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By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Pokagon college students are representing on their campuses. Not only are many Pokagon students becoming involved in Native American organizations, but they are taking on leadership roles. While the groups may operate on different campuses, they share a common goal and vision: promoting awareness of Native American culture.

Alex Wesaw, a graduate student studying public administration with an emphasis in policy innovation and strategic leadership, served as the commissioner for minority affairs at Ohio University on the Graduate Student Senate through November 2013. Additionally, he chaired committees for diversity and minority affairs.

“Our goal is to educate people about the presence of Native Americans and teach them about tribal government,” said Wesaw. “Ohio has no federally recognized tribes, and many people are completely unaware of the existence of tribal governments.”

Wesaw acted as a liaison between minority students and the administration. “I took their issues to the right people,” explained Wesaw. “I have really enjoyed being a leader for my peers and being a part of the community.”

Sarah Ballew, an environmental policy major at University of Michigan, has been the co-president of the Native American Student Association for two years. Her involvement helped her to acclimate to life at a large university. “They did such a good job of welcoming me into their community and provided a place for me to feel at home on campus,” said Ballew. “They gave me advice on which classes to take and many of the members have common interests.” While many members of the group are Native American, they are attracting non-Indian members interested in learning more about the culture.



Sarah Ballew and the Native American Student Association at the 40th Annual Dance for Mother Earth powwow in Ann Arbor with Bunky Echo-Hawk

“Our goal is to spread cultural awareness and diversity on campus and make the native presence known,” said Ballew. “We plan events for Native Heritage Month and also host an annual pow wow. We like to showcase our dancing, our ceremony, and educate people about our culture.”

In addition to spreading awareness, the Native American Student Organization at Eastern Michigan University has been taking action against the recent resurgence of the former Huron mascot.

“It is rumored that there is an effort to reinstate the Huron mascot at Eastern Michigan,” said Amber Morseau, President of the Native American Student Organization. “The Huron mascot was stitched on the marching band’s uniforms, and it has been visible on alumni letterhead. It is our job to educate people on how drastically this effects the Native population. We are people, not a mascot.”

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Halloween Party a Hit



More than 200 people enjoyed the Youth Council’s Halloween Party October 26, participating in the costume contests, bouncy house and hay ride.

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Cassondra Church and the North American Indigenous Student Organization.

Morseau is a psychology major with a minor anthropology. Her long-term goal is to earn her masters and doctorate degrees and return to Dowagiac to work in Pokagon Behavioral Health Services.

At Michigan State University, Cassondra Church is a co-chair for the North American Indigenous Student Organization. "I became involved in the group during my sophomore year," said Church. "The more I learn about our culture, the more passionate I am about being an advocate for Native American issues."

"Many people don't know that the organization exists, and they do not understand our culture and tradition," said Church. "We reach out to the students by sponsoring educational events." During November, the group brought in world champion youth hoop

dancers as a part of Native American Heritage Month. "They performed and explained the significance of dance in their culture."

The largest event of the year for the organization is the Pow Wow of Love which is held each February. "We are in the process of planning the 31st Annual Pow Wow," said Church. "This event draws about 3,000 students, and we have been planning and fundraising since we arrived at school back in August."

Each of these students are dedicated to learning more about their culture, and sharing the knowledge with non-natives. Through education, they hope to instill a sense of respect and sensitivity in their peers that will hopefully stay with them as they leave school to embark on their careers.

Need For Pokagon Foster Homes is Acute

**By Ann Morsaw-Banghart
foster care coordinator**

The Pokagon Social Services Department frequently receives calls from across the country looking for tribal foster homes for Pokagon children. In the past three years we have helped approximately 30 Pokagon children in the foster care system.

Four months ago I started my new position coordinating Pokagon foster care with a goal of increasing the number of Pokagon families licensed to provide foster care for tribal children. Like you, I had seen foster care advertisements with pictures of children asking for foster parents and good homes. I had misconceptions about what it took to become a foster parent. Some of the common myths about making a commitment in a child's life are:

- You need to be a stay at home parent.
- You need to own your own home.
- You have to be married.
- You have to have a large house.
- Foster children have to have their own room.
- You have to be a parent.

Becoming a Foster Parent is relatively easy! In addition to becoming licensed and having a background check, all you need is patience, caring and commitment. Licensing classes are free and many counties reimburse for child care while you take classes.

This year four Pokagon families have already stepped forward and have started or completed the licensing process. But there is a need for more licensed foster families. Some days it seems that we are trying to hold water with our bare hands. A tribal foster home fills up that quickly!

Every little bit helps. Citizens can also offer respite care, which means babysitting for a few hours or a few days. This allows Foster Parents a break or even a weekend away. Although there are challenges, this job is rewarding. Visiting smiling, happy, and safe children keeps me going!



**At the end of the day,
love builds a family.**

Be a Foster or Adoptive Parent.

Pokagon families are needed to provide foster care and adoptive care. Please contact Social Services at (269) 462-4626 or (269) 462-4627 for more information.

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

Shingles Vaccine Recommended for Those 50 and Older

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Shingles is a painful skin rash caused by the varicella zoster virus. Shingles usually appears in a band, a strip, or a small area on one side of the face or body. It is also called herpes zoster. Shingles is most common in older adults and people who have weak immune systems because of stress, injury, or certain medicines. Most people who get shingles will get better and will not get it again.

Causes of Shingles

Shingles occurs when the virus that causes chickenpox starts up again in your body. After you get better from chickenpox, the virus sleeps in your nerve roots. In some people, it stays dormant forever. In others, the virus wakes up when disease, stress, or aging weakens the immune system. Some medicines may trigger the virus to wake up and cause a shingles rash. It is not clear why this happens. But after the virus becomes active again, it can only cause shingles, not chickenpox. You can't catch shingles from someone else who has shingles. But there is a small chance that a person with a shingles rash can spread the virus to another person who hasn't had chickenpox and who hasn't gotten the chickenpox vaccine.

Who gets shingles?

Anyone who has had chickenpox can get shingles. You have a greater chance of getting shingles if you are older than 50 or if you have a weak immune system.

Prevention

There is a shingles vaccine for people who are 50 years and older. This lowers your chances of getting shingles and prevents long-term pain that can occur after shingles. And if you do get shingles, having the vaccine makes it more likely that



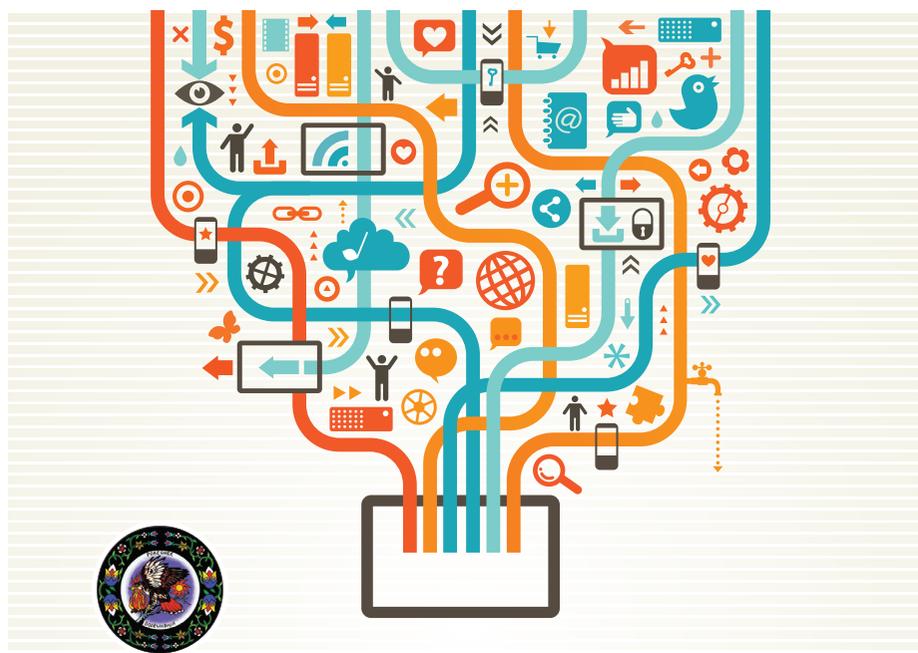
you will have less pain and your rash will clear up more quickly. If you have any questions about the shingles vaccine, contact Pokagon Health Services at (888) 440-1234 or your primary care provider today.

Symptoms

Shingles symptoms happen in stages. At first you may have a headache or be sensitive to light. You may also feel like you have the flu, but not have a fever. Later, you may feel itching, tingling, or pain in a certain area. That's where a band, strip, or small area of rash may occur a few days later. The rash turns into clusters of blisters. The blisters fill with fluid and then crust over. It takes two to four weeks for the blisters to heal, and they may leave scars. Some people only get a mild rash, and some do not get a rash at all. It's possible that you could also feel dizzy or weak, or you could have long-term pain or a rash on your face, changes in your vision, changes in how well you can think, or a rash that spreads. If you have any of these problems from shingles, call your doctor right away.

Treatment

Shingles is treated with medicines. These medicines include antiviral medicines and medicines for pain. Starting antiviral medicine right away can help your rash heal faster and be less painful. So if you think you may have shingles, see your doctor right away. Good home care also can help you feel better faster. Take care of any skin sores, and keep them clean. Take your medicines as directed. If you are bothered by pain, tell your doctor. He or she may write a prescription for pain medicine or suggest an over-the-counter pain medicine.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education

Computer Classes

Saturday, December 14, 2013
10:00 am – 2:00pm

Bridging the Digital Divide (Internet and Email)

Join instructor Chad Lee in the Education Computer Learning Lab. We will provide all participants with child care and gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop!

Please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. of Wednesday, December 11 (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

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Career Development and Job Search Assistance

Looking for some career development and help doing an online job search?

Career development and online job search assistance is available one Tuesday evening a month and one Saturday each month. Visit www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov/community/events-calendar for future dates.

Ask us about Career Cruising, a software program available to help you prepare for SAT and ACT tests, and help you assess career interests and explore potential vocations.

Tuesday, December 10, 2013
5:00-8:00pm

Saturday, December 14, 2013
9:00am-2:00pm

For more information call Education at (888) 330-1234 or email Ray Bush to confirm availability at ray.bush@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Resolve to Create a Better Retirement Financial Plan in 2014

By Vonda VanTil, Social Security public affairs specialist

Another New Year is just around the corner, offering a new opportunity to improve your life in any number of ways with a wise New Year's resolution or two. (No doubt, for most of us the possibilities are endless.) One good idea for many might be creating (or updating) a long-term financial plan.

According to a 2013 survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, "the percentage of workers confident about having enough money for a comfortable retirement is essentially unchanged from the record lows observed in 2011." Only 13 percent are very confident of being able to afford a comfortable retirement, while 28 percent are not at all confident.

If you are among those with lower financial confidence and you haven't started to save for retirement already, now is the time to begin — no matter what your age. If retirement is near, you'll want to jump into the fast lane right away. If you're younger and retirement seems a lifetime away, it's still in your best interest to begin saving now, as compound interest will work to your advantage. Experts agree that saving when you're young will make a world of difference when the time comes to draw on your retirement savings.

Don't take our word for it. You can check out the numbers yourself. A great place to start figuring out how much you will need for retirement is to learn how much you could expect from Social Security. You can do that in minutes with Social Security's online Retirement Estimator.

The Retirement Estimator offers an instant and personalized estimate of your future Social Security retirement benefits based on your earnings record. Try it out at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov



www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator

It's Time for Medicare Part B Reimbursement

By Yvonne "Petey" Boehm, elders specialist

It's that time again, the end of year. We need your Social Security statement for 2014 showing you have the Medicare Part B deduction if you wish to be reimbursed.

You should receive your statement soon, so please watch for it. Please contact me at Elders Hall, (269) 782-0765 if any questions.

Naomi Waneta Cushway Edwards is Elder of the Month



At 96 years old Naomi may be the oldest living Pokagon. She was born in Welston, Michigan on December 19, 1917 to James and Lydia Cushway. She is the granddaughter of Joseph Cushway and Angeline Mix. Naomi married Charles Edwards on September 5, 1937. He passed away in 1992. Her sisters Daisy, Eva, Ruth and Laura Lou are all deceased. Her two daughters are Carol Delidow and Ruby (Ken) Christopherson. Naomi has five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren.

Naomi lives in her own apartment and, with some help from her family, she still enjoys music and playing (and winning!) games.



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Looking to read a good book?

Missing a group to share it with?
Join the Pokagon Book Club.



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PILE OF BOOKS

Sharing stories is a treasured Native American tradition.

The Department of Education

would like to continue that tradition by inviting you to join our book club. Joining is easy! All you have to do is fill out the application form and return it to the department. First, we will send you three books with Native American themes. You will read the books, choose your favorite from the group, and do a project about the book. It may be a review, an essay, a poem, a drawing, or some other creative idea. (With your permission, we will publish a variety of these projects in the Tribal Newsletter.) When we receive your project, it will be your ticket to receive the next three titles. This process will happen four times in all, giving you a total of 12 books that are yours to keep.

The number of participants for the book club is limited, so please send your application to Connie Baber as soon as possible. You may fax it to (269) 782-0985, email it to Connie.Baber@Pokagonband-nsn.gov, or send it by mail to Pokagon Band Department of Education, P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 with attention to Connie.

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7GenAE Designs New Pokagon Health and Wellness Center; Mno-Bmadsen Bent Tree Gas Station to open in Dowagiac

By Jennifer Dougherty, marketing coordinator, 7GenAE



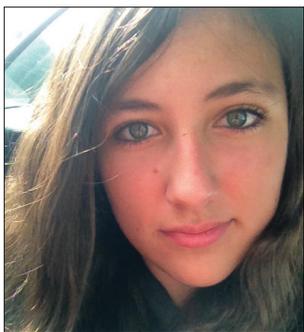
The staff at 7GenAE is close to completing the design phase of the new Pokagon Health and Wellness Center project. The new 35,000 square foot building will be located west of the existing administration building on Sink Road.

The Health and Wellness Center will feature a large rotunda with a glass clerestory. All materials and colors of the interior reflect the tribe's culture and will be similar to the administration building. Upon entering the rotunda, there will be a receptionist desk where people will be directed to the appropriate department. A pharmacy will be located on the left, and the main medical clinic reception area will be straight ahead. "The medical clinic is designed for three doctors, but it can be expanded to accommodate five doctors each with an exam room," said Scott Winchester, General Manager at 7GenAE. "The Tribal Council had us add 4,000 square feet to the building to accommodate growth."

The center will also feature a dental suite for two dentists and four dental chairs. The center's administration area will be located in the back of the building and will have an office for transporters to bring patients to the facility. The center will also feature a traditional healing area.

On the wellness side, there will be a physical therapy area with a therapy pool built to accommodate six people. The pool will have resistance machines allowing people to swim against the current. There will also be an occupational therapy area where patients will be retrained on activities of daily living. An exercise area including fitness machines, restrooms, lockers and showers is also featured in the plans.

Academic Excellence Recognition for Arynn Foerster



Arynn, 14, who moved up a grade during first grade, is now in tenth grade and is doing exceedingly well. She maintains a 4.0 GPA at Eau Claire High School. Out of her seven current classes, one is a college class and she's carrying a 97 percent thus far. Arynn's math class is algebra 2, which is an advanced class. She is earning a 101.3 percent in that class.

Her teachers give nothing but glowing reports of her demeanor and work ethic. Arynn also is a huge help at home tutoring her younger foster siblings. Keep up the great work Arynn!



"We expect to have occupancy by September 2014," said Winchester. "The building will look very similar to the administration building, and it will fit into the campus nicely." Designed LEED Gold, the building will be environmentally friendly, and energy efficient.

Drawings will be available to bidders through December 4, when bids will be received by The Christman Company, the company that will be managing the construction of the project. The Christman Company was construction manager for the Four Winds casinos and has an excellent working relationship with the tribe.

The Mobil gas station and Bent Tree convenience store that has been under construction near Four Winds Dowagiac will be open by the end of 2013. "The exterior has been completed and we are putting the finishing touches on the interior," said Winchester.

The building is located directly south of the casino. The store will sell pizza, sandwiches, cookies and other food items made by the casino's chef. Pokagons will be able to receive their tribal discount when purchasing gas and tobacco products.

Citizens interested in employment opportunities are encouraged to contact Jennifer Deuel at jennifer.deuel@mbc-stores.com.

Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

Alex Wesaw and Jared Winchester Receive Leadership Award at NCAI's Annual Conference

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Pokagons Alex Wesaw and Jared Winchester recently received the Ernie Stevens Jr. Youth Leadership Award at the annual conference of the National Congress of American Indians. Typically, this award is presented to one male and one female who demonstrate exceptional leadership skills. This year, two males and a female were honored.

"I had the opportunity to meet with Ernie one on one, and he really struggled with choosing the recipients," said Wesaw. "It came down to me, Jared, and a female from another tribe. In the end, he gave the award to all of us." This was the first time that the award was given to two people from the same tribe.

Wesaw is the co-president of the NCAI Youth Council. In October 2012, he took on the role of treasurer, and he was asked to step in as co-president in June 2013. "My peers felt that my performance warranted this move, and it was a decision that was made because they felt that it was best for the council," explained Wesaw.

Winchester was surprised to be selected. "When you go to NCAI, it is a bit daunting," said Winchester. "There are many leaders, and it can seem that the youth are overlooked. But when you get active, you do get recognition."

Both Wesaw and Winchester feel that their involvement in NCAI has been rewarding. "One goal of the youth commission is to provide mentorship opportunities to youth," said Winchester. "Going from 2011 to now, and seeing the idea of mentorship go from concept to reality, has been very rewarding. We have the opportunity to set a good example for other youth."

Wesaw is a graduate student at Ohio University. He was an intern in the Pokagon Human Resources Department in 2011, and he helped to create the carpenter apprenticeship program. "Without the support of the Tribal Council, I would not have gained all of the applicable experience I did that is so valuable to the degree I am seeking," said Wesaw.

Winchester is a junior at Northern Michigan University. He is majoring in political science with a focus in pre-law. He has been working with the director for Native American Studies on a multi-dimensional project to express the needs of Native American communities.



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Pokagon Education Programs Provide Life-long Learning

- K-12 Programming for 2013-2014 (book bags & \$10 gift card)
- K- Reimbursements for 2013-2014 (up to \$100)
- High School Success Reimbursements (ACT/SAT, cap & gown, college fees)
- Tutoring
- Sylvan Tutoring Program
- Pokagon Band Special Needs Program
- Enrichment (up to \$500)
- Dual High School and College Enrollment
- LEGO League
- GED
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
- Higher education scholarship assistance
- College technology assistance
- Pokagon Band library: check out some books!

To find out more information about all of these programs visit www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov, e-mail connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call (888) 330-1234.

Riddle (Formally in the K-12 newsletter)

The Department of Education is merging the K-12 newsletter with the tribal newsletter. So the riddle can be found in the tribal newsletter now.

Mail in your correct answer or email it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. WAIT... another way to win is to mail or email your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

Last month's K-12 newsletter riddle winner was Dawn Grabowski who answered, "How can a pants pocket be empty and still have something in it?" The answer was "It has a hole." No one submitted a new riddle to win a gift card.

Check out the new riddle.

What starts with the letter "t", is filled with "t" and ends in "t"?

Chi Ishobak December Announcements and Updates

It has been a great year for the tribe in the world of economic development and momentum is definitely building. Chi Ishobak is already looking into 2014 to continue providing resources to Pokagon citizens in efforts to increase their professional and personal capacities.

Financial Wellness has a New Look

Chi Ishobak has structured a new format for the Financial Wellness Series. Rather than committing one hour for five consecutive Wednesday's, there will be one Saturday workshop that will cover all fundamental topics. The date for the new Financial Wellness Workshop will be Saturday, January 4 at the Community Center in Dowagiac. The workshop will be from 10:00am to 2:00 pm. As with previous sessions, there is no fee to participate, but registration is required to confirm attendance. The fundamental topics of savings, communication, budgeting, debt reduction, and purchase behaviors will be covered in this workshop. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The information in this workshop is beneficial regardless of the individual's level of personal financial management. If you have any questions or concerns, please inquire at the contact information listed below.

New Year, Great Programs

Chi Ishobak has assisted numerous citizens this past year in the form of commercial and consumer loans, small-business development technical assistance, personal financial management, and asset building efforts. Chi Ishobak has a variety of programs and development services that are designed specifically for Pokagon Band citizens.

- Commercial Loan Program: This program is for Pokagon entrepreneurs and business owners alike.

Starting or expanding a small-business regardless of size, industry, or market can be an intimidating task. Chi Ishobak can provide the proper product or resources that will match citizen's needs from access to capital, business planning, to financial projections.

- Consumer Loan Program: This program is designed to build personal and family capacity for citizens. Whether the challenge is to acquire reliable transportation for employment or building credit with the goal of purchasing a home, Chi Ishobak can help. Again, Chi Ishobak will work with citizens to identify the type assistance needed and determine how this is accomplished. Automobile purchases, personal financial management, or repairing/establishing a credit score are all goals of this program.
- Individual Development Accounts (IDA): This program is to encourage citizens to save discretionary income for the purposes of asset-building. IDA's are matched savings accounts where a citizen saves a monthly amount and that amount is matched by Chi Ishobak to help empower citizens to achieve financial goals. Chi Ishobak's current IDA's help citizens save for small-business purchases and automobile purchases for tribal youth.

Personal Finance TIP OF THE MONTH

Chi Ishobak has conducted three financial wellness workshops at the Community Center thus far in 2013. Equipping our citizens with the tools and resources to make sound financial decisions is very important to us. Our ancestors were extremely proficient in two main areas: planning and budgeting. Centuries ago, if

planning wasn't conducted properly, there were fatal consequences. This type of planning and budgeting is how we have sustained our community for hundreds of years. This hasn't changed and as citizens, we need to continue this instinctual ability in all of us.

Have a Written Plan

1. Track every penny for one month as to get a real idea to where your income goes.
2. Write down, on paper, all of your income and expenses.
3. Prioritize your bills by due date

This planning and budgeting helps families and individuals to be prepared for life when it happens, non-monthly expenses, and savings. This plan and budget must be on paper every month, if it stays in our heads, we will miss something.

Chi Ishobak is committed to providing the best possible service for Pokagon Band citizens. We are excited for the future and continuing to strengthen our community from within. One citizen at a time takes patience, but is an incredible feat.

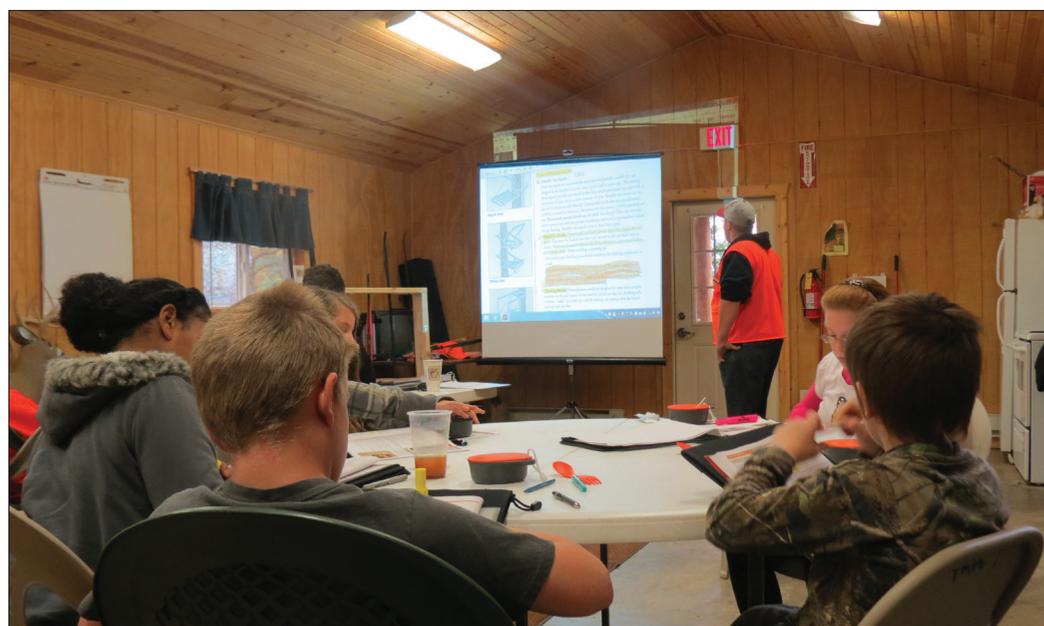
If you have any questions or would like additional information on the programs offered by Chi Ishobak, please contact us by using the information listed below:

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



Hunters Safety Certification

Ten Pokagon youth learned about bow and firearm hunting safety at the Hunters Safety Certification event during the last weekend in October. The kids worked with Tribal Police Officers and Language and Culture staff to prepare for the Pokagon Youth Hunt next fall.



Purple Shawl Project Workshop Scheduled for December DV Program Seeks Cultural Presenters



The Domestic Violence Team will be hosting a Purple Shawl Project workshop on Sunday, December 8 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the Gage Street house (64264 Gage Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047). Any women in the community interested in making a shawl are welcome to attend, regardless of age or sewing ability. All materials are

provided, free of charge. We do ask that you bring a dish to pass and any interested friends.

The Purple Shawl Project is meant to raise awareness for domestic violence in the community. You do not need to be a domestic violence survivor to attend, however we do ask that you keep the workshops a safe space for community members who have experienced violence and not share any private information about program attendees.

If you have any questions please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324

The Domestic Violence Program is looking for cultural presenters to run monthly cultural presentations. You do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to get involved, however we do ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker at (269) 462-4324 or via e-mail at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

My Health Support Group



December date TBA (please check December website calendar for date)
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Pokagon Community Center

A time for all Pokagon families to get together and discuss wellness issues with Pokagon Health Services providers and staff. Citizens, spouses, significant others and adult children welcome. Join us for a nutritious dinner and learn strategies for improving your health.

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Train Together for the Family Olympics

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

When: leading up to Summer, 2014



Participate in three of the training events offered and receive a gift incentive. Involvement in one school sport can substitute for one of the three trainings. These events are open to Native Americans and their families, and Pokagon Band staff and their families.

Training Schedule:

January 2014

- ★ January 25 | Hartford Schools | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- ★ January 26 | Hopkins Schools | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

Stay tuned for training dates in March and May.



★ new or rescheduled date

Need College Financial Aid Help?

If you want to apply for most college financial aid, including the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship, you must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

You can file the FAFSA for the upcoming school year after January 1, though you can apply for your PIN# anytime. You must apply every year you are in school. There is no cost to apply for the FAFSA.

For more information, contact your high school's guidance office, your college financial aid office, or Joseph Avance, higher education specialist, at the Pokagon Band Department of Education (888) 330-1234.

Or check out College Goal Sunday www.collegegoalsundayusa.org to get FAFSA information specific to your state.

Pokagon students who file the FAFSA for the fall 2014 semester by February 28, 2014 will be eligible for a Pokagon Band Higher Education sweatshirt! Please provide printed verification of the date you completed your FAFSA online to get your sweatshirt.



www.fafsa.ed.gov



www.collegegoalsundayusa.org



Purple Shawl Project Workshop

Sunday, December 8

1:00 PM until 5:00 PM

Gage Street house

64264 Gage Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Any women in the community interested in making a shawl are welcome to attend, regardless of age or sewing ability. All materials are provided, free of charge. We do ask that you bring a dish to pass and any interested friends.

The Purple Shawl Project is meant to raise awareness for domestic violence in the community. You do not need to be a domestic violence survivor to attend, however we do ask that you keep the workshops a safe space for community members who have experienced violence and not share any private information about program attendees.

If you have any questions please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324

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Bbon Gizes De

Ne'me gizhek SUNDAY	Ngot gizhek MONDAY	Nizh gizhek TUESDAY	Apta gizhek WEDNESDAY
<p>Solstice: Dreams from the Longest Night</p> <p>1</p>	<p>L&C Elders Language Class</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>GED Evening Lab</p> <p>2</p>	<p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac Language Class</p> <p>L&C Early Start Language</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Zumba</p> <p>GED Evening Lab</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac M</p> <p>Drumming</p> <p>L&C Community</p>
<p>DVC Purple Shawl Project workshop</p> <p>8</p>	<p>L&C Elders Language Class</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>GED Evening Lab</p> <p>9</p>	<p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac Language</p> <p>L&C Class Early Start Language</p> <p>EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Healthy Lunch Pre</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>GED Evening Lab</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac M</p> <p>Drumming</p> <p>L&C Community</p>
<p>EDU Holiday Fun Day</p> <p>15</p>	<p>L&C Native Healing w/ Jake Pine</p> <p>L&C Elders Language Class</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>GED Evening Lab</p> <p>16</p>	<p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C Native Healing w/ Jake Pine</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac Language Class</p> <p>L&C Early Start Language Class</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Zumba</p> <p>GED Evening Lab</p> <p>L&C Native Heali</p> <p>L&C Womens Dru</p> <p>L&C Community</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>L&C Elders Language Class</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>GED Evening Lab</p> <p>23</p>	<p>Tribal Government offices closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Tribal Government offices closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>L&C Elders Language Class</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>GED Evening Lab</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Tribal Government offices closed in observance of the New Year Holiday</p> <p>31</p>	<p>Tribal Government offices closed in observance of the New Year Holiday</p>

December 2013

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>Men & Boys</p> <p>Service Projects</p>	<p>5</p> <p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>L&C Community Service Projects</p>	<p>6</p> <p>L&C Candlelight Parade</p>	<p>7</p> <p>DNR Trapper Education Field Day</p> <p>L&C Fall Feast & Eagle Dressing</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Men & Boys</p> <p>Service Projects</p>	<p>12</p> <p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>L&C Community Service Projects</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance</p> <p>Tribal Council meeting</p> <p>L&C SeniorYouth Council meeting</p> <p>EDU Computer Class Bridging the Digital Divide with Internet and E-mail</p> <p>L&C Youth Council Christmas Gathering</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Meeting w/ Jake Pine</p> <p>Summing</p> <p>Service Projects</p>	<p>19</p> <p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>L&C Community Service Projects</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>L&C Winter Ceremony</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Post offices closed</p> <p>the Christmas</p>	<p>26</p> <p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>L&C Round Dance & Social</p>
<p>January 1</p> <p>Post offices closed</p> <p>the New Year</p>	<p>January 2</p> <p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>Kick the Habit Freedom from Smoking Program</p>	<p>January 3</p>	<p>January 4</p> <p>Financial Wellness workshop</p>

Christmas Basket Distribution

Distribution will begin **Thursday, December 12** and run through **Sunday, December 15** at the Commodity Building, 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac, Michigan.

Hours of distribution:

- ❖ **December 12** 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ★ **December 13** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
- ❖ **December 14** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*
- ❖ **December 15** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

*Note: After December 12, dates and times are dependent on basket availability.

For more information, call
(269) 782-3372 or (888) 281-1111

Baskets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Families with 1–4 household members receive 1 basket.
Families with 5–8 receive 2 baskets.
Families over 9 receive 3 baskets.

You may pick up no more than 4 baskets for other citizens with a written & signed permission slip.
2013 Christmas Baskets are funded thanks to the University of Notre Dame and Tribal Council.



WINTER ROUND DANCE & SOCIAL

DECEMBER 28 | 7:00PM-1:00AM

DOWAGIAC HIGH SCHOOL
701 WEST PRAIRIE RONDE, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

COME AND CELEBRATE THE WINTER SEASON WITH US,
ROUND DANCE SONGS, FOOD, CONTESTS, AND GOOD TIMES!

MC: JASON S. WESAW | STICKMAN: JOE SYRETTE

A ROUND DANCE IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE THE COMMUNITY AND ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY WHILE REMEMBERING LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED ON. OUR TEACHINGS TELL US THAT THE SPIRIT WORLD HAS DAYTIME DURING OUR NIGHT TIME THEREFORE, WE ROUND DANCE INTO THE NIGHT TO CELEBRATE WITH THE SPIRITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED ON. ALL ROUND DANCES ARE MEMORABLE NIGHTS OF SINGING, DANCING AND FEASTING WITH THE SPIRITS.

- ❄️ DOOR PRIZES
- ❄️ FEAST
- ❄️ ADULT MEN'S HAND DRUM COMPETITION \$200 PRIZE
- ❄️ 50/50 RAFFLE
- ❄️ PIPE CEREMONY
- ❄️ BOYS HAND DRUM COMPETITION \$100 PRIZE
- ❄️ SACRED FIRE

CORN SOUP, GOULASH, AND WILD RICE SOUP CONTESTS! \$50 PRIZES FOR CONTEST WINNERS.



For more information, please contact the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4255 or Rhonda Purcell at rhonda.purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Pokagon Health Department
Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
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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.



Trapper Education Field Days Offered in December

- When:** Dec. 7, 2013, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- What:** Trapper Education Field Day (requirement for trapper ed certificate) in conjunction with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Where:** Pokagon Campground, 58620 Sink Rd. in Dowagiac

There is NO COST for the class. In order to attend the field day, the student must pre-register with Sgt. Tom Wanless at 517-335-3410.

Students taking the online trapper education course must present their certificate of completion on the day of the field day. Students who wish to take the home study option must receive their manual by Friday, Nov. 29.

For more information, contact Sgt. Tom Wanless at: 517-335-3410.





FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Chi Ishobak and the Department of Housing have collaborated to introduce a new financial education program for Pokagon citizens. More than just information, this program is designed to identify financial behaviors and the cultural relevance associated with them.

This workshop covers five key areas that address the basic aspects of personal financial management: savings, communication, budgeting, debt, and purchase behaviors. Activities provide participants with the tools and processes to take control of their financial health.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE.

Please CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

POKAGON COMMUNITY CENTER | 27043 POTAWATOMI TRAIL, DOWAGIAC

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CHI ISHOBAK, Sean Winters at (269) 783-4157 OR AT sean.winters@chiishobak.org.

Department of Education

Pokagon Band's GED Assistance Program provides financial resources for Pokagons 18 and over to complete a GED:

- Payment for the GED exams
- Financial assistance for transportation costs, tutoring, childcare, and other support.
- \$500 stipend for passing all the GED exams (to be eligible, your high school class must have already graduated)
- GED Labs using Odysseyware, an internet-based curriculum study program tailored to fit your learning needs. Participants with other internet access can use the Odysseyware program on your own, too.

GED Labs—no appointment necessary
Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30—8 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.—12 p.m. and 1—3 p.m.

Reach your education goals

A national GED 21st Century Initiative begins January 2, 2014. GED tests will change to a computer-based program to better prepare adults for post-secondary education, training, and careers. If you have already taken some of your tests, you only have until December 31, 2013 to finish all five, or start the process over again. For information and the application, visit: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education/employment-and-training-services/ged-assistance.

Or contact Traci Henslee or Diana Smith

Traci.Henslee@PokagonBand-nsn.gov
Diana.Smith@PokagonBand-nsn.gov
(269) 782-0887 | (888) 330-1234
Fax: (269) 782-0985

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2nd Annual
Holiday Fun Day

This holiday season, give your kids the gift of fun while you go Christmas shopping or finish holiday preparations. The Department of Education has a day of holiday cheer planned for kids ages 3-14 registered in our K-12 program. Christmas crafts/gift making and other fun activities will keep them busy until you return. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, December 15
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Community Center
24703 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THERE IS LIMITED SPACE, so call the Department of Education by December 6 at (269) 782-0887 to reserve your spot.



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Interns Wanted

Applications are now available for the Pokagon College Summer 2014 Internship Program.

The eight-week program runs from Monday, June 9 through Friday, August 1, 2014.

Pokagon college students will have the opportunity to gain work experience in Pokagon tribal government offices.

Tribal citizens 18 years and older by June 9, 2014 who have completed 12 or more college credits and intend to continue college in the fall 2014 semester are eligible to apply.

Interested? For more information and to download your application visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov. To have an application sent to you, contact the Pokagon Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Applications are due by January 10, 2014



Notice of Open Positions | Election Board

The Tribal Council is seeking Pokagon Band citizens who are interested in serving on the Election Board. The Tribal Council will need to appoint two (2) Pokagon Band citizens to the Election Board. This appointment will be for a four year term expiring on January 31, 2018. The Election Board is a five person Board with two Alternates whose members are appointed by the Tribal Council. Provided below is information regarding the Election Board and how to be considered for appointment as a member of the Election Board.:

- A. **Election Board Member Responsibilities.** The Election Board is responsible for conducting Pokagon Band elections, maintaining a list of registered voters, and reviewing membership petitions, initiatives, and referendums.
- B. **Qualifications.** To be eligible for appointment to the Election Board, a Pokagon Band citizen must:
 1. Be an eligible voter of the Band;
 2. Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age;
 3. Not be incarcerated for any criminal conviction;
 4. Not be presently a member of or candidate for Tribal Council, the Tribal Judiciary, the Ethics Board, or the Salary Commission; and
5. Not have been convicted within the last ten (10) years of a crime subject to imprisonment for a term of one (1) year or longer, excepting those crimes determined by the Election Board to relate to the furtherance of the Band's tribal sovereignty rights.
- C. **Appointment Process and Length of Term.** Election Board members are appointed by the Tribal Council and serve terms of office of four years. Prior to any appointment, Tribal Council will make a determination whether the interested person meets the qualifications required to serve on the Election Board. In order to make this determination, all persons seeking appointment to the Election Board must undergo a limited criminal background check performed by the Pokagon Band Tribal Police to ensure that the candidate meets the qualifications to serve on the Election Board. Thus, all persons interested in appointment must complete an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background. You must contact Jessica Howell, Election Clerk, at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475 to obtain an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check Form.
- D. **Time Commitment.** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings, conduct elections, and perform the business of the Election Board will vary. Election Board members typically are busier during the time that leads up to and during the General Election and Elders Election. Additionally, there may be Referendums, Special Elections, Petitions, and Recalls that will require Election Board action. General Elections occur on the second Saturday of July and Elders Council Elections occur on the second Saturday of November. The dates of the Election Board meetings vary, but typically occur after 5:00 PM. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately 10 to 25 hours per month, with the busiest time being the months of May, June, July, September, October, and November.
- E. **Stipend.** Each Board member receives a stipend for each meeting and Election attended. The amount of the stipend varies, depending on the seat held. Board members and alternates are entitled to reimbursement for mileage.
- F. **How to Apply and Deadline.** If you are interested in serving on the Election Board, you must provide a written statement of interest with your name, address, and telephone number and a completed Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background to:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Attn: Kelly Curran
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

This posting will remain open until January 13, 2014.

- G. **Questions.** If you have questions concerning the Election Board, please contact the Election Board offices at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475. For additional information about the Election Board and the election process, you may also consult the Band's Election Code, which is posted on the Band's website at <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances>

Tribal Council **December** Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 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.
- 14 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- 30 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 31 Closed in observance of the New Year holiday.

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 **January** Calendar of Events

- 6 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 7 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council, Community Center 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 20 Offices Closed in observance of MLK Day holiday
- 21 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 27 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 28 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.

Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782-1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas					Monthly Per Cap
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	x	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					x	
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x	x
687	John Michael Williams					x	
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	x	
1598	Siloman Askin Temple					x	
1799	Janet Ann Ulleg					x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	x	
2096	Justin Wayne McNew					x	
2348	Ashland Amber Quier					x	
2429	Larry Pierce Jr.					x	
2509	Karra Barr				x	x	
2595	James Hamstra				x	x	
2678	Andrew Anthony Criffield					x	
2987	Savanah Wilson					x	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	x	x
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					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 January 15 in order to make it on the February 2014 check run. Anything received after January 15 will be processed on the check run for March. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Per Capita Important Dates

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

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

monday

2 **language**

Buffalo Stuffed Peppers
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Cottage Cheese
Fruit Cocktail
Roll

9 **language**

Sliced Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Tri-Blend Veggies
Garden Salad
Applesauce
Roll

tuesday

3

BBQ Chicken
Au Gratin Potatoes
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Dessert
Roll

10

Scrambled Eggs
Biscuits and Gravy
Sausage Link
Melon Salad
Orange Juice

wednesday

4

Snapper (Fish)
Curly Fries
Corn on the Cob
Coleslaw
Cookie
Roll

11

Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, and
Cheese Casserole
Cucumber Salad
Fruit
Bread

thursday

5 **business**

Lumber Jack Vegetable Soup
Deli Low Sodium Sandwich
Relish Tray
Fresh Fruit
Birthday Cake

12

Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Mixed Veggies
Garden Salad
Dessert
Roll

friday

6

Stuffed Pork Chops W/ Gravy
Carrots
Garden Salad
Apple Crisp
Roll

13

Baked Potato Bar

16 **language**

BBQ Pork Chops
Baked Potato
Brussels Sprouts
Apple Pie
Roll

18

Sausage, Red Potatoes, Onions,
and Cabbage
Garden Salad
Corn bread
Dessert

19 **christmas party**

Prime Rib
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Tiramisu Cake

20

Broccoli and Cheddar Soup
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Relish Tray
Yogurt Cup

23 **language**

Buffalo Burgers, Grillers, and
Hotdogs
Baked Beans
Relish and Veggie Tray
Cucumber Salad
Dessert

24 **closed for christmas**



Photo by deejayqueue

25 **closed for christmas**

26

Tuna Casserole
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Dessert
Roll

27

Beef Roast
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Carrots
Garden Salad
Dessert
Roll

30 **language**

Cream of Chicken W/Wild
Rice Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Pickle and Olive Tray
Jell-O W/ Fruit

31 **closed for new year's eve**



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december

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
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Bbon Gises December Citizen Announcements



To My Son

Oh how the years go by,
 Oh how time can certainly fly.
 From once just a thought in far away dreams,
 now into my arms and in my eyes gleam
 the presence of you.
 Your laughter and smiles
 which go on for miles,
 warms my heart and soul.
 You're growing up so fast,
 as I wish each moment with you to last forever.
 My little boy will someday be a man
 and right by your side I will forever stand.
 I will pick up the pieces when you fall,
 I will hold your hand and help you stand tall.
 And when the day comes when you are on your own,
 never feel that you are alone.
 No matter how near or far apart
 I am always right there in your heart.
 Always remember whatever you go through
 that no matter what, I will always love you.

A very happy 3rd birthday to **Nariyon** on December 15. With all the love in the world, Daddy and Rocco



Happy Belated Birthday, **Andrew!** And congratulations on advancing to LC3 in Sea Cadets!

Happy 2nd Birthday, **Serena!** Mommy and Daddy love you!

Happy 18th anniversary to my son and daughter in-law, **Phillip and Jennifer Deuel Jr.** Truly proud of you both!
 Love ya, Mom



Congratulations **Chloe (Wesaw) Evans** for being selected as Little Miss Baroda 2014! You'll do an amazing job representing your community and your tribe. You are a beautiful young lady inside and out. We are so proud of you and love you very much!

Kiko & Gran & PaPa Wesaw



Leon, thank you for 22 years of wedded bliss. Love you, Theresa

Happy 2nd birthday November 27 to our beautiful granddaughter **Sophia Londyn**. Love you, Papa and Grandma Susie

Happy 8th birthday December 28 to **Ava and Olivia**, our wonderful granddaughters. Love you both, Papa and Grandma Susie

Happy 8th birthday **Aaron and Chloe**, November 14!
 Love,
 Kiko, Gran & Papa Wesaw

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
 SENIOR YOUTH COUNCIL
 JOIN US FOR OUR
 2ND ANNUAL
 CHRISTMAS
 PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 6:00PM-9:00PM

COMMUNITY CENTER

MUSIC AND GAMES AND PRIZES AND FOOD

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY COLLIN.CHURCH@POKAGONBAND-NSN.GOV
 DECEMBER 1 TO COLLIN CHURCH OR CALL (616) 405-7715

EVERYONE WHO RSVPs FOR THE EVENT WILL RECEIVE
 A CHRISTMAS GIFT AT THE PARTY

The Pokagon Band
 Annual Children's Christmas Movie
 Sunday, December 8

Wonderland Cinema
 402 North Front Street
 Niles, MI 49120

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
 Movie begins at 9:30 a.m.

M-89 Cinema
 Cross Oaks Mall
 Plainwell, MI 49080

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
 Movie begins at 9:30 a.m.

- 🎟️ We will provide the movie ticket, popcorn and pop!
- 🌟 Please note this movie is rated PG.
- 👤 Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- 👥 Limit of two adults per family.

This opportunity is being made available to households of Pokagon Band youth 17 years and younger. A limited number of tickets will be available for the next showing if there is an overflow.

The movies will still be shown on December 8, regardless of weather but please use good judgment in driving in case of bad weather.

Questions? Please contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203



PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHILD'S POKAGON BAND TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD.
 Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.