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THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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Lacrosse Tournament Brings Tribal Teams to Rodgers Lake

For six hours on April 27, the field near the entrance to Rodgers Lake was transformed into a competitive arena, with five different Potawatomi lacrosse teams in three different divisions playing for fitness, fun and tradition.

Organized by the Department of Language and Culture, the tournament marked the first time the Pokagon Band had hosted such an event.

“It was a good example of collaboration among other tribes and other organizations,” said Conrad Church, language and culture director who, just the weekend before the tournament, had attended an event at the Great Lakes Lifeways Institute learning to make traditional lacrosse sticks.

Nimke Fox sang and drummed an honor song to start the day off, and soon play was underway. Andy Murray, a Pokagon Youth Council member and tenth grader who plays for her high school lacrosse team in Naperville, Illinois, said she had a lot of fun.

“My team played two games,” she said. “The event brought a lot of people together. It was successful and slightly competitive! It was good to meet other kids from other tribes.”

Many Elders came to cheer on the teams and were able to participate, too. Cleora Morseau won the half field shot contest for that division. Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator, estimated about 100 people attended the event in all.

Chase Owl, a member of the Saginaw Chippewa team, was voted the tournament’s Most Valuable Player.

Twelve year old Malcolm McDonald and his family showed up to represent the Gun Lake Tribe, and needed some extras to fill in their team.

“They gave us some Pokagons, and so we got to play two games,” he said. “It was fun, I liked it. I’d never played before, and everyone there was so nice.”



Photos by Jason S. Wesaw

Four Winds Dowagiac Opening Draws Pokagon Families

Four Winds Dowagiac opened to the public on Tuesday, April 30 at noon, but the weekend preceding brought Pokagons to the property to celebrate with family. Saturday and Sunday kids enjoyed games and activities while parents visited over a catered meal or a tour of the property. Then on Monday, after a ceremony, a ribbon cutting and remarks by leaders, citizens over 21 were welcomed into the casino for Pokagon live gaming day.

Four Winds Dowagiac includes 300 slot machines, four table games, and a Timbers restaurant that can seat approximately 30 people. There is also a non-smoking area with approximately 20 slot machines. The casino maintains the same look and feel in design and finishes as Four Winds New Buffalo and Four Winds Hartford. Four Winds Dowagiac is located just a few miles south of downtown Dowagiac at 58700 M-51 South.



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David Martin, owner of Bicycle Gallery and Body Art (in regalia) along with Chi Ishobak's Sean Winters, Tribal Council member Tom Topash, South Bend Mayor



Pete Buttigieg and other leaders gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, May 10 for David's new venture in downtown South Bend.

Pokagon Citizen's Gallery Hosts Ribbon Cutting

After participating in the 2012 Holiday Pop-Up Shop program, David Martin decided to make Bicycle Gallery's permanent home in downtown South Bend. The location serves as both a gallery as well as studio space for practicing body artists. Martin, known in the South Bend artistic community as "Half Pint," is an established fine and body artist in his own right, as well as a Pokagon Band drummer and dancer.

Before even becoming an official business resident in downtown South Bend, Martin demonstrated his dedication to the district by presenting a First Fridays action plan to help Bicycle Gallery engage the community. "David and his artists

are already bringing an element of active art and culture to the central business district with their special events on First Fridays," states Tamara Nicholl-Smith, DTSB Director of Business Recruitment and Engagement. "David's attachment to the district is associated with positive childhood experiences performing with his Pokagon Band in downtown. He's thrilled to be part of this community and contributing cultural diversity to downtown South Bend. Bicycle Gallery is attracting a younger, art-minded demographic further fueling the momentum of the downtown renaissance."

Pokagon Band Pharmacy Now a Disposal Location for Unused Drugs

Community members are encouraged to bring unwanted/unused medications to the Pokagon Band Pharmacy now that the facility is a partner in the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program. This program, operated by Great Lakes Clean Water Organization, collects and properly disposes of unwanted/unused drugs in a safe and approved manner to help keep water clean and untainted by chemicals.

"Currently people tend to throw unwanted drugs in the trash, or down the toilet or drain," said Nate Sagarsee, PharmD, pharmacist with Pokagon Health Services. "But this process is greener than what we're doing now."

Until now, the unacceptable items could only be taken back to drug take back events sponsored by law enforcement. The Yellow Jug Old Drugs containers and contents are picked up at pharmacies and are then transported to a Waste-to-Energy facility for secure and assured destruction.

"The Great Lakes contain over 95 percent of all surface freshwater in the U.S.," said Sagarsee. "Given the tribe's commitment to protect Mother Earth, we are happy to be a part of a solution to collect and properly dispose of unused and expired drugs to keep them out of our water."

As of January 2013 the program has collected and properly disposed over 55,000 pounds of drug waste. The program began in Michigan in April 2009 and is now available state-wide. In February 2012 pharmacies in Illinois and Wisconsin started providing the program. The goal is to have the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program available in all Great Lakes states by 2015.

Pokagon Health Services
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**Keep our water safe.
Put unwanted medications in their place.**

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

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

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

Second Annual Fishing Tournament Brings Families to Gage Street

“Ever since we discovered how beautiful Gage Lake is, we try to make every effort to get out there and enjoy it,” said Matt Martin. May 5, the day of the Family Fishing Tournament, was a good opportunity for Martin, his wife Michaelina, and their daughters Jenna and Autumn, to do just that. Plus, they caught quite a few fish along the way.

“Autumn caught five fish,” he said.

The event, a collaboration between the Pokagon Band Departments of Language and Culture, Natural Resources and Education, brought together Pokagons of all ages to enjoy the outdoors, hear cultural teachings, learn about wildlife, and play games.

Language specialist John Winchester helped participants learn fishing vocabulary while they were baiting their hooks and casting their lines. Cultural specialist Andy Jackson taught about praying for the water and offering sema | tobacco. Others used the time to forage for mushrooms.

“We had fish and pond related activities for kids,” said Kristie Bussler, K-12 resource specialist with the Department of Education. “We played games and offered prizes. Kids who visited our booth got to choose a non-fiction book to keep.”

Organizers presented awards for largest bass, largest blue gill, most fish, youngest male and youngest female to catch a fish, and for the smallest fish caught.

Natural resources manager Bob Frank was on hand to measure the fish, identify the species, and record the findings.

“We clip the fins on each fish, so we can compare this year’s numbers to other years’,” he explained. “It’s called mark recapture, a noninvasive way to develop estimates of fish population in Gage Lake.”

“I spent most of my time teaching my daughters how to set up their poles, tie knots and interesting ways to use artificial bait,” remembers Martin. “They had a good time; they weren’t ready for the event to end.

“But as soon as it was over, I caught an 18-inch bass.” Fish story? We’ll never know, since Martin tossed the 18-incher back into Gage Lake after catching it.



Autumn Martin, Matt Martin and friend.



Photos by Kristie Bussler

Four Winds Dowagiac Opening Draws Pokagon Family, *continued from page 1*

“Dowagiac is home to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi tribal government as well as many Pokagon citizens, which made it the natural location for our newest property,” said Matt Wesaw, chairman of the Pokagon Band. “We are thrilled to open this casino, which has created approximately 100 new jobs for Pokagon citizens and people living in nearby communities. The casino will also support the development of ancillary businesses in the area.”

“We feel that Four Winds Dowagiac is sized accordingly to meet the demand of the local market,” said Matt Harkness, chief operating officer for Four Winds Casinos.



The activities for families at the opening events included face painting.

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa
Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047
newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Chi Ishobak Sees Increased Interest in Consumer Loan Program

Chi Ishobak launched its Consumer Loan Program two months ago and it is already exceeding expectations. “Chi Ishobak has tripled its overall portfolio since April 1,” Sean Winters, executive director stated. “With the addition of our new products and new developmental programs, the benefit for Pokagon citizens has significantly increased.”

The new products in the Consumer Loan Program consist of an automobile loan and credit builder loan. The new development services are made up of the Youth Transportation Individual Development Account (IDA) and the Financial Wellness Program.

“We have received an enormous increase in citizen phone calls, e-mails, and in-office visits inquiring about loan applications and details,” Winters added. “The more information that citizens have about our programs may assist them in strengthening their family’s capacity.”

The mission of Chi Ishobak is to provide access to capital for Pokagon citizens who may not qualify through traditional lending institutions. The goals are to increase family capacity, build credit, and make citizens bankable with traditional institutions. By reinforcing the Seven Grandfather Teachings, citizens will have the opportunity to accomplish these goals and strengthen the community and their families.

The new Consumer Loan Program is outlined below to inform citizens of the details associated with each new product.

Automobile Loans For the purpose of purchasing reliable transportation.

- Must be a Pokagon Band citizen and reside within Chi Ishobak’s 23-county service area.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must submit a consumer loan application.
- Must submit a detailed purchase agreement from the seller for the automobile.
- Loan approval, amounts, and terms are based upon credit and capacity.
- Interest rates are between 6%–10% and are based upon credit score.
- The automobile will serve as collateral for loan.
- Loan processing fees are \$100 for loans up to \$5,000 and \$150 for loans over \$5,000.
- All payment activity is reported to assist in building individual credit.
- Financial workshops or individual coaching may be required as a condition based upon credit and capacity.

Credit Builder Loans For the purpose of establishing or repairing credit. This is not designed to make funds immediately available.

- Must be a Pokagon Band citizen.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must submit a consumer loan application.
- Loan approval, amounts, and terms are based upon credit and capacity.
- Loan amounts are between \$500–\$1,500.
- Interest rates are 10% with automatic withdrawal and 12% without automatic withdrawal.
- Loan processing fees are \$50 for loans up to \$1,000 and \$75 for loans over \$1,000
- All payment activity is reported to assist in building individual credit.
- Financial workshops or individual coaching may be required as a condition based upon credit and capacity.
- If approved, loan funds are held in a secured account until all loan payments have been satisfied.*

* This condition is in place to protect the citizen’s payment history and ensure proper credit building.

Financial Wellness and Individual Financial Coaching

This program is available by either a scheduled workshop series or by private coaching sessions. These meetings are designed to identify financial habits and behaviors in our personal financial management that may be ineffective and implement necessary changes. By utilizing lessons from our ancestors and modern financial tools, citizens can accomplish any goal from: savings, building credit, and debt-reduction.

There is no pre-registration required to attend scheduled workshops. Workshops will be held in the Community Center from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm or at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on June 12, 19, 26, July 3, and 10.

For individual coaching, please call for an appointment.

Youth Transportation Individual Development Account (IDA) – Matched savings account for the purposes of saving for the purchase of an automobile.

- Must be a Pokagon Band citizen.
- Must be between 13–17 years old.
- Must submit a Youth Transportation IDA application.
- Must be enrolled in middle or high school.
- Must complete youth financial training.
- Match rate is 1:1
- Maximum monthly match is \$25/month or possible \$1,500 for entire program.
- Benchmark bonuses for grades.
- Matching contributions are based on monthly savings amounts, not total or yearly amounts.

If you have any questions or would like additional information on the programs offered by Chi Ishobak, please contact us by using the information listed below:

Chi Ishobak, Inc.

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FINANCIAL WELLNESS SERIES

Chi Ishobak and the Pokagon Band Department of Housing have collaborated to introduce a new financial education program for Pokagon Band Citizens. More than just information, this program is designed to identify financial behaviors and the cultural relevance associated with them. A series of five classes will address the basic aspects of personal financial management and provide participants with the tools and processes to take control of their financial health. Two classes are available on each date in an attempt to accommodate more participation.

SAVINGS IS COMMOM CENTS
This segment introduces the importance of saving, the purposes of saving, and how saving is culturally tied to us.

<i>Date:</i> Wednesday, June 12	<i>Location:</i> Community Center
<i>Time:</i> 1:00pm – 2:00pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

A MARRIAGE WITH MONEY
Whether you are married or single, your financial decisions and activities must have checks, balances, and accountability.

<i>Date:</i> Wednesday, June 19	<i>Location:</i> Community Center
<i>Time:</i> 1:00pm – 2:00pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

A PLAN FOR CASH FLOW
Knowing exactly where your money goes and why will allow you to have an effective, purposeful spending plan.

<i>Date:</i> Wednesday, June 26	<i>Location:</i> Community Center
<i>Time:</i> 1:00pm – 2:00pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

TACKLING DEBT
This segment will introduce a proven method to prioritize debts and gain traction in eliminating them for good.

<i>Date:</i> Wednesday, July 3	<i>Location:</i> Community Center
<i>Time:</i> 1:00pm – 2:00pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

LET THE BUYER BEWARE
By understanding how large companies compete for your money, you may identify necessary and significant purchases.

<i>Date:</i> Wednesday, July 10	<i>Location:</i> Community Center
<i>Time:</i> 1:00pm – 2:00pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

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Jasmine Fuller Honored for Academic and Extracurricular Excellence

At the Department of Education, we take pride in our young people and all of the amazing things they are doing in school, as well as in their chosen extracurricular activities. In this section, we like to introduce these young people in order to share and celebrate their achievements. Students are nominated by someone who wishes to bring light to their success, whether it may be in school or in another activity. The nominated student is asked to write a brief essay about themselves in order to allow us to learn a little more about her or him. Here is a little about Jasmine, who was nominated by her sister and brother-in-law, Amanda and Matt Cummins, as well as by her mother, Karen Spicher.

Jasmine Fuller is a third grader at Hartford Elementary School. She gets As and Bs and absolutely loves school. She is a member of several afterschool organizations. She is a member of Girls on the Run, an organization aimed at building self-esteem. The girls train for a 5k run while learning about communication, healthy choices and friendship. She is also a member of Hartford Strings and plays the

violin. She loves to sing and she and two other friends sang and won third place in a school talent show. Jasmine is also a teachers aide after school for Red Arrow Elementary, helping with the kids in the after school program. Her little brother and sister also attend Red Arrow Elementary. When Jasmine isn't doing school affiliated things, she loves spending time with her siblings and cousins.

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

Special Education Assistance Available From the Department of Education

By Kristie Bussler, K-12 Resource Specialist

Is your family involved in Special Education? If so, you are not alone! Today, many students, native and non-native, receive special education services. Special Education, with all of its complicated laws, difficult terminology, and multitude of meetings, can be overwhelming and even a little scary. The Pokagon Band Department of Education is here to help families in the K-12 Program, whether a child is struggling with his or her education, has just been identified as a student needing special education services, or is one who has been receiving services for several years.

Children with a learning disability are eligible by law to receive services that meet their unique and individual educational needs. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) divides types of disabilities into the following categories: autism spectrum disorders, deaf-blindness, deafness, emotional disturbance, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment (including blindness).

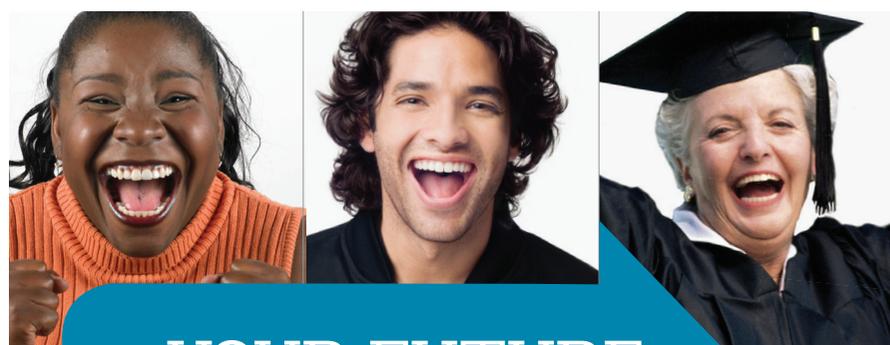
If your family needs guidance, the Department of Education can assist you in a variety of ways. We can help you maneuver through the special education laws, using websites and resource books we have in our library. We are available to answer any questions you have and would be willing to attend any meetings where you would appreciate extra support. As a parent, you have a great deal of decision-making power in the special education process. You are your child's number one advocate and we can help prepare you for that task.

Our staff has experience in special education. Some of us have taught in special ed classrooms, and we all have received training in special needs and special education. The latest conference we attended was on April 25 in Lansing, Michigan covering Wrightslaw: Special Education Law and Advocacy. From that training, we gained insight into using a bell-curve to understand standardized test scores. (With the huge amount of testing that is done for students in both general and special education, it is crucial to be able to know what the scores mean and how they apply to your child's educational needs.) We also received resource books that make it easier to read and understand the laws behind the system. The books are All About IEPs, From Emotions to Advocacy, and Special Education Law. Copies of these books are available in our library.

The Pokagon Band Department of Education's Special Needs Program is a service to help Pokagon Band students and families with such needs. We provide up to \$400 a school year for items that assist in your child's education, such as: testing, specific attachments for computers, and hearing devices in the classroom. Computers or iPads are not funded with this program, but technology that attaches to them is an option. Funding for parents to attend workshops is also considered. The request process for this service is through an application includes information from your child's teacher or therapist recommending assistance. Contact the K-12

Program prior to purchasing anything to confirm that it is covered in this program and to start the application process. An invoice is needed if the Band is paying the vendor. If you are to be reimbursed for the amount, then the original receipt for your payment is needed.

Parents, school staff, and the Pokagon Band have the common goal of helping all children to be successful students and life-long learners. It is vital that we work as a team to make this happen. We, in the Department of Education, are here to help. You can contact us by phone at (269) 782-0887 or by e-mail at Kristie.bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



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Elders Council Business Meeting | May 2, 2013

MEETING: Ken Rader, 11:02 a.m.

INVOCATION: Jerry Campbell.

ROLL CALL: Ken Radar, P, Maxine Margiotta, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Saldivar, P. Also in attendance, Petey Boehm, Carl Wesaw, Elders Rep.

AGENDA: Becky Price introduced Dawn Grabowski a new nurse at the PHS. Tom Topash, Jason M. Wesaw, Government Manager, and Anita Grivins, Finance Director, gave a financial report. They explained where the monies come from, and how it is disbursed. Most of the revenues come from the casinos. The tribe at this time is in very good shape. When money is withdrawn from a child's trust fund, that money is taxable, so make sure that you have enough tax taken out.

Housing Director Jim Coleman and Jason M. Wesaw talked about possibly giving the Community Center to the Elders. A lot of questions were asked as to how this would affect the Elders programs. No decision was made.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Audrey explained the sign up procedure for the South Dakota trip. A member had some concerns, and our Elders Representative will take it to Tribal Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Bonnie Parrish's MIEA report was tabled until the June meeting.

Auction will be held at Elders Hall, May 16, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS: A correction was made to the April minutes, should have been Sam Morseau not J.T.Morseau.

MINUTES: Ken moved to accept the minutes of April 4, 2013 with corrections, Clarence, supported, (5) yes, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Maxine supported, (5) yes, passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Basket making will be held in May 18, 2013. 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Active living classes will be Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Gathering will be held in Dowagiac MI, August, 8–11, 2013.

MAY BIRTHDAYS: Phoebe Hall, Betty McBride, Teri Barber, Gus Gwilt, Jackie Genereaux, Paul Jackson, John White, Shirley Sigfrid, Mary Ruple.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES: Art & Faye Magnuson 60 years

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Michigan Indian Elders Association Scholarships Announced

By Bonnie Parrish, MIEA Secretary

If you have been reading the articles I've put in the newsletter over the years, you know that MIEA has two award programs. The Incentive Awards program is for K–12 students with qualifying entries who have straight As and/or perfect attendance for two marking periods. I am proud to announce that MIEA had 200 entries and 16 winners were Pokagon students. Those students are: Eva Ballew, Zada Ballew, Marylou Bixler, Antonio Bogle, Daniel Dick, Robert Dick, Anysia Heath, Danica Heath, Jack Murphy, Emily Zerba, Logan Zerba, Cassidy Wesaw, Justin Williams, Cody Yonkers, MaKayla Bogle, and Lake Zerba. Doesn't that make you proud? Congratulations each of you!

Our second program is scholarships for the college bound students. Winners are selected by a panel of judges. This is going on now and you can get your MIEA application on line at: michiganindianelders.org or at the Pokagon Education Department. Applications must be returned to the coordinator by June 20, 2013 to qualify. We hope to see many of our students enter. Good luck!

 michiganindianelders.org

Pokagon Citizens Invited to Celebrate Church's 175th

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

Preventative Care Is Important for Good Health

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Some people only go to the doctor when they are sick. But regular health screenings are important because a provider can catch something that if not detected early could become harmful. Screenings are tests that look for diseases before you have symptoms. Blood pressure checks, colonoscopies, and mammograms are examples of screenings. You can get some screenings, such as blood pressure readings, in your doctor's office. Others, such as mammograms, and colonoscopies need special equipment, so you may need to go to a different office.

After a screening test, ask when you will see the results and who to talk to about them.

The information below breaks down what screenings you should be getting, at what age you should be getting them, and how often. Below are the tests that both men and women need. Learn about which screening tests to get, whether you need medicines to prevent diseases, and steps you can take for good health.

Men and Women:

Colorectal Cancer Have a screening test for colorectal cancer starting at age 50. If you have a family history of colorectal cancer, you may need to be screened earlier. Several different tests can detect this cancer. Your health care team can help you decide which is best for you.

Depression Your emotional health is as important as your physical health. Talk to your health care team about being screened for depression, especially if during the last two weeks you have felt down, sad, or hopeless or you have felt little interest or pleasure in doing things.

Diabetes Get screened for diabetes if your blood pressure is higher than 135/80 or if you take medication for high blood pressure, if you are having increased thirst or urination, dizziness, increased hunger, or other symptoms of diabetes.

High Blood Pressure Starting at age 18, have your blood pressure checked at least every two years. High blood pressure is 140/90 or higher. High blood pressure can cause stroke, heart attack, kidney and eye problems, and heart failure.

High Cholesterol Starting at age 20, have your cholesterol checked regularly if you use tobacco, are obese, have diabetes or high blood pressure. You also should be screened if you have a personal history of heart disease or blocked arteries or a man in your family had a heart attack before age 50 or a woman, before age 60.

HIV Talk with your health care team about HIV screening.

Overweight and Obesity The best way to learn if you are overweight or obese is to find your body mass index (BMI). You can find your BMI by entering your height and weight into a BMI calculator, such as the one available at: www.nhlbisupport.com/bmi/. A BMI between 18.5 and 25 indicates a normal weight. Persons with a BMI of 30 or higher may be obese. If you are obese, talk to your doctor or nurse about seeking intensive counseling and help with changing your behaviors to lose weight. Overweight and obesity can lead to diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Immunizations Get a flu shot every year. Talk with your health care team about whether you need vaccinations. You can also find which ones you need by going to: www2.cdc.gov/nip/adultimmsched/.

Women:

Breast Cancer Ask your health care team whether a mammogram is right for you based on your age, family history, overall health, and personal concerns. You should be performing a monthly at home breast examination and if you feel or see anything abnormal contact your health provider as soon as possible. If you need more information on how to do a at home breast exam, contact Pokagon Health Services today.

Cervical Cancer Have a Pap smear every one to three years if you are between 21 to 65 years old and have been sexually active.

Chlamydia and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases Sexually transmitted diseases can make it hard to get pregnant, may affect your baby, and can cause other health problems. Ask your doctor or nurse whether you should be screened for other sexually transmitted diseases.

Osteoporosis (Bone Thinning) Have a screening test at age 65 to make sure your bones are strong. If you are younger than 65, talk to your health care team about whether you should be tested.

Men:

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm If you are between the ages of 65 and 75 and have ever been a smoker, talk to your doctor or nurse about being screened for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA).

Prostate Specific Antigen Test and Digital Rectal Exam This test is done to detect prostate cancer; a digital rectal exam may be performed at the same time. This should be done when you reach the age 40 and over.

Testicular Exams Self-exams can check for painless lumps that could indicate testicular cancer. At age 15 and over a self-exam should be performed monthly and a clinical exam should be completed at each physical exam or upon early detection of lumps.

Bone Density Test This is a test for osteoporosis, a disease in which bones become fragile and are more likely to break. If you are aged 50-69 and have risk factors, talk with your provider about this test. If you are 70 or older you should have a baseline test, and then follow up as needed.

Syphilis Ask your doctor or nurse whether you should be screened for syphilis.



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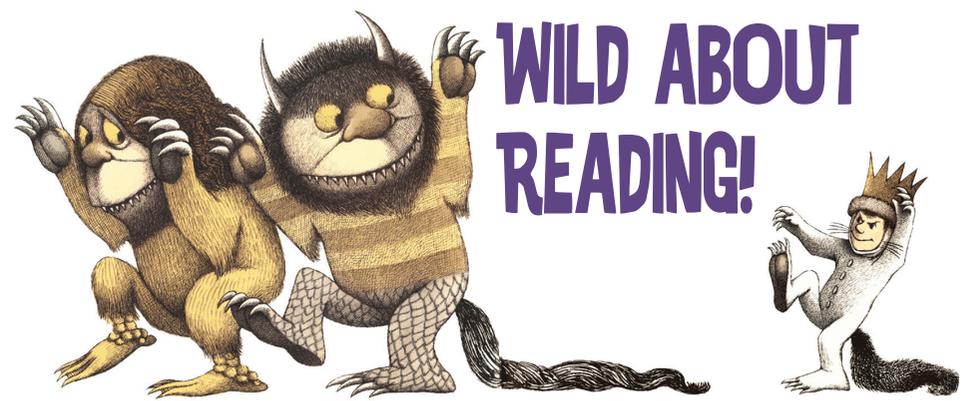


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SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2013 | 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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PRE-K THROUGH 1ST GRADERS AND THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Join the Department of Education to read *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak and make wild thing paper bag masks. Also, check out books and play some outdoor games and activities. A light lunch will be provided. Adult attendance is required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CONNIE BABER OR RACHEL ORVIS AT (269) 782-0887

HOSTED BY THE POKAGON BAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Open Commissioner Position | Pokagon Band Gaming Commission

DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving as a member of the Pokagon Band Gaming Commission ("Commission"). The Commission is a three person body that is an independent and autonomous political subdivision of the Pokagon Band. The Commission is responsible for ensuring that all gaming activities within the Band's jurisdiction are conducted in conformance with the Pokagon Band Gaming Regulatory Act, the Gaming Compact between the Band and the State of Michigan, and the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The Commission typically meets two (2) consecutive days per month (Thursday and Friday), primarily during the day at the Commission offices in New Buffalo Township. Commissioners may spend additional time of approximately 16 hours per month in Commission business outside of meetings. The Commission's website is available at: <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/commissions/gaming-commission>.

ELIGIBILITY. In addition to the qualifications set forth below, as required by subsection 3.07(b) of the Band's Gaming Regulatory Act, candidates for the Commission shall have experience and training of sufficient scope, depth and relevancy to enable him/her to fulfill his/her duties as shown through at least five (5) years experience in gaming or other regulatory affairs, public accounting or business finance, public or business administration, judicial or dispute resolution services, criminal justice, civil or criminal investigation, or law. A bachelor's degree in a relevant area of study is required.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Commissioners are appointed by the Tribal Council and serve (3) three year terms of office. A Commissioner must meet all applicable licensing standards under the Gaming Regulatory Act as determined through a comprehensive background investigation to be conducted prior to appointment.

STIPEND. This is not a full time position and Commissioners are not eligible for any Pokagon Band employee benefits. Commissioners are compensated at rates that fall within a grid established by the Tribal Council that ranges from \$1,250 to \$1,667 per meeting day, with one travel day.

Qualifications. As provided in subsection 3.07(a) of the Band's Gaming Regulatory Act, no person shall serve on the Commission if that person is:

- (1) Under the age of twenty-one (21);
- (2) A member or officer of the Tribal Council;
- (3) A Judge or employee of the Tribal Court;
- (4) Employed by any Gaming Operation;
- (5) Resides in the same household with, a person employed as a Primary Management Official or Key Employee of any Gaming Operation;
- (6) Has a direct or indirect financial interest in the Gaming Operation, including any Management Contractor, or a direct financial interest in any Gaming Supplier. For purposes of this Section, (i) direct financial interest shall not include the right to per capita distributions of Gaming revenues pursuant to the IGRA but shall include direct ownership of stock in a publicly traded company and (ii) indirect financial interest shall not include ownership of any mutual funds that hold such stock.
- (7) Employed or otherwise serves in a position with responsibilities that create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the duties and responsibilities of the Commission, as determined by the Tribal Council; or
- (8) Unable to establish and maintain eligibility to serve as a Gaming Commissioner under the requirements set forth in this Section.

HOW TO APPLY. Please submit letters of interest along with a current résumé to:

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Questions concerning the position and this announcement may be directed to Brian Callaghan, Executive Director of the Commission, at (269) 926-5485.

This posting shall close June 30, 2013.

Notice of Open Positions | Curriculum Committee

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to fill positions in the newly created Pokagon Band Curriculum Committee. The Committee is seeking two individuals to serve as Alternates for the Committee. The Curriculum Committee is responsible for establishing a tribally operated daycare and school(s) with culturally based academics and extracurricular activities. The Curriculum Committee should expect to meet once a month in a location to be determined. Including meeting preparation and other time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately five hours per month to fulfill responsibilities.

COMPENSATION. Curriculum Committee members are compensated per the Committee Handbook. In addition, Curriculum Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Curriculum Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There are currently two vacant seats on the Curriculum Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for a one year term of office.

HOW TO APPLY. Please submit letters of interest along with a current résumé to:

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Or email kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Questions concerning the Curriculum Committee may be directed to Jason S. Wesaw at jason.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

This position shall be open until filled.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Curriculum Committee members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Band's website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Notice of Open Positions | Pokagon Rights Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill one vacant Officer and one vacant Alternate Member position on the Pokagon Rights Board (the "Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created through enactment of the Pokagon Rights Board Code (the "Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching and investigating aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; (b) compiling and cataloging information and documents related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; and (c) making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites. The Board is comprised of five (5) persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four (4) Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two (2) Alternate Members who are expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). One of the Offer and one of the Alternate Member positions are currently vacant. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as may be needed to fulfill Board duties. Alternate Members are also expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Pokagon Rights Board Code is available on the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Codes_and_Ordinances.

COMPENSATION: Board members and Alternate Members are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council pursuant to the Committee Procedures Handbook. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY: All persons who wish to serve as an Alternate Member must be a Pokagon Band citizen who: (a) is at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and (b) possesses expertise, knowledge, skills, and professional and personal experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Board.

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

CONFIDENTIALITY. All Board members, including Alternate Members, are prohibited from disclosing confidential information, which will include information related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites.

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS: The Tribal Council will appoint a person to fill the vacant Officer and Alternate Member positions on the Board. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment as an Officer or Alternate Member must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will consider the appointments to the Board; provided the Tribal Council may waive this requirement for good cause. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council.

TERM: The original term of office for an Officer or Alternate Member of the Board is three (3) years; however, because this appointment is to fill a vacancy, the appointment will be for the remainder of the existing term, which will expire on May 21, 2015. There is no limit to the number of terms an Officer or Alternate Member may serve on the Board.

DEADLINE. This position shall remain open until filled by appointment by the Tribal Council.

QUESTIONS: All questions concerning the Board or this Notice may be directed to Mark Parrish, Board Member and Director of the Department of Natural Resources, at (269) 782-9602 or Mark.Parrish@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Land Use Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill one (1) vacant Alternate Member position on the Pokagon Band Land Use Board ("Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created by the enactment of the Pokagon Band Land Use and Conservation Code ("Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching, preparing and making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the classification, reclassification, transfer and acquisition of Pokagon Band land; and (b) researching and developing a Long Term Land Acquisition and Development Plan to guide future growth and to establish goals and priorities for the use of Pokagon Band land. The Board is comprised of five (5) persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four (4) Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two (2) Alternate Members who will be expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). One of the two Alternate Member positions is vacant. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as needed to fulfill Board duties. Alternate Members are also expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Land Use and Conservation Code is available on the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Codes_and_Ordinances.

COMPENSATION: Board members and Alternate Members are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council pursuant to the Committee Procedures Handbook. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person who wishes to seek appointment to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizens; (b) be at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and (c) possess expertise, knowledge, skills, and professional and personal experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Board.

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

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS: The Tribal Council will appoint a person to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment as an Alternate Member must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will consider the appointments to the Board; provided the Tribal Council may waive this requirement for good cause. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council.

TERM: The original term of office for an Alternate Member of the Board is three (3) years; however, because this appointment is to fill a vacancy, the appointment will be for the remainder of the existing term, which will expire on August 18, 2015. There is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member may serve on the Board.

DEADLINE. This position shall remain open until filled by appointment by the Tribal Council. Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Land Use Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy on the Board, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Land Use Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice.

QUESTIONS: All questions concerning the Board or this Notice may be directed to Mark Parrish, Board Member and Director of the Department of Natural Resources, at (269) 782-9602 or Mark.Parrish@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Department of Education Announcements and Updates

Sign up for the next Pokagon Band: A Nation that Reads Program

Open registration for the program is April 27, 2013. The application is on the web: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education or you can e-mail connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov to have the form sent to you. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Connie Baber at (888) 330-1234 and we can mail you the application. Our goal this time is 2013 books.

Graduates Banquet

Join us as we honor the 2012-2013 High School graduates and GED recipients on Friday, June 21 at the Pokagon Band Community Center. The evening of celebration will begin at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. Call Connie (269) 782-0887 to reserve your spot! Graduates and GED recipients, please make sure to send your forms to us to be included in the awards.

Summer Workbooks Return

Let's keep the students' minds growing over the summer! The Department of Education's K-12 Program would love to get activity books into as many hands as possible this summer with the goal of keeping the math, reading, and spelling skills expanding, not shrinking during these warm months. Please call us with your child's name, address, and grade entering in the fall. Bonus: Show the completed workbook to a staff member of the Department of Education or your child's teacher in the fall, ask the teacher to sign the included form, return it to us, and we will send a treat to your child.

Reimbursements for school supplies

Are still available for the 2012 – 2013 school year until July 31. If you haven't applied for the \$100 per student, please contact Connie Baber or Penny Brant (269) 782-0887 and (888) 330-1234 for the forms. Your child must be registered with the program, which is a quick process. Don't forget the High School Success reimbursements, too! This reimburses for cap and gown, ACT/SAT testing, and college application fees.

2013-2014 PreK-12 Program Registration is nearing

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

A Healthy Step to Education, Saturday, September 7 – Get those grade cards!

If your child is reaching for an award at the Back to School event, then you will need their grade cards. Set it aside when the school sends it to you so that you can include it with their form. More information will be sent your direction soon!

You Are Invited to Enjoy Your Library!

New books keep appearing as do DVDs and CDs. We are so pleased to have this comfortable, inspiring, and air conditioned space. Bring the kids in for a break while you are enjoying Rodgers Lake and the playground at the campground. Come join us! We are here from 8 – 5, Monday through Friday.

Dual High School and College Enrollment

An opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to take college-level classes while still in high school, providing college credit is supported by many of the school districts, although, not all of the districts pay for the students' classes. Students who want the extra challenge and study should ask their schools if they have a dual enrollment program and what fees or expenses they cover. The Department of Education will also pay up to \$400 per semester for the expenses not met by the school district.



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Native Youth Parent /Guardian Group

Saturday, June 8, 2013

10:30am – 12:30pm  Community Center, Dowagiac, MI

This is a support group for parents and guardians raising native youth who are involved or would like to be involved with Youth Council. Lunch will be provided.

To reserve your spot, or for more information, please call Dean Orvis at dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4290.

It takes a village to raise a child.

Culture—Contact Andy Jackson
 • 6/1 | Ladies Sweat, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 10:00am

Drumming—Contact Andy Jackson
 • 6/5 | Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ John T Warren, 3733 Locust Rd, South Bend, IN 466146-8pm
 • 6/26 | Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ Jason Wesaw, Hartford School Band Room, 141 School St, Hartford, MI 49047, 6-8pm

Language—Contact Rhonda Purcell
 • Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am-12pm
 • Tuesdays | 12 Week Basic Language Course, Community Center, 6-8pm
 • Tuesdays | Early Start Language Community, Center, 6:30p-7:30pm
 • Thursdays | Potawatomi Language Talking Circle, Community Center, 6-8pm
 • 6/26 | Monthly Language Workshop, Kekylläk miné Penojeyäk, Community Center, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 10-12pm

Native Healing—Contact Andy Jackson
 • 6/10—6/12 | Jake Pine, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 9a-5p (Individual appointments)
 • 6/11 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6pm

Youth—Contact Dean Orvis
 • 6/2 | Short Film Showcase, Community Center, 2p-5p
 • 6/7, 6/11, 6/13, 6/25, 6/27 | Elders Garden Project, Community Center, 10a-3p
 • 6/8 | Sr Youth Council Business Meeting, Community Center, 1p-2:30p
 • 6/8 | Jr Youth Council Meeting, Community Center, 10:30a-12:30p
 • 6/8 | Michigan Indian Family Mini Olympics, Dowagiac High School Track, 4p-8p
 • 6/14-6/17 | Grade 2-6 Culture Camp, Rogers Lake, Check in/out begins at Noon
 • 6/18-6/22 | Grade 7-12 Culture Camp, Rogers Lake, Check in/out begins at Noon
 • 6/24-6/27 | Youth NCAI, Reno, Nevada, 8a-7p

Traditions and Repatriation Committee—
 • 6/24 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6-9pm

June 2013 Department of Language and Culture



Director, Conrad Church (269) 462-4254,
 Cultural Specialist, Andy Jackson (269) 462-4261, Language Coordinator, Rhonda Purcell (269) 462-4255, Youth Cultural Coordinator, Dean Orvis (269) 462-4290

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ladies Sweat
2 Short Film Showcase	3 Elder's Language Class	4 Basic Language Class Early Start Language Class	5 South Bend Men's/ Boy's Drumming w/ John Warren	6 Potawatomi Lan- guage Talking Cir- cle Elders Garden Pro- ject	7	8 Sr Youth Council Business Meeting Michigan Indian Fami- ly Olympics
9	10 Elder's Language Class Native Healing	11 Basic Language Class Early Start Language Class Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge Elders Garden Pro- ject	12 Dowagiac Men's/ Boy's Drumming w/ John Warren Ladies Drumming Native Healing	13 Potawatomi Lan- guage Talking Cir- cle Elders Garden Pro- ject	14 Grade 2-6 Kids Lan- guage & Culture Camp	15 Grade 2-6 Kids Lan- guage & Culture Camp
16 Grade 2-6 Kids Lan- guage & Culture Camp	17 Grade 2-6 Kids Language & Cul- ture Camp Elder's Language Class	18 Grade 7-12 Kids Language & Culture Camp	19 Grade 7-12 Kids Language & Culture Camp	20 Grade 7-12 Kids Language & Culture Camp	21 Grade 7-12 Kids Language & Culture Camp	22 Grade 7-12 Kids Language & Culture Camp & Mini Pow- Wow
23	30 Youth NCAI Elder's Language Class; Trad. & Rep. Meet- ing	25 Youth NCAI Basic Language Class Early Start Language Class Elders Garden Pro- ject	26 Youth NCAI Language Workshop: Kekylläk miné Peno- jeyäk	27 Youth NCAI Potawatomi Lan- guage Talking Cir- cle Elders Garden Pro- ject	28	29



Summer Youth Culture Camp

This year's Culture Camp will feature several Neshnabé specialists from the Pokagon Band. The Camp's focus is on our traditional language, customs, and wellbeing while creating a fun and exciting camp experience for everyone. You are invited to partake in this thrilling mix of hands-on activities and interactive learning. Registration is based on a first-serve basis and will be open from May 1, 2013 until June 1, 2013.

Come learn the traditional way to make moccasins, lacrosse sticks, black ash baskets, rattles, drum sticks, bead work, shawls, bird houses and more.

Enjoy these activities: Language lessons, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, physical fitness, traditional games, creating a newsletter, cultural teachings, financial responsibility, summer ceremonies and more.

Session One

2nd - 6th grades
 Friday, June 14 - Monday, June 17

Session Two

7th - 12th grades
 Tuesday, June 18 - Saturday, June 22

For both sessions, check in begins at noon and check out begins at 9:00am

Tribal Council has resolved to close the Band's Rodgers Lake and Gage Street properties during Culture Camp, which takes place from June 14 through 6 p.m. June 22. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Registration packets can be found online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov or via request by emailing dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov or calling (269) 462-4290

I Dream Of

By Déézbah Church (Navajo and Pokagon Potawatomi)

I dream of a girl

That's getting an education.

She is in need of some patience,

And intense meditation.

She's got a lot of homework to do

There is no time for idle play

She's got a goal in mind

And she's got to reach that day!

Through elementary, middle and high school,

She had to learn, learn, learn,

Now it's off to college to get

A degree that she'll earn.

I dream of a girl,

Who will one day achieve all that she's worked for.

The opportunities will be endless,

As she walks through life's new door.

Déézbah is 13 years old and in 7th grade in Albuquerque, NM. This poem was published in *The Gold Edition, 2010 Poetry Collection* when she was 8 years old.

*You are invited to celebrate the Pokagon Band of
Potawatomi Department of Education*

**GED Recipients &
K-12 Graduates Class of 2013**

Friday, June 21 Community Center

5:00 p.m. Refreshments

6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served

Hosted by Department of Education

Please R.S.V.P. to Connie Baber (269) 782-0887

or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Pokagon Band

**Enrichment
Program**

**NEW
Year Round Program**

If you are 5th through 12th grade you can:

- Attend an enrichment camp,
- Participate in workshops,
- Attend life skills programs,
- Take pre-college classes or school programs,
- Attend conferences.

*Your enrichment program can be held anywhere
and applies to any Pokagon citizen in the country
\$500 limit per year*

**ARE YOU 5TH
THROUGH 12TH
GRADE?**

**Do you want to
learn something
new?**

If you are interested in applying, please send the following to the Department of Education:

- 1) Completed Application
- 2) Information about enrichment program you want to attend
- 3) Copy of your tribal card

Please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education
or contact Connie Baber for an application
(269)782-0887 or (888)330-1234
connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
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Train Together for the Family Olympics

What: Michigan Indian Family Olympics, something for all ages. All Michigan Tribes participate

When: July 25 & 26, 2013

Mini Olympics

June 8 | Dowagiac High School Track* | 4:00p.m.–8:00p.m.

4:00–7:00p.m. | Athletic Activities

7:00–7:30p.m. | Healthy Eating Presentation

7:30–8:00p.m. | Boxed Dinner

Also at this event:

- Nike shoe drawing (you must have participated in 2 sessions to be eligible)
- Listing of Michigan Indian Family Olympic events
- Hotel accommodation information for Michigan Indian Family Olympics. Hotel rooms will be shared with family/friends so this is the time to confirm that family is in the appropriate rooms and that each room has a chaperone as all children must have an adult present with them
- Complete paperwork for the big Olympics travel and participation

Please note: Each participant must have attended at least 2 of the 8 sessions that have been offered to qualify to participate in the Nike shoe drawing and the Michigan Indian Family Olympics. We will count a school sport as 1 session.

To reserve your spot, or for more information contact:
Dean.Orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call (269) 462-4290.



* In case of rain, Dowagiac High School Gymnasium

Native Artists Invited to Design Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow T-shirt

The Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Contest Pow Wow Committee is seeking submissions for the 2013 t-shirt designs. All submissions from any Native artist enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe will be accepted. The artist that creates the winning design for the pow wow T-shirts will be awarded \$500.

How to Enter

1. Entries must be submitted by email to beth.salman@PokagonBand-nsn.gov. The entries may be submitted in PDF format, 6"x 6", no more than 4 colors, 300 dpi and text layers, if included, must be separate from artwork. However, a vector file with layers in EPS format is preferred.
2. The email must include the name, contact information and email address of the entrant.
3. The deadline for entries is July 1, 2013.
4. We will attempt to acknowledge all entries within one week of receipt; however, we cannot be responsible for entries or responses lost in e-mail.
5. There is no fee to enter the contest.

Judging and Selection of Winner

1. The winning design will be selected by the Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow committee. Their decision will be final.
2. The Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow committee reserves the right not to select a winner if, in its sole discretion, no suitable entries are received.

Intellectual Property

1. All submitted work must be original and not based on any pre-existing design.
2. All entries will become the sole property of the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow and it may reproduce, distribute, publish, display, edit, modify, create derivative works and otherwise use the material for any purpose in any form and on any media.

Any questions or for more information, please call Beth Salman at (269) 462-4284 or toll free (855) 600-3720.

Join Pokagon Band in Walking Works Initiative

Pokagon Band is part of a health challenge called Walking Works. The program runs from May 6 to July 8, and the walking program allows you to track your steps online weekly. If you don't have a computer you can track your steps on paper and a community outreach worker will log your steps into the system for you. This challenge involves all of the tribes in Michigan and the winners will be announced at this year's Michigan Indian Family Olympics July 26. The winning tribes will receive cash prizes, which will allow the Wellness Committee to provide more programs for healthier lifestyles. The walking challenge is open to all Pokagon Band citizens and employees and their immediate family members, and other Native Americans and their immediate family. If you are interested in participating please contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234 ext. 225 to receive the information on how to sign up and get a pedometer.

Please also join us for a Healthy Lunch Time presentation for June 19 from 12-1 p.m. at the Community Center. If you are interested in coming to this presentation, please call Liz so that we are sure to prepare enough food. Any Pokagon Band citizen or staff member is welcome to participate in these or the following exercise programs.

For those interested in exercising at lunch, trainer Dean Orvis will be offering Lean Lunch exercise classes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:15p.m. –12:45 p.m. at the Pavilion. Please be sure to bring water to the classes to stay hydrated.

Now is the time to make the changes that can last a lifetime and extend your life. Did you know that losing just ten percent of your body weight can make a significant improvement to both your physical and mental health? It can reduce your risk of heart disease, diabetes, stroke and cancer. Exercising at least 30 minutes a day can also make you in better overall health. Take the MI Healthier Tomorrow Pledge. You will receive a free getting started kit and can sign up for healthy texts and/or e-mail support. You'll also find more inspiration, motivation and conversation on Facebook. Join us and buddy up to create new healthy habits at work and at home. Together we can create a healthier tomorrow.

Join at www.michigan.gov/mihealthiertomorrow. When you register, the form will ask you how you found out about the program; please choose Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.



Lean Lunch Exercise Class
Rodgers Lake Pavilion
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
starting March 26
12:15pm– 12:45pm

Zumba Class
Community Center
Wednesdays
5:15pm– 6:15pm



Junior Golf Clinic
Wednesday, June 19
9am – 10:30am Eastern
Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Indiana.



**Learn to play golf like a champion at the
 Four Winds® Invitational Junior Golf Clinic.**

Join us on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Indiana for an exclusive Junior Golf Clinic. Kids will learn golf basics and improve their skills from professional women golfers.

This event is limited to the first 50 junior golfers between the ages of 6 – 15.

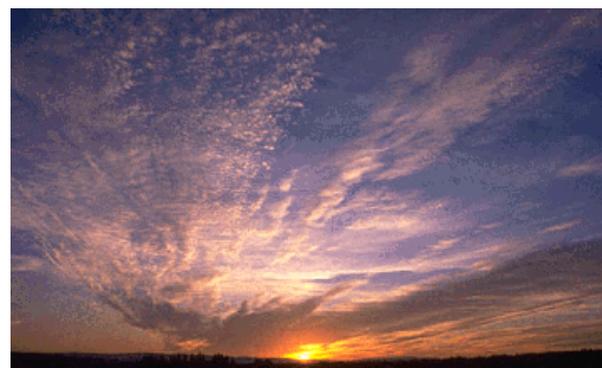
Reserve your spot before June 14 by calling Nancy Sams at 269-926-5156 or by email at nsams@fourwindscasino.com.



Michigan State University
 Effective Leadership and Decision Making

Effective Leadership and Decision Making Class

TDP will be offering a one day course by Michigan State University. In this course you will learn your leadership style in a formal, complexity of coordination, the difference of functional and divisional structures in an organization and your role that you play. The course will also help you learn the team composition issues and individual vs. group decision making. This course is a fast paced and interactive course that an individual will learn about their style of Leadership. Only 25 seats are available, class will be offered at the New Buffalo location. If interested please contact Jim Topash to sign up.



TDP will be offering the MSU Effective Leadership course on:

Tuesday August 6, 2013—course is all day from 8:30am to 5:00pm
 Both classes are offered at New Buffalo Michigan

If interested in the course, please contact Jim Topash, 296-462-4273.
 Please note that only 25 seats available, sign up early!

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.



Pokagon Band Departments of Education & Natural Resources

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

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

Where: Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources Conference Room

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

June 14, 2013 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

June 28, 2013 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

July 12, 2013 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

July 26, 2013 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Lunch will be provided at each event.

Please call (269) 782-0887 for more information. Gas cards will be available to cover travel costs.

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



Dancers and Drummers Wanted!

Pokagon dancers, drummers, and artists: the Department of Language and Culture is looking for people interested in participating in various exhibitions and demonstrations for schools, museums, and other community organizations. If you are interested, please e-mail Conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov by June 30 to get on the call list for the possibility to participate in these events.

Practice Your Potawatomi

Bodewadmimwen

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AGWAMZEN (command to pay attention)
 BMEPTON (command to run)
 CHIKAZON (command to play)
 DADOKMEBEN (command to behave)
 DBEKGISSES (moon)
 GISES (sun)
 GISHGOK (blue)
 GMOWEN (it is raining)
 GZHATEMGET (it is hot outside)
 JIGWEK (thunders)
 MKEDEWA (black)
 MSKWA (red)
 NKWEBDON (command to catch it)
 PEGDON (command to throw)
 PEGNESHEN (command to throw it to me)
 SKEBGYA (green)
 TKEYAMGET (it is cool outside)
 WABSHKYA (white)
 WENBISA (drizzle)
 WZAWA (yellow)
 ZAGECH (outside)

Please try the activity above and send it in to the Department of Language and Culture and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card. You can email, fax, or US mail your answer to: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, MI 49047
 Fax: (269) 782-1817
 Rhonda.Purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Tribal Council June Calendar of Events

- 3 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 4 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 11 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 18 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration Conference Room, 10 a.m.
- 25 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

Tribal Council July Calendar of Events

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

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

Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

Per Capita News

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Tuesday, December 15, 2012	Thursday, December 29, 2012	Friday, December 30, 2012
Tuesday, January 15, 2013	Wednesday, January 30, 2013	Thursday, January 31, 2013
Friday, February 15, 2013	Wednesday, February 27, 2013	Thursday, February 28, 2013
Friday, March 15, 2013	Wednesday, March 27, 2013	Thursday, March 28, 2013
Monday, April 15, 2013	Monday, April 30, 2013	Thursday, April 30, 2013
Wednesday, May 15, 2013	Thursday, May 30, 2013	Friday, May 31, 2013
Friday, June 14, 2013	Thursday, June 27, 2013	Friday, June 28, 2013
Monday, July 15, 2013	Tuesday, July 30, 2013	Wednesday, July 31, 2013
Thursday, August 15, 2013	Thursday, August 29, 2013	Friday, August 30, 2013
Friday, September 13, 2013	Tuesday, September 26, 2013	Friday, September 27, 2013
Tuesday, October 15, 2013	Wednesday, October 30, 2013	Thursday, October 31, 2013
Friday, November 1, 2013*	Tuesday, November 26, 2013	Wed, November 27, 2013

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

Per Capita 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

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

Elders Lunch Menu | Gtegé Gizses June

monday

3

Buffalo Stuffed Cabbage
Au Gratin Potatoes
Coleslaw
Rye Bread
Brownie

10 **language**

Grilled Chicken
Potato Wedges
Broccoli
Fruit Cocktail
Roll

17 **language**

Buffalo Stew
Cottage Cheese and Peaches
Crescent Roll
Mini Carrot Cake

24 **language**

BBQ Chicken
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Dessert
Roll

tuesday

4

Pork Chops
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Tomato Salad
Fruit
Roll

11

Vegetable Soup
Tuna Fish Sandwich
Relish Tray
Berries

18

Breaded Cod
Black Beans and Rice
Tri-Blend Veggies
Garden Salad
Cherry Pie
Roll

25

Buffalo and Broccoli Stir Fry
Brown Rice
Garden Salad
Fortune Cookie
Dessert

wednesday

5

Chicken W/ Gravy over Biscuit
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Ice Cream

12

Buffalo Layered Burrito Casserole
With Rice
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

19

Pork Roast
Red Potatoes
Cabbage and Carrots
Fruit Salad
Pumpkin Pie
Roll

26

Sliced Ham
Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy
Brussels Sprouts
Cucumber Salad
Roll

thursday

6

business

Grilled Burgers and Hotdogs
Baked Beans
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad
Veggie and Relish Tray
Birthday Cake

13

Beef Roast
Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy
Peas
Tomato Salad
Apple Pie
Roll

20 **social**

Turkey Manhattan over Mashed
Potatoes
Carrots
Garden Salad
Fruit
Roll

27

Pizza Day

friday

7

Potato Soup
Fish Square Sandwich
Veggie Tray
Blueberry Pie

14

Shredded Pork BBO
Sweet Potato Fries
Veggie Tray
Chocolate Cream Mini Pie

21

Chili Cheese Dogs W/ Bun
Relish and Veggie Tray
Broccoli Salad
Jell-O W/ Fruit

28

Baked Haddock
Rick Pilaf
Corn on the Cob
Garden Salad
Fruit
Roll

June



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

Tribal Office Directory

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

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

Communications
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Compliance
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Social Services
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-4295

South Bend Area Office
3733 Locust Street
South Bend, IN 46614
(574) 282-2638
Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 282-2974
(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

Tribal Council Directory

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Elders Council Directory

Elders Hall (800) 859-2717 or (269) 782-0765

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Ken Rader
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Maxine Margiotta
(269) 983-7217

Secretary
Audrey Huston
(269) 591-4519

Treasurer
Clarence White
(269) 876-1118

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(269) 214-1279

Senior Youth Council Directory

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Collin.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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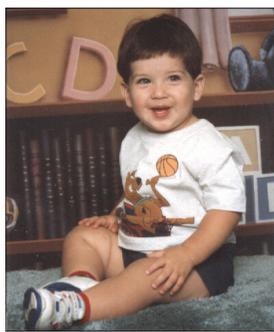
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Dean Orvis
Youth Cultural Coordinator
(269) 462-4290

Council Meeting Times Changed

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

Gtegé Gizes June Citizen Announcements



Happy belated birthday, **Kayla Lewis**, May 21 and happy belated birthday, **Eric Lewis**, May 22.

Love, Uncle Bill Lewis



Happy belated birthday, **Jordan Scott Williams**, 24 years old, May 27 and happy belated birthday, **Lindsay Ann Williams**, 26 years old, May 21.

Love, Uncle Bill Lewis



Happy belated birthday to **Valeria T. Baker**, April 11.

Love, your cuz Billy Lewis

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY

SHANDIIN CHURCH!

May 9 is your day.

We love you very much,
Mom (Lora), Dad (Casey),
Alilee Bah, Nizhoni,
Deezbah & Bahozhoni

Alilee Bah Church,



CONGRATS High School graduate. You did it! Now, onto college....

We are proud of you,
Mom, Dad, Shandiin,
Nizhoni, Deezbah &
Bahozhoni

HAPPY 13th BIRTHDAY

DEEZBAH CHURCH!

May 19 is your day.

We love you very much,
Mom, Dad, Shandiin, Alilee
Bah, Nizhoni & Bahozhoni



Happy belated birthday to **Jackson Little**, the big 21 on May 15! And congratulations on your new job; we are so proud of you!

We love you,
Grandma, Mom and Sis

Happy belated birthday **Kenny Little** April 17.

We love you,
Grandma, Mom and Sis

Happy belated birthdays to both of my parents,
Shannon Meyers, April 22, and Mark Starrett, April 26.

Love you Mom and Dad!
Taylor



Congratulations **Michelle Baugher**, a recent graduate of the 2013 Leadership Training for entrepreneurs and small businesses from the California Indian Manpower Consortium. The four-month training course helped her develop a business plan for her emerging business, Numosh, a Native American arts & crafts retailer.

Wishing a very happy 68th birthday to **Leona Falk** June 19. Live it up, lady! You deserve it.

Love,
Shannon, Taylor, Kenny and Jackson

To my brother, **Jackson Little**: "If you don't know what you want, you end up with a lot you don't." Here's to know what you want and making it happen! It's been so great to watch you on your journey, and I couldn't be prouder of you. Happy belated 21st!

Love,
Sis

Bryce Cailyn Harding-Tufford,

great granddaughter of Mary A. O'Keefe (also known as Mary Watson) and Gary and Kim's 3 year old daughter, is suffering from a rare form of hemosiderosis; less than one in a million get this life threatening lung disease. Please, pray for wisdom and discernment for her doctors, total health and healing for Bryce as well as serenity and hope for her family.



Congratulations **Nicole Renae Harjer**

Class of 2013 of Oakridge High School, and Happy 18th Birthday!

Happy 27th birthday **David**. I hope you enjoy and have lots of fun on your birthday!

Love Mom and Jose

Happy 22nd Birthday to my beautiful daughter, **Jenna Huffman**, June 10.

Love, Mom and big brother, Robbie