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### Two Pokagon Youth Honored with National Award

United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY) recently announced the inaugural class of its new national youth leadership recognition program, the 25 Under 25 Native Youth Leadership Awards, and two Pokagon youth made the cut. Collin Church and Alex Wesaw will be recognized at a ceremony during the UNITY National Conference June 28 – July 3 in Portland, Oregon, with each receiving a hand-made beaded 25 Under 25 medallion. There, they will join more than 1,300 native youth who are converging at the National Conference for a full week of youth leadership development, featuring tribal leaders, expert trainers, and native youth peers from throughout the country. Another Potawatomi, Drew Phillips of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band, also received this honor.

In addition to being recognized, each awardee will receive special training by UNITY over the period of one year that is designed to build

on their individual achievements. The inaugural class will be recognized as UNITY ambassadors, serving as examples of Native youth leadership in Indian Country today. Church and Wesaw have been active in the Pokagon Band's Youth Councils and have held leadership positions in national native organizations and at their universities for several years.

The 25 Under 25 awards program is designed to celebrate the achievements of Native American and Alaskan Native youth ages 14 to 24 who embody UNITY's core mission and exude living a balanced life developing their spiritual, mental, physical and social well-being.



Potawatomi nations from across the United States and Canada will converge on Allegan County, Michigan August 4-9 at the 2014 Potawatomi Gathering. The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band is hosting The Gathering, an opportunity for Potawatomi people to reunite as a family to strengthen culture and traditions. Register now and check out all the planned conferences, activities and events at the Gathering website:

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

## Native American WNBA Player Shoni Schimmel Inspires Pokagon Youth

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Members of the Youth Council recently traveled to Chicago to see Shoni Schimmel, a Native American basketball player, play in a WNBA game. Schimmel was drafted in the first round (the eighth pick overall) and plays for the Atlanta Dream.

Schimmel was raised on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Mission, Oregon. During her high school career, she was named a first team All-American by *Parade Magazine*.

The 5'9" player was a four-year starter for the Louisville Cardinals, and she led her team to the championship game of the 2012-2013 Tournament. The USBWA and the Associated Press named her an All-American.

Schimmel has a younger sister, Jude, who is also a basketball player. Jude has one more year of eligibility at the University of Louisville. The sisters have a huge fan base in the Native American community. The Atlanta Dream has announced that the team will celebrate "Heritage Fridays," and the festivities began with Native American Night on May 30.

Sarah Shilling, a Champion for Change from the Little Traverse Bay Band, and Ernie Stevens Jr., Chair of the National Indian Gaming Association, accompanied the Pokagon group to the game.

"We had about ten people in our group, and we had courtside seats for the game," said Collin Church, chair of the Senior Youth Council. "It was an amazing experience. I have never sat that close at a sporting event."

"Shoni is an inspiration," said Church. "Less than one percent of athletes from reservations make it to a professional level. She has drive and dedication, and she has a heart for her community. She is also very talented, and was the leading scorer in the game."

The group had the opportunity to meet Schimmel at the game. She took the time to take pictures and give autographs to her fans.



## Pokagons Visit Boarding School



Eighty years ago June 6, the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closed its doors forever. The school consisted of 37 buildings on 320 acres of land in central Michigan, with an average enrollment of 300 American Indian students in grades K-8 per year. The school operated from 1893 to 1934, and those native children who were forced from their

families and communities bore the effects of their experiences there for the rest of their lives.

Twelve Pokagon youth and 37 Pokagon elders attended an honoring, healing and remembering ceremony that occurs on June 6 each year to commemorate the end of that era. The day began with a sunrise ceremony at the cemetery and



concluded with a healing, jingle dance and traveling song. Tribal Council member Marie Manley-Harwood spoke during the proceedings about how moving it was to be present on the grounds of the former school, and how grateful she was to elders and organizers for making the opportunity possible.

## Be Vigilant with Sun Protection This Summer

**By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse**

Sunburn results from too much sun or sun-equivalent exposure. Anyone who visits a beach, goes fishing, works in the yard, or simply is out in the sun can get sunburned. Sunburn is possible any time of the year, but is more common in the summer months when the sun's rays are the strongest. Improper tanning bed use is also a source of sunburn. Although seldom fatal, severe sunburn or sun poisoning can be a cause for concern. One or more blistering sunburns in childhood or adolescence more than double a person's chances of developing melanoma later in life, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation. A person's risk for melanoma doubles if he or she has had five or more sunburns at any age.

Sunburns should be avoided at all costs to help decrease your chances of getting skin cancer. Some tips to help you prevent sunburns are below.

- Avoid the sun during the peak hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wear wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and sunglasses with appropriate UV protection.



- Use sunblock. Pay attention to the sun protection factor (SPF) and whether or not PABA is in the product. Some people's skin is sensitive to PABA. PABA should be avoided in children younger than 6 months because it can cause skin irritation. Because of the tendency to produce irritation, and other harmful properties most sunscreens no longer contain this chemical.
- The American Academy of Dermatology recommends a broad-spectrum (UVA and UVB) waterproof sunscreen of at least SPF 30 be used year round.

- Reapply sunscreen according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Be sure to apply sunscreen to all areas of the body. If you miss areas these can be open to sunburn. Some common missed body parts are the nose, scalp, and the ears.
- Water proof and sweat proof does not really mean what it says. No sunblock is really water proof; it is water resistant and it should state for how long on the package. If your child is in the water or is sweating, more frequent application is needed for sunscreen to be effective. Most water proof sunblocks will need to be reapplied every 40–80 minutes depending on what brand you are using.
- Apply sunscreen 15 minutes before going out into the sun and reapply as indicated.
- Apply the sunscreen liberally. You want to be sure that you and your family members have enough sunscreen on them. Often sunscreen is applied but not in great enough amount to make a difference.



## Purple Shawl Project: Dancers Invited

**Sunday, August 17**  
**1:00–5:00 p.m.**  
**Community Center**

27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

If you have made a shawl for the Purple Shawl Project, please join us at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow August 30 and 31.

Our goal is to one day have the dance arena filled with Purple Shawl dancers. These are honor dances—no fancy dancing required! The next Purple Shawl meeting is August 17 from 1–5 p.m. at the Community Center. Please join us if you are a woman and would like to start a shawl for you and/or your daughter or if you need to finish one. Please bring a dish to pass.

More details on the times for the Purple Shawl dances at the Pow Wow will follow in the next newsletter and on the Pokagon Band Facebook page.

If you have any questions about the Purple Shawl project, please contact Lisa Downing or Marchell Wesaw at (269) 462-4200.

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## Farmington Hills Students Learn About Native American Culture from Pokagon Group

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

A group of Pokagon dancers and drummers traveled to Farmington Hills, Michigan in May to give elementary students a chance to learn about and experience Native American culture.

Jaxon Peters is a third grader at Forest Elementary in Farmington Hills, and his class was learning about Native American tribes in Michigan. The teacher asked the students if of them knew any of the tribes, and Jaxon quickly volunteered information about the Pokagon Potawatomi.

“His teacher was surprised to learn that he knew about the Potawatomi,” said Cari Peters, Jaxon’s mother. “He told his class that his dad was a tribal citizen and that he had been to a pow wow. His teacher thought it was sweet to see how proud he was and wondered if someone from the family would be willing to come and speak to the class.”

Cari reached out to her mother-in-law, Audrey Houston, who is a member of the Elders Council. Audrey contacted Conrad Church, the director of Language and Culture, and soon they had arranged for a group to travel to the school.

“The school put on an assembly for the third and fourth graders,” said Peters. “Tribal members spoke to the students about their culture and how they are trying to revive their language.”

“Five to seven dancers performed, and there were two drummers,” said Peters. “The kids loved it! It was very loud and interactive, and many kids said that it was their favorite assembly. The message to the students was that Native Americans are here, and even though we are different, we are all the same.”

“The best part of the assembly occurred during the very last song and dance,” explained Peters. “My boys, Jaxon and Nolan, were invited to come out and drum with the group. They are a bit shy, and Conrad explained to them that it is an honor to be invited to drum. They boys got out there and embraced it.”

After the positive experience of the assembly, Jaxon and Nolan are attending Cultural Camp in Dowagiac. They are eager to learn more about their culture and pass their knowledge on to their family and friends.



## Project LAUNCH Focuses on Prevention



Prevention: It’s a word we use often when we talk about health care. Treatment happens when we start to see symptoms, but prevention is the ongoing effort we take to avoid those symptoms. When we experience a symptom like pain in a tooth, we might treat that symptom on our own with over-the-counter medication or seek dental treatment and have the tooth filled. Dental care has a great model for prevention services: dentists recommend a check-up every six months. At the check up, we receive preventive care through a thorough cleaning, physical examination and education on how to care for your teeth.

This helps many of us learn effective habits which can eliminate the symptom of pain and the need for long-term treatment.

Preventive care for mental health is something we don’t always think about. Quite often we think of mental health as a diagnosis like depression or anxiety. Mental health is really just our optimal state of being, and we now know that children’s mental health is supported through a process of brain development that begins before birth and continues into adulthood. Preventive care helps us to support this growth and development at every stage of life and increases the probability of positive mental health outcomes.

Project LAUNCH, which seeks to increase and enhance services for children in our community, aims to build a model of preventive care by strengthening parenting skills and regularly screening for social-emotional concerns before the symptoms become painful. This investment in our young children provides a long-term payback when they become productive adult members of our tribal community.

The Triple P program is one of those prevention tools. Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program, and it has been proven to help parents build strong family relationships, manage child misbehaviour and prevent problems from occurring in the first place. Parenting can be tough; Triple P is designed to provide simple, practical strategies that parents and caregivers can adapt to fit with their personal values. If you are interested in learning more about Triple P or have questions or comments about Project LAUNCH, please contact JT Laraway at (269) 462-4450.

## Upcoming Social Services Cultural Workshops

### Wooden Spoon Making Workshop and Community Potluck with John Pigeon | July 19

The Department of Social Services is hosting a wooden spoon making workshop, facilitated by John Pigeon. The workshop will be held at the Rodger’s Lake Pavilion from 10 AM–4 PM on Saturday, July 19. Please bring a dish to pass. This event is open to the community, though spaces are limited. You must RSVP to attend. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

### Basket Making Class | July 24

The Department of Social Services is hosting a basket making class with Margaret Rapp and Christine Morseau on Monday, July 21. This class is for women only and spaces are extremely limited. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov) to RSVP.

### Old Style Potawatomi Rattle Class | August 5

The Department of Social Services is hosting an Old Style Potawatomi Rattle Making class taught by Joy Duff on August 5. The class is for women only and spaces are extremely limited. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov) to RSVP.

### Purple Shawl Workshop | August 17

The next Purple Shawl workshop will be held on Sunday, August 17 from 1–5 at the Community Center. Please bring a dish to pass. You do not have to be an experienced seamstress to attend, but if you please feel free to bring your sewing supplies and expertise. Shawl material and fringe are provided. This has been an excellent project for women in the community to raise awareness for domestic violence and support those who have experienced violence. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

## Medical Social Worker Joins Pokagon Health Services

My name is Melody Pillow and I am here to provide counseling and support services to patients of the Clinic. Illness and injury can take an emotional toll on everyone involved, leading to increased distress for patients and families. In addition to counseling, I can provide assistance with financial concerns, insurance, and help with referrals for community resources. Here are some examples of my daily duties and responsibilities:

**ADVOCATING** I speak up for patients' rights. One way I do this is to talk with the doctors, patients, and their families to ensure a smooth transition from hospitals and rehabilitative facilities to patient's homes.

**COLLABORATING** I work with primary care physicians at Pokagon Health Services and other health professionals to give patients information about their care plan.

**COMMUNICATING** After patients sign a consent form I speak to organizations on their behalf. I make referrals and try to get past all of the red tape involved to help patients receive the services for which they are eligible.



**EDUCATING** I give patients and their family members health care information about their medical conditions, self-help resources, and worksheets to make informed health care decisions. I also give information about programs or organizations that patients can find useful.

**FACILITATING** I help guide patients so that they can be able to process their thoughts and feelings in a safe and comfortable environment that promotes personal growth and emotional healing.

**NAVIGATING** One of my biggest jobs is to assist patients with applying for health insurance. I help patients understand the requirements of government health insurance eligibility for programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

I have more than 25 years of experience in human services, specializing in child and family welfare, and have worked with children with emotional and cognitive impairments. I coordinated care services for pregnant women and infants in Allegan and Van Buren County, provided family preservation services in the Families First Program, and was a wrap-around facilitator for Berrien County. I'm currently studying to become a fully licensed Master Clinical Social Worker. I hold a BS in family studies and a master in social work from Western Michigan University. I bring a wealth of experience and resources to serve the bio-psycho-social needs of our patients.

I look forward to providing this new service and welcome any questions. If you would like to set up an appointment I can be reached at Pokagon Health Services either by e-mail [Melody.Pillow@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Melody.Pillow@Pokagonband-nsn.gov) or telephone (269)782.4141 ext. 441.

## Tribal Court Assistance Program | Grant Advisory Board Facilitated Work Session Peacemaking (Native Justice) Implementation

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pokagon Band Community Center

Tribal citizens, spouses and staff are welcome to observe as the Tribal Court Assistance Program (T.C.A.P) Grant Advisory Board works with Ada Pecos-Melton on the drafting of a peacemaking plan for the Pokagon Band community. The members of this core group have been on a journey to explore peacemaking to determine whether it has utility for our community. The purpose of this work session is: (1) to establish both written vision and mission statements which are consistent with the Pokagon Band Mission Statement and community values; and (2) to develop an implementation plan so that this community has a peacemaking mechanism for immediate community use. Although this is a work session, we are keeping this open so that citizens, spouses and employees can hear and see the work of the core group and learn why and how native peacemaking concepts and principles to resolve conflicts and disputes within the tribal community are envisioned to be part of this community's future.

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## 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:

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

[Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

## Tick Season is Here

By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

It's the time of year to start thinking about ticks and preventing tick bites. A tick attaches itself to the skin of an animal or person and sucks its blood. There are hundreds of kinds of ticks, and they can be found almost everywhere. Check for ticks after you've been playing or hiking in the woods, especially on your head (including your scalp), back, neck, armpits, and groin area.

If you ever find a tick on you, remove it from your skin. This should be done using tweezers. Grab the tick as close as possible to your skin, and pull the tick off in one motion. Don't cover the tick with petroleum jelly, fingernail polish, or any other substance, since these don't help the tick come out and can make things more complicated. If part of the tick stays in your skin, don't worry it will eventually come out. Monitor the area for any irritation.

Doctors don't need to treat most tick bites unless the tick was carrying Lyme disease or Rocky Mountain spotted fever and passed it on. Any symptoms that might mean you are sick will be treated with antibiotics. If these diseases are treated early, it's rare to experience lasting changes to a person's health.

The symptoms of Lyme disease depend on the stage of the disease. You may first notice symptoms weeks to months after the tick bite. If the disease isn't treated, it may progress from mild symptoms to serious, long-term disabilities.



- In the first stage, you may have a rash at the site of the tick bite. You may also have a lack of energy or a headache and stiff neck. Sometimes people have no symptoms at this stage.
- In the second stage, symptoms may include memory problems and pain and weakness in the arms and legs.
- In the third stage, symptoms may include swelling and pain (like arthritis) in the joints, not being able to control facial muscles, and numbness and tingling in the hands, feet, or back.

If you don't have any of the symptoms of Lyme disease and the site of the bite is healing, you don't need to contact your health provider.

Preventing tick bites is the best medicine. Below are ten ways to help you prevent them when outdoors:

1. Use a product with 20% DEET or higher on both skin and clothing.
2. Apply permethrin to clothing, hiking boots, tents, and camp chairs.
3. Wear light-colored clothing.
4. Wear long pants with sneakers or hiking boots.
5. Outfit yourself in bug repellent apparel.
6. Stay on the trail.
7. Avoid tick-infested places.
8. Be vigilant – do a daily tick check.
9. Put your clothes in the dryer, and tumble them on high heat.
10. Check your pets and your kids before letting them loose in the house.

## Stanley Morseau is Elder of the Month



Well, they have run out of elders to honor, so not it is my turn. My name is Stan Morseau. I am the son of Wilbur Morseau and Nora Mae Lewis Morseau. I have been married to Linda for 49 years. We have four children: Norrie, Shannon, Junior and Sam. We have 16 grandchildren, five great grandchildren and an ever changing number of foster children.

I have recently returned to the area after having been gone for 55 years. I have always said that someday I wanted to return, and that day finally arrived.

Over the last fifty years we have traveled the pow wow circuit and had the honor of making many friends. We kept busy coaching and supporting our children in baseball, basketball, wrestling, soccer, football and cheerleading.

The things I enjoy are family, first; secondly I enjoy standing up to voice my opinion because I listen to people and try to express their beliefs as best I can. I also enjoy rekindling family memoirs of those I was not able to grow old with. The most interesting part is meeting the younger generation and watching them blossom into young adults. When I left Hartford I knew every relative I had, which numbered about 500. Fifty-five years later they now total 6,000. So you see, I have a lot of visiting to do.



Stanley Morseau became chair of Elders Council June 23.

## Riddle

Mail in your correct answer or email it to [susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov) in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. WAIT... another way to win is to mail or email your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card. Last month's riddle winner is **Emily Serba**, who answered "a match" to the riddle, "Tear one off and scratch my head, what once was red is black instead. What am I?"

**Logan Serba** submitted a new riddle and he has also won a gift card. Check it out!

**How did the big mountain know that the little mountain was fibbing?**

## Forum on Hunting and Fishing Sovereignty a Good First Step

Pokagon citizens interested in helping establish a Conservation Code that protects hunting, fishing, gathering and trapping sovereignty on tribal land helped staff take the first steps in creating that code June 14.

“We had a favorable turnout and had a lot of positive feedback,” said Kevin Modlin, conservation officer and part of the group working on the Code, which also includes staff from the Department of Natural Resources, Tribal Police and General Counsel. “People seem to be excited for the upcoming changes with the licensing process. It really is for their benefit that we hear from them.”

Once the General Counsel finishes the Code it will be presented to Tribal Council, voted on and eventually implemented. The hope is the Code will be established by Sovereignty Day September 21 this year.

“Creating this Code really is a groundbreaking event for the tribe, and we are happy to see the excitement from the citizens whom it will impact,” said Modlin.

## Pokagon Elders Planning Trip to Mall of America September 8–10

Join Pokagon Elders for a shopping trip to the Mall of America! Only elders are eligible to participate in this trip. The spouse of an elder may accompany the elder on the trip, regardless of whether the spouse is a citizen or an elder. Following the policy of the random drawing, you will be put on a participant list or an alternate list. If you are a single person, you will be paired with another person to share a double room. Spouses will be together in their room.

All elders will receive a mailing detailing the registration, itinerary, and the agenda of the trip, including times and locations. Please keep your addresses up dated with the enrollment office, and do not call Elders Hall.



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**BE GOOD TO EACH OTHER FAMILY  
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**SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2014**  
**11:00 AM UNTIL 2:00PM**  
**RODGER LAKE PAVILION**  
**58620 SINK RD.**  
**DOWAGIAC, MI 49240**

TO RSVP CONTACT: MICHAELANN GARTNER IN SOCIAL SERVICES AT (269) 782.8998 EXT. 107



## Need extra cash? Want to help others?

### Auxiliary Tutors Wanted

The Pokagon Band Department of Education is looking for qualified tutors to work with Pokagon students (pre-kindergarten – 12th Grade) both in and out of the ten-county service area.

Qualified candidates will have a current teaching certificate or a Bachelor's degree with an academic area of focus. Tutors are hired as private contractors. A completed background investigation through the Department of Human Resources is required.

If you or someone you know may be interested in tutoring, applications are available on the web at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov).

Please contact the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or by email at [Kristie.Bussler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Kristie.Bussler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov).

Pokagon Band tribal preference hiring policy applies.

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<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>August 1</p> <p>EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance</p>	<p>August 2</p>



## Notice of Open Positions | Enrollment Committee

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon citizens to fill vacancies on the Enrollment Committee. The Enrollment Committee is responsible for reviewing and forwarding to Tribal Council the applications for tribal membership. The Enrollment Committee meets monthly, the second Monday of the month, at the Administration Building, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI. Including meeting preparation, other enrollment business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately two to three hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Committee Members include:

To meet on a monthly basis to review the enrollment applications, and to hold such information as confidential and sensitive.

**ELIGIBILITY.** To serve as a member of the Enrollment Committee, a Pokagon citizen must:

- Be detail-oriented.
- Be achievement-oriented.
- Be discreet and respectful of the privacy of others.
- Possess good knowledge of math fundamentals.

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

## College Students: Be Aware of Rental Assistance Deadline

If you are going back to school for the fall 2014 semester, please don't forget to turn in all the following documents by Friday, October 17:

- Verification of Income
- Full Time School Schedule
- Previous Semester Grades
- Full Time Student Verification Form, available at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/housing-and-facilities/rental-programs/student-temporary-housing-assistance-program](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/housing-and-facilities/rental-programs/student-temporary-housing-assistance-program), which needs to be filled out by your college/university and you.
- New Lease or Dorm Agreement

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Enrollment Committee members are appointed by Tribal Council. There are currently three vacant seats on the Enrollment Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for two-year terms of office.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Please submit letters of interest to:

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

**QUESTIONS.** Questions concerning the Enrollment Committee or this notice may be directed to Michaelann Gartner, Chairperson of the Enrollment Committee, [michaelann.gartner@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:michaelann.gartner@pokagonband-nsn.gov), (269) 470-6171.

The deadline for submitting letters of interest is August 4, 2014.

The documents must be delivered by October 17 or you will not be able to receive assistance for the fall semester, but can reapply next semester. Please e-mail, fax or mail the documents to the Housing Department, and contact Megan Rick or Lisa Johnson with questions.

Phone: (269)462-4251 or (269)783-0443  
E-mail: [Megan.Rick@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Megan.Rick@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or [Lisa.Johnson@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Lisa.Johnson@pokagonband-nsn.gov)  
Fax: (269)783-0452 or (269)462-4274  
Mail:  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

## Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* are not original.

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

# Elders Lunch Menu | Abtenib gises July

monday



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7 **language**

Sausage Links  
Biscuits and Gravy  
Egg Casserole with Hash Browns  
and Peppers  
Orange Juice

14 **language**

BBQ Chicken  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Fruit  
Rye Bread

21 **language**

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

28 **language**

Beef Sausage in Spanish Rice  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Corn Bread  
Ice Cream

tuesday

1

Pork Chops in Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Vegetables  
Garden Salad  
Dessert  
Roll

8

Salmon Patty  
Baked Potato  
Asparagus  
Tomato Salad  
Dessert  
Roll

15 **miea**

Roast Beef Manhattan  
Mashed Potatoes  
Garden Salad  
Broccoli  
Yogurt W/ Fruit Cup

22

Bean Soup  
Sliced Turkey and Cheese  
Sandwich  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Dessert

29

Buffalo Goulash  
Spinach Salad  
Cauliflower  
Garlic Bread  
Fruit Cocktail

wednesday

2

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

9

Buffalo Sloppy Joes  
Potato Salad  
Assorted Veggie Tray  
Jell-O W/ Fruit

16 **miea**

Ham  
Sweet Potatoes  
Peas  
Coleslaw  
Lemon Cake  
Roll

23

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Vegetables  
Garden Salad  
Red Velvet Cupcake

30

Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, and  
Cheese Casserole  
Garden Salad  
Fruit  
Roll

thursday

3 **business**

Minestrone Soup  
Deli Sandwiches  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Fruit Salad  
Birthday Cake

10

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

17

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia  
Rice Pilaf  
Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Blueberries

24 **social luncheon**

Ribs and Chicken  
Baked Beans  
Fruit and Veggie Trays  
Broccoli Salad  
Pies  
**at pavillion**

31

Sea Bass  
Baked Potato  
Corn on the Cob  
Coleslaw  
Roll

friday

4 **closed** | fourth of july



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11

Pizza Day

18

Buffalo, Bean, and Rice Layered  
Burrito Casserole  
All the Toppings  
Garlic Bread  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

25 **closed**



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# 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. Business and social luncheons are potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass.**

### Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

### Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas					Monthly Per Cap
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	x	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	x	
1598	Siloman Askin Temple					x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	x	x
2429	Larry Pierce Jr.					x	
2595	James Hamstra				x	x	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	x	x
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					x	

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by August 15 in order to make it on the September 2014 check run. Anything received after August 15 will be processed on the check run for October. 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
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27, 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
<b>Monday, November 3, 2014*</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 25, 2014</b>	<b>Wed, November 26, 2014</b>

\* Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, 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.

### Tribal Council **July** Calendar of Events

- 1 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 8 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Government Election
- 14 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 15 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 16 Legislative Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 22 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 28 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](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

- 4 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 5 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 12 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 18 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 19 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 25 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 26 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.



Thursday, June 19  
Thursday, July 24  
Thursday, August 21  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us at Michigan's beautiful Van Buren State Park for hikes led by a park naturalist. The June hike will be slow paced. July's and August's hikes will increase in length and difficulty. Come for one, or come for all, and enjoy being outside and active this summer.

For more information or to register, contact Elizabeth Leffler at [Elizabeth.Leffler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Leffler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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FAX (269) 782-6882

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

Communications  
58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-8998

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Chi Ishobak  
415 E Prairie Ronde Street  
(269) 783-4157

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  
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Enrollment  
58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-1763  
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58620 Sink Rd.  
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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  
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Housing & Facilities  
27043 Potawatomi Trail  
(269) 783-0443  
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(269) 782-8998  
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Language & Culture  
32142 Edwards St.  
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FAX (269) 783-0452

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32142 Edwards St.  
(269) 782-9602  
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58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-8998  
Toll Free (800) 517-0777  
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South Bend Area Office  
3733 Locust Street  
South Bend, IN 46614  
(574) 282-2638  
Toll Free (800) 737-9223  
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(269) 782-8998

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

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

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

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**Youth Cultural Coordinator**  
(269) 462-4290

## Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

# Abtenib gises July Citizen Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Arkansas July Babies:

**George McMurtrie** July 1

**David Maleski** July 6

**Tammy Sorters** July 24

Happy birthday to our grandson **Trey McMurtrie** July 15

Happy birthday to my dear brother **Kenneth Rader** July 14

We love you all,

George & Sarah McWhorter



## Joseph Gephart

“Big Buck”

Joseph D. Gephart, age 56, of Hayward, died Sunday, June 15, 2014 at his home.

Joseph Dennis Gephart was born on August 8, 1957 in St. Joseph, MI, the son Merle and Rosella (Strobl) Gephart. Joe was known to his friends as Cocomo Joe. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

He is survived by his son Jeffrey Myatt; beloved partner Eva Maiwald; siblings Donald (Ruth) Gephart, Jerome Gephart both of St. Joseph, MI, Karen (Wayne) Kime of Brandon, FL, Mary Ann (Ernie) Ferguson of

Jacksonville, FL & Allen Gephart of Niles, MI; many nephews & nieces.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents. Honorary bearers were Jason Blank, Louis Gordon, George Liable, Steve Phelps, Brian Thayer and Paul Trepanier.

Online condolences can be made at [pineviewfuneralservice.com](http://pineviewfuneralservice.com)



**END OF SUMMER  
EXPRESS REGISTRATION  
FOR THE FALL 2014 HIGHER  
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP!**

**AUGUST 1, 2014  
10:00 - 2:00 P.M.  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

This event is for high school graduates, community college, four-year university students, and those who desire to attend vocational programs or college in the fall and have NOT completed the scholarship application.

Topics covered:

- ☞ Complete scholarship application/learn of new deadlines
- ☞ FAFSA work shop
- ☞ Complete book stipend direct deposit form
- ☞ Vocational scholarship information

Lunch and refreshments will be served to participants. Prizes! You must be present to win.

For further information or questions, please contact Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist, at (269) 782-0887, Polly Mitchell, Education Associate, (269) 462-4294 or Ray Bush at (xxx) xxx-xxxx.

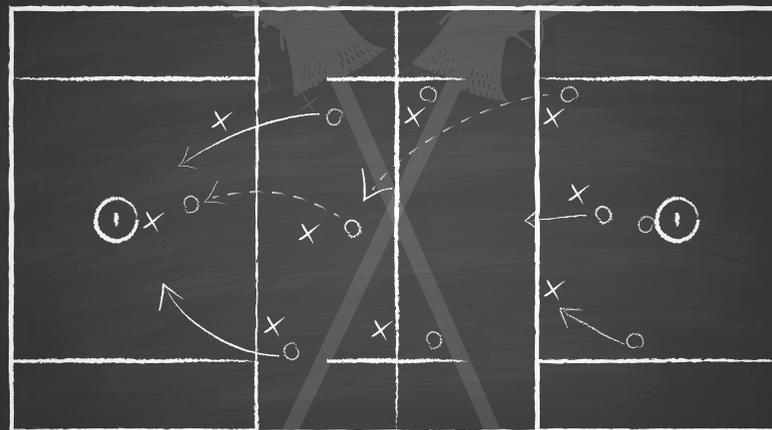


## Lacrosse Clinics

July 22 & 24 and August 5 & 7, 2014

All sessions 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grand Valley State University west outdoor turf field



Join a member of the Grand Valley National championship lacrosse team for four two-hour sessions. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions, as clinics are structured to build progressively to more difficult scenarios.

These sessions are open to all native americans.

To register or for more information, call (269) 462-4290 or email [dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov)

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