13 & 8/14 - Leonard J. Pamp Traditional Pow Wow, Dowagiac, MI
- 8/13 & 8/14 - LTBB Contest Pow Wow, Harbor Springs, MI
- 9/3 & 9/4 - Kee-boon-mein-kaa Contest Pow Wow, Dowagiac, MI
- 9/27 - Indianapolis Native American Heritage Day Festival, Indianapolis, IN

Traditions and Repatriation Committee

- 8/22 - Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6 - 9pm

Upcoming Events

- 9/2 - Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing, Pow Wow Arena, 6-8pm
- 9/2 - Women's Water Walk, Gage Street, Dowagiac, MI, Sunrise

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Elder's Language Class	2	3 Men's and Women's Drumming; Native Fest	4 Native Fest	5 Blending Christianity and Native Ways; Native Fest; Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow	6 Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow; Youth Council, Employee Picnic Volunteering
7 Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow	8 Elder's Language Class Canceled;	9 Potawatomi Language Conference	10 Potawatomi Gathering; Potawatomi Language Conference	11 Potawatomi Gathering; Potawatomi Language Conference	12 Potawatomi Gathering; Potawatomi Language Conference	13 Leonard Pamp Pow Wow; LTBB Pow Wow; Potawatomi Gathering
14 Leonard Pamp Pow Wow; LTBB Pow Wow	15 Elder's Language Class	16	17 Men's Drumming	18 Language Workshop with John Winchester	19	20 Youth Council, Swearing in Ceremony
21	22 Elder's Language Class; Native Healing; Trad. & Rep. Meeting	23 Youth Council, Talking Circle; Native Healing	24 Co-ed Sweat Lodge; Mastermind Series (Staff Only); Native Healing; Women's Hand Drumming	25 Women's Sweat Lodge	26	27 Indianapolis Native American Heritage Day Festival
28	29 Elder's Language Class	30	31 Language Workshop with Lillian Rice	1 Language Workshop with Lillian Rice	2 Women's Water Walk; Introduction to Pow Wow Danc-	3 Kee-boon-mein-kaa Pow Wow

Department of Education Updates and Announcements

Skono Gizhguk Go (Back) to School Day

Sunday, August 7

11 a.m.–4 p.m.

11:00 a.m.	Arrive at Pavilion
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	Events and Workshops
3:15 p.m.	Awards Ceremony
11:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Open registration for the K-12 Program at the Department of Education located in the Administration Building.
12:30p.m.–3 p.m.	Health Walk

Join us in celebrating our students' academic achievements and their participation in Pokagon summer programs. Register your child for the 2011–2012 school year and receive backpacks and school supplies. Forms will be mailed in July. If you need extra forms, please contact our office at (269) 782-0887 or e-mail connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Backpacks and school supplies are available at the Pokagon Band Department of Education office Monday through Friday, 9 am–5 pm.

Backpacks will be available before and during the Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow at the Department of Education Office in Dowagiac.

- Friday, September 2 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Saturday, September 3 from 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Sunday, September 4 from 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Department of Education office is closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

Backpacks and school supplies are available for:

- All Pokagon Band Citizens in grades Pre-K through 12.
- All Native American students from federally-recognized tribes attending public school in the 10-County Service Area.
- All Native American students from state-recognized tribes attending specific school districts in the 10-County Service Area.

In order to receive backpacks, school supplies, and other services, parents of eligible students must complete the 2011–2012 Application for Pre K–12 Services form. This form must be signed by the legal parent/guardian. A photocopy of the child's tribal identification card must also be enclosed. Please note that if anyone other than the legal parent/guardian is planning to pick up a backpack, that person must bring the application form signed by the legal parent/guardian along with a copy of the student's tribal identification card.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Connie Baber at the Department of Education (888) 330-1234 or (269) 782-0887.

Summer Tutoring

Just a reminder the Department of Education has limited offerings for summer tutoring. Please call our office for more details, (269) 782-0887.

A Nation that Reads Reading Program

We are off to a great start towards our goal of reading 2011 books; as of July 14 we have 970 books read. If you have not signed up yet, please stop in, fill out a form or call (269) 782-0887 for more information. Active participants will receive a t-shirt and be signed up for a drawing when our goal has been met. We will celebrate reaching our goal with a pizza party and ice cream bash. Keep up the good work!

Head Start News

We are accepting applications for the waiting list for the 2011–2012 school year.

- The application deadline was June 1, 2011.
- Children must be three years of age by December 1, 2011 to be eligible for the 2011–2012 School Year.
- Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF Assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the Tribal ID.

If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center at (269) 783-0026 or (866) 250-6573 toll free, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

Pokagon Band Head Start

- School days are Monday–Thursday from 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
- Transportation 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.

Upcoming Events/Closures

- **September 1** Open House for enrolled children and families
- **September 5** Head Start office closed in observance of Labor Day
- **September 6** First day of school for the 2011–2012 school year
- **September 21** Closed in observance of Sovereignty Day
- **September 29** First Family Fun Night of the year 6:00–8:00 p.m.

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, etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for:

- Play dough
- Wet wipes
- Outdoor play toys
- Sidewalk chalk
- Bubbles
- Glue sticks
- Lysol Wipes
- Art supplies
- Ziploc Bags (quart & gallon size)
- Hats & gloves

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

Vaccines are responsible for the control of many infectious diseases that were once common in this country, so it is important to make sure your family and friends are up to date on their immunizations. Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases that once routinely killed or harmed tens of thousands of infants, children and adults. Maintaining high immunization rates protects the entire community by interrupting the transmission of disease-causing bacteria or viruses. This reduces the risk that unimmunized people will be exposed to disease-causing agents. This type of protection is known as community, or herd, immunity, and embodies the concept that protecting the majority

with safe, effective vaccines also protects those who cannot be immunized for medical reasons. By keeping up to date on your immunizations you are protecting yourself, your family, and your loved ones.

Because children are particularly vulnerable for infection most immunizations are given in the first five to six years of life. Some immunizations are recommended throughout the adolescent and adult years, while special vaccines may also be administered to international travelers. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that children receive vaccines against diphtheria, influenza, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox, polio and others. Adolescents should receive vaccines against influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, meningococcal

disease, pertussis, human papillomavirus, and any missed vaccinations. Adult vaccines include influenza, pneumococcal, tetanus, shingles (herpes zoster), diphtheria, and pertussis.

All vaccines are available through the Pokagon Band clinic at no cost to tribal citizens. If you don't have a vaccination schedule for you or your loved ones, please contact one of our clinic nurses so that they can pull up your vaccination schedule and let you know what you or your family member is due for. You can contact the health clinic to speak with a nurse or schedule an appointment at (269) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234.

Breastfeeding is a Gift of Life

By Susan Gundersen, community health nutritionist

August 1–7 marks the 20th Anniversary Celebration of World Breastfeeding Week. Breastfeeding is a natural part of Native American heritage, and honors the tradition native people. It is a special gift that a mother can give which strengthens not only baby, but mother, family, and the community.

What are those special gifts contained in breast milk? Research abounds documenting the many benefits that include the perfect balance of nutrients that a baby can better absorb and digest. This can result in fewer digestive problems and greater nutrient absorption. More benefits include:

- Breast milk is bacteria safe
- Breastfeeding is cheaper and more convenient
- It builds immunity that results in fewer infections and illnesses, which can prevent fewer hospitalizations or trips to the health care provider
- It is associated with reduced risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)
- Long term breast feeding can lower the baby's lifetime risk of chronic diseases, such as type 1 and 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol



- Breastfeeding produces healthier body weights that are less likely to result in obesity as adults
- It may lower the chance of food allergies and/or food intolerances
- Emotionally, breast feeding can assist with bonding between infant and mother.

Moms may also benefit when breast feeding; it can lower their own lifetime risk for getting Type 2 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, or breast and ovarian cancer when breastfeeding for more than 12 months. She also may experience a lower blood pressure before, during, and after a breastfeeding session.

At the Pokagon Band Department of Health Services the registered dietitian and certified lactation consultant is available to answer your questions about mother and infant nutrition, assist with feeding concerns, and provide educational resources to support breastfeeding. Call (888) 440-1234 to learn more about electric or manual breast pumps that are available for loan and ask to speak with Susan Gundersen, dietitian.

The Pokagon Pennant Project

HAIL TO THE VICTORS!

Attention Pokagon college alumni: You worked hard for your college degrees, now let the Department of Education brag about your accomplishments!

We will be decorating the department halls with the pendants of colleges from where our citizens graduated, and the names of the alums. We need your help. If you have received a higher education degree, please contact Connie Baber at 888-330-1234 or by e-mail connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

GO CREAM AND CRIMSON!



GO GREEN! GO WHITE!



GO BELLES!



GO LAKERS!

Position Open on Pokagon Band Ethics Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to serve as a member of the Pokagon Band Ethics Board. The Ethics Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created by the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics in fulfillment of Article XVII, Section 3 of the Pokagon Band Constitution. The Ethics Board is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Code of Ethics by Pokagon Band officials and employees. The Ethics Board meets approximately once each month, depending on the needs of the Board, and will meet at additional times as may be needed to address ethics complaints and other specific matters. Typically, meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Band's Sink Road offices. Ethics Board members will be expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaged in other Ethics Board activities. The Code of Ethics is available at <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government.htm>.

COMPENSATION Ethics Board members will be compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150 for attending Ethics Board meetings, provided that Board members receive additional compensation of \$50 for each hour that a Board meeting exceeds three hours in length within a twelve-hour period. In addition, Board members will be entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Ethics Board business.

ELIGIBILITY Candidates for the Ethics Board must have:

- (a) A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or ten years of professional level work experience in relevant areas, such as law, law enforcement, accounting or finance, business management, regulatory and governmental affairs. Advanced degrees and certifications, such as Certified Public Accountant, Juris Doctorate, and Master of Business Administration are preferred, but not required;
- (b) Demonstrated experience in conducting investigations, analyzing and preparing findings and presenting summaries;
- (c) Demonstrated experience in reviewing and interpreting laws, regulations, contracts, and various professional level reports, including financial reports;
- (d) Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills; and
- (e) Demonstrated ability to act with impartiality and to deal fairly, effectively and efficiently with situations requiring fact finding and dispute resolution skills.

In addition, no person shall be appointed to the Board who is:

- (a) Not a Pokagon Band citizen;
- (b) Under the age of 21;
- (c) A public official or public employee, or their immediate family members (as those terms are defined in the Code of Ethics); or
- (d) Employed or otherwise serves in a position with responsibilities that create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the duties and responsibilities of the Board.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS An Ethics Board member will be appointed by the Tribal Council upon the recommendation of the Selection Committee, which is composed of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Pokagon Band Tribal Council and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Pokagon Band Elders Council. Ethics Board members serve three year terms of office and must meet all applicable qualifications under Chapter Four of the Code of Ethics.

HOW TO APPLY Please submit letters of interest along with a current résumé to:

Kelly Curran
Tribal Council Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Questions concerning the Ethics Board, the Code of Ethics, or this notice may be directed to the Ethics Board Chairperson, Ronald Sorce, at (269) 462-4286 or ronald.sorce@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Additional information concerning the Ethics Board may also be found at <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/committee/ethicsboard/>.

DEADLINE

The letter of interest and résumé must be received by 4:00 p.m., October 1, 2011.

Notice of Carpenter Apprenticeship Openings

Tribal citizens and/or spouses of tribal citizens interested in the Pokagon Band Carpenters Apprenticeship Program may contact the Pokagon Band Human Resources Department to obtain an application between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Interested applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Be a tribal citizen, or the spouse of a tribal citizen
2. Be at least 18 years old
3. Have a high school diploma or a G.E.D

You must bring proof of the above listed, verifying you are eligible for the Carpenter Apprenticeship Program, when you come to complete an application.

In addition, to move through the selection phase of the process, you will need to complete the items listed below. Items A, B, and C must be completed before the final Interview, listed in item D below. They do not have to be completed in sequential order, but all must be completed:

- A. Pokagon Band Apprenticeship Application
- B. TABEs testing and score at a ninth grade level or above
- C. OSHA 10-Hour class and pass the exam at 70 percent or above
- D. Final interview

When all the above steps have been completed, you will move into the applicant pool. Your scores will be evaluated and you will be given a final rating and placed on a ranking list according to your scores with the applicant having the highest score being at the top of the list, and all other applicants then listed in descending order based on scores.

To complete your TABES testing:

- Contact one of the test administrators at Michigan Works to schedule an appointment.
 - i. Jim 782-9864 Extension 1313
 - ii. Addie 782-9864 Extension 1300
 - iii. Lindsey 782-9864 1314
- TABE tests are given on Tuesday at 9:30 and Thursday at 9:00
- Michigan Works is located at:

601-D Front Street
Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Band will be offering one additional OSHA 10-Hour Class, before the November 1 registration deadline. The notice regarding the OSHA 10-Hour Class will be listed in the next Legislative Edition.

Your final step is to interview with the Apprenticeship Steering Committee. You will be notified of the date, time, and place for the next final interviews.

Further information is available by contacting the Human Resources department or going to the Apprenticeship Program link under the Careers section of the Pokagon Band web page:



http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Apprenticeship_Program.aspx

Employment Opportunity

To reduce costs, we will now be posting jobs in either the *Legislative Edition* or the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. To apply for a position please visit: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Career_Opportunities.aspx

If you have any additional questions, please contact Heather Farver:

Email: heather.farver@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Office: (269) 462-4267

Current Career Opportunities

Potawatomi Language Instructor– Department of Language and Culture

Closing Date: Friday, August 12, 2011

Job Summary

Works with the Director of Language and Culture to teach Potawatomi language to learners of all ages.

Principle Duties

- Promote the survival and continued vitality of the Potawatomi language.
- Encourages participation by tribal community in educational and preservation activities.
- Provides language instruction for language learning activities, including a master/apprentice program, workshops, camps, classes, and other special events, in cooperation with appropriate tribal staff and committees.
- Seeks out best practice models for second language learners (all age groups) and available resources/models for immersion programs.
- Creates a culturally appropriate learning atmosphere.
- Maintains a safe, physical environment for good instruction and learning.
- Meets with other tribes' language program staff to develop and nurture relationships and partnerships.
- Assists in annual evaluation of language activities.
- Attends job related meetings, trainings, and travel.
- Represent the tribe's position if requested by the Government Manager or Tribal Council to promote the best interests of the tribe to resolve concerns when necessary.
- Performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

Position Requirements

- Fluent or advanced Potawatomi language speaker.
- A comprehensive and detailed understanding of Potawatomi Bimaadzwini Kinoomaadiziwinan (life teachings).
- 5 years of teaching experience.
- Good communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Willingness to travel.
- Must be willing to work a flexible schedule to accommodate evening and weekend events.
- Must have a valid driver's license and be able to meet minimum insurance requirements regarding driving record in order to utilize GSA vehicles.
- Must be willing to submit and pass an alcohol/drug screening and criminal background check.

Preferred Qualifications

- Basic computer knowledge and internet skills.
- Position specific certificate if applicable.

Indian Preference

Pokagon Band Indian preference policies apply.

Reports to

The Potawatomi Language Instructor reports directly to the Director of Language and Culture.

Starting Wage Rate: Contract. Negotiable.

Commensurate with education and experience plus benefits.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture



Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing



**Date: Friday,
September 2, 2011**

Time: 6-8pm

**Location:
Pow Wow Arena**

Everyone is Invited!

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

Kick-off your Kee-boon-mein-kaa pow wow celebrations with *Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing*. George Martin, the pow wow's Head Veteran, will join us to discuss pow wow protocol and teachings. Netawn Smith, a women's fancy shawl dancer, and RJ Smith, a men's traditional dancer, will share teachings and techniques about men's and women's dance styles. Everybody is invited to attend, please join us!

Contact Information

Andy Jackson, *Cultural Specialist*
(269) 462-4261 office • (269) 783-6198 cell.
Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

August & September

Dates:
Monday - Wednesday
August 22 - 24, 2011

Monday-Wednesday
September 19-21, 2011

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

Co-ed Sweat Lodge:
Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011
Wednesday, September 21, 2011

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

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

Everyone is Invited!

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

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture



Native Healing

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

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco). If you are looking for a sweat, Jake will wrap-up his visit with a co-ed sweat lodge on August 24th and September 21st at 6:00 pm.



Contact Information:
Andy Jackson, *Cultural Specialist*
Office: (269) 462-4261 • E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Your Input is Needed! Home-Based & Small Business Needs Assessment

Would you like to start your own business? Or do you already have a business and need some business related assistance? If you answered "yes" to either question, the Housing Department's Financial Empowerment Program wants to hear from you! Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, is busy planning a series of business-related workshops to start this Fall. In order to plan the most helpful workshops possible, input is needed from both tribal citizen-entrepreneurs and would-be entrepreneurs. If you are either interested in starting a home-based or small business, or already have an existing business, please answer the following questions. We'd love to hear from you! **All completed surveys will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card.** Surveys must be received no later than September 15. One entry per person. Must be 18 years old to enter. Be sure to completed the contact information section.

 You may also download this survey from the Department of Housing & Facilities webpage. http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Financial_Empowerment.aspx

The Department of Housing's Financial Empowerment Program is planning a series of business related workshops. If you are interested in starting a home-based or small business, please answer the following questions.

- Are you interested in starting a business? Yes No
If so, what kind? _____
Where would you locate it? City _____ State _____
If you answered "yes," please skip questions 2 thru 4. Complete questions 5 thru 12 in reference to help you **would** need if you decide to move forward in starting a business.
 - Do you have a business now? Yes No
If so, what kind? _____
 - Where is your business located? City _____ State _____
 - How long has your current business been operating? _____
 - What **financial topics** do you currently need the most help with? Check all that apply.
 - sources of financing
 - financial record keeping
 - pricing
 - reducing overhead costs
 - tax issues
 - collecting debt
 - other – please list: _____
 - What **business management** topics do you currently need the most help with? Check all that apply.
 - use of computer
 - managing time
 - handling work/family issues
 - marketing products/services
 - inventory control
 - insurance
 - working with employees
 - other – please list: _____
 - What **business planning** issues do you currently need the most help with? Check all that apply.
 - business plan
 - dealing with growth
 - diversifying products/services
 - legal issues
 - market research
 - other – please list: _____
- Would you be interested in attending a workshop on any of these topics? Yes No
- If yes please list the top 3 topics:
- _____
 - _____
 - _____

- If you were to attend a business workshop, what day of the week would you prefer for the workshop?
 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
- Which months(s) do you prefer? Please underline all that apply.
Jan. Feb. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.
- What time of day do you prefer for a 2-1/2 hour workshop?
 weekday 10 :00 am– 12:30 pm Saturday 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
 weekday 1:00 – 3:30 pm Saturday Noon – 2:30 pm
 weekday 6:00 – 8:30 pm other: _____
- Would you be interested in having space available to use such as in a business center or business incubator? If so, please check all the following uses that apply.
 - work space – please specify kind: of space needed
 - office space – cubicle
 - office space – enclosed office
 - retail space – sq. footage needed: _____ sq. ft.
 - work space – industrial setting: _____ sq. ft.
 - conference room space – for how many people _____ people
 - other space – please describe _____
- Are you interested in attending a Native American entrepreneurship expo/business fair? Yes No
- Would you be willing to serve on work group to plan workshops or other home-based or micro business programs to meet the needs of Pokagon Band tribal citizen-entrepreneurs? Yes No
If you answered "yes," please be sure to give your name and contact info below.

Contact information (optional)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Tel. Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____
Email address _____

Please share any comments or questions you have:

You may return this survey one of several ways - by 1) cutting it out and either dropping it off or mailing it to: Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, Department of Housing, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, PO Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047; or 2) faxing it to 269 783-0452 or 3) emailing a scanned copy to Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Val Janowski can also be reached at (269) 462-4255.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. By doing so, you help us plan to serve you better.

Veterans Wall of Honor Planned for Community Center

To honor its warriors, the Pokagon Band is planning to create a Wall of Honor at the new Community Center. Veterans and service members or families of the warrior are invited to send a photo of the warrior, to be framed and placed along with other Pokagon warriors to commemorate their service.

Information about where to send the photo, and a form asking for details such as name, branch of and dates of service, and rank will be available on the Band's website.

 Visit http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Ogitchedaw_Veterans.aspx to learn more.

Tribal Council August Calendar of Events

- Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10:00 am (changed from second Saturday for August)**
- Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon

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

Wage and Salary Commissioner Reelected

July's issue of Pokégnek Yajdanawa featured a profile of Pokagon Band wage and salary commissioners. The Wage and Salary Commission is responsible for preparing recommendations to Tribal Council regarding the compensation levels of the Tribal Council, judges and other appointed officials. In the tribal elections last month, Jim Tabaszewski was reelected to serve on the commission; below is a profile of him.

Tabaszewski lives in Flushing Michigan and has been married for 32 years to his wife Debbie. Together they have three daughters and two grandchildren, with another on the way. He has served as a member on the Salary Commission for the last year and a half, and has found being a member exciting, challenging and the work worth doing.

"As an Elder I believe involvement is the key for the continued success and is the future of our tribe," he said. "I have also been instrumental in organizing informational meetings between General Counsel and our citizens living outside of our Band's ten-county area. I enjoy serving our tribe in any way I can."

Tabaszewski serves on his church's session as a ruling elder and has been clerk of session for the last eight years. His latest interest is kart racing with his brother Mike.

"We have my daughter April and my niece Taylor driving in three separate classes."

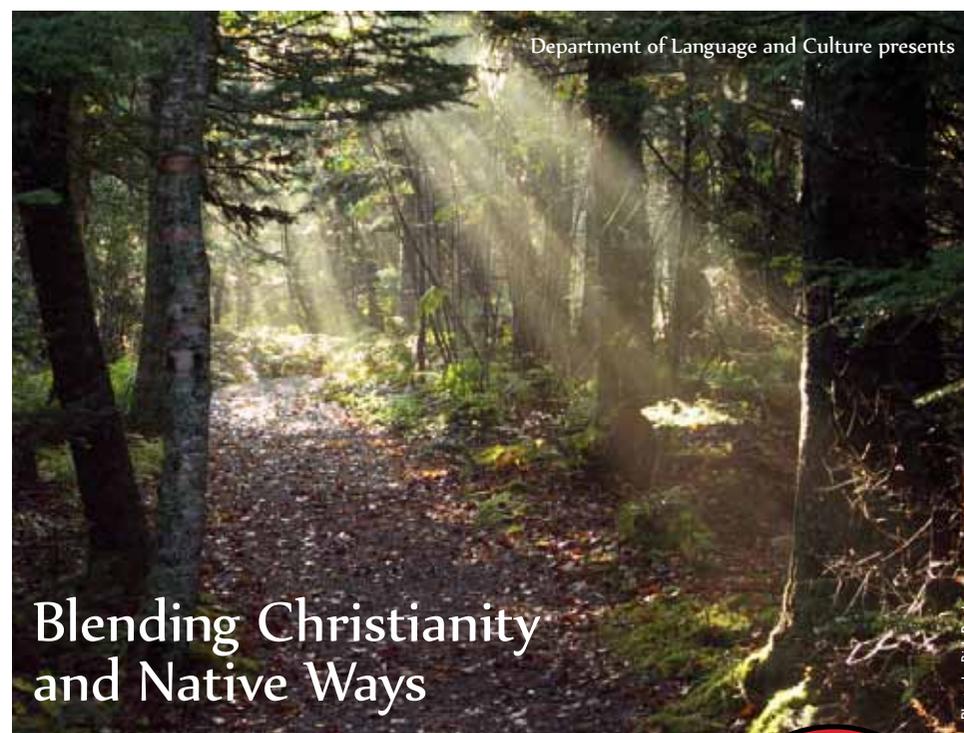
Department of Housing Gets a New Home

The Department of Housing is moving from its present location in the administration building, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan to the tribe's brand new community center building, 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac. Housing staff will be occupying only the two small office areas of the Community Center. The rest of the facility will be available for community use as originally intended.

The new facility is located just south of Southwest Michigan College and Pokégnek Edewat, the tribe's housing development on Dailey Road. It is situated between Mathews and Peavine

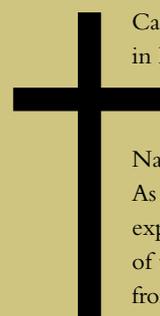
Streets. The move is expected to take place by mid-August. Telephone and fax numbers for the department will remain the same: (269) 782-0443; fax: (269) 783-0452.

Construction of the new building was funded in large part by a competitive grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which was made possible by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009, commonly known as "stimulus" funding. The building features a wide range of green construction features including solar and geothermal heating, a partially vegetated roof and a heat sink.



Blending Christianity and Native Ways

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5



Casey and Lora Church will share their life's journey in how they strive to live a life that honors their Native culture and traditions and their Christian faith. With sensitivity, they will share some common fears and anxieties some Native Christians feel toward Native ceremonies, rituals and practices. As well, each will take a personal approach that conveys their personal experiences and ways they have found to enrich their lives and the lives of their children that respects the teachings from the elders, advisors, and from the Bible.



Elder's Hall 1-2 PM, Tribal Lodge 5-8 PM

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

Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

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

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

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

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

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

Elders Council Business Meeting | July 7, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Jeanette Mollett, 11:03 am.

INVOCATION: Majel DeMarsh

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

AGENDA: The pilot program for Elders has been approved by the finance board. It now must go before Tribal Council for their approval.

Pictures for the Elders book will be taken July 21, 22, 25, 26 and 27, 2011. Hours are 2:00–8:30 pm. Call Audrey at 782-7913 to make an appointment.

Post cards will be sent to the Elders that are at a distance and unable to drive here.

MIEA signup has been closed. Elders signup sheet for the gathering has been closed. A paramedic has been hired for the bus trip to the gathering. A sheet was put out asking where the Elders would like to go, Branson, MO or the PowWow in Minnesota. The majority vote was for Branson, MO. More information will be forthcoming. It was also discussed that a \$10.00 deposit will be required of all people that will be riding the bus. This deposit will be returned when you board the bus. This will be discussed further.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

MINUTES: The May minutes were read, Clarence moved to accept the minutes, Ruth supported, (4) yes, (1) abstained, approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Audrey moved to accept the treasurer's report, Jeanette supported, (4) yes, (1) absent, approved.

NEW BUSINESS: We need donations for the MIEA auction, Gerald, Hal, Ruth, Faye, Ray, Bonnie, Linda, all agreed to donate.

MIEA is asking for a \$500.00 donation to the scholarship fund. Two weeks in November there will be an exhibit at the Indiana State House Rotunda featuring the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. We will know more about it when we attend the meeting on July 13, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Elders picnic will be held July 28, 2011 at the Tribal Lodge. Bingo will be played along with some other entertainment.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Carl Wesaw Family who lost their lovely daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

JULY BIRTHDAYS: Jim Lepal, Ken Kirvan, Patsy Carney, Ken Radar.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES: Paul & Vivian Jackson.

ADJOURNMENT: Audrey moved to adjourn, Ken, Supported. (5) yes. Adjourned at 12:50.

Adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Per Capita Important Dates

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

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Womens' Drum Practice and Sweat Lodge

AUGUST GUEST PRESENTER, BARB PELTIER

Drum Practice

Wednesday, August 3rd
Tribal Lodge
6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday, August 24th
Tribal Lodge
5:00-9:00 pm

Sweat Lodge

Thursday, August 25th
Gage Street
3:00-9:00 pm

Individual Wellness Assistance Appointments

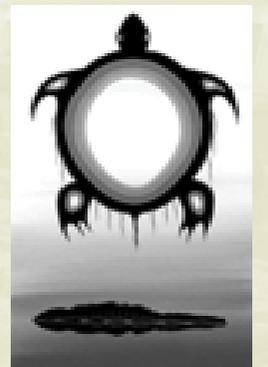
August 23rd & 24th
Language & Culture Office, Conference Room
1:00-5:00 pm

ALL LADIES AND GIRLS WELCOME!

By special request, we are pleased to bring back Barb Peltier as a guest presenter for the August 24th hand drumming class. We'll begin with a drum birthing ceremony and then learn hand drum teachings and songs. Barb will also run the women's sweat lodge on August 25th. Sweat preparation will begin at 3:00 pm with the sweat lodge ceremony starting at 6:00 pm.

Please wear your skirts and bring a dish to pass for a sharing feast after the drum classes and sweat lodge.

Also, call Andy Jackson to schedule an individual wellness assistance appointment with Barb for mental, emotional, or spiritual assistance for the afternoon of August 23rd or 24th.



Notice to Pokagon Band Elders

If you send in your snapshot for the Elders book, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and we will return your photos. If you have any questions, please call Audrey at (269) 782-7913.

Please, no professional photos.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist
Office: 269-462-4261
E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Everyone is Invited!!

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

Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
1026	Justin Means			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
1986	Christian M Cobb		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdell		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4347	Ian T Currey	x	x	
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

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 in the planning stages of having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe will be offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. Please keep in mind this is still in the planning stages. 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 Julie Farver will return your call as soon as possible.

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

It is that time of the year when high school seniors are graduating from high school or individuals 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

Citizens Missing Social Security Numbers

According to Pokagon Band records, the following tribal citizens have not provided the Band's Enrollment Office with their social security number. In accordance with the Band's Revenue Allocation Plan, per capita payments are paid to those citizens whose name appears on a list of eligible citizens approved by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council approves the list of eligible citizens in November of each year. In order for a citizen's name to appear on the list of eligible citizens, individuals must provide the Band's Enrollment Office with his or her social security number.

If your name is listed below, please provide the Enrollment Office with your social security number. If you fail to provide your social security number, your name will not appear on the list of eligible citizens in November 2011 and you will not receive per capita payments for the following year.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Julie Farver at 269-462-4200.

83	John Dylan Watson	4277	Brenna Jennifer Orns
857	Peter John Ramirez	4383	Brian Scott Puehler Jr.
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	4384	Marcus Dillin Puehler
2085	Alexander James Arnold	4397	Jaiden Cienna Teague
2457	Lindsey Anne Alexis	4442	Mason Tyler Currey
2493	Joseph Nathaniel Guillermo	4443	Kailyn Ashley Currey
2587	Tyler Edward Rouse	4444	Zachary Daniel Currey
2717	Zachary Taylor Huffman	4445	Joshua Austen Currey
2895	Alexandra Marie Sardeneta	4457	Aryana Cherylene Hearn
3037	Micah Joechim Price	4463	Albert Anthony Huerta
3273	Julius Brighton Rummage	4464	Jesus Isreal Huerta
3341	James Howard Gideon III	4465	Rameado Jesus Huerta
3448	Kenneth Bradley Miller II	4466	Mariah Ann Huerta
3763	Arianna Mae Morseau	4502	Jaiden Christopher Tanner
3764	Jordan Michael Morseau	4628	Peter Allen Starrett Jr.
3811	Michael Brice Ferney	4634	Vanessa Ann Clark
3910	Mekhi Karon Brown	4719	Oliver George Bounds
3931	Alexis MaKayla Doorlag	4723	Shayna Rose Gessner
3959	Anissa Elain Patzer	4724	Wesley Gerald Gessner
3960	Kimberly Mae Patzer	4736	Joseph Manuel Cruz
3978	Ashley Marie Wildey	4737	Bella Sophia Cruz
4028	Andrew Lee Martin	4738	Mia Alizey-Paige Cruz
4053	Kaitlynn Renee Bixler	4752	Grace Kay-Marie Pompey
4105	Ninmkee Nmn Fox	4800	Mason Joshua Balzar-Hupp
4113	Steven Allen Hossler Jr.	4867	Issac Cole Sardeneta
4129	Elizabeth Viola Wesaw	4904	Tara Lee Ferguson
4170	Illianna Marie Bush	4907	Daryl Thomas Hall
4171	Silas James Bush	4910	Lauren Angel Iturbe
4190	Luke Gregory Marunycz	4913	Jesse Orion Kamps
4191	Jacob Leo Marunycz	4983	Cayden William Alexander Steel

The document must be received by July 15 in order to make it on the August check run. Anything received after July 15 will be processed on the check run for September. 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.

monday

1

Buff and Biscuit w/ Mixed Veggies
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad
Blueberries and Strawberries

tuesday

2

Roasted Chicken
Baked Potato
Carrots
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple
Roll

wednesday

3

Pork Barbeque Sandwich
Macaroni Salad
Tangy Red Slaw
Waldorf Salad

thursday

4 **business**

Cube Steak w/ Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Zucchini and Summer Squash
Melon Salad
Roll
Cake

friday

5

Baked Salmon
Rice Pilaf
Garden Salad
Cherry Crisp
Roll

8 **language**

Chicken Stir Fry w/ Fresh Veggies
Brown Rice
Tomato Salad
Fortune Cookie
Banana Wafer Pudding

9

Grilled BBQ Pork Chops
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Cucumber Salad

10

Turkey Pita Pocket
Assorted Veggie Tray
Baked Beans
Peach Crisp

11

Buffalo Tacos w/ Lettuce, Tomato,
Onion, Beans, and Cheese
Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Fruit Cocktail

12

Vegetable Soup
Egg Salad
Assorted Breads
Veggie Tray
Fresh Fruit

15 **language**

Beef Chili
Broccoli Slaw
Fresh Fruit
Cornbread

17

Sea Bass
Spanish Rice
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Peaches
Roll

18 **social**

Chicken Pot Pie w/ Mixed Veggies
Cottage Cheese
Sliced Tomatoes
Fruit Salad
Roll

19

Veggie Burgers
Baked Fries
Relish Tray
Blueberry Pies

22 **language**

Low Sodium Ham, Turkey or
Tuna Sub
Assorted Veggie Toppings
Baked Lays Chips
Strawberry Pie

23

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Corn on the Cob
Tomato Salad
Pears/ Plums/ Roll

24

Grilled Chicken
Sweet Potato
Tri-Blend Veggies
Frozen Fruit Bar
Roll

25

Buffalo Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Strawberries
Roll

26

Tomato Soup
Tuna Macaroni Salad
Relish Tray
Broccoli Slaw
Pudding Cup

29 **language**

Beef Roast
Potatoes
Carrots
Spinach Salad
Apple Pies
Roll

30

Buffalo Spaghetti
Garden Salad
Broccoli
Garlic Bread

31

Bean Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Veggie Tray
Peach Cobbler

august

Hot weather alert: A person can live several weeks without food, but only a few days without water. Drink plenty of water and fluids daily

Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.

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

AA/NA MeetingsTuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Health Services building II
Use the side door for entry.

August announcements

Congratulations on your high school graduation, **Malik Birks**.

From your parents & grandparents



Wow, five years already! Happy anniversary **Karen and Corey Simington**, Love you both, Mom

Seth Hargett, happy birthday to a smart guy. Enjoy your day! Love, Aunt Martha

Here's wishing **Jessica Hargett** a very happy birthday. Have fun! Love, Aunt Martha

John N. Low, who became a tribal elder in July of this year, will be awarded his Ph.D. on August 19 from the program in American culture at the University of Michigan. His studies focused on American Indians, and his dissertation Chicago's First Urban Indians – the Potawatomi, explores the ongoing connections between the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and the city of Chicago. Low also has a J.D. and a graduate certificate in museum studies from the University of Michigan, and an M.A. in the social sciences from the University of Chicago. He may be the first Pokagon Band citizen to hold two doctorates. While researching and writing his dissertation, he served in a variety of positions, including executive director of the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian in Evanston, Illinois and as a visiting professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. Low has previously served as a tribal council member and as tribal attorney. Low received a Pendleton blanket from the Pokagon Band Education Department to honor his most recent academic achievement. John has accepted a position as a visiting assistant professor at Northwestern University beginning this fall. Low credits much of his success to the support of his family and the financial assistance of the Pokagon Band Education Department.



Congratulations on your junior high graduation, **Ja'ire "Tank" Birks**. Love, Mom



To our daughter, **Eliana Hope Parker**:

We are so happy that you have done so well. You graduated from eighth grade from Valley Oaks Elementary with the Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence along with the school Citizenship Award in June. We

wish you much luck and lots of blessings for high school. We know you will go far. Also happy 13th birthday on August 25.

We love you, Mom, Dad and your sister Esther.



Happy first birthday, **Leah Grace Pear**, August 5

Love, Great-grandpa Bob Rider

Happy 27th birthday **Glen Charles Wesaw**, July 3. May you have all the fun and happiness you can get!

Love, Mom

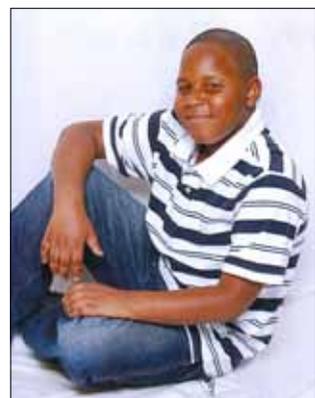


Happy first birthday **Lillian Regan Wesaw**, August 5 Hope you have lots of fun!

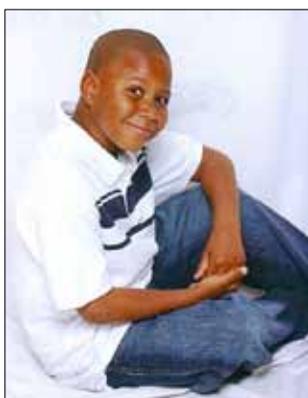
Love, Grandma



Congratulations Tabitha and Christopher Lang and big brother Gabriel on the birth of **Nicholle Marie**, June 8 in Fremont, Michigan. She was 7 lbs., 10 oz. and 18 inches long!



Happy birthday **Derrick, Jr.** From, Mom, Dad & Family



Happy birthday, **Jacquyn** From, Mom, Dad, & family



Want to Learn How To Stretch a Dollar? You're in Luck

The Department of Housing's Financial Empowerment Program invites you to attend its August workshop, *Steps to Financial Freedom*. A wide range of important topics will be covered, including:

- Taking stock of your present finances
- Setting goals
- Developing a spending plan
- Saving in order to achieve your goals
- Using credit wisely
- Investing for the future
- Taking advantage of tax advantages
- The ins and outs of insurance
- Keeping good records— an absolute must!
- Good advice for all

The same program will offered at three different times:

Tuesday, August 16 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Tuesday, August 16 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Saturday, August 20 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

A light meal will be served. Please advise whether child care is required. The workshops will be held in a new location, the recently relocated office of the Financial Empowerment Program, 415 E. Prairie Ronde St., Dowagiac, Michigan. The site is located in the front office section of the old National Copper Products/ Sunstrand Building on the corner of Prairie Ronde and Rudy Road.

Contact Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, to register: (269) 782-0443, Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov.