



POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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Sarah Ballew Awarded Eagle Fan for Academic and Extra-Curricular Accomplishments

By Jennifer Dougherty

During the 22nd Annual Central Michigan University Pow Wow, Teresa Magnuson, director of Language and Culture for the Pokagon Band, honored tribal citizen Sarah Ballew with an eagle fan for her outstanding achievements in academics and extra-curricular activities. The event was held on April 2 and 3 at the CMU Events Center.

Currently a senior at Shepherd High School in Shepherd, Michigan, Sarah has been accepted to the University of Michigan where she plans to major in science. She is dedicated to her academic success, and recently was named the salutatorian of her graduating class. She serves as the senior class president, Science Club treasurer, and a member of the National Honor Society. Her peers elected her both homecoming and prom queen; she's the first Native American in her school to hold those titles. In addition to her studies, Sarah finds time to run on the cross country and track and field teams.

Both of Sarah's parents are Native American, and their dedication to their culture has played a prominent role in her upbringing. Sarah's father, a citizen of the Pokagon Band, and her mother, a Saginaw Chippewa, have provided traditional teachings and tribal involvement for her entire life. "I've been involved in traditional dancing since I started walking," Sarah recalls. Sarah is now a jingle dress dancer and will use the eagle fan during her dances.

"The eagle feather is a living, spiritual item," said Magnuson. "Like other living things, the feathers must be cared for. The spirit can give her strength and will help her on her life journey." Teresa says she presented Sarah with the eagle fan because of the way that Sarah has conducted herself in the areas of academics and extra-curricular and tribal activities.

Sarah says she is excited and eager to start University of Michigan this fall. As she embarks on a new chapter of her life, the eagle fan will accompany her and give her strength to reach her goals.

Welcome to the new Pokégnek Yajdanawa.

The Communications Department has updated the format to include full color, a new paper stock and a more efficient mailing design. The hope is that these changes make the newsletter easier to read and more eye-catching. We welcome feedback on this and any other communications initiative: newsletter@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Enjoy!



Sarah Ballew at the Central Michigan Pow Wow holding her eagle fan.

What's New in the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans? The Second of Two Parts

By Susan Gundersen, RD, CD
Public Health Nutritionist

We often hear about the foods in our daily lives we should do without or limit, or that we eat too much of. But how often do we talk about what we aren't eating enough of? Do you know what four leading nutrients are missing in the American diet?

Every five years the Department of Agriculture, the National Institutes of Health, the Center for Disease Control, and Health and Human Services Department release new dietary guidelines for Americans, and the 2010 guidelines were made public a few months ago. It lists potassium, dietary fiber, calcium, and vitamin D as the four shortfall nutrients. We are encouraged to improve our intake of these nutrients and build healthier eating patterns. Foods to increase and

improve your intake of vitamin D, potassium, calcium and dietary fiber include vegetables, fruits, whole grains, milk and milk products, and seafood.

One easy food to choose and get three of the four missing nutrients is milk. Children and adults can benefit from two to three cup daily servings of milk, which will add vitamin D, calcium and potassium. If you don't like to drink milk, make pudding or use it in cooking hot cereals. Yogurt is another food that will provide those same nutrients. Add fruit, a whole grain Graham cracker, or dry whole grain cereal and you have just added that last shortfall nutrient fiber. Remember, fruits provide potassium and fiber. Vegetables provide calcium, potassium, and fiber.

Seafood provides vitamin D and calcium.

If you are one of many who are lactose intolerant and want to learn about the options available to improve your milk tolerance, or would like to learn how to add more of these nutrients to your diet, contact the Pokagon Department of Health Services at 888-440-1234.



North Liberty Wetland Restoration Diminishes Flooding during Recent Rains

Heavy spring rains have caused major flooding and property damage throughout the Midwest this year, but one area avoided problems, thanks to the Pokagon Band's restoration efforts along the Kankakee River in northern Indiana. According to Mark Parrish, the director of the tribe's Department of Natural Resources, an area south of the tribe's property experienced enough flooding to effect a couple hundred acres when the excess water topped a levy.

Historically, though, this type of flooding would have caused thousands of acres of flooding. Yet the wetland restoration effort held back the water, preventing the flooding of much more farm land.

As Parrish says, it's a system designed to manage water. The wetland, with its marshes and native vegetation with deep root structures, creates a system that holds the water longer, and slowly releases it over time.

The St. Joseph County Drainage Board, an entity which deals with water management, alerted the DNR to this success.

"It's nice to get feedback like this," said Parrish. "This is a working example of how the landscape is supposed to function."

Over the past few years, the Pokagon Band's DNR has been restoring its property to wetlands by plugging ditches to recreate marsh conditions. They've planted warm season grasses and forbs to bring back the mesic prairie conditions on higher ground, and have had a prescribed burn to encourage favorable growth. About one thousand acres of the property is enrolled in the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service Wetland Reserve Program, and the State of Indiana Classified Wildlands Program.



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 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

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Community Center On Track to be First Gold LEED-Certified Building in Area

Project to be Complete Next Month

The community center construction team reports that the building project is moving quickly, and that it will be completed in mid to late July. The center, which is being built with funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, Housing and Urban Development and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is also on track to be the first gold LEED-certified building in the tri-county area. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally-recognized green building certification system. Developed by the U.D. Green Building Council, LEED provides building owners and operators ways to identify and implement practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions.

The space will embody the Band's mission to preserve Mother Earth with a host of green features, including solar panels and a section of the roof that will support the growth of live native plants. This vegetated green roof will help insulate the building and reduce water runoff. Another feature is a geothermal heating and cooling system that will improve comfort and reduce both energy dependence and operating costs. The large meeting room with a southern orientation and glass walls will use passive solar to maximize daylight and manage heat gain. A 12-inch concrete floor in the main space will act as a heat sink that will help retain heat in the winter by absorbing radiant sunlight. Also planned is the use of porous pavers rather than asphalt in the parking lot to reduce stormwater runoff.



This view of the project shows the outdoor fire pit and the southern-facing wall.

Gift Sculpture From IUPUI Arrives



Visitors to the Rodgers Lake campus will notice a new addition to the Administration Building's rotunda. The American Indian Programs office at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis commissioned artist Jason Bord to create a sculpture in gratitude to the Pokagon Band for their support of Native American programming at the university. Jason brought the piece up from Indianapolis May 19, and installed it in the rotunda. It's a hollowed-out sycamore tree trunk whose branches are meant to represent fire, in honor of the Potawatomi role as keepers of the fire. With an iron, he created small designs in the wood, following the natural lines of the tree's development.

Eventually the piece will be housed in the Band's community or cultural center, but for now, it's in the rotunda for citizens, visitors and staff to enjoy. Pictured with the sculpture are Charmayne Champion-Shaw, left, and Professor Johnny Flynn, right, both of the American Indian Programs office at IUPUI, and Jason Bord, center, the artist.

Head Start Accepting Applications for the 2011–2012 School Year

Children must be three years of age by December 1, 2011 to be eligible for the 2011–2012 school year. 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 by the application deadline of June 1, 2011. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center at 269-783-0026 or 866-250-6573 toll free, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

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

- **May 19** Last day of school
- **May 30** Head Start office closed in observance of Memorial Day
- **June 1** Application deadline for the 2011–2012 School Year
- **July 4** Head Start office closed in observance of Independence Day
- **September 5** Head Start office closed in observance of Labor Day
- **September 6** First day of school for the 2011–2012 school year

Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer. Anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language and culture and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins, etc. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for: play dough, wet wipes, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, glue sticks, Lysol wipes, art supplies, Ziploc bags (quart and gallon size), hats and gloves.

Happy Birthday to You!

May:

Selphie Rapp, May 4, Happy 4th Birthday!

Caleb Phillips, May 19, Happy 5th Birthday!

June:

Mylie Green, June 2, Happy 4th Birthday!

Neka Langley, June 8, Happy 5th Birthday!

Mrs. Maggie Valdes, June 30, Happy Birthday!

Future Pokagon Band College Student Learn More About Higher Ed and Careers



Tribal government staff offers insight about professional development during a panel discussion on Career and Education Day

By Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist

Friday, April 29 the Pokagon Band Department of Education hosted its first Career and Education Day. Over forty-one participants started the day off listening to the keynote address from Chairman Wesaw, who encouraged everyone to pursue higher education and emphasized how that pursuit will drive the Pokagon Band towards excellence.

For the rest of the morning, high school and college students met with college admissions representatives in the Tribal Council Lodge, while the seventh and eighth grade students explored career options at the Department of Education's computer lab. These students traveled through www.driveofyourlife.org, a website that posed a series of questions and led students to various links that explained job functions that were compatible with their answers. They also engaged in discussions with the Department of Education staff about financial and college options.

In the afternoon, The middle school students constructed individual collages that reflected their goals for the future and Susan Gundersen, Pokagon Band's Public Health Nutritionist, helped the students better understand healthier nutritional choices during a workshop. The high school and college students attended two afternoon panels: one focusing on college success stories and the other on careers within the tribal government. Both panels allowed for tribal citizens and staff to share experiences.

All of the participants were also given the opportunity to look through financial aid resources in the tribal library and to meet with Education staff on programs currently offered. The Career and Education Day was a success, thanks to team collaboration from all of the Department of Education staff, several tribal citizens and the other Pokagon government staff who assisted with the program.

Attention College-Bound Students

Bonnie Parrish, MIEA Secretary

Michigan Indian Elders Association is once again offering one \$1000 and four \$500 scholarships to college-bound students. The winners will be selected by a panel of judges looking for the most qualified students. To get your applications you may go online to: www.michiganindianelders.org

Entries this year must be in the hands of Bob Menard by June 22, 2011 to qualify. The Pokagon Band has had several winners in the past, and hopefully this year we will again be able to announce some Pokagon winners. Good luck!

Skate Jam Showcases Native Skateboarders

By Jennifer Dougherty

The Fifth Annual All Nations Skate Jam was held on April 30 and May 1 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This event is put on each year by Nibwaakaawin, an organization that has a mission of empowering native youth creativity, courage, pride, cultural identity and healthy physical activity through skateboarding.

The Pokagon Band's director of language and culture, Teresa Magnuson, has served on Nibwaakaawin's board for five years. "The Skate Jam is our flagship event," explained Magnuson. "Like other sports, skateboarding gives our youth a chance to commit to something that builds self-esteem and confidence." The organization aims to provide positive, healthy, and cultural programs that steer youth away from alcohol and other troublesome activities.

The All Nations Skate Jam is the largest and most prestigious skateboard competition for Native youth. The event attracts Native American skate companies, youth groups, skaters, musicians, artists, filmmakers, and more. While Skate Jam is open to all nations, Native Youth receive special recognition within each category and are awarded a beaded medallion. This recognition gives them visibility among sponsors of the event which include many big companies



A skater shows his stuff at Skate Jam.

within the skating industry. The event also provides excellent networking opportunities for skaters interested in a career in the skateboarding business.

While the Pokagon Band did not have any skaters in the competition this year, the tribe donated \$500 to the event and several tribal members were in attendance. Skate Jam was held near the Gathering of the Nations Pow Wow, the largest Pow Wow in the nation, and attracted 700 participants and more than 3,000 spectators.

"Skate Jam incorporates cultural teachings in to the event," said Magnuson. "The days started with smudge, prayer and a drum welcome song. On Sunday, an elder did a teaching about the importance of feasts in the Native American culture."

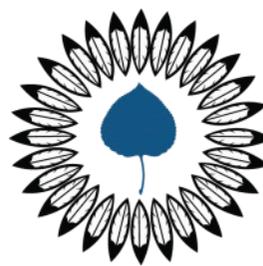
Nibwaakaawin, which means "wisdom", is a non-profit organization that promotes non-violent, healthy, physical activities to Native youth. Skateboarding is the fastest growing sport on Native American reservations, and this has prompted many Native communities to build skateparks to give their youth the opportunity youth to exercise and socialize.

Involvement in a sport promotes a healthy lifestyle and encourages youth to make good choices. Nibwaakaawin hopes to make a positive difference in the lives of Native youth by providing Native role models to mentor and teach health maintenance skills, conflict resolution, team building, and entrepreneurship. Additional information about Nibwaakaawin and their programs can be found on their website at www.allnationsskatejam.com.

Four Winds Hartford Construction Nearing Completion



The Four Winds Hartford project is continuing well, on schedule to open at the end of August. Pictured above is the front entrance.



**CENTER FOR NATIVE
AMERICAN YOUTH**
AT THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

The Center for Native American Youth invites you to **JOIN US** at a half-day Youth Summit at the National Congress of American Indians' Mid-Year Conference.

Founded by former US Senator Byron Dorgan, the Center for Native American Youth is a policy program at the Aspen Institute and is dedicated to combating the challenges facing Native youth and also serves as a resource for tribal communities and youth.



WHAT: Center for Native American Youth Summit Meeting
WHERE: NCAI Mid-Year Conference, Milwaukee, WI
WHEN: June 13, 2011, 1:00 – 4:00 PM



Schedule of Events

Introductions from Senator Byron Dorgan and Center for Native American Youth Director Erin Bailey.

Presentations from Native American youth advocates, such as Senator Byron Dorgan and Dave Anderson, founder of Famous Dave's Barbeque restaurant. Learn about great youth programs, activities and resources in Indian Country, and share your views about the issues.

Roundtable Discussion to hear directly from youth, tribal leaders, and advocates in Indian Country, about the successes and challenges young people face in your communities and what should be done about it.

Keep Students' Minds Sharp Over the Summer

Teachers may typically spend four to five weeks in the fall not only getting to know their new class, but 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?

Not all parents, grandparents, or guardians have access to the resources to help their students. The Department of Education's K-12 Program would love to get activity books into as many hands as possible this summer to meet 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 students would rather be doing something learning-oriented during their summer break. We can help! Call Connie Baber at 888-330-1234 or 269-782-0887.

Pokagon Band: A Nation That Reads 2011 Books Reading Program

Help us reach the goal of reading 2011 books. Currently we have recorded 201 books read. Keep up the good work! If you're not already, here's how to become involved:

Step 1: Complete the 2011 Books application. You can sign up as one participant, or as a "read together" team of one adult/one child. One adult can be part of up to three "read together" teams.

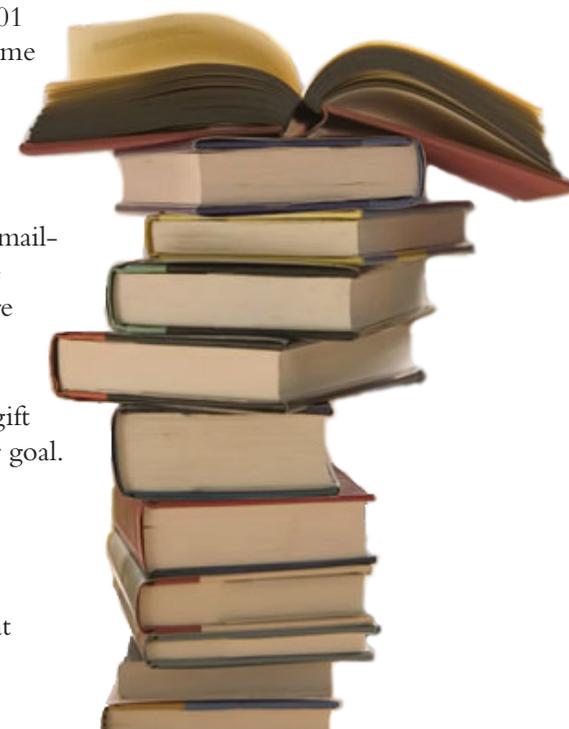
Step 2: Read and share. You can report the books you read by e-mail, fax, mail-in, or drop-in. The total book count will be posted up in tribal offices, on the website, in the newsletter, and will be e-mailed weekly to participants who are interested.

Step 3: Celebrate! When 2011 books are read, everyone who actively participated will receive a reading t-shirt and be signed up for a drawing for gift cards. We will have a pizza party and ice cream bash to celebrate reaching our goal. Names of all participants will be posted in the newsletter.

Read! Share! Celebrate!

Program is open to all members of Pokagon citizen and staff households.

To sign-up, please contact Connie Baber in the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.



Drumming

6/1 & 6/22 - Men's Drumming - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm

6/1 & 6/22 - Women's Hand Drumming - Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

Language

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

6/13 - 6/17, Hannaville Immersion Camp, Wilson, MI

6/9 - Language Workshop with John Winchester - Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm - 8pm

6/21 - Language Workshop - Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm - 8pm

Native Healing

6/21 - 6/23 - Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

6/23 - Co-ed Sweat Lodge, Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm

Native Nations Youth Council

6/4 - Beading & Loom Making Class, L&C Office, 1-4 pm

6/8 - Gardening Day, L&C Grounds, 3-5 pm

6/11 - Meeting & Movie, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 1-4pm

6/13 - 6/16 - NCAI Mid Year Conference, Milwaukee, WI

6/21 - Gardening Day, L&C Grounds, 3-5pm

Traditions and Repatriation Committee

6/27 - Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm-9pm

June 2011 Department of Language and Culture

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Women's Hand Drumming; Men's Drumming	2	3	4 Youth Council, Beading & Loom Making Class
5	6 Elder's Language Class	7	8 Youth Council, Gardening Day	9 Language Workshop with John Winchester	10	11 Youth Council, Meeting & Movie
12	13 Elder's Language Class Canceled; Hannaville Immersion Camp; NCAI Conference	14 Hannaville Immersion Camp; NCAI Conference	15 Hannaville Immersion Camp; NCAI Conference	16 Hannaville Immersion Camp; NCAI Conference	17 Hannaville Immersion Camp	18
19	20 Elder's Language Class	21 Native Healing; Youth Council, Gardening Day; Language Workshop	22 Native Healing; Women's Hand Drumming; Men's Drumming	23 Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge	24 Culture Camp, Session 1 begins	25 Culture Camp, Session 1; Summer Ceremonies
26 Culture Camp, Session 1 ends & Session 2 begins	27 Culture Camp, Session 2; Elder's Language Class; Trad. & Rep. Meeting	28 Culture Camp, Session 2	29 Culture Camp, Session 2	30 Culture Camp, Session 2 ends		

Students Enjoy First Time Hopkins Enrichment Lab

Twelve students, from third grade up to seniors, joined the first Hopkins Enrichment Lab on Friday April 15. Students worked on a wide range of subject matters, from multiplication to calculus. There were two state-certified teachers on staff to help students with home work. Students came with great expectation and curiosity about the program, and were pleasantly surprised with the outcome. Senior Cassandra Church said, "This is a nice opportunity that the tribe gives to us."

A flash card quiz served as an ice breaker and a fun activity to open the Lab. The student with the most correct answers was awarded a water bottle and other prizes. Junior Collin Church stole the show with his expert math skills. After winning so many rounds, he became the host of the show to give novice math students a chance to win. It was a challenge for senior

Nick Morsaw and Cassandra Church to keep up with third-grader Joslin Wilson. Everyone had a chance to win a prize, and sharpen their multiplication and division skills. We will be rolling out pre-algebra, algebra, geometry, and maybe even some calculus questions next time.

When teachers from the school poked their heads in the class room to see what was going on, they were invited to have a piece of Indian fry bread and Pokagon staff explained the program to them. There are over 20 Native American students just in the Hopkins school district, not to mention the more than 400 citizens in Allegan and Kent county. "We might not be able to reach them all, but we can at least reach some," said Conrad Church, the Pokagon Band's education resource specialist.



Junior Collin Church becomes the host of the math game.



Hopkins Lab students work together.



Senior Cassandra Church takes a snack break.



Third grader Joslin Wilson works hard.



Please join us Friday, July 8

They Graduate. Let's Celebrate.

Come to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education Awards Banquet

honoring our

**2010 - 2011 High School Graduates
and GED Recipients.**

Friday, July 8
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Awards at 8:00 p.m.

Southwestern Michigan College
Mathews Conference Center East
Fred L. Mathews Library and Conference Center
58900 Cherry Grove Road
Dowagiac, MI

Graduate registration for the program is June 24.
Please return the awards form and newspaper announcement form by June 24.

Contact Connie Baber in the Department of Education at
888-330-1234 with any questions and to reserve your spot by June 28.

Chairman's Column

It has been awhile since my last article, and I apologize for my lack of communication. There has been a tremendous amount of activity lately, and finding the time to write has been a struggle. Things are moving in a positive direction for the Pokagon Band, and I am proud to be a part of it.

Four Winds Hartford is ahead of schedule and on budget. We will be opening in late August. If our market studies prove accurate, our return on our investment will only take three years. At that point the Gaming Authority may want to entertain the second phase of expansion and add the addition 500 slot machines. All in all, our timing couldn't be better for our expansion and refinancing. The schedule should be out soon, and I hope you will all share in the festivities and we prepare to open to the general public. There will be a family day so that everyone can tour the new facility and enjoy some good food.

In the month before our opening of Four Winds Hartford, we will be celebrating the opening of our new **community center** on Dailey Road. This is going to be a great addition to our property in the Dowagiac area. I'm hoping this will be the cornerstone of activity at our housing complex. By the time this article reaches your home, the Elders will have had the opportunity to discuss their ideas on further housing projects in Dowagiac, Hartford, and South Bend. As we prepare for growth, this is a great opportunity to hear from those who will benefit most from our attempts to improve service to our citizens.

The **expansion at Four Winds New Buffalo** is moving forward at a very nice pace. The access road and footprint of the new hotel tower are visible. It appears we will finish in Hartford and be very busy at New Buffalo. We are also adding a new on site warehouse that will provide a more secure setting and allow us to be more efficient. There will be more on this in the near future.

The committee continues to meet and discuss ideas on the new cultural center. It seems the location may be changed to where the lodge currently sits. This suggestion makes considerable sense to me and will be more appropriately located near the campsites, cabins, sacred fire pit, and pow wow grounds. The **lodge would then be relocated** near where the old education trailers were located. This will provide for some improved efficiencies for both our operations and ease of access for our citizens. Stay tuned for further developments.

The **refinancing of our debt** is moving in a very positive direction and should be completed by the end of June or middle of July. As a result of our positive history, it appears we are going to be able to go with an all-bank deal as opposed to a bank/bond arrangement. This may not seem like a big deal for some, but this is actually a big plus for us. If we complete an all-bank financing package, it will allow us to immediately begin to pay down debt on the total package as opposed



to paying only interest on the bonds. Paying interest is all we have done, as agreed to in the offering, on the \$283,000,000 we borrowed to build Four Winds. The ability to be debt-free was the first priority in our refinancing. Now we can be debt free in 7-10 years and also increase our stipend payments to our citizens, which was also a priority. Once the refinancing package is complete there will be a citizen meeting so that all the details can be shared with anyone who is interested. We will have the proper people there to explain all the elements of the deal.

I think you all have met our new **Government Manager, Jason Wesaw**. Jason recently retired from the Army and has proven his worth and ability in a short time. The Directors and Council are moving at a steady pace on our vision, values, and guiding principles and our strategic plan and long range goals. I thank Jason for his diligence in keeping everyone on task.

I hope you all had a chance to partake in the **Oshke-Kno-Kwewen Pow Wow** over Memorial Day weekend. It is always a good thing to honor our veterans and what they have done for us. The weekend prior, there was a memorial service for Edward M. Winchester, a private first class in the U.S. Army. Mr. Winchester lost his life in the battle of the Colmar pocket. There is quite a story about this battle, and if you have time I would suggest researching this on the internet to read about it. I think you will be as surprised as I was on the significance of this battle. Some call it the other Battle of the Bulge. It was fought over 15 days in some of the worst winter weather you could image. The U.S. was victorious in this battle, but we lost a Pokagon warrior. It was an honor and privilege for me to say a few words during this service. My thanks again to Mr. Winchester's family for allowing me to speak.

I want to publicly thank Council member **John Warren for his work in Indiana**. John has developed a great working relationship with several of the Lt. Governor's staff. We have met with them in Indianapolis and John has scheduled a meeting and tour of our properties here in Michigan. This is the start of a good relationship and I just want to say thanks to John for all his work and efforts to make this happen.

Lastly, it is that time of year again for the **annual election**. If you are not registered to vote, please do so and then vote when the ballots come out. This is your government, and this is your chance to voice your opinion on what your government is doing. You have heard me on more than one occasion comment that this is the best council I have worked with and I continue to make that statement. Please pay attention and vote for the candidate of your choice.

Until next time, remember, my door is always open and my phone is always on.

Rogers Lake Campground Gets a New Playground



The crew from the Department of Housing and Facilities puts the finishing touches on the playground they constructed at the Rodgers Lake campground in May.

Four Winds Casino Leadership Courses

The Four Winds Casino, in partnership with the Pokagon Band Tribal Government Human Resources Department, is pleased to announce that it is making leadership development courses available to all tribal citizens.

These are the same courses used by the casino in their development of internal leaders. Now they are making their successful tools available to all tribal citizens, no matter who your employer, or what your employment status is, and they are all free of charge. This is a great opportunity to prepare you to move into your next leadership role and help build those skills by working with a team with a positive track record.

The course offerings are:

- So You Want to Be a Supervisor and Obvious Choice which focus on the supervisory role and what it takes to do an effective job.
- Leadership 1–6 focus on your leadership potential and skills and helping you to develop into an effective leader.

The three classes of “So You Want to Be a Supervisor” and classes 5 and 6 of the Leadership series must be taken in order, but all other classes can be taken whenever offered.

If you are interested in any of these courses, or special events, please contact Chris Freehan, Training Specialist at the Tribal Government offices 269-462-4263 or at chris.freehan@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

These courses have limited seating and are on a first come/first serve basis. Respond quickly to ensure your seat. Restrictions may apply.



Course Name / Description	Dates/Times Available
BILLY MILLS, Native Motivational Speaker Known for winning the gold medal in the 10,000 meter race at the 1964 Olympics, Mills is still the only American to ever win a gold medal in that event. Billy Mills is a Lakota native who was born and raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. In 1984, Mills' life was made into a major motion picture, Running Brave, and he is the author of <i>Your Personal Journey to Happiness and Self-Understanding</i> , which blends traditional Native American beliefs with modern positive thinking principles.	Thursday, June 16, 10am–Noon Thursday, June 16, 2–4:00pm
LEADERSHIP 1 – “Communication & Cooperation” This course introduces participants to the importance of teamwork, flexibility and strategic thinking. Activities include Picture Resume and United League of Nations.	Wednesday, May 25, 9:30–11:30am
LEADERSHIP 2 – “DiSC Profile” Participants take the DiSC® profile assessment to learn about effective communication and identify their own communication style.	Thursday, June 30, 9:30–11:30am
LEADERSHIP 3 – “Living the Core Values” Participants discuss the core values of teamwork, respect, integrity and fun and learn why listening and providing clear direction and feedback are crucial to a good management style.	Thursday, May 19, 2–4:00pm
LEADERSHIP 4 – “Coaching & Listening” Participants learn how to delegate, in order to free up time to listen, coach and provide feedback to staff. A five-step coaching model is presented.	Wednesday, June 1, 9:30–11:30am
LEADERSHIP 5 – “Emotional Intelligence” Participants learn how to avoid emotional hijack during stressful situations, and the important role of emotional competencies in leadership.	Thursday, June 9, 2–4:00pm
LEADERSHIP 6 – “Emotional Intelligence II – Horse & Rider” In the second EI class, participants learn the four premises of Emotional Control and that we each make choices and have control over how we react and feel.	Wednesday, June 22, 9:30–11:30am (you must complete LEADERSHIP 5 before taking this class)

Native Foster Parents Needed

Our traditions tell us the most sacred beings among our Anishnabe people are our children and our Elders. Our children have just come from being with the Creator in the Spirit World, and our Elders are facing the West on their way to the Spirit World to be with the Creator again.

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility “to provide for the welfare, care and protection of the children,” through our Child Protection Code. “The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band” says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term “foster parents.” Native people have had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent? We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at 269-782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.

Elders Council Business Meeting

May 5, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Jeanette Mollett, 11:10 a.m.

INVOCATION: Clarence White

ROLL CALL: Jeanette Mollett, P, Ken Radar, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P. Also in attendance, Yvonne "Petey" Boehm, P, Lynn Davidson, A.

AGENDA: Matt Myers is the Community Resource Officer with the Pokagon Band Tribal Police. Matt gave a talk on safety issues. A list of medications should be kept on you, medications at home should be kept in a secure area, credit card numbers should be kept in a backup location, do not discuss your credit card number over the phone with anybody. He also talked about keeping your phone and emergency numbers in a handy place, in a dire emergency 911 should be called. Many other issues were discussed; feel free to call him if you have any questions. Petey has information on the gathering.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Members would like to invite Mr. Culpepper, Director of I.H.S. to attend our June meeting.

A letter is to be sent to the Chairperson of the MIEA conference concerning the the April meeting.

We were informed that a new roof will be put on Elders Hall, and the inside ceiling will be repaired.

Jim Coleman, Housing Director has called a meeting for May 23, to discuss Elder Housing. The meeting will be held at either the Dowagiac Middle School or at SMC. Time is 4:00 p.m. and dinner will be served.

MINUTES: The April minutes were read, Ken moved to accept the minutes, Clarence supported, (5) yes, approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jeanette moved to accept the Treasurers report, Ken, supported, (5) yes, approved.

NEW BUSINESS: The Gun Lake trip is planned for May 16. You are responsible for your own transportation. Lunch will be provided but no mileage.

OLD BUSINESS: The deadline for picking up the Elders jackets at Elders Hall is May 27, 5:00 p.m., if the jackets are not picked up by then, they will be sold.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Active Living has resumed, every Friday 10:00 a.m.
- Basket making will be held May 18, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Clothes swap, May 19.
- Women's Health Fair is May 21, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MAY BIRTHDAYS: Jackie Genereaux, Paul Jackson, John White, Shirley Sigfrids, Mary Ruple, Gus Gwilt.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES: Art & Faye Magnuson.

ADJOURNMENT: Audrey moved to adjourn, Clarence supported, (5) yes, adjourned at 12:08.

ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

New Time
10-12

Dates:
Every Monday
June 6, 2011
June 13, 2011 - No Class
(Hannahville Immersion Camp)
June 20, 2011
June 27, 2011

Time:
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location:
Elders Hall
53237 Townhall Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Elders language classes are taught by Pokagon Potawatomi citizen, John Winchester. John uses the 200 Words to a Community Project's resources to teach beginner level Potawatomi language. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend.



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Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Neshnabé life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

June & July

Dates:
Tuesday - Thursday
June 21-23, 2011

Monday - Wednesday
July 18-20, 2011

Individual Appt. Times:
9:00 - 12:00 p.m. &
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Co-ed Sweat Lodge:
Thursday, June 23, 2011
Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Location:
Teaching Cabin
Rodgers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

- Visiting with Healers:**
- Be yourself and be respectful.
 - Take tobacco to give as an offering.
 - Explain why you have come to them.
 - Refrain from drugs and alcohol for 4 days prior.
 - Other gifts can be given to express gratitude.

Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon Citizens.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language and Culture



Native Healing

Jake Pine, traditional healer, will be visiting our community for healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco). On the last night of his visit, Jake will wrap-up with a co-ed sweat lodge at 6:00 pm (see side panel for sweat lodge dates).



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NOTICE SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT

This *Notice* shall be posted in all of the public offices of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians which includes Tribal Council Lodge, Pokagon Band Police Department, Office of General Counsel, Administration Building, Department of Social Services, Commodities Building, Housing Department, Education Department, Indian Health Services Department, Enrollment Department, Information Technology Department, Pokagon Band South Bend satellite office, Elders Hall, Pokagon Band Head Start facilities and Tribal Courthouse.

START DATE: June 1, 2011

END DATE: June 30, 2011

TITLE: Chapter 3: “Court Rules for Civil Infractions”

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this Chapter of Court Rules for the Tribal courts of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is to establish rules of procedure for civil infractions before the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Court. This Chapter provides for a process customized for civil infractions in contrast to the Rules being drafted for general civil suits.

TRIBAL COURT CONTACT INFO: Pokagon Band Tribal Courthouse
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Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone: (269) 783-0505
Fax: (269) 783-0519
E-mail: stephen.rambeaux@pokagonband-nsn.gov

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A COPY OF THE PROPOSED CHAPTER OF POKAGON BAND COURT RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **A COPY OF THE NOTICE AND THE PROPOSED CHAPTER OF COURT RULES ARE POSTED AND MAY BE OBTAINED ON THE POKAGON BAND WEBSITE.**
2. Copies may also be obtained by contacting the Pokagon Band Tribal Court Administrator at the above address, phone number, fax number, or e-mail address. Comments must be submitted to the Tribal Court Administrator no later than the “End Date” specified within this *Notice* to be considered by the Pokagon Band Court of Appeals.

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

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Please Note: Business and Social lunches are Potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass. Thank-you.</p>	<p>Eating a nutritious breakfast every morning gives children and adults the fuel to focus and get things done</p>	<p>1 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Garden Salad Roll</p>	<p>2 Business GGrilled Chicken Baked Potato Broccoli Garden Salad Birthday Cake</p>	<p>3 L.S. Brats with Whole Wheat Bun Sauerkraut Veggie Tray Fruit Salad</p>
<p>6 Language Grilled Pork Chop Sweet Potatoes Asparagus Cucumber Salad Roll</p>	<p>7 Buffalo Tacos W/ Cheese, Beans, Tomato, Lettuce, and Onion Flour or Corn Tortilla Melon Salad</p>	<p>8 Pea Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich Assorted Breads Relish Tray</p>	<p>9 Beef Pot Roast Potatoes Carrots Coleslaw Strawberries/Roll</p>	<p>10 Sea Bass Black Beans and Rice Tri-Blend Vegetables Garden Salad Cherry Crisp</p>
<p>13 Language Ham Slices W/ Pineapple Au Gratin Potatoes Green Beans Tomato Salad Roll</p>	<p>14 Grilled Beef Shish Ki Bob W/ Mushrooms, Tomatoes, Squash, Green Peppers, and Zucchini Steak Potato Fries Jell-O W/ Fruit, Roll</p>	<p>15 Louisiana Jambalaya Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Cornbread</p>	<p>16 Social Turkey W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas and Carrots Tomato Salad Lemon Meringue Pie, Roll</p>	<p>17 Vegetarian Lasagna Garden Salad Garlic Bread Frozen Fruit Bar</p>
<p>20 Language Pizza Day Tossed Salad Cottage Cheese Peaches</p>	<p>21 Grilled Burgers and Turkey Dogs Whole Wheat Buns Baked Beans/ Red Cabbage Slaw Assorted Relish Tray Watermelon</p>	<p>22 Pork Roast Sweet Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Waldorf Salad Roll</p>	<p>23 Buffalo W/ Broccoli and Carrots Stir Fry Brown Rice Garden Salad Berries, Roll</p>	<p>24 Tomato Soup Tuna Macaroni Salad Relish Tray Banana Pudding</p>
<p>27 Language Potato Soup Low Sodium Turkey Sandwich Assorted Breads Relish and Veggie Tray Yogurt W/ Fruit</p>	<p>28 Swiss Steak W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Spinach Tomato Salad Fresh Fruit Roll</p>	<p>29 Chicken Parmesan over noodles Broccoli, Cauliflower and Carrots Garden Salad Garlic Bread Pudding Cup</p>	<p>30 Salmon Patty Baked Potato Wedges Corn on the Cob Cucumber Salad Oatmeal Cookie</p>	<p>Note: Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/ burgers</p>

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for 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 Julie Farver in the Finance Department at 269-782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
433	Elizabeth Alexandra Gray	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
1026	Justin Means			x
1060	Chasity L Martin			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdell		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2771	Cody L Bevins		x	x
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
2805	Isabel Marie Campos	x	x	x
3238	Christina L Hatt		x	
3282	Daniel Scott Sanderson		x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4347	Ian T Currey	x	x	
4348	Marlon T Currey		x	x
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

Per Capita Important Dates

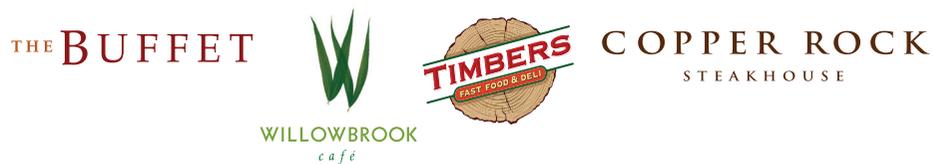
Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accts
Friday, January 14, 2011	Thurs, Jan 27, 2011	Fri, Jan 28, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Thurs, Feb 24, 2011	Fri, Feb 25, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Wed, Mar 30, 2011	Thurs, Mar 31, 2011
Friday, April 15, 2011	Thurs, Apr 28, 2011	Fri, Apr 29, 2011
Friday, May 13, 2011	Thurs, May 26, 2011	Fri, May 27, 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wed, June 29, 2011	Thurs, June 30, 2011
Friday, July 15, 2011	Thurs, July 28, 2011	Fri, July 29, 2011
Monday, August 15, 2011	Tues, Aug 30, 2011	Wed, Aug 31, 2011
Thursday, September 15, 2011	Thurs, Sept 29, 2011	Fri, Sept 30, 2011
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011

Notice To Tribal Citizens

Effective as of May 7, 2011, your Pokagon Gaming Authority has arranged for all Tribal Citizens to receive a 50 percent discount at all Four Winds New Buffalo and Four Winds Hartford restaurants. The discount is for food only, and does not include alcoholic beverages. You must be 21 years of age and have a Tribal ID with photo, or a Tribal ID with a Driver's License or State ID with a photo. Each cardholder is permitted up to six guests to all outlets, with the exception of The Buffet, which allows unlimited guests. Reservations will be based on availability and will be reserved for casino guests on weekends, holidays and high volume marketing event days.

One bill for the entire party will be collected at the time of the visit. (Sorry, no exceptions.)

The following is a listing of the restaurants where the 50 percent discount is available:



- **The Buffet** Minors are welcome accompanied by a parent or legal guardian 21 years of age.
- **Willowbrook Café** Must be 21 to enter.
- **Timbers** Must be 21 to enter.
- **Copper Rock Steakhouse** Reservation required. Maximum party of 6. Must be 21 to enter.
- **Timbers Hartford** Must be 21 to enter.

The Pokagon Gaming Authority and Four Winds staff is very excited to be able to implement this discount for its Tribal Citizens.

Pokagon Gaming Authority

Tribal Council June Calendar of Events

- 6 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 7 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 11 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, 10:00 am
- 13 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 14 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 20 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 21 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 27 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 28 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 30 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, 1:00 –4:00pm

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call 1-888-782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

Wage and Salary Commission Studying Compensation Issues Recommendations Expected in July

By Jennifer Dougherty

The Wage and Salary Commission is an independent board responsible for preparing recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the compensation levels of the Tribal Council, Pokagon Band Judges and other appointed officials. Its mission is to create standards and procedures for establishing just compensation for Band officials, based on the guiding principle that such compensation should accurately reflect the value of such positions in the marketplace. Members of the commission, profiled below, meet for ten to 15 hours each month to prepare their recommendations.

Jim Topash, Chairman

Jim Topash was appointed to the commission and served as the chair in 2009 to fulfill a position until the next election cycle. In July 2010, Jim was elected to a three-year term. Prior to his appointment to the Salary Commission, Jim ran for the opening of tribal chairman in 2009.

Jim brings 25 years of supervisory, management, and executive experience to the commission. He has experience

in the fields of health care, higher education, banking and gaming, and has served as an instructor in business and allied health divisions for Northwestern Michigan College. He has a master's degree in information systems management and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ferris State, and a bachelor's in business management from Northwestern Michigan College. Additionally, Jim is licensed in the state of Michigan as an emergency medical technician at the specialist level, and he is licensed as an insurance agent for life, health and accident. Jim is currently studying to become a licensed investment advisor.

"I decided to become re-involved with tribal affairs so that I could bring my business, financial and education knowledge and experience to help our tribal citizens as we go through these dynamic and changing times," said Topash. "I hope to bring an objective and fiscally prudent voice for today and for our bright future."

Elizabeth Glowacki, Vice Chair

Elizabeth Glowacki is the vice chair of the Salary Commission. Liz is the

granddaughter of the late Leonard and Mary Church, is married to David Glowacki, and has two children, Justin and Echo. For the past three years, Liz has been a preschool teacher for the Kent County Head Start program. Prior to that position, she ran a childcare business out of her home and attended Grand Rapids Community College. She holds an associate's degree in child development and is currently working toward a bachelor's degree in business from Grand Valley State University.

Liz became interested in a position on the Salary Commission because it would allow her to make a positive difference for the tribe. "I have found it rewarding to see the direction our tribe is moving with the leadership of the Tribal Council," stated Liz. "I have learned there is plenty of work involved with managing a tribe of more than 4000 citizens. With the number of citizens increasing as well as expanding development and social services, the task is only going to become more difficult." She believes that an adequately paid Tribal Council can focus on running the tribe more efficiently and work toward improving the tribal community.

Chris Ballew

Chris Ballew, son of Elizabeth Ballew, comes from a large family of 12 children. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Edwardsburg, Michigan where he has owned and operated his business as a landscape contractor for over 20 years. Chris enjoys attending language classes, men's talking circle and sweat lodge ceremonies in his spare time. During the summer, he frequently dances at traditional pow wows as a Pokagon Band veteran. "I try to live in a traditional way in all of my thoughts and actions," said Chris.

Chris joined the Salary Commission so that he could help to develop an appropriate compensation plan for the Tribal Council and judicial staff. "I believe that our tribal leadership should have the ability to give more than 100 percent of their attention to tribal citizens and their needs," states Chris. "I believe that appropriate compensation will help to attract well educated and culturally-sensitive tribal leaders."

Women's Hand Drumming

Men's Drumming

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture



Dates:

Wednesday, June 1, 2011
Wednesday, June 22, 2011
Wednesday, July 6, 2011
Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Time:

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location:

Women - Tribal Lodge
Men - Teaching Cabin
Rodgers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and to learn songs. The ladies will learn hand drum songs and are encouraged to wear a long skirt. John T. Warren is leading the men's class where participants will practice on a pow wow drum and learn pow wow songs. A sharing feast will follow, so please bring a dish to pass. We hope you can join us for drumming, singing, food, and friends. All ages are encouraged to participate.

Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Anishnaabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Native Nations Youth Council

Gearing up for the junior and senior youth council's July elections, the Department of Language and Culture will be hosting four activities this month to give the youth a chance to get to know each other.

Beading and Loom Making Class— This class will provide an opportunity to learn how to bead or how to build a loom.

Meeting & Movie— We will discuss previous activities and accept final Youth Council candidacy declarations for E-Board. The meeting will be followed by a Native-themed movie and snacks.

Gardening Day— We will begin gardening this month. Planting and caring for the garden will be a great way to stay active this summer and learn about gardening techniques. Later in the summer the produce will be sold as a fundraiser.

June

⇒Saturday, June 4th, 1-4 p.m.

Beading & Loom Making Class
Location: Department of Language and Culture Office

⇒Wednesday, June 8th, 3-5 p.m.

The First Youth Council Gardening Day of the Summer
Location: Department of Language and Culture Office Grounds

⇒Saturday, June 11th, 1-4 p.m.

Meeting & Movie
Location: Administration Building
Finance Conference Room

⇒Tuesday, June 21st, 3-5 p.m.

The Second Youth Council Gardening Day of the Summer
Location: Department of Language and Culture Office Grounds

Location Addresses:
Department of Language and Culture Office
34124 Edwards Street, Dowagiac MI, 49047
Administration Building
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI, 49047

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Tobacco Sales

Cigarettes are sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We sell Basic, Marlboro, and Newport brands and a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston. Sales are handled by the receptionist Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You must be 18-years-old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. Maximum of five cartons per month per tribal citizen. Credit cards accepted.

AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Health Services building II
Use the side door for entry.

June announcements

Happy 21st birthday **Kyle Malott**, June 23. We are so very proud of you.

We love you, Mom, Don and Karli



Happy 13th Birthday,
Ronald Dale Heffington Jr.

Happy 21st Birthday, **Ceaiara!** We Love Ya Bunches!



Happy 16th Birthday, **Nicole Renae Harjer!** Congratulations on your excellent report card, your new job and new car! Be safe, my child, and have fun!

Love, Mom and Dad

Devan Marie Rider graduated with honors from St. Petersburg College in Florida on May 7 and received her bachelor's of science in education. We are very proud of you, and wish you success with your teaching career! Good luck in the fall as you pursue your master's in speech pathology. We love you, Gary & Janet Rider and siblings Derek and Deanna



O'KEEFE - CUSHWAY - GIBSON FAMILY REUNION

July 9, 2011 3:00 p.m.

Rodgers Lake, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan
Camping is available if you wish. Please bring a dish to pass, and any family tree information you may have.

Contact info: Carol Martin 269-845-2124.

Hope to see you there!



Happy Birthday **Madison Tucker!**
Two years old and so beautiful, you are!

With love and spirit,
Grandma Colleen & Grandpa Craig

Happy Birthday June 8 to **Phillip Deuel Jr.**, my son, whom I'm very proud of, for the man he grew up to be.

Love you,
Mom



Abagael Lola Dean & Michael Warren Tucker

are pleased to announce their engagement. They will be married June 23, 2012 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Abagael is the daughter of Dr. Robert C. Shaver & Mary-Louise Dean, Whitefish Bay Wisconsin, and Louisville, Kentucky. Michael is a citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and the son of Keith W. Tucker & Colleen M. Martin, Menomonee Falls Wisconsin & Whitefish Bay.

Happy 40th Birthday June 2 to my niece **Terri Andrews.** You are terrific!

Happy Birthday June 9 to my nephew **Craig Andrews.** Enjoy your day!

Happy Birthday June 15 to my niece **Tracy Andrews.** Have a blast!

Love you, Aunt Mart

Happy Birthday June 20 to **William Sigfrids**, a terrific brother-in-law!

Love you, Martha

Happy Birthday June 2 to our wonderful daughter, **Terri Lynn Andrews.** Have a super day!

Love from your Mom and Dad



Congratulations Alison Grigonis for passing the California bar exam. You are a real lawyer now! Proud mother Karen Grigonis, grandparents Arthur and Faye Magnuson, and the rest of the Magnuson tribe

Happy 7th Birthday, **Allison Anne Warner**

Happy 1st Birthday, **Jackson Scott Warner**

Pokagon Band Department of Education
K-12 Program's "Let's try it!" Series

G'ga-ketgemen. (Let's Plant.)



Join us as we get timely tips and hints about planting and growing. You will plant your own container to take home with you. We will finish with a fun game of lacrosse!

WHEN: Saturday, June 4
1:00-3:00 pm

WHERE: Tribal Lodge Pavilion
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

An invitation to Pokagon and JOM children and their families.
To hold your spot call Connie Baber at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.



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