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Pokagon Lego League Team Inspires Many

This September, the Department of Education—recognizing the focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects in the U.S.—launched a new opportunity for Pokagon students ages 9-14: a Lego League team.

Despite the name, the team would not simply be building Lego structures. The kids would work together over an eight week period to design, build, and program autonomous robots and then have the chance to gauge their work with other teams' robots in a regional tournament. The Pokagon team was made up of Robbie Dick, an eighth grader from Lawrence, Michigan, and sixth-graders Natalie Wesaw of Watervliet and Alex Moore of Benton Harbor.

Each fall Lego League creates a challenge for the more than 20,000 teams worldwide to work on. This year's challenge was called Senior Solutions, and the groups were tasked with programming their robot to score points on a themed playing field and developing a real world solution to a problem the team identified.

The kids arranged to meet with Pokagon elders to interview them about their special needs, and came up with a prototype for an automated pill dispenser that uses fingerprint recognition to distribute medications according to a doctor's orders.

Then came the tournament November 17 at Grandville High School in Grand Rapids; 46 teams from around the region gathered with their robots and playing fields to compete for the chance to advance to the state tournament. Not only were they prepared to have their robot complete its mission, but the three had to complete a surprise task together while judges assessed them on teamwork and perform a skit during their presentation of the pill dispenser.

The surprise task was building a gingerbread house. "Before we did it, we talked it out and agreed on what we were going to do," remembered Natalie Wesaw.

"They were amazing," said Kristie Bussler, K-12 resource specialist who also served as the team's coach. "It was the most positive experience I've ever had with kids competing."

Bussler stressed that Lego League focuses on what the

students are learning, not winning. She said the judges highlighted the good parts of the kids' work and emphasized that. Lego League's Core Values involve fun, teamwork and "Coopertition," a combination of cooperation and competition. In fact, Bussler saw other teams helping each other out.

The highlight of the already exceptional day came during the awards program. The team knew they didn't have the points to advance or place among the top teams, but when the Inspiration Award winner was announced, the Pokagons were thrilled to hear their name called.



"The judge said it was his favorite award to give out, and he told everyone how it was our rookie year, and we only had three people, and that we did so well, considering," said Robbie Dick. "It was cool that we were really inspiring, and that he made an example of us as what Lego League means."

"The kids jumped up, ran down the aisle and slapped everyone's hands along the way to the stage to get their trophy," remembers Bussler.

Now the group is already planning for next year's team. Natalie Wesaw, for one, is planning on joining again. And though Robbie will be too old for this league, but recommends it to others. "Even if you think you're not good at programming, you can do it. It's fun and not that difficult, and you get to work with fun, cool people."

If you or your child is interested in getting involved, be on the lookout for information about the Pokagon's Lego League team at tribal events, or give the Department of Education a call at (269) 782-0887 and ask for Kristie Bussler.

Pokagon Band Carpenter Apprentices Build Ice Rink



As soon as the weather is cold enough—and hopefully by the first weekend in the new year—the ice rink at the Rodgers Lake campus can be flooded, will freeze over and be open for skating fun. Members of the Pokagon Band carpenter apprenticeship program designed and assembled the rink. All of the labor was done on a volunteer basis. Pictured is one of the dedicated volunteers, Tim Solloway.

Senior Youth Council Gives Back to Pokagon Community with Christmas Party

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

On December 8, the Senior Youth Council hosted a Christmas party for Pokagon citizens, and nearly 200 people of all ages enjoyed the festivities held at the Community Center.

Cassandra Church, Colin Church and Jenna Huffman, members of the Senior Youth Council, were pleased with the turnout. "Everyone had a great time at the event," said Cassandra. "A Christmas dinner was catered, and we had activities like an intense game of musical chairs and a visit from Santa."

"There were presents for everyone," said Colin. "There were a lot of family-based gifts and basketballs and footballs for the kids. Our tribe does so much for our community, and it was great to have the opportunity to give something back."

Before the party, the Senior Youth Council, along with Tribal and Elders Councils, sponsored "Shop With a Cop", which allowed children to ride in a police car and go shopping with an officer (see article, page 6). "The kids were given money to shop for their families, and something they may not have had the means to do this otherwise," said Jenna. "Shopping with a cop also enables kids to see that officers are good people who can make a positive impact on youth."

Shop With a Cop was funded from proceeds that the Youth Council made from their Youth Store at the Pow Wow in September. "We gave half of those proceeds to this program," said Jenna. "The community helped us to raise the money, and we were happy to be able to give it back to them in this way."

Members of the Senior Youth Council were delighted with the outcome of the Christmas party. "It was a very special experience," recalled Cassandra. "There was a very warm feeling, and everyone had a wonderful time."



Potawatomi Language Master/Apprentice Program Launched

With the generous support of the Tribal Council, the Department of Language and Culture is proud to introduce a Potawatomi Master/Apprentice Program. The Master/Apprentice Program is a Potawatomi language learning opportunity that pairs adult language learners with fluent-speaking elders in order to create a team of new Potawatomi adult speakers. Graduates from this program will become the future language teachers of Potawatomi language revitalization efforts, including a future immersion school where Potawatomi children will become first generation speakers. The Potawatomi language is at a critical state of language loss and it is crucial for revitalization efforts to take place by dedicated learners who are committed to teaching and revitalizing the language.

The Master/Apprentice Program is looking for interested participants to fill two language apprentice positions. Candidates should possess passion for learning and teaching the Potawatomi language, be dedicated to completing the program, and returning to the Pokagon Band to serve the community as a language instructor. In addition to learning the Potawatomi language, language apprentices will gain practical experience in areas of: classroom management, lesson plans and curriculum development, native language

teaching methodologies, and Potawatomi history. Language apprentices will be compensated \$31,230 annually with a reimbursement contract. Compensation is contingent on the completion of program requirements. Housing and living expenses are the participant's responsibilities.

Candidates must be able to move to Crandon, Wisconsin where they will work with elder first language speakers. They must commit to a two to three year program comprising of 40 hour work weeks. After completion of the program, participants will be expected to work for Pokagon Band in the capacity of a Potawatomi Language instructor for a minimum of five years. The participation in this program is a commitment that will provide many opportunities for the Pokagon community and other Potawatomi nations. Not honoring that commitment will result in repayment of fees accrued during the Master/Apprentice Program. These specifics will be discussed in more detail during the interview process.

Applications are due January 9, 2013. Visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Career_Opportunities.aspx to apply online. For more information, contact Rhonda Purcell, language coordinator, at Rhonda.Purcell@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269) 783-9027.



Pokagon Band Shares \$4 Million Grant for Children's Wellness with Two Other Tribes

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The Pokagon Band is one of three Potawatomi tribes in Michigan recently awarded a federal grant of nearly \$4.2 million through Project LAUNCH. The grant money will be divided among the Pokagon Band, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band, and the Gun Lake Tribe. Project LAUNCH is a five-year program that aims to promote health and wellness in children.

The grant was from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, or SAMHSA. The three tribes formed a consortium to apply for the grant. "These grants are highly competitive," said Dennis Kaplan, Pokagon Band resource developer. "SAMHSA is very selective, and only four grants were awarded."

Project LAUNCH, an acronym for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health, is geared toward children from birth to eight years of age. "The

intent is to reach out and connect with as many kids as possible and make sure that they are getting all of their physical and mental health needs met," explained Kaplan. "This includes mental health assessment and evaluating the social needs of children." The assessment and ongoing monitoring will help young children reach their developmental potential. The Project LAUNCH grant is one of the largest grants that Pokagon has ever been awarded.

Currently, developers are in the planning and organizing stage of getting this program started. They will be hiring staff and are hoping to have services available in six months. Once an environmental scan is done to evaluate where the needs are, a strategic plan will be developed.

"We are constantly researching grant opportunities, networking with people and looking at various websites and newsletters," said Kevin Daugherty, senior resource developer. "Initially, this grant looked too

big for us. But, about ten days before the application deadline, the Huron Band contacted us and wanted to partner with us and the Gun Lake Tribe."

"We are grateful for everyone who worked on making this possible, including Dan Green and Val Janowski at the Huron Band. Without their initiative, this would not have come about," said Kaplan. "It took a lot of hours to get this turned around on such short notice."

Developers from all three bands have been meeting to get the program off of the ground. "Marchell Wesaw has really taken the lead in organizing this," said Kaplan. "Everyone participates...the Band is very lucky to have people determined to get together and get this done, because it is not an easy process."

Additional information about the program will be communicated to the tribe as the services become available.

Youth Work to Clean and Restore Tribal Waterways

Hannah Gugel, a junior at Edwardsburg High School, is thinking about a career in geological engineering, and had wanted to get some related experience in the field. Recently Gugel and Ashley Pfeifle, who participate in the Department of Education's K-12 program, accompanied Grant Poole, the Band's water quality specialist, for an afternoon of interactive research in tribal waterways. The high school students completed a fisheries survey in Peavine Creek.

"It was really fun," Gugel said. "We measured the fish, kept track of what kind they were, and what kind of river system they were in."

This outing is just a part of a new project called Ezh N'bamendam Nibi | How We Think About Caring For the Water, funded by a \$20,000 environmental justice grant for from the Environmental Protection Agency. The project brings together the Pokagon Departments of Education and Natural Resources to get youth involved in the cultural importance and stewardship of the water.

"We hope this will get kids motivated and outside, and increase their awareness and appreciation of the natural world," said Poole.

Students plan to investigate how non-traditional practices have polluted tribal waters, monitor tribal water resources, and provide recommendations to Tribal Council next fall on the prevention and reduction of pollution in tribal water. Eventually, kindergarten

through sixth graders will investigate the importance of clean water to humans, fish, and wildlife and will educate the community through artwork on the causes, effects, and prevention of water pollution.

The project blends well with Education's focus on STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and math), a nation-wide effort to get students excited about those areas of study. Some of the funding will pay for microscopes, cameras, animal furs, field guides, and books.

"It will be a really unique experience," said Kristie Bussler, K-12 resource specialist. "We get to be creative with the project."

Future plans include field trips to the Band's North Liberty wetland restoration property for such activities as bird house building, and investigations of grass lands, wetland environments, and aquatic insects. Not only do organizers hope that the project gives the youth a sense of investment in tribal natural resources, but it will present opportunities to mix the scientific and cultural aspects of water.

"We want to bring in cultural teachings about feasting and caring for the water," said Bussler.

As for Gugel, she was happy for the hands-on experience. "We were right there, not just sitting in a class room. My favorite part was understanding the different ecosystems; where it was a river, or where it was a canal."



7GenAE Sees Great Potential in Federal and State Contracts

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

In June 2012, Seven Generations Architecture and Engineering, LLC, known as 7GenAE, opened its doors in downtown Benton Harbor, Michigan. 7GenAE is a subsidiary of Mno-Bmadsen, the tribally-chartered company that conducts all non-gaming businesses for the Pokagon Band. In just a few short months, 7GenAE is making strides toward a very prosperous future.

“We just submitted our Section 8A application, and that is a big milestone,” said Elizabeth Fielder, marketing coordinator for 7GenAE. “Once our application is approved, we will have access to more federal contracts.”

“We aim to add five employees next year, and hope to double that each year thereafter,” said Fielder. “The approval

of our Section 8A application can make that a reality. The federal government spends billions of dollars annually on military bases, VA Hospitals - you name it. It is hard to come into Benton Harbor and compete with existing businesses, but having the 8A approved opens up many more projects to us.”

7GenAE is located in a Hub Zone, and they are also awaiting the approval of their Hub Zone application, which will allow them access to those projects as well. In the meantime, Fielder scours through solicitations from the federal government and meets with local companies seeking commercial opportunities.

7GenAE currently employs five people including a civil engineer, two architects, a general manager, and a

marketing coordinator. Ryan Wielenga, Scott Winchester, Troy Clay are members of the managing board.

“We have partnered with a couple of different companies are working with the tribe on several projects,” said Fielder. “We have also done several projects for Dollar General and some subcontract work for the federal government.”

Unlike many architecture and engineering companies, 7GenAE is minority and native-owned. “We are reaching out to other tribes in Michigan,” explained Fielder. “This company is unique because we have extensive knowledge of tribal culture that ensures effective work with tribes.”

In addition to tribal work, 7GenAE focuses on securing federal, state

and commercial projects. They offer a wide array of services including engineering, architecture, planning and environmental consulting.

“I would like to encourage tribal members to stop in and visit our office,” said Fielder. “We would be happy to answer questions and let them see what we are doing firsthand.”

Additional information about 7GenAE can be found on their website at www.7genae.com.

Annual Children’s Movie Party Sells Out

By Melissa Rodriguez

Theatre 3 at Wonderland Cinema in Niles was full of Christmas cheer on December 9 when over 142 people waited in anticipation for the movie *The Rise of the Guardians* to start.

At 9 a.m., Pokagon Band youth were greeted at the door by Santa Claus, checked in, got their popcorn and pop and waited to see if their raffle ticket would be drawn for one of the two bucket full of candy: one for a lucky boy and one for a lucky girl.

With the beautiful weather, the viewing for the Niles location sold out for the first time! Seats were purchased for those that were unable to get into the first showing of the show. We’ll look for a bigger theater for sure next year!

I would like to thank Tribal Council for providing this opportunity for tribal youth to join together and enjoy a movie, as well as giving me the joy of seeing the excitement on their faces! I would like to say a very special thank you to Collin Church who graciously volunteered to help me this year, as well as a huge thank you to Santa Claus and to my husband Tony Rodriguez for all his help.

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Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow Honors the Community Eagle Staff

Preparation has begun for the 2013 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow, to be held the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 25 & 26 at the Rodgers Lake pow wow grounds. The pow wow is named in recognition of the Pokagon Band community eagle staff carried by the Pokagon Band veterans, and the pow wow includes activities to honor all the veterans of the Pokagon Band community, as well as traditional dancing, singing, and crafts.

Volunteers needed for Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Committee

Initial planning has started, but the Committee is open for new members and volunteers for the ongoing planning and organizing for the event. The Committee intends to designate its official members and alternates at its January 14, 2013 meeting. If you are interested in becoming an official committee member, or just want to volunteer and participate, feel free to attend this meeting. For more information, contact Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230.

The committee meets the second Monday of every month, with a potluck at 5:30 p.m. and start of business at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are at the Administration Building, unless otherwise posted.

Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen logo design contest: two age categories

The Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee seeks submissions for the 2013 logo to be used for t-shirt designs, the flyer, and the program for the

upcoming Pow Wow. This year, the Committee has two age categories for this contest:

1. Pokagon Band youth 12 years of age and younger (Hand-drawn preferred)
2. Pokagon Band citizens and spouses of any age

The artists who create the winning designs for the Pow Wow will each be awarded a sweatshirt and a \$25.00 gift card from the Committee. Please note: while the Committee wants to support the community's artists, the Committee reserves the right to accept or deny any or all of the designs submitted, and all decisions of the Committee are final.

Please send images to Kevin Daugherty by February 8, 2013 by any of the following means:

- Deliver in person at the Administration Building at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047
- By mail or delivery service to the same address
- By email at Kevin.Daugherty@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

The Committee looks forward to many great designs!



Eighteen Pokagon kids had some fun at the Community Center December 15 while their parents finished holiday preparations. They made gifts, had lunch and learned a bit, too.

Pokagon Tribal Police Officers Invite Kids to Shop with a Cop

Thanks to support from the Family Welfare Commission, Mno-Bmadsen, Elders Council, Youth Councils and the Youth Store, ten Pokagon kids were treated to a Shop with a Cop experience last month. Five Pokagon police officers: Sergeant Summers, Community Resource Officer Myers and Officers Duthler, Shields, and Ivy, met the kids at the Community Center and drove with the youth in the patrol cars to the Niles Wal-Mart.

“We rode with the lights and sirens going for a few miles, but at normal speeds,” said Officer Myers. “Kids always like that.”

Each child received \$200 to shop for gifts for family. The store arranged for them to have pictures taken with Santa Claus, and each kid got a stocking stuffed with treats.

“The kids were having a blast,” said Myers. “I thought it was great for them to have a positive interaction with a police officer. I hope this can become an annual event.”

This year, Social Services selected kids from families involved in their programs.

The group returned to Community Center and, with help of elders and youth council representatives, they wrapped the gifts. Afterward some stayed for the Senior Youth Council’s community Christmas party.



Quit Now: Honor Traditions and Ancestors' Sacrifices



Pokagon Health Services is offering tobacco cessation classes to citizens and their spouses who are ready to kick the habit. The course follows the American Lung Association’s Freedom from Smoking Program. The program consists of eight sessions over a seven week period; each session runs approximately 1.5 hours.

The program utilizes education with proven and effective methods of quitting, support from the tribal community in your effort to live a smoke free, chew free lifestyle, and assistance with tobacco cessation medications to support your success. Tribal facilitators lead the classes.

Come and get support from fellow tribal citizens on your journey to quit now. Those interested in enrolling in the program should contact Ann Hesson at (269) 782-4141 or stop by the pharmacy for more information and to sign up. Experience the many benefits from kicking the habit.

Fourth Annual

Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow 2013

Hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Honoring the new community eagle staff

Saturday & Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend
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honoring the eagle staff
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For Pow Wow Information contact Kevin Daugherty at
269-591-1230 or 269-462-4200

This is a family event. No drugs, alcohol, firearms, or tribal politics.
No pets in Pow Wow area.

Department of Education Announcements and Updates

High school students: check out these scholarships

The deadlines for two extremely valuable opportunities are right around the corner. The Gates Millennium Scholarship focuses on Native American students who qualify for the PELL Grant, and is for high school student seniors, GED recipients, and high school graduates who have earned a 3.3 GPA. This is a substantial scholarship, a “good through graduation” scholarship! You can find more out by going to the website: www.gmsp.org. The application deadline is January 16, 2013.

The other opportunity is College Horizons, a pre-college summer program for tenth and eleventh grade Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students with a 3.0 GPA. The deadline for this application is February 4, 2013. This week is a crash course for college prep that could open educational doors for you. There are scholarships available through College Horizons and the Pokagon Band Department of Education would help funding, as well. You can find out more by going to: www.collegehorizons.org.

We are ready to help you apply for either of these experiences. Don't miss out on the chance to invest in your education! Call (269) 782-0887 or (888)330-1234 and ask for Penny or Kristie.

Catch a ride to “Science Alive!”

The Saint Joseph County Library at 304 S. Main Street, South Bend, is hosting their annual Science Alive! on Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 10 am – 4 pm. This is a free family event – a worthwhile way to spend the day! It is packed with science and fun for all. Those families wanting a ride from the Dowagiac area give a call to Penny Brant at (269) 782-0887.

2012 Reading Program Update

We currently have 70 families registered in the reading program with a total of 3037 books read. We are getting closer to 4,509 books. Please get those list turned in. As soon as we reach 3500 books, we will have another gift card drawing from the families registered that have submitted a book list. The \$10 gift card drawing for the 3000 books read goes to the following people:

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| 1. Krystal Brown | 6. Atticus Hunter |
| 2. Morgan Elmer | 7. Shannon Snay |
| 3. Anysia Heath | 8. Jaime Hostler |
| 4. Elizabeth Shaer | 9. Kerri Ryder |
| 5. Jennifer Boissoneau | 10. Ethin McGrew |

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.

Are you looking for a great way to work with the kids this summer?

The Pokagon Band Department of Education's K-12 Program is searching for a school bus driver/cook and classroom teachers for our Summer School. We hold our Summer School for children entering Kindergarten through sixth grade on Mondays through Thursdays from July 8 until August 1, 2013. The driver must have appropriate licensing. The teachers must have certification and will team-teach with the Education Associates on our staff. Both positions will require passing the tribe's background check and drug screening. For more information and to request an application, please call Penny Brant, (269) 782-0887. Application deadline is January 6, 2013.

Don't forget registration and reimbursements!

K-12 Registration is taking place on a daily basis. You can download the applications for both the In Ten County and Out of Ten County registration. Do you still have receipts for school supplies to send in for your \$50 reimbursement? You can get the form for this on our website, or call us to request one. Don't overlook the High School Success Reimbursement, too, for those additional expenses that start with high school graduation and college application processes.

We have great kids all over the place!

And we have the opportunity to get that word out – in this newsletter! Call the Department of Education (269)782-0887 or (888) 330-1234 to get the “Academic Excellence” and the “Extra-Curricular Excellence” forms. Nominate your own child, a relative, a friend – this is a fun opportunity to show support to a child and share with the rest of the community about what awesome kids we have.

Volunteers needed

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

Tutoring reminder

If your K-12 student is getting a C- or below in a core subject, call Kristie Bussler (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234 to talk about tutoring. This is for both the in ten county and the out of ten county students. We want to support you and your children with their academic success.

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

Stay Safe This Winter

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Winter is approaching, and lots of activities are available to make this cold time of year fun for the whole family. During this time of year; more kids are seen in the ER for winter related sports injuries. Many children and teens want to participate in winter events, which too often result in head, neck and other injuries from running into trees or large rocks. When playing sports on the ice, it is safer to skate on a rink than on a pond. If a pond is all that you have available, please check the thickness of the ice and watch your kids while they skate.

When snowmobiling, travel in groups and make sure someone knows where the snowmobiles are going. Know your machine and its capabilities. Respect other snowmobilers and yield to those who have the right of way. If it's necessary to snowmobile on frozen bodies of water; do so with extra caution! When crossing a roadway, make sure the way is clear in both directions. Operate at a reasonable and prudent speed for trail conditions. Remember that alcohol and snowmobiles do not mix!

Other Cold Weather Concerns

In the winter respiratory illnesses and other viruses are more common. Encourage your children and family to hand wash, cover their mouths when coughing, sneeze into their elbow or tissue, and keep your immune system up by staying warm.

Some children don't know when they should come in out of the cold. Check on your children when they are out playing in the cold. Monitor for signs and symptoms of frostnip or frostbite. Frostnip is an early warning sign of the onset of frostbite. It leaves the skin white and numb. To help prevent frostnip and frostbite, be sure to have warm and dry gloves, coats, hats, and other protective cold-weather wear. Monitor the time your children spend in the cold and limit the time in extreme cold weather. Be sure your kids have a snack before going out in the cold, this will give their bodies energy in the cold weather.

Keeping Your Home Safe and Warm

Be sure that you have smoke detectors that function in all areas of your home. Install smoke alarms near bedrooms an on each floor of your home. Test them monthly. If it has a 9-volt battery, change the battery once a year. Install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. If your alarm sounds, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission suggests that you press the reset button, call emergency services (911 or your local fire department) and immediately move to fresh air (either outdoors or open doors or windows). Know the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, fatigue, dizziness, and shortness of breath. If you experience any of these symptoms, get fresh air right way and contract your doctor for proper diagnosis.

Make sure heating equipment is installed properly. Have a trained specialist inspect and tune up your heating system each year. Keep portable space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that could burn, including bedding, furniture, and clothing. Never drape clothing over a space heater to dry! Keep children and pets away from space heaters. Never leave children in a room alone when a space heater is in use. If you use a kerosene heater, use only the fuel recommended by



the manufacturer. Never put gasoline in a kerosene heater; it could explode. Before you refuel your heater, turn it off and let it cool down. Refuel outside only! When using a kerosene heater, keep a door open to the rest of the house or open a window slightly. This will reduce the chance of carbon monoxide build-up in the room.

Have your fireplace chimney and flue inspected each year and cleaned, if needed. Open the flue and use a sturdy fireplace screen when you have a fire burning. Burn only untreated wood; never burn paper or pine branches. Pieces can float out of the chimney and ignite your roof, a neighbor's roof, or nearby trees. If you use a wood-burning stove; have the chimney connection and flue checked each year. Make sure that stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and coals. Never use your range or oven to heat your home; even for a short time.

Surviving a Winter Storm

Be prepared. Before cold weather hits, make sure you have a way to heat your home during a power failure. Keep a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher nearby when using alternative heating sources. Keep extra blankets, flashlights (with extra batteries), matches, a first aid kit, manual opener, snow shovel and rock salt, and special needs items, e.g., diapers. Stock a few days' supply of water, required medications, and food that does not need to be refrigerated or cooked. Monitor the temperature of your home. Infants and person over the age of 65 are especially susceptible to cold. If it's not possible to keep your home warm, stay with friends or family or in a shelter. Dress in several layers to maintain body heat. Covering up with blankets can also conserve heat.

Snow Blowers

Accidents from snow blowers happen every year, so be careful when operating. Watch your fingers and limbs when using a snow blower.

Elder of the Month: Cleora Morseau

Boshoo ndenweemagnedek | *Hello my relatives*. It is my honor to be asked to fulfill this role for this month. However, I believe there is more work for me to do to accept this status as elder. I believe there is a significant difference between a senior citizen and an elder. Elder status is earned, not freely given.

Anyway, my name is Cleora Morseau. My parents were Theresa Alexis Morseau and George Morseau. I have eight sisters and three brothers, five of whom are deceased, as are my parents. Some of you are aware that I live the *mide mno bmadzewen* | *our good life*. I love going to ceremonies, feasts, sweats and being involved in cultural activities. My recent challenge is learning our language, or should I say, breaking the Potawatomi code.

I retired from Keweenaw Bay's substance abuse program in 2001 and returned home. I am employed part time with the Michigan Inter-Tribal Council. Most of my work has and will continue to be with our Nishabe family. I am happy to see our tribe grow and prosper in many areas, especially the awareness and practice of our culture. We have a lot of good activities going on, much more than when I was a kid.

I pray for our tribe, as well as all races, on a daily basis. I love you all very much. Wewena, Igwien | *thank you*.



Chi Ishobak Awards Second Individual Development Account

By Sean Winters, executive director

Samantha Cook of Niles, Michigan has become the second Pokagon citizen to be approved for the Chi Ishobak, Inc. Individual Development Account (IDA) Program.

The IDA Program is a matched savings program where Pokagon Band entrepreneurs can save for purchases towards their small businesses. The participant will save \$500 over 12 months. Upon successful completion of the program the participant's savings will be matched 2:1 for a total of \$1,500 to be used for a specified business purchase. Successful completion of the program requires participation in a financial wellness workshop and submission of an acceptable business plan. The selection criteria is for Pokagon Band citizens who are at least 17 years of age, have the ability to open a Fifth Third Bank savings account, can provide proof of household income, and an acceptable debt to income ratio within established guidelines.

Samantha's passion, talent, and eye for photography are skills she has been nurturing for a number of years now. She is planning to attend Northern Michigan University to pursue a degree in photography with a minor in Native American Studies. Even at this young age, Samantha is already being hired as a professional photographer for a variety of functions including senior pictures for high school students. Samantha was



also the chief financial officer for the Pokagon Band Youth Council Store which had its grand opening at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa pow wow this summer, and she played an integral role for the successful start-up business.

She is planning to utilize both of these opportunities and further her photography career. The IDA Program and Chi Ishobak will play a big role in making that happen. Samantha is going to use her matched funds to add to her existing equipment to expand the services and quality available to customers. Samantha is a talented artist, and Chi Ishobak is happy to be a part of building her educational and financial capacities.

Chi Ishobak is the Pokagon Band's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) which provides professional and personal financial services and resources to Pokagon citizens. If you have any questions or would like more information on the IDA program or any other Chi Ishobak services, please call (269) 783-4157.

Important FAFSA Information for Higher Education Students

In order to be considered eligible most financial aid opportunities 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. Apply as early as you can. Please keep in mind:

- You must apply for every year you are in school
- While you can not apply until January 1, you can apply for your PIN # anytime. You will need this pin # to sign your application and receiving the # early will save you time.
- Different states and institutions have different deadlines for state aid. Make sure you check with your school's financial aid office for deadlines.
- There is no cost to apply for the FAFSA. Be careful of organizations and websites that require you to pay to apply for the FAFSA.
- The official website to apply for the FAFSA is www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Need help in filling out the FAFSA? Some of the resources available are:

- Financial Aid office of your college
- Guidance office of your high school
- The College Goal Sunday website has information for each state on Sundays where local colleges host workshops to help in the FAFSA process. The website is www.collegegoalsundayusa.org
- Call the Pokagon Band Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 for assistance. We have a computer lab available where students can check out online resources and file the FAFSA. Arrangements can be made by contacting Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist, to use the computer lab during non-business hours if necessary to accommodate your schedule.

Pokagon students who file the Free Application for Student Aid for the Fall 2013 semester by February 28, 2013 will be eligible for a Pokagon Band Higher Education sweatshirt! You must have printed verification of the date you completed your FAFSA online.

For more information, please contact Connie Baber at (888) 330-1234 in the Department of Education.

Artists' Designs Needed for 2013 Gathering

The Pokagon Band will be hosting the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations August 6-11, 2013. As the Band prepares for the event, Pokagon artists can help.

T-shirt Art

Please submit designs for the 2013 Gathering t-shirt by in the February 15, 2013. The Gathering work group will review the submissions and choose whether to accept or deny any or all of the designs submitted. Please send images to Paige Risser via e-mail to Paige.Risser@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or to her attention at the Administration Building at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

2013 Miss Potawatomi Crown

Please submit bids for a fully beaded crown displaying the words Miss Potawatomi 2013 by March 1, 2013. Include a drawing of your design in color, dimensions of the crown, the materials (i.e. bead sizes) you intend to use, and the total cost. Please send these to Kevin Daugherty via e-mail to Kevin.Daugherty@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or to his attention at the Administration Building at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

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



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

LENDING SERVICES

Micro Loans up to \$5,000
Small Business Loans \$5,000 to \$35,000
IDA (Individual Development Account) Matched Savings Program

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Financial Empowerment & Management
Starting a Business
Writing a Business Plan
Marketing Your Business
Business Legal Issues

RESOURCES

One-on-one Coaching/Mentoring
Fifth Third Bank
Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center
SCORE
Cornerstone Alliance

It is the vision of Chi Ishobak to support the efforts of a nurturing community that has restored its culture and language and provides a meaningful substance for all Pokagon citizens and individuals through employment, self-employment or traditional life ways.

For questions and additional information regarding Chi Ishobak, please visit us at:

415 E Prairie Ronde Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Or contact:

Sean Winters, Loan Officer
(269) 783-4157
sean.winters@chiishobak.org



POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Youth Cultural Events | January

All Youth All Night Lock In

Parents or guardians please join us for the first part of the event as we kick off a semi-formal dinner with ballroom dancing instructor John Morseau. He will help you learn the basics of ballroom dancing. This will be followed by teambuilding activities by Dean Orvis (Pokagon Training and Development Specialist). After that, feel free to leave your teen for the all-night party. They will continue to dance, compete in special tournaments (Ping-Pong, Wii dance revolution, war craft on PS3 and other Xbox games, and most important, Shishibe.) They will have an opportunity to make traditional Native Crafts, meet other youth from our community. There will be several special guests who will make a surprise appearance throughout the night. Parents or guardians can then join us for breakfast at 7:00 AM to pick up your teen. Please call to reserve your spot, and register for our Top Prize. You do not want to miss this one. Call Conrad Church at (269) 783-6773 or (269) 462-4254.

Date: Friday, January 4
Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 am

Location: Rodgers Lake campus
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI

Youth Council Business Meetings

JUNIOR YOUTH COUNCIL [ages 12–18] This Month's meeting will be held at the Junior Youth Council Lock-In. Start the New Year by getting involved with your tribal community. Please come out, enjoy the lock-in, and participate in the business meeting where we will continue to plan for the upcoming year. Youth Council is open to Pokagon youth and other Native American youth ages 12–18.

Date: Saturday, January 5
Time: Midnight – 1:30 am

Location: Community Center

SENIOR YOUTH COUNCIL [ages 18–24] Senior Youth Council focuses on professional development and building community. As 2012 comes to an end there is much to plan for 2013, such as the Youth Lock In on January 4, Winter Story Telling in Hannahville on February 1–2 and NCAI is just around the corner. Please get involved with your community; come to our next business meeting.

Date: Friday, January 4
Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Community Center

Girls Volleyball Tournament

The SCIT has invited us to compete in their all-natives girls' double elimination tournament. There are two divisions, Varsity ages 16–19 and Junior Varsity ages 12–15. If you are interested in bringing a team or would like to be part of our team, please contact Conrad Church at Conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 783-6773.

Date: Saturday, January 12

Location: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Mt. Pleasant, MI

2013 Winter Story Telling/Snowboarding Event

Interested youth should contact Conrad Church at Conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 783-6773 for eligibility requirements and to reserve your spot. We will leave on Thursday, January 31 and return Sunday, February 3.

Date: Friday–Saturday, February 1–2

Location: Hannahville Community Center
Hannahville, MI

Notre Dame Basketball Game

Interested youth should contact Conrad Church at Conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 783-6773.

Date: TBA

Location: Purcell Pavilion
University of Notre Dame, IN

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

Notice of Open Position | Pokagon Band Ethics Board

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

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

ELIGIBILITY. Candidates for the Ethics Board must have

- (a) A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or ten (10) years of professional level work experience in relevant areas, such as law, law enforcement, accounting or finance, business management, regulatory and governmental affairs. Advanced degrees and certifications, such as Certified Public Accountant, Juris Doctorate, and Master of Business Administration are preferred, but not required;
- (b) Demonstrated experience in conducting investigations, analyzing and preparing findings and presenting summaries;
- (c) Demonstrated experience in reviewing and interpreting laws, regulations, contracts, and various professional level reports, including financial reports;
- (d) Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills; and
- (e) Demonstrated ability to act with impartiality and to deal fairly, effectively and efficiently with situations requiring fact finding and dispute resolution skills.

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

- (a) Not a Pokagon Band member;
- (b) Under the age of twenty-one (21);
- (c) A Public Official or Public Employee, or their Immediate Family members (as those terms are defined in the Code of Ethics); or
- (d) Employed or otherwise serves in a position with responsibilities that create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the duties and responsibilities of the Board.

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

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

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

DEADLINE. The letter of interest and résumé must be received by 4:00 p.m., January 31, 2013.

Interested in Employment with the Pokagon Band?

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

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

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

Please remember to update your profile as you gain more experience

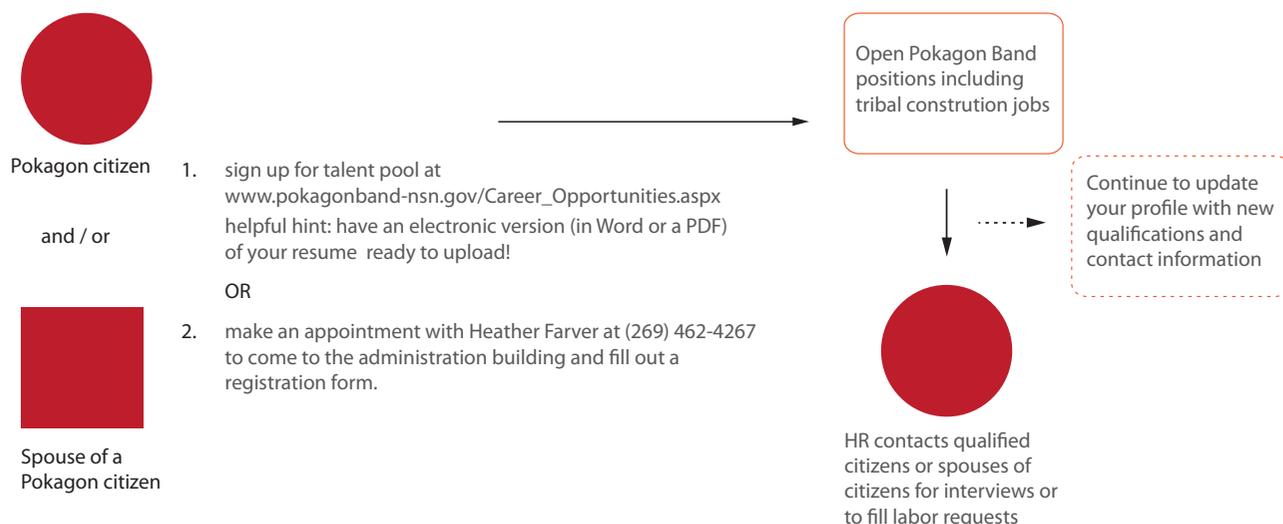
or obtain certifications. In addition, please remember to let us know if your contact information changes. If you are using a cell phone, give us an alternate number in case something happens to your cell phone or you run out of minutes. If the tribe or contractor is unable to contact you, you obviously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

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

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

Contact Information

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





Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Language Events | January

Basic Language Classes

The class will be taught every Tuesday at the Community Center with Carla Collins. The class will focus on learning the Potawatomi Vowel system, Past/Present/Future tense markers and basic verbs and nouns.

Date: January 8, January 15, January 22, January 29
Time: 6:00–8:00 pm

Location: Community Center, Training Room

* Note: Basic language class for January 1 is cancelled for the New Year holiday.

Intermediate Language Classes

Intermediate Language class is taught every Thursday at the Community Center with Carla Collins. The current class is learning conjunct sentence structure and incorporating new verbs.

Date: January 3, January 10, January 17, January 24
Time: 6:00–8:00 pm

Location: Community Center, Training Room

* Note: Intermediate language class for Thursday, January 31 is cancelled for the 2013 Winter Story Telling.



Language Workshop | Jeopardy Edition!

Teams will compete to identify and speak the Potawatomi language using our Jeopardy game console. Refreshments provided.

Date: January 23 | Rhonda Purcell, Presenter
Time: 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Location: Community Center, Training Room

Elders Language Classes

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

Date: January 2, January 7, January 14, January 21, January 28
Time: 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Location: Elders Hall

* Note: Elders classes for Wednesday, January 2 is the make up class from December 31.

Upcoming Event 2013 Winter Story Telling

The Winter Stories is an annual gathering of language speakers and learners to share and hear traditional and contemporary stories in the Potawatomi language. Last year, the morning sessions were filled with storytelling by first language speakers with grammar lessons in the afternoon.

Eligibility:

- Pokagon families (citizens, spouses, children)
- over the past three months, attendance to 50% of one of the language classes (Elders, Basic, Intermediate, workshops or Video Conferencing) or proof of participation in language studies (enrollment in Neshnabémowin classes, linguistics, education or related courses)

Logistics:

- Lodging – In an effort to minimize costs, participants will be sharing rooms (with the exception of parents with children)
- Per diem – Meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) include breakfast, lunch, dinner and incidentals and will be provided from departure to return dates/times. M&IE rates must be adjusted for meals provided by the hosting organization. Standard federal per diem rates apply at 100% for adults 18+, 75% for 12+ and 50% for younger than 12.
- Transportation – Transportation will be provided by the department (Pokagon buses or GSA vehicles). Mileage reimbursements will only be provided if transportation is not provided or if special arrangements have been made with the Director.

Date: Friday and Saturday, February 1–2, 2013

Location: Hannahville Indian
Hannahville, MI

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

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



Are you looking for a way to help others?

Tutors Wanted For the K–12 Program

Do you have proficiency in the core subjects of Math, English, and Science?

If so, this experience may be just what you are seeking! We have learners, K–12, who are ready for tutors. A variety of hours are available. This can be a year-round opportunity!

Preparation will include proficiency testing, passing the Tribe's background check and drug screening, and tutor training. We pay \$15/hour for tutors with an Associates Degree and \$20/hour for those with Teacher Certification. Pokagon Band tribal preference hiring policy applies.

For more information or to sign up, contact Penny Brant, Department of Education, at (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234.

Tribal Council Resolution

According to a Tribal Council resolution made December 10, 2012, each year, starting with 2013, per capita payments for November and December will be paid as soon as possible.

Wellbriety House of Recovery

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

Weekly Meetings:

Tuesday, 5:00–6:00 pm.

The Red Road to Wellbriety Elders Way

Friday, 5:00–8:00 pm.

A/A and N/A open meeting

Saturday, 6:00–8:00 pm.

The Red Road to Wellbriety Elders Way

Sunday, 6:00–8:00 pm.

A/A and N/A open meeting

Time to Sign Up for Mandatory Direct Deposit

By Barbara Vincent, per capita accounting clerk

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
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 News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Christmas 2011	Christmas 2012	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	
124	Travis Mead				x	
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x
418	Tina Welty				x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	
1502	David M. Helmke				x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	
2476	Patrick Michael Phares			x	x	
2509	Karra Barr				x	
2595	James Hamstra				x	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	x
4319	Crystal Pokagon			x	x	x
4349	Olivia 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 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 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.

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January

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

Salmon Patties
Macaroni and Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit
Roll

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
Butternut Squash
Garden Salad
Cookie
Roll

Cornish Hen
Baked Potato
Brussels Sprouts
Coleslaw
Fruit W/ Yogurt Cup

Meat or Meatless Pizza
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple

Beef Roast
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Carrots
Garden Salad
Dessert
Rye Bread

Pork Chops
Red Potatoes
Tri- Blend Veggies
Red Cabbage Slaw
Apple Pie
Bread

BBQ Chicken
Au Gratin Potatoes
Collard Greens
Sliced Tomato & Cottage Cheese
Banana Cream Pie
Roll

Buffalo Chili
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit
Corn Bread

Breaded Cod
Mashed Sweet Potato
Green Beans
Blueberry Pie
Rye Bread



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Vegetable Soup
Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Veggie and Relish Tray
Pudding Cup

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Jell-O W/ Fruit
Bread

Chicken and Broccoli Stir Fry
Brown Rice
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit
Bread

Tuna Casserole
Acorn Squash
Broccoli Slaw
Fruit Salad
Bread

Pork Loin W/ Potatoes
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Applesauce
Roll

Sea Bass
Spanish Rice
Tomato Salad
Strawberry Pie
Cornbread

Buffalo Meatloaf
Baked Potato
Mixed Veggies
Garden Salad
Fruit
Roll

Beef Liver and Onions
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Dessert
Roll



Photo by Julie Falk

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

Tribal Office Directory

Administration
Information Technology
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free 800-517-0777
FAX 269-782-6882

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

Communications
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Compliance
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Social Services
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
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Tribal Council January Calendar of Events

- 2 Tentative Tribal Council Special Session/Gaming Authority, noon
- 7 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 8 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session Closed, Community Center, 3 p.m.
- 12 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 15 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session with Tribal Court, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 22 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 23 Tribal Council Legislative Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 29 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon

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

ChE Mko Gizses (January) Citizen Announcements



Happy 5th birthday
Devin Joseph Wayne Rock January 27

Hope you have a great day and many more to come.

Love Mom, Dad and Maysen

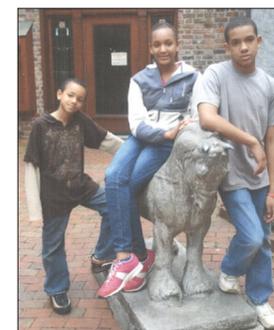


Happy birthday
Kimm Miller

From your girls!



Happy birthday **Kylista Britton**
From all your family



Have a great birthday **Diesel Grubb**

Love your family

Happy 20-something,
Garrison Grubb.



Happy, happy birthday
Kay Kay

From Big Daddy and Momika



Happy birthday **Ja'yre**
From Momika and Big Daddy



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Cultural Events | January

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, January 16
Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Location: Teaching Cabin
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, January 16
Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Location: Gage Street House
26464 Gage Street, Dowagiac MI

Native Healing with Jake and Mary Pine

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

Date: Monday – Wednesday, January 14–16
Time: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. [individual appointments]

Location: Teaching Cabin
Rodgers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Co-ed Sweat Lodge

Date: Tuesday, January 15
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Snow Snake and Storytelling with John Pigeon

Come and join the fun. John will be sharing his stories about our ancestors and our traditions, along with crafting our own snow snake sticks. Snow snake is a family game that native people have been playing for generations. We have been challenged by the other tribes in Michigan to play against them in a tournament so we have to get busy and train for this fun time. Please dress warm for we will be outside learning how to make our snow snake sticks fly across the snow track. (SNOW PERMITTING) If there is no snow we will then be making a community snow toboggan for our children and families. Everyone will have a duty to complete these projects so come ready to help and listen to our old stories. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun in the snow.



Date: Saturday, January 26
Time: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Location: Teaching Cabin
Rodgers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Contact Information: Andy Jackson, cultural associate
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A Circle of Families

Families of Students in the K-12 Program

Saturday, January 19
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



All families experience difficult situations as children grow. We are hosting a day of presentations, discussions and resources to help you with the tricky aspects of parenting.

Please join us as we learn about:

- Parenting with Love and Logic
- What to Do about Bully/Cyberbullying
- Drug Education/Drug Prevention

There will be fun activities available for children of parents/guardians who are participating in the presentations.

Pizza lunch served at noon

Prizes and Giveaways awarded throughout the day

Drums and Dancing included in Closing Ceremony

Hosted by the Department of Education, Department of Health Services, DOHS Behavioral Health, Department of Language & Culture, Department of Social Services and Tribal Police.

Need more info? Contact Kristie Bussler at (269) 462-4222.

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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.**