



POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

THE POKAGONS TELL IT

November 2012

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Pokagon Band Celebrates 18th Anniversary of Federal Reaffirmation

Pokagon citizens, staff and community partners enjoyed three days of celebration in September on the 18th anniversary of the Band's federal re-affirmation.

Thursday, September 20 was the inaugural Potawatomi Education and Heritage Day. Students from elementary and middle schools in Dowagiac, Goshen and Niles were invited to tribal land to learn more about the language and culture of this area's original people. Nearly 500 kids were treated to sessions on storytelling, traditional arts, history and pow wow dancing and a lunch.

"Part of our social studies standards say that we need to understand how our area of Indiana was a couple hundred years ago and part of that is the Indian tribes," Goshen third grade teacher Corrie Miller said. "And this is a hands-on experience."

About 200 attendees enjoyed the Sovereignty Day concert Friday night, September 21. Nationally-renowned native performers Gene Tagaban, Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians, and comedian Don Burnstick entertained the crowd

at the free event. Then Saturday citizens and staff showed up, despite the chilly weather, for day-long activities focused on history, culture, language and community. A Peace Pole planted near the Administration Building was dedicated, and the Potawatomi Zoo brought some animals to meet. The sun broke through the clouds later in the afternoon, in time for dinner and shishibe.

The Pokagon Band's federal recognition was reaffirmed by an act of Congress and signed into law by President Bill Clinton on September 21, 1994. Federal recognition, which means the U.S. government recognizes the sovereignty of a tribal nation and confirms the government-to-government relationship between the two nations, acknowledges the right of a tribe to govern itself as it had before European and American immigration. As a sovereign Indian nation, the Pokagon Band exercises jurisdiction over its citizens and its tribal lands, maintains independent tribal courts and police department, and regulates its natural resources.



Photos by Kaity Fuja

Jennie and Josiah Brown Honored with Apprenticeship

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The Ziibiwing Center for Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways located in Mount Pleasant, Michigan recently announced the winners of the Indigenous Peoples Artistic Merit Honors (IPAM). Pokagon basket artist Jennie Brown won the Daniel “Gomez” Mena Master Apprenticeship for her work as a mentor to her fifteen-year-old son and apprentice, Josiah.

“IPAM was created to promote, support and perpetuate Native American art, and to provide a platform for preservation and transmission,” explained Jennie. “Daniel Gomez Mena was a renowned stone sculptor and Saginaw Chippewa. He worked as a sculptor for 20 years, and was a mentor.” An award in his name is given each year to an artist who mentors an apprentice in their genre of art. While the award focuses on the mentor, Jennie credits her son for the part he played in winning this award.

“The reason that I got the award is because of Josiah,” said Jennie. “He is a strong and talented young man.” Josiah’s objective is to become an independent basket maker and wants to share his art with others. “It is important to have young men interested in basket making and learn how to harvest the log, carry it, and pound it for others to use,” explained Jennie.

Josiah has won awards for his work at various venues including the Indigenous People’s Art Market in Mount Pleasant, the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians, and the Santa Fe Indian Market. This December, Josiah will display and sell his art at the Smithsonian Museum of Native Americans. Josiah makes baskets that fit every budget, with some of his smaller pieces starting at \$15 and larger baskets selling for up to \$1500.

Jennie feels fortunate to have the opportunity to mentor her son and pass her knowledge on to him. “We are so thankful for the letters of recommendation that were written on our behalf when we applied for the apprenticeship fellowship for funding,” said Jennie. “Valerie Janowski, Marchell Wesaw and Teresa Magnuson have given us amazing support. They took time out of their busy days to craft very personal letters, and those letters played a major role in our selection.”

Jennie has been making baskets for over 30 years. She learned the art from her uncle, Ed Pigeon, and she is passionate about keeping the tradition alive. “It is very important for us to maintain our culture and tradition by passing it on to our children,” said Jennie. She draws inspiration from Deuteronomy 4:9 which says, “Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.”

“It is very rewarding to see my children winning awards for their work,” said Jennie. “Josiah received second place at his very first show when he was only 11 years old. My daughter, Jamie, won best of show for her baskets when she was just 14.”

Jennie and her husband, Jim, have four children. Josiah is homeschooled and is in the tenth grade. Jamie is a student at Grand Valley State University and is studying anthropology. Her son Jacob will graduate from GVSU this year with a degree in business, and her oldest child, Joshua is a graduate of GVSU and also studied business.

Josiah assists Jennie with demonstrations and will be teaching basket making to the elders on a monthly basis starting November 7. The class will be held from 1 – 3 p.m. and interested elders are encouraged to attend and participate.





Youth Hunters Retreat

Friday, November 2–Sunday, November 4

All Pokagon or JOM eligible youth age 12–18



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For more information, contact Conrad Church:
Conrad.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov
or (269) 783-6773.







November 18

Ford Field
Detroit, Michigan

Youth & Veterans Game Day!

Youth Council would like to honor our Pokagon Veterans by treating them to a day at the Ford Field watching the Detroit Lions take on the Green Bay Packers. For more information contact Conrad Church (269) 462-4254

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Journey to the Jingle Dress

By Liz Glowacki, Pokagon Band

A friend of mine once shared with me something his Grandma said to him when he was young, "Son, you are a storyteller; your life is a story. Tell a good story." I want to tell you a good story about my path to becoming a jingle dress dancer. My purpose is to humbly share my personal experience and some of the many teachings I received. May it inspire those of you who are searching for a good story of your own.

As a child, I would often dance during inter-tribal songs without any regalia. As I became older, for various reasons, I stopped dancing. The desire to dance again (with regalia) came within the past few years. I always loved the jingle dress and thought if I were ever to have an outfit, I would want to be jingle. An elder friend asked what clan I come from and when I told him the Bear Clan, he shared with me how the Bear Clan is a medicine clan, a clan representing the healers. I knew the jingle dress was a prayer dress for healing. He told me it was fitting that I wanted to dance jingle and encouraged me to find out how to become a jingle dress dancer.

Two years ago I passed semaa (tobacco) to my Uncle Casey and asked him how I could go about becoming a dancer. He told me that I need to find a jingle dress dancer and pass her semaa and to ask her to become



my mentor. I found out that my Aunt Lora started out as a jingle dancer, and was initiated into the dance circle in 1999, along with their family. I passed her some semaa and asked her to be my mentor.

I was instructed to go on a berry fast, during which I would not eat any type of berry while I prepared my regalia and practiced my dance steps. This was important because I needed to learn discipline and acknowledge the suffering of our ancestors long ago when there was a drought and no berries to harvest that year. I did this while receiving teachings about the jingle dress.

One year passed and I had not eaten any berries, but I wasn't ready yet. "Sometimes it takes longer than others," Aunt Lora said. My fast could not be broken until I was ready, so I fasted for another long year. My Aunt June helped make my dress. I worked on the cones, and my cousins worked on beading a brooch and hair pieces for my outfit.

When the 27th Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow came, we had a ceremony to break my berry fast and bless my outfit by smudging at the Ishkode (sacred fire). As an act of humility, I was told to prepare a giveaway and to ask someone to speak on my behalf and introduce me as a new dancer. After my first dance I would give away my gifts to respected people of the pow wow, as well as to others who had great influence in my life.

I was honored to have the Head Veteran George Martin give me words of wisdom. His message was that I'm not dancing for myself but for the people, and I have to carry myself in a good way. I think of that as telling a good story. I am a storyteller, and so is each one of you. Our lives are a story. Tell a good story.

Pokagon Scientists Discover Fun at Family Science Day



Kristin Snay and Myrissa Rowe build a domino bridge.

On October 6 the Pokagon Department of Education hosted its inaugural Fun with Family Science event at the Pokagon Band Community Center. Attendees conducted different hands-on experiments and visited with staff from Healthworks! Kids Museum. The kids got to brush the giant teeth, pick the giant nose (ahh choo!), jump rope with the intestines and learn about digestion.



Ethin McGrew and his new buddy, the Healthworks Hummer.

The Healthworks staff also taught us about the harmful effects of smoking through a demonstration with real pig lungs.

A tasty lunch followed with food that warmed us after our adventure outside with the Healthworks Hummer. We concluded the event with a friendly building competition. The families had ten minutes to build the tallest free-



Myrissa Rowe pumps up healthy lungs.

standing structure they could, using only spaghetti noodles and miniature marshmallows. We awarded prizes for the following structures: tallest, most unique, most native looking, and the family who consumed the most construction material during building. All in all, everyone had a great time, and we are looking forward to doing it again next year.

Tradition, Not Addiction: Keep Tobacco Sacred Traditional Use, Not Abuse

Are you ready to be smoke free? The Pokagon Band Department of Health Services is offering smoking cessation classes to citizens who are ready to kick the habit. The course involves seven weekly class meetings, 1.5 hours each, designed to educate and give support to those who want to stop smoking, chewing or dipping commercial tobacco.

Please contact Ann Hesson at (269) 782-4141 if you're interested in participating in a smoking cessation class and you'll receive a packet with logistics info, date time facilitator contact information.



Cultural

- 11/2 | Feast Cooking Workshop; Rodgers Lake Pavilion, 6-8pm
- 11/14 | Men's Drumming, Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- 11/14 | Women's Drumming, Gage Street House, 6-8pm

Language

- Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am -12pm
- Tuesdays & Thursdays | Beginner Language Class, Community Center, 6-8pm
- 11/28 | Language Workshop with John Winchester, Community Center, 6-8pm

Native Healing

- 11/19 - 11/21 | Jake & Mary Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm
- 11/20 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake & Mary Pine, Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm

Youth Cultural

- 11/2 - 11/4 | Youth Hunters Retreat Rodgers Lake, RSVP with Conrad
- 11/10 | Jr. YC Business Meeting Community Center, 12-1:30pm
- 11/10 | Sr. YC Business Meeting Community Center 1:30-3pm
- 11/11 | Youth Basketball Team Byron Center, Grand Rapids, Time: TBA
- 11/18 | Youth & Veterans Game Day Ford Field, Detroit, MI

Other L&C Programs

- 11/10 & 11/20 | Pow Wow Club Community Center; 11/10 3-5pm & 11/20 6-8pm
- 11/3 - 11/15 | Cultural Center Planning & Design Workshop: Schematic Design, Community Center, 11/13 12-5, 11/14 & 11/15 9am-5pm
- 11/20 | Mini Pow Wow, Community Center, 12-2pm

Upcoming Events

- 12/29 | Winter Round Dance & Social Community Center, 6pm-2am

Traditions and Repatriation Committee

- 11/26 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm. 6-8pm

November 2012 Department of Language and Culture

Green = Non L&C Sponsored Events



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Children Must be Accompanied by an Adult			1 Beginner Language Class	2 Feast Cooking Workshop Youth Hunters Retreat	3 Fall Feast Youth Hunters Retreat
4 Youth Hunters Retreat	5 Elder's Language	6 Beginner Language Class	7	8 Beginner Language Class	9	10 Jr. & Sr. YC Business Meetings Pow Wow Club
11 Youth Basketball Team	12 Offices Closed Veteran's Day Elder's Language Class Canceled	13 Elder's Language Class; Beginner Language Class; Cultural Center Schematic design	14 Men's & Women's Drumming Cultural Center Schematic Design	15 Beginner Language Class Cultural Center Schematic Design	16	17
18 Youth & Veterans Game Day	19 Elder's Language Class Native Healing	20 Beginner Language Mini Pow Wow; Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat; Pow Wow Club	21 Beginner Language Class Rescheduled Native Healing	22 Offices Closed Thanksgiving Beginner Language Class Canceled	23 Offices Closed Thanksgiving	24
25	26 Elder's Language Class Traditions & Repatriation Mtg	27 Beginner Language Class	28 Language Workshop with John Winchester	29 Beginner Language Class	30	

2nd Annual Mini Pow Wow/Census Grand Prize Drawing Planned for November 20

People so enjoyed the event the Band held last year on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, it's become an annual event. Mark your calendars for a repeat performance, and this year, Council will be drawing the names of the ten lucky folks who completed and returned the Pokagon Census and who will win one of the Grand Prizes. If you still haven't returned your census, there is still time—but hurry! Censuses returned after November 9 won't be eligible to be in the drawing and win a Grand Prize.

So join the fun at the Community Center November 20:

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| 12 noon | Lunch |
| 1 p.m. | Grand Entry/intertribal dancing |
| 1:30 p.m. | Census Grand Prize Drawings |

Pokagon's First Lego League Competition Right Around the Corner

The Pokagon Band Lego League team has been meeting regularly and making progress. Our playing field is set up and ready to use. We are currently programming the robot to execute assigned tasks as well as researching a project and writing a skit to go along with it.

Competition will be held on November 17 in Grandville, MI. This is an exciting program with endless possibilities for our youth and robotics. Please stop in to the Department of Education office to visit the LEGO playing field. We would love to answer any questions you may have!



Natalie Wesaw and her father, Keith, work together to build the LEGO playing field.



Dan Brant and Robert Dick search for the right LEGO building block.

Pokagon Teens Make Friends, Memories at Inaugural All Tribes Youth Retreat

By Cassandra Church, Senior Youth Council Secretary

In early October, 22 Pokagon youth ages 12 through 18, accompanied by four senior youth council members, headed up to Petoskey, MI for the inaugural All Tribes Youth Retreat. Along with Pokagons, Huron Band and Little Traverse Bay Band sent youth to the retreat.

Throughout the retreat the campers engaged in various activities like black ash basket making, teambuilding, high ropes course, shield making, touch football, cultural teachings, nature walks, financial empowerment and much more.

Being able to be apart of this retreat was truly a wonderful experience in itself. I really enjoyed spending time with all the youth, watching them make new friends with the youth from the other tribes and learn about their culture. The overall reactions of the youth were truly spectacular. The youth

are still posting pictures and talking amongst each other about how much fun they had at the retreat and how they cannot wait until the next one.

When asked about his camp experience, Skyler Daisy replied, "It was great bonding with other tribes and I loved the rock climbing." Whether it was testing their courage on the high ropes course or listening intently to the wonderful cultural teachings, no one can put a price on the amount of memories that were made at this camp.

I would like to thank Tribal Council, the Department of Language and Culture, Jim Coleman, and all of the other people who supported this event and made it possible. As President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Let's continue providing Pokagon youth with wonderful opportunities like this retreat to ensure their success in the future.



Need Help With Your Winter Heating Bills?

The Social Services Department will start accepting applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, on November 1, 2012. Remember this program is designed to provide a one-time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months. The program is designed to assist citizens living within the ten-county service area: LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties in Indiana and Cass, Berrien, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan.

To apply, call (269) 782-8998 or (800) 517-0777, or come in to the Social Services Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. You can find the application at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/LIHEAP.aspx or fax information to (269) 782-4295.

Please be ready to provide proof of all household income:

1. Proof of last 30 days of income, including per capita and/or
2. Award letters from (SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, VA, etc.) and/or
3. Child Support received or paid or
4. Completion of Zero Income Form if those above do not apply.

Also you'll need to show your utility provider's bill, Social Security numbers for all household members, and your tribal identification.

The Income Guidelines

Household Size	Income Limit
1	22,756
2	29,758
3	36,760
4	43,762
5	50,764
6	57,766

For family units of more than 6 members, add \$7,002 for each additional member

MIEA Scholarships Available

By Bonnie Parrish, MIEA Secretary

It's a new school year for you students, and the Michigan Indian Elders Association is pleased to offer college-bound students one \$1000 scholarship and at least six \$500 scholarships. Winners are selected from the most qualified students by a panel of judges.

For kindergarten through 12th grade students we have an Incentive Awards program which offers \$25.00 for straight As and or perfect attendance for the first two marking periods 2012 and 2013. You will be able to get your applications on line at michiganindianelders.org or from the Education Department by contacting Joseph Advance at (888)330-1234. Each of these has a due date that is yet to be determined and must be followed to be eligible. As soon as they become available I will advise by listing them in the newsletter. Be sure to enter!

Casual Tee's, Inc. Is On the Rise

By Sean Winters, Chi Ishobak Executive Director

Back in 2009, Pokagon citizen David Johnson and his wife Kim decided to purchase Casual Tee's, Inc., located in Eau Claire, Michigan. Casual Tee's specializes in custom printing and embroidery along with custom promotional gifts. The Johnsons saw potential and got to work on a brand that has been in the area since the early 1990s.

Both David and Kim possess an entrepreneurial spirit. That, paired with patience, has allowed them to grow their business significantly. Their clients range from local businesses, school programs and local government entities. They came to Chi Ishobak, Inc. with goals of expansion and a prepared business plan looking for assistance with working capital in order to increase their capacity. This would allow Casual Tee's to accommodate both the increased number and size of new organizations. Six months ago Casual Tee's became Chi Ishobak's second official client.

With Chi Ishobak's assistance, David and Kim Johnson have reached some impressive milestones since May. They purchased new equipment to satisfy the demand of increased marketing efforts. They have opened two new retail locations: Coloma, Michigan and their newest endeavor in downtown Benton Harbor, Michigan. Their most impressive accomplishment since May is the creation of four new jobs.

The creation of new jobs equals expansion and growth within an organization. Congratulations to David and Kim Johnson for their determination and commitment to making this equation a part of Casual Tee's, Inc.

To learn more about Casual Tee's Inc. please visit www.casualteesinc.com and see what they can do for your school, business, or organization. You can also visit one of their locations in Southwestern Michigan:

Eau Claire	Coloma	Benton Harbor
6892 E. Main St.	193 N. Paw Paw	589 W. Main St.
Eau Claire, MI 49111	Coloma, MI 49038	Benton Harbor, MI 49022



Department of Education Announcements and Updates

Pokagon Book Club

Want to explore the Pokagon library, but are too far away to come to Dowagiac? If the answer is yes, we have a new program for you! Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, interested citizens who do not live close to the tribal library will have the opportunity to have books sent to them. The book selection will be books with Native American themes, including books specifically with Potawatomi and Pokagon themes. Interested? Please contact the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 to sign-up.

More Fun with Science

We are looking for three to five 7th–12th grade students who want to participate in a collaborative activity with the Pokagon Band's Department of Education and the Department of Natural Resources. This activity is the first of four steps in a water testing project that will lead to a Water Quality Report. If you are interested in working with us on November 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., provided good weather, please contact Penny Brant (269) 782-0887. We will supply the boots – you supply the curiosity!

Are You Stumped?

Have you ever been in the spot where a math problem or sentence structure can really stump you, especially when your children are looking to you for help? We understand! Give us a call — we would like to be able to give a hand, (269) 782-0887.

2012 Reading Program Update

We currently have 66 families registered in the Reading Program. Between the 66 families we have a total of 2268 books read. We have a long way to go to get to 4,509 books. Please get those list turned in and do your best to recruit new participants. As soon as we reach 2500 books, we will have a drawing for a gift card from the families registered that have submitted books read.

You can e-mail your book list to connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov. New sign-up sheets can be found on the Pokagon web site.

Don't Forget Your \$50

Are the receipts for purchases you have made for School Supplies weighing down your pockets? Send them in, with your K–12 reimbursement form, and we will get your request processed. Every student in our program has \$50 a year available.

Tutoring

If your child is getting a C- or below in a core subject or has other needs, such as an IEP, and you think tutoring would benefit them, please give Kristie Bussler a call at (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234. We have programs for both those students in and out of the ten county areas.

What's Happening at the Pokagon Band Library?

Thanks to a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Education Department can offer some new and exciting computer and career courses, open to Pokagon citizens 18 years and older. You can register for as many workshops/classes as you like. Registration is limited and based on first call/ first serve basis. Gas assistance will be provided to Pokagon citizens for complete participation in a workshop or class. Childcare will be provided for each

program for children ages 2–14. Please specify when registering names/ages of children who will be attending. No drop-off childcare will be provided without prior registration. The library is located at the Pokagon Department of Education, Administration Building, Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI. If you are interested, please register by calling (888) 330-1234.

Computer Classes

10 a.m.–1 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

- October 27 Introduction to Computers
- December 1 Internet and E-mail Basics
- February 16 Windows Basics and Intro to Word
- April 20 Microsoft Word
- June 15 Introduction to Excel
- August 17 Power Point & Publisher

Career Building Workshops

10 a.m.–1 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

- November 10 Resume Building and Promoting Yourself
- January 26 On-line Job Search and Resume Submittal and Using Social Networking Sites
- March 23 Interview Skills
- May 18 Dealing with Barriers to Employment
- July 15 Gateways to Employment
- September 28 Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself

K–12 Extra-Curricular Excellence Award Goes to Robert Dick

By Penny Brant, Education Coordinator

Robert Dick, Jr., a ninth grade student at Decatur (Michigan) High School, is a great example of a Pokagon youth striving to get the most out of life and his education. He is the Freshman Class Treasurer, Senior Patrol Leader for the Lawrence Boy Scout Troop 197, has been a performer for the Decatur Community Players since first grade, and currently has a trumpet solo in one of the school band's competition pieces.



Academically, he has never received a grade lower than an A-. Robbie has also been involved in the Pokagon Band's activities including summer camp, Summer Enrichment, serving as Vice-President for Junior Youth Council and participating on the tribe's first LEGO League team this year. Robbie's parents are Sheri and Robert Dick and his brother is Daniel.

We are proud to highlight Robbie with his Extra-Curricular Excellence and his awesome grades.

Sign up for the Pokagon Band Elders Trip to Chicago December 4–5

We will depart December 4, 2012 at 9 a.m. from the Pokagon Community Center. Bus will begin loading at 8:30 a.m.

We will stay one night at the Double Tree Hotel, located on the Magnificent Mile. We will visit the Field Museum of Natural History. We will have a dinner cruise on Lake Michigan and visit the Willis Tower (Sears Tower) and the Apollo Theater for the showing of Million Dollar Quartet.

We will return home December 5 at approximately 8 p.m. to the Pokagon Community Center.

Registration Procedure

Please review the policy on the website. Only elders are eligible to participate in the trip. The spouse of an elder may accompany the elder on the trip, regardless of whether the spouse is a Pokagon citizen or an elder.

The dates to register are October 8 through November 10, 2012 at the Elders Hall. Thirty day notice ends November 6.

You must register in person or call Audrey Huston at (269) 782-7913 between 9:00–11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Please DO NOT call the Elders Hall.

The drawing is on November 15, 2012, and will be held at the Elders Hall at 11:00 a.m. You are not required to attend the random drawing, but can attend if you like. You will be on a “Participant” list or “Alternate” list, which will be posted at the Elders Hall. Those whose names are drawn will be notified by phone.

For those picked in the random drawing on November 15, a deposit of \$25.00 per person is required and must be paid within by November 22. This is to ensure your spot. Make checks payable to Elders Council and

mail them to Audrey Huston, 57668 Kekyajek Odanek Dowagiac, Michigan 49047 with the information stated below.

Please have this information ready before you call in:

Your Name
Your Spouse's name
Your address
Your telephone number
Your enrollment number

Elders Council Business Meeting | October 4, 2012

MEETING: Maxine Margiotta, Acting Chairperson, 11:06 a.m.

INVOCATION: Alan Morsaw.

ROLL CALL: Maxine Margiotta, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Saldivar, P. Clarence left at 1:00 p.m.

Also in attendance, Petey Boehm, Alan Morsaw, Elders Representative to Tribal Council

AGENDA: Paul Shagen, tribal attorney explained the trip policy. You can register for any trip, but only once per trip. Notice is put out 30 days prior to the trip, then you have ten days to register, and seven days to send your deposit. You may register at any time in the 40 days. When registration closes, names will be randomly drawn.

Troy Clay from Mno-Bmadsen gave an interesting talk of how this works. Any questions call Troy at (269) 783-4111.

Dean Orvis, training and development specialist, said that computer classes start on October 24, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. They will be held at the Administration Building in the Education Department every other week. First aid classes will be held December 6, 2012. As this is the date of the business meeting class will be held at the Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: The Elders Council and citizens along with the Youth Council will be hosting a Halloween party October 28 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Costumes for the children and the adults will be judged and prizes will be awarded. There will also be food, games and prizes awarded to the winners of the games. After the party children may trick or treat in the Elders Village and in phase two.

The Elders social luncheon will also have elders dress in costume, and prizes will be awarded. The social luncheon is October 18, 2012, at Elders Hall.

We will be electing MIEA delegates at the luncheon. Maxine gave a report on the NICOA conference that was held in New Mexico. Maxine, Petey and Ruth attended. They need support so Maxine will be asking Tribal Council for support.

NEW BUSINESS: We will continue to take donations for the Veterans. We were informed that there are many homeless Veterans who are in need of basic hygiene products, such as toothpaste, deodorants and anything else that would be suitable.

October 16, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m., dance and regalia making will be held at the Community Center.

We were asked to inform the people that are taking insulin shots, to please put the used needles in the containers that are provided. Do not put them in the wastebaskets.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

MINUTES: Ruth, moved to accept the of August 2, 2012 minutes. Maxine, supported, (3) yes, (1) absent, passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Maxine, moved to accept the treasurers report. Ruth supported, (3) yes, (1) absent, passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Basket making will start November 7, 2012. 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Active living classes started September 7, 2012. 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Jeanne Mollett, Ollie Shaer, Lee Saldivar, Ruth Saldivar.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES: Gar & Majel DeMarsh, Stanley & Linda Morseau, 30 years.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:20 p.m.

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

Head Start Accepting Applications for 2012–2013 School Year Waiting List

By Sarah Hyatt, Head Start director

Congratulations to Pokagon Head Start co-teacher Hope Buck (in classroom #1) for finishing her BA in Early Childhood Education. Well done on all of your hard work!

Welcome to Jon Carlson, who will be co-teaching with Mrs. Amy. For the past three years Jon has been teaching preschool in Portage, Michigan and just recently made the decision to come back home to Dowagiac. "I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with your child and meet you soon," he says.

In his free time Jon enjoys fishing, snowmobiling, camping, and attending sporting events. Since moving back to Dowagiac he looks forward to spending more time with family and friends. "I have a passion for working with children and I can't wait to share my experience and new ideas in the classroom!" he adds.

Children must be three years of age by December 1, 2012 to be eligible for the 2012–2013 school year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the tribal ID to be considered for enrollment. Please contact the center at (269) 783-0026 or (866) 250-6573 toll free, with any questions about enrollment.

The program will begin accepting applications for the upcoming 2013–2014 school year beginning January 1, 2013. Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2013. The application deadline for the 2013–2014 school year is June 1, 2013.

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

Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer. Anyone can be a volunteer for the program. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft

activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for include winter stocking caps, gloves/mittens, child size winter boots, snow pants size 4–6, play dough, snow sleds/saucers, various art supplies.

Upcoming Events/Closures

October 15, 2012 Celebrating Home fundraiser begins. Please contact the center if you are interested in supporting the fundraiser.

October 25, 2012 Family Fun Night

November 7, 2012 Picture Day

November 12, 2012 Closed in observance of Veterans Day

November 22–23, 2012 Closed for Thanksgiving Break.

Happy Birthday to you!

Tyler Gouseits 11/10/12 Happy 4th Birthday!

Mrs. Pam Bryant 11/14/12 Happy Birthday!

Mrs. Raquel Castillo-Solis 11/17/12 Happy Birthday!

Kaydance Linn 12/7/12 Happy 4th Birthday!

Evan Huff 12/19/12 Happy 4th Birthday!

Korie Taylor 12/20/12 Happy 4th Birthday!

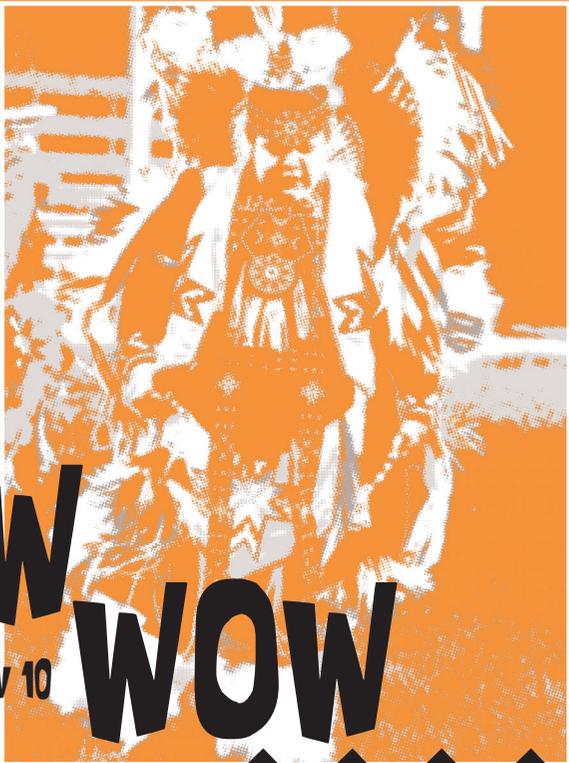
Mrs. Amy Wiggins 12/20/12 Happy Birthday!

Justine Maiga-Harouna 12/28/12 Happy 4th Birthday!

Prettyrock Big Bear 12/29/12 Happy 4th Birthday!



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



**POW
WOW**

**SATURDAY, NOV 10
3:00–5:00PM**

**TUESDAY, NOV 20
6:00–8:00PM**

CLUB

This is an opportunity for people of all ages to learn about pow wow culture. Participants will learn about regalia making and practice dancing with Jefferson and Elizabeth Ballew.

For more information, contact Conrad Church | (269) 462-4254 | Conrad.Church@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.
Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning Neshnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. These events are not exclusive to Pokagon citizens. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Language Events | November

Elder's Language Classes

Elder's Language Class is a beginner level class that is held every Monday with **John Winchester**. New learners are welcome.

Date: November 5, November 13, November 19, November 26 **Location:** Elders Hall
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

* Note: Elders class for Monday, November 12 is cancelled for Veterans Day and rescheduled for Tuesday, November 13.

Beginner Language Classes

On Tuesdays, starting in November, Adult Language Class will be return back to the Basics of Potawatomi with the help of Carla Collins. If you are interested in learning the basics of the Potawatomi language, join us as we all learn to build on our knowledge in an effort to speak our native language.

Date: November 1, November 6, November 8, November 13, November 15, November 20**, November 21, November 27 and November 29 **Location:** Community Center, Training Room
Time: 6:00–8:00 pm

* Note: Beginner language class for November 22 is cancelled for Thanksgiving and rescheduled for Wednesday, November 21.
** Note: There will be two one-hour sessions of Basic Potawatomi on November 20.

Special Introduction to Potawatomi | Adult Language Class

In coordination with the Mini Powwow on Thursday, November 20, the Language program will be sponsoring two, one-hour sessions of Basic Potawatomi.

Date: November 20 **Location:** Community Center, Training Room
Time: 6:00–7:00 pm
7:00–8:00 pm

Language Workshop

Every month, language instructors are invited to share their knowledge about the Potawatomi language. Please join us in welcoming John Winchester as our guest presenter for November. Refreshments provided.

Date: November 28 | John Winchester, Presenter **Location:** Community Center, Training Room
Time: 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

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

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Request for Proposals for Department of Education Career Building Workshops

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education is looking for career consultants on a bi-monthly basis to present workshops from November 10, 2012–September 28, 2013 as part of an IMLS Enhancement grant.

Scope of Work

The selected consultants will be responsible for providing the following services:

- Provide a Saturday Career Building Workshop for up to fifteen adult participants in Dowagiac, MI from 10 am-2 pm. There are six workshops on the following dates with the topics listed:
 - a. November 10 Resume Building and Promoting Yourself
 - b. January 26 On-line Job Search and Resume Submittal and Using Social Networking Sites
 - c. March 23 Interview Skills
 - d. May 18 Dealing with Barriers to Employment
 - e. July 15 Gateways to Employment
 - f. September 28 Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself
- Provide the following structure to the workshop:
 - a. Three hour workshop
 - b. 60 minutes of individual consultation and questions
- Provided one hour of prep-time for the workshop.

The exact scope of services required by the Pokagon Band will be set forth in the contract between the Pokagon Band and the selected consultant.

Submittal Information

The Band seeks proposals from interested individuals to aid the Band in carrying out the Scope of Work outlined above. If you are interested in serving as the Pokagon Band's consultant for this project, please submit the following information:

1. A brief cover letter summarizing your approach to addressing the Scope of Work. Please list what workshops you are looking to instruct. Interested individuals can bid on any number of the workshops.
2. Resume highlighting experience presenting career/ motivational workshops.
3. Fee structure to a workshop with five hours of programming (4 hours classroom, one hour prep)

Selection

- The method of selecting a consultant shall include procedures that assure that these services are engaged on the basis of demonstrated competence for the types of services to be performed and at a fair and reasonable price to the Pokagon Band.
- This request does not constitute an offer of employment or a contract for services.
- The Pokagon Band reserves the option to reject any or all proposals, wholly or in part, received in response to the request for any reason.
- The Pokagon Band reserves the right to award contracts to individual whom presents the proposal which, in the judgment of the Pokagon Band, best accomplishes the desired results.

Becoming a Foster Parent: Help Pokagon Children in Care Stay Connected to Tribe

Contact a licensing worker to arrange an orientation:

Kathleen McKee, Pokagon Band Social Services, (269) 462-4276

or

Cass County Department of Human Services, Foster Care Licensing

Tammie Peffley, (269)-445-0215

Kristen Williams, (269)445-0268

or

Van Buren County Foster Care Licensing

Tiffanni Mielke (269) 621-2852

Rachel Poole (269) 621-2904

This RFP does not obligate the Band to award this project. The Band reserves the right to cancel this solicitation or to change its scope if the Band deems it in its best interest to do so.

Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated on:

- Experience and qualifications in presenting career workshops.
- Pokagon Preference applies

The cost of preparing and submitting the proposals and attendance at any interview or presentation will be the sole responsibility of the proposing firm or individual.

Please submit your proposal electronically for the November 10 workshop no later than 5:00PM (EST) on Thursday, October 25, 2012.

Please submit your proposal electronically for the other workshops no later than 5:00PM (EST) on Friday, December 14, 2012.

All proposals should be submitted to: mark.peacock@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Subject line: Education Career Building Workshops



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Cultural Events | November

Mens Drumming Practice with John T. Warren

Drumming classes share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and learn songs.

Attention: If you are interested in seeing a new mens drumming practice being held in South Bend, please call Andy Jackson to let her know. If there is enough interest, we will work to accommodate.

Date: Wednesday, November 14 **Location:** Teaching Cabin
Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Rodgers Lake Campus
 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Womens Hand Drum Practice

Please come and join the ladies for an evening of camaraderie, singing, songs, and drumming. Please bring a dish to pass as we will enjoy a feast when we are finished. Also please wear your skirts.

Date: Wednesday, November 14 **Location:** Gage Street House
Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. 26464 Gage Street, Dowagiac MI

Native Healing with Jake and Mary Pine

Jake and Mary Pine visit our community for traditional healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions. Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco).

Date: Monday – Wednesday, November 19–21 **Location:** Teaching Cabin
Time: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. [individual appointments] Rodgers Lake Campus
 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Co-ed Sweat Lodge
Date: Tuesday, November 20
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Feast Cooking Workshop

Please come and join us in learning to prepare feast foods, just in time for the community fall spirit feast (Saturday, November 3). Participants will learn about protocol for preparing feast food and actually cook the beans, corn, and squash that were grown in this year's community garden. The beans, corn, and squash all came from seeds gifted to our community from our Kansas Potawatomi relatives, so they're extra special.

Date: November 2 **Location:** Kitchen at Pavilion
Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Rodgers Lake Campus
 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

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

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Notice Of Open Position | Pokagon Bode'wadmik Ogitchedaw

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Pokagon Bodéwadmik Ogitchedaw Code ("Code") established the Pokagon Bode'wadmik

Ogitchedaw as a subordinate committee ("Organization") of the Tribal Council. The purpose of the Organization is, among other things, to promote and celebrate the Ogitchedaw, honor the past Ogitchedaw and preserve honor for the future Ogitchedaw, as well as to consult with the Council regarding policies, programs, and concerns regarding the Ogitchedaw. Under the Code, the Organization is governed and managed by a Board of Directors ("Board"). There is a vacancy on the Board for the Secretary position. While Board members serve three year staggered terms of office, this particular vacancy is an appointment to fill the remaining term, which will end June 24, 2014. The Pokagon Band is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving as a member of the Board as the Secretary.

Some of the duties of the Secretary include:

1. Creating and maintaining meeting minutes;
2. Recording all decisions, actions and votes of the Board of Directors;
3. Preparing meeting notices;
4. Reviewing and providing recommendations regarding applications for membership in the Organization; and
5. Preparing and maintaining the Organizational Membership list.

QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: In order to be eligible for appointment to the Board, the Code requires that a Pokagon Band citizen must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age; and
2. Be a member of the Organization.

Appointments to the Board are made by the Tribal Council. Before any Pokagon Band citizen is appointed to serve on the Board, the Tribal Council will verify a potential appointee meets the qualifications mentioned above for appointment. Anyone not meeting the eligibility requirements shall not be considered for appointment to the Board.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION. Membership in the Organization is open to any Pokagon Band Citizen who:

1. Is at least 18 years of age,
2. Possesses a discharge other than dishonorable from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, National Guard, or Reserves of the United States, or is currently serving in the National Guard or any branch of the United States military reserves; provided, however, that if one has a dishonorable discharge, he or she may be admitted at the discretion of the Board upon 2/3 majority approval.

In order to be admitted as a member of the Organization, an eligible Pokagon Band Citizen must submit a completed application and such applicant must be approved for membership by the Board. An application for membership in the Organization may be obtained by contacting Butch Starrett at (269) 591-2901 or at Butch.Starrett@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Completed applications must be filed with the Board. Completed applications are processed and placed before the Board for approval.

The Board of Directors encourages all eligible Pokagon Band Citizens to seek membership in the Organization.

TIME COMMITMENT AS A BOARD MEMBER. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings, and perform the business of the

Board outside of meetings will vary. Currently, the existing Board members meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Band's Community Center. Meetings are typically held at 1:00 pm. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately 15 hours per month, including meeting time.

COMPENSATION. The Secretary seat on the Board is compensated as an independent contractor and paid \$187.50 for attending each Board meeting. In addition, Board members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings.

HOW TO APPLY. If you are interested in serving on the Board, you must provide a written statement of interest with your name, address, and telephone number. All such information should be provided to:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Board pursuant to any previous posting, but were not appointed, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice..

QUESTIONS. For additional information or if you have questions concerning the Organization or the Board, please contact Butch Starrett at (269) 591-2901 or at Butch.Starrett@pokagonband-nsn.gov. A copy of the Code is available at the Band's website site at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Codes_and_Ordinances.aspx.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Board members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Codes_and_Ordinances.aspx.

DEADLINE. Please provide your written statement of interest as soon as possible. Anyone interested in appointment must provide their written statement of interest no later than 4:00 pm, November 15, 2012.



Your Community, Your Place, Your Voice

The three-day long Schematic Design Workshop will consist of a review of all the ideas and designs that have been unearthed over the previous workshops. After review, the community will take part in helping the design team draw renderings of what our facility can actually look like. This is a very exciting step in the process and we are encouraging the community to continue being involved. Your voice is important. A light lunch will be served at noon. Door prizes throughout the day. Gas cards are available if needed to help with transportation.

Topic: Schematic Design

Tuesday, November 13	Wednesday, November 14	Thursday, November 15
12 pm – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm

Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

For more information, please contact the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4296 or Cultural Center Intern Jason S. Wesaw at jason.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Area Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers on the 4th Floor of the County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, Indiana on the 7th day of November, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. This hearing is for the purpose of considering a petition that was filed by:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians seeking a government facility, a Tribal Government Office for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, a federally-recognized Native American Tribe with a service area in the State of Indiana on a certain real estate in St. Joseph County, Indiana.

This real estate is commonly described as: 3733 Locust Street, South Bend, Indiana

And is legally described as follows: that part of the southwest quarter of section 22 and the northwest quarter of section 27, township 37 north, range 2 east, city of south bend. Centre township, St. Joseph County, Indiana, described as: beginning at a mag nail with washer #20800148 marking the quarter corner common to said sections 22 and 27; thence south 00' 57' 09" east on the east line of the northwest quarter of said section 27 a distance of 275.91 feet to a mag nail with washer #20800148; thence south 89' 11' 23" west 10.49 feet (deeded north 89' 43' 26" west 10.24 feet) to a found mag nail; thence south 20' 45' 32" west 62.41 feet (deeded south 23' 49' 29" west 61.92 feet) to a found concrete right of way monument; thence south 89' 43' 47" west (deeded north 89' 11' 02" west) 993.31 feet to a 5/8" rebar with cap #20800148 on the northwesterly right of way line of U.S. highway 31 by-pass; thence north 42' 13' 26" west (deeded north 42' 44' west) on said northwesterly right of way line 40.06 feet (deeded 37.9 feet) to a 5/8" rebar with cap #2080d148; thence north 51' 54' 48" west (deeded north 52' 2s' west) on said northwesterly right of way line 325.98 feet (deeded 326.4 feet) to a 5/8" rebar with cap #20800148 on the west line of the east half of the northwest quarter of said section 27: thence north 00' 25' 21" west on said west line 102.16 feet to a

found capped rebar #22436 at the southwest corner of the east half of the southwest quarter of said section 22, said point also being the southeast corner of Locust Meadows first replat, document number 0620937; thence north 00' 02' 40" west (deeded north, platted north 00' 19' 32" west) on the west line of the east half of the southwest quarter of said section 22, said line also being the east line of said Locust Meadows first replat, 448.31 feet to a found 3" metal post in concrete; thence north 89' 43' 47" east (deeded east) 779.92 feet to a 5/8" rebar with cap #20800148; hence south 00' 15' 29" west (deeded south) parallel with said east line of the southwest quarter 165.00 feet to a 5/8" rebar with cap #20bd0148; hence north 89' 43' 47" east (deeded east) 528.02 feet to a mag nail with washer #208d0148 on said east line; hence south 00' 15' 29" west on said east line 283.33 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 20.70 acres more or less.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2012.

Area Board of Zoning Appeals

Carolyn A. Henry, Secretary to the Board

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

Be ready! A national GED 21st Century Initiative begins January 2, 2014. GED tests will change to a computer-based, comprehensive program to better prepare adults for post-secondary education, training, and careers. Anyone working on earning their GED must pass all five tests before December 31, 2013, or start the process over again. For information and assistance, please contact the Pokagon Band Department of Education.

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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DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Youth Cultural Events | November

Youth Hunters Retreat

This will be an awesome opportunity for youth ages 10–18 to earn their Hunters Safety Certificate, and be able to hunt our tribal lands. Not only will you be able to earn your certificate, but you will learn valuable lifelong skills of fire-starting, tracking, trapping, cleaning your kill, and hunting with a fire arm and bow. Do not bring your own fire arms, they will be provided. There still may be space available so call today. Conrad Church (269) 783-6773.

Date: Friday, November 2 – Sunday, November 4 **Location:** Rodgers Lake campus
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI

Youth and Veterans Lions Game

The Pokagon Youth Council Executive Board would like to invite all Pokagon youth 12–24 to join them in honoring our Native American Veterans who have fought for the freedoms we all enjoy. The goal is to create a bond within our tribal community as we spend the day together sharing stories and life experiences with our Ogitchedaw Veterans, an experience that will last a lifetime.

What to do to so you can go: write a 200 word essay or create a PowerPoint or YouTube video on why you want to attend this remarkable event. Your project must be submitted by November 12, 2012. You will be notified by November 14 if you're selected to attend the event.

Date: Sunday, November 18 **Location:** Departing from Community Center
Time: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm Ford Field, Detroit, MI

Help Wanted for Youth Store

If you are interested in retail, sales, marketing, or general business and if you are a youth between the ages of 15–24 and would like to get involved, please contact Conrad Church at Conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4254.

Youth Council Business Meeting

JUNIOR YOUTH COUNCIL [ages 12–18] The Jr.Y.C. organized a Halloween party, which was such a huge success it was scary. At our last meeting youth had various ideas including a skiing and snowboard outing. We have many new members and it is exciting when you get this group together. Some upcoming events include the Mid-year Unity Conference. If you are interested in becoming a member of Youth Council please come and join us.

Date: Saturday, November 10 **Location:** Community Center
Time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

SENIOR YOUTH COUNCIL [ages 18–24]

youth that are interested in Youth Council please come out and join us. NCAI was in Sacramento, CA this year, come and listen to our youth report on their experience at the Tribal Council meeting on November 10 at 10:00 a.m. Develop your professional and leadership skills, and help your tribal community.

Date: Saturday, November 10 **Location:** Community Center
Time: 1:30pm – 3:30 pm

Pokagon Youth Basketball Team

If you are interested in staying healthy and being fit, join the Pokagon Youth Basketball Team. This will be for ages 12–18. Games are on Sunday November 11, 2012 at the Courthouse Athletic Center, Byron Center, MI. Limited transportation provided. If you are interested call Conrad Church 269-462-4254, or email Conrad.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Date: Sunday, November 11 **Location:** Courthouse Athletic Center,
Time: TBA Byron Center, MI

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

Time to Sign Up for Mandatory Direct Deposit

By Barbara Vincent, per capita accounting clerkt

It is time to start signing up for mandatory direct deposit. PNC has been chosen to be the bank for the per capita pay cards.

We have mailed out information regarding the PNC pay card to those Tribal Citizens who do not have direct deposit.

Please complete the paperwork and return to the Pokagon Band at:

Pokagon Band
Attn: Per Capita
Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Or fax to: (269) 782-1964. When faxing, please call to verify we received it.

Please return all paperwork before October 15, 2012 as the per capita

payment for November 2012 is expected to be directly deposited onto your new pay card. You should receive your pay card in the mail late July.

If you have any questions in regards to the pay card, please call Barb Vincent at 269-462-4209 or 269-462-4200 or toll free 800-517-0777. Once the pay cards have been issued, PNC Bank will be the contact for any information in regards to pay cards being lost or stolen, or if you have any questions in regards to activity and / or transactions. You may still call the Pokagon Band Per Capita hotline to get information on the monthly amounts of the payments or other pertinent per capita information.

We will be making this available to all Tribal Citizens in October 2012.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, January 13, 2012	Monday, January 30, 2012	Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Wednesday, February 29, 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, March 29, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012
Friday, April 13, 2012	Thursday, April 26, 2012	Friday, April 27, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Thursday, May 31, 2012
Friday, June 15, 2012	Thursday, June 28, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012
Friday, July 13, 2012	Monday, July 30, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Thursday, August 30, 2012	Friday, August 31, 2012
Friday, September 14, 2012	Thursday, September 27, 2012	Friday, September 28, 2012
Monday, October 15, 2012	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Wednesday, October 31, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012*	Tuesday, November 20, 2012	Wednesday, November 21, 2012

*Please note that in November the deadline to receive changes is November 5, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Christmas 2011	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x
418	Tina Welty				x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x
1986	Cristian M Cobb		x	x	
2476	Patrick Michael Phares			x	
2823	Patrick Johnson				x
3011	William Fox				x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x
4319	Crystal Pokagon			x	x

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

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

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

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and 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.

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

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

november

5 language

Chicken Pot Pie
Garden Salad
Ambrosia Salad
Crescent Rolls

12 closed for veteran's day



19 language

Buffalo Stroganoff W/ Noodles
Butternut Squash
Coleslaw
Pudding Cup
Roll

26

Beef Roast
Potatoes
Carrots
Spinach Salad

6

BBQ Pork Chop
Baked Potato
Brussels Sprouts
Cucumber Salad
Pie
Rye Bread

13

Beef Chili
Broccoli Slaw
Cornbread
Peach Cobbler

20

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Corn on the Cob
Tomato Salad
Fruit
Roll

27

Bean Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Veggie Tray
Blueberry Cobbler

7

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Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce,
Tomato, Onion, Cheese
Black Beans and Rice
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
Fruit Cocktail

14

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
Con on the Cob
Tomato Salad
Fruit
Bread

21

Dry Fruit and BBQ Chicken
Baked Potato
Asparagus
Strawberry Pie
Rye Bread

28

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Garden Salad

8

Sea Bass
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Peaches
Roll

15 social

Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy
Mashed Potatoes and Dressing
Carrots
Cucumbers and Onions
Pumpkin Pie
Roll

22 closed for thanksgiving



29

Pork Loin
Red Potatoes
Asparagus
Coleslaw
Applesauce
Bread

9

Boiled Dinner W/ Sausage, Onions Potatoes, Vegetables, and Cabbage
Cornbread
Jell-O W/ Fruit

16

Tuna and Egg Macaroni Salad
Lettuce and Tomato
Garlic Bread
Ice Cream Cup

23 closed for thanksgiving

8

Buffalo Goulash
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Fruit
Cake

15

Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy
Mashed Potatoes and Dressing
Carrots
Cucumbers and Onions
Pumpkin Pie
Roll

22 closed for thanksgiving



30

Chicken Noodle Soup
Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Relish Tray
Yogurt W/ Fruit Cup

9

Boiled Dinner W/ Sausage, Onions Potatoes, Vegetables, and Cabbage
Cornbread
Jell-O W/ Fruit

16

Tuna and Egg Macaroni Salad
Lettuce and Tomato
Garlic Bread
Ice Cream Cup

23 closed for thanksgiving

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.

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Tribal Council November Calendar of Events

- 5 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 6 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 10 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 12 Offices closed in observance of Veterans Day
- 13 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 19 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 20 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 22 Offices Closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- 23 Offices Closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- 26 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 27 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 28 Proposed Tribal Council meeting with Tribal Judiciary, TBA

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

Retraction

The minutes for the Tribal Council meeting August 18, 2012 mistakenly reported that Tom Topash asked about legal services for tribal citizens and commented about potentially suing the tribe. The record should have shown this remark came from Tom Wesaw, not Tom Topash. Council regrets the error.

November Citizen Announcements

The family of **Teresa Magnuson** happily announces her engagement to **Brian Melendez**, a Paiute tribal citizen from Reno, Nevada. Teresa is the daughter of Valerie Janowski and of Pokagon citizen David Magnuson, son of Art and Faye (née Williams) Magnuson, Dowagiac, Michigan. Her maternal grandparents are the late Mickey and Irene (née Palasz) Janowski, Chicago. Teresa and Brian plan a Spring 2013 wedding in Reno, Nevada, where they will then reside.

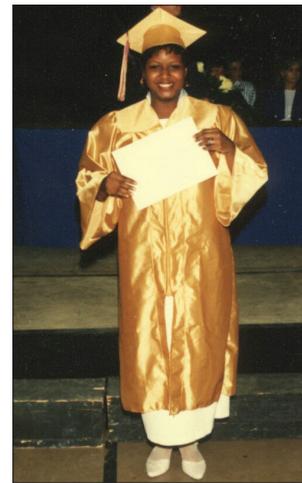


Happy 1st birthday to **Serena MacKay!**

Your first year has been such a beautiful journey.

We love you so much!

Mommy and Daddy



Happy birthday **Kandy Grubb.**

From Mom and Dad



Happy birthday **Nadyah Grubb.**

From your Mother and brothers



Happy birthday **Kalysta Miller**
From Your Mother & Grandmother



Happy birthday **Konnie Birks!**

From your family



Happy birthday, **Little Man Thunder!** Mommy loves you. 8-years-old November 9.

Love, Mom, Nokamis, Mishomis and Mollett family



Happy birthday **David Grubb.**
From the entire Grubb Clan



Happy 23rd birthday **Garrison H. Grubb.**

Enjoy your day.
Mom and Dad



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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.

Saturday, 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 7 at (269) 782-0887 to reserve your spot.

Winter Round Dance & Social

December 29
6:00pm-2:00am } Community Center



Come and celebrate the Winter season with us.
Round Dance Songs, Food, Contests, and good times!

Round Dance singers From the Great Lakes Area Invited

* Mini Shishibe Sessions 6p-7p: Youth Session (18 & under) 7p-8p: Adult Session (18+)	* Dice Bowl Tournament * Door prizes and 50/50 raffle	* Kids Activity Room: Open all night * Movies, Popcorn, and Games * Facepainting
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Corn Soup, Goulash, and Wild Rice Soup Contest! Bring your best dish and win some extra cash!

Local artists will be selling their tribal artwork and products for those night owl shoppers!
Blankets, Baskets, Pottery, and more!

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