



POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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2013 Potawatomi Gathering Just Days Away

The sports complex is nearly finished, the participants are pre-registering, the supplies are ordered and the event schedule is set. Bring on the 2013 Potawatomi Gathering!

Pokagon citizens and staff have been working since before the holidays last year to plan this year's Gathering, August 5-11 in Dowagiac. Whether you're attending just for the weekend, or are planning on staying the whole week, whether you're young or young at heart, you're sure to never be bored.

If you haven't yet, visit www.PotawatomiNations.com to get all the details and register. And when the big week is over, be sure to share your photos with the rest of the Potawatomi community at www.potawatominations.com/submit-your-photo. That way, we all can enjoy the memories, until making new ones at the 2014 Gathering!



The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi invites you to the heart of the ancestral Potawatomi homelands for the **19th Annual Gathering of Potawatomi Nations**

Thursday, August 8 through Sunday, August 11, 2013
Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac, Michigan

- Practice Bodéwadmimwen.
- Create traditional art.
- Share stories and ideas.
- Play games.
- Enjoy native foods.
- Dance. Drum. Sing.
- Reunite with family.

Come join Potawatomi from around the country for this year's Gathering. Pre-registration and a full listing of events is available online now:

www.PotawatomiGathering.com

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Youth Keeping Busy this Summer

This may be summer break, but Pokagon youth aren't taking a break from tribal activities.

Culture Camp took place at Rodgers Lake June 14-22. Forty-four junior campers and 34 middle and high school campers enjoyed cultural activities and other fun camp activities during their time at camp. Former campers and members of the Youth Councils served as counselors and engaged a new generation of Pokagon campers in their tribe and its culture.

"We had a lot of positive responses," said Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator. "The biggest complaint was that it didn't last long enough. Campers said they enjoyed learning the language and making new friends, and that they wanted more archery, lacrosse, and warrior games."

Then the next week, June 22-28, ten Pokagon college interns attended the National Congress of American Indians

mid-year conference in Reno, NV with Orvis and Conrad Church, language and culture director.

"There was so much to choose from," said Ron Puruleski, an accounting student at Grand Valley State University and intern for the Finance Department.

"I enjoyed the Google map session and the session on per capita trust fund investment."

Puruleski learned about how other tribes counsel their young people on wise spending habits. "It seemed like a great idea," he said. And that, according to Orvis, is a goal of the youth attending these conferences:



Sean Winters, of Chi Ishobak, speaks with Culture Campers about financial wellness.

coming back home to collaborate with tribal government departments on new initiatives.

While in Reno, the youth met up with the Great Basin Youth Council of the Washoe tribe. They invited the Pokagon Senior Youth Council to present details about its organization.

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“At the same time the Washoe were excited to share some of their culture and beautiful land around Lake Tahoe with us,” said Orvis.

Summer School started July 8. Forty-four students in grades kindergarten through sixth gather at the Head Start building to focus on strengthening the core subjects of reading, math, and science in the morning. Then in the afternoon they learn about language and culture through games and crafts. Eight certified teachers and four high school interns are instructing and helping; summer school wraps up August 1.

Apprentices Celebrate Achievements at Dinner

The Pokagon Band carpenter apprenticeship program begins its third year this fall, but members of the first and second year classes took the opportunity to celebrate their past successes June 25.

Nine graduates of the first year of the program, and two graduates of the second year each brought a guest to the Community Center that evening to enjoy a dinner and the presentation of awards. (A third second-year graduate finished his final exam a little later.) The awards were given to all who finished the program, and to some who earned such distinction as all As or perfect attendance.

Brayden Boles, the ten year old grandson of Fred Hemstreet, attended the dinner with his grandfather, who had just finished his first year as an apprentice. Boles says he's proud of his grandpa.

“I plan to teach Brayden the trade,” Hemstreet said. “I’m proud of the tribe’s apprenticeship program. I hope more will take advantage of it.”

Twelve junior youth council members and five adult chaperones returned July 17 from several days in Los Angeles at the UNITY conference. UNITY is a national organization fostering the spiritual, mental, physical and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth. Youth attended workshops and talks led by young Native American leaders from around the country, and participated in a talent show, team building activities and sports tournaments.

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Dennis Banks and Pat Collins Attend Elders Meeting



Two special guests attended the Elders business meeting July 12: American Indian activist Dennis Banks, right, and artist Paul Collins, left. The two were in the area for an Underground Railroad event in Vandalia, Michigan, but they spoke to the Elders about a project they are collaborating on. According to Banks, the two will be working with role models in different tribal communities, writing and painting their stories. The two are working on obtaining grants to start their work.

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

Chi Ishobak Springs Into Fitness and Defense

Chi Ishobak is proud to be working with another Pokagon Band start-up business, PinX Fit, Inc.

Steve Rider, Pokagon Band entrepreneur, has been in law enforcement for 22 years and knows the importance of physical fitness and self-defense, especially for women. Knowing that the majority of violent crimes are perpetrated against women, Steve and his wife Terri (pictured at right), a leading expert in self-defense and body-weight training, wanted to change this statistic.

In May 2013, PinX Fit, Inc. was incorporated. PinX Fit is a gym in Lynnwood, Washington for women only with fitness classes being taught by certified female trainers. PinX Fit will provide a boutique-style atmosphere providing women comfort and security as opposed to the “night club” atmosphere of larger corporate gyms. Women’s Defensive Training is a school within PinX Fit for women only where they will learn to identify threats, tactics and skills to defend, and build confidence. Seminars and training will address self-defense, home defense, college campus safety, teen-stay-safe, hand gun basics, and individual private instruction for all of the above specialties.

Steve and Terri took their idea and with detailed planning began to make PinX Fit a reality. As a start-up business, funding became a challenge. They utilized their personal savings as much as possible, but needed additional capital to finish preparing PinX Fit correctly. Steve contacted Chi Ishobak in May seeking assistance to finish this project. After receiving PinX Fit’s application, business plan, and projected financials Chi Ishobak was able to provide capital for start-up assets and equipment.

Youth and Elders Garden Project

Youth planted twelve bucket gardens for the elders and planted a range of produce from tomatoes, peppers, squash, tobacco, cucumbers, or flowers, based on what the elders requested. The buckets were then distributed to Pokagon elders throughout Michigan and Indiana. Youth Council members have also been assisting with weed control and watering the gardens, and will be available to help harvest the produce.



(left to right) Collin Church, Gavin Dempsey, and Julian Daisy plant a container garden for elder Josephine Spichtig of Dowagiac, Michigan.

“Chi Ishobak provided excellent advice, complete with a roadmap to achieving our goals,” Steve Rider stated, “Chi Ishobak gave us continual feedback and were there every step of the way. Thanks to Chi Ishobak we have now opened our doors and will begin holding fitness classes and seminars on August 1.”

Chi Ishobak would like to congratulate Steve and Terri Rider for all of their hard work and vision in making PinX Fit a reality. For more information on PinX Fit please visit www.pinxfit.com or www.womensdefensivetraining.com.

If you have any questions regarding Chi Ishobak’s programs and services available to Pokagon Band citizens, please contact us at:

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415 E. Prairie Ronde St.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 783-4157 or Sean.Winters@chiishobak.org
www.chiishobak.org



Gerald Morris Jr., MD, New Primary Care Provider at Pokagon Health Services

Gerald Morris Jr. MD started July 15 as a new primary care provider at Pokagon Health Services. Dr. Morris, who is the first Pokagon physician to serve the tribal health clinic, studied at Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed his residency training in family medicine at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Originally from Mishawaka, Dr. Morris is married with three children, ages 13, 9 and 3.

“I’m excited to finally be in a position to give back to the tribe,” he said. “I’m looking forward to many years working with the health services department.”





Photo by John Eby, Dowagiac Daily News

Fred Upton Visits The Business Center

U.S. Representative Fred Upton visited The Business Center of Southwestern Michigan July 1. During the tour of the business incubator in the old National Copper building, Congressman Upton met with leaders from Pokagon Band's economic development entity Mno-Bmadsen.

"It was a quick meeting, but a good one," said Troy Clay, Mno-Bmadsen's CEO. "I described the need to get our 8A application approved by the Small Business Administration and went over the tribe's non gaming investments. He seemed to be impressed."

In late July Clay and other tribal representatives will travel to the SBA headquarters in Washington, DC to further the 8A application, which helps minority-owned businesses like 7GenAE, a subsidiary of Mno-Bmadsen, earn federal contracts.

"We want to impress on them that we have our act together, put a face with a name and let them know we're a legitimate company," said Clay.

Rep. Upton enjoyed a performance by Pokagon citizen Michelle Winchester's dance company, (at right) which is located in the Business Center.

Citizens Attend Employment Workshop

By Traci Henslee, adult education specialist

A Gateways to Employment workshop recently assisted tribal citizens in learning ways in today's world to job search, apply for jobs (both online and physical), and use resumes and cover letters in their job search. The instructor, Lanre Ajayi, helped tribal citizens examine and apply their soft and hard skills for the type of work they want to the job search and employment tools.

More computer classes and career building workshops are to come. A Power Point and Publisher computer class, instructed by Chad Dee will be held August 17. The next career building workshop on Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself will be held on September 28.

The program is open to Pokagon citizens 18 years and older. If you are interested, please pre-register by calling (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220. Registration is limited. Gas assistance will be provided to Pokagon citizens for complete participation in a workshop or class. Child care for ages 2-14 may be provided to those participants who pre-register. Classes and workshops are held at the Department of Education in the Pokagon Band Administration Building, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI.

This project is made possible by a grant from



"I think it's highly valuable in finding employment," said one participant.



Do you like telling people where to go? Or do you like telling people what to do? Or do you like making a sale? Or do you like bossing (politely) kids around? Or do you like not having to pay for a t-shirt? Or do you just like offering a helping hand?

If you answered yes to any of these, then the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee needs you!

Nearly 100 volunteers are needed to help the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Committee put on a successful Pow Wow again this year. The Pow Wow will take place on Saturday, August 31 and on Sunday, September 1. The Committee is looking for volunteers to:

- Direct parking
- Drive golf carts to escort patrons to and from the pow wow grounds
- Work security (on golf carts)
- Sell t-shirts
- Sell raffle tickets
- Keep children from using the trolleys as an amusement ride

Typically shifts are 3 – 4 hours, depending on the task.

As a volunteer, you will be issued a free t-shirt upon sign-in and a meal ticket upon completion of your shift.

And don't volunteer alone! Ask family and friends to join you!

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marchell Wesaw at (269) 462-4204 or at marchell.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Making Safety Plans Important in Domestic Violence Situations

By Casey Kasper and Marcell Wesaw

Making a safety plan is one of the most critical things a domestic violence survivor can do to be safe. Come up with a plan that works for you—there is no plan that works for everyone. When making a plan, consider what is going on right now:

- Are you living with your abuser currently?
- Did you just leave an abusive relationship?
- Do you live in an area with access to resources and public transportation? Or do you live in an area where help is harder to find?

It is important to think about these and many other things when making the best safety plan for you and your family.

What is your risk?

Domestic violence is not about love. It is about control. The most dangerous time for a domestic violence survivor is while leaving or trying to leave the relationship. This is because the abuser is upset that s/he is losing control over the relationship and the partner.

It is important to think about your level of safety when leaving an abusive partner. Below is a list of things that can create a high risk situation.

Does your partner...

- Threaten to kill you, your family members, children, or themselves?
- Own or can get weapons?
- Have a history of domestic violence with you or another partner?
- Abuse drugs or alcohol?
- Use force during sex?
- Have untreated mental health problems?
- Have a history of other violent crimes?
- Have family members or friends that support their violence?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may be at a higher risk for death or violence when leaving your relationship. It is important to develop a safety plan that takes these things into consideration.

Leaving the relationship

For safety purposes, it may be necessary to stay somewhere else after you leave. This should be a place where your abuser is not likely to know where you are or show up. Some survivors feel safe enough staying with family or friends. Other survivors feel safer at a local domestic violence shelter. For information on shelters in your area, you can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233. Crisis line workers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help you find shelters in your area.

If possible, you may want to hide a packed bag in your house or leave a bag with a friend or family member before leaving your partner. You might want to pack:

- Identification (Driver's License, State ID, Birth Certificates, Social Security Cards). —Replacements are hard to get without proper identification
- Money, checks, credit and debit cards, and food stamps
- Spare keys to your home and car
- Medical records and insurance information
- Car registration, title, and insurance information
- Legal paperwork (divorce/separation paperwork, custody orders, Personal Protection Orders, immigration paperwork, etc.)
- If you have children, toys
- Pictures or other sentimental items

It isn't always possible to pack a bag beforehand. Once you leave, you may ask the police to help you pick up any of these items. But this kind of police help is not always possible

Once you are in a safe place, you may want to get a Personal Protection Order, or PPO. You go to your local court to get a PPO. And PPO's are enforceable around the country. PPO's stop your abuser from harming you IF your abuser will follow the order.

While PPO's are definitely an important part of a safety plan, you should only get one if it will make you safer. Depending on your abuser, sometimes a PPO can make the violence worse instead of keeping you safe. You are the best person to know what will work in your situation.

Safety At Home

If you move to a new home or your abuser leaves your home, you might want to take these safety steps:

- Change your locks and keep the doors and windows locked at all times.
- Only share your new address with a few people. Make sure you trust these people no to share your address with your abuser. You may also want to get a PO Box
- If you can, make sure you live in a well-lit area.
- If you trust your neighbors, tell them know they can call the police if anyone suspicious comes by.
- Let the local police know if you have a PPO.
- Make an escape plan if you have to leave quickly. Know every way to get out of your home.

Safety away from Home

It is important to make sure you are also safe when you go to work, school, or run errands. You may think about:

- Taking different routes to and from work, school, the grocery store, etc.
- Parking in well-lit areas.
- Having your cell phone available at all times. You may also want to get a 911 phone from your local domestic violence program. Old cell phones can always call 911, even if they are no longer activated.
- Changing your work or class schedule.
- Checking with security at school or work to get an escort in and out of buildings. You can also ask a coworker or classmate to walk in and out with you.

Safety Planning with your Children

Keeping your children safe is always a priority. Discuss safety in a way your child will understand. You may want to:

- Let your child's school know the situation. Give them copies of custody orders, divorce paperwork, or PPOs. Request that they don't let the children leave with the abuser if it is not safe.
- Talk to your children about not letting the abuser know where they are living if they still have contact with the abuser.
- Make a safety plan with your children. Let them know there are ways they can stay safe.
- Talk to the school social worker or guidance counselor if you need help talking about abuse in an appropriate way.

These are only a few suggestions for making a safety plan. If you have any questions or need help leaving an abusive partner, please call Casey Kasper, victim services manager/case worker at (269) 462-4324.

Ask Your Government

We're adding a new feature to the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* this month. Ask Your Government is an opportunity for Pokagons to submit questions about programs, services, events or policies to government staff. Editors will seek out the best expert to answer your question, and publish the questions and response in the next issue.

Have a burning question about the Pokagon Band government that needs answering? Send it to Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov and stay tuned for the response!

Keep Safety in Mind This Summer

By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

For many people, summer means fun in the sun. Kids are out of school, adults are on vacations and it is time for outdoor activities like swimming, biking, barbecues, and much more. The thing that should not be forgotten is safety. There are a few things that can help you to keep you and your family safe in the summer months. These tips can help to keep loved ones safe without having to cancel all of your outdoor fun events.

Ticks

Ticks are most prevalent during the warmer months April through September, and this year they have been extremely prevalent. They can carry diseases that can be minor to very serious. Use mosquito spray that contains 20 percent or more DEET to prevent ticks. Stay out of wooded areas and areas with high grass growth. If you are outside especially in wooded areas do a body check for ticks, take a shower to wash off any ticks that may be crawling on you, and examine your gear and pets for ticks as they can enter your home through this route. To remove a tick, use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. If you are unable to remove the mouth easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with soap and water. If you develop a fever, chills, aches and pains, and a rash after removing a tick follow up with your primary care provider. Fever, are all signs and symptoms that should be looked at by a doctor after being bit by a tick.

Protective Helmets

Protective helmets should be worn while you or a loved one is out riding bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller blading or skating, operating or riding on all-terrain vehicles, and horses. Studies have shown on bike helmets when worn can reduce the risk of injury by 85 percent. Some other protective equipment includes elbow and knee pads.

Swimming

Children can drown in a small amount of water in a matter of seconds. If you own a swimming pool use layers of protection so that children can't get into your pool without proper supervision. This includes placing barriers completely around your pool to prevent access. Using door and pool alarms is also a good idea in case a child does get access to the pool area an alarm will sound to make you aware. Children should never be left alone while in or near a pool. Be sure to use swimmies and life jackets if your child is not trained at swimming. Keep in mind that these do not prevent drowning. Remember that swimming in a lake is different than a pool as there are waves that can sweep a child away from parents. Adults should even be careful in large bodies of water like Lake Michigan as the currents can be too strong for an adult to overcome. Be aware that if your child goes underwater in a lake, you may not be able to find them as easily as in a clear pool.

Boating

Be sure to check the weather before going out on the water. Getting stuck in a storm is a safety hazard. Have a check list that you go over before going out on each boating trip. Travel at a safe speed, be alert at all times, pay attention in crowded areas, and don't get too close to other vessels. Have the appropriate number of life preservers on your vessel and be sure that children and those that can't swim have life jackets on at all times. Avoid alcohol and illicit drug use; these account for more than half of all boating related accidents. Learn to swim if you plan to spend time out on the water and consider taking a boating course.

Barbeques

Most families can't wait to get that grill fired up for the summer. Remember never to use a grill inside. Grills put off deadly carbon monoxide. When cooking outdoors with a gas grill, check the air tubes that lead into the burner for any



blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing. If you ever detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas at the tank and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed. Newer grills and propane tanks have improved safety devices to prevent gas leaks. Be sure that you are watching your little ones while the grill is going. Most children don't pay attention to what is around them when they are running around having fun. They could easily burn themselves if they are not watched carefully.

Yard Work

Yard work in the summer months is always on our list of things to do. When you are mowing the yard keep children away from the mower and if they enter the yard be sure to shut off the mower so that nothing hits them. Never carry children on a riding mower. If you are burning leaves be sure that children are not directly in the line of smoke. This can cause lung damage and carbon monoxide poisoning. Be careful that children are not running through burning piles as they can become severely burned.

Sun Safety

Protection from the sun is another big concern during the summer months. No matter what our skin color, we're all potentially susceptible to sunburn and the other detrimental effects of exposure to UV radiation. Although we all need to take precautions to protect our skin, people who need to be especially careful in the sun are those who have been treated for skin cancer or have a family member who's had skin cancer. If you take medicines, ask your health care professional about extra sun-care precautions, because some medications may increase sensitivity to the sun. When you are out in the sun be sure to wear protective clothing and hats. Reduce your time in the sun during the hottest parts of the day which is usually between the hours of 10 am - 4 pm. Use sunscreen that at least has an SPF of 15 and using a sunblock that is water resistant may help. Just remember that water resistant is not waterproof. With sunscreen the higher the SPF, the more protection you get from the sun. Sun screen should be applied 15 minutes before going out into the sun and should be reapplied every two hours. Pay special attention to babies and ask your provider before applying sunscreen to a child under 6 months of age. If your child is over 6 month apply sunscreen every time your child goes outside.

Have fun out there but also remember to plan ahead for the safety hazards that come along with summer fun.

Department of Education Announcements and Updates

School Supply Reimbursements

Reimbursements apply to the 2013–2014 school year until July 31, 2014. The \$100 per student reimbursement requires a completed form and the receipts for purchases you have made toward your child's education and extracurricular activities. Please contact Connie Baber [(269) 782-0887 and (888)330-1234] with questions. Your child must be registered with the K–12 Program, which is a quick process. Don't forget the "High School Success" reimbursements, too! This reimburses for cap and gown, ACT/SAT testing, and college application fees.

2013–2014 PreK-12 Program Registration Underway

Registration for the K–12 Program opens the door for the services we offer, both in and out of the ten county service area. Backpacks, \$10 School Supply Cards, School Supply Reimbursement, High School Success, tutoring and student advocacy, Enrichment, Dual Enrollment, and Special Needs are among the ongoing services that require K–12 Program registration. There are several opportunities to register your child: Stop in the Department of Education, Monday through Friday from 8–5; at the Indiana office on 3733 Locust Road, South Bend; during A Healthy Step with Education on Saturday, September 7 at the Pokagon Band Community Center; and during the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa PowWow, Saturday, August 31 from 3– 5 p.m. and Sunday, September 1 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Department of Education office. Parents/legal guardians must be present for signatures and students' tribal IDs will be needed. You may also mail, fax, and e-mail the forms to us. You can get the forms from the Band's website or call us to send one. Backpacks are mailed to citizens living outside of the ten county service area. Backpacks are available while supplies last.

A Healthy Step with Education, Saturday, September 7: Get Those Grade Cards

If your child is reaching for an award at this back to school event, then you will need their grade cards. Set it aside when the school sends it to you, so that you can include it with their form. More information will be sent your direction soon!

Summer Workbooks Return

Let's keep the students' minds growing over the summer! The Department of Education's K–12 Program would love to get activity books into as many hands as possible this summer to keep math, reading, and spelling skills expanding, not shrinking during these warm months. Please call us with your child's name, address, and grade entering in the fall. Bonus: show the completed workbook to a staff member of the Department of Education or your child's teacher in the fall, ask the teacher to sign the included form, return it to us, and we will send a treat to your child.

2013 Reading Program

Sign up for the A Nation That Reads Reading Program and help read 2013 books. The application is at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education or you can e-mail connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov to get a digital form sent to you. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Connie Baber at (888) 330-1234 and we can mail you the application.

Enjoy Your Library

Have you seen the great collection of books and media in the library? New books, DVDs and CDs keep appearing. We are so pleased to have this comfortable, inspiring, and air conditioned space. Bring the kids in for a break while you are enjoying Rodgers Lake and the playground at the campground. We are here from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dual High School and College Enrollment

High school juniors and seniors can take college-level classes while still in high school, providing college credit. This is a program that is supported by many of the school districts, although, not all of the districts pay for the students' classes. Students who want the extra challenge and study should ask their schools if they have a dual enrollment program and what fees or expenses they cover. The Department of Education will also pay up to \$400 per semester for the expenses not met by the school district.

2013-2014 PreK-12 Program Registration Open



Register at the Department of Education, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

A Healthy Step with Education on Saturday, September 7 at the Community Center will also feature K–12 registration and backpacks.

Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow registration times are Saturday, August 31, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 1, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in the Department of Education.

Parents / Legal Guardians must be present for signatures, and students' tribal IDs will be needed. Backpacks are available while supplies last.

Tribal Art Review Committee Seeks Member

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to fill a vacancy on the Pokagon Band Tribal Art Review Committee. A Committee member position is vacant. The Tribal Art Review Committee is responsible for reviewing and selecting art from tribal artists for the Four Winds Casino Gift Shop, procuring and selecting art for the tribal community (the casinos, the hotel, the Pokagon Fund Art Gallery), facilitating and holding the Art Extravaganza. The Tribal Art Review Committee meets monthly and as needed at either the Community Center in Dowagiac or at Four Winds Casino and Hotel. Including meeting preparation, other art review business, and time spent at the meetings, members spend approximately four to six hours per month to fulfill responsibilities.

COMPENSATION: The Tribal Art Review Committee members are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$75.00 per meeting. In addition, the Tribal Art Review Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Tribal Art Review Committee business.

ELIGIBILITY: To serve as a member of the Tribal Art Review Committee, a Band citizen must appreciate art, be willing to learn more about the different art media, have knowledge of the federal Indian Arts & Crafts Act of 1990, be able to mount and take down an art exhibit, be flexible in meeting times and place, be able to handle several projects at once.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS: Tribal Art Review Committee members are appointed by the Tribal Council. There is currently one vacant seat on the Tribal Art Review Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for a two 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

Questions concerning the Tribal Art Review Committee or this Notice may be directed to either Julie Farver, treasurer, (269) 501-1867, Julie.farver@mno-bmadsen.com, or Michaelann Gartner, Secretary, (269) 424-5650, madgppp@yahoo.com.

This position shall be open until filled.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS: As Public Officials, the Tribal Art Review Committee 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

This Notice was mailed to the Respondent on July 3, 2013 by first class mail. It was returned by the USPS on July 15, 2013, with a Return to Sender label that stated "Attempted - not known, unable to forward." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because there is no valid address.

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
CASE NO. 12-1751-PCDCS**

58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO UPDATE
DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION**

To: Veronica N. Jackson (fka Diamond)
Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that a Motion to Update Delinquent Child Support Obligation was filed with the Tribal Court on July 1, 2013 in the matter referenced above.
2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distribution, shall be directed so as to satisfy delinquent court-ordered child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. See 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
4. The current Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support remains in full force and effect.
5. An Order Updating Delinquent Child Support Obligation shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the recognition of the foreign court order.
6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the recognition of the Order Updating Delinquent Child Support Obligation with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day and MUST demonstrate that:
 - a. the foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
 - b. the foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
7. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the Order Updating Delinquent Child Support Obligation should not be granted by this Court.

**Keep our water safe.
Put unwanted medications in their place.**

Don't throw your old drugs down the drain or in the toilet. Pokagon Band Pharmacy is now a disposal location for unused drugs through the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program. Operated by Great Lakes Clean Water Organization, this program collects and properly disposes of unwanted/unused drugs in a safe and approved manner to help keep water clean and untainted by chemicals.

Bring your unwanted/unused medications to the Pokagon Band Pharmacy at 57392 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI 49047 anytime Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Yellow Jug Old Drugs containers and contents are picked up at pharmacies and are then transported to a Waste-to-Energy facility for secure and assured destruction.

As of January this year, the program has collected and properly disposed over 55,000 pounds of drug waste.



Culture—Contact Andy Jackson
• 8/30 | Water Walk, Gage St House, 26464 Gage St, Dowagiac, MI 49047, Sunrise at 7am

Drumming—Contact Andy Jackson
• 8/14 | Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ John T Warren, Rodgers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6-8pm

Language—Contact Rhonda Purcell
• 8/5-8/7 | Potawatomi Language Conference, Dowagiac Middle School, MI 8:00a-5:00p Daily

• Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am-12pm

• Tuesdays | 12 Week Basic Language —Dowagiac, Community Center, 6-8pm

• Wednesdays | 12 Week Basic Language —Hartford, Hartford Library, 15 S Franklin St, Hartford, MI 49057 6:30p-7:30pm

• Thursdays | 12 Week Basic Language Course —South Bend, 3733 Locust Rd, South Bend, IN 46614 6p-8pm & Early Start Language, Summer School-Head Start Bldg, 1:00p-1:35p

Native Healing—Contact Andy Jackson
• 8/19—8/21 | Jake Pine, Rodgers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 9a-5p (Individual appointments)

• 8/20 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine, Rodgers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6pm

Youth—Contact Dean Orvis
• 8/6-8/7 | Youth Conference, Dowagiac, MI 9:00a-5:00p Daily

• 8/17 | Jr & Sr Youth Council Elections, Community Center, 12:00p-2:00p

• 8/14 & 8/21 | Elders Garden Project, Community Center, 10:00a-2:00p

Traditions and Repatriation Committee—
• 8/26 | Monthly Meeting, Administration Building, Admin Conference Room, 6-9pm

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 SB Language Class	2	3
4		5 Language Conference	6 Language Conference Youth Conference	7 Language Conference Youth Conference	8 Potawatomi Gathering	9 Potawatomi Gathering	10 Potawatomi Gathering
				14 Hartford Language Class Dowagiac Men's/ Boy's Drumming w/ John T. Warren Elders Garden Project	15 SB Language Class	16	17 Jr & Sr Youth Council Business Meeting
11 Potawatomi Gathering	12 Elder's Language Class	13 Dowagiac Language Class	14 Hartford Language Class	15 SB Language Class	16	17	
	19 Elder's Language Class Native Healing	20 Dowagiac Language Class Early Start Language Class Native Healing: Co-ed Sweat Lodge	21 Hartford Language Class Elders Garden Project Native Healing	22 SB Language Class	23	24	
25	26 Elder's Language Class Trad. & Rep. Meeting	27 Dowagiac Language Class Early Start Language Class	28 Hartford Language Class Youth Cedar Point Trip	29 SB Language Class	30 Water Walk	31	

August 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, Youth Cultural Coordinator, Dean Orvis (269) 462-4290



Chi Ishobak August Announcements and Updates

Dates and times for the next Financial Wellness Workshop series have been scheduled at the Community Center in Dowagiac, MI. All classes will be held Wednesday's on the following dates: September 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, & October 2nd. Two classes will be held on each date to accommodate a larger number of interested citizens. Times for classes will be 1:00pm – 2:00pm or 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

Please contact Chi Ishobak at (269) 783-4157 to register for all or individual classes. Registration is free and there is no cost to attend the Financial Wellness Workshops.

These workshops are designed to identify financial habits and behaviors in our personal financial management that may be ineffective and implement necessary changes. By utilizing lessons from our ancestors and modern financial tools, citizens can accomplish any goal from: savings, building credit, debt-reduction, and building credit.

For individual financial coaching, please call for an appointment.

If you have any questions or would like additional information on the programs offered by Chi Ishobak, please contact us by using the information listed below:

Chi Ishobak, Inc.
415 E. Prairie Ronde St.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 783-4157
sean.winters@chiishobak.org
www.chiishobak.org



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Carpenter Apprenticeship Program

An apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job learning and related classroom instruction in a highly skilled trade. It is a four (4) year program and requires:

- Total of 8000 hours (2000 a year) of on-the-job training
- Total of 39 credit hours (615 hours in the classroom)

Requirements:

- Tribal Citizen or Spouse of a Tribal Citizen
- High school diploma or GED
- 18 years of age or older

Open enrollment is twice a year and you may submit your application during that time.

To move through the Selection phase of the process, you will need to complete the items listed below. Each item is dependent upon completion of the previous item. In other words, you need to complete item A, then B, then C, etc.

Application Process:

- If you have not completed an application, please stop by Human Resources or go to our website:
 - <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/>
 - Click on: Departments and scroll down and click on Human Resources
 - Click on: Career Opportunities
 - Click on: [Apprenticeship Application](#)
- Provide documentation verifying you:
 - Graduated high school or received your GED
 - Are at least 18 years of age or older
 - Are a Tribal Citizen or Spouse of a Tribal Citizen
- Complete TABEs testing at a 9th grade level or above
 - To complete **TABE testing**, contact Jim Topash, Training & Development Specialist, at (269) 462-4273, for more information or to register to take the test.
- Complete OSHA 10 hour class and pass the exam with a 70% or above
 - To register for the two-day, OSHA 10-Hour Class sessions, contact Jim Topash, Training & Development Specialist, at (269) 462-4273, or any member of the HR Team.
- Final Interview
 - Interviews will be scheduled for those who have completed all the above selection requirements. You will be contacted by a Committee Member to schedule your interview time.

Contact Jim Topash, Training & Development Specialist at (269) 462-4290 or Jim Dybevik, Director of Human Resources at (269) 462-4265 if you have any questions regarding the apprenticeship program.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR TAX BREAKS?

Dear Pokagon Band citizen:

You may be eligible for certain Michigan tax exemptions.

If you are a citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and you live in the tribe's Tax Agreement Area (as is defined in the State Tax Agreement between the Pokagon Band and the state of Michigan), then please fill out a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Application to see if you are eligible to start receiving these benefits! The application is available online here: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/finance/state-tax-agreements

Please read the Tax Agreement Overview (www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/finance/state-tax-agreements) to learn about these benefits and see a map of the Tax Agreement Area. You'll also find individual township maps at that link. If you think you may live inside the Tax Agreement Area boundaries, then you may be able to register with the state of Michigan and get relief from certain taxes.

In order to get registered, you must apply to become a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) by filling out and returning the Resident Tribal Member Application to me. Upon review of your application, we will notify you of your eligibility status.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Tax Agreement and your RTM status or benefits, please do not hesitate to contact me at (269) 462-4210 or email me at Julie.Rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Best Regards,

Julie Rodriguez
Staff Accountant/Tax Agreement



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Let us carry these Potawatomi ways into the future

A College and Career Day for the Youth during the Potawatomi Gathering

Thursday, August 8, 2013
Dowagiac Middle School, Dowagiac, MI

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| 9:00 – 10:00 am | Registration |
| 10:00 am – 4:00 pm | Career Discovery
Hands-on Activities and College Fair |
| 12 noon | Lunch with Dr. Jessica Rickert
the nation's first female Native American dentist |
| 1:00 – 4:00 pm | Workshops |

Limited transportation is available from the Pokagon Band's Administrative Building before and after the event.

Learn more about: Business, Robotics, Aviation, LEGO, Engineering, Animal Science, Education, Forensics, Military, Computers, DNR, Art, Health Science
Speak with representatives from universities and colleges such as: Notre Dame, University of Michigan, Northern Michigan University, Purdue University, and Bay Mills College

For current information and to preregister: www.PotawatomiNations.com
Contact: Penny Brant, (269) 782-0887 or penny.brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov

4:00 – 5:00 pm Wrap-up and Prizes (Must be present to win)
Win a Kindle and other prizes!
The tribe with the highest representation will receive a special prize!

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2ND ANNUAL A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday, September 7, 2013 | 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Community Center



The Department of Health Services and the Department of Education invite you to the second annual **A Healthy Step with Education**. This day will be filled with Health Services-sponsored education, screenings and activities AND Education's annual backpack and school supply give away. Also planned:

- K-12 program registration (requires a parent or guardian's signature)
- 2012-2013 School Awards
- Vision and hearing screenings
- Smoke house with area fire departments
- Ambulance
- Free haircuts
- Face painting
- Cultural craft
- Free massages
- Cultural teachings
- Lunch
- Prizes
- And much more

Please come and join in the fun.

Questions? Contact Liz Leffler at (269) 782-4141 ext. 225 or Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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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. **Registration is free, but please call to confirm attendance.**

SAVINGS IS COMMON CENTS

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

Date: Wednesday, September 4
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, September 11
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, September 18
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, September 25
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, October 2
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Location: Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE

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

Tribal Council August Calendar of Events

- 5 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 6 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 17 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 19 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 20 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 26 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

Tribal Council September Calendar of Events

- 2 No meeting offices closed for Labor Day holiday
- 3 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 19 Legislative Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 30 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.

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



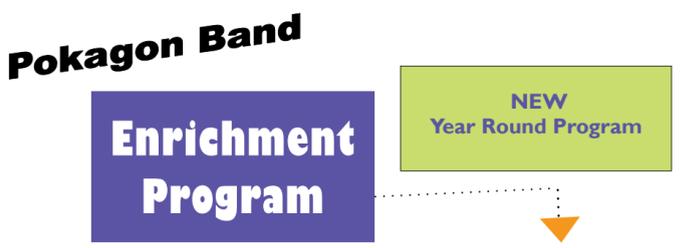
The Tribal Development Program at Four Winds Casino Resort will be offering a Dale Carnegie Course to Pokagon Band Tribal Citizens. The course lasts for 10 weeks, and many of the Four Winds TDP participants who recently graduated from the course said it was a life changing experience. The course will be offered at the Four Winds Casino Hartford location, starting September 4, 2013.



The Dale Carnegie Course is a unique training program designed to build greater self-confidence, improve communication and human relations skills and motivate men and women to develop more of their potential in life.

If interested in attending the Dale Carnegie course, please contact Jim Topash, Pokagon Band Training and Development Specialist, 269-462-4273, by Wednesday August 28, 2013.

“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all”
-Dale Carnegie



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

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

Your enrichment program can be held anywhere and applies to any Pokagon citizen in the country \$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

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	Christ- mas 2009	Christ- mas 2010	Christ- mas 2011	Christ- mas 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	
1854	Khitt Anthony Starrett					x
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	
2509	Karra Barr				x	
2595	James Hamstra				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 September 15 in order to make it on the October check run. Anything received after September 15 will be processed on the check run for November. 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,	Thursday, December 29,	Friday, December 30, 2012
Tuesday, January 15, 2013	Wednesday, January 30,	Thursday, January 31, 2013
Friday, February 15, 2013	Wednesday, February 27,	Thursday, February 28,
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,	Friday, September 27, 2013
Tuesday, October 15, 2013	Wednesday, October 30,	Thursday, October 31,
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.

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday
business

friday



photo by Beth Moody

5 language

Buffalo and Biscuit with Gravy
Vegetables
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad
Melon Slices
Dessert

6

BBQ Pork Chops
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Brussels Spouts
Tomato Salad
Rolls
Dessert

7

Sea Bass
Baked Potato
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Roll

8 closed | the gathering



9 closed | the gathering

Pizza
Garden Salad
Jell-o with Fruit

12 language

Cube Steak with Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Cottage Cheese with Tomatoes
Zucchini and Summer Squash
Fruit Salad
Roll

13

Buffalo Goulash
Garden Salad
Beets
Garlic Bread
Dessert

14

Ham with Scalloped Potatoes
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

15 social | basketweaving

Chicken and Vegetable Pot Pie
Broccoli Salad
Veggie Tray
Rolls
Angel Food Cake wit Strawber-
ries

16

Salmon Patties
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Roll
Banana Cream Pie

19 language

Buffalo Burgers and Brats
Baked Fries
Relish and Veggie Tray
Blueberry Pie

20

Tuna Salad on Croissant
Baked Chips
Veggie Tray
Brownie

21

Chicken, Broccoli, Rice and
Cheese Casserole
Tossed Salad
Cornbread
Sherbert

22

Beef Roast
Potatoes
Carrots
Cole Slaw
Rye Bread

23

Breakfast for Lunch

26 language

Pork Loin
Red Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Applesauce
Cottage Cheese
Roll

27

Buffalo Meatballs and Spaghetti
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Ice Cream

28

Vegetable Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Relish Tray
Fruit Salad

29

Beer Battered Haddock
Spanish Rice
Garden Salad
Corn on the Cob
Roll
Dessert

30

BBQ Chicken
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Bean Casserole
Tomato Salad
Roll
Dessert

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

Commodities
(269) 782-3372
Toll Free (888) 281-1111
FAX (269) 782-7814

Communications
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Compliance
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Education and Training
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-0887
Toll Free (888) 330-1234
FAX (269) 782-0985

Elders Program
53237 Townhall Rd.
(269) 782-0765
Toll Free (800) 859-2717
FAX (269) 782-1696

Election
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-9475
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Enrollment
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-1763
FAX (269) 782-1964

Finance
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-1028

Head Start
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0026/
(866) 250-6573

FAX (269) 782-9795
Health Services /
Behavioral Health
57392 M 51 South
(269) 782-4141
Toll Free (888) 440-1234
FAX (269) 782-8797

Housing & Facilities
27043 Potawatomi Trail
(269) 783-0443
FAX (269) 783-0452

Human Resources
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
FAX (269) 782-4253

Language & Culture
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9602
FAX (269) 783-0452

Natural Resources
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9602
FAX (269) 783-0452

Social Services
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-4295

South Bend Area Office
3733 Locust Street
South Bend, IN 46614
(574) 282-2638
Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 282-2974
(269) 782-8998

Tribal Council
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-6323
Toll Free (888) 376-9988
FAX (269) 782-9625

Tribal Court
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0505/
FAX (269) 783-0519

Tribal Police
58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232
Toll Free (866) 399-0161
FAX (269) 782-7988

Tribal Council Directory
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Minké Gizses August Citizen Announcements



Congrats Christian A Campbell!

It has been a blessing to watch you grow up to be the young man that you are today. We are very excited to see where the next chapter in your life will lead you.

"May your roots grow deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; and may you be able to feel and understand how long, how wide, how high, and how deep His love really is!" Eph 3:17-18

Love, Dad, Mom, Bryce & Drew

Happy 48th Birthday to my husband, Kevin Davis, August 15. I love you so much, Marci.

Happy 21st birthday to my step daughter, Stormie Davis, August 5. I love you so much, Marci.

Happy 1st birthday to my beautiful granbaby Aurelius, August 21. Granny loves you so much, sweet boy!!



Happy belated birthday to the twins, Dale and Dean Lewis. July 21

Love, your big bro Billy



Happy belated birthdays to my nephews, Shane Roy Rummage-July 24, Jeremy Joy-July 10 and Julius Rummage-July 20.

Love, Uncle Bill Lewis

Happy birthday to my big brother, Jimmy Lewis, August 11.

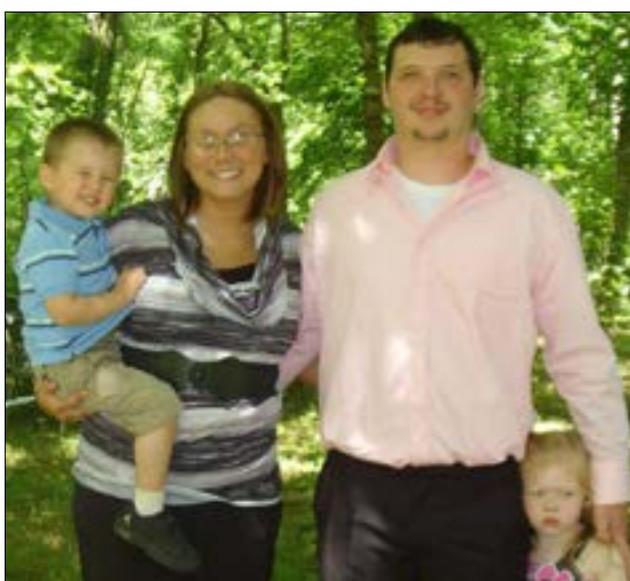
From your brother Billy



Happy birthday to cuz, Christopher Taylor August 28. Love from the Lewis Family

Congratulations to Adrianna and Brianna Morseau-Mares, 6th graders at Woodside Elementary in Hartford. Brianna won the Excellence Award and an Outstanding Academic Achievement from the President's Education Awards Program. Adrianna also won those two awards, and earned Best in Math, Best Leader, Most Dependable and Best Writer awards.

I am so proud of you! Keep up the good work. Love, Tia Waubnimkiqua and Bart



Happy birthday to the best daddy and husband in the whole world! We love you! Love, Brie, Bub and Amanda



Happy 4th birthday to our son Matthew Cummins Jr. We love you bigger than the world!

Happy 5th birthday to our daughter Briann Cummins. We love you bigger than the world! Love, Mom & Dad

