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Nearly 2500 Potawatomi Convene in Dowagiac for Gathering Hundreds Participate in Workshops, Conferences, Activities

The Potawatomi have had a presence in Michigan for centuries, so for many descendants who came to the 19th Annual Gathering of Potawatomi Nations in Dowagiac last month, it was a time to remember where their ancestors lived up until the mid-1840s when they were forced to Kansas and Oklahoma.

“Seeing my relatives from Kansas was special. I love watching my 82 year old mother’s eyes light up when she sees her cousin from Mayetta,” said Deb Bloom, a citizen of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, a lifelong resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Gathering provided for numerous workshops to where attendees could learn black ash basket making, pottery and drum making.

Elected officials met at the Tribe’s Four Winds Casino and Resort at New Buffalo also on Thursday to discuss common concerns of Potawatomi people, such as health care, language preservation and culture.

“The one high point for me was seeing the large assembling of elected officials from the various Potawatomi bands meet. Just seeing 67 officials in one room talking about things

common to us was very exciting,” said John Warren, Pokagon Band treasurer. “We said we need to do this more than one time per year. As a result, elected officials agreed to meet again this fall and then again next spring.”

All of the Potawatomi nations from the United States were represented at Dowagiac. Present were: the Citizens Potawatomi Nation – Shawnee, Oklahoma; Forest County Potawatomi Community – Crandon, Wisconsin; Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community – Wilson, Michigan; Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi – Fulton, Michigan; Match-E-Be-Nash- She-Wish-Band of Pottawatomi Indians– Dorrr, Michigan; Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation – Mayetta, Kansas; and the Pokagon Band. Two Potawatomi Nations from Canada were present: Walpole Island First Nation – Walpole Island, Ontario and Wasauksing First Nation – Parry Sound, Ontario.

Next year, the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations will be back in Michigan, hosted by the Match-E-Be-Nash- She-Wish-Band.

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Students Connect with Nature during Summer School

Twelve-year-old Tonda Daisy gently picked up the tiny toad, walked away from the line of vehicles near where the rest of the summer school students were eating lunch, and let the little animal go into the high grasses of the North Liberty upland.

Four-year-olds Wilo Dillingham and Nicolaus Starrett talked about the animals they’d seen: a bunny, and a dragonfly.

The Departments of Natural Resources and Education have been teaming up to expose Pokagon students to the natural world, and 36 summer school students got a dose of that on a recent trip to the Band’s wetland restoration project in North Liberty, Indiana.

“It’s awesome,” said Daisy. “I liked when we walked through the high grasses like a chain. I saw a baby mouse.”

The kids learned from Bob Frank, natural resources manager, that the grasses of the restored land make great hiding places for homes of lots of different species: pheasants, turkeys and small mammals.

“But if this land were farmed, it would be bare during much of the year, and

those animals wouldn’t have safe places to live to be protected from predators like hawks or coyotes,” he told the students.

The students have connected with DNR staff once a week during the four week summer school. One week they talked about forestry, and how DNR is treating black ash trees to save them from the emerald ash borer infestation. Another week they met near Rodgers Lake to learn about ponds, rivers and wetlands and wild rice planting. This is just part of the programming provided by the water quality grant. The water testing activities that junior and senior high school students have been doing are also part of that funding.

Before venturing into the grasslands, the summer school students met at a house on the property that the Band is renovating as part of another grant, the ANA grant. Eventually, according to Frank, the Band could use the facility as a field office, housing a conservation officer, perhaps tribal police, and even an interpretive center. Groomed hiking trails and observation platforms might also be in future plans, allowing citizens to enjoy the restored land and the wildlife living there.



Pokagon Team Celebrates Several First Place Finishes at Michigan Indian Family Olympics

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The 26th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics were held the last weekend of July, and for the second year, members of the Pokagon Band traveled to Mount Pleasant to participate in the event.

“This year we had more people involved,” said Conrad Church, director of language and culture. “We had a group of about sixty people and a good mix of ages.”

“We stayed for two nights this year, and that allowed for a little more relaxation,” said Church. “We stayed at the Soaring Eagle Water Park, and it was great to see all of the families interacting and having a good time.”

Eight tribes were represented at the Olympics, and the Pokagons finished in sixth place overall. Roughly 1,000 people participated in the events.

“Unlike a traditional track and field meet, there are activities for all ages,” explained Church. “They had the basic running events, but they also had a toddler crawl, an elders walk, and other activities that allowed for greater participation.”

In addition to the track and field events, there were also golf and lacrosse tournaments. The Pokagons won the lacrosse tournament for the 13 and older age group. Cossandra Church, Emily Serba and Jennie Brown each won first place in their respective age groups in archery, and Jennifer Eddleberg took second place in her age group. Andrew Contreras also took first place in the softball throw.

This year, the Pokagon team participated in honor of Gar DeMarsh who passed away in October 2012. “Gar participated in the Olympics last year at age 70, and he won more medals than anyone else,” said Church. “We all had ‘In Memory of Gar’ on our team shirts in his honor.” His widow, Majhel DeMarsh participated with her daughters and her grandson.

“We are looking forward to next year already,” said Church. “Our goal is to get more tribal citizens and their families to participate in 2014. Each team gets points for the number of participants. You don’t have to be a good athlete. You just need to be willing to get out there and have some fun!”

The event is typically held the last weekend of July. “Once the date is officially set for the 2014 games, we will get the word out to the tribe so that they can save the date,” said Church.

Questions about participating in the games should be directed to Conrad Church. He can be reached via e-mail at Conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov or by phone at (269) 462-4254.



Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

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The Pokagon Band Elders enjoyed their trip to the South Dakota Black Hills and Badlands. They departed Monday morning June 17 from the Pokagon Community Center in a motor coach and returned June 25 in the evening. Along the way they saw the Crazy Horse monument and experienced the region's beautiful natural surroundings.

"The highlight for most Elders was a personal tour by Daryl, an Oglala Sioux. He and a friend were our guides on the Pine Ridge Reservation," said Petey Boehm, elders specialist. "Seeing the Badlands was more beautiful on the reservation side. We saw their burial grounds and much, much more.

We need to appreciate what we have and our way of living, after seeing how the Sioux live on their reservation."



Language Students Immerse in Potawatomi

Pokagon language students recently traveled to Crandon, Wisconsin for the annual Potawatomi Language Immersion event at the Forest County Indian Community. While at the immersion course, Pokagon students were able to visit with Kyle Malott and Carla Collins, the two language apprentices the tribe sent to Forest County to learn from first language speakers there.

"I had a great time," said Roger Williams. "I'll do all I can to return next year." Williams said that the classes helped him better understand some of the linguistics of Potawatomi.

Williams said that one of the highlights was hearing the story of the prophesy of the eighth fire, and a moccasin making teaching from Mary Jane Thunder.

"We also practiced language while learning a game called bones," he said. The game is played with antlers flattened and shaped like a coin, one side white, the other black.



Move In Day

The first of the residents of the newly-completed duplexes and apartment homes at Pokégnek Édawat moved in mid-August. The couple was thrilled to move into comfortable, quality living accommodations. "Days like this make all the work worthwhile," said Megan Rick, housing occupancy specialist.

Memorial Children's Hospital Receives \$56,500 from 2013 Four Winds Invitational

The Pokagon Band presented a donation of \$56,500 to Memorial Children's Hospital August 15 from proceeds of the 2013 Four Winds Invitational. The donation will be used to purchase a neonatal incubator transport unit for Memorial Children's Hospital's MedFlight helicopter program, pictured above. The Pokagon Band also announced that it will again be the title sponsor the 2014 Four Winds Invitational, which will continue to have the largest purse on the Symetra Tour. The tournament will be held from Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, 2014 at the Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Ind.

"We are proud to continue as the title sponsor of the Four Winds Invitational and contribute to the future success of the tournament that benefits both the South Bend community and Memorial Children's Hospital," said Chairman Matt Wesaw at the check presentation. "Along with the support of several local sponsors, we are also proud to have made a donation of \$109,500 to Memorial Children's Hospital over the past two years."

Memorial Children's Hospital serves 22 referral hospitals across Northern Indiana and Southwestern Michigan. "In 2012, a total of 769 infants and children were transported to Memorial Children's Hospital for specialized care, a 29 percent increase from 2011," said Michaeleen Conlee, senior director of Women's and Children's Services at Memorial Children's Hospital. "In the care of our region's smallest and most fragile infants, time and safety are the two most important priorities. This incubator will allow Memorial Children's Hospital to provide cutting-edge medical care, at every referral hospital, in half the time as ground transport. This incubator is one of the most important pieces of equipment available for the care of premature infants and will be lifesaving to many."



The donation from the 2012 Four Winds Invitational went toward an ambulance, pictured above. The 2013 Four Winds Invitational was held from Friday, June 21 through Sunday, June 23, 2013 and featured a field of professional women golfers from around the world competing for the largest purse on the Symetra Tour – Road to the LPGA. Cydney Clanton, of Concord, N.C., won the tournament in the seventh playoff hole.

Homeownership Program Takes Stress Out of Purchasing a Home

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The Pokagon Band's homeownership program recently helped to make Fred Siegl's dream of owning a home a reality. In addition to financial assistance for a down payment and closing costs, the program took the stress out of buying a home.

"The program was great and made things easier for us," said Siegl. "They (Housing staff) helped me tremendously, answered all of my questions and offered guidance through each step."

Siegl explained that he did not end up purchasing the first home that he intended to buy. Although the home passed the initial inspection, the tribal inspector found foundation and electric issues. "It looked good cosmetically, but there were some significant issues brought to my attention. I was advised not to proceed with the purchase, and I got out of that deal," said Siegl.

"When I got out looking at homes again, I was much more educated on what to look for," said Siegl. He found a home located in Dowagiac, just east of town. "The house has everything that I want, and I

don't plan on going anywhere for a while. It is settled on four acres, and the property is beautiful. We enjoy looking out and seeing deer and turkeys walking around." His new home is a three bedroom ranch with a full basement and a two car, attached garage.

Siegl lives with his wife, Amanda, and their newborn daughter, Lillian. "We closed on the house on May 15, and Lillian was born on May 30," said Siegl. "We were in the process of moving into the house when she was born, so it was a bit hectic."

Siegl is originally from Paw Paw and relocated to Buchanan to be closer to the casino in New Buffalo where he worked. When looking for a home, he focused his search in the Dowagiac area to be closer in proximity to the tribe. He was recently promoted to a supervisor for slot operations at the new casino in Dowagiac.

Both Fred and Amanda are thankful for the homeownership program. Not only did they get financial assistance, but they also got peace of mind. "I didn't worry," said Fred. "They took all of the worry out of it and made it an easy process."



The homeownership program provides a twenty percent down payment on a house up to \$30,000. They will also provide closing cost assistance up to \$2,500. The eligibility requirements and pre-application are available on the Pokagon website under the Housing and Facilities section. More information about the program can be obtained by calling Kim Cushway at (269) 462-4253 or (877) 983-0385.

New Council and Salary Commission Members Take Oaths



From left, Bob Moody, Tom Wesaw, Roger Rader, Tom Topash and Carl Wesaw were sworn in to Tribal Council; Bonnie Daisy was sworn in to the Salary Commission; and Skyler Daisy, Jenna Huffman, Alex Wesaw, Collin Church and Cassandra Church were sworn in to Senior Youth Council August 17.

Pokagon Band meets with University of Notre Dame President

By Michaelina Magnuson Martin

After many years, Pokagon Band is one significant step closer to reaching the goal of reestablishing and strengthening our relationship with the University of Notre Dame. On Wednesday, August 14 members of the Pokagon Promise committee hosted a meeting between Pokagon Band Tribal Chairman Matt Wesaw and the University of Notre Dame President Father John Jenkins. The event took place at the tribe's Gage Street property in Dowagiac as a follow-up to the spring meeting between committee members and representatives from the university.

The gathering of the two groups began with a sage smudge invocation by Council member Tom Topash, introductions, and a brief historical overview of the shared history between the tribe and the university. It was noted that Leopold Pokagon took steps to promote education in his villages just as Pokagon Band continues to promote education among tribal citizens today. Father Jenkins shared that the University is proud of the connection with the Potawatomi people. He continued with saying he saw the meeting as a "rekindling" of that relationship.

Conversation continued covering many topics. One topic included the possibility of the tribe co-

sponsoring events on campus that would benefit both the tribe and the university. Perhaps as soon as this November during national Native American Heritage Month such an event may happen. Pokagon citizen and University of Notre Dame Professor Andrea Topash-Rios was invited to the meeting due to her unique status of being a member of both communities. Topash-Rios says she witnessed the representatives from both the tribe and university bring "energy, enthusiasm, and ideas to the table." She also said "it is important that Notre Dame recognize and respect the shared history. I saw evidence of exactly that at this meeting."

To conclude the meeting, a beautiful clay vase by Pokagon artist Jason S. Wesaw was presented to Father Jenkins to symbolize Pokagon Band's commitment towards continued relationship building. In return, Father Jenkins presented a framed photo of the Notre Dame Log Chapel (pictured at right) and a copy of the book *The Chapels of Notre Dame*. All in attendance agreed with Father Jenkins that "the tribe and University have reached a new stage of maturity that provides not just respect, but a continuity that will endure."



Photo by Letting Go of Control

Chi Ishobak's Progress Recognized by CDFI Industry

Chi Ishobak has been selected for the Native CDFI Leadership Panel for the 10th Annual Native Gathering that takes place during the Opportunity Finance Network Conference in Philadelphia, PA, October 14-18, 2013.

Sean Winters, executive director of Chi Ishobak, Inc. will be sharing lessons learned, tips and tools used to develop Chi Ishobak into a dynamic Native CDFI that serves citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi on a panel Executive Director - Lessons Learned (Emerging to Mature NCDFIs). Sean has spent the last two years building innovative loan products and development programs aimed at enhancing the financial futures of the Pokagon Band citizens.

The Native Gathering is a joint effort of Opportunity Finance Network and First Nations Oweesta Corporation. Held each year at the annual OFN Conference, the Native Gathering is a three and a half day event that includes a one-day Native Convening, an array of Native specific breakout sessions, a Native Funders Panel/Reception and the annual Native CDFI Awards. We expect more than 120 leaders from Native CDFIs, Tribal Programs, Tribal Housing Authorities as well as their partners in asset building to attend the convening in Philadelphia for 2013.

Over the years, the annual Native Gathering has become one of the most significant events for the Native Community/Economic Development movement. The Native Gathering provides an important opportunity for practitioners, policy makers and funders to focus on the impact Native CDFIs are making in their communities, share lessons learned and best practices while making connections with others who share their goals.

The Native Gathering on Monday, October 14, 2013 will kick off a week of learning that will help Native CDFIs and the industry as a whole focus on the opportunities being created by the Native CDFI movement and economic sustainability of Tribal Communities through the momentum of Native CDFIs nationwide. Emphasis will be placed on the sharing of innovative program designs throughout Indian Country and opportunities for the future of the Native CDFI movement in regards to sustainability.



Storage Sale Moves Inventory

A crew has been working to tag and identify all tribal government assets over the past few weeks. Their work culminated in a Pokagon "garage sale" held at the Business Center of Southwest Michigan in Dowagiac at the end of July. The sale attracted lots of shoppers and generated over \$12,000, but also it streamlined operations and cleaned out clutter.

Complimentary Concert Coming Up at Hard Rock Café Four Winds



DOORS OPEN AT 7 P.M. SEPTEMBER 26

Join Hard Rock Café for a free concert with Red Wanting Blue. The band is based in Columbus, Ohio, but “could be America's local band,” according to publicity materials. For years, the group has gone about logging thousands of miles on the road throughout the nation's heartland, making fans one at a time.

With the aid of word of mouth and perseverance, Red Wanting Blue has established a following in and around the Midwest where the band regularly fills clubs reserved for bigger names. As Red Wanting Blue's touring schedule has grown to non-stop, and with an appearance on David Letterman to boot, the band is now seeing its following growing throughout the rest of the country as well.

Chi Ishobak September Announcements and Updates

Dates and times for the next Financial Wellness Workshop series at the Community Center in Dowagiac, MI have been scheduled. These workshops are designed to identify financial habits and behaviors in our personal financial management that may be ineffective and implement necessary changes. By utilizing lessons from our ancestors and modern financial tools, citizens can accomplish any goal from: savings, building credit, debt-reduction, and building credit.

All classes will be held Wednesdays on the following dates: September 4, 11, 18, 25, and October 2. Two classes will be held on each date to accommodate a larger number of interested citizens. Times for classes will be 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Chi Ishobak at (269) 783-4157 to register for all or individual classes. Registration is free and there is no cost to attend the Financial Wellness Workshops.

For individual financial coaching, please call for an appointment.

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

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Young Women's Medicine Pouch Workshop Offered September 22

Young women in the Pokagon Band community ages 18–30 are invited to a medicine pouch-making workshop and discussion group. The goal of the group is to encourage young women to develop strong leadership skills, build self-esteem, and create a safe space for young women to get together and discuss the topics and issues that matter most to them. Discussion topics may include healthy relationships, self-respect, and what it means to be a Native American woman.

The first group will be held on Sunday, September 22 at the Community Center from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Meals will be provided. If you'd like, please bring any other projects you are working on (shawls, beading, etc). We will provide materials and instruction for making medicine pouches. You do not have to share any personal information about yourself

if you aren't comfortable. Discussion group members will be asked not to share any personal information about other participants.

Please join us to help develop a new generation of young woman warriors. If you have any questions feel free to contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov, Andy Jackson at (269) 462-4261 or andy.jackson@pokagonband-nsn.gov, or Katy Morseau-Rader at (269) 782-8998 or katy.morseau@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Gail Flanagan Is Elder of the Month

Gail was born in Cassopolis, Michigan in 1954 and lived in Dowagiac until she was nine years old. Her family then moved to Oregon, where she still lives. “It's a beautiful state,” she said.

Gail has two sons and raised two step-daughters. She has nine grandchildren and one great-grandson. She enjoys camping and being outside in the sunshine, and going to garage sales.

She came to Dowagiac to visit her mother, Mary Vogt, and family in August.

“We attended the Elders Council business meeting at the community Canter and had lunch. It was interesting to listen to what was going on with the tribe. Even more exciting was that I was picked for Elder of the Month.



“It is always nice to go on vacation and see your family and friends,” she said. “I got to attend the elders picnic. I met relatives I never knew. It was a lot of fun!”

Ask Your Government

We've added a new feature to the *Pokegnek Yajdanawa* this month. Ask Your Government is an opportunity for Pokagons to submit questions about programs, services, events or policies to government staff. Editors will seek out the best expert to answer your question, and publish the questions and response in the next issue.

Have a burning question about the Pokagon Band government that needs answering? Send it to Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov and stay tuned for the response!

Introducing New Staff: Ann Morsaw-Banghart and Melisa Zimmerman



Bozhoo, I'm Ann Morsaw-Banghart. I have recently joined the Social Services staff as foster care/adoptions worker. My father is Deacon Art Morsaw from Hartford, which is where I grew up and graduated from high school. I have a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. I currently live in Mattawan with my husband Scott and our four children ranging in ages from 19 years to two years old. My house is busy with everything from college applications to Barbie and Ninja Turtles!

Being from a large family I have worked with children all my life, and was excited to accept this opportunity to help tribal families. My goal is to recruit more homes for foster care and find adoptive families so our children can stay within the tribe and native culture. I am also looking for tribal citizens who would be willing to provide respite (babysitting) service to our foster parents so they can have a much needed night or weekend away. Please call and chat with me about new opportunities for your family at (269) 462-4216.



As one of the new hires at the Tribal Court, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Melisa Zimmerman and I am privileged to be the Court's newest clerk. My father is Michael Lee Zimmerman, Sr. and my mother is Virginia Camacho Zimmerman. My native heritage descends from the Hamilton side of my father's family and my Mexican culture comes from the Camacho side of my mother's family. I can honestly say that growing up my entire life with two different yet beautiful cultural backgrounds has proven to be quite interesting and fulfilling.

Before coming to work for the Pokagon Band, I studied mathematics and Spanish at Saint Mary's College for my undergraduate education. Most recently, I graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law with my Juris Doctor degree. As I save up enough money to take the bar exam, I thought this would be the perfect opportunity to learn about our Band's judicial system and to give back to a community that has given me so much throughout my life.

In June, I began working for the Tribal Court and every day has been interesting. With a variety of cases coming in on a daily basis I am constantly learning something new. I am also able to see how our judicial system is similar to and different from the state and federal systems that I became familiar with as a law student. One aspect I find appealing with our Court is its willingness and interest in adapting peacemaking as a means to resolve disputes. As a law student I was intrigued with mediation and other means of alternative dispute resolution in order to settle a legal dispute; as a Pokagon Band citizen, I am hopeful that peacemaking will become a mainstay of our judicial system as it has more to do with mending relationships and strengthening the community than swift retribution or punishment.

During my short time thus far as a clerk, I have met some incredible people. To everyone else that I have yet to meet, I very much look forward to the day we do.

In my spare time, when I grow tired of studying the law, I play videogames, read, and try to learn new languages. I also volunteer during the months of September and October at the Niles Haunted House Scream Park, a place that has grown near and dear to me as the years pass. Tennis is also one of my favorite pastimes, but in fear that this is growing into more of a personal ad, I digress.

Thank you for taking the time get to know a little bit about me. I hope that someday soon I may return the favor.

Project LAUNCH An Ambitious Initiative To Promote Young Child Wellness

Last fall Pokagon Band was fortunate to be chosen as one of eleven grantees nationwide to receive a five-year, almost \$4.2 million federal grant called Project LAUNCH. Pokagon Band's application was submitted on behalf of a specially formed tribal consortium with the Gun Lake Tribe and Nottawaseppi Huron Band—the other two federally recognized Potawatomi tribes also headquartered in southwest Michigan. The goal of Project LAUNCH is to promote young child wellness. LAUNCH is an acronym for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health. The initiative is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Pokagon Band's Project LAUNCH services will be administered by the Pokagon Band Department of Social Services.

Project LAUNCH takes a holistic approach to child development—it defines child wellness as “optimal functioning across all developmental domains, including cognitive, social, emotional, behavioral, and physical health.” The initiative aims to work across disciplines and with those involved in the lives of young children to create a shared vision of wellness for young children. Project LAUNCH involves concrete efforts to develop infrastructure within organizations to help accomplish its goals. One such infrastructure development is the creation of new jobs that are

devoted exclusively to young child development. The term “young child” is commonly defined as pre-natal through the age of eight—up until a child's ninth birthday.

In order to keep tribal citizens informed of progress of this new, ambitious initiative, monthly articles will appear in the Pokagon newsletter that document latest developments. This article represents the first of such monthly updates.

- One of the many goals of Project LAUNCH is to increase awareness among tribal community members—especially among parents—of factors that support healthy young child development.
- The Project LAUNCH grant is making possible the creation of four new jobs that are devoted exclusively to young child development. Huron Band has begun the hiring process for two newly created positions: a Young Child Wellness Expert and a Young Child Wellness Coordinator, who together will be responsible for administering the new program. Hopefully these yet-to-be-hired young child professionals will be on board in their new positions by the end of August. Gun Lake Tribe and Pokagon Band have hired a Young Child Wellness Coordinator. Only Huron Band, however, will have a position of a Young Child Wellness Expert, due to NHBP being the lead tribal applicant and therefore the tribal grantee.

- Each of the three Consortium Tribes—Gun Lake, Huron Band, and Pokagon Band—has each begun the process of establishing a local tribal young child wellness task force which will promote coordination and collaboration among partners and local stakeholders. In addition to each tribe's individual or “local” task force, the consortium tribes will establish a “central” young child wellness task force. Each task force will have representatives from various sectors that impact child wellness, including early childhood education (Head Start), early elementary education (local school districts), and health, child welfare, Medicaid and substance abuse prevention (Pokagon Health Services). Each will be called a “Mno Penojewen Task Force.” Mno Penojewen means “Good Childhood.” The central one will be called “Chi Mno Penojewen” which means “Big Good Childhood” Task Force.

Please stay tuned for regular updates on Project LAUNCH. These updates will provide readers with ways they can support healthy child development. You are invited to join your tribal government in supporting strong children by participating in Project LAUNCH-related activities. Project LAUNCH services and activities will help Pokagon Band families better meet the needs of their young children.

Department of Education Announcements and Updates

Have You Signed Up for K–12 Programming for 2013–2014?

K–12 Program registration is open; have you registered your child? Stop in the Department of Education, Monday through Friday from 8–5 or at the South Bend office on 3733 Locust Road. You may also mail, fax, and email the forms to us. You can get the forms from the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov or get them at the time you are registering, or call us to send one.

Registration for the K–12 Program opens the door for the services we offer, both in and out of the ten county service area. The program is for children three-years-old through high school senior who attend an academically based preschool (not a daycare), a public or private school, or are homeschooled. Each student receives a backpack or duffel bag imprinted with the Pokagon seal, a \$10 School Supply Card, \$100 School Supply Reimbursement, and has access to High School Success, tutoring and student advocacy, Enrichment, Dual Enrollment, Special Needs, and other opportunities.

There are several more places to register your child: during the Labor Day PowWow, Saturday, August 31, from 3 – 5 p.m. and Sunday, September 1, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the Department of Education office; and during A Healthy Step with Education from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 7 at the Pokagon Band Community Center. Parents / Legal Guardians must be present for signatures and students' tribal IDs will be needed. Someone else may pick up the bags with permission from the Parent / Legal Guardian, as long as the forms have a Parent / Legal Guardian signature. You may also mail, fax, or email the forms to us. You can download the forms from www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, get them at the time you are registering, or call us to send one. Backpacks and duffels are mailed to citizens living outside of the ten-county service area. Bags are available while supplies last.

Title VII

The Title VII form, a federal form included in the K–12 Registration packet, is a major ingredient in our Title VII funding. Please submit the form with the K–12 registration packet if your child attends public school within the ten-county service area. The form instructs you to return it to your child's school; please return it to the Department of Education. Thank you!

A Healthy Step with Education, Saturday, September 7: Get Those Grade Cards

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

K–12 School Supply Reimbursements for 2013–2014 School Year Are Now Available

The Department of Education is already processing 2013–2014 School Supply Reimbursements. The forms are online and in the offices. Remember to include the original receipts with the purchases circled and stating which child gets the item.

Do you have a high school Junior or Senior? These educational expenses can be covered through the High School Success Reimbursement: College Entrance Test fees (one ACT/SAT test); College Application fees (up to \$100); and the basic graduation cap, gown, and tassel. We can also provide the students with career testing, information about scholarship opportunities, and information about vocational training. Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist, and Traci Henslee, Employment and Training Specialist, can be reached in the Department of Education if you have any questions. We want to help with the transition from high school so feel free to call.

Tutoring

Children in Kindergarten – 12th grade, who make C– or below in the core subjects of Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies, or who receive help for special needs, can qualify for tutoring through the K–12 Program. Both forms for tutoring services are available on the Pokagon Band's website.

One-to-One Tutoring, for students within the Ten County Service Area:

We have a group of talented adults, both education associates and tutors, ready to help your child. When possible, we tutor the students during their school day. After-school tutoring takes place at various locations, with parents providing transportation. The review process prior to placing children with tutors includes evaluating grades and needs, and contacting the family and the school. Permission for communicating with the school staff is vital, so make sure you mark "accept"

on the release form included in the K–12 Registration. Since every effort is made to place the children with the most need first, get the request for tutoring in as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this valuable service, please contact Kristie Bussler, K–12 Resource Specialist, or Penny Brant, K–12 Program Supervisor.

Sylvan Tutoring, for students living Out of Ten-County Service area, or those living in the Ten-County Service area and the present tutoring program does not meet their needs: The application process is the same as the One-to-One Tutoring process, with its own application. Contact Kristie or Penny with questions.

Help Us Read 2013 Books

The 2013 Reading Program is underway. We currently have 30 families signed up with 609 books read. The application is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education, or if you do not have access to a printer, please contact Connie Baber and we can mail you the application. You can also e-mail connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov to have the form sent to you. Our goal this time is 2013 books, so we still have 1386 books to go.

Calling for Tutors!

If you have at least a Bachelor's degree and want to tutor some great students, please contact Penny Brant at penny.brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov. This is a paid opportunity with a range of time of two to ten hours a week, depending upon the individual schedule.

Student Advocacy

A valuable service by the K–12 Program is the Student Advocacy. If your child or you need support in communicating with the school, please feel free to call us. If you need to bounce ideas or air frustration, call us. Sometimes just talking about an issue can lead to a solution. Depending upon the need and the location, we can call the school, e-mail someone, or go with you to an appointment.

Dual Enrollment

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

Summer Workbooks

Many of the children in the K–12 Program benefitted from the Summer Workbooks this year. We still have copies here for those who haven't picked one up, even though the summer has passed. These books are great to have in your home as an activity during the school year with the goal of keeping the math, reading, and spelling skills expanding, not shrinking. Please call us with your child's name, address, and grade entering in the fall. Bonus: Show the completed workbook to a staff member of the Department of Education or your child's teacher, ask the teacher to sign the included form, return it to us, and we will send a treat to your child.

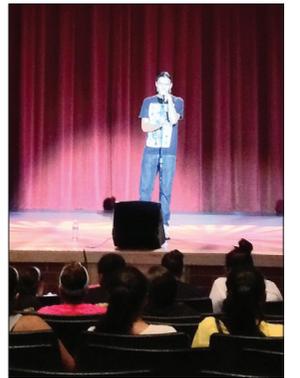
Let's Pick Fruit!

Saturday, October 5, 1 – 3 p.m., join the Pokagon Band K–12 Program for this family day as we stroll through the orchards of Stovers' U-Pic, 7837 M-139, Berrien Springs, MI, to pick apples and grapes. You will go home with fruit, handmade jams, salsas, pumpkins, or other goodies from the farm's market. Bring your family to this event open to PreK–12 students registered in our program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Questions? Call Connie before the event or Penny Brant's cell, (269) 240-2359, on that Saturday.

Come Visit Your Library

The Pokagon Band Department of Education library has a large (and growing!) selection of Native American books, music, and videos for adults and children. There is a reference book section that also includes teaching material. Two computers are in the library for citizen use. We also have expanded the general fiction and nonfiction books for adults and children. This is one of the highlights of the Department of Education's office, so stop in and check it out. Speaking of "checking it out", we can mail books to you, too! Your library is available Monday through Friday 8–5 p.m.

Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations 2013



Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Rights Board

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice of Open Position | Chi Ishobak, Inc.

POSITION DESCRIPTION. Chi Ishobak is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to serve as a member of the Chi Ishobak Board of Directors. Chi Ishobak is a Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that serves the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians whose mission is to provide Tribal citizens with access to affordable capital for small-business loans, small-business development, consumer loans, and individual financial development through collaborative and education-oriented lending services, and to practice responsible lending in order to protect loan capital for future generations of Tribal citizens. The Board meets approximately once a month, depending on the needs of the Board. Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at the Chi Ishobak offices.

COMPENSATION. Chi Ishobak Board of Directors does not receive compensation. Board members will be entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings.

CRITERIA. Candidates will preferably have the following:

- Demonstrated experience in one or more of the following: finance, banking, lending, small-business development, business ownership, and household financial development;
- Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills;
- Pokagon Band member; and
- Over the age of twenty-one (21).

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. All Directors will be appointed by the existing Directors in office.

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

Joe Silvia, Chi Ishobak Secretary/Treasurer
415 E. Prairie Ronde St
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

DEADLINE. The letter of interest and resume must be received by 4:00 p.m. October 15, 2013.

Pokagon Band

Enrichment Program

NEW
Year Round Program

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

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

Your enrichment program can be held anywhere and applies to any Pokagon citizen in the country

\$500 limit per year

ARE YOU 5TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE?

Do you want to learn something new?

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

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

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

Drumming—Contact Andy Jackson

- 9/4 | South Bend Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ John T Warren, 3733 Locust Rd, South Bend, IN 6-8pm
- 9/11 | Dowagiac Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ John T Warren, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6pm-8pm
- 9/11 | Ladies Drumming, Gage Street House, 36464 Gage Street Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6pm-8pm
- 9/25 | Hartford Men's/Boy's Drumming w/ Jason S Wesaw, Rush Lake, 48277 Rush Lake Rd, Hartford, MI 49057, 6pm-8pm

Language—Contact Rhonda Purcell

- Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am-12pm
- Tuesdays | 12 Week Basic Language —Dowagiac, Community Center, 6-8pm
- Wednesdays | 12 Week Basic Language —Hartford, Hartford Library, 15 S Franklin St, Hartford, MI 49057 6:30p-7:30pm
- Thursdays | 12 Week Basic Language Course —South Bend, 3733 Locust Rd, South Bend, IN 46614 6p-8pm & Early Start Language, Summer School-Head Start Bldg, 1:00p-1:35p

Native Healing—Contact Andy Jackson

- 9/3—9/5 | Jake Pine, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 9a-5p (Individual appointments)
- 9/4 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine, Rogers Lake Teaching Cabin, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 6pm

Youth—Contact Dean Orvis

- 9/7 | Education Day, Community Center, 10:00a-3:00p
- 9/14 | Jr Youth Council Meeting, Community Center, 10:30a-12:00p
- 9/14 | Sr Youth Council Meeting, Community Center, 12:00p-2:00p
- 9/14 | Parent Group, Community Center, 12:00p-2:00p
- 9/18 & 9/25 | Elders Garden, Community Center, 10:00a-12:00p
- 9/21-9/22 | Pokagon Youth Hunting Camp, Gage Street, 36464 Gage St, Dowagiac, MI 49047, 1:00p-12:00p

Traditions and Repatriation Committee—

- 8/26 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6-9pm

September 2013
Department of Language and Culture

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Elder's Language Class	3 Dowagiac Language Class Native Healing	4 Hartford Language Class South Bend Men's/ Boy's Drumming w/ John T. Warren Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge	5 SB Language Class Native Healing	6	7 Education Day
8	9 Elder's Language Class	10 Dowagiac Language Class	11 Hartford Language Class Dowagiac Men's/ Boy's Drumming w/ John T. Warren Ladies Drumming	12 SB Language Class	13	14 Jr & Sr Youth Council Business Meeting Parent Group
15	16 Elder's Language Class	17 Dowagiac Language Class	18 Hartford Language Class Elders Garden Project	19 SB Language Class	20	21 Pokagon Youth Hunting Camp
22 Pokagon Youth Hunting Camp	23 Elder's Language Class	24 Dowagiac Language Class Early Start Language Class	25 Hartford Language Class Hartford Men's/ Boy's Drumming w/ Jason S Wesaw Elders Garden Pro-	26 SB Language Class	27	28
29	30 Elder's Language Class Trad. & Rep. Meet-				30	31

2013 Eagle Staff Gathering

September 20-22, 2013

Inviting all Veterans, Staff Carriers, First Nations & Tribal Communities

Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Maawn Doosh Gumig
Community Centre
1972 Virgil Ave,
Sarnia ON, CAN
Co-hosted by Kettle & Stony Point First Nation

Registration—Friday, Sept. 20
5:00 pm
Social to Follow at 6:00 pm

Head Veteran:
George Martin
Head Elder:
TBA
Traditional Drum:
Blue Wolf
Invited Drum:
Crazy Spirit

The Eagle Staff Gathering is to honour our Staffs and our Nationhood. The Staffs represent the honouring of our past and our future as Anishnaabek. The Eagle Staffs gather in celebration of our strength in maintaining our culture and language, and as we gather, we stand for unity.

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013	Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013
700 am Sunrise/Pipe Ceremony	700 am Sunrise/Pipe Ceremony
800 am Continental Breakfast	800 am Hot Breakfast
900 am Grand Entry of Staffs	900 am Grand Entry of Staffs
930 am Welcoming Remarks	930 am Teachings
1030 am Open Topics	1030 am Closing Comments
1200 Noon Lunch "Wiisnidaa"	1130 am Giveaway for participants
100 pm Eagle Staff Teachings	1200 Noon Retrieval and Exit of Eagle Staffs
500 pm Potluck Feast	
600 pm Teachings followed by retiring of Staffs	**THIS IS NOT A POWWOW**

For more information, please visit our Facebook Event page, email: vgeorge@xcelco.on.ca
Or call: Ted White 519-332-1831

Sound System provided by
Rezonance Productions

A reserved block of rooms is being held under "Eagle Staff Gathering" at the Holiday Inn in Sarnia, ON. Reserve now by calling 1-888-212-2252

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

Train Together for the Family Olympics

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

When: leading up to Summer, 2014

Training Schedule:

Look for a detailed schedule with training dates beginning in January 2014

Tribal Council **September** Calendar of Events

- 2 No meeting offices closed for Labor Day holiday
- 3 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 19 Legislative Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 30 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.

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

Tribal Council **October** Calendar of Events

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

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



Looking for Real People to Appear in an Ad Campaign About The Health Effects of Smoking Cigarettes

Have you ever had colorectal cancer or periodontal (gum) disease due to smoking?

Are you a woman who has had a heart attack, lung cancer, or pregnancy complications due to smoking?

Are you a man whose HIV has been made worse by your smoking?

We are looking for REAL people of all backgrounds willing to share their stories about how smoking has changed their lives.

Pays \$2,500 + travel expenses if selected

Looking for ex-smokers of all backgrounds who have or have had:

- Colorectal cancer (ages 40—65)
- Periodontal disease, also called severe gum disease (ages 30—60)
- HIV and have taken their medications as advised, but had their health get worse because of their smoking (men ages 25-50)

We are also looking for **WOMEN** who are ex-smokers who:

- Have had a heart attack or lung cancer (ages 40—60)
- Smoked during their pregnancy and had a baby born with a cleft lip or palate, or low birth weight (less than 5 pounds, 8 ounces)
- Smoked during their pregnancy and had a pre-term delivery (before 37 weeks), placental abruption (separation of the placenta from the wall of the womb), placental previa (where the placenta was too low or covered the cervix), fetal growth restriction (when the baby wasn't as big as it was supposed to be for as far along as you were), or premature rupture of the membranes (when the water breaks before 37 weeks and before labor starts)

In order to qualify for this project, you must be:

- A non-smoker or have quit smoking at least 6 months ago
- Able to travel for filming
- Willing to have your doctor sign a legal statement verifying that smoking caused or contributed to your health condition
- Willing to submit to a background check

Please respond as soon as possible but no later than **October 21, 2013**:

Mimi Webb Miller Casting

Email: CDCTips@gmail.com Toll free: (855) 332-7277



Pokégnek Bodéwadmi
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

Spend part of your Saturday with us focusing on your career goals. This workshop is open to all **adult Pokagon citizens** who would like to learn more about resources to employment.

Instructor Lanre Ajayi has over ten years of experience as an employment coach for Michigan Works and Lake Michigan College.

We will provide all participants with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

Please pre-register before Wednesday, September 25 by contacting

Connie Baber
Department of Education
(269) 462-4220 or (888) 330-1234

This project is made possible by a grant from



Changing Careers and Reinventing Oneself

Saturday, September 28

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Education Training Room
Pokagon Band Administration Building
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047



Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

Per Capita News

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Per Capita Important Dates

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

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

Elders Lunch Menu | Watebgya Gizes September

monday

2 **closed | labor day**



photo by mark parrish

9 **language**

Ham and Au Gratin Potatoes
Corn on the Cob
Cucumber Salad
Roll
Cookie

tuesday

3

Chili Cheese Dogs W/ Bun
Relish Tray
Broccoli Salad
Fruit
Red Velvet Cupcake

10

Pork Loin in Noodles and Gravy
Sauerkraut
Garden Salad
Roll
Apple Crisp

wednesday

4

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Roll
Strawberry Pie

11

Buffalo Chili
Garden Salad
Corn Bread
Fruit
Ice Cream

thursday

5 **business**

Buffalo Meatballs in Noodles and Gravy
Carrots
Garden Salad
Roll
Birthday Cake

12

Salmon Patty
Macaroni and Cheese
Asparagus
Tomato Salad
Roll

friday

6

Breaded Cod
Brown Rice
Tri-Blend Veggies
Coleslaw
Roll
Blueberry Crisp

13

Chicken and Rice Soup
Pinwheel Sandwiches
Relish and Veggie Tray
Fruit

16 **language**

Beef Roast in Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
Carrots
Coleslaw
Dutch Apple Pie

17

Tuna Casserole
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

18

Pork Chops
Sweet Potatoes
Peas
Tomato Salad
Roll
Fruit

19 **social**

Beef Tortellini in Spaghetti Sauce
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Lemon Layer Cake



20 **closed | sovereignty day**

23 **language**

Buffalo Lasagna
Spinach Salad
Garlic Bread
Jell-O W/ Fruit

24

Sausage on a Bun
Baked Beans
Cauliflower and Broccoli Salad
Relish and Veggie Tray
Cherry Pie

24

Stuffed Turkey Peppers
Mashed Potatoes
Garden Salad
Fruit
Roll

26

Pork Roast
Red Potatoes
Cabbage
Garden Salad
Roll
Peach Pie

27

Vegetable and Egg Mess
Sausage Gravy and Biscuits
Sausage Link
Melon
Orange Juice

30 **language**

BBQ Chicken
Baked Potato and Wax Beans
Sliced Tomato and Cottage Cheese
Roll
Dessert

september

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

Tribal Office Directory

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

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

Communications
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Compliance
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

South Bend Area Office
3733 Locust Street
South Bend, IN 46614
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Watebgya Gizses September Citizen Announcements

Happy Birthday Tom Wesaw

You are loved by family & friends and respected by those who recognize and value your integrity and humility. As always, wishing you all the best in health and happiness.

Liz



Happy Birthday to **Greg** and **Hugo Alexis**, who both have a September birthday.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture presents

Sovereignty Day Celebration



events **rodgers lake pavilion**

September 21, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please come celebrate our Pokagon sovereignty. Enjoy the new sports complex and relax and visit with family and friends. A group photo will be taken at 11:30 a.m.; lunch will be served at 12 noon.

- Raffles
- Departmental Information
- Art Vendors
- Gift Bags

All Interested Pokagon Artists

Please join us on Sovereignty Day to sell your merchandise. Contact Melissa Rodriguez no later than September 18 to reserve your complimentary vendor spot.

more information

Date Saturday, September 21, 2013

Time 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location
Rodgers Lake Pavilion
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac

Contact Melissa Rodriguez

Phone (269) 462-4203

Email Melissa.Rodriguez@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

This is an alcohol and drug free event that is open to citizens and staff.

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A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday, September 7, 2013 | 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Community Center



The Department of Health Services and the Department of Education invite you to the second annual **A Healthy Step with Education**. This day will be filled with Health Services-sponsored education, screenings and activities AND Education's annual backpack and school supply give away. Also planned:

- K-12 program registration (requires a parent or guardian's signature)
- 2012-2013 School Awards
- Vision and hearing screenings
- Smoke house with area fire departments
- Ambulance
- Free haircuts
- Face painting
- Cultural craft
- Free massages
- Cultural teachings
- Lunch
- Prizes
- And much more

Please come and join in the fun.

Questions? Contact Liz Leffler at (269) 782-4141 ext. 225 or Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Let's Pick Fruit!

Saturday, October 5, 2013.
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Join the Pokagon Band K-12 Program for this family day as we stroll through the orchards of Stovers' U-Pic, 7837 M-139, Berrien Springs, MI, to pick apples and grapes. You will go home with fruit, handmade jams, salsas, pumpkins, or other goodies from the farm's market. Bring your family to this event open to PreK-12 students registered in our program.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call Connie at (269) 782-0887 before the event. If you have questions that day, please call Penny Brant's cell at (269) 240-2359.