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The annual Gathering of Nations pow wow in Albuquerque, New Mexico is one of the largest pow wows in the world. More than 700 indigenous tribes from North, Central and South America are represented and over 4,000 dancers participate. Organizers estimated some 100,000 people attend.

Among all that, several Pokagons represented their tribe at 2014's event the weekend of April 26.

"We had veterans in all four grand entries carrying the Pokagon Band community eagle staff and the Pokagon Band veterans eagle staff," said Anthony Foerster. "We were two of the three eagle staffs in the grand entries. We were officially invited back to bring in our eagle staffs next year."

John T. Warren, a Pokagon drummer and singer, is a member of one of the drum groups invited to the Gathering of Nations. The group, called Crazy Spirit, placed fifth in the drum competition out of 42 entrants. Crazy Spirit is made up of other Potawatomi and Ojibwe members. According to Foerster, the veterans wanted to show support for this high honor.

Representing the Pokagon veterans were Gayle "Rusty" Green, Carl Wesaw, Jerry Campbell, Gus Gwilt, Kenny Rader, Derek Brunell, and Foerster. They were accompanied by Kelli Wesaw, Marijke Campbell, and Lynne Foerster.



Help Strengthen Pokagon Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Sovereignty

The Pokagon Band is taking a momentous step in the progress of the tribe's independence, and needs citizen input. The Department of Natural Resources and Tribal Police are working to establish sovereign hunting, fishing and gathering rights on Pokagon tribal land by developing the Pokagon Conservation Code.

We're kicking off this project with a Citizen Forum to discuss several topics:

- An update on, and possible changes to, the rules and regulations.
- Management of fisheries and wildlife for a healthy habitat and a sustainable and successful harvest.

- Separation from state licenses and tags.
- Currently-followed state regulations, seasons and bag limits.

The plan is to have the Conservation Code approved by fall. Every citizen's voice is valuable! Please join in the conversation:

Pokagon Community Center | Saturday, June 14 | 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Youth Lacrosse Season Underway



Pokagon youth kicked off their lacrosse season with an excursion to watch the Notre Dame mens lacrosse team play Army Saturday, May 3.

“The day was beautiful and the stadium was sold out, including the standing only sections,” said Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator. “Notre Dame, the current ACC champion, won with a goal in the final 20 seconds.”

The Notre Dame club lacrosse team helped organize the event, and offered a skills challenge and mini-scrimmage following the Army game. The challenge and scrimmage had to be postponed due to the week of rain, but all of the participants enjoyed the day.

Tribal Development Program Supports Pokagon Employee on Road to Law Degree

Raquel Burton has been punching a timecard at the Four Winds Casino Resort since 2008, but her job title has changed with each diploma she’s earned.

She began as an intern in 2008, during the Tribal Development Program (TDP)’s first year. After graduating from Ball State with a bachelor’s degree in legal studies, she became the legal affairs administrator.

TDP provides paid internships at the casino to Pokagon Band citizens and spouses who are enrolled in or have completed at least one semester of college who have interest in working at the casino and developing their business skills.

“I graduated and had a job waiting for me, and that was really a result of the internship program.”

That same year, Burton also gave birth to her son, James Horton. Attending law school was always her next step, but now she had to wait.

It didn’t take long for the desire for law school to return, and Burton began applying.

She got her acceptance letter from Valparaiso University and started as a part-time student, still working full-time at the casino. After two years of that, she knew she wanted to finish sooner, so she switched to being a full-time student, cutting her hours at the casino. Four Winds hired another paralegal to work part-time to help Burton.

“I haven’t spoken to anyone else who had such an accommodating work place,” Burton said of her other classmates. “None of them could understand how I was able to do it all. It was really a testament to the program. I probably couldn’t have done both work and law school if I was not working here.”

Burton wasn’t just balancing work and classes; she was also a single mother.

“It was very tough,” she said. “My family is very supportive. If I couldn’t pick him up a certain day, they would pick him up for me. It was a family support system that really helped me with that aspect. Took a village.”

In December, Burton graduated law school, but her studying wasn’t over just yet. The bar exam was two months away, the grueling test that determined if she could practice what she’d been studying for the past three and a half years.

She took a personal leave of absence—for all of February. The casino again supported her.

“They’ve been wonderful as far as accommodating me and my schedule, and helped me get through it,” she said.

Burton passed the Michigan bar exam and is now the director of compliance at Four Winds.

“It was really tough, but it’s worth it,” Burton said.



“Now it’s over with, and I can say I did it.”

Burton can breathe easy for a while, but her life will continue to change, just not in anymore academic ways.

“I’m kind of at the point in my life now where my next step will probably be planning around where I’m going to settle with my family, if my family’s

going to grow,” she said. “Now that I’ve gotten my academic stuff done, I’m going to be focused more on my family life.”

Burton’s boyfriend, Shanon Buari, also just graduated from law school, but he is studying for the Indiana bar exam.

“I love this job, and I’ll stay here as long as it’s feasible with my family goals.”

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

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

One Story | Ngot Yajmowen Event Focuses on Legal Themes



In *The Round House*, the One Story community reading project's 2014 book choice, the plot asks how a Native American woman can get physically attacked

and almost killed, yet the attacker goes unpunished. The latest event in the year-long program invited community members to discuss that question along with other legal loopholes Thursday, May 8 at the Pokagon Community Center.

Pokagon Band attorney Annette Nickel gave a heartfelt and informative presentation about the issues at hand, combining real-world law with the plot and characters of *The Round House*.

"Those of us in attendance were amazed by what we were hearing," said Kristie Bussler, Education Department staffer and one of the One Story

organizers. "We had many questions and observations to discuss; she took complicated and multi-layered matters and explained them in a way that was easy to grasp, although not always easy to accept."

Once again, a signed copy of *The Round House* was raffled. The winner was Clarise Murphy of Dowagiac. Although One Story 2014 is still in progress, plans are beginning for 2015. Keep visiting www.OneStoryRead.com for details.

Pokagons Meet with Michigan and Indiana Governors

In the span of one week in May, Pokagon leaders met with the governors of both Indiana and Michigan. Tribal Council member Steve Winchester joined nine leaders from Michigan's tribal nations gathered to discuss issues important to the state and the native governments with Governor Rick Snyder on May 12 in Mt. Pleasant. Later that week Pokagons joined Governor Mike Pence at the dedication of the new Trine State Recreation Area at Pokagon State Park in Angola, Indiana on May 15. Winchester gifted two books about the Pokagon Band to each governor.

At the tribal-state summit in Michigan, one of topics stressed was human trafficking and its effects on Native Americans. Several tribal leaders sought better communication with the state government on such topics as the Pure Michigan tourism campaign, Obamacare, tuition waivers, and natural resources protection.

The ceremony at Pokagon State Park included a greeting from Council member at Large Steve Winchester and a traditional Potawatomi blessing from Pokagon elder and veteran Roger Williams. The Pokagon flag waved behind each speaker, beginning with Dan Bortner, the director of Indiana State



Parks and Reservoirs. Several others spoke, including Governor Pence, who reflected on the importance of parks. The ceremony ended with the unveiling of the Trine Recreation Area plaque and the official ribbon cutting that signified the recreation area's grand opening. Winchester and Williams both participated in the ribbon cutting, alongside the governor and all others involved.

Other Pokagon Band tribal members in attendance with Governor Pence were the Director of Language and Culture Conrad Church, the chair and secretary of the Senior Youth Council respectively Colin Church and Cassondra Church, veterans Jerry Campbell and Anthony Foerster, and Foerster's daughter Arryn.

Seeking Pokagon Art for Tribal Buildings

The tribal government wants to purchase art work created by Pokagon citizens or spouses for display in present and future Pokagon buildings.

If interested, please submit art work and a portfolio, if available, for consideration. The submission should include the piece's detailed description, your name, tribal ID number (or the spouse's), contact information and the price to Melissa Rodriguez, Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047 or Melissa.Rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

All information must be submitted no later than June 30, with selected pieces available for delivery no later than October 31, 2014.

Please feel free to contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203 if you have any questions.

Chi Ishobak Prepping to Provide Financial Workshops Online

Chi Ishobak will soon be offering its popular Financial Wellness curriculum in another setting: online. Chi Ishobak was recently awarded a grant through Key Bank to support efforts in the area of personal financial education. The new online module will allow Pokagon citizens access to this vital information that normally do not have access to the workshops that Chi Ishobak conducts in Dowagiac.

"As far as opportunity goes for Pokagon citizens, this is huge!" Chi Ishobak Executive Director, Sean Winters said, "Offering this information to as many citizens as possible has always been the goal, now it's becoming a reality."

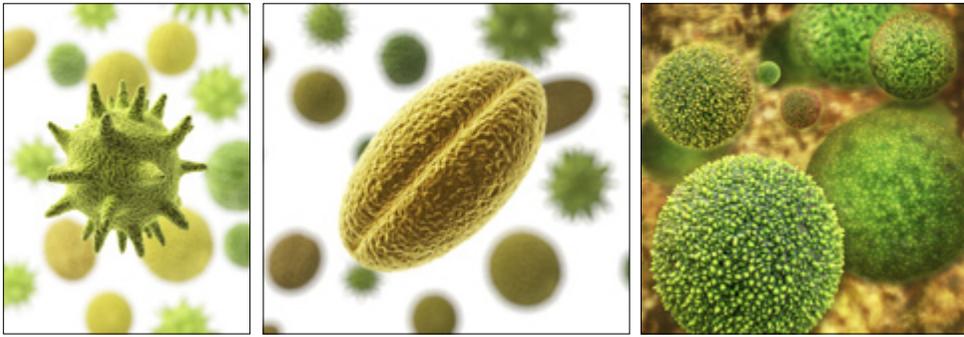
The new online module will provide the same experience as the current financial workshops offer. The only difference is that you will not have to travel

to Dowagiac if you'd have a lengthy commute. "The current Financial Wellness curriculum will incorporate a few changes for the new online module." Winters added, "We are hoping to have a finished product by late 2014 or early 2015."

If you would like more information regarding Chi Ishobak's Financial Wellness Program, please feel free to contact Chi Ishobak at your convenience.

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Be in the Know about Seasonal and Perennial Allergies



By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

It seems this spring people are suffering more from allergies than usual. Allergies can affect people of all ages, and if severe can become a serious issue.

A seasonal allergy is an allergic reaction to a trigger that is typically only present for part of the year. The trigger can be pollen from trees, weeds and grasses. Pollen is spread by the wind or by insects. Pollen can land in a person's nose, eyes, lungs, and skin to set up an allergic reaction. It is important to pinpoint the cause of the allergy and avoid it if possible. Plant pollen that travels via the wind is usually the main cause of seasonal allergies. Pollen can travel long distances and it can vary in the amount in the air from day to day and hour to hour.

Grass pollen is usually the worst in the spring and summer. You may notice that grass pollen causes increased reaction when someone has just cut the grass or if a person is lying in the grass. Contact with grass may cause itching or hives. Weed pollen is usually the main cause of allergies in the late summer and fall. Most of the time seasonal allergies can be controlled by trying to decrease your exposure to the allergen.

Seasonal allergies are sometimes referred to as hay fever. Symptoms of seasonal allergies include sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, itching of the nose, and post-nasal drip. Allergies can include eye allergies, hay fever, or allergic asthma. Not all people experience all of

the symptoms of hay fever, and in some people, only one symptom will predominate. It may be difficult to tell the difference between seasonal allergies and the common cold, and only an allergist may be able to tell the difference.

Here are some suggestions that may help:

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

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

You may want to try these home remedies and treatments for allergies:

- Use a cool mist humidifier in the room where you spend the most time.
- Breathe in steam vapors. You can either run the shower and sit in the bathroom or breathe deeply. The steam vapors may help reduce congested and swollen nasal passages.
- Apply warm heat to your sinus area. This can be done by using a warm wash cloth.
- Flush out your sinuses with salt water to clear out mucus and other debris and keep your sinuses moist. There are a number of ways to do it, ranging from bulb syringes and Neti pots to pricey irrigation systems. Use distilled, sterile, or previously boiled water to make up the irrigation solution. It's also important to rinse the irrigation device after each use and leave open to air dry.
- Drink lots of water.
- Rest when you can.
- Don't overuse over the counter medications.

If home remedies do not help, please contact your health care provider today about medications that may help with your seasonal or perennial allergies.

Kick the Habit: Become a Former Smoker



We have options to help Pokagon citizens, their spouses and staff. Talk to your Pokagon health care provider or contact the Pokagon pharmacy at (269) 782-4570. Or consider joining one of the upcoming Freedom from Smoking classes:

Start Date	Time	Quit Date	Finish Date	Location
June 10	Noon	July 1	July 22	Administration
June 25	6 p.m.	July 16	August 6	Community Center
July 29	Noon	August 21	September 9	Administration
August 13	6 p.m.	September 3	September 24	To be determined

Traditional Use. Not Abuse.



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Train Together for the Family Olympics

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

When: leading up to Summer 2014



Participate in three of the training events offered and receive a gift incentive. Involvement in one school sport can substitute for one of the three trainings.

These events are open to Native Americans and their families, and Pokagon Band staff and their families.

Training Schedule:

April 2014

April 12 | Hartford High School | 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

May 2014

May 8 | Community Center | 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

★ May 18 | Hopkins High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

June 2014

★ June 1 | Decatur Track | 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.



★ new or rescheduled date

Frequent Contract Health Services Questions Answered

QUESTION: Why are Indian descendants not eligible for CHS?

Answer: Indian descendants may be eligible if they meet certain conditions. Such individuals must live within the Contract Health Services delivery area, or more specifically the ten-county service area, for the Pokagon Band.

QUESTION: Are Indians eligible for direct care also automatically eligible for CHS?

Answer: No. In order to receive CHS, Indian beneficiaries must also meet the CHS eligibility requirements.

QUESTION: If I am eligible for CHS, why are some of my medical bills being paid and others not?

Answer: Each visit to a non-IHS health care provider and the associated medical bill is distinct and must be examined individually to determine CHS eligibility. All CHS requirements must be met for each episode (treatment) of care. A patient must meet residency, notification, medical priority of care and use of alternate resources requirements to be eligible for CHS. Example: If a CHS authorization is issued, IHS will pay the first medical treatment. Follow up care or additional medical care is to be done at the nearest accessible IHS or tribal facility or will require approval with a new CHS authorization. If this process is not followed, the patient may be responsible for the expense.

QUESTION: An IHS doctor refers me to a specialist, why am I being held responsible for the bill?

Answer: Referrals are not a guarantee for payment. Referral is a recommendation for treatment/test only. The CHS program must review the referral to make the determination for IHS approval of payment. All CHS eligibility requirements must also be met.

QUESTION: If a student/transient is covered under CHS, are the student/transient's dependents also covered?

Answer: Yes, dependents may be covered for CHS up to 180 days if they were eligible for CHS at their original (home) CHSDA. Continued CHS eligibility is not a requirement after 180 days.

QUESTION: Where in the regulation does it state we have to follow medical priorities?

Answer: See 42 C.F.R. 136.23(e), Priorities for contract health services.

QUESTION: Children in foster care are eligible for CHS, but are they provided health care for all medical priorities, or only what the program is operating at?

Answer: Foster children are eligible on the same basis as other eligible Indians, including meeting the same standards for medical priority.

QUESTION: Can a CHS Program establish a cap on certain procedures, such as dental procedures, eyeglasses, etc.?

Answer: No. If a health service is within medical priorities CHS must pay for the full amount of the service.

QUESTION: If we are guaranteed health care from our treaties for as long the water flows and the grass grows, why are Indians required to apply for AR?

Answer: While some treaties mention health care, the Indian Health Service is not an entitlement program, and therefore funding for CHS is not guaranteed by the federal government. AR allows CHS funds to be conserved, thereby providing health care for more Indian beneficiaries.

QUESTION: How does a CHS Program determine if a client has established residency? Does the program rely on program policy or tribal policy when it comes to determining residency on a reservation?

Answer: Residency is determined by both the physical presence of an individual in a location combined with the intent of the individual to remain there permanently.

No Fish Tale: Families Enjoy 3rd Annual Fishing Tournament



Pokagon families came out to Gage Street Lake May 10 to enjoy the setting and have fun at the Family Fishing Tournament. The Bass Masters truck and boat made an appearance, and their fishing pro helped kids learn to tie knots needed for fishing and boating. Polly Mitchell, from the Department of Education, played a matching game with participants. "They had to identify the five fish typically found

in the lake," she said. "And if they could do that, we made it harder: players had to name the state fishing regulations for each of the fish. Everyone had a good time; it was a real family day for all ages." Congratulations to Ken Rader who won the grand prize: a charter fishing trip for four on Lake Michigan.

Pokagon Youth Rise Above the Influence

A group of Pokagon youth made the trek to Grand Rapids Friday, May 2 for the Kent County Rise Above the Influence Youth Summit. The event welcomed one thousand students from surrounding schools and native tribes, and challenged them to think critically about personal choices and future ambitions.

“Our junior youth participated in the event and our senior youth acted as volunteers for the event,” said Dean Orivs, youth cultural coordinator. “The Senior Youth Council also worked with the Gun Lake tribe to host a leadership seminar on Thursday evening for our junior youth and the Gun Lake youth.”

The kids heard from motivational speakers about underage substance use and misuse, and the power teens have to impact peers, family, community and the world by making a commitment to live above the influence.



From the bleachers in the Grand Valley State University field house, Pokagon teens cheer on a speaker giving a presentation below on the track.

College Students: Be Aware of Rental Assistance Deadline

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

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

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

Phone: (269)462-4251 or (269)783-0443

E-mail: Megan.Rick@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Lisa.Johnson@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Fax: (269)783-0452 or (269)462-4274

Mail:

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Project LAUNCH Seeking Parents for Advisory Group

By JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator



The Pokagon Band Department of Social Services is currently seeking individuals who may be interested in serving in an advisory capacity for the Project LAUNCH team. LAUNCH stands for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children. The project is funded through a federal grant to focus on social, emotional, and behavioral health of Pokagon children from birth through age eight.

Any caregiver (biological parent, grandparent, foster, or adoptive parent) of a Pokagon child up to the age eight is invited to join the Project LAUNCH Advisory Group.

Monthly meetings are expected to begin in June 2014 and will consist of special presentations covering different aspects of Project LAUNCH for parents/caregivers to analyze and provide constructive criticism.

In an effort to make participation in the Project LAUNCH Parent Advisory Group as parent friendly as possible, childcare services, snacks, and mileage reimbursement will be provided for all meetings.

Interested individuals should email Micky Martin at michaelina.martin@gmail.com or JT Laraway at John.laraway@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call (269) 462-4450.

ATTENTION: Pokagon Band College Bound Students

The Michigan Indian Elders Association are once again offering two award programs this year.

For the college bound student: Winners are selected by a panel of judges. You have the chance to receive a \$500 to 1,000.00 scholarship. Students must complete the application form, available at the Pokagon Band Education office, and submit it with required documentation.

The deadline for application of this program is June 20, 2014.

Applications for the program is available at MichiganIndianElders.org.



The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language and Culture invites you to

**Experience Drummond Island this Summer
July 9 – 13, 2014**

Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering

The deadline, June 20 at 5:00 p.m., is approaching fast.

If you have met the requirements :

Eligibility includes attending 10 language classes between April and June 2014, if you live in the service area. Classes are held in Dowagiac, South Bend, Hartford, and Hopkins.

Youth must attend Youth Council meetings in person or through Skype through June and receive their community service hours set by the youth cultural coordinator.

You must also attend at least five community events sponsored by the Department of Language and Culture before the end of June 2014.

If you feel you are on target for meeting the requirement please call the Department of Language and Culture and talk to Nicole Holloway to verify your eligibility. She will then mail you a registration packet that must be completed and sent back to reserve your spot. Space is limited, so don't delay.

Questions? Please contact the Department of Language and Culture (269) 462-4325.

Eligible Language & Culture events: 14 weeks of language (held in Hopkins, Dowagiac, Hartford & South Bend), 14 weeks of drum class (held in Dowagiac, Hartford, and coming to Hopkins), 3 Youth Council meetings, May 26 (8 am) Veterans Parade in downtown Dowagiac by Harding's, May 31 (10 am) Lacrosse Tournament at Rogers lake, June 1 Mini Olympics time & location TBA, June 17-20 Culture Camp (2nd grade-5th), June 23-27 Culture Camp (6th grade-12th)

Bent Tree Market Celebrates Customers June 16–20

Come in to Bent Tree Market, 58878 M-51 South, in Dowagiac for these Customer Appreciation Week specials:

- Grand Prize drawing
- Daily giveaways
- Daily specials
- Free hot dogs on the grill Tuesday, June 17, 11 am – 7 pm
- Free popcorn all week



The Bent Tree Market is owned by Mno-Bmadsen, the Pokagon Band's non-gaming economic development entity.

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

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

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

Pokagon Presentations at NIGA



"Our design team focused on every single cultural detail, and they're passionate about what they do; it shows in their designs." Rick Gardner, Hnedak Bobo Group Chairman John Warren and Four Winds Casinos Chief Operating Officer Matt Harkness presented a workshop at the National Indian Gaming Association conference about the experience developing Four Winds Hartford. Called "Mitigating the Risk of a Casino Expansion," the session featured Rick Gardner of Hnedak Bobo Group, the architects who helped plan and design the property, and Kristi Jackson, of Tribal Financial Advisors.

They shared with attendees how they worked together to expand economic development efforts for the tribe. Each touched on important elements of this: effective collaboration and planning, cultural aspects and details, and Pokagon citizen career development and training. They hoped it was helpful to other native nations and their initiatives.

2013 Reading Program Celebrated



On April 26 at the Rodgers Lake Pavilion the Department of Education celebrated the finale to A Nation that Reads 2013 reading program. Those in attendance enjoyed playing games and eating pizza and ice cream.

Twenty-nine families with 105 readers helped us reach the goal of reading 2013 books. The Heath family read 299 books and won a Barnes & Noble gift card for their part in reaching that goal.

T-shirts and gift cards were mailed to those who could not attend. Thank you to all!

3RD ANNUAL A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday, June 21, 2014 | 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Community Center



The Health Services and Education departments invite you to the third annual **A Healthy Step with Education**. Anyone involved in those departments and all Pokagons and their families are welcome! The day will be filled with educational activities, health screenings, and more:

- PreK–12 program registration (requires a parent or guardian's signature)
- Vision and hearing screenings
- LEGO table
- Drumming
- Smoke house with area fire departments
- Ambulance
- Free haircuts
- Face painting
- Cultural craft
- Book Giveaway
- Bounce House
- Free massages
- Cultural teachings
- Lunch
- Prizes
- And much more

Please come and join in the fun.

Questions? Contact Liz Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Tribal Court Notice

This *Notice* was mailed to the Respondent on April 22, 2014 by first class mail to both of the Respondent's known addresses. Both Notices were returned by the U.S. Postal Service on April 29, 2014 with a Return to Sender label that stated "Not Deliverable as addressed, unable to forward." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because there is no valid address.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 TRIBAL COURT
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 CASE NO. 14-2684-PCDCS
 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

NOTICE OF

(1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

(2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Brandon Jacob Allen Rybolt
 Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on April 21, 2014.
2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, *Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act*.
4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
5. **An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:**
 - a. **RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6;** or
 - b. **ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.**
6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and **MUST** demonstrate that the:
 - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
 - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court order, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and **MUST** demonstrate that:
 - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
 - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

Tribal Court Notice

This *Notice* was mailed to the Respondent on April 29, 2014 by first class mail to two separate addresses the Court had for the Respondent. Both Notices were returned by the U.S. Postal Service on May 5, 2014 with a Return to Sender label that stated "Not Deliverable as addressed, unable to forward." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because there is no valid address.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 TRIBAL COURT
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 CASE NO. 14-2699-PCDCS
 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

NOTICE OF

(1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

(2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Austin Scott Antisdell
 Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on April 29, 2014.
2. Tribal law **mandates** that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, *Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act*.
4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
5. **An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:**
 - a. **RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6;** or
 - b. **ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.**
6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and **MUST** demonstrate that the:
 - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
 - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court order, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and **MUST** demonstrate that:
 - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
 - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

Tribal Court Notice

Prior mailings to Respondent's known addresses were returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "unable to forward/not deliverable as addressed/return to sender." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because the Court does not have a valid address for the Respondent.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 TRIBAL COURT
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 CASE NO. 14-2640-PCDCS
 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

NOTICE OF

(1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

(2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Krystin Marie Liska
 Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that a *Motion to Update Delinquent Child Support Obligation* was filed with the Tribal Court on May 20, 2014 in the above-referenced matter.
2. Tribal law **mandates** that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, *Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act*.
4. The current order to withhold and redirect per capita payments for delinquent child support remains in full force and effect.
5. **An Order Updating Delinquent Child Support Obligation will be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the recognition of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed below.**
6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and **MUST** demonstrate that the:
 - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
 - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
7. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

Tribal Council resolution has closed all portions of the Band's Gage Street and Rodgers Lake properties beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m. on June 18-19 and June 24-25.

Youth Councils Have Own Gathering Space



Pokagon Youth Councils now have their own hang out. The newly renovated Gage Street barn is a place Pokagon teens can call their own with comfy couches, TVs and a beautiful setting. Above, the Junior Youth Council is participating in a Potawatomi language lesson taught by fellow youth council member Wasnoday Pamp, who lives in Wisconsin currently, studying Potawatomi with his mom, a Pokagon language apprentice, and fluent speakers.

Pokagon Business Owners: Help Us Update Citizen Business Directory

Chi Ishobak is still working to update the 2012 Citizen Business Directory. Please contact Chi Ishobak if you:

1. Would like to update our business information.
2. Would like to list your business if not currently listed.
3. Know of a tribal business that may be interested in being listed.

Regardless of industry or market, if you would like your Pokagon owned business to be listed in the Citizen Business Directory, please submit the following information:

- Business name
- Pokagon owner's name
- Business address
- Business phone number
- Business email
- Business Website
- Business description

Please send all information to:

Chi Ishobak, Inc.
 415 E. Prairie Ronde St.
 Dowagiac, MI 49047
 (269) 783-4157
 sean.winters@chiishobak.org
 www.chiishobak.org

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Ne'me gizhek SUNDAY	Ngot gizhek MONDAY	Nizh gizhek TUESDAY	Apta gizhek WEDNESDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Pokagonak Edawat Village Annual Garage Sale EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance L&C Regalia 101 Class Mini Olympics</p>	<p>2</p> <p>L&C Elders Language Class Auricular Acupuncture Zumba Yoga L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&C Dowagiac Language Class (7) L&C Class Early Start Language (7) Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>Zumba L&C Hartford Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class Drumming L&C Gun Lake Youth Center</p>
<p>8</p> <p>L&C Regalia 101 Class</p>	<p>9</p> <p>L&C Elders Language Class Auricular Acupuncture Zumba Yoga L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&C Dowagiac Language Class (8) L&C Class Early Start Language (8) Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>Zumba L&C Hartford Language Class L&C Dowagiac Men's Group L&C Gun Lake Youth Center</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Four Winds Invitational 5K and Fun Run</p>	<p>16</p> <p>L&C Elders Language Class Auricular Acupuncture Zumba Yoga L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Assisted Living Facility Focus Group Lean Lunch L&C Dowagiac Language Class (9) L&C Early Start Language Class (9) Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>Junior Golf Clinic Healthy Lunch Presentation Zumba L&C Hartford Language Class L&C Gun Lake Youth Center Golfing on the Green</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Four Winds Invitational L&C Regalia 101 Class</p>	<p>23</p> <p>L&C Elders Language Class Auricular Acupuncture Zumba Yoga L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&C Dowagiac Language Class (10) L&C Early Start Language Class (10) Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>Zumba L&C Hartford Language Class L&C Gun Lake Youth Center</p>
<p>29</p> <p>L&C Regalia 101 Class</p>	<p>30</p> <p>L&C Elders Language Class Auricular Acupuncture Zumba Yoga L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&C Dowagiac Language Class (11) L&C Early Start Language Class (11) Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>Zumba L&C Hartford Language Class L&C Gun Lake Youth Center</p>

June 2014

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>Language Class (9) Mens & Boys South Language Class</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (8)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Language Class (10) Mens & Boys Drumming South Language Class</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (9) Train Together for the Michigan Indian Family Olympics</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance Tribal Council Monthly Meeting Computer Training Class Conservation Sovereignty Forum L&C Monthly Language Workshop Pokagon Ogitchedaw meeting</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Presentation Language Class (11) South Language Class Midiron</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (10)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Four Winds Invitational Red Road to Recovery Group Senior Awards Ceremony</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Four Winds Invitational Healthy Step with Education</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Language Class (12) South Language Class</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (11)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Language Class (1) South Language Class</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (12)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>31</p>

"Healing the Scars" Mt. Pleasant Boarding School Trip Planned



The Veterans and Youth Councils will be participating in the annual boarding school remembrance ceremony in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

This ceremony honors those who were sent to the boarding school and remembers the many children who died while attending the school.

The "Honoring, Healing & Remembering" ceremony happens the same day every year to commemorate the last operational day of the boarding school: June 6, 1934.

If you would like to partake in this healing ceremony please contact one of our veterans or the Department of Language and Culture at: (269) 462-4325

Language and Culture Seeking Adults to Share Skills with Youth

Do you have skills and energy to share with Pokagon youth? The Department of Language and Culture is compiling a pool of background-screened adults who could be on call to volunteer with our youth programming. If you hunt, fish, garden or gather; if you can teach art, drumming or another cultural talent; if you can coach lacrosse, basketball, or baseball, our kids and our tribe needs you. Some opportunities will be paid, others are volunteer. Contact the Language & Culture department (269) 462-4325 for more information.



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

High School Graduates Class of 2014

*Friday, June 20
Pokagon Band Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI*

*5:00 p.m. Refreshments
6:00 p.m. Dinner*

*Hosted by Department of Education
Kindly R.S.V.P. to Connie Baber (269) 782-0887
or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov*

Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee Announces Annual T-shirt Design Contest



The Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Contest Pow Wow Committee is seeking submissions for the 2014 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, 2014**.
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 contact Beth Salman at the email above or call (269) 462-4284 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Bodéwadmik Ogitchedaw

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Bodéwadmik Ogitchedaw Code ("Code") established the Pokagon Bode'wadmik Ogitchedaw as a subordinate committee ("Organization") of the Tribal Council. The purpose of the Organization is, among other things, to promote and celebrate the Ogitchedaw, honor the past Ogitchedaw and preserve honor for the future Ogitchedaw, as well as to consult with the Council regarding policies, programs, and concerns regarding the Ogitchedaw. Under the Code, the Organization is governed and managed by a Board of Directors ("Board"). The Tribal Council will soon be making two appointments to the Board and both appointments are for three year terms of office. The following positions will be available for appointment: Historian and Quartermaster. The Pokagon Band is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in seeking appointment to the Board..

ELIGIBILITY. In order to be eligible for appointment to the Board, the Code requires that a Pokagon Band citizen must:

1. Is at least 18 years of age,
2. Possesses a discharge other than dishonorable from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, National Guard, or Reserves of the United States, or is currently serving in the National Guard or any branch of the United States military reserves; provided, however, that if one has a dishonorable discharge, he or she may be admitted at the discretion of the Board upon $\frac{2}{3}$ majority approval.

In order to be admitted as a member of the Organization, an eligible Pokagon Band Citizen must submit a completed application and such applicant must be approved for membership by the Board. An application for membership in the Organization may be obtained by contacting Rusty Green at (317) 691-0086 or at Glgreen27@comcast.net. Completed applications must be filed with the Board. Completed applications are processed and placed before the Board for approval.

The Board of Directors encourages all eligible Pokagon Band Citizens to seek membership in the Organization.

COMPENSATION. The Board members are independent contractors and paid at rates established by the Council for their service on the Board. Currently, the Historian and Quartermaster positions are each paid \$150 per Board meeting. In addition, Board members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend Board meetings.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Appointments to the Board are made by the Tribal Council. Before any Pokagon Band citizen is appointed to serve on the Board, the Tribal Council will verify a potential appointee meets the qualifications mentioned above for appointment. Anyone not meeting the eligibility requirements shall not be considered for appointment to the Board.

All persons who wish to be considered for appointment must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest of those seeking appointment to the Board; provided the Tribal Council may waive this requirement for good cause. The Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will review the written statements of interest of those seeking appointment to the Board.

HOW TO APPLY. If you are interested in serving on the Board, you must provide a written statement of interest with your qualifications and your name, address, and telephone number. All such information should be provided to:

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

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Board pursuant to any previous posting, but were not appointed, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice.

QUESTIONS. For additional information or if you have questions concerning the Organization or the Board, please contact Rusty Green at (317) 691-0086 or at Glgreen27@comcast.net. A copy of the Code is available at the Band's website at <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances..>

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Board members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

DEADLINE. Please provide your written statement of interest as soon as possible. Anyone interested in being appointed to the Board must provide their written statement of interest no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, June 27, 2014.



FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**CHI ISHOBAK - Conference Room
415 E. PRAIRIE RONDE STREET, DOWAGIAC, MI 49047**

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. THIS WORKSHOP WILL COVER FIVE KEY AREAS THAT ADDRESS THE BASIC ASPECTS OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH THE TOOLS AND PROCESSES TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR FINANCIAL HEALTH. THESE AREAS INCLUDE: SAVINGS, COMMUNICATION, BUDGETING, DEBT, AND PURCHASE BEHAVIORS.

- LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
- THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE
- PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CHI ISHOBAK, SEAN WINTERS AT (269) 783-4157 OR AT sean.winters@chiishobak.org



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

- COMMERCIAL LOANS
- CONSUMER LOANS
- INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS
- FINANCIAL EDUCATION

For questions and additional information regarding Chi Ishobak, please contact:
Sean Winters – Executive Director
(269) 783-4157
sean.winters@chiishobak.org
www.chiishobak.org

Community Benefiting from Bodewédmí LAUNCH Consortium



Project LAUNCH consortium intends to build a strong system of care for Potawatomi children and families throughout Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana. This cooperative agreement, which includes Nottawaseppi Huron Band, Pokagon Band and Gun Lake Tribe, received substantial funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide assistance to families with children from birth to age eight. Partnerships between Pokagon Department of Social Services, Health Services, Behavioural Health and Head Start mean increased and enhanced services for children in our community.

LAUNCH staff recently attended a national training workshop with other grantees from across the country. The Bodewédmí LAUNCH Consortium is the only consortium to receive this funding out of more than 38 awards to state, local and tribal governments across the county.

Head Start staff and LAUNCH staff are learning the Family Connections model to provide wellness consultation for Head Start staff and families. Through the Reach Out and Read Program Pokagon children receive books at the Health

Clinic. Eight families have received additional information about parenting skills and training from our Triple P program over the past few months. Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program, and it has been proven to help parents build strong family relationships, manage child misbehaviour and prevent problems from occurring in the first place. Parenting can be tough; Triple P is designed to provide simple, practical strategies that parents and caregivers can adapt to fit with their personal values. Additional groups will be offered at Pokagon Department of Social Services over the next year. Parents who participate will attend four group sessions and then follow up with a Triple P facilitator by phone for three weeks. There is no cost to attend.

If you are interested in learning more about Triple P or have questions or comments about Project LAUNCH, please contact JT Laraway at (269) 462-4450.

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.

Summer Ceremonies Held at Rodgers Lake June 21

The Pokagon Band Traditions and Repatriation Committee will be hosting Summer Ceremonies at the Rodgers Lake property on June 21, open to all Pokagon Band citizens, other natives, and spouses. The Committee has been hosting ceremonies for the past several years at the change of seasons; the June 21 ceremonies will mark the change from spring to summer and to acknowledge the good things that Grandmother Earth, Nokmeskignan, brings to us at this time of year.

At each season the ceremonies are led by different clans that are prevalent in our community. The Summer Ceremonies will be led by the fish and turtle clans, both of the larger water clan. The intent is that the different clans can share their teachings with the community, and that the different strengths and viewpoints that make up our community are brought forward throughout the year.

There will be a sunrise ceremony and an evening ceremony; you are welcome to attend one or both if you are interested. For the evening ceremony, please bring a jacket with you in case it gets cold and please bring a dish to share for the feast afterwards.

The longhouse took a beating over the winter, and the Committee will be rebuilding it on June 7 and 8. If you are interested in helping, we will be starting at 9 a.m. each day.

We ask that you treat the decision to restrict the ceremonies to natives and their spouses with respect and tolerance. There is much healing that needs to take place within our community before the ceremonies can be open to the entire public; perhaps there will come a time in the future when these doings are shared with all.

Sunrise Ceremony: 6:30 a.m.

Longhouse in the Rodgers Lake Campgrounds

Conductor: Clarence White

Sunset Ceremony: 8:00 p.m.

Longhouse in the Rodgers Lake Campgrounds

Conductor: TBA

Blood Pressure



Native American adults are **1.3** times more likely to have high blood pressure.

120 / 80 normal blood pressure is at or below

Native American adults are almost **2x** more likely to die from diabetes-related complications.

FASTING BLOOD SUGAR SHOULD BE BELOW

100 mg/dL



Blood Sugar



Cholesterol Levels

TOTAL CHOLESTEROL LEVEL
↓ **200 mg/dL**

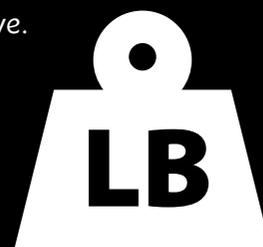
↑ **HDL (GOOD! CHOLESTEROL)**
40 mg/dL

↓ **LDL (BAD! CHOLESTEROL)**
130 mg/dL

Traditionally, Native Americans were very active.

Body Mass Index (BMI)

underweight <18.5
normal weight 18.5–24.9
overweight 25–29.9
obese 30 or greater



30% OF NATIVE AMERICAN ADULTS ARE OBESE.



take action

Know Your Numbers

POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES

Election Packets Mailed



You should have received your elections packet in the mail. If you haven't received your, please contact Jessica Howell at (269) 462-4236 or Jessica.Howell@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

Per Capita News

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

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

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by July 15 in order to make it on the August 2014 check run. Anything received after July 15 will be processed on the check run for September. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27, 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

* Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

Tribal Council June Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 3 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 30 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 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.

To hear what is being served for the elders lunches in June, please call (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 noon.



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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

On Sunday, June 15 ...

Race for fun. Race to win.

Race on the green ... at the Four Winds 5K and Fun Walk!

Join us on the fairway during our first ever Four Winds 5K & Fun Walk on Blackthorn Golf Course. That's right a 5K and fun walk right on the course. It's one of the great family-friendly events scheduled as part of the Four Winds Invitational Tournament. You'll be scrambling across a beautiful course not only in pursuit of a prize but also for a great cause: all proceeds go to Memorial Children's Hospital.

Sunny 101.5 will be on hand during the race, providing music and motivation. There are more details online. So check out our website (fourwindsinvitational.com) for more information on this race and all of the other events scheduled from June 15-22 as part of the 2014 Four Winds Invitational.

Register online today at runsignup.com/Race/IN/SouthBend/FourWindsInvitational5K

Saturday, June 14

Pre-race Packet Pick-up and Late Registration
Start/Finish Area at Blackthorn Golf Course 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 15

Race Day Packet Pick-up and Late Registration
Start/Finish Area at Blackthorn Golf Course 6:30-7:30 a.m.

5K (electronically chipped and timed) 8:00 a.m.

Fun Walk 8:05 a.m.

Cost*

The cost is \$25 per person for the 5K or \$20 for the fun walk, if you register by mail or online by the registration deadline. If you register on-site on June 14 or 15, the cost is \$30 for the race or \$25 for the fun walk.

*The registration fee includes a goodie bag and race t-shirt, while supplies last; a shirt is not guaranteed for late registration.



Tribal Council July Calendar of Events

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

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GOLFING on the GRIDIRON

Part of the Four Winds Invitational Tournament Events

Wednesday, June 18 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.
College Football Hall of Fame Gridiron
Downtown South Bend



FREE and open to the public and sponsored by DoubleTree® by Hilton Hotel South Bend, we have a special evening of family fun planned for you:

- Meet and greet Symetra Tour and LPGA players
- Children's games and races
- Make arts and crafts for children at Memorial Children's Hospital
- DoubleTree cookies and lemonade for the kids
- Participate in kids' interactive golf activities
- Win special giveaway items
- Fire safety with South Bend firefighters
- Face painting, balloon artists and other live entertainment
- And more!

PLUS, if you dine downtown on Wednesday, June 18, kids eat for free* at participating restaurants.

For more information, visit fourwindsinvitational.com 

*One child 12 and under eats for free with the purchase of each adult entrée.



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Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

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

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

Demem Gises June Citizen Announcements



Congratulations **Katy Morseau-Rader** on your graduation from Southwestern Michigan College!

We are very proud of you!

Love to you!

Melissa & Tony Rodriguez

Michael & Richard Newcomer

Aunt Marie(Manley) and Jess Harwood



Congratulations to **Jennifer Edelberg**...a Graduate from Lake Michigan College with a degree in Registered Dental Assisting. Love, your family & friends.



Happy 37th birthday **Pete Joseph Wesaw** April 18. Hope you have a wonderful and fun birthday.

Love Mom and Jose



Congratulations **Ron and Tori Rider** on the birth of your daughter, **Harper Lee Rider**, January 23, 2014.

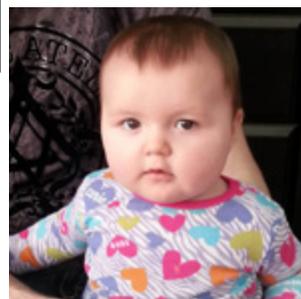
Love,
Mom and Dad



Happy first birthday May 16 to our beautiful daughter **Alyssa Renae Fink!** Love Mom & Dad

Happy 1st birthday to our wonderful niece **Lillian Louise Siegl** on May 30.

Love Aunt Jessica, Uncle Lawson and cousin Alyssa.

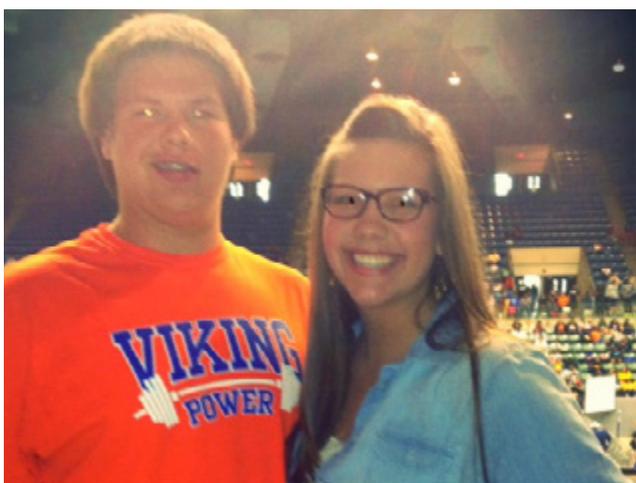


The family of **Jackie Genereaux** would like to thank everyone who helped with her journey. The water ceremony was beautiful, thanks ladies. Officiating by Steve Winchester; the songs by Don Sumners, Dave Brown, Bobby Linn, Rush Lake Singers and her Keepers of the

Fire: we appreciate each and every one of you. Our hearts smile knowing she was laid to rest close to her brothers Sam and Junior Wesaw.

Miigwetch,

The Genereaux, Brown and Temple families



Congratulations to Pokagon youth **Storm** and **Savannah Moore**. Storm, left, placed fourth in the 275 pound weight class at the Mississippi Powerlifting Competition held in Jackson, Mississippi in April. Savannah, right, is a member of the North Pontotoc High School team that won the Mississippi Commerce Challenge. After winning the state competition, her team went on to the national competition in St. Louis, Missouri May 2. Their team was made up of four freshmen while the other teams were high school seniors. Well done, both!

Jeremy Leroy Zerbe

(October 17, 1978 – February 26, 2014)

Jeremy was born October 17, 1978 in Petoskey; he is the son of Leroy & Grace (King) Zerbe. Jeremy was a Tribal Citizen of Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Jeremy loved the outdoors; fishing, swimming and biking were a few of his favorite things to do besides spending time with his children. He also completed the Native American Iron Workers Program in Chicago, IL. He is survived by his wife Patty, his children Ninmkee, Elizabeth, Daniel, Oginiinhs, and Gabriel. His mother Grace Zerbe, his sisters Pauline & Matt Boulton, Dawn & Raymond Shenoskey, brother-in-laws Dave & Heather Marshall, Carl & Brenda Wesaw Jr., sister-in-laws Carla & William Steingold, Tianna Wesaw; his nephews Raymond, Leroy, Clint, Craig and Alex his Aunts; Delores Pierzynowski, Alice & Robert Yellowbank & Carol McFall, and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter Reona Zerbe Wesaw and his father Leroy Zerbe several Uncles and Grandparents. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 11 AM at Greensky Hill Indian Mission United Methodist Church, 08484 Greensky Hill Road, Charlevoix, MI, where his family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service. The burial following immediately after at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey, with a luncheon at Greensky Hill Susan Hall. Arrangements are being handled at Charles G. Parks Funeral Home in Petoskey, MI.



Miigwetch

We would like to give a huge miigwech to family, friends and community for providing support during the loss of our beloved **Jeremy Leroy Zerbe**. It is such a comfort to know that he touched so many lives in his way. Your support helped us to cope at this difficult, sad time. We appreciate

more than we can say.

We would also like to say miigwech to Pastor Robert Dominic, Pastor Jonathon Mays, Medicine Man Joe Mitchell, Greensky Hill Church Womens's Group for the preparation of our luncheon, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Gun Lake Band, Spirit Lake, Cody Bigjohn and Cherie Dominic.

Sincerely,

Zerbe, Boulton, Shenoskey Family