



Casino Expansion Approved for Hartford Facility To Be Called Four Winds North

On September 8 the Hartford Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to support the building of a new Pokagon Band casino in its jurisdiction, on 297 acres of tribal land located about 2.5 miles west of the city of Hartford on Red Arrow Highway.

The vote was the latest development in the project, which began officially when the Pokagon Gaming Authority voted July 27 to approve moving forward on expanding its gaming operations. The tribe's 2008 gaming compact with the state of Michigan requires that the unit of local government where a new casino would be built sign-off on the project. The township board meeting followed a period of public commentary that turned up little opposition from local residents. According to media reports, the majority of Hartford residents are in favor of the jobs and economic benefits that the casino could bring.

To be called Four Winds North, the casino would employ 250 to 300 people and tentatively



An architectural rendering shows the exterior of Four Winds North.

could open sometime in late 2011 or spring 2012. The architecture will resemble that of the Four Winds in New Buffalo but on a smaller scale, and the casino will have 500 slot machines, nine gaming tables and a 100-seat casual restaurant.

The tribe now needs to consult with city officials about

running sewer and water lines to the casino.

"We were glad we could do this," said Township Supervisor Ron Sefcik of the board giving the tribe a thumb's up for the project. "I think this is going to be good for the township and the area."

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Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow Activities Draw Many Participants



Skylar Ballew shows off her regalia during a grand entry.

The weekend of the 25th annual Kee Bon Mein Kaa Pow Wow was filled with cool weather but lots of activity. Friday morning forty participants gathered near the lake at the Gage Street property for a sunrise ceremony. Twenty walkers—nearly doubling the number from 2008—completed the 13-mile Women's Water Walk from there to Rodgers Lake, honoring and praying for the water of the Pokagon Band's

homelands (see related story, page 2).

On Saturday and Sunday, Kee Boon Mein Kaa featured 32 vendors, nine food vendors, ten drums, 200 dancers, and dozens of activities. Many more Pokagon Band citizens participated as vendors than ever before. Pow wow attendees enjoyed such special activities as making black ash baskets, copper bowls, corn husk dolls, women's shawls, and beadwork, plus lacrosse games, property tours, and Pokagon history lectures. Of particular interest were the Ogitchedaw Veterans Society and the Four Winds Tribal Development Program information tables. The Ogitchedaw Veterans Society

Pow Wow, continued

staffed a recruitment table and spoke to Pokagon veterans about the role modern-day warriors play in serving the tribe. The Four Winds TDP representatives spoke with citizens regarding career opportunities at the casino.

The Pow Wow continues to grow and attract participants from around the Great Lakes area and across Michiana. Pow Wow committee members even met a German couple who incorporated the Pow Wow into their family vacation in the U.S.

The Pow Wow Committee is grateful to all Pokagon citizens and staff who supported the event. The committee is especially grateful to Tribal Council for their support, to



Head Junior Dancer Nicolas Morsaw

Majel DeMarsh and Cleora Morseau for their efforts with the Women's Water Walk, to the Education Department for coordinating Friday evening activities and the gifting of Pendleton blankets to college graduates, to John Winchester for keeping the Ishkode (sacred fire), to the Pokagon Maintenance Department for keeping our Pow Wow and campgrounds immaculate, to Tribal Police, IHS, and the Indian Lakes Fire Department for handling all emergencies.

Women's Water Walk Participants Honor, Pray for Pokagon Land Water

By Majel DeMarsh

Creator blessed us with a breath-taking morning and a beautiful day for the Third Annual Women's Water Walk on Friday, September 3. Our morning started with Andy and Mike Jackson rowing about our lake at Gage Street property, feasting the Water Spirits as instructed by Potawatomi Elder Jim Thunder, and then gathering the water from the mokjewen (bubbling springs) to bless us and be carried by our women to our Rodgers Lake property. Cleora Morseau conducted a sunrise and pipe ceremony, which touched all our hearts and gave us strength for the journey. The women also conducted water ceremony to start our walk in a good way.

The largest number of attendees in three years showed up for this ceremony, and we must give a chi-migwetch to veterans Anthony Foerster, Butch Starrett and Jerry Campbell for bringing the Eagle Staff and all those warrior spirits who walked with us and gave us the medicine to make it through the whole day. Wewene to the Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow Committee for

Water walkers and the Eagle Staff make their way on their journey.



all your support and the beautiful banner. A special migwetch goes to Mike Jackson, who prepared a fantastic breakfast and served us before we all started our journey. And a big thank you goes to Faye Magnuson for her breakfast contribution also.

A Tribal Police car driven by Officer Jim Summers led the caravan and Officer Abe Hohnke accompanied us on his bike the entire trip, keeping us together and relaying messages among the group as we walked. Dowagiac Police Chief Tom Atkinson participated for the third year and volunteered to bring up the rear of our caravan in his Dowagiac police car. Petey Boehm drove the Elders' van to give rest to weary walkers when needed. Becky Price and Liz Leffler from Pokagon Health Services served as our medical team for the walk, but also drove in the caravan and offered refreshment, fruit, and nice gifts to all our walkers at the end of the trip.

We would also like to thank the Dowagiac Fire Department for allowing us respite at their new facility at our journey's half way point. Thirteen miles later when we all arrived at Rodgers Lake to conduct the closing ceremony, we were greeted by many campers who were already set up for the weekend festivities of Kee Boon Mein Kaa.



Elder Majel DeMarsh, right, hands Andy Jackson, left, the water to carry in a copper bowl on the journey to Rodgers Lake.

Another chi-migwetch must go to Julie Farver and Susan Laursen for setting up and serving us with a much needed luncheon feast after our walk.

A heartfelt wewene goes out to each of our walkers: Chinodin Atkinson and Gage Warren, our hand drummers, who sang and encouraged us along the way; Dan Brant, Sylvia Hall and Danielle Rapp for completing the entire walk; Penny Brant, Kim Cushway-Zepeda, Andy Jackson and Capt. Rachel Sadowski for completing the walk for two years in a row. Our other walkers included Judy Augusta, Gladys Bybee, Billie Dempsey, Kathy Grant, Rusty Green, Rob Helsel, Peggy McNew, Micki Magnuson, Autumn Mollett, nine year-old Grant Phillips, Margaret Rapp, Jason Wesaw and four year-old Kadyne Wesaw. Migwetch to Andy Jackson for doing all the legwork I can no longer do for this great event in our community. And finally, migwetch to our Tribal Council for their support and encouragement through the year.

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 guidelines printed on page 11 of this issue.

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

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

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Influenza Vaccinations Available at Pokagon Health Services Clinic

By Shelly Smith, PharmD
Pokagon Band Pharmacist

Flu season is quickly coming upon us. Remember influenza is not the stomach flu, as many people confuse it with symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Influenza or the “flu” is a respiratory infection with symptoms like coughing, sneezing, headache, chills, muscle aches, nasal drainage and sore throat (often from drainage). Some people may actually run a fever but that is not always the case. Children can experience diarrhea or even seizures, depending on how ill they become.

Anyone can get influenza, but rates of infection are the highest in children. Infants, the elderly, pregnant women and people with such health conditions as heart, lung, kidney disease or diabetes with weakened immune systems can get much sicker. Each year thousands of people die from seasonal influenza and even more need hospitalization.

By getting vaccinated for seasonal influenza, you can protect yourself and those people who may be at risk, especially our children and elders. Children less than 6 months old cannot receive the vaccine and thus will not be protected. If you have or take care of young children, especially young babies, it is vital that you get vaccinated to protect them. To protect elders and those with weakened immune systems,

please consider getting your influenza vaccine.

The influenza shot is a killed, or inactivated, vaccine.

You *cannot* get the flu from the influenza shot. You could, however, experience side effects that are the same for any vaccination people receive, including muscle aches or fever.

This is the body’s normal response to building immunity. It is not the flu, but mild side effects. There is another method of vaccination that is sprayed into the nostrils. This is a live, or weakened, virus strain. This can cause illness not only to the person who gets it, but you could pass it on to others, like children or elderly that you may be around. The clinic will not provide the nasal spray version, due to the potential for causing illness in these populations.

Influenza viruses always

change, so an annual vaccination is required to keep adequate protection. Every year scientists try to match the protection in the

vaccine to those most likely to cause flu that year. Last year H1N1 became an unexpected pandemic strain, which is why it was needed to get a separate shot for that.

This year the vaccine will have the H1N1 along with two other strains all rolled into one. After the shot, it will take up to two weeks for your immune system to

develop enough protection. For young, healthy individuals the protection can last as long as 6 months but will begin to fade out near the end of the season. But the elderly and those with weakened immune systems likely will not have protection that lasts as long, closer to 4 months. Patients who have never received an influenza vaccine will need to have a two shot series to properly kick their immunity into gear.

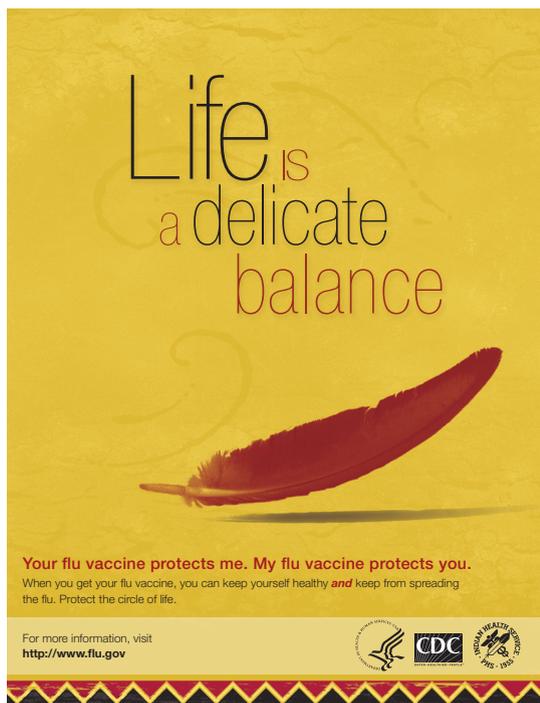
To provide the maximum protection, the clinic would like

to begin administering influenza vaccinations beginning in October. If you have a scheduled health visit, the clinic will be offering you the influenza and any other vaccines you may qualify for.

Pokagon Health Services will plan on administering Influenza immunizations by **appointment only** on various days during the month of October and November until supplies are gone. Please call in advance and schedule an appointment for a quick stop to get your shot. We will plan on visits being less than fifteen minutes. Wednesdays and Fridays will be the days dedicated to influenza vaccination. The dates to make your appointment for your influenza vaccine are as follows:

Friday, October 8
Wednesday, October 20
Wednesday, October 13
Friday, October 22
Friday, October 15
Wednesday, October 27

Please plan on getting your vaccination at Pokagon Health Services as Contract Health Services will not cover the costs for influenza vaccination while the clinic has adequate supply.



Know Your Risk: Breast Cancer Screenings Offered at Health Clinic

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The biggest challenge in the fight against breast cancer is being aware of the signs and symptoms, and catching it early. If you are age 50 or over, you should be getting a mammogram every one to two years, depending on your primary care provider’s recommendation. If you are at high risk, the American Cancer Society recommends starting mammogram screening at age 40. Pap smears are recommended after age 21 every three years for low risk women. Be aware that breast cancer can also develop in men.

Commemorate National Breast Cancer Awareness Month by making an appointment at our clinic with Dr. Sherburn or nurse practitioner Shirley Grassflower for a breast exam, mammogram screening and pelvic exam.



Contact the clinic and ask our nurses for more information on breast cancer screening, signs and symptoms. Call the Pokagon Band Health Services Department today at 1-888-440-1234 or 782-4141 to make an appointment to learn more about breast cancer awareness.

The Pokagon Band Department of Health Services will now accept a copy of a citizen’s tribal identification card and a Michigan/Indiana license or a copy of a Michigan/Indiana picture identification card as the necessary proof of identification for department needs.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month Understand the Impact of Family Violence

By Patricia Holbrook LMFT, CAAC,
Behavioral Health Program

Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. The prevalence of violence against women is the most studied and associated to the definition of domestic violence. However, violence within the home/family/community crosses all genders and age, impacting the very fabric of our inherited propensity to protect and preserve our family.

Within Indian Country it is the family who has suffered the most from the historical violence against our women, children, and men. The impact of oppressed trauma can and will manifest in violent behaviors not indigenous to our natures but learned from our ancestors who suffered from encampment, starvation, humiliation, boarding schools, forced assimilation, and relocation. The past is always very close to us in our healing journey.

Domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner, a child, an elder, or another family member. Abuse is physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological: actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure or wound someone.

It is difficult to estimate the impact of domestic/family violence because it is rarely reported, especially when it is the male member of the family who is the victim of violence in the family. When children are involved the impact is twofold for them, because commonly when the violence becomes public it is because the law has been called in, and the children not only carry with them the trauma of witnessing the violence, but then the trauma of being removed from their family. Most often the women will suffer the impact of

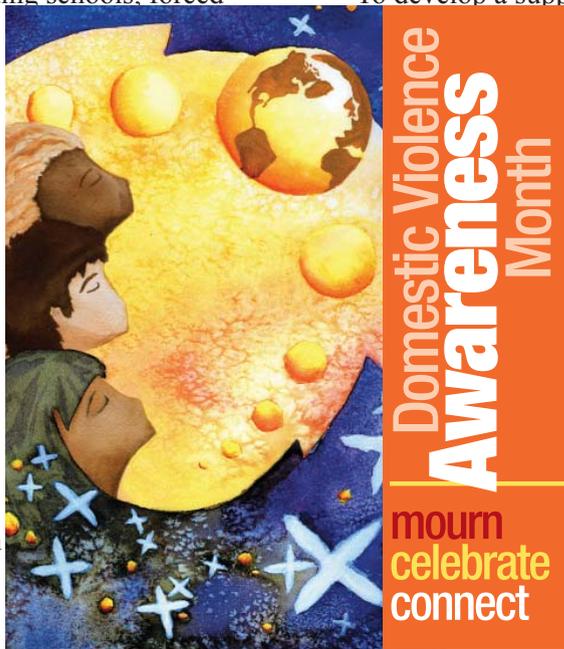
legal investigation to regain custody of her children, placing her in the difficult situation of survival without support of a male partner, or having her children where economic trauma impacts her choices. Most commonly in Indian Country, because of deep seated mistrust of state and federal agencies, there is a “don’t tell” pact between families and community, burying the violence even deeper into the family system where it becomes a negative behavior sanctioned by the silence.

The only resolution to make a difference within the community is to bring the violence to light, but just as important is support by the family, community, tribal law, and service providers to develop a system where our families are supported and guided to change the behaviors that perpetuate violence.

To develop a support system will take the entire community to bring awareness to the impact of family violence, as well as becoming aware of the symptoms that perpetuate violence such as addictions, economic deficiency,

loss of respect for our women, homelessness, and lack of support systems. Developing Native-specific programs that intervene in men’s use of violence must adapt an educational approach that centers on the belief that violence is learned behavior evolving from a history of oppression and can be un-learned. Much of the work in men’s groups working with Native men need to emphasize the relationships within family and community by incorporating teachings of respect, acknowledging and honoring the roles of men and women and restoring natural ways of living.

White Bison, a Native American wellbriety non-profit, has developed a training program for men and women that addresses the traditional ways of family life



You may be in an emotionally abusive relationship if your partner:

- Calls you names, insults you or continually criticizes you.
- Does not trust you and acts jealous or possessive.
- Tries to isolate you from family or friends.
- Monitors where you go, whom you call and whom you spend time with.
- Does not want you to work.
- Controls finances or refuses to share money.
- Punishes you by withholding affection.
- Expects you to ask permission.
- Threatens to hurt you, the children, your family or your pets.
- Humiliates you in any way.

You may be in a physically abusive relationship if your partner has ever:

- Damaged property when angry.
- Pushed, slapped, bitten, kicked or choked you.
- Abandoned you in a dangerous or unfamiliar place.
- Scared you by driving recklessly.
- Used a weapon to threaten or hurt you.
- Forced you to leave your home.
- Trapped you in your home or kept you from leaving.
- Prevented you from calling police or seeking medical attention.
- Hurt your children.
- Used physical force in sexual situations.

You may be in a sexually abusive relationship if your partner:

- Views women as objects and believes in rigid gender roles.
- Accuses you of cheating or is often jealous of your outside relationships.
- Wants you to dress in a sexual way.
- Insults you in sexual ways or calls you sexual names.
- Has ever forced or manipulated you into to having sex or performing sexual acts.
- Held you down during sex.
- Demanded sex when you were sick, tired or after beating you.
- Hurt you with weapons or objects during sex.
- Involved other people in sexual activities with you.
- Ignored your feelings regarding sex.

and philosophies. The program is called “Fathers of Tradition” and “Mothers of Tradition.” White Bison also has programs for adolescents, encouraging traditional beliefs and ways of life to assist in stopping the trauma and violence among Native youth and their families. Behavioral Health is currently spearheading a community involvement of a few members who are learning to walk the path of the Red Road to train in these programs and bring that training to the rest of the community. This project is gradually gaining strength and funding from the Department of Health Services to bring healing to our community by community members.

When asked to write an article for domestic violence awareness month, my attention went to the question of how does domestic violence impact the Pokagon Band community. Could I glean statistics from the behavioral health program? How many clients who have the courage to seek assistance with their pain and family grief have histories of domestic violence in their immediate life situations or in the

history of their family? The answer tears at my heart, because I must say, almost all our citizens have family/domestic violence in the histories of their life. This is testimony that awareness will not be enough. There are few resources available within our area, few shelters, and few funds to support an alliance of action. This will be a wakeup call to the trauma of our past and the impact of our violent social structures all over the world. Indigenous people did not create the impact now present. It took many years for us to internalize the trauma, but with our determination and strength as a nation we can come together, tell the stories, and heal the pain with strong voices and a goal to heal our families, especially the women. But as important is giving our men back their roles as protectors of our tribes.

A Pokagon citizen expressed her grief about domestic violence this way when she became aware of the impact it has on one’s life: “I wanted to cry because this really hits home. Made me realize that I have been abused both mentally and physically
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Pokagon Band Citizen Runs for Colorado State Legislature

March 16, 2010 was a life-changing day for Jake Williams. Williams, a Pokagon Band citizen who lives in Lafayette, Colorado, spent the day garnering support in the Democratic party caucus for his bid to win nomination to the state legislature's 12th district. And then, a few hours after he won the informal straw poll with 53 percent of the vote, his wife Kate Tallman went into labor. The next day, the couple's first child, Rylee, was born.

"I've definitely had my hands full," said the 32 year-old Williams, who over the next several months juggled being a new father and a candidate for Colorado's general assembly. By the time the official primary rolled around August 10, Williams said he had been campaigning hard for 16 months, working against the political establishment in his district. He was running against Matt Jones, a former state representative who had the endorsement of the incumbent. Because the 12th district northwest of Denver is heavily Democratic, a primary victory for Williams would likely have lead to his representing that constituency in the Capitol.

In the end, though, the election didn't turn out as he'd hoped. Williams lost by a mere 665 votes.

"I came out with more friends and knowledge than I ever imagined," he said.

Though Williams graduated from high school in Spring Lake, Michigan, and later from the University of Michigan, he and his family (his brother is the Pokagon Band's associate general counsel Ed Williams) spent much of his childhood in Colorado. He is a descendent of the Morsaw, O'Keefe and Quigno families.

After earning a master's degree at the London School of Economics, he went on to

work for the political action organization MoveOn.org during the presidential election of 2004 and chose to work in Colorado.

He met Tallman during the campaign, and the couple decided to make their home there. Later Williams became an organizer for the Service Employees International Union. He now is with the Western Conservation Foundation, working to improve federal conservation policy in such areas as clean energy and air and water quality.

Williams says he finally decided to become a

candidate himself because it seemed Colorado was at a critical budget crossroad. "If we didn't change course soon, we had a lot

to lose."

The candidate was endorsed by ten state legislators, including the Colorado Senate's only American Indian, Sen. Suzanne Williams, and the Indigenous Democratic Network (INDN). According to INDN, he "raised the bar in his campaigning, by running the most extensive field campaign of any Colorado House candidate."

Had he won, Williams would have been the only American Indian in Colorado's State House of Representatives.

Despite his strong showing, he doesn't plan to throw his hat back into the political ring anytime soon. Right now he's focusing on spending time with his family. Yet service is something central to Williams' philosophy, especially as a Native American.

"It's more important than ever that American Indians participate in community service," he said. "And even though this didn't turn out as hoped, I'm happy to provide a model for that."



Jake Williams with his wife Kate Tallman and their daughter, Rylee.

Men's Health Fair Scheduled for October 7

Both the new and the familiar are sure to get your attention at the 15th Annual Men's Health Fair, put on by the Department of Health Services. This awareness opportunity for men age 18 and older will be October 7 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the health services buildings at 57392 South M-51, Dowagiac.

This event features sessions on health topics spotlighting hearing and vision screening, back safety and foot care, and checks for height, weight, body mass index (BMI), body composition scans, and blood pressure. Staff will also offer immunizations and flu shots.

Please call and schedule today if you want a full physical and or blood lab tests with Dr. Sherburn or Grassflower before the health fair.

A light supper meal and goodie bags will be offered, and you'll have the opportunity to meet many of our new staff. Plus take advantage of massages, manicures, and haircuts. A grand prize raffle drawing will take place during the last half hour with the tickets you receive when you participate in the various health screenings. If you have any questions, please call the clinic at 888-440-1234 and ask to speak with Susan at extension 343.

College Grads Honored at Pow Wow

The Department of Education honors our Pokagon Band higher education graduates at the Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow each year. The graduates are given Pendleton blankets embroidered with their name, year and university. We are honored to have the following citizens earning bachelors or advanced degrees from these institutions:

Gerald Morris, Doctor of Medicine, Indiana University
 Alison Grigonis, J.D., UCLA Law School
 Greg Morris, Masters, Andrews University
 Abby Gephart, Masters, Andrews University
 Alexis Wesaw, M.A., Georgia State University
 Brian Gephart, Martin Luther College
 Jessica Wesaw, Indiana University
 Monica Topash, Western Michigan University
 Jordan Wiggins, Western Michigan University
 Renee Gaipa, Indiana University
 Justin Quigno, Western Michigan University
 Audrey Raich, Western Michigan University
 Charles Reisdorf, University of Michigan
 Shayla Rider, Arizona State University
 Sheri Alexis, Grand Canyon University
 Konstance Birks, University of Colorado

Health Services Moving to a Managed Care System

As mentioned in the last issue of Pokégnek Yajdanawa, on October 1 the Department of Health Services will begin a 120-day process of coming into compliance with Indian Health Services policy regarding Contract Health Service funding. To ensure proper use of CHS and clinic services, DOHS will transition all eligible Pokagon Band citizens to a managed care approach. The following article is reprinted from the Indian Health Services website, and details the lines between what health care services can and cannot be paid for with CHS money.

Contract Health Service funds are provided through congressional funding, and administered by the Indian Health Service. These funds pay for health services that are purchased from public or private medical or hospital facilities other than those IHS or tribal facilities, and are used to supplement and complement other health care resources available to eligible Pokagon Band citizens. The funds are used in circumstances where (1) no IHS or tribal direct care facility exists, (2) the IHS or tribal facility is incapable of providing required emergency

and/or specialty care, (3) the IHS or tribal facility has an overflow of medical care workload, and (4) supplementation of alternate resources (i.e., Medicare, private insurance) is required to provide comprehensive care to eligible natives.

Because the Indian Health Service program does not fully fund the Pokagon Band, the CHS program must rely on specific regulations relating to eligibility, notification, residency, and a medical priority rating system. The CHS is designated as the payor of last resort, meaning that all other available alternate resources—including IHS facilities, Medicare A and B, state Medicaid, a state or other federal health program, or private insurance—must first be used before payment is expected. These mechanisms enhance the IHS to stretch the limited CHS dollars, and are designed to extend services to more citizens. This requires the CHS program to authorize care at restricted levels and results in a managed health care system.

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. The Pokagon Band Health Clinic is considered a resource, and therefore, the CHS funds may not be expended for services reasonably accessible and available at the clinic. Therefore, Pokagon Band citizens are expected to access primary care services at the Band's medical clinic, which is the only route by which a citizen can access CHS program services.

Eligibility requirements for contract health services are in addition to meeting the requirements for direct care services at the Pokagon Band Health Clinic. An individual must meet the eligibility requirements as defined by Federal regulations, which means s/he must be an Indian living in the Contract Health Services Delivery Area with authorization of approval for payment. The delivery area for Pokagon Band citizens is the ten-county service area, including Berrien, Cass, Van Buren and Allegan counties in Southern Michigan, and LaPorte, Saint Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall and Kosciusko in Northern Indiana.

Tribal Member Labor Pool Created for Housing Contracts

The Department of Housing is creating a Tribal Citizen labor pool for the construction of the Community Center on Dailey Road in Dowagiac. If you have been on a previous list, please reapply.

The labor pool list will be available to the contractors who will be working on that project. We will amend the list at the beginning of future projects as they develop. Applying for the labor pool does not guarantee that a tribal member will be employed. When contractors look for additional people, they may require an interview and citizens will be chosen according to the needs of the contractor. For safety reasons, unskilled people cannot be placed into skilled positions. Ultimately the contractor is responsible, so we cannot require them to make any placements that they are not comfortable with. Contractors will be required to access the tribal labor pool prior to hiring from the general public.

In order to be placed in the labor pool, interested citizens must complete a general application. This application will be available at the housing office in the new administration building. The application will be asking for skill sets and job experience. Please bring that information with you when you come to fill out an application.

Any questions regarding the labor pool or application process can be directed to the Department of Housing at (269) 783-0443.

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all my life; sibling abuse continued into adulthood. These behaviors are pounded into you head at an early age and you continue to allow this because you don't know any better."

If you answered 'yes' to any question above, you may be in an abusive relationship; please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233), 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) or your local domestic violence center to talk with someone about it.

You may also call Pokagon Band Behavioral Health for assistance and support. We have skilled professionals with experience with family/domestic violence who will be available for counseling and intervention. Please contact our medical clinic if you experience physical violence for medical attention immediately. Confidentiality will be honored in any situation. The phone number is 269-782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234.

Pokagon Library Book Review

Conspiracy 365: January
By Gabrielle Lord

Reviewed by Sue Johnson,
Education Associate

"31 December:
I'm chased by a madman, who tells me my dad was murdered and that I will be too if I don't hide out until midnight, next December 31. 365 days..."

So begins the journey of a 15 year-old and his quest to discover answers to a riddle, what really happened to his father, and explain why two different criminal gangs are after him. Cal Ormond is a typical teenager until that December 31, when his whole life turns upside down. Throughout the next year, he will find out who he can trust, answers to his questions, and maybe, just maybe, reconnect with his family. Join him on his roller coaster, heart-stopping adventures and discover the secret to the Ormond Singularity. Find this book series and many more at your Pokagon Library, in the Department of Education.



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik Ogitchedaw Society
❖ Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 at Elders Hall, 53237 Townhall Road, Dowagiac. All tribal veterans are welcome to participate in all events.

❖ Registration Forms are available for the Ogitchedaw Society. Upon completion and return of registration forms and proper documentation, you will receive a branch of service hat and an Ogitchedaw Shirt. To obtain a registration form please contact Butch Starrett, Veterans Committee Chairman, at:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Administration Building
Attn. Butch Starrett
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Two Million Dollars in Federal Stimulus Funding Help Make New Community Center a Reality Wednesday, October 6 Event Dedicates New Community Center Site

By Val Janowski

The Pokagon Band's long-awaited community center is under construction, thanks in large part to a \$2 million dollar grant from the federal government's American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA), also referred to as stimulus funding. The \$2 million dollars in stimulus funding was earmarked for American Indian tribes and awarded by HUD's Office of Native American Program on a competitive-basis. The project will cost \$3.1 million and is also supported by funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) through its Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program. Even though the recent referendum on the roads was not approved in July's tribal election, the road money will still be accessible, according to the BIA.

The 8,500 square foot building will be located south of the entrance to Pokégnek Édawat, the tribe's housing development on Dailey Road in Dowagiac, Michigan. It will provide tribal citizens with a central place to gather for meetings, social events and special occasions. In addition to tribal government meetings, the facility will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for community use. The facility

will feature a large meeting room that will accommodate up to 150 people seated at round tables or up to 250 seated in long rows without tables. The center will also include office space, a large conference room divisible into two smaller spaces by an retractable accordion-type wall, a lounge area, kitchen and wall cases to hold cultural items. Outside there will be a large patio with a fire pit, and close to 100 parking spaces.

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

than asphalt in the parking lot to reduce stormwater runoff. The building and site will meet the U.S. Green Building Council's requirements for a Silver LEED rating. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all areas that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, carbon dioxide emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impact.

Construction activities to date include the following:

- some trees at the site were removed and will be milled and reused for the trim
- grading at the site has started, including the extension of Potawatomi Trail
- both the foundation and ce-



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Please join us to celebrate the growth and development of the Pokégnek Bodéwadmik.

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

9 a.m.
Administration Building Dedication
Rodgers Lake
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, Michigan

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Tours of New Homes
Pokégnek Édawat
Dowagiac, Michigan

10:30 a.m.
Community Center Site Blessing
Pokégnek Édawat

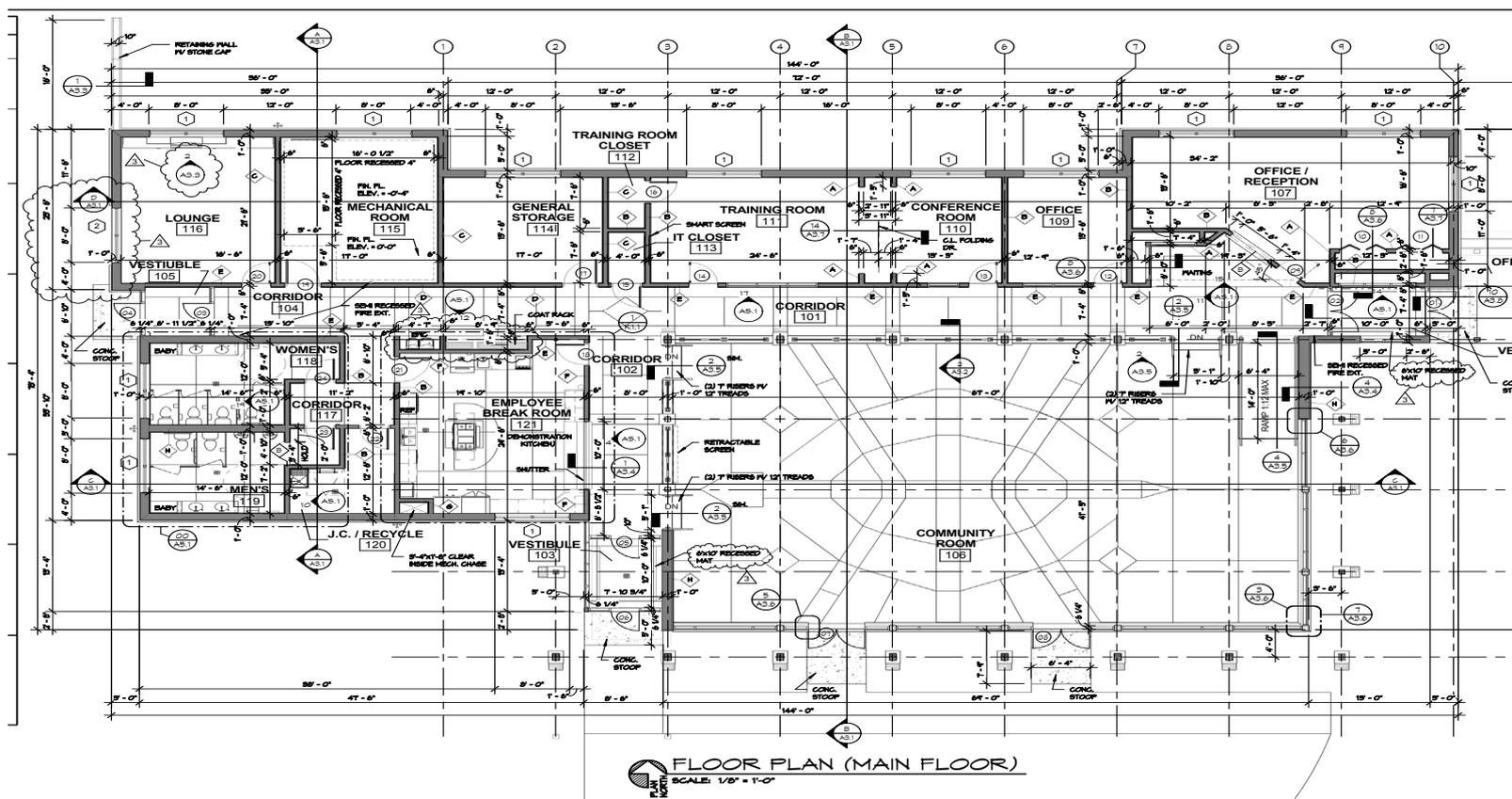
Lunch to follow at Tribal Lodge Pavilion, Rodgers Lake

RSVP to Melissa Rodriguez
(269) 462-4203
Melissa.Rodriguez@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

dar timber framed structure are being fabricated

Access will be available from both Dailey Road and Potawatomi Trail, the main road into Pokégnek Édawat, the tribe's housing development. The completion date is planned for July 2011.

The interior floor plan of the Community Center, below.



Minors Trust Info

To help keep you informed of ongoing market and economic events and our related strategies, our investment management professionals host a series of Investment Market Update calls. Please take time (approximately 30-40 minutes) to listen to these calls, you will find the information shared to be of value. While representatives cannot take questions during the calls, they will work to address topics sent prior to each call. If you have a specific question or topic you would like to have addressed, please contact the U.S. Bank Private Client Reserve and they will pass along the information to the speakers. In addition, if you are unavailable to listen to the live calls, you will be able to access a recorded replay. Details are provided below.

Next 2010 Call Date

Wednesday, October 20th

Call Time

11:00 a.m. (central) / 12:00 p.m. (eastern)

Phone Number: 888-790-4906

Participant password: U.S. Bank

Recorded Replay Phone Number: 866-351-2778

U.S. Bank Speakers:

Mark Jordahl – President, Wealth Management Group

Tim Leach – Chief Investment Officer, Asset Management Group

Plus, other key investment and economic experts

Questions? Please call (800) 863-3479, the U.S. Bank Private Client Reserve exclusive number for all Pokagon Citizens.

“That’s What Indian Families Do” Pokagon Foster Parent Cares for Native Children

Over the years, Sharon Winters has had lots of kids. Perhaps not in the traditional sense—she has one biological son, Sean Winters, now 40 years old—but she has cared for many children over the span of her sixty years. One of eight siblings born to her parents, Alice Alexis and Fabian Wesaw, Winters helped care for her sister through her sister’s short life after she became deaf as an infant from a bout with the measles. Then, when another sister was having a difficult time, Winters stepped in to take care of that sibling’s children.

“That’s just what Indian families do,” she said. “From as far back as I can remember, people in the community have stepped up to care for others when they needed it.”

Sharon Winters story helps illustrate the great need for Pokagon foster parents. Many native children need safe places to stay, and according to Mark Pompey, director of social services for the Pokagon Band, it’s important to keep native children within the community. As Winters said, the hope is that the children can stay in their culture, or in some cases, be reintroduced to it.

“We strive to get families back together,” she said, stressing that the children she has cared for have always maintained a relationship with their biological parents if possible.

“The children have brought so much joy and knowledge to me,” she said. “As old as I am, they have taught me something new every day. I’d like to encourage younger folks who have any room in their home and their hearts to consider fostering Pokagon Band children. We have lots to offer families who are in crisis, and we can help get their families back together.”

Winters feels strongly that if the future of the Pokagon Band is to remain bright, then the next generation must be well cared for and taught.

“Kids in the Native American community can give back so much. They will be very instrumental in our future as a tribe.”

If you think you may have room in your home or heart for Pokagon foster children, please contact the Department of Social Services at (269) 782-8998 to speak with Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, Indian Child Welfare Worker.

Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow 2010 Contest Winners

Boys 5-11 years old Traditional

1st: Chase Bain (Oneida, Menominee, Michigan)

2nd: Darian Wix (LTBB Odawa, Michigan)

3rd: Jason Muzzey Jr (LTTB Odawa, Michigan)

Grass

1st: Quincy Antoine-Jackson (Saginaw Chippewa, Michigan)

2nd: Ascension Harjo (Seminole, Mohawk, Kickapoo) Canada

3rd: Chinodin Atkinson (Ojibwe, Indiana)

Fancy

1st: Giizhig Martell (Saginaw Chippewa, Michigan)

2nd: Gabe Jackson (Saginaw Chippewa, Michigan)

3rd: Derrek Collett (Pokagon, Michigan)

Teen Boys 12-17 years

Traditional

1st: Zach Antoine-Jackson (Saginaw Chippewa, Michigan)

2nd: Brandon Hinojosa (Ojibwe, Canada)

Grass

1st: Zackary Platero (Navajo, Michigan)

2nd: David Hinojosa (Ojibwe, Canada)

Fancy

1st: Calvin Ballew (Pokagon, Michigan)

2nd: Nodin Jackson, Saginaw Chippewa, Michigan)

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Calling All Tribal Citizens 6th Grade and Younger

Bring your favorite book character to life by portraying them.

The Department of Education would like to invite you to an afternoon of enjoyment.

Saturday, October 23, 2010, 2-4pm

@ the Pokagon Band Department of Education Library

Questions? Call the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

Prizes for book character costumes!

Snacks!

Book Giveaway!

BOOK GIVEAWAY!



Storytelling!



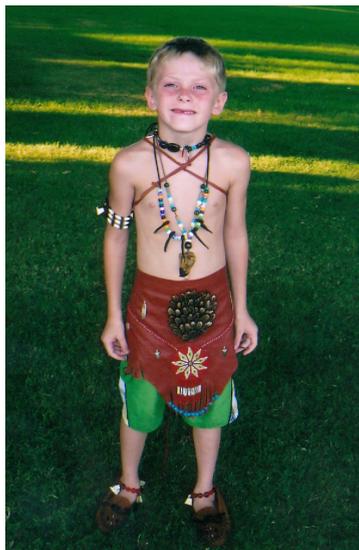
October Students of the Month

by Susan Doyle, Education Associate



Joshua H. Rader is a tenth grader at Shannon Forest Christian School in Greenville, SC. Joshua's parents are Lawrence "Dino" Rader, Jr. and Lisa Rader. His brother is Lawrence "Freddy" Rader, III. Joshua enjoys all types of food, including sushi. Joshua likes to hang out with his friends and play video games. He plays baseball, basketball, and soccer for his high school. However, he likes pitching the most. Given that he likes playing on his high school sports teams, his goal is to finish high school with good grades and go to college at Clemson University or the University of South Carolina to study accounting. Since Joshua is outside of the tribal area he tries to take advantage of the Summer Enrichment Program. When asked what makes you most proud to be Native American, Joshua answered, "I think I am a very special person to be a Native American. It is not something

that many people can say about themselves. My grandfather was from Dowagiac and told me and my father several stories about our tribe. One day I hope to go to Michigan to find out more about my heritage."



George N. McMurtrie III is a first grader at Lockesburg Elementary School in Kirby, Arkansas. He is the son of George and Crystal McMurtrie and the grandson of George and Sarah Mcwhorter. He has a brother named Zack. He likes to dance at Pow Wows and he loves Indian fry bread. Someday he would like to be a Nascar driver. When George's granny tells him stories of who he is, that makes him proud to be a Native American.

Head Start School Year Underway

Enrollment is currently full, however we are still accepting applications for the waiting list. Children must be three years of age by December 1, 2010 to be eligible for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF Assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the Tribal ID to be considered for enrollment. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center at (269) 783-0026 or (866) 250-6573 with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you. We will begin accepting applications in January for the 2011-2012 school year.

The program is always looking for volunteers. Anyone can be a volunteer; you do not have to have a relative attending the program. Ways to volunteer can include: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, or helping with language and

culture. This is a great way for the fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers and male cousins to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

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

- School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30.
- Transportation provided in limited areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations.
- We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.
- Potawatomi language and culture is incorporated throughout each day.
- The program does accept children with disabilities.



Madeline White is an eighth grader at Dowagiac Middle School. Keith and Lori White are her parents, and Megan is her twin sister. She has been involved with Pokagon Band by attending summer camp, enrichment labs, and after school tutoring. Some of her favorite things are tacos, mac & cheese, chili, softball, volleyball, camping, swimming, hanging with friends, and the beach. Someday she would like to be a school teacher. She is proud to be Native American because of the Pow Wows, beading, and learning the language.



Megan White is entering the eighth grade at Dowagiac Middle School. She is the daughter of Keith and Lori White. She has a twin sister named Madeline. She has been involved with Pokagon Band by attending summer camp, enrichment labs, after school tutoring and also

beading. Some of her favorite things are pizza, Raman noodles, grapes, tacos, texting, hanging out with friends, camping, softball, volleyball, swimming, bike rides, and going to the beach. Someday she would like to be a nurse. She is proud to be Native American because of the Pow Wows and beading.



Eva Ballew is a fifth grader at Raymond Elementary School in Franksville, Wisconsin. She is the daughter of Rick and Monica Ballew and the granddaughter of Jeff and Elizabeth Ballew, Francis Brazeau, and Delores McKenna. She has one sibling, Zada Ballew.

Some tribal and cultural activities that Eva participates in are: the Labor Day Pow Wow, the Elder's Scholarship Award, basket weaving, drum making, and beading. Eva's favorite things include: shrimp scampi, piano, creative writing, softball, volleyball, Remy 500 (a card game). Someday she would like to attend the University of Notre Dame and become a pediatrician. She is proud to be a Native American because she is native to this country and her ancestors cared for the land. She hopes she can follow their footsteps.



Samantha Jo Burns is entering the fifth grade at Pine Street Elementary School in Shelbyville, Michigan. She is the daughter of Jeff and Karen Burns and the granddaughter of the late Sam Wesaw. She has two siblings, Sydney and Summer.

She is involved with tribal activities by attending the Pow Wow. She enjoys chicken rice soup, ice cream, cheerleading, dancing, and playing Twister. Someday she would like to attend Michigan State and become an anesthesiologist. She is proud to be Native American because of the Pow Wows, the dancing, and the food.

Head Start Calendar

September 30, 2010 (Thursday)—Family Fun Night from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

September 30, 2010 (Thursday)—Parent Committee & Policy Council Elections and Celebrating Home Fundraiser begins.

October 15, 2010 (Friday)—All Celebrating Home money due.

October 28, 2010 (Thursday)—Family Fun Night from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

September Birthdays

Mrs. Kathy—September 4, 2010
Jonathan Dash—September 21, 2010—Happy 4th Birthday!
Jerad Goodger—September 26, 2010—Happy 4th Birthday!

October Birthdays

Ms. Linda—October 18, 2010
Braylan Parker—October 22, 2010—Happy 3rd Birthday!
Claire Starrett—October 23, 2010—Happy 4th Birthday!

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3rd: Kare Funmaker (Ho-Chunk, Wisconsin)

Men's Adult 18- 49

Traditional

1st: RJ Smith (LCO Ojibwe, Michigan)

2nd: Heath LittleJohn (Ho-Chunk, Wisconsin)

3rd: Jefferson Ballew (Pokagon, Michigan)

Grass

1st: Austin Summers (Oneida, Wisconsin)

2nd: Armando Lucio (Lipan,

Apache, Indiana)

3rd: Jesse Oldman (N.Arapaho, LTTB Odawa, Michigan)

Fancy

1st: Adrian Harjo (Kickapoo, Seminole, Canada)

2nd: James Chupco (Menominee, Michigan)

Golden Age 50+

1st: Ken Funmaker (Ho-Chunk, Meskawki, Wisconsin)

2nd: Mike King (Oneida, Wisconsin)

3rd: Amos Key Jr (Canada)

Girls 5-11 years old

Traditional

1st: Tristin Antoine-Jackson (Saginaw Chippewa, Michigan)

2nd: Onyleen Zapata (Huron Potawatomi, Michigan)

3rd: Ofelia Zapata (Huron Potawatomi, Michigan)

Jingle

1st: Ana Wemigwase (LTTB Odawa, Michigan)

2nd: Maya Schuyler (Oneida, Odawa, Michigan)

3rd: Jasmine Hosier (Miami Of Oklahoma, Indiana)

Jingle

1st: Waskwane Stonefish (Odawa, Ojibwe, Delaware, Potawatomi, Michigan)

2nd: Sarah Ballew (Pokagon, Michigan)

3rd: Shay Schuyler (Oneida, Odawa, Michigan)

Fancy

1st: Beedoskah Stonefishawa (Ojibwe, Delaware, Potawatomi, Michigan)

2nd: Skylar Ballew, Pokagon, Michigan)

3rd: Alilee Bah Church (Pokagon, Navajo, New Mexico)

Adults 18-49 yrs old

Traditional

1st: Vanny Wheelock (Oneida, Wisconsin)

2nd: Monica Raphael (Anishnabe, Michigan)

3rd: Shanna Dawes (Crow Sho Ban, Idaho)

Jingle

1st: Ann Marie Prue (Oneida, Ojibwe, Canada)

2nd: Alexa Rae Funmaker (Anishnabe, Michigan)

3rd: Josee Starr (Omaha, Odawa, Indiana)

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Costume Workshop

Saturday October 16, 2010
2:30pm-5:30pm
@ Pokagon Band
Department of Education



- Exchange or donate gently used costumes
- We have some supplies and space for you to work with
- We will have ideas for costumes based on literary figures
- Bring your own supplies or use ours
- We will have healthy treats and the recipes to make them



This could be a great chance to make a costume for the party on October 23.

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Mondays: Housing staff will be available to provide information on housing programs.

1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services social worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, foot care, diabetes management and prevention by appointment.

Wednesdays: Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and Workforce Investment Act applications.

Fridays: Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the daycare program will be available.

Fancy

1st: Jasmyne Antoine-Jackson (Saginaw Chippewa, Michigan)

2nd: Alexa Oldman (N.Arapaho, LTTB Odawa, Michigan)

3rd: Migwaans Smith (LCO Ojibwe, Odawa, Michigan)

Teens Girls 12-17

Traditional

1st: Alicya Wix (LTTB Odawa, Michigan)

2nd: Landra Platero (Navajo, Michigan)

3rd: Cyann Pina (Arikara, Illinois)

Changes Made to the Band's Burial Fund Code

The Tribal Council amended the Pokagon Band Burial Fund Code. For a copy of an amended version of the Burial Fund Code, please visit the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov. Provided below is summary of the amendments.

Eligibility for the Burial Benefit– Changes to Eligibility Requirements Regarding Children Who Are Not Enrolled

Children of Pokagon Band members who are eligible for enrollment with the Band, but not yet enrolled, are covered by the Burial Benefit only if they are 5 years of age or younger. The Burial Benefit now covers Stillborn Children.

Payment of Burial Benefit – Changes to Payment Structure Regarding Distribution of Excess Funds

Previously, after the payment of monument, funeral, and funeral luncheon costs, any Burial Benefit funds remaining were distributed. The Burial Benefit of \$10,000 will now be used solely to pay for the cost of a monument, funeral, and luncheon. After the payment of those three expenses, no excess funds will be distributed.

Reimbursement for Prepayment of Funeral and/or Monument Expenses – New Provision Permits Reimbursement for Prepaid Expenses Now in Limited Circumstances

If a Pokagon Band member prepaid the cost of his or her funeral and/or monument expenses via an irrevocable agreement with a funeral home or monument company on or before May 8, 2010, then the Pokagon Band will reimburse the Pokagon Band member the cost of such prepaid expenses, in accordance with the dollar limitations provided for funeral and monument expenses in the Code. Following reimbursement by the Band of the prepayment expenses, the member will not be covered by the Burial Benefit upon his or her death, to the extent the Band previously reimbursed the member for such expenses.

This is only a summary. Please review the Burial Fund Code for more specific details. If you have additional questions concerning these amendments or the Burial Fund in general, please contact the Band's Department of Social Services at (269) 782-8998 or (800) 517-0777.

Health Care Home Proposed for Indiana Citizens

By Donna Culpepper

With managed care around the corner, the Department of Health Services is exploring the option of creating a satellite health center in northern Indiana.

“We have a higher concentration of citizens in Berrien and Cass counties, which means that with our managed care initiative, we will be servicing around 1,500 citizens in our Dowagiac health care office,” explained Arthur Culpepper, director of Pokagon Health Services. “If we create a satellite health center in northern Indiana, citizens in that area will not have to drive all the way to Michigan to receive their health care. We want to establish a health care home for our Indiana citizens.”

There are currently more than 350 tribal members in northern Indiana. Another fifty citizens reside as far away as Indianapolis.

“Right now, those citizens living outside the Contract Health Services Delivery Area (CHSDA); the six (6) county portion of the service area, have to travel to Minneapolis or Nashville to receive care in other Indian Health Services (IHS) facilities,” said Culpepper. “By creating a satellite, we will not only ease the burden of travel for our own area people, but will also be able to provide care for those living in the southern regions of the state.”

The proposed satellite would provide most services that are currently available at the main office in Dowagiac. Patients could have their lab work drawn, pick up their prescriptions, make appointments to see the physician and have access to other types of health services. Contract Health Service coordination would also be available for citizens using the new office. In some instances, patients could turn in medical information, update their records and obtain Medicare/Medicaid qualification information.

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Fancy

1st: Leela Abrahamson (Shoshone, Bannock, Michigan)
2nd: Heather Schuyler (Oneida, Odawa, Michigan)
3rd: Alicia Summers (Oneida, Wisconsin)

Golden Age 50+

1st: Debbie Plain (Ojibwe, Canada)
2nd: Debbie Klein (Oneida, Michigan)
3rd: Cathy Gibson (LTTB Odawa, Michigan)

Hours of operation would be dependent on patient need.

“We would survey the citizen base in that area to see if they would benefit from having the office open Monday through Friday, eight to five. Or, the need could be to have office hours Thursday through Saturday, late afternoon to early evening hours, to accommodate those that work,” stated Culpepper. “Citizens need to be the driver.”

Cost savings to the Band would be seen almost immediately, according to Culpepper.

“Many of our patients use outside pharmacies to fill their prescriptions, which means we are paying full retail price for those pharmaceutical purchases. Last year, we spent more than \$750,000 on filling the prescriptions of our citizens. In managing these costs by using our own pharmacy, we will see as much as a 25 percent savings in the first year alone. We could potentially see upwards to 50 percent savings in the coming years,” he added.

“Most citizens don’t realize that in using our own

clinics, they are helping the Band financially. When they use our facility and our physicians, we in turn are able to bill either their outside insurance or Medicare/Medicaid for the visit or other services. Then a portion of that visit is paid back to the tribe and we can use that money to finance additional programs and services for our citizens.”

Managing rising health care costs are vital to the future of the Pokagon Band. If the band does not begin a system to ensure allotted funds from IHS are managed effectively and used in a recommended fashion, expenses will only increase. Twenty-cents of every dollar earned goes toward health care in this country. If we continue our current health care spending practices, we could potentially see significantly increased costs.

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.

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 pro-

vide 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.

Opening the proposed satellite office would also create four new staff positions: a receptionist, a nurse manager, a medical assistant and a part-time physician.

“At this time, we are not looking to make this office completely independent of our main hub in Dowagiac. Patients would still need to come to the main clinic for optical and footwear services. The satellite would be established to ease the patient flow in the main clinic and to provide access for our citizens in Indiana.

“Our goal is to have a location secured by next spring,” added Culpepper. “We are looking at sites in St. Joseph, Elkhart and LaPorte County.”

The Department of Health Services is also making plans to create a presence for a larger range of tribal service in the future, including a facility that would not only contain health care services, but also incorporate other programs from housing and education for Indiana citizens.

Per Capita News

The following list of citizens have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office for Per Capita payment distribution and 2009 Christmas checks. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band enrollment office to verify the address.

- 1499 Peter Cusi Gibbons-Ballew
- 3282 Daniel Sanderson
- 0083 John Dylan Watson
- 0406 Michael Lynn Hewitt
- 0433 Elizabeth Alexandra Gray
- 0434 Thomas Charles Abercrombie
- 0857 Peter John Ramirez
- 1283 Jodi Lynn Burfield
- 1445 Michael David Bush
- 1446 Bobby Marcus Haynes
- 1506 Michaela Lynne Canard
- 2795 Edward F Cushway
- 2805 Isabel Marie Campos

The following list of citizens have not contacted the enrollment office to verify their valid addresses to receive their 2009 Christmas checks.

- BRANDIE SHENEE ANTISDEL
- RUBY TUESDAY BALEY
- MICHAEL ALLEN BARR
- NICHOLAS RAY BENNETT
- FELICIA CHRISTINE BIXLER
- IAN THOMAS CURREY
- PAUL ISAAC GIBSON
- ELIZABETH ALEXANDRA GRAY

Deadline to receive changes/updates/additions in Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date for direct deposits
Friday, October 15, 2010	Thurs, Oct 28, 2010	Fri, Oct 29, 2010
Monday, November 15, 2010	Tues, Nov 23, 2010	Wed, Nov 24, 2010

From the Tribal Chairman

It has been a busy but productive and positive month. I would like to begin with a big chi-migwetch to the committee for their fine work in presenting the 25th annual Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow. It was a tremendous event with a packed house, and I saw and heard some of the best dancing and drumming I can remember. Even though this was represented as our 25th I was reminded that we have been holding this celebration forever. We are just continuing the tradition. Again I wish to extend my appreciation for all of the hard work—and I know it takes a toll—to all of those who assisted in making this a great experience for everyone. I can't wait until next year.

The other nice event was the celebration of reaffirmation. This was our sixteenth year and we had a find turnout despite the threat of bad weather. I drove through some pretty big thunder storms to get here only to find that the rain and storms had by-passed the campus. We received a little rain in the afternoon but most of the events were over. Congratulations to all the winners of the various drawings and thanks to Mike Jackson for a fine meal. Thanks also to all of the tribal citizens who took the time to celebrate this occasion with the family.

As some of you have reminded me, I made several commitments to promote issues that I believed were important to our future this past year. I was confident that council would share the same opinion as I did. I would like to report on our accomplishments as I indicated I would, but I want to break this into two different reports. To try to make this into one report would take too much space in the paper. I am re-printing those issues word for word, and then providing council's action in italics:

"We need to reaffirm the respect of our Elders. I have seen on too many occasions Elders shown disrespect and this is inappropriate, unnecessary and not consistent with our culture."

I believe we have made strong strides in treating our Elders consistently with respect and honor due them. Council consults with the Elders Council on judicial appointment and appointments to the Ethics Board. We also ask their input on other matters of significant to the tribe and recognize their wisdom on every occasion we can. I try to attend as many Elder Council meetings as I can and provide a brief comment on ongoing issues.

"I support essential services to our citizens. Two of my priorities are health and education. If we can provide the means to educate our citizens, it will allow us to break the cycle of dependency. I will work with Council to upgrade and expand our health care capabilities. Preventative care is a way to save money. We have a responsibility to our citizens to assist them in every way possible. A healthy life style equals a healthy quality of life. This should be a primary goal for us."

I believe this is evident by the ongoing expansion in our health department. The director and his staff have made providing quality and respectful service their number one priority. We have our own doctor on staff along with several nurses. Our pharmacy is open and we will soon be in the position to mail prescriptions to our tribal citizens. We are moving into managed care which will lead to tremendous savings to the program and the ability for the doctor to monitor that you are getting the appropriate care from your health care provider.

The idea was providing health care insurance to our citizens is still being reviewed. This is a more time consuming and expensive process than was originally anticipated, but we are committed to a full review to determine if it is a service we can offer.

I believe within the next year we will find that our clinic has been certified, which will provide a much higher level of comfort to our citizens knowing that we have licensed employees treating them and that our facility meets all the required standards. This will be a MAJOR step forward in our attempts to provide the best service to our citizens.

Our education department continues to move forward and this year we assisted with the college graduation of sixteen tribal citizens. We should be proud of all of our graduates, but I want to point out we had one doctor of medicine and one lawyer in the group, along with a couple of citizens who had completed their masters degree. Congratulations to all of you, we are very proud of your accomplishments.

Our director continues to explore ways to help our citizens improve their education. I think you will see improvement in our tutoring and GED assistance programs.

"With Council's support, I pledge to have a government-to-government relationship with the administration of the state of Indiana by the end of my first year as Chairman."

If you have followed my past comments, you will know we have met this commitment. We now have contacts in the governor's office and we met with Governor Daniels last month, albeit, informally, it was a very productive meeting. Stay tuned, this relationship is only going to improve. We are in the process of scheduling a nice event that will help us further develop our presence in Indiana.

"I will work with council to continue our land acquisition in Indiana. We are in the early stages of building a land base that will allow us to serve our citizens better and create additional economic development and expand our housing stock."

We have completed most of the purchases that we intend at this time and now are working to finalize the process to have this land taken into trust. We will keep you updated as this process moves forward.

"I will make it a priority for our citizens to have the ability to



watch council, committee, or training sessions by remote viewing. The technology is there. We have to implement improved communication with our citizens. This will include a more thorough and informative newsletter; and the hiring of a communications specialist to achieve this goal."

While this process hasn't been as easy as was first thought, we are now online with the ability for our citizens to watch our council meetings. I understand this may be unavailable to citizens with a certain type of operating system, but IT is working to eliminate this problem. We will expand this service once all the bugs are worked out to include committee meetings and training/cultural presentations in the future. This is going to be an extremely important service to our citizens.

I will break at this point in the report and follow-up next month with the remainder of the report. I hope you all can appreciate the efforts that this council is making as we work to improve the quality of life for our people. This must be our number one commitment and will appear in many different forms. We all too often hear the negative comments, which come with the job when you work in government, but I'm happy to say the positive comments are starting to be heard also. Thank you all for your support of Tribal Council.

In closing, I hope you all enjoyed the Pow-Wow and the Reaffirmation Day celebration, and please continue to remember our veterans and those currently serving. The freedom we enjoy is a direct result of their willingness to sacrifice. As always, my phone is on and my door is open. If you are in the area please stop in and say hi.

Matt

Tribal Council **October** Calendar of Events

- 4 Tribal Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lodge
- 5 Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 9 Tribal Council Citizen Meeting, 10 a.m. Lodge
- 11 Tribal Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lodge
- 12 Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 16 Quarterly Citizen Meeting, 10 a.m., Dowagiac Middle School
- 18 Tribal Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lodge
- 19 Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 25 Tribal Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lodge
- 26 Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session, 6 p.m., Lodge

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

Family Welfare Commission Looking to Fill Open Positions

The Pokagon Band is seeking applications from Pokagon Band members interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Family Welfare Commission. There are currently three open seats on the five member Commission. In order to protect the best interests of our children, the Pokagon Band Tribal Council formed the Family Welfare Commission by adoption of the Family Welfare Commission Ordinance on November 6, 2001. The Commission was designed not only to protect the best interests of Pokagon Band children, but also to: Promote the stability and security of Pokagon Band families; Recommend to the judicial and administrative agencies involved, a course of action for the guidance and care of Pokagon Band children which most preserves the unity of the family; Recommend actions that will best serve the cultural, spiritual, emotional, mental and physical welfare of the child; Recommend a continuum of services for Pokagon Band children and their families with emphasis whenever possible on prevention, early intervention, and community based alternatives; Recognize and acknowledge the cultural traditions of the Pokagon Band for child-rearing and family preservation. The Commission meets approximately once each month at Elders Hall, depending on the needs of the Commission, and meets at additional times as may be needed to address other specific matters. Family Welfare Commission members typically spend several additional hours per month preparing for Commission meetings or engaged in other Commission activities. The Family Welfare

Commission Ordinance is available at the following internet address: <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government.htm>.

Family Welfare

Commissioners are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$75 for attending each Family Welfare Commission meeting. In addition, Commission members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Family Welfare Commission business.

Qualifications of Commissioners

A. A Commissioner may not also be a member of Tribal Council.

B. An individual considered for appointment must be an enrolled Tribal member, at least 18 years of age, with knowledge and experience demonstrated through educational, occupational or volunteer activities in the following areas:

1. childhood education;
2. childhood development;
3. Pokagon Band or other tribal customs and traditions pertaining to child rearing;
4. governmental and private programs to assist children and families in need; and
5. individual and family dysfunction, the types, causes, and treatment.

C. Neither an employee nor the spouse of an employee of the Band or of the federal government, or a state or local government, who is involved with or possibly involved with the delivery of services relating to

child welfare matters within the scope of the Commission duties and authority may be appointed or serve as a Commissioner.

D. Immediate family members, as defined in the Pokagon Band Child Protection Code, of any family may not serve simultaneously on the Commission.

Requirements for Appointment to the Commission

A. Commissioners must sign and abide by a statement acknowledging the standards of confidentiality required for serving as a Commissioner.

B. Commissioners must submit to and pass a background check conducted by the Tribal Police Department subject to such written guidelines or procedures as may be established by the Tribal Police Department. The background check serves the purpose of assisting the Tribal Council in determining whether a prospective Commissioner could pose any risk to the safety or welfare of a child or may otherwise be unsuitable for appointment to the Commission. The background check shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the Commissioner's criminal history, including any arrest record and history of investigation by State Systems for suspected child abuse or neglect. A background check shall be conducted prior to the appointment or re-appointment of every Commissioner.

C. Every Commissioner shall be of good character and reputation, shall not associate with dishonest or disreputable persons, and shall exhibit high moral standards at all times.

Appointment Process Appointments to the Family Welfare Commission are made by the Tribal Council. Each Commissioner shall serve a term of three (3) years.

How to Apply

Contact the Department of Social Services at 800-517-0777 to obtain an application. Please submit a completed application to: Mark Pompey, Director Pokagon Band Department of Social Services 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Questions concerning the Family Welfare Commission may be directed to the Director of Social Services, Mark Pompey, at 800-517-0777 or mark.pompey@PokagonBand-NSN.gov.

Note: Posting to be removed by November 2010.

Ethics Requirements

As Public Officials, Family Welfare Commissioners 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 <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government.htm> or by contacting Mark Pompey at the Department of Social Services at 800-517-0777.

ELDERS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES, September 2, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 11:18 AM

INVOCATION: Jeff Ballew

ROLL CALL: Margaret Rapp, P, Ken Rader, P, Clarence White, A, excused, Audrey Huston, P. Also in attendance, Yvonne (Petey) Boehm, Lynn Davidson

AGENDA: Brad Yazell, gave a talk about pre-arranging funerals. He also showed some of the caskets made of white pine that most of the Native Americans are using. Some of our people would like to have our logo used. Jeanne Mollett will take the sample of the logo to Council and asked if it could be used. Ed Williams, Tribal attorney

explained the new burial fund. One factor that needs to be noted: if not all the money is used it will not be given to the next of kin.

It would be best if you do not understand the burial code, to contact Mark Pompey and he will answer any questions you may have. Telephone 269-782-8998.

Petey Boehm, informed us that she, Bonnie Parrish, Ken Rader of Elders Council will be attending the NICOA conference and MIEA conference.

Active Living exercise classes will soon be starting. Basket making will start in October.

Becky Price, RN, informed us that Pharmacist Shelly Smith will be setting up clinics for flu shots. One of our Elders asked if she could come to Elders Hall and give them, as this was how it was done in the past. Will let us know.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Maxine would like to see jackets purchased for the Elders. Faye Magnuson to check on cost. Bonnie Parrish would like to have the Information concerning MIEA scholarships printed in the newsletter each month. She will talk to Paige about it.

MINUTES: None, lack of quorum for August.

TREASURERS REPORT: Audrey gave the report as Clarence was absent. Margaret moved to accept the report, Ken, supported, (3) yes, (1) absent. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Would like to find some speakers for our social luncheons.

OLD BUSINESS: Bingo will be held on Thursday. A Halloween party is also planned.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11:00 am – 12:00pm.

Active Living classes will resume in the fall.

Men's health fair will be held October 7, 2010, 3:00pm – 7:00pm.

Basket making will start in November.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Rita Yount, Tom Wesaw Jr., Myrna Wiggins, Tom Parrish, John Morseau, Morris Lewis, Brenda Brown, Louis Wesaw, Robert Grant, Kathy Grant.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: Bill & Shirley Sigfrids, Robert & Kathy Grant.

ADJOURNMENT: Ken moved to adjourn, Margaret, supported, (3) yes, (1) Absent. Adjourned, 2:50pm.

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Tribal Citizens' Spouses May Apply for Temporary Staffing Pool

The Pokagon Band temporary pool will accept applications from tribal citizens and their spouses. Native American preference still applies, so the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band citizen is unavailable for the position. Pay for temporary positions is \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal citizens interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band administration office at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks: criminal background, a motor vehicle report, work history, references, tribal membership (or spouse of enrolled tribal citizen) and DSH clearance (if applicable).

You must submit to and pass a drug and alcohol test. Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity to occasionally supplement income and gain experience while aiding the government in continuing smooth delivery of services. Call for an appointment today.

October 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
Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.				1 Veggie OR Meat Pizza Day Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit
04 Buffalo Lasagna Garden Salad Yogurt W/ Fruit Cup Roll	05 Tator Tot Casserole W/ Italian Ground Turkey and Mixed Veggies Coleslaw/ Sliced Tomatoes Peaches Cornbread	06 Sea Bass Rice Pilaf Vegetable Kabobs Strawberries and Blueberries Roll	07 <u>Business</u> Swedish Meatballs W/ Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Green Beans Waldorf Salad Roll	08 Minestrone Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich Spinach Salad Fruit
11 Grilled Pork Steaks Baked Potato Asparagus Tomato Salad Baked Apples Roll	12 Potato Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Garden Salad Fruit Pizza	13 Beef Roast Potatoes & Rutabaga Carrots Tossed Salad/ Cottage Cheese Roll	14 Buffalo Sloppy Joes on a Bun Baked Beans Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Jell-O Fruit	15 Baked Salmon Wild Rice Garden Salad Carrots & Peas Melon Slices Roll
18 Beef Spaghetti Spinach Salad Broccoli Peaches Garlic Bread	19 Grilled Pork Chops Baked Steak Fries Brussels Sprouts Garden Salad Apple Crisp Roll	20 Buffalo Stew Garden Salad Fruit Salad Corn Bread Sherbet	21 <u>Social</u> Baked Chicken Red Potatoes Summer Squash and Zucchini Garden Salad Yogurt W/ Fruit Roll	22 Black Bean & Sweet Potato Chili Broccoli Slaw Cherry Crisp Cornbread
25 Turkey Stuffed Peppers Alfredo Noodles Tomatoes/ Cottage Cheese Watermelon Roll	26 Buffalo Meatloaf Baked Potato Corn on the Cob Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Roll	27 Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes Broccoli, Cauliflower, & carrots Garden Salad Blueberry Crisp Roll	28 Salmon Patties Bakes Steak Fries Green Bean Casserole Ambrosia Salad Roll	29 Cream of Chicken W/ Wild Rice Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Tray Pineapple/ Cottage Cheese

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.-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.



Happy 6th birthday to my big first grader, Jasmine Rangel, 9/4! You're getting to be such a big girl!
 Happy 5th birthday to my special kindergartener Josiah, 9/16! I can't believe you're growing up so fast! We love you both so very much. You make me proud everyday!
 Love, Mommy, Zach and the twins
 Also from Gramma Kim, Uncle Corey, Uncle Kerby, and Max xoxo



Happy 2nd Birthday to our little monster, Tade. Love you, Mommy, Daddy, and Big Brother Aidan.



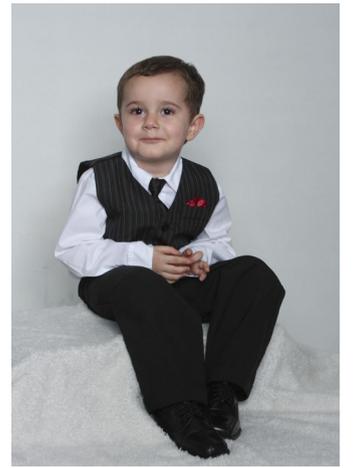
Happy 1st Birthday
 Chelsy Ariel Olson
 10/05/2010

Love, Mom, Dad, and Sydney



Happy Birthday to my beautiful babies
 BRITTAINY Rangel, 25 years old 10/31 and
 COREY Rangel, 24 years old 10/9!
 Love you so much,
 Mom. Kerby, Jasmine, Josiah, Zach, and Max

xoxoxo



Happy Birthday to Hugo Gregory Alexis who was 3 in September!!



Happy 24th Birthday to
 Freddy Rader III, 10/16
 and
 Happy 16th Birthday to
 Joshua Rader, 10/7
 We love you both very much,
 Mom and Dad



Congratulations David and Brianna on your beautiful new baby, Lillian Reagan Wesaw

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