



# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

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## Honor Shawl Project Participants Raise Awareness for Domestic Violence

By Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker

Tribal community members and staff honored domestic violence survivors at the Oshke-Kno-Kewewen Pow Wow on Memorial Day weekend. Since February a group of women in the community have been meeting monthly to make purple and red shawls to honor the memory of those lost to domestic violence. The group danced an honor song during the pow wow, and were joined by supporters in the audience. This program was hosted by the Domestic Violence Team, made up of tribal employees.

The Domestic Violence Team is currently planning to host more shawl workshops before the Gathering in August and Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow in September. If you are interested in becoming involved with this project please feel free to contact Casey Kasper, victim services manager/case worker at (269) 462-4324 or Andy Jackson, cultural associate at (269) 462-4261. You do not have to be a survivor of domestic violence to participate.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence and would like help please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324. All services are confidential and free of charge.



## Pokagon Veterans and Youth Council Come Together to Honor Veterans at Memorial Day Parade

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

It is one thing to read about history in books, but it can resonate more to hear it directly from someone who lived it. Members of the Pokagon Youth Council and the Pokagon Veterans group recently came together to participate in the annual Dowagiac Memorial Day Parade. Veterans Butch Starrett, Steve Wesaw, Jerry Campbell, Anthony Forester, and Steve Swisher were joined by several members of the Pokagon Youth Council on a float in the parade. This event provided an opportunity for the veterans to reach out to younger members of the tribe and share their stories and experiences.

The Pokagons have been participating in the Memorial Day Parade for more than sixty years, according to Starrett. Joe Winchester and Howard Starrett were early organizers of our participation, and many tribal citizens have been involved throughout the years. "I remember watching this parade as a child," said Starrett, leader of the Pokagon Veterans group. "I

recall seeing Robert and Ned Cushaway as well as Bud and Jim Gibson representing the veterans in our tribe."

Collin Church, a Youth Council member, organized the Pokagon's participation in the parade. He reflects on the event as a wonderful bonding experience between Pokagon youth and the veterans. "It isn't every day that you see youth wanting to be involved and spend time with elders and veterans," said Church. "Many stories were shared and relationships were built."

Members of the Youth Council built a float for the parade. The morning of the event, they met with the veterans early so that they would have the opportunity to get to know them a bit before walking with them in the parade. During the parade, they got water for the veterans and helped them if necessary. "This was the first year that we had a float in the parade," said Church. "Not only did it give us more visibility, but it provided a place for the veterans to sit down if needed."

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## Mno-Bmadsen Featured in Business Publication

By Alex Wesaw

*MiBiz*, a bi-weekly publication covering business in Michigan, recently ran a feature on Mno-Bmadsen, covering their February acquisition of Accu-Mold LLC. Accu-Mold, a Portage-based manufacturing and engineering firm, currently employs 18 people and had annual revenues of approximately \$4 million in 2012.

Mno-Bmadsen reached the agreement with the now President of Accu-Mold LLC, Dave Martin, after six months of negotiation. Martin, who founded the business 36 years ago, was considering adding more staff or adding a partner because of the expansion of Accu-Mold. The fact that Mno-Bmadsen did not want to reorganize the business or make changes to the management helped create a bond between Mno-Bmadsen and Martin.

The article highlights how the Pokagon Band realized the need to diversify their business development opportunities besides focusing only on gaming, because of the competition that exists in Michigan from other tribal and non-tribal casinos. Mno-Bmadsen's strategy of acquiring commercial companies, capturing tribal expenditures, and maximizing the return on tribal lands set aside for commercial use. Mno-Bmadsen is targeting industries like alternative energy and renewable energy, health care and medical devices, light manufacturing, green-related sectors, information technology, gaming supplies, food production, government contracting and real estate. Furthermore, these efforts strive to remain in Michigan or contiguous states. Mno-Bmadsen ideally is seeking to invest \$2 million to \$3 million per deal.

Currently, in addition to Accu-Mold, Mno-Bmadsen owns Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering LLC, and M-B Development LLC. They hoping to make one to two deals per year and currently are working on a gas station project



in Dowagiac, MI and the Forest Lawn landfill gas-to-energy project near New Buffalo, MI. Mno-Bmadsen's strategy is to invest in businesses that are already established, avoiding startups. The next step for Mno-Bmadsen is to reach the point where they are fully self-sufficient so that they are not fully relying on the support from the Band and Tribal Council.

## Memorial Day Parade, continued from page one

In addition to the parade, the youth accompanied the veterans to the cemetery for a memorializing ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, veterans were invited to the Community Center where the youth served food. "It was a way for us to honor our veterans and show our respect and appreciation for their service," explained Church.

The veterans group has grown to roughly forty registered members and 15 active members since Starrett took a leadership role in organizing a formal group. "Roger Williams and I started meeting, and we

were able to reach other veterans who were interested in joining our group," said Starrett. Mark Wilson and Matt Swisher recently joined. "Mark joined as a result of the Memorial Day eagle staff celebration, and Matt joined as a result of the Memorial Day Pow Wow.

"Looking forward, I am excited for our veterans," said Starrett. "Our mission is to protect our culture, and to keep our traditions alive." As guardians of the tribe's culture, they are dedicated to developing relationships with younger members of the tribal community.

"There is sharing that needs to happen between the elders and our youth for them to learn our history," explained Starrett. "That is vital to our community development. Our veterans are excited to share our knowledge, wisdom and respect, because we can't survive without that."

## 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

## More Growth and Development for the Pokagon Band

### Citizens Moving into New Pokégnek Édawat Residences

Residents will be moving into many of the thirty-two new housing units this summer at Pokégnek Édawat in Dowagiac. On four lots along Potawatomi Trail, new townhomes of four units each are completed, for a total of 16 units. On a new street spur just south of the current Elders Village, construction is finished on 16 duplexes for Elders on eight lots. If you're interested in learning more about occupancy eligibility, please call the Housing Department at (877) 983-0385.

### Site Plan Approved for New Health Facility

Tribal Council has approved moving forward with a new health facility at the Rodgers Lake campus. The clinic and wellness center will be approximately 30,000 square feet, and plans call for it to be framed by this winter. If all goes well, the facility is expected to be open by this time next year to provide improved health care and wellness opportunities.

### New Foster Care Home Welcomes Family

The tribe has renovated another recently purchased home for a Pokagon family that is providing care for Pokagon foster children. Staff at the Social Services Department are pleased to report that many Pokagon families are answering the call to care for Pokagon kids by fostering. Through a Tribal Court Improvement Grant, a foster care coordinator will be joining the staff to further facilitate Pokagon families being able to care for Pokagon children. If you are interested in learning more about how you too can help Pokagon children in care, please call (269) 782-8998.

### Sports Complex Nears Completion

To accommodate more outdoor activities at the Band's Rodgers Lake campus in Dowagiac, work began recently on a sports complex (see plans above). By the time the Gathering gets underway August 6, the fields will be ready for play. Crews laid sod this week on the new softball diamond (photos at right), and the work is progressing on the basketball and volleyball courts, the horseshoe pitch and the pavilion. The pavilion will feature restrooms and picnic tables for resting in the shade after games.

### Indiana Office Opens

Beginning May 1, government staff opened the Band's Indiana Office in South Bend for business. June 5 the tribe hosted an open house for citizens and local

partners. Mayor Pete Buttigieg remarked during the event that "One of the things that makes South Bend extraordinary is the many layers of diversity which give our community richness and strength and, frankly, make us a little more interesting."

The mayor said, "There's no question that a very meaningful element in what makes our city what it is the heritage of the first Americans here. These layers only add to the depth and meaning of what it means to be American. It's possible to be fully part of both worlds. There may have been a time in the life of our nation the American Indian was left without support. Now, I like to believe the reverse is the case. A member of the Pokagon Band in our community is twice blessed. Once, by services and benefits of the leadership of tribal council, but also fully a member in citizenship and somebody the City of South Bend is concerned and eager to help support and develop."

The South Bend Common Council offered an official proclamation commending and honor the tribe and welcoming its new facility in the city.



**Pokagon Health Services**  
Pokégnek Bodéwadmik  
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

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

Don't throw your old drugs down the drain or in the toilet. Bring your unwanted/unused medications to the Pokagon Band Pharmacy anytime Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The containers and contents are picked up at pharmacies and are then transported to a Waste-to-Energy facility for secure and assured destruction.

**Pokagon Band Pharmacy**  
57392 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(269) 782-4141

As of January this year, the program kept 55,000 pounds of drug waste out of our water supply.

## 2ND ANNUAL A Healthy Step with Education

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

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

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

Please come and join in the fun.  
Questions? Contact Liz Leffler at (269) 782-4141 ext. 225 or Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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## Apprenticeship Program Enrollment Open Begins Third Year in October

By Dean Orvis

Recently the Pokagon Band carpenters apprenticeship program celebrated two years of success. In May, nine new first-year apprentices finished their first year of classroom instruction and will be moving on to the second year of the four-year apprenticeship program. In addition, three apprentices, Dustin Dixon, Dylan Johnson, and Robert Kronewitter have successfully completed the second year and will be moving forward to year three.

The Apprenticeship Steering Committee, in partnership with Southwestern Michigan College, has been working with the apprentices to teach the skills and competencies necessary to become journeymen carpenters while earning college credit through SMC. The program is approved by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Band provides the tools, books, and other required resources to citizens and their spouses interested in enrolling in the program. All of this is an effort to increase the ways Pokagons are involved inside and outside of the Pokagon community.

“This is a really good program. I only wish it had been available to me some time ago,” said Tracy Wesaw, who just completed her first year as an apprentice. “I’m developing some great hands on skills that I can use at once, and I’m also focused on my long term goal of not only becoming a journeyman carpenter, but gaining independence when I own and operate a contracting business that can hand down to my family.”

Tim Downing, spouse of a citizen, moved to this area from California so he could join the program. He has been doing a lot of jobsite work at the tribal development site on Dailey Road. Tim says that the apprenticeship pathway helps him develop skills that are meaningful to the tribe that will help him repay the tribe for its investment in him and his family. “I’m looking forward to being my own boss and bringing other young apprentices along to work with me in my own company.”

Andrew Ridenour is also a first year student, not only enrolled in the apprenticeship program and a full time college student, but also working on construction job sites and working a second job in the evenings. “This is an awesome program, there are lots of higher educational opportunities and skill building for me personally,” Andrew said. “It’s really hard work, requires a lot of commitment and time management, but in my life, I’ve never enjoyed working this hard as much as I do now. I now have some very aggressive and lofty goals for myself and I plan to own a construction company and employ others with aspirations like me.”

Dylan Johnson, completing his second year as an apprentice student, said, “It’s very important that someone entering the program first determine that this is something they truly want to do. The program requires a real commitment, more than what most people expect. The apprenticeship program requires four years of hard work and dedication, but the eventual rewards can be great. I really enjoy working with the apprentices in the classroom and on the jobsite.”

## Pokagon Storage Sale | July 29–August 2

Come to the National Copper Building from Monday, July 29 through Friday, August 2, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for great deals on a variety of items from Pokagon Band’s storage. Things for sale include, but are not limited to:

- Vehicles (bidding starts at \$500.00/vehicle)
- Clothing
- Housewares
- Office furniture
- Cabinetry
- Much more

The first two days will be reserved for purchases by Pokagon citizens and employees only. Beginning Wednesday, July 31, the sale is open to the public. All sales are final, as all goods will be inspected and tested prior to sale.

The Pokagon Youth Council will be serving refreshments during each day. The National Copper Building is located at 415 E Prairie Ronde Street in Dowagiac.



The Human Resources Department is currently accepting applications from those citizens and spouses that would like to enroll for their first year of the program. Submitting an application is the first step in the process to get involved. Next, you will need to take a TABE test (which measures mastery of reading, language, and math proficiency) and complete an OSHA-10 Hour Class. Finally, you will interview with the apprenticeship steering committee.

Applications are available either at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/careers/apprenticeship-program](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/careers/apprenticeship-program) or you can stop in the Human Resources offices between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to complete an application.

To be eligible for the program you must:

- Be a Pokagon citizen, or the spouse of a citizen;
- Be at least 18 years old, and;
- Have a high school diploma or a G.E.D.

If you come into the Human Resources department to complete an application, please bring proof of the above listed (i.e. tribal ID, marriage certificate, or if you are a spouse of a citizen, a high school diploma or G.E.D.). You will need to bring proof of the above if you submit an application online as well. Applications are due to the Human Resources Department no later than Friday, July 26 by 5:00 p.m.

**Get Organized  
and Ahead  
for Life!**

**Pokagon Student Summer Summit  
Western Michigan University  
From July 12, 1 pm through July 13, 3 pm**

Eat and Stay in the Dorm | Attend Fun Workshops  
For students entering 7th-12th grade, accompanied by  
Parents / Legal Guardians.

Limited transportation from Dowagiac provided.

You must contact Penny Brant to register:  
(269) 782-0887  
[penny.brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:penny.brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov)

## Fifths Disease Incidents Becoming More Frequent at Clinic

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Staff at Pokagon Health Services is seeing more and more Fifths Disease these days. Some people have never heard of Fifths Disease so it's easy to misdiagnose and/or mistreat it. Fifths Disease can be mistaken for sun poisoning, allergies, or other issues.

Fifths Disease is a mild rash illness caused by parvovirus B19. This disease is also called erythema infectiosum. It is more common in children than adults. A person usually gets sick within four to 14 days (sometimes up to twenty days) after getting infected with parvovirus B19. About twenty percent of children and adults who get infected with this virus will not have any symptoms.

The first symptoms of Fifths Disease are usually fever, runny nose and headache. Then, patients can get a rash on the face and body. This is called "slapped cheek" rash. This rash is the most recognized feature of Fifths Disease. It is more common in children than adults. Some people may get a second rash a few days later on their chest, back, buttocks, or arms and legs. The rash may be itchy, especially on the soles of the feet. The rash can vary in intensity and may come and go for several weeks. It usually goes away in seven to 10 days, but it can last several weeks. People with Fifths Disease can also develop pain and swelling in their joints (polyarthropathy syndrome). This is more common in adults, especially women. Some adults with Fifths Disease may only have painful joints, usually in the hands, feet, or knees, but no other symptoms. The joint pain usually lasts one to three weeks, but it can last for months or longer. It usually goes away without any long-term problems.

Parvovirus B19 spreads through respiratory secretions (such as saliva, sputum, or nasal mucus) when an infected person coughs or sneezes. You are most contagious when it seems like you have "just a cold" and before you get the rash or joint pain and swelling. After you get the rash, you are probably not contagious. So, it is usually safe for you to go back to work or for your child to go back to school or a child care center. The contagious period for Fifths Disease is different from many other rash illnesses. For example, people with measles can spread the measles virus when they have the rash. However, people with Fifths Disease who weakened immune systems may be contagious for a longer amount of time. Parvovirus B19 can also spread through blood or blood products. A pregnant woman who is infected with parvovirus B19 can pass the virus to her baby.

Fifths Disease is usually mild and will go away on its own. In most cases there is nothing your health care provider can do for this disease. If you have questions please contact your primary care provider today. Children and adults who are otherwise healthy usually recover completely. Treatment usually involves relieving symptoms, such as fever, itching, and joint pain and swelling. This can be treated with Tylenol. People who have complications from Fifths Disease should see their healthcare provider for medical treatment. There is no vaccine or medicine that can prevent parvovirus B19 infection.



Participants who read and helped reach the reading program goal of more than 4,000 books gathered at the Community Center April 27 for a pizza party, ice cream sundaes and games. People took home prizes and gifts and more books, to get ready for the next reading program, which started in May. The program's goal: 2013 books! Call the Department of Education or visit the website to get registered.



The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi invites you to the heart of the ancestral Potawatomi homelands for the

## 19th Annual Gathering of Potawatomi Nations

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

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

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

[www.PotawatomiGathering.com](http://www.PotawatomiGathering.com)

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

## Pokagon Lego League Begins Again

The robot is up and running, the playing field is out, and excitement is in the air. It must be LEGO League season again! We had our 2013 informational meeting on Wednesday, June 12 for interested K–12 Program Students (ages 9–14) and their families. If you missed it or were unable to attend, it is definitely not too late to ask questions or to sign up for this year’s team. You can call, e-mail, or stop by the Department of Education to talk to Kristie or Diana.

Although the actual LEGO Challenge will not be released until August 28, there are things our team can do to get a jumpstart. We are meeting on Tuesday, June 25 to build our second robot and to practice using the programming software. We also know that the project this year is called “Nature’s Fury.” We do not know the specific challenge we will be given, but we have been informed that it focuses on extreme weather, such as tornados, hurricanes, blizzards, tsunamis, floods, and earthquakes. We will dig into all kinds of resources to find out everything we can about weather in preparation for our project.

We had a great time with Lego League last year (pics of two team members at right) and expect our second time to be even better. We hope to see you in the Department of Education on June 25 at 5:30 pm for our first official meeting of the season. Please come!

Contact information: Kristie Bussler and Diana Smith, LEGO League Coaches, Pokagon Band Department of Education 58620 Sink Rd. Dowagiac, (269) 782-0887, [Kristie.bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Kristie.bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or [Diana.smith@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Diana.smith@pokagonband-nsn.gov).



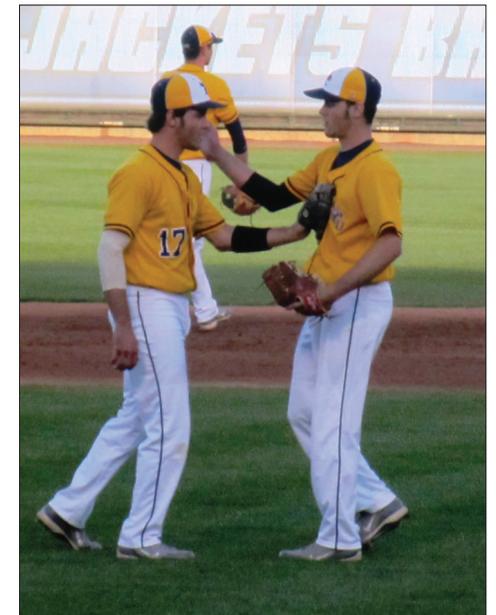
## Pokagon Baseball Players Drafted by Texas Rangers

Most young baseball players only dream they’ll be drafted someday to a major league team; odds are they won’t actually make that rare cut. So what are the odds of this: identical twin brothers, both Pokagon citizens, both making it to the major league draft, and both drafted by the same team? Despite the low probability, Pokagons David and Ryan Ledbetter, grandsons of Gordon Gwilt, were recently drafted by the Texas Rangers.

“I am aware that there have been twins in MLB, but they were not drafted in the same year nor by the same organization,” says their mom, Sherrie Ledbetter. “Certainly, they were not members of a Native American tribe!”

David, a right-handed pitcher, was drafted in the third round with the 99th overall pick by the Rangers. Ryan is also a right-hander, and he was drafted in the 19th round. He was the 580th overall pick. The twins will actually play for different minor league teams for the Rangers, one in Spokane, Washington, and the other in Phoenix. The two will first travel together to Arlington, Texas to take in a Rangers game from the owner’s box and enjoy the company of legend Nolan Ryan. Then they go their separate ways and report to their respective training camps.

The young men helped win two baseball state championships for their Heritage Christian High School in Indianapolis and then attended Cedarville University, a small division II school in Ohio, on baseball scholarships.



## Seasonal and Perennial Allergies Affect Many This Time of Year

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

People of all ages can be affected by allergies, and this can become a serious issue if the allergies are severe enough. A seasonal allergy is an allergic reaction to a trigger that is typically only present for part of the year, such as spring or fall. This type of allergy refers to a pollen allergy, such as trees, weeds and grasses. Seasonal allergies are sometimes referred to as hay fever. Symptoms of seasonal allergies include sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, itching of the nose, and post-nasal drip. Not all people experience all of the symptoms of hay fever, and in some people, only one symptom will predominate. It may be difficult to tell the difference between seasonal allergies and the common cold, and only an allergist may be able to tell the difference.

Pollen, which is spread in the wind with some plants and spread by insects in others, is a major cause of seasonal allergies. Pollen can land in a person's nose, eyes, lungs, and skin to set up a person for an allergic reaction. Allergies can include eye allergies, hay fever, or allergic asthma. This is why it is important to pinpoint what is causing the allergy and try to avoid it if possible. Pollen can travel long distances and it can vary in the amount in the air from day to day and from hour to hour. Grass pollen is usually the worst in the spring and summer. You may notice that grass pollen causes increased reaction when someone has just cut the grass or if a person is lying in the grass. Contact with grass may cause itching or hives. Weed pollen is usually the main cause of allergies in the late summer and fall. Most of the time seasonal allergies can be controlled by trying to decrease your exposure to the allergen. Here are some suggestions that may help:

- Keep windows closed prevent pollen from drifting into your home.
- Minimize early morning activity when pollen is usually emitted, between 5-10 a.m.
- Keep your car windows closed when traveling.
- Stay indoors when the pollen count is reported to be high, and on windy days when pollen may be present in higher amounts in the air.
- Take a vacation during the height of the pollen season to a more pollen-free area, such as the beach or sea.
- Avoid mowing the lawn and freshly cut grass.
- Machine-dry bedding and clothing. Pollen may collect in laundry if it is hung outside to dry.

Perennial allergies, on the other hand, are usually present year-round, and include allergens such as pet dander and house dust mite. Molds can be a seasonal or perennial allergy trigger. Again, the key is to identify the allergy causing agent and try to eliminate it or decrease the exposure to the allergen.

If you have severe seasonal and/or perennial allergies you should consult with your health care provider for possible further testing and treatment or medications that may help with your seasonal or perennial allergies.

### Culture—Contact Andy Jackson

• 7/27 | Medicine Gathering Walk, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 10a-5p

### Drumming—Contact Andy Jackson

• 7/10 | Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ John T Warren, 3733 Locust Rd, South Bend, IN 46614 6p-8pm

• 7/17 | Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ John T Warren, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6-8pm

• 7/17 | Ladies Drumming, Gage St House, 26464 Gage St, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6-8pm

• 7/24 | Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ Jason S Wesaw, Rush Lake, 48277 Rush Lake, Hartford, MI 49057, 6-8pm

### Language—Contact Rhonda Purcell

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

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

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

• Thursdays | 12 Week Basic Language Course—South Bend, 3733 Locust Rd, South Bend, IN 46614 6p-8pm

Early Start Language, Summer School-Head Start Bldg, 1:00p-1:35p

### Native Healing—Contact Andy Jackson

• 7/22—7/24 | Jake Pine, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 9a-5p (Individual appointments)

• 7/25 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6pm

### Youth—Contact Dean Orvis

• 7/12-7/16 | Unity Conference, Los Angeles, CA 7:00a-8:30p Daily

• 7/17 | Elders Garden Project, Community Center, 10:00a-3:00p

• 7/19-7/23 | Living Earth Festival, Washington, D.C., 7:00a-8:30p

• 7/24 | Elders Garden Project, Community Center, 10:00a-3:00p

• 7/25-7/27 | Michigan Indian Family Olympics, Mount Pleasant, MI, 10:30a-8:00p

• 7/29 | Jr & Sr Youth Council Elections, Dept of L&C, 1:00p-5:00p

### Traditions and Repatriation Committee—

• 7/29 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg.,

Finance Conf. Rm., 6-9pm

## July 2013 Department of Language and Culture

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Cultural Specialist, Andy Jackson (269) 462-4261, Language Coordinator, Rhonda Purcell  
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## Academic Excellence and Extracurricular Excellence

### By Elizabeth Morris, K-12 Summer Staff

At the Department of Education, we take pride in our young people and all of their achievements in school, as well as in their chosen extracurricular activities.

In this section, we like to introduce these young people in order to share and celebrate their successes. Students are nominated by someone who wishes to shed light upon their unique strengths, whether they may be in school or in another activity. Here is a little about Anysia, who was nominated by her parents, Liana and Tim Heath:

Anysia Heath is an exemplary student. She usually receives all As on her report card. She has increased her scores in both math and reading on the MEAP

test this year. She was selected for Math-A-Rama two years in a row. She not only excels in academics, but also in sports. She has been playing soccer since kindergarten and was on the EVSA Championship team last fall. Next week she will receive an award for perfect attendance.

The student nominated is also asked to share something about herself to allow us to learn a little more about them. Anysia shares her dreams for the future: "I love animals and would like to be a veterinarian someday." Anysia is certainly off to a great start and we look forward to hearing about more of her successes in the future.

If you know of a native child who excels in their academic or extracurricular activities, or has made growth in those areas, please share it with the Department of Education by filling out an excellence application. The excellence application can be found on the Pokagon website or in the Department of Education Office. Applications can then be sent to the Pokagon Band Department of Education, P.O. Box 180, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, MI 49047 or Penny. Brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov



### CHANGING LIVES & EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES

*Chi Ishobak (pronounced Chee Ish-o-bock), which means "Big Cabbage", is the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Chi Ishobak provides Tribal Citizens with access to affordable capital for the purposes of **business start-up, expansion, and individual financial development** through education-based lending services.*

#### **COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS**

Micro Loans  
Small Business Loans  
Small Business Individual Development Account (IDA)

#### **CONSUMER PROGRAMS**

Automobile Loans  
Credit Builder Loans  
Youth Transportation Individual Development Account (IDA)

#### **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Financial Wellness Workshops  
Individual Financial Coaching  
Small Business Development  
Writing a Business Plan  
Youth Financial Program

*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 subsistence for all tribal 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 – Executive Director**  
**(269) 783-4157**

[sean.winters@chiishobak.org](mailto:sean.winters@chiishobak.org)  
[www.chiishobak.org](http://www.chiishobak.org)

## AT&T Offers Discount for Pokagon Citizens, Government and Four Winds Employees

Want to save money on your AT&T cellular service? AT&T is offering a 15 percent discount for all Pokagon citizens, government and Four Winds employees. If you are interested in taking advantage of this benefit, you can go online to [www.att.com/wireless/tribes](http://www.att.com/wireless/tribes) or you can also go to a local AT&T store, you can find those stores at [www.att.com/storelocator](http://www.att.com/storelocator). However you decide to take advantage you must provide them with this FAN Code: 2462134.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact the IT Department at (269) 462-4269 or you can email [IT.Reception@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:IT.Reception@pokagonband-nsn.gov).



[www.att.com/wireless/tribes](http://www.att.com/wireless/tribes)

## Pokagon Artists Gallery Exhibit Opportunity

Pokagon Band is partnering with the Dogwood Fine Arts Festival, Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac Area History Museum and regional libraries and book clubs in a celebration of place with a variety of events around a community reading of Louise Erdrich's award-winning novel, *The Roundhouse*.

This year-long event will kick off on October 17 with a gallery exhibit of Pokagon artists in the Dogwood Fine Arts Festival space. If you are a Pokagon citizen who paints, weaves, sculpts, makes drums, pottery, baskets, regalia, beadwork, or is a photographer, you are invited to exhibit your work for sale during this event.

If you are interested, please e-mail [jason.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:jason.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov) by July 31 to be considered to participate in this event.

## Pokagon Citizens Invited to Celebrate Church's 175th

Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Silver Lake, MI is celebrating 175 years since the founding of the church by Leopold Pokagon. The congregation invites Pokagon Band citizens to join them in celebrating this milestone 11 a.m. on July 14, 2013 with a mass and a picnic lunch to follow.

## Head Start Graduation Lights Up Community Center

**By Sarah Hyatt, Head Start director**

The annual Head Start Graduation Ceremony & Family Carnival took place on Thursday May 16. This was the first time that the program held the ceremony at the Community Center and it was a wonderful turn out! The program would like to give a special thanks to the following volunteers that helped with graduation.

**Head Start Staff** Thank you for doing such a great job with the children. The ceremony and carnival went exceptionally well and the children did great!

**Tia Councilman Parker** Thank you for helping pack up and prepare things ahead of time, for helping set the tables & chairs, for helping in the kitchen and for helping with clean-up.

**Greg & Anna Morsaw** Thank you for showing up early to help get everything ready. Also, special thanks for being a “Head Start Grandpa” and honoring our program with the blessing before our lunch.

**Jason S. Wesaw** Thank you for your continued involvement with Head Start over the past 10 years, and for honoring our kids with the Honor Song.

**Christina & Brandon Rapp** Thank you for volunteering to help with the face-painting. Everyone really enjoyed it.

**Tracy Hyatt, Samantha Townsend & Raquel Castillo-Solis** Thank you for staying late, taking things home, running errands and preparing everything for the carnival!

**Rosalinda Smith** Thank you for doing such a great job making slide shows for all of the children with their individual pictures and progress throughout the year. It was a lot of work and the children and families have a great memory to keep!

**Chick Topash** Thanks for working with Rosie and getting everything set up for the ceremony.

**Lisa Johnson** Thanks for all of your help with everything at the Community Center!

**Elders** Thank you to all of you that attended the ceremony.

**Roger Rader** Thank you for your attendance as a Council member and for your continued support of the program.

The program would also like to thank:

**Julia Miller** Thank you for helping out so much by working in the classroom, working in the kitchen, helping in the office, working on the library, working on assembling furniture, working on organizing and inventory and all of the other projects that you worked on!

**Martha Olson** Thank you for your continued parent participation for the second year. Thank you for your commitment to the language and culture and sharing to help implement both into the Head Start Program.

**Jami Garcia** Thank you for your three years of continued participation with the program as a parent, Parent Policy Council Member and Community Policy Council Member. Thank you for being our voice, supporting the program and representing the program as a member of Policy Council. We wish you could hold your term longer than three years!

**Audrey Houston** Thank you for your continued support of the Head Start Program every year and all of the compliments you share about the program. Thank you for taking the extra time to bring materials and memorabilia to the Center to share and extend to the Head Start Program Specialist in Washington D.C.

**Elders Council** Thank you for the monetary donation to the program. The funds help to cover field trips and costs for the graduation ceremony. The donation is truly appreciated!

We are accepting applications for the waiting list for 2013–2014 school year. The application deadline was June 1, 2013. Any applications received after the deadline are placed on the waiting list. Children must be three years of age by December 1, 2013 to be eligible for the 2013–2014 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 or to request a pre-application.

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

### Upcoming Events/Closures

**July 5, 2013** Application packets due for the children selected from enrollment.

**August 12–16, 2013** Parent orientations.

**August 29, 2013** Family Open House 4–8.

**September 3, 2013** First day of school for the 2013–2014 school year.

**September 26, 2013** First Family Fun Night, Policy Council Elections, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

### Regalia Needed!

The program is looking for regalia that anyone would be interested in donating. If you have regalia that your children have outgrown or any old shawls and do not have any uses for these items, the Head Start Children would be honored to have the opportunity to have these items in their classrooms. If you have any items that you are willing to donate, please contact Samantha Townsend at the center or by email at [Samantha.Townsend@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Samantha.Townsend@PokagonBand-nsn.gov) or [Sarah.Hoyatt@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Sarah.Hoyatt@PokagonBand-nsn.gov).



Photos of the 2013 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen by Sammie Cook

## Department of Education Announcements and Updates

### Keep Minds Sharp Over the Summer Months with Summer Workbooks

Teachers may typically spent four to five weeks in the fall not only getting to know their new class, but also helping them to remember what skills and knowledge they lost over the summer. The decline in the newly acquired skills can be such a setback. Wouldn't it be great to change that pattern, especially with your child? The Department of Education's K-12 Program would love to get activity books into as many hands as possible this summer with the goal of keeping the math, reading, and spelling skills growing, not shrinking during these warm months. Please call us with your child's name, address, and grade entering in the fall.

Studies have shown that at least fifty percent of the students would rather be doing something learning oriented during their summer break; we can help! Call Connie at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 782-0887.

### Pokagon Band: A Nation That Reads Reading Program

Registration is open; the application is on the web, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education) or you can e-mail [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov) to have the form sent to you. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Connie Baber at (888) 330-1234 and we can mail you the application. Our goal this time is 2013 books.

### K-12 Program Registration and Backpacks Began June 17

Registration in the K-12 Program for children in pre-school through next year's high school seniors began on June 17 in the Head Start Building. We move to the Department of Education on July 1 to continue the registration daily, as well as having forms and backpacks at the South Bend Office.

South Bend area families, the Department of Education will have staff in the South Bend Office on Wednesday, August 14 from 1-6 pm to answer questions and take your registrations. If you want to set up an appointment to assure time for discussion, please contact Penny Brant at (269) 782-0887.

Additional registration events are during the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow, Saturday, August 31 from 3:00 – 5:00pm and Sunday, September 1 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. You can always send your registrations in, too. Families out of the ten county service area will have backpacks shipped to you.

You may also get these during the Healthy Step to Education event on Saturday, September 7 at the Community Center. This is the combined celebration of a super 2012 – 2013 school year and an energizer for the beginning of the 2013 – 2014 school year. This event has grown to a multi-departmental gathering of services, talents, resources, and family fun. You will have to come to be part of this packed day! There will be plenty of information sent your direction soon.

### Enrichment Program Now Open to 5th-12th Graders; Available All Year

If you are going into 5th through 12th grade and plan to attend a camp, participate in workshops, attend life skills programs, take pre-college summer classes, summer school or attend conferences we can provide up to \$500 toward that activity. Please note your enrichment program can be held anywhere and applies to any Pokagon citizen in the country, but must be used before graduation. If you are interested in applying, please send the following to the Department of Education: completed application, information about enrichment program you want to attend, copy of your tribal card. Forms are available on the Pokagon web site or contact Connie Baber to request the forms (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234 or e-mail at [conniebaber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:conniebaber@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

### 2013-2014 PreK-12 Program Registration is nearing

The PreK-12 registration process will begin on Monday, June 17 at the Head Start Building. Stop in from Monday through Friday, 9 – 5 until June 29. After that date, the registration will take place in the Department of Education. A Healthy Step into Education on Saturday, September 7 at the Pokagon Band Community Center will also feature K-12 registration and backpacks. Labor Day PowWow registration times are Saturday, August 31, from 3 – 5 p.m. and Sunday, September 1 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the Department of Education. Parents / legal guardians must be present for signatures and students' Tribal IDs will be needed. Backpacks are available while supplies last.

### Attention Recent High School Graduates

The Department of Education will be acknowledging the 2013 high school graduates in the tribal newsletter in October. If you would like to be included in this acknowledgement, you can fill out a Senior Awards Form found on our website or contact Connie Baber at (269) 782-0887 for a form. The form will need to be returned by August 30, 2013 to be included in the newspaper. You are welcome to include a picture with your information. To send information and a high-resolution (not a camera phone) picture digitally, please send to: [diana.smith@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:diana.smith@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

### K-12 School Supply Reimbursements

The 2012-2013 School Supply Reimbursement is closing on July 31, so please send in your requests now. The next year's program starts on August 1. Don't forget that your K-12 student's receive a \$100 reimbursement for items purchased for school, fees for extracurricular participation, winter coats or boots, or gym shoes, to name a few things. Please circle the items on the receipts for which we are reimbursing you. Do not highlight them. It is often difficult for us to tell which articles are involved and that could cause a delay for your check request. If you haven't sent in your form and receipts, please go on to the Pokagon website, locate the Department of Education, and click on the School Supply Reimbursement for the form. If you don't have access to the site, feel free to call Connie and request a form at (888) 330-1234.

### High School Success Service

Tenth through 12th grade students (and parents) – we can help with some of your expenses leading toward graduation and college. Your basic graduation cap and gown, one ACT/SAT test, and up to \$100 for college application fees will be funded by the Tribe. Check on the website or give us a call.

### Tutoring is Available for Students In and Out of the Ten-County Service Area

Tutoring is available to students getting a C- or below in a core subject and/or receiving an IEP, whether you are in or out of the ten county service area. Kristie Bussler, K-12 Resource Specialist, is the person to contact: [Kristie.bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Kristie.bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov) and (269) 782-0887.

### Pokagon Band Special Needs Program

The Pokagon Band Department of Education's K-12 Program service to help all Pokagon Band students with special educational needs provides up to \$400 a school year for items that assist in your child's education such as: testing, specific attachments for computers, and hearing devises in the classroom. Computers or iPads are not funded with this program, but technology that attaches to them is an option. Contact Penny Brant or Kristie Bussler (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234 prior to purchasing a device to confirm that it is covered in this program and to start the application process.

### Get Organized and Ahead for Life and Visit Western Michigan University

GOAL is one way the K-12 Program is reaching out to you, 7th –12th grade students and families. Its focus is on ways to be successful in middle and high school and then beyond to college and careers. We are taking an overnight college visit to Western Michigan University, Friday, July 12, leaving the Administration Building at 11:30 am and returning back to the building at 4:30 pm on Saturday, July 13. Limited transportation is provided from Dowagiac. The actual event starts at Western at 1:00 pm on Friday and finishes at 3:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for students and parents/legal guardians to experience a bit of the life on campus, attend some engaging workshops, sample the food, stay in a dorm, and relax on campus. Feel free to contact Penny Brant (269) 782-0887 or [penny.brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:penny.brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov) to get signed up.

**Practice Your Potawatomi**

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emkwan-spoon

koman-knife

bdekjigen-fork

taswen-cabinet

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Please try the activity above and send it in to the Department of Language and Culture and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card. You can email, fax, or US mail your answer to: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, MI 49047

Fax: (269) 782-1817

Rhonda.Purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov

## Tribal Council July Calendar of Events

- 1 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 2 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 22 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 23 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 29 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 30 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

## Tribal Council August Calendar of Events

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

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



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### Carpenter Apprenticeship Program

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

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

#### Requirements:

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

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

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

#### Application Process:

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

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

## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR TAX BREAKS?

Dear Pokagon Band citizen:

You may be eligible for certain Michigan tax exemptions.

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

Julie Rodriguez  
Staff Accountant/Tax Agreement



Photos of the 2013 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen by Sammie Cook

## Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

## Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Christmas 2011	Christmas 2012	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	
2509	Karra Barr				x	
2595	James Hamstra				x	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	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

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

## 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
<b>Friday, November 1, 2013*</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 26, 2013</b>	<b>Wed, November 27, 2013</b>

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

## Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

# Elders Lunch Menu | Abtenibne Gizses July

monday

1

Buffalo Meatballs in Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob  
Garden Salad  
Banana and Nilla Wafer Pudding Roll

tuesday

2

Chicken Fajitas W/ Peppers and Onions  
Soft or Hard Taco Shells  
Assorted Toppings  
Angel Food Cake and Berries

wednesday

3

Pork Loin in Dried Fruit & BBQ  
Baked Potato  
Brussels Sprouts  
Cottage Cheese and Apple-sauce  
Cornbread

thursday

4 closed | fourth of july

friday

5 closed | fourth of july



8 language

Sausage Links  
Biscuits and Gravy  
Hash Browns  
Scrambled Eggs  
Orange Juice

9

Salmon Patty  
Baked Potato  
Asparagus  
Tomato Salad  
Dessert Roll

10

Chicken Kabobs with Veggies  
Black Beans and Rice  
Garden Salad  
Jell-O W/ Fruit Roll

11 business

Buffalo Sloppy Joes  
Potato Salad  
Assorted Veggie Tray  
Fruit Salad  
Birthday Cake

12

Brats on a Bun  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Cucumber Salad  
Relish Tray  
Dessert

15 language

BBQ Chicken  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Fruit  
Rye Bread

16 miea

Roast Beef Manhattan  
Mashed Potatoes  
Garden Salad  
Broccoli  
Jell-O W/ Fruit

17 miea

Ham  
Sweet Potatoes  
Peas  
Tomato Salad  
Lemon Cake Roll

18 miea

Beef Liver and Onions  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob  
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple  
Mini Carrot Cake Roll

19

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia  
Rice Pilaf  
Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Blueberries

22 language

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

23

Breaded Cod  
Baked Potatoes  
Tri-Blend Veggies  
Garden Salad  
Cherry Pie

24

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Vegetables  
Coleslaw  
Red Velvet Cupcake

25

Bean Soup  
Sliced Turkey and Cheese Sandwich  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Yogurt and Fruit Cup

26 elders social picnic

Ribs and Chicken  
Potato Salad  
Baked Beans  
Corn on the Cob  
Fruit Trays  
at Community Center

29 language

Beef Sausage in Spanish Rice  
Asparagus  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Ice Cream

30

Buffalo Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Fruit Roll

31

Potato Soup  
Sliced Ham and Cheese Sandwich  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Pudding Cup



# july

**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

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Commodities  
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Toll Free (888) 281-1111  
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Communications  
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(269) 782-8998

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(269) 782-8998

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

Elders Program  
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Enrollment  
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FAX 269) 782-1964

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

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(866) 250-6573

FAX (269) 782-9795  
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Behavioral Health  
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FAX (269) 782-8797

Housing & Facilities  
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Social Services  
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Tribal Police  
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## Council Meeting Times Changed

Beginning June 1, Tribal Council and Pokagon Gaming Authority meetings will begin at 10 a.m. rather than noon. Those who participate in webcasting or attend in person, please make a note.

# Abtenibne Gizses July Citizen Announcements

Congrats Christian A Campbell!

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

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

Love, Dad, Mom, Bryce & Drew



Happy Birthday **Joshua Lewis** 16 years on June 10.

Love, Uncle Bill



**Bugs,**

WOW! Four years old this year!!! Seems like just yesterday Daddy and Mommy where headed to the hospital to finally meet you. You will probably never understand the amazing impact you have made on our lives. We love you so much and are so proud to call you our son. Happy Birthday big man! Wishing you sunshine, love and laughter. Not just today, but all the days after.

Love Always,

Mommy and Daddy



Congratulations **Allysen Baxter**. We are so proud of you.

Love you,

Grandma + Papa

**Alex Goodrich** and **Patricia Edwards** were married on May 31, 2013. Congratulations!



Happy 21st birthday to my son, **Jacob Robert Miller**, July 18. You will always be my miracle baby!

I love you so much,  
Mom xoxo

Pokagon Band Departments of Education & Natural Resources

## Ezh N'bamendamen Project (How We Think About Caring For the Water)



**Who:** 7th –12th grade students in the Department of Education K–12 Program

**Where:** Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources Conference Room

**What:** The Pokagon Band Departments of Natural Resources and Education invite 7th –12th grade students who are enrolled in the K–12 Program to join us for trainings and field work to test the quality of water on our Pokagon lands. We will meet four times over the summer. The last session will include writing a report of our findings to present to Tribal Council. Please join us for this experience that will impact our community for generations to come!

July 12, 2013 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

July 26, 2013 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Lunch will be provided at each event.

Please call (269) 782-0887 for more information.

Gas cards will be available to cover travel costs.

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