



## DNR Staff Promote Thriving Prairie with Annual Prescribed Burn

Over the last couple of weeks, the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources conducted its second year of controlled burns of prairie landscapes in Dowagiac, Michigan and North Liberty, Indiana. According to DNR Director Mark Parrish, these prescribed burns are part of healthy prairie management and a practice that Native Americans have been using for hundreds of years.

“Burning the prairie regularly helps control invasive species, which don’t have the deep root structure that native plants have and can’t withstand the heat,” said Parrish.

The DNR conducts burns each year, rotating the areas in a checkerboard fashion so plots are burnt every few years and wildlife can migrate to an unburned plot. The department plans the burns early enough in the spring—late March to mid April—to avoid disturbing bird breeding season.

DNR staff and workers from Native Connections, an ecological restoration and native landscaping firm in Three Rivers, Michigan, managed the burn. Workers wore protective gear, and had water and tools for extinguishing fires at the ready. To begin the fire, a staffer walked the edge of a plot holding a drip torch filled with a mixture of diesel and kerosene. The flammable blend dripped out slowly and caught fire, setting alight the dry, wintered-over prairie grasses and wildflowers. To maintain control, the team started the fires downwind.

The burn changes the chemistry and the energy of the plants’ roots systems, producing phosphorous, potassium and other nutrients to support growth. The practice also encourages the development of fire-resistant species like berry and nut-bearing plants, helps control vermin and pests, and acts as wildfire prevention.

“This is what keeps the species that evolved in prairies going,” said Jerry Stewart, the president of Native Connections. “Native Americans figure this out years ago. A fire would occur naturally, and then a few weeks later sprouts flourished, which attracted the bison herds. Over the generations, tribes burned thousands and thousands of acres.”

It’s no surprise that wetlands and prairies work well together, as they do on the Band’s property in North Liberty, one thousand acres of which is enrolled in the Natural Resource Conservation Service’s Wetland Reserve Program.

“The native plants’ deep roots systems help maintain the wetland’s water level, retaining water which provides flood water storage and helps reduce the severity of flooding,” said Parrish. “This type of vegetation is how our ancestors managed water.”



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## Tribal Citizen Headed to Washington D.C. to Serve as a Native American Congressional Intern

By Jennifer Dougherty

The Udall Foundation has awarded Alys Alley a Native American Congressional Internship. Alley, a Pokagon Band citizen and University of Michigan student, is one of 12 students presented with the opportunity to complete a ten-week summer internship in Washington, D.C.

Students awarded the internships were matched with their positions, and Alley is extremely happy with her placement. Alley will be an intern for Representative Dale Kildee of Flint, Michigan. Kildee, a Democrat, represents the state's 5th Congressional District.

"Congressman Kildee has done a lot to advocate for Indian country," said Alley. "He is the founder and co-chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus, and I will be working with the Caucus through his office." She will also be assigned other projects and initiatives through his office.

Rep. Kildee is a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, where he is a ranking member of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education. He is also a member of the Committee for Natural



Alys Alley

Resources, and he sits on the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Native American and Alaska Native Affairs.

Since 1996, the Udall Foundation has awarded internships to 174 American Indian and Alaska Native students. Students are selected by an independent review panel of nationally recognized native educators and tribal policy leaders on the

basis of academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to careers in public policy. These highly regarded internships place students within Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments, and the White House, where they have a front row seat the government decision making process.

Alley heard of this internship opportunity from a friend who had completed the program and is in the Ford School of Public Policy. Alley expressed an interest in the federal government and also of interning in Washington D.C., and her friend encouraged her to apply for the Udall internship.

Alley is a student at the University of Michigan and has a double major in American culture and philosophy. After graduating next year, she hopes to attend graduate school with the ultimate goal of working in public policy.

"I'm particularly interested in political activism, graves protection, and education and economic development in tribal communities," says Alley. "I want to advocate for the American Indian people and serve the Pokagon community." Ideally, she wants to find a job that directly benefits the Pokagon people.

## Pokagon High School Seniors: Preparing for College Workshop

Wednesday, July 6 – Saturday July 9

Pokagon Campus, Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac

Pokagon tribal citizens who are graduating this spring from high school and who will be enrolled in college in the fall will have the opportunity to attend a four-day college preparation workshop. Activities will include:

- Opportunity to meet with Tribal Council and share a mentoring meal
- Presentation on future careers with the tribal government and tribal businesses
- Class on tribal sovereignty
- Workshops on financial planning, scholarships, finding resources on campus, healthy living while in college
- Panel discussion with current Pokagon Band college students
- Senior Awards Banquet on Friday, July 8
- Field trip to Chicago
- And more!

Participants will be provided with transportation to and from this program; travel days are Tuesday, July 5 and Sunday, July 10. Those tribal citizens who attend the entire program will receive up to \$250 orientation reimbursement.

Applications for this program will be available April 25 and must be completed and returned by May 31 to the Pokagon Department of Education. Please call 888-330-1234 for more details.

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of the month. Please send items for publication to:

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

## Pokagon Band: A Nation That Reads 2011 Books Reading Program

Help us reach the goal of reading 2011 books. Here's how to become involved:

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

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

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

Read! Share! Celebrate!

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

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

## Families Have Fun at Active Learning Event in Hopkins

The Department of Education hosted 39 people at the last Active Learning event in Hopkins on Saturday, March 19. There was an auction for the youth to purchase school supplies with play money, reinforcing money handling skills and the value of a dollar. Two guest speakers share information: Jennie Brown spoke about home schooling her children. Three of them are now doing well in college. June Fletcher shared some of her experiences raising her boys in a public school. Her sons have graduated from law school, one is now a judge, and the other a practicing attorney.

After a workshop highlighting various education programs, and tips and tools to help parents and their children with school, the evening concluded with families playing basketball and volleyball together. Congratulations to the Wilson Family for winning the gift card.



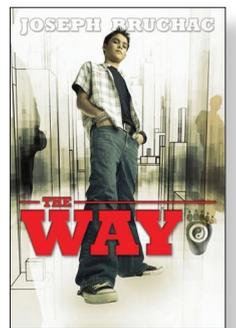
## May Book Review: *The Way*

Reviewed by Mat Barber, education associate

This book is a great read for anyone looking for a simple, well-written book and an inspirational story that holds your attention. I would recommend this book for all readers about sixth grade and older.

In this book, written by Joseph Bruchac, you will find a working relationship of Native American beliefs, European philosophy, and ancient martial arts practices. The story is one that many people can relate with in one way or another. A young boy, Cody LeBeau, struggles everyday with school bullies and teenage awkwardness, and is compelled to seek refuge in his fantasy world of Ninjas and Kung Fu masters. One day, his fantasies come true in the form of an Uncle he never knew existed. His Uncle, an Army Veteran and Mixed Martial Arts fighter, takes Cody under his wing, teaching him the discipline it takes to make it in his sport, as well as life.

I found *The Way* to be a surprisingly fun and exciting read. So if you are looking for a book that holds your attention, but doesn't take long to read, come to the Department of Education Library and check out a copy of *The Way*.



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Department of Education

### Annual Public Hearing for Title VII for the 2011 – 2012 School Year

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

5:15 – 6:15 pm

Pokagon Band Department of Education Offices  
Administration Building  
Rodgers Lake Property  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI

Please call for further information: 888-330-1234

This hearing is required by the Band's Title VII grant to share with Citizens the report on the work done through Title VII in the previous year prior to its filing. The Department of Education will also present plans for the upcoming year's grant.

## K-12 Program's Checklist for the End of the School Year and the Summer

- **Summer School Applications**  
If you have a child who is interested in summer school, entering K-6 grade in the fall, and missed the April 15 deadline for application, please give us a call. We have a few spots still open and would love to see them here.
- **Graduation Awards Banquet**  
We are honoring this year's high school grads and GED recipients on Friday, July 8 at SMC from 6:45 pm - 9:30 pm. Grads - get in touch to get your awards form. Community - please join us!
- **Skono Gizhguk (Back to School Day)**  
Plans are already underway for this active, packed day, including K-12 registration, fun workshops, lunch, and awards for the work the kids have done during the 2010-2011 school year. New this year is a tee shirt to children who bring in their final grades from this year. Save Sunday, August 7. More information will be coming your direction.
- **School Supply Reimbursement**  
We have families who haven't submitted their forms and receipts for the \$50 yearly school reimbursement. We would be glad to send forms out to you.
- **Summer Tutoring**  
Just because most of the schools are closed doesn't mean that academic learning has to stop for the summer! If your child would benefit from tutoring during the summer, either to work on a new concept or continue tackling a difficult skill, call us. We are taking some tutoring students during the summer months.
- **Summer Enrichment**  
There are two more deadlines, May 15 and June 15, for applications from Pokagon children entering 7 - 12 grades in the fall if you want to be part of this great summer program. Your child could receive up to \$500 from the tribe to have an experience of a lifetime! Apply quickly - availability is filling up. Call Connie with questions or to get an application.
- **Remember Your Pokagon Band Library for Summer Reading:**  
Books, books, and books... include "listening and watching" in that invitation. We have a growing number of CDs and DVDs as well as great books. Come in, relax, check your selections out. Think about the places you and your children can visit through the pages of a great book!  
Further information about anything listed here or needed applications can be obtained by calling Connie Baber at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.



Tyler Gettig, son of Paul and Rochelle Gettig, races cars with a toy he borrowed from the Department of Education's toy lending library. Families can borrow educational toys for Pokagon Band children up to age three. The toy lending library is open each Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Department of Education. Call 888-330-1234 for an application or to find out more.

## Scrapbooking Day

June 25, 2011

1pm - 4pm.

58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, MI

Administration Building-Department of Education

Once again it is time to bring in your pictures and turn them into works of art.

Join us to learn how to scrapbook, or get new ideas for your current scrapbook.

Refreshments will be provided.

Open to all Pokagon and JOM students and their families.

RSVP to Connie at 269-782-0887 or toll-free 888-330-1234. *Special drawing to be held for those who RSVP before June 22, 2011.*

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## May is National Blood Pressure Awareness Month

One out of every ten Americans has high blood pressure. Many of those with high blood pressure don't even know they have it. About 90 percent of adults ages 45-64 will develop high blood pressure during the remainder of their life. High blood pressure was a primary or contributing cause of death for 326,000 Americans in 2006. Most of the time there are not any signs or symptoms. Heart attack and stroke are often the first indication of a problem.

Monitoring your blood pressure is key to detecting a blood pressure issue. The Pokagon Band Department of Health Services offers free blood pressure checks at Elders Hall, staff permitting, on most business meeting days, which

are every third Thursday of the month. Also you can check your blood pressure at local pharmacies, with an at-home monitor, and at our clinic.

Blood pressure is considered high if the top number is over 140 or the bottom number is over 90. Normal is considered 120/80, but experts say the lower the better. Don't be alarmed if you have one abnormal blood pressure reading; this may not mean you have hypertension, but does merit a proper examination to rule it out. Blood pressure readings can vary ten to 20 points within a few minutes, and the best way to diagnose blood pressure is the average of repeated blood pressure readings.

Blood pressure can be managed with diet, exercise, lowered sodium intake, and medications. If your blood pressure goes untreated, you are putting excess strain on your heart. This can lead to such serious health issues as heart disease, stroke, congestive heart failure, kidney disease, and heart attack.

If you have any questions about this article, please contact the health clinic at 269-782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234. We have two clinical RNs, two community health nurses, a nurse practitioner and a medical doctor available for any questions you may have.

## Walk the Path: St. Lawrence River

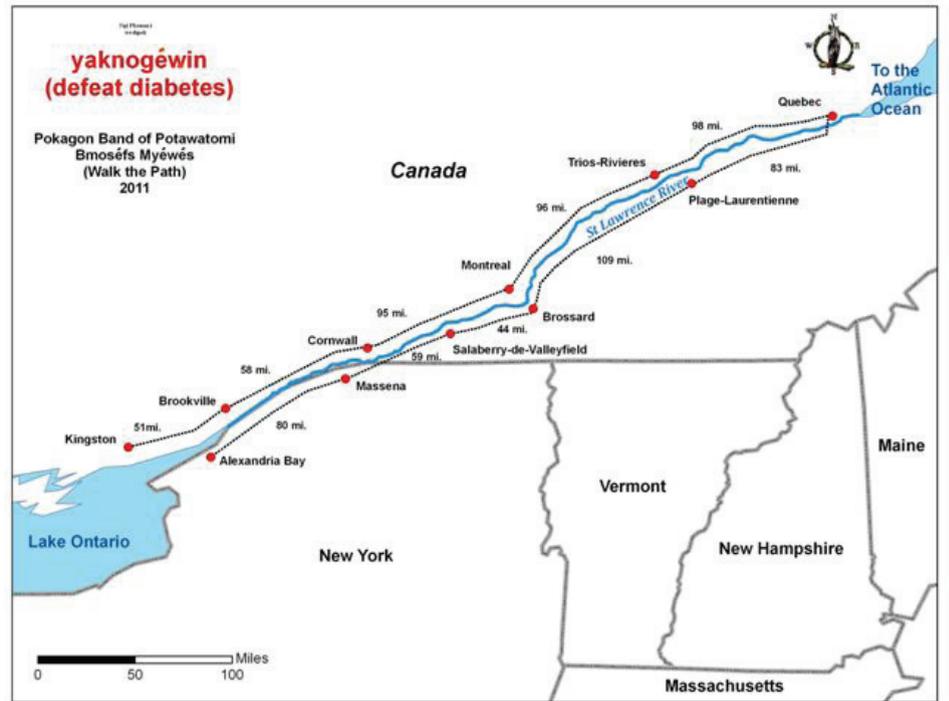
May 16 through November 1, 2011

It is time to gear up, get a new pair of walking shoes, and rise to the challenge of taking our sixth virtual walk, this time east to the Atlantic Ocean along the St. Lawrence River/Seaway. This 773 mile pretend trek will start at Kingston, Canada, and head northeast to the mouth of the river at the Atlantic Ocean and back to Alexandria Bay, New York.

Our goal is to emphasize a healthy lifestyle and promote activity to help stop or control diabetes while you increase your daily walking program. When you report your completed miles, you will also receive fun incentives at designated stops along the way.

Can you do it? Join us May 14, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for the Family Fun Walk at Rodgers Lake to learn more about how to sign up and begin recording your miles to complete this virtual walk. Families can participate in a half mile or one mile walk/run along the trails, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, and receive awards. Plus we'll have information about athletic shoes made for Native Americans.

If you aren't able to make this date, call Susan at 888-440-1234 or 782-4141 to learn about the details, register, and start the program at your earliest convenience.



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16th Annual  
**Womens Health Fair**

Saturday, May 21 • 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Pokagon Health Clinic and Health Administration Building

### Health Related

- Darr & Associates • hearing exams
- \* Body composition analysis & Walk the Path sign up
- \* Susan G. Komen for the Cure • breast and cancer awareness
- \* A1C, glucose & vitals
- Foot exams

### Fun Stuff

- Haircuts
- \* T-shirts
- \* Paraffin wax hand treatment
- \* Raffle drawing & prizes
- Massage therapy
- Bingo
- A healthy lunch

### Earn a Raffle Ticket for Door Prizes

- Educational booth = 1 ticket
- Hearing exam = 1 ticket
- Eye exam = 1 ticket
- Labs: A1C and/or glucose = 1 ticket
- Height, weight and BMI = 1 ticket
- Vitals = 1 ticket
- Breast exam = 1 ticket
- Pelvic exam = 1 ticket

To receive a ticket, schedule your breast and/or pelvic exam prior to the Womens Health Fair by calling the clinic at 269-782-4141.

You must present your lunch ticket to get your healthy lunch. You must be 21 years of age to receive the Grand Prize.  
Make sure your name, number and date of birth are on the raffle ticket. You must be currently enrolled and from a federally-recognized tribe to participate.

**Bozho, Community**  
**Please join us**  
**Friday, July 8**

**They Graduate - So Let's Celebrate**

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Education Awards Banquet  
honoring our  
2010-2011 High School Graduates and GED Recipients

Friday, July 8  
6:45 – 9:30 pm  
Dinner at 7:00  
Awards at 8:00

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

Graduates - Register for the program by June 24.  
Please contact Connie Baber in the  
Department of Education at  
269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234  
with any questions or if you need your form.

**RSVP by June 29**  
**269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234**

Dedicating this evening to our Graduates allows us to celebrate with our younger students at another event on August 7 focusing on their year! Save that date.

## May Students of the Month

by Susan Doyle and Sue Johnson, Education Associates



**Kayleigh Sanders** is a six year-old kindergarten student from Indianapolis, Indiana. Her mother is Barbra Sanders. Her grandmothers are Lori Avila and Louella Lewis. Kayleigh has two siblings, Aubrey and Brian Pelfrey. Her favorite foods include fry bread, pizza, grilled cheese, and chicken nuggets. She enjoys school, cards, Rummikub, Mario Brothers, and riding her scooter. Kayleigh would like to be a singer and an author when she grows up. Kayleigh is proud to be a Native American because she likes to dance and likes the pow wows. Kayleigh's tribal activities include: dancing, pow wows, and the talking circle.



**Cheyenne Yazel** is an eight year-old second grade student at Stark Elementary in Buchanan, Michigan. Her parents are Melissa Scameheorn and Vincent Yazel. She has one brother, Bradley. Cheyanne loves spending time with her friends and playing softball. Her favorite thing is her bike. She also enjoys working with ponybeads, looming, and other arts and crafts. She would like to either be a policeman or a nurse so she can help people. Cheyanne is proud to be a Native American because, "my family enjoys doing bead art. My grandma Linda Topash Yazel is a master bead artist for the tribe and my dad does traditional art also. My dad has shown me how he sings with his drum."

**Kourtni Brown** is a four year-old preschool student from Jackson, Michigan. Her mother is Renee Brown. Richard Brown, Sr. and Jeanette Johnson-Brown are her grandparents. Kourtni loves to color and is involved in cheerleading at the YMCA. She is also learning to ride her big girl bike. Kourtni would like to be a doctor or a nurse when she grows up, or maybe a superstar. She thinks the best things about her native heritage are the casinos and the pretty feathers.

## Family Welfare Commission Looking for Native Handmade Quilts or Artwork



Julie Farver displays one of the quilts she made.

The Family Welfare Commission is seeking handmade quilts—for purchase or donation—to replenish our stock. These quilts will be given to children that are either being reunified with their families or welcomed into a new home. These quilts are more than just blankets; they are symbols of a loving family wrapping their arms around a child. These will be keepsakes that the children will always treasure.

In addition to quilts, we are considering other traditional gifts that the children may cherish. We are open to any suggestions you may have. Some items of thought were corn husk dolls, hand drums, or moccasins. Suggestions welcome.

If these trades are your passion and would love to provide a gift of culture to our children, please contact the Social Service Department at 269-782-8998.

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**Department of Language and Culture**



**Pokagon Band  
Community Wellness  
Gathering**

Friday, May 13, 2011  
5:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 14, 2011  
9:00-6:00 p.m.

**Memorial Day Pow Wow  
Youth Council Booth  
Volunteers Needed**

Saturday, May 28, 2011  
11:00- 9:00 p.m.

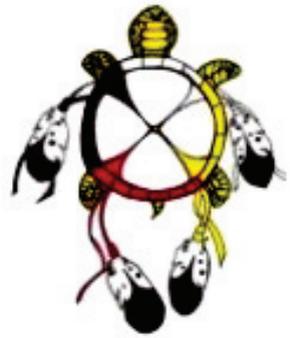
Sunday, May 29, 2011  
11:00- 6:00 p.m.

**Native Nations Youth Council  
May Activities**

Gearing up for the junior and senior youth council's July elections, the Department of Language and Culture will be hosting a cultural and a fundraising/social event to help the youth get to know each other.

The first event is the Pokagon Band Community Wellness Gathering. This is not a youth council-exclusive event, but attendance is highly encouraged. Transportation will be provided if needed.

The second event is the Memorial Day Pow Wow, Youth Council fundraiser and recruitment booth. This will be a fun opportunity to get to know more Anishnaabe youth, recruit new members, and raise some zhoonya (money) at a cultural event. Pizza will be provided for youth volunteers at dinner break.



**Contact Information**  
 Katy Morseau, *Youth Cultural Coordinator*  
 (269) 462-4254 office • (269) 783-6773 cell.  
 Katy.Morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

## Ten Ways to Be a Better Dad

### What's Happening

Children need both parents. Involved fathers can help children lead lives that are happier, healthier, and more successful than children whose fathers are absent or uninvolved. Fathers who spend time with their children increase the chances that their children will succeed in school, have fewer behavior problems, and experience better self-esteem and well-being.



### What You Can Do

1. **Respect your children's mother**  
When children see their parents respecting each other, they are more likely to feel that they are also accepted and respected.
2. **Spend time with your children**  
If you always seem too busy for your children, they will feel neglected no matter what you say. Set aside time to spend with your children.
3. **Earn the right to be heard**  
Begin talking with your kids when they are very young and talk to them about all kinds of things. Listen to their ideas and problems.
4. **Discipline with love**  
All children need guidance and discipline, not as punishment, but to set reasonable limits and help children learn from natural or logical consequences. Fathers who discipline in a calm, fair, and nonviolent manner show their love.
5. **Be a role model**  
Fathers are role models whether they realize it or not. A girl with a loving father grows up knowing she deserves to be treated with respect. Fathers can teach sons what is important in life by demonstrating honesty, humility, and responsibility.
6. **Be a teacher**  
A father who teaches his children about right and wrong and encourages them to do their best will see his children make good choices. Involved fathers use everyday examples to teach the basic lessons of life.
7. **Eat together as a family**  
Sharing a meal together can be an important part of healthy family life. It gives children the chance to talk about what they are doing, and it is a good time for fathers to listen and give advice.
8. **Read to your children**  
Begin reading to your children when they are very young. Instilling a love for reading is one of the best ways to ensure they will have a lifetime of personal and career growth.
9. **Show affection**  
Children need the security that comes from knowing they are wanted, accepted, and loved by their family. Showing affection every day is the best way to let your children know that you love them.
10. **Realize that a father's job is never done**  
Even after children are grown and leave home, they will still look to their fathers for wisdom and advice. Fatherhood lasts a lifetime.

Adapted from National Fatherhood Initiative. The NFI website now has FIVE ways to be a better dad at: [www.fatherhood.org/Page.aspx?pid=409](http://www.fatherhood.org/Page.aspx?pid=409)

## Great-Grandson of Lakota Leader Sitting Bull Speaks at Elders Hall

By Midge Holleman

Ernie LaPointe, great-grandson of legendary Lakota leader Sitting Bull, visited the Pokagon Band's Elder Hall for lunch and a talk April 8. He opened by telling us that he had just visited the University of Michigan and was both honored, impressed and amazed by the interest shown in the Sitting Bull Family Foundation. His family organized the foundation as a legacy to his great-grandfather.

LaPointe shared how he had acquired a lock of hair of his great-grandfather, which was taken illegally at the time of his death by a member of the U.S. Army. He is in the process of having the lock DNA tested. He also spoke about how many people seem to think they are related to him. He takes this in good humor and asks what their connection is and then politely tells them their names are not on his family chart. His wife Sonja is a genealogist, and has thoroughly researched the family tree.

Carol Bainbridge, director of the Niles Fort St. Joseph Museum, also attended the event, which was sponsored by the Pokagon Band Department of Social Services and the Elders. The Fort St. Joseph Museum in Niles, Michigan has had several items of Sitting Bull on display, the leggings he was wearing when he was killed, a stone club and a beaver top hat. The museum also owns original pictographs drawn by Sitting Bull donated by Alice Quimby of Niles. Her family story is in the book *Sitting Bull: His Life and Legacy*.

LaPointe stated at length that all people of First Nations need to work at preserving their language. He spoke to us in his Lakota language, and noted how difficult it is, but for him it is his first language. He is always amazed by some who say they can understand, but cannot speak, the language. He blames the establishment of government-run native boarding schools. These schools did not permit Indian children to speak their native language. Severe punishment was handed out if they did, which resulted in Indian children understanding the language but could not speak it. It is most important that all Native Tribes continue to teach our children cultural preservation, language and culture, education, environment, research and genealogy. He stated that native people live in two worlds, the modern and the traditional worlds, and we need to balance both.

For more information check out their website: [www.sittingbullfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.sittingbullfamilyfoundation.org)



Ernie La Pointe poses with Petey Boehm, Gayle Green and Andy Jackson, at Elders Hall.



Ernie La Pointe with Rita Yount.

## Pokegnek Edawat Boasts a New Playground Facility

Volunteers and staff from the Pokagon Band Department of Housing & Facilities were out in force Thursday and Friday, April 14 and 15 building a new play area for the residents at Pokégnek Edawat in Dowagiac. In two days time, under less than perfect weather conditions, the group dug holes, pieced together the play set, and poured concrete so that the youngest residents will have a fun place to burn off some energy. Thanks to Karen Councilman, Angela Manfredine, John Carney, Dan Brant and Matt Garza who volunteered

their time and muscles, and to Melissa Rodriguez, who made sandwiches for the team. Judd Lumber, Harding's Friendly Market, the Marathon Gas Station on Spruce Street and A-1 Tree Expert's Dan Williams all donated materials, expertise or food. Thanks to everyone! A similar structure will go up April 28-30 at the campground at Rodgers Lake; call Housing at 877-983-0385 if you're interested in helping out.



## May 2011 Department of Language and Culture

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Elders Language Class	3	4 Womens Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming; Language Class with Thomas Loftis	5 Language Workshop with Thomas Loftis (Topic: Questions)	6	7 Rescheduled Gage St. Clean-up
8	9 Elders Language Class	10	11 Language Class with Thomas Loftis	12 Language Workshop with John Winchester (Topic: Introductions)	13 Community Wellness Gathering	14 Community Wellness Gathering
15	16 Elders Language Class	17	18 Womens Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming; Mastermind Series (Staff Only); Language Class with Thomas Loftis	19	20	21 Edward Winchester Memorial Service
22	23 Elders Language Class; Traditions and Repatriation Meeting	24 Native Healing	25 Native Healing; Language Class with Thomas Loftis	26 Native Healing ; Co-ed Sweat Lodge	27 Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing	28 Memorial Day Pow Wow; Youth Council Fundraising & Recruiting Booth
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Co-ed Sweat with Jake Pine- Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
Community Wellness Gathering - Bear Cave Resort, Fri. 5 - 9pm, Sat. 9 - 6pm  
Edward Winchester Memorial Service - Sacred Heart Church, 11am  
Elders Language Class - Elders Hall, 10am - 12pm  
Gage Street Clean-Up - Gage Street, Dowagiac, MI, 1pm - 4pm  
Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing - Rogers Lake, Pow Wow arena, 6-8pm  
Language Class with Thomas Loftis - Admin. Bldg., Break Rm., 6-8pm  
Language Workshop with John Winchester - Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm - 8pm

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Memorial Day Pow Wow - Rogers Lake, Pow Wow arena, All Day  
Men & Boys Drumming - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm  
Native Healing with Traditional Healer, Jake Pine - Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm  
Native Nations Youth Council, Pow Wow Booth - Rogers Lake, Pow Wow arena, All Day  
Traditions and Repatriation Committee's Meeting - Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6pm-9pm  
Womens Hand Drumming - Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

## Four Winds Casino Leadership Courses

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

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

The course offerings are:

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

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

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

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



Course Name / Description	Dates/Times Available
<b>LEADERSHIP 1 – “Communication &amp; Cooperation”</b> This course introduces participants to the importance of teamwork, flexibility and strategic thinking. Activities include Picture Resume and United League of Nations.	Wednesday, May 25, 9:30–11:30am
<b>LEADERSHIP 2 – “DiSC Profile”</b> Participants take the DiSC© profile assessment to learn about effective communication and identify their own communication style.	Tuesday, May 10, 1–3pm Thursday, June 30, 9:30–11:30am
<b>LEADERSHIP 3 – “Living the Core Values”</b> Participants discuss the core values of teamwork, respect, integrity and fun and learn why listening and providing clear direction and feedback are crucial to a good management style.	Thursday, May 19, 2–4pm
<b>LEADERSHIP 4 – “Coaching &amp; Listening”</b> Participants learn how to delegate, in order to free up time to listen, coach and provide feedback to staff. A five step coaching model is presented.	Wednesday, April 27, 2–4pm Wednesday, June 1, 9:30–11:30am
<b>LEADERSHIP 5 – “Emotional Intelligence”</b> Participants learn how to avoid emotional hijack during stressful situations, and the important role of emotional competencies in leadership.	Thursday, May 5, 2–4pm Thursday, June 9, 2–4pm
<b>LEADERSHIP 6 – “Emotional Intelligence II – Horse &amp; Rider”</b> In the second EI class, participants learn the four premises of Emotional Control and that we each make choices and have control over how we react and feel.	Friday, May 13, 9:30–11:30am Wednesday, June 22, 9:30–11:30am (you must complete LEADERSHIP 5 before taking this class)

## Native Foster Parents Needed

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

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility “to provide for the welfare, care and protection of

the children,” through our Child Protection Code. “The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band” says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term “foster parents.” Native people have

had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent?

We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at 269-782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.

## Elders Council Business Meeting

April 7, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeanette Mollett, 11:05 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Clarence White

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

**AGENDA:** Susan Gunderson from Health Services gave a talk on health issues; she also informed us that the Womens Health Fair will be held May 21, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. April 13 bingo will be held at Elders Hall, 1:00 p.m.

Jim Coleman from the Housing Department asked the Elders for their input on new policies that are being revised. A questionnaire was handed out, this is to be filled out with your ideas and returned to the Housing Dept.

Petey Boehm informed us that the Great-Grandson of Sitting Bull, Ernie LaPointe will be here for lunch and give a talk on Friday, April 8, 2011.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Margaret Rapp, asked for a donation to the quilting program, Elders Council approved a \$450.00 donation. The Watervilet bead store is going out of business.

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** Theresa Magnuson, director of language and culture, introduced Katy Morseau, youth cultural coordinator. Saturday April 9 is the youth council social, at the Edwards St. location, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Members of youth council can be between 12 years and 17 years old. No date has been set for the summer camp.

The van that is going to MIEA conference will pick up their passengers at the Dowagiac train station Sunday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Maxine thanked Jeanne for helping get the quarterly payment.

**OLD BUSINESS:** MIEA procedures were revised. The deadline for picking up the Elders jackets will be at the Memorial Day Pow Wow, and those not picked up will be sold. Two buses have been ordered.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Active Living has resumed, every Friday 10:00 a.m.

Basket making will be held May 18, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Auction, April 21 at Elders Hall.

April's social luncheon theme will be a Dress Up your Easter Hat.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:** Valarie Baker, Judy Augusta, Bonnie Parrish, Petey Boehm, Vivian Jackson.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ken moved to adjourn, Clarence supported, (5) yes,

Adjourned at 1:32

## Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing Offered

On Friday, May 27, 2011 the Department of Language and Culture will be offering an Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing program as a pre-Memorial Day Pow Wow activity.

Head Veteran George Martin will be sharing teachings about pow wow etiquette and protocol around the pow wow arena. Joining us also will be a male and female dancer to share teachings and techniques for each of the common Great Lakes pow wow dance styles. Be ready to work up a sweat learning some new steps, so please wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes or moccasins.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, May 27 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the pow wow arena at Rodgers Lake, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan for traditional teachings, dancing, and fun. For questions or more information, please contact Andy Jackson, cultural specialist, at 269-462-4261 or by e-mail [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov).



Amanda Pigeon and Marcus Winchester dance at the September 2010 pow wow.

### May & June

**Dates:**  
Tuesday - Thursday  
May 24 - 26, 2011  
June 21-23, 2011

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

**Co-ed Sweat Lodge:**  
Thursday, May 26, 2011  
Thursday, June 23, 2011

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

#### Visiting with Healers:

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

#### Everyone is Invited!

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

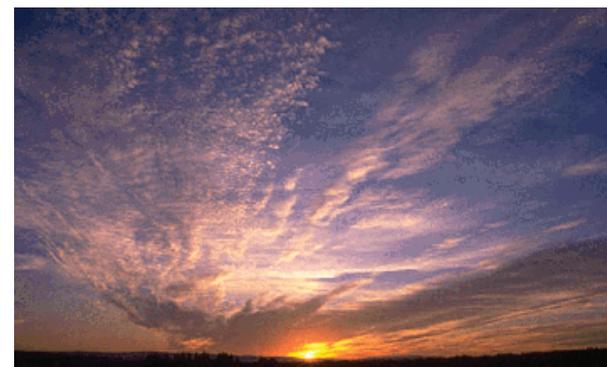
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## Native Healing

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

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco). Jake will wrap-up his visit with a co-ed sweat lodge on Thursday night at 6:00 pm.



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## Native Nations Youth Council Gathers for First Meeting

On April 9 the Department of Language and Culture hosted the initial Youth Council gathering, with 22 of our youth in attendance. Before the meeting began, Anthony Forester, on behalf of the Veteran's Committee, honored the Native Nations Youth Council by posting the Pokagon community eagle staff to share the energy of our ancestors and support the youth. Clarence White, the Pokagon Band's spiritual leader, started off the meeting with a smudge and prayer.

The students were informed about the new structure of Youth Council. There will be a Junior Youth Council that will serve tribal citizens and JOM-eligible students in the 7th – 12th grades. We found a strong interest in tribal leadership from Pokagon citizens ages 18-24, so a Senior Youth Council is being created. The two groups brainstormed ideas for future programming, volunteering, and fundraising. The meeting was very productive and we look forward to putting our ideas into action.



The members of the Youth Council try to work together to untie the human knot during their recent gathering.

We also had a chance to have fun and get to know each other with an M&M game and playing the human knot. Our door prize winners were Aryn Forester, Autumn Martin, and Echo Glowacki. At the end of the meeting we enjoyed stuffed frybread sandwiches, soup, and salad. We are still excited for more youth to get involved with Youth Council and are encouraging students to attend the May and June programs listed below.

**May 13 and 14 | Cultural Program, Pokagon Band Community Wellness Gathering** This is not a youth council-exclusive event but attendance is highly encouraged.

**May 28 and 29 | Fundraiser and Social Event** Youth Council will staff a booth at the Memorial Day Pow Wow. We are seeking youth volunteers to work the booth and help with recruiting. Pizza will be provided at dinner break.

**June 4 | Cultural Program** A beading class will be held at the Language and Culture office, 32142 Edwards Street, Dowagiac, Michigan from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

**June 11 | Meeting and Social Event** Youth Council will be meeting to discuss previous activities and the upcoming July elections. The meeting will be held in the Administration Building's Finance Conference Room, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan from 1:00–4:00 p.m. with a movie and snacks following.

Elections for E-board will be held July 9 for both the Junior and Senior Youth Councils. Youth Council membership applications will be available at all of the above listed events and must be submitted to Katy Morseau before elections to be eligible to vote.

If you are interested in any of these programs, have any questions about Youth Council, or need to make transportation arrangements, please contact Katy Morseau, Youth Cultural Coordinator, at 269-462-4254 or e-mail Katy.Morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

## Call for Specialty Service Providers for Culture Camp

The Department of Language and Culture is looking for specialty service providers for the Summer Youth Culture Camp for the positions of: 1) lifeguard, 2) nurse, and 3) caterer. The lifeguard will only be needed for identified days and times of the camp, but the nurse and caterer are required to be available for the duration of the camp – which is scheduled for June 23–30, 2011. If you love kids, are certified to fulfill the duties of the position, and are interested in providing your services for this great event, please contact Katy Morseau, Youth Cultural Coordinator, at 269-462-4254 or Katy.Morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

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# CULTURE CAMP

## Calling all Pokagon Youth in the 2nd - 12th Grades!

We are excited to invite you to the 2011 Summer Youth Culture Camp hosted by the Department of Language and Culture. The focus of this year's camp is language, culture, spirituality, land knowledge, Anishnaabe history, and education. Many of the camp activities will be built around cultural teachings and language lessons, but will also include your favorite conventional camp activities. We hope you can join us in making some great summer camp memories.

### Dates:

#### Session 1

2nd - 6th Grades  
Friday, June 24, Sunday, June 26

#### Session 2

7th - 12th Grades  
Sunday, June 26, Thursday, June 30

### Eligibility:

Pokagon Citizens and JOM eligible students  
2nd - 12th grades

### Registration:

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. We will be accepting applications until **June 1, 2011**.

Note: Space is predetermined, so applicants maybe put on a waiting list if capacity is reached before the deadline.



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# Pokagon Band Community Wellness Gathering



*Mno-Widokéwenké  
(Making Good Assistance)*



**Topic:** Traditional Gender Roles  
**Dates:** May 13 & 14, 2011  
**Times:** Friday, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Bear Cave Resort,  
 4085 Bear Cave Road, Buchanan, MI 49107  
**Facilitators:** Native Wellness Institute,  
 Theda New Breast & Gene Tagaban

**Elders:**  
 Clarence White & Lillian Rice  
**Presented by the**  
 Departments of Language and Culture,  
 Social Services, Education,  
 Housing, Health Services

The Pokagon Band Community Wellness Gathering is developed with the goal of making a "head to heart" connection. Through culture, wellness, and knowledge, participants will make a journey to awareness and potential positive behavior change. The event will be facilitated by two Native Wellness Institute trainers, Theda NewBreast and Gene Tagaban, with traditional teachings provided by two elders, Clarence White (Pokagon Potawatomi) and Lillian Rice (Forest County Potawatomi). Conversations for this gathering will focus on traditional gender roles - gender roles in relationship to work life, community, family and healthy relationships. As always, the topics will be combined with fun and interactive activities. This gathering is relevant to both individuals who have been on the wellness path, and for first-timers! We hope you can join us.

**Contact Information: Teresa Magnuson, Director of Language and Culture**  
**Office: (269) 462-4296, Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov**

**Door prizes • Give Away • Family Event • Meals Provided**  
**Lodging Assistance Scholarships Available**



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## May Language Workshops

We are honored to invite Thomas Loftis (Citizen Potawatomi) and John Winchester (Pokagon Potawatomi) to be guest presenters for May's Potawatomi language workshops. Thomas and John will expand on April's workshops with Lillian Rice. Thomas will review pronunciation and then expand on uses of question words (who, what, where, why, when). The following week, John will share more vocabulary and phrases that can be used in personal introductions.

**Dates:**  
**Thomas Loftis' Class**  
 Thursday, May 5, 2011  
 Topic - Question Words

**John Winchester's Class**  
 Thursday, May 12, 2011  
 Topic - Introductions

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:**  
 Administration Building  
 Finance Conference Room  
 58620 Sink Road



**Everyone is Invited!**

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

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### Elders Lunch Menu

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals  
 MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins at 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <b>Language</b> Baked or Grilled Chicken Baked Potato Broccoli, Cauliflower, & Carrots Cottage Cheese and Peaches Roll	3 Ham and Scalloped Potatoes Asparagus Garden Salad Yogurt and Fruit Cup Roll	4 Snapper (Fish) Baked Potato Wedges Spinach Tomato Salad Fresh Fruit , Roll	5 <b>Business</b> Grilled Buffalo Burgers and Brats Three Bean Salad Spinach Relish Tray Fruit Salad Cake	6 Spaghetti (Meat and Meatless) Zucchini Garden Salad Garlic Bread Ice Cream
9 <b>Language</b> Pea OR Wild Chicken Rice Soup Veggie Tray Waldorf Salad Corn Bread	10 Pork Chops Sweet Potatoes Succotash Coleslaw Strawberry Angel Food Cake	11 Beef Roast Potatoes Carrots Garden Salad Blueberry Cobbler, Roll	12 <b>Housing Meeting</b> Walleye Black Beans and Rice Broccoli Red Cabbage Slaw Roll	13 Deli Sliced Chicken and Turkey Assorted Breads Relish Tray Baked Chips Melon Wedges Oatmeal Cookie
16 <b>Language</b> Turkey Sloppy Joe Potato Salad Veggie Tray Cherry Crisp	17 Buffalo Pot Pie Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Fruit Tray Roll	18 <b>Basket Making</b> BBQ Chicken Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Tomato Salad Fresh Fruit, Roll	19 <b>Social</b> Swedish Meatballs Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Carrots, Broccoli, and Cauliflower Ambrosia Salad Melon Slices, Roll	20 Salmon Patty Macaroni and Cheese Green Beans Garden Salad Strawberries and Blueberries
23 <b>Language</b> Grilled Pork Steak Italian Pasta Salad Corn on the Cob Cucumber Salad Fresh Fruit Roll	24 Chicken Shish-Ka-Bob with Vegetables Rice Pilaf Garlic Bread Sherbet	25 Buffalo Chili Garden Salad Corn Bread Jell-O with Fruit	26 Turkey Burgers Baked Potato Fries Relish Tray Coleslaw Yogurt with Fruit	27 Spring Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Tomato Salad Cottage Cheese Blueberry Pie
30 Closed Memorial Day	31 Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Squash Waldorf Salad, Roll	Fruits, vegetables, beans and whole grains add fiber to your diet. Try to eat 5 or more servings a day for good heart health.	<b>Please Note:</b> Business and Social lunches are Potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass. Thank you.	<b>Note:</b> Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/ burgers.

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment office at 269-782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at 269-782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
113	Barbara Sanders			x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
413	Patricia L DePriest		x	
433	Elizabeth Alexandra Gray	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
521	Gloria Kellogg			x
630	Veronica Diamond			x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
898	Paul Isaac Gibson	x	x	
1026	Justin Means			x
1060	Chasity L Martin			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdal		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2649	Mark Jackson			x
2771	Cody L Bevins		x	x
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
2805	Isabel Marie Campos	x	x	x
3238	Christina L Hatt		x	
3282	Daniel Scott Sanderson		x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4347	Ian T Currey	x	x	
4348	Marlon T Currey		x	x
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

Per Capita Important Dates

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

Tribal Council **May** Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 3 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 9 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 10 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 16 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 17 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 23 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 24 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon

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

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

G'ga-ketgémen. (Let's Plant.)



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

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 4  
1:00-3:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Tribal Lodge Pavilion  
58620 Sink Rd.  
Dowagiac, MI 49047



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

## 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.

## Notice To Tribal Citizens

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

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

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



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

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

*Pokagon Gaming Authority*

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.

## Women's Hand Drumming

## Men's Drumming

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture



### Dates:

Wednesday, May 4, 2011  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011  
Wednesday, June 1, 2011  
Wednesday, June 22, 2011

### Time:

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

### Location:

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

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

### Everyone is Invited!

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### Tobacco Sales

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

### AA/NA Meetings

Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Health Services building II

Use the side door for entry.



Happy birthday **Kennady**  
From Mom and Dad



Congratulations to my daughter, **Nicole Johnson**, and fiancé **Jay Eschman**, on the arrival of **Jayden Ann** on March 29.

From proud grandparents Julia and Tory Stanhiser, and Uncle Judd



**Alyson Joyce Boffo**  
Indiana University-  
Purdue University  
Bachelor of Social  
Work  
May 15, 2011

Congratulations,  
Ally we all are  
so PROUD of  
you and your  
accomplishment  
these last four years  
of college. Grandma Green is looking  
down and beaming with happiness!

As you take your next step in August in  
obtaining your Master's Degree in Social  
Work, we all behind and proud of you!

Love,  
Aunt Rusty, Peggy, KK, Uncle Rocky, Joe,  
Phil and all your cousins. Especially your  
Mom, Dad and sisters, along with your  
aunt and two uncles looking down and  
smiling, too!

Happy 2nd birthday,  
**Tommy** on May 27  
From Mommy, Daddy  
and family



**Nagnashkh-mbes Neshnabe Mbokan**, the annual Rush Lake Indian Cemetery Mass, will be held Monday, May 30. Mass will begin at 1 p.m., with a potluck lunch to follow.



Happy birthday to the **Iceman**  
Love, Your Family

The happiest of birthdays to **Shirley Sigfrids** and **Jackie Genereaux**, two of my sisters who share the same birthdate, May 23.

Love ya, Martha



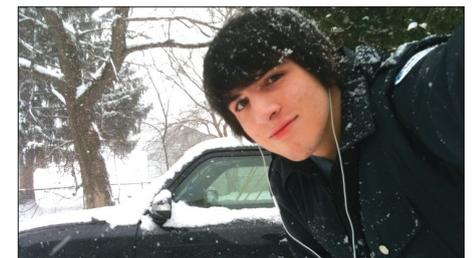
Happy 26th birthday May 9, **David Michael Wesaw**

Hope you have a great day!  
Love Mom



**Nikki Dobberstein**,  
Congratulations on your achievements  
at state competition in the Business  
Professionals of America Club. I am so  
proud of you and your advancement to  
the national competition in Washington  
D.C. on May 4- 8.

Good luck! We will all be cheering you  
on. Love you, Mom, family & friends



Congrats to **Michael and Richard Newcomer**, sons of Melissa and Tony Rodriguez, grandsons of Marie Manley, on their acceptance to Western Michigan Fall 2011!

We are so very proud of the two of you  
and all of your accomplishments in your  
lives! Go Broncos!

Love,  
Mom, Tony, Tori and Grandma



Congratulations  
**Kassidy** on your  
7th place finish at  
state for Destination  
Imagination!

Love, Mom and Dad

There will be a memorial ceremony May 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, near Sister Lakes in Dowagiac, Michigan, to honor **Edward M. Winchester**, who was killed in World War II and is buried in Epinal, France. There will be a stone cross placed next to his father's grave in memory to commemorate all Edward gave for his country. Winchester friends and family are invited to attend.

Thank you, Gorden "Gus" Gwilt

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### Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow

Honoring the New Eagle Staff  
Presented by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Memorial Day Weekend  
Saturday and Sunday  
May 28 & 29

Rodgers Lake  
58620 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, Michigan

Saturday, 7:00 a.m.  
Ceremony and feast for  
Pokagon Band veterans  
honoring the new  
Eagle Staff

Grand Entries  
Saturday  
1 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m.

Pow Wow vendor information:  
Julie Farver, 269-462-4200

Volunteers please call:  
Susan Laursen, 269-591-4456  
Alycia Atkinson, 231-578-4373  
or anishmama2@aol.com

For other Pow Wow information  
Contact Kevin Daugherty,  
269-591-1230 or 269-462-4200



Head Veteran: George Martin

Head Female Dancer: Rachael Topash-Tone

Head Male Dancer: Tom Topash

Junior Dancers: Onyleen Zapata & Gabriel Tone

Invited Drums: Ribbon Town,

Sons of Three Fires, Southern Straight  
and Painted Rock

Co-MCs: Jason Wesaw and Roger Rader

Arena Director: Carl Wesaw

Fire Keeper: John Winchester and  
the Firekeepers Society

*This is a family event. No drugs, alcohol, firearms, or tribal politics.*