



# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

## THE POKAGONS TELL IT

September 2011

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## Education Department Recognizes Student Achievement and Prepares for the New School Year

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The Education Department recently held its annual Skono Ghizhguk | Back to School event to honor students for achievements from the previous school year and get them ready for the start of the upcoming year. Nearly sixty tribal citizens attended the event, which was open to students entering preschool to twelfth grade.

“We distributed forty backpacks filled with school supplies to students at the event,” said Penny Brant, education coordinator for K–12. The backpacks and duffel bags featured the Pokagon Band seal and were filled with paper, binders, colored pencils and markers. “Students were able to get a free haircut at the administration building as well.” Lunch was served in the Tribal Lodge, and Health Services hosted family health walks. Other activities included board games, frisbee golf, corn hole toss, and ladder golf.

“The event was a success and people had a good time,” said Brant. “Overall, we were very pleased with the turnout and got the students excited about starting or returning to school.”

An awards ceremony recognized student accomplishments during the 2010–2011 school year. “Students were acknowledged for being on the honor roll, participating in extra-curricular activities, and attendance.” The event is held at the end of the summer so that students attending summer school and other activities can be eligible for the awards.

“This event serves and an opportunity to make tribal citizens aware of the resources available for Pokagon youth,” said Brant. “Students can get help paying for extra-curricular activities, supplies and fees associated with college applications.”

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## Families Walk for Health at Back to School Event

By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

At the August 7 Back to School Day event the community health team organized a family health walk through the trails at Rodgers Lake. The day started with lunch provided by the Education Department under the pavilion at noon, and the walk began at 12:30 p.m.

The trail covered about a mile. Along the way walkers saw signs posted showing how far they had walked and the calorie counts for certain foods that could be burned off by walking this distance. At 120 yards walkers learned they had moved enough to burn off one M&M candy. By 240 yards walkers had burned off one peanut M&M. At the half-mile distance the calories burned equaled one package of apple dippers from McDonald's, and at one mile walkers had exercised enough to burn off 14½ M&Ms and a half of

a McDonald's hamburger. This information helped families to see how much bodies have to work to burn off some common foods.

Clearly, this shocked people. “Ok, we have to ask,” said one participant. “Is that one peanut M&M for walking 240 yards, or one bag of peanut M&Ms?” They were surprised to find that a 240-yard walk burns the calories contained in one peanut M&M.

Though it rained at the beginning of the day the sun eventually came out and thirty five walkers — 19 children and 17 adults — participated in the family walk. Participants received a Defeat Diabetes lunch bag containing educational information on portion sizes, diet, exercise, and immunizations. Community health staff hosted an educational table and a first aid station as well.



## Pokagons Enjoy Annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nation

Forty-five Pokagons boarded a bus early on the morning of August 9, bound for the annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nation. It was held this year at Hannahville Indian Community in Wilson, Michigan through August 13. Later that day, after a bus ride following the eastern shore of Lake Michigan filled with movies, bingo and other activities, the travelers met up with nearly 20 other Pokagon Band citizens arriving in Wilson for the Potawatomi Language Conference, during August 10, 11 and 12.

The next few days were packed with activities for everyone and lots of great weather. During language classes and workshops on how to craft wooden spoons, over sports tournament and a comedy show, attendees mingled, shared food and connected with new friends and old.

One highlight of the week was the inaugural meeting of the directors of the Potawatomi language programs.

“We really made some progress with language revitalization efforts as a nation,” commented Teresa Magnuson, the Pokagon Band director of language and culture.

The Pokagon Band showed particularly well in the competitions. The volleyball team of Zeke Fletcher, Teresa Magnuson, Colin and Cassondra Church,

Jennie and Jamie Brown earned a first place. In the 3-on-3 basketball tournament Inteus Dixon played on the first place-finishing team in the 13-17 year-old division, while Stan Morseau Jr. and Sam Morseau's team won first place in the over-30 category. Mark Morseau placed first and Jordan Morseau placed second in the chess tournament for the 13-17 year-old age group. In cribbage, Broderick Race earned first place in the 13-17 year-old category, while Stan Morseau Jr. won first place in the over-30 division. Jamie Brown came in first in the 17-39 year-old division of the 5k race, and Teresa Magnuson placed second. Jennie Brown won first in the over-40 division of the 5k, and Mark Morseau placed second in the 13-17 age group. And the Pokagon Band's own Skylar Ballew was crowned Miss Potawatomi Nation.

The weekend finished Saturday evening with a fireworks show commemorating the 75th anniversary of Hannahville's federal recognition, and the passing of the staff to the Nottawaseppi Huron Band, who will host the Gathering in 2012. The next morning the bus headed home, completing the circle tour of Lake Michigan by traveling south through Wisconsin on the western shore.

Thanks to the Hannahville community for planning and hosting a lovely event.



Left to right, Jennie Brown, Jamie Brown, Colin Church, Zeke Fletcher, Cassondra Church and Teresa Magnuson made up the first place finishing Pokagon Band volleyball team.



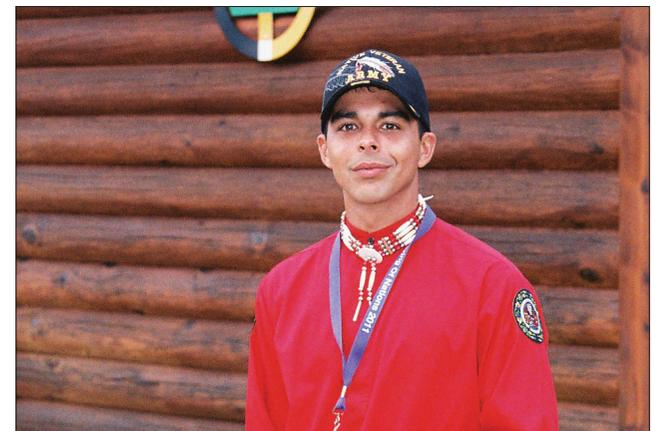
Left to right, Shelly Herrera, Sharon Pratt and Deborah Mahoney.



Skylar Ballew and family. Photos by Melissa Rodriguez.



Young Pokagon men at Gathering of the Potawatomi Nation in August.



Matthew Garza, color guard member.

## Education Department Recognizes Student Achievement and Prepares for the New School Year, *continued*

All Pokagon youth enrolled in preschool through twelfth grade attending a public school and residing in the ten-county service area are eligible to receive \$50 reimbursement for each school year for school-related items and extra-curricular activities. Parents and guardians must complete the application available on the Pokagon website and submit the original receipt for expenses.

The High School Success Support Program offers junior and seniors with up to \$100 to be used toward college application fees. Students may also receive payment for one ACT or SAT exam during their junior or senior year and payment for a basic cap and gown.

Students who were unable to attend the event may have their backpack mailed to their home. Simply download the application under the Education Department on the Pokagon website, and return the completed form. Additional information on student resources are also available online.

 [http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Backpacks\\_and\\_School\\_Supplies.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Backpacks_and_School_Supplies.aspx)

## Pokagon Band Tribal Offices Closing for All Staff Meeting

Friday, October 7, 2011  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Pokagon Elders Participate in Photo Shoot for Creation of an Elders Directory

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

In July the Elders Council organized an Elders photo shoot to collect portraits for the creation of a Pokagon Elders Directory. This directory is being made to honor the Elders and create a historical record for future generations.

“My goal is to include more history than what you might find in a typical directory,” explained Jean Mollette, chair of the Elders Council. “Eventually, I would love to create a full tribal directory, but we are starting out one for just the Elders.”

Mollette had the idea for a directory about six months ago and went to the Tribal Council to share her thoughts. After getting the green light to develop an Elders directory, Mollette arranged a photoshoot and hired Lifetouch as the photographer. With many Elders living outside of the area, letters were sent out requesting photos to be submitted for inclusion in the directory.

“I was just flabbergasted by how well everything went,” explained Mollette. “I insisted on a turtle blanket backdrop in addition to the traditional blue. Some Elders came in their full regalia and some wore ribbon shirts.”

Mollette’s main goal is to increase recognition of Elders. The directory is intended to honor the Elders who built the foundation upon which the tribe stands today. “We would not be where we are without the efforts of our Elders,” said Mollette. “They deserve to be recognized and remembered for their dedication to the tribe.”

“The photographer was excellent, and we had a great turnout,” said Mollette. “I hoped to have 200 Elders participate, and we had 130 in attendance.”

Mollette envisions the directory including a few pages of Pokagon history, a picture of the old and new Elder’s Hall and a group picture of the former and current Elders Council. The directory would

include a picture of each elder, with their name and hometown. There will be pages dedicated to Elders living outside of the area and a list of Elders who did not submit their pictures.

In January, Mollette hopes to embark on another new project aimed at preserving the memory of our Elders. “We will be mailing letters out and asking people to submit pictures of their elderly family members,” said Mollette. “Ideally, I want people to go back a couple of generations.”

Mollette and other Elders are very excited to see the finished product. To ensure that the Elders directory is as complete and accurate as possible, all Elders who have not submitted a photo of themselves are asked to do so no later than September 20. Please send them to Elders Council, 58620 Sink Road, Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

## Pokagon College Students Learn About Tribal Culture and Gain Real World Experience

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Several tribal citizens enrolled in college were able to get some on-the-job experience this summer through the Pokagon Band’s internship program.

“This is the second year of the program,” explained Marie Willis, director of education and the program’s coordinator. “This year, we opened it up to students with a permanent residence outside of the service area.”

“These internships are open to all majors,” said Willis. “To be eligible for an internship next summer, students must have completed at least one semester by spring 2012 and be enrolled in fall classes.”

The program benefits the interns by giving them experience in their field of study. Additionally, they gain a better understanding of tribal government and culture. “For many interns, this was their first exposure to the tribe,” said Willis. “They have developed relationships and received valuable mentoring from their supervisors.”

Alex Wesaw, a senior at Ohio University, found the internship to be extremely valuable. “I really enjoyed meeting all of the directors and listening to their needs and concerns in regards to the Seven Grandfather Teachings project that I got to work on,” said Wesaw. “The most valuable part of my experience was getting the opportunity to work for the tribe and learn more about the culture and



Left to right: Doshia Campbell, Justin Johnson, Alisha Johnson, Jamie Brown, Cory Ridenour, Alex Wesaw, Natalie Stauffer, John Morseau and Richard Newcomer.

government. As someone coming from outside the ten county service area, this was extremely valuable and I am thankful that the opportunity was available to me.”

Wesaw served as an intern in the Human Resources Department and worked on many projects. He worked with all directors and supervisors to develop competencies for each of the positions that report to that particular director or supervisor. Wesaw was then asked to integrate the Seven Grandfather Teachings into the Pokagon Band’s evaluation system. “I developed a way for directors, supervisors and employees to justify why they felt they deserved the

rating that they gave themselves or to their employee on the evaluation system,” explained Wesaw.

Wesaw is seeking a degree in communications with a focus on organizational communication and public advocacy, and the experience he gained throughout the summer related well to his field of study. This internship helped him realize that he has a desire to work in tribal government in the future, and he hopes to return after graduation to help out in any way possible.

At least one of the ten interns received course credit for their internship. The availability of course credit is determined by each individual college and university. Interns were paid \$10 per hour and received \$1550 in additional assistance for clothing, mileage reimbursement and housing.

The application for internships in the summer of 2012 will be available on the Pokagon website in November 2011. Many departments have expressed interest in taking on an intern next summer including Tribal Police, Health Services, Housing, Human Resources, Finance, Communications and possibly Tribal Court and the Department of Natural Resources. Previous interns are encouraged to apply, however preference will be given to those who are new to the program.

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

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

## IT Department Does Its Part to Care for Mother Earth

If you've recently upgraded your computer, printer or cell phone to the latest technology, don't just toss the old machine in the trash. Electronics contain heavy metals, such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. If these toxins make their way into a landfill, air, soil and water quality are all at risk.

Instead, join the Pokagon Band Information Technology Department by recycling your used electronics. On the last Monday of each month, a Benton Harbor, Michigan organization called Bridges to Digital Excellence comes to tribal headquarters to pick up the

government's outdated computers. Bridges then tries to refurbish the computer, and gives it to a family in need (along with a free six months of dial up internet access). Or the machines are taken apart, and whatever can be recycled will be.

"Very little gets thrown away," says Julie Allen, Pokagon Band's IT administrative assistant who helps coordinate the recycling. "And it's free. Most places you have to pay to recycle."

The Pokagon Band has been partnering with Bridges to Digital Excellence since Earth Day in 2011.

In fact, it was such a hit that not everything fit for the first haul. Now the IT department is encouraging citizens to take advantage of the recycling program. Please bring any electronic item you wish to recycle to the commodities warehouse Saturday, September 24 from noon until 3:00 p.m.

"If it has a plug, they'll take it," says Allen. "They also take used printer cartridges. The only exception is items containing freon."

If you can't make the September 24 date, bring your electronics on Monday, September 26 between 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Or, call Julie Allen at (269) 462-4269 to set up another time. Bridges can provide a certificate of destruction and a receipt of donation for tax purposes, if desired.

Recycling also ensures that valuable materials such as steel, glass, and plastic, as well as precious metals such as copper, gold, tin, silicon, and aluminum are reclaimed for the manufacturing of new products. Reusing and recycling raw materials from electronic waste conserves natural resources and avoids air and water pollution.

### Culture

- 9/2 | Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing, Pow Wow Arena, 6-8pm
- 9/17 & 9/25 | Pottery with Jason Wesaw, Rodgers Lake, 10am-4pm

### Drumming

- 9/7 & 9/21 | Men's Drumming Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- 9/7 & 9/21 | Women's Hand Drumming, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

### Language

- Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am-12pm
- 9/22 | Language Workshop with Lillian Rice, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

### Native Healing

- 9/19 - 9/21 | Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm
- 9/21 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm

### Native Nations Youth Council

- 9/10 | Cultural Activity, Rodgers Lake Long house, 10am
- 9/24 | Business Meeting, Finance Conference Room, 2pm

### Pow Wows & Festivals

- 9/2 | Women's Water Walk, Gage Street, Dowagiac, MI, Sunrise
- 9/3 & 9/4 | Kee-boon-mein-kaa Contest Pow Wow, Dowagiac, MI
- 9/9 - 9/11 | Indian Summer Festival, Milwaukee, WI

### Traditions and Repatriation Committee

- 9/26 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6 - 9pm
- 9/24 | Fall Ceremonies, Rodgers Lake, Long house, 7:30pm

### Upcoming Events

- 10/14 & 10/15 | Community Wellness Gathering: Traditional Parenting, Location

## September 2011 Department of Language and Culture



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Language Workshop with Lillian Rice	2 Women's Water Walk	3 Kee-boon-mein-kaa pow wow
4 Kee-boon-mein-kaa pow wow	5 Offices Closed; Elder's Language Class Canceled	6 Elder's Language Class	7 Men's and Women's Drumming; Joanne Shenandoah	8	9 Indian Summer Festival	10 Indian Summer Festival; Youth Council, Cultural Activity
11 Indian Summer Festival	12 Elder's Language Class	13	14	15	16	17 Pottery with Jason Wesaw
18	19 Elder's Language Class; Native Healing	20 Native Healing	21 Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge	22 Language Workshop with Lillian Rice	23 Lunch-and-Learn (Staff Only) Sovereignty Day Concert	24 Fall Ceremonies; Sovereignty Day Celebration; Youth Council, Business Meeting
25 Pottery with Jason Wesaw	26 Elder's Language Class; Trad. & Rep. Meeting	27	28 Men's and Women's Drumming	29	30	

## Summer School Keeps Kids' Minds Sharp Over Vacation

Forty-five Pokagon children engaged in fun and learning through group and one-on-one instruction during the Department of Education's four-week summer school program. Starting in July and running through the first week of August, certified teachers, education associates, college and summer youth interns taught classes Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Students aged kindergarten through sixth grade participated in morning academic sessions stressing reading and math skills. Hands-on learning included all core subject learning areas, art activities, physical activities, and language lessons. Students had fun while participating in arts and crafts, cooperative games, technology, a field trip, and much more.

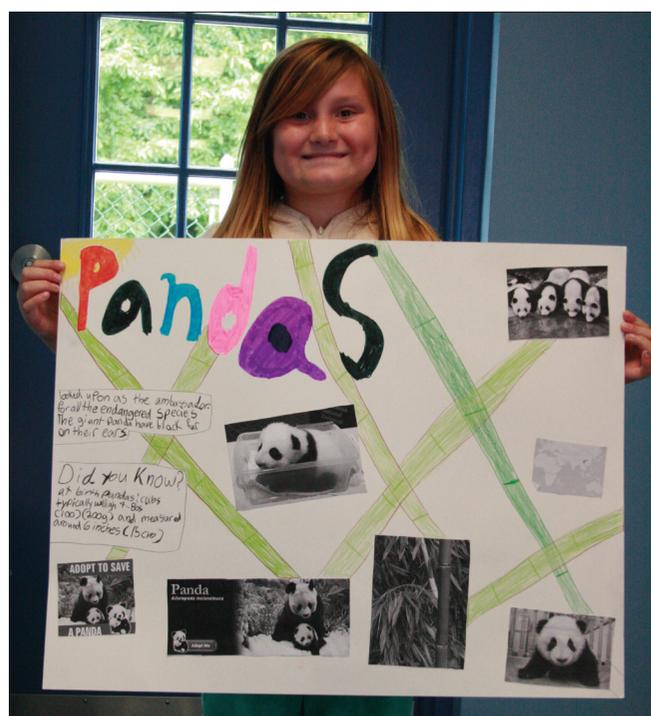
Afternoon sessions focused on cultural and Potawatomi language sessions along with some academic workshops and physical activities. The last week of summer school included a trip to the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend, Indiana and an afternoon of field day activities such as Frisbee golf, foot races, and shooting hoops.

Pokagon Band Summer School is a great way to help students retain core academic skills learned over the school year, and to further their knowledge through positive interaction, creative instruction, and physical activities.

## Summer School Poster Contest Showcases Art and Knowledge

Classroom #3 held a poster making contest during summer school. Each student researched one animal, discovered five interesting facts about it, and created a poster to showcase the animal. When they were done, the other summer school students voted on the posters to determine a winner. The fourth grade winner was

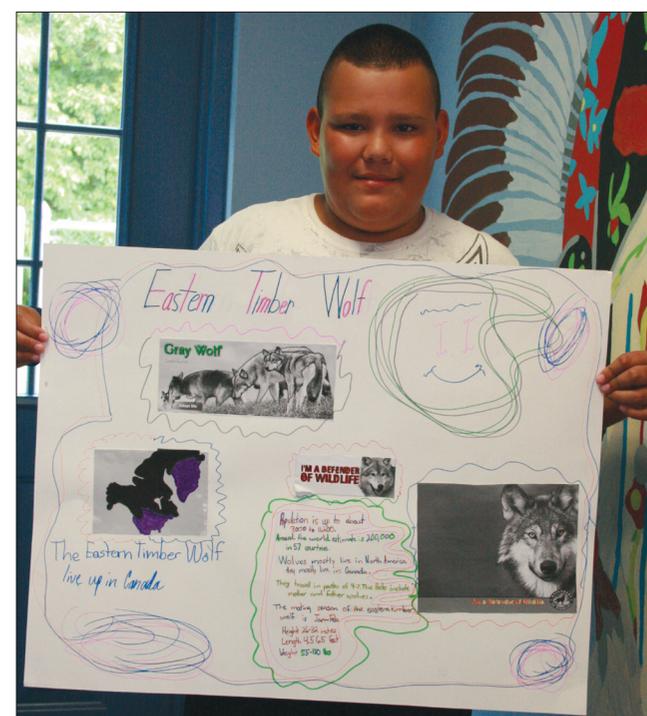
Gracie Wilkinson, fifth grade winner was Kelcey Gillette, and sixth grade winner was Derrek Collett. Their posters are now on display in our library; stop in and check out the winning entries.



Gracie Wilkinson, fourth grade winner.



Kelcey Gillette, fifth grade winner.



Derrek Collett, sixth grade winner.

## Behavioral Health Earns Three-Year Accreditation

Congratulations to the Department of Health Services and its behavioral health program for earning a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, or CARE CARF. CARE CARF is an international, independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services. The accreditation reinforces the department's commitment to serve citizens with professional and compassionate care, and supports the integrated care at Pokagon Band Department of Health Services.

Over the last year Health Services achieved new standards with the following accreditations:

Case management/services coordination: integrated alcohol and other drugs/mental health

- Integrated behavioral health/primary care: integrated alcohol and other drugs/mental health for adults (a new accreditation)
- Integrated behavioral health/primary care: integrated alcohol and other drugs/mental health for children and adolescents (a new accreditation)
- Outpatient treatment: integrated alcohol and other drugs/mental health for adults
- Outpatient treatment: integrated alcohol and other drugs/mental health for children and adolescents

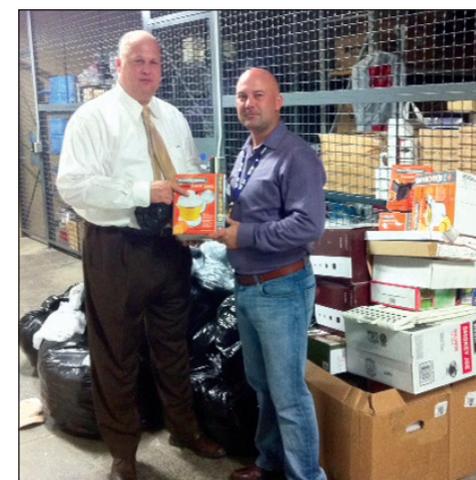
"This new perspective of health care focuses on the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual of human development," says Patricia Holbrook, behavioral health clinical coordinator for the Department of Health Services. "The department is bringing services to the citizens that meet these new standards, and embracing with spirit patient-centered services and the integrative care model."

## Items from Four Winds Find New Homes

It used to be that lost and found goods at Four Winds Casino Resort were held for 15 days, and if not claimed they were given to Goodwill, the Salvation Army or other social service agencies.

Scott Brewer, the vice president of security at Four Winds, saw another use. Now, items left at the casino, including remainder promotional items, are delivered to the Pokagon Band and distributed to tribal citizens in need through the Department of Social Services.

"We had canes, jackets, blankets, you name it," says Brewer. "This is the right thing to do."



Scott Brewer, vice president of security at Four Winds Casino Resort and Jason Wesaw, tribal government manager.

## Summer Enrichment Gives Students Chance for Fun, Learning

*Lexis Heineman wrote this note after using funds from the Summer Enrichment Program to attend a YMCA camp near Muskegon, Michigan*

Hello! This is my second year participating in the youth summer enrichment program. I went to YMCA Camp Pandalouan with my brother and cousin. We got to go there last year too. I had the best time ever! This year when we got to our cabins, I ran into some of the girls from last year, and we were so excited to be able to see each other again. Friendship means a lot to me. Some of the girls are from places like Georgia and New York.

At camp I got to do a lot of things, like paddle surfing, canoeing and horseback riding. (My horse's name was Boink! I know! Weird name for a horse, right?) I was in the fine art academy and I made a beautiful canvas painting with dry brush strokes, and won an award for it. We learned the differences between brushes and strokes, shadow painting and made molded clay bowls.

I was interviewed by the news! I told them I was a Native American and that I belong to the Pokagon Band, and that we own Four Winds Casino Resort. I also had to tell them the worst part of the camp: my mom took my lifeline, my Android! But I ended up being happy anyway, because of all the fun we were having and all the friends I got to meet.

We had a skit at the end of the week where my cousin and I did a cheer. It was so much fun. Every part of camp was fun. The food was great, counselors were awesome and it was the best time of my life. I would recommend this for all kids, because it's an amazing experience to just get away from the outside world and be with kids your own age and just be kids. I do have to say my least favorite thing was the bugs! You should see my legs.

Here's to you, Pokagon Band! Without you I wouldn't have had this awesome time of my life.

Thanks again, Lexis Heineman



Lexis Heineman paints at YMCA Camp Pandalouan.  
Photo © The Muskegon Chronicle

## The Pokagon Pennant Project

### HAIL TO THE VICTORS!

Attention Pokagon college alumni: You worked hard for your college degrees, now let the Department of Education brag about your accomplishments!

We will be decorating the department halls with the pennants of colleges from where our citizens graduated, and the names of the alums. We need your help. If you have received a higher education degree, please contact Connie Baber at 888-330-1234 or by e-mail [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

### GO CREAM AND CRIMSON!



### GO GREEN! GO WHITE!



### GO BELLES!



### GO LAKERS!

## Seniors Mark High School Graduation with Awards Banquet



Chkukmoen Topash and his mother Christina Pienkowski enjoy the banquet.

Nine Pokagon Band high school seniors attended the Department of Education awards banquet in August at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac. Gage Warren (Pokagon Potawatomi) and Chinodin Atkinson (Sault Ste. Marie Ojibwa) opened the evening with hand drum songs and Marie Willis, director of education, welcomed the guests. Some students brought along achievements from their scholastic years to display at the event. Attendees enjoyed a catered dinner and played a guess-the-college game and competed

for prizes. The seniors received gift bags with a Pokagon Band mug and a \$50 gift card. Cassandra Church accepted the invitation from the graduates to share some thoughts, and delivered a speech of inspiration and encouragement to the audience. It was a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

## Men's Health and Wellness Fair Scheduled for October 6

Some familiar and some new activities are sure to grab attention October 6 at the Department of Health Services 16th Annual Men's Health and Wellness Fair. If you are age 18 or older, please join us from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. in both health services buildings at 57392 South M-51, Dowagiac.

This event features health topics and sessions on hearing and vision screenings, back safety, physical checks including height, weight, body mass index, body composition scans, blood pressure, foot care, immunizations, and flu shots. Educational booths will include information on nutrition, and diabetes prevention and topics from our pharmacy. It will also be a last opportunity to sign up for the Walk the Path, St. Lawrence River before the October 31 start date.

Please call and schedule now if you want a full physical and blood lab tests with Dr. Sherburn or nurse practitioner Shirley Grassflower.

Be sure to join us to share a light supper, mingle with health services staff, and get a massage, manicure, haircut, and a goodie bag.

A grand prize raffle will be conducted during the last half hour using the tickets you received when you participated in the various health screenings. If you have any questions, please call the clinic at (888) 440-1234 and ask to speak with Susan Gundersen at extension 343.

## Oval Office Memories: Stories from 9/21/1994

Were you in the Oval Office on September 21, 1994? Come share your story of the day President Clinton signed the reaffirmation of your tribe's sovereignty. One of the sessions scheduled for the Sovereignty Day celebrations September 24 will feature citizens who witnessed history telling their stories. Please contact Teresa Magnuson, director of language and culture, at [Teresa.magnuson@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Teresa.magnuson@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or (269) 462-4296, if you are willing to participate.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture presents

# Sovereignty Day Celebration



## events

### community center

6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony at Community Center  
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast at Community Center  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony / Flag raising Ceremony at Community Center  
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Drive to Rodgers Lake

### rodgers lake

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Session 1  
teachings Fire & Water interactive Nature Walk history Potawatomi History

10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Session 2  
teachings 4 Medicines interactive Storytelling history Sovereignty

12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Session 3  
teachings Language interactive Black Ash history Oval Office Memories:  
Basket Making Stories from 9/21/1994

1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Break

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Youth Council Business Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Session 4  
teachings Fire & Water interactive Storytelling history Potawatomi History

2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. Session 5  
teachings 4 Medicines interactive Black Ash history Sovereignty  
Basket Making

3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. Session 6  
teachings Language interactive Nature Walk history Minors Trust Update

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Shishibe (Potawatomi Bingo)

7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Fall Ceremonies

## more information

**Date** Saturday, September 24, 2011 | **Contact** Teresa Magnuson  
**Time** 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. | **Phone** (269) 462-4296  
**Location** | **Email** [Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)  
Edawat Community Center  
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac  
and  
Rodgers Lake

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

## Women's Hand Drumming

## Men's Drumming

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture



### Dates:

Wednesday, September 7, 2011  
Wednesday, September 28, 2011  
Wednesday, October 5, 2011  
Wednesday, October 19, 2011

### Time:

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

### Location:

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

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

### Everyone is Invited!

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

### Contact Information:

Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
E-mail: [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)  
Office: (269) 462-4261



## Sister Lakes Marathon Now Offering Fuel Tax Exemptions to Tribal Citizens

### Plus Other Michigan Tax Agreement Updates

Starting September 1, tribal citizens can receive motor fuel tax exemptions at the Sister Lakes Marathon station, located at 92064 CR 690, across from Myers grocery store, between Dowagiac and Watervliet, Michigan.

The Pokagon Band Finance Department will no longer be able to reimburse any gas receipts that are more than two months old. According to the tax agreement the Band must report all gas receipt refunds to the state on a timely basis in order for the tribe to be reimbursed for the monies that the tribe pays the gas stations.

Just a reminder, gasoline purchases should be paid for inside the gas stations so that the tax exemption is given at the time of the purchase, unless the attendant informs you the machine is out of order, or you lose

your enrollment card. If you lose your card, you may call the Enrollment Department at (269) 782-8998 as soon as possible to get a replacement.

If you need to submit a gas receipt to us, and are unable to bring it into the office here, you can also send it through the mail and we will add it to your next per capita payment (and it won't be taxed). Please be sure to put your name and enrollment number on all submitted receipts.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Rodriguez, accountant in the Finance Department at (269) 782-8998, ext. 210 or Julie.Rodriguez@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.



[http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/State\\_Tax\\_Agreements.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/State_Tax_Agreements.aspx)

## HIS Place Community Center Renovation Almost Complete

The July issue of *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* mentioned that the Pokagon Band helped purchase exercise equipment for HIS Place in Hartford, Michigan, and that the center is available for the tribal community to enjoy. The center in Hartford is currently in the midst of renovation and maintenance, but their reopening date and calendar of events will be published soon in the tribal newsletter and on the Pokagon Band website.

This opportunity will hopefully get more area citizens involved in physical activity. The gym area and the weight room are free of charge. In the upper deck they offer such classes as Zumba and yoga. There will be a charge for the specialty classes once they are back up and running. We hope that members will take advantage of this great center. Please feel free to contact the center directly with questions, (269) 621-2144.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language & Culture presents

# Sovereignty Day Concert



**Date** Friday, September 23, 2011  
**Time** 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
**Location** Community Center  
 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac

featuring

- Gene Tagaban (Tlingit/Cherokee)
- Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians (Anishnaabe)
- Don Burnstick (Cree)





Please join us for a Sovereignty Day concert celebrating the strength and spirit of the Pokagon Band and its 17th anniversary of federal re-affirmation. The Pokagon Band is honored to host nationally-renowned Native performers **Gene Tagaban, Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians, and Don Burnstick.** The evening's festivities will kick off with the Pokagon Band's very own champion drum group, the **Ribbon Town Singers.** Moving the evening along will be storyteller, flutist, and master of ceremonies, Gene Tagaban. Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians will get you on your feet with popular songs such as *Indian Car* and *Frybread*. Then Don Burnstick will have you rolling in the aisles with his Native-style comedy performance, best suited for adults.

**Contact** Teresa Magnuson | **Phone** (269) 462-4296 | **Email** Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

This is an alcohol and drug free event that is open to the public. Admission is FREE.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of  
Language and Culture



### Pottery making with Jason Wesaw

**Saturday, September 17**  
**Sunday, September 25**  
 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
*must commit to both days*

**Rodgers Lake**  
 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac

Andy Jackson Cultural Specialist  
 E-mail  
 Andy.Jackson@Pokagonband-nsn.gov  
 Office: 269-462-4261

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

## Chairman's Column

Hello everyone. First let me extend my appreciation to Paige Risser, director of communications for allowing me some extra time to write my article. It has been an extremely busy time as I'm sure you all can agree. Between work and family there is little time for rest and meeting some deadlines, so thank you Paige.

I will work from most recent events backward. I write this column the day after the first of what I hope will be many citizen meetings in our new community center. I hope you will all agree the facility is beautiful and should serve our citizens well. We will host all future Saturday meetings and quarterly events in this building. The next scheduled event will honor our veterans and POWs on Saturday, September 24, which is also our Sovereignty Day celebration. Watch your mailbox for more information on this celebration, and I strongly encourage you to come out and help us honor our veterans for their service, not only to this nation but our tribe.

While it was a good turnout for our combined Council and citizen meeting on August 20, I would really like to see more participation. The best way to minimize misinformation is to attend in person or watch on the webcast. We had a good meal in between the two and I hope that everyone understood the information we shared. We were committed to staying until every question was answered and we did that. I appreciate newly-elected Council member Trudy Loeding clearing up the misconception on the RAP amendment. Most of us currently on Council were not on Council when that amendment was approved; so Trudy, as RAP co-chair and Council member at the time, was very helpful in providing her recollection of events and clearing up the details. Thank you. It was also a time for the swearing



Members of the Tribal Council, the Junior and Senior Youth Council, and the Wage and Salary Commission are sworn in at the community center August 20

in at different times to the webcast. The meeting was recorded, and tapes will be available in the near future if you would like to review the information that was shared. I appreciate the presentation by our casino general manager, Matt Harkness and I hope everyone is excited about the opening of Four Winds Hartford and the expansion of Four Winds New Buffalo. We truly have a property that we all can be proud to say is ours. The increase in revenue generated and the details of the refinancing, as everyone could see, will allow us to provide an increased stipend from this point forward and we should be debt free within six years. That, in and of itself, should make everyone proud of the efforts Council is making for the future of our tribe. Thanks to everyone who has worked on this project. I could go on, but it would be better if you have questions to get a copy of the meeting and review it. If you still have questions, please contact anyone on Council or our finance director, Anita Grivins, and we will make sure you have the answers.

One week ago many of us attended the Potawatomi Gathering hosted by the Hannahville Indian Community. They were great hosts, again, and I think everyone had a memorable time visiting friends and family. The focus, as it should be, was maintaining the language. We have serious work ahead of us but I'm sure our people are up to the task to make sure we do not lose our language. There was a great turn out for the pow wow and the arena was full of veterans from all of the Potawatomi nation, which was beautiful to observe. We owe a great deal to our men and women who have served and are serving this country.

The day before the Gathering I was contacted by the White House with an invitation to meet the president during his visit to Holland, Michigan. While I have met presidents in the past, it was an honor to meet President Obama due to his support of Indian Country. He has done more than most of the previous presidents combined, but there is much more that he can and should do for Indian Country. This photo is just a glimpse of what takes place when a president travels to other venues. I have been on that end of those events several times in my work as a



trooper. The cargo ship is what transports many of the vehicles used by the president's motorcade, in some cases there are two. For this trip Air Force One landed at Gerald R. Ford in Grand Rapids. The president was then motored over to where Marine One (his helicopter) was stationed and then he flew to the factory parking lot where he toured and then addressed the crowd. In all, there were several SUVs, all filled with armed agents, and five helicopters, three Chinooks and two Marine helicopters (you don't know which one carries the president). Watching how the agents

handle the events of travel is an amazing process, and most citizens never get an opportunity to understand or see the tremendous amount of logistics involved in moving the president from one location to another. It was a privilege to introduce myself to him as the chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. Thank you for allowing me that honor.



The presidential cargo plane lands in Michigan.



Michigan tribal leaders meet with Governor Rick Snyder.

Muchmore and Michael Gadola, director of legal affairs. The next meeting will be hosted by one of the tribal nations next summer. The governor has committed to continuing these summits. We should give serious consideration to hosting next year.

We also had a very good visit with staff from Indiana Lt. Governor's office in during our tour of the state capitol. As most of you have heard, we have been invited down during the month of November to use the state capitol and display our culture and traditions to all who visit during that time. The main event will take place on the 22, at which time we will be formally met by the Lt. Governor who will speak and then we will be speak. The details of events are being worked out by a committee but I want to acknowledge the work of John Warren who has spearheaded this relationship for the past several months. Thanks again John for your work and efforts. There will be more details as this event develops. I encourage all who are invited to please participate. This is a true opportunity for us to show who we are as a proud people who have never left the area which is now called the state of Indiana.

In closing, things are moving fast for our tribe. Council is committed to doing our best, but it is much easier with your participation. Like I commented during the citizen meeting, it is much better if you talk to us and not about us. If you're not talking to us, we don't know the full extent of your concerns. I hope to see many of you at the Grand Opening of Four Winds Hartford and our Council meetings. Remember, my door is always open and my phone is on. If you are in the area, stop in and say hello.



Pokagon leaders pose at the Indiana state capitol.

*Matt*

## New Tribal Hiring Preference Policy Approved by Tribal Council July 18

### Talent Database

The Department of Human Resources will develop and maintain a Talent Database for Pokagon citizens and Pokagon spouses. Individuals who desire to work for the government in either a part- or full-time capacity should complete an application on the Pokagon Band website to become part of the Talent Database. Once an individual has submitted a Talent Database application, they will receive hiring preference for positions in which they are qualified for and have indicated they may have an interest in. It is the applicant's responsibility to keep the HR Department updated with any change of address, phone number, education level, and current/past employment. Applicants are able to withdraw from the talent database at anytime.

### Hiring Procedure

Before a position is posted, HR staff will search the Talent Database. HR will then contact only the individuals who meet the requirements of the position and have indicated an interest in that type of work. If the applicant is interested in the open position, they will receive the opportunity to apply. HR will interview the top five candidates and make a job offer to their top candidate.

If there are no interested and/or qualified applicants in the Talent Database, the opportunity will be opened up to tribal citizens and spouses of tribal citizens who have not submitted their application for the Talent Database. The job opening will be posted on the Pokagon Band website and in either the Pokégnek Yajdanawa or Legislative Edition. The position will also be posted out to non-citizens. Anyone who is interested in the position will need to apply online on the Pokagon Band website. HR will apply preference during the screening process of the applications.

Make sure to continue to check the website for job openings and to submit your application for the Talent Database. [http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Career\\_Opportunities.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Career_Opportunities.aspx).

Please contact Heather Farver at (269) 462-4267 or [heather.farver@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:heather.farver@pokagonband-nsn.gov) if you have any questions regarding the new hiring preference or applying for the Talent Database.

### Preference at a Glance

1. Qualified Pokagon citizen(s) from Talent Database  
*if no citizens from talent database*
2. Qualified Pokagon spouse(s) from Talent Database  
*if no spouses from talent database*
3. Qualified Pokagon citizen(s)  
*if no citizens*
4. Qualified Pokagon spouse(s)  
*if no spouses*
5. All others



## Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture

### Native Nations Youth Council

Now that school is starting we will be adding more structure to the Youth Councils monthly scheduled meetings and activities. We will hold cultural activities on the second Saturday and business meetings on the fourth Saturday of every month.

- This month's cultural activity will be held September 10 at 10 a.m. We will help repair the long house at Rodgers Lake with guidance from Clarence Syrette. The long house has been damaged by the summer storms and needs repair for Fall Ceremonies.
- The business meeting will be held September 24 at 2 p.m in the Finance Conference Room. Junior Youth Council will learn about how to hold a meeting and E-boards roles. Senior Youth Council will begin planning future programs and activities.

Junior Youth Council meetings and activities are open to Pokagon citizens and JOM eligible students in the 7-12 grades.

Senior Youth Council meetings and activities are open to Pokagon citizens 18-24 years old.

#### Contact Information

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Youth Cultural Coordinator  
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[katy.morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:katy.morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)



## Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* are not original.

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

## Elders Council Business Meeting | August 4, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Jeanette Mollett, 11:02 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Jim Topash

**ROLL CALL:** Jeanette Mollett, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P.

**AGENDA:** Troy Clay, gave a report on Mno-Bmadsen, what's been done in the past year and what the future plans are. The offices are located at 415 E. Prairie Ronde. Telephone (269) 783-4111 or (269) 605-9608.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Sam Morseau talked about his job as Cultural Director in Washington State. Kim Johnson from Casual Tees brought some samples of tee shirts and shirts that we might be interested in purchasing. No decision has been made on this.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bonnie Parrish gave a report on the MIEA conference. Susan Laursen and Ruth Saldivar, two of our members, were selected as volunteers to serve on the election committee. Voting will take place at the October 2011 meeting. Little River will be the host for the October 2011 meeting.

There are still no details on the Indianapolis event.

The Nekomas/Mishomas scholarship and incentive fund was disbanded due to the lack of participation. This money was raised by Jeannie Mollett, Margaret Rapp and Audrey Huston by selling popcorn and popsicles at pow wows.

The remaining money \$646.50 was donated to the Head Start program, where it will put to good use.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jeanie gave a report on the book and pictures, more information will be forth coming. The 50/50 money can be spent as the membership would like. The Branson trip is filled.

**MINUTES:** The June minutes were read, Ruth moved to accept the minutes, Clarence supported, (4) yes, approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Audrey moved to accept the treasurers report, Jeanie supported, (4) yes, approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Margaret Rapp and family. Dan Rapp, one of our most respected Elders, who worked many years to help us get where we are now, passed away August 2, 2011. Rest in peace; we will miss you.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS:** Loraine Gideon, Hal Wiggins, Norma Miller, Pat Shear, Jenny White, Lynn Davidson.

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES:** Fred & Joyce Klemm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Audrey moved to adjourn, Jeanie supported. (4) yes, adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

## Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Thursday, December 15, 2011	Thursday, December 29, 2011	Friday, December 30, 2011
Friday, January 13, 2012	Monday, January 30, 2012	Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Wednesday, February 29, 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, March 29, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012
Friday, April 13, 2012	Thursday, April 26, 2012	Friday, April 27, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Thursday, May 31, 2012
Friday, June 15, 2012	Thursday, June 28, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012
Friday, July 13, 2012	Monday, July 30, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Thursday, August 30, 2012	Friday, August 31, 2012
Friday, September 14, 2012	Thursday, September 27, 2012	Friday, September 28, 2012
Monday, October 15, 2012	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Wednesday, October 31, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012*	Tuesday, November 20, 2012	Wednesday, November 21, 2012

\*Please note that in November the deadline to receive changes is November 5, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

### Tribal Council September Calendar of Events

- 5 No meeting, Labor Day
- 6 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 12 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 13 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 17 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 19 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 20 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 26 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 27 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo noon

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

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department Of Language And Culture



DATE: MONDAY-WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER: 19-21, 2011  
TIME: 9:00-12:00 P.M. & 1:00-5:00 P.M.  
LOCATION: TEACHING CABIN

Jake Pine will be visiting our community for traditional healing and wellness assistance. Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment.

Individual appointments: Monday-Wednesday (please bring tobacco).

Co-ed sweat lodge on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Information:  
Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist  
Office: 269-462-4261  
E-mail: [Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

Native Healing

Everyone is invited!

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

## Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
1026	Justin Means			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
1986	Christian M Cobb		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdell		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

## 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 in the planning stages of having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe will be offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. Please keep in mind this is still in the planning stages. 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.

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

It is that time of the year when high school seniors are graduating from high school or individuals 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 September 15 in order to make it on the October check run. Anything received after September 15 will be processed on the check run for November. 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.

## Citizens Missing Social Security Numbers

According to Pokagon Band records, the following tribal citizens have not provided the Band's Enrollment Office with their social security number. In accordance with the Band's Revenue Allocation Plan, per capita payments are paid to those citizens whose name appears on a list of eligible citizens approved by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council approves the list of eligible citizens in November of each year. In order for a citizen's name to appear on the list of eligible citizens, individuals must provide the Band's Enrollment Office with his or her social security number.

If your name is listed below, please provide the Enrollment Office with your social security number. If you fail to provide your social security number, your name will not appear on the list of eligible citizens in November 2011 and you will not receive per capita payments for the following year.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Julie Farver at (269) 462-4200.

83	John Dylan Watson	4383	Brian Scott Puehler Jr.
857	Peter John Ramirez	4384	Marcus Dillin Puehler
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	4397	Jaiden Cienna Teague
2085	Alexander James Arnold	4442	Mason Tyler Currey
2457	Lindsey Anne Alexis	4443	Kailyn Ashley Currey
2895	Alexandra Marie Sardeneta	4444	Zachary Daniel Currey
3448	Kenneth Bradley Miller II	4445	Joshua Austen Currey
3811	Michael Brice Ferney	4457	Aryana Cherylene Hearn
3910	Mekhi Karon Brown	4502	Jaiden Christopher Tanner
3931	Alexis MaKayla Doorlag	4628	Peter Allen Starrett Jr.
3959	Anissa Elaine Patzer	4634	Vanessa Ann Clark
3960	Kimberly Mae Patzer	4723	Shayna Rose Gessner
4028	Andrew Lee Martin	4724	Wesley Gerald Gessner
4053	Kaitlynn Renee Bixler	4752	Grace Kay-Marie Pompey
4105	Ninmkee Nmn Fox	4800	Mason Joshua Balzar-Hupp
4129	Elizabeth Viola Wesaw	4867	Issac Cole Sardeneta
4170	Illianna Marie Bush	4913	Jesse Orion Kamps
4171	Silas James Bush	4983	Cayden William Alexander Steel

## ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

September

### Dates:

Every Monday  
September 5  
(Holiday, Offices Closed)  
September 6  
(Make-Up for the 5)  
September 12  
September 19  
September 26

### Time:

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

### Location:

Elders Hall

### Everyone is Invited!

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

Elders language classes are taught by Pokagon Potawatomi citizen, John Winchester. John uses the 200 Words to a Community Project's resources to teach beginner level Potawatomi language. New and seasoned students are welcome to attend.



### Contact Information:

Teresa Magnuson, Director of Language & Culture  
(269) 462-4296 • (269) 783-6372 cell.  
Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

# september

Business and Social lunches will be held at the new Community Center at the Elders Village.

5 closed Labor Day



12 language

Pork Loin and Sauerkraut  
Egg Noodles W/ Gravy  
Green Beans  
Ambrosia Salad

19 language

Beef Roast  
Potatoes  
Carrots  
Spinach salad  
Apple Pie  
Roll

26 language

Buffalo Stuffed Cabbage  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas and Carrots  
Tomato Salad  
Fresh Fruit

6

Chili Dogs W/ Bun  
Relish Tray  
Cucumber Salad  
Peaches and Cottage Cheese

13

Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, and  
Cheese Casserole  
Cucumber Salad  
Melon Tray  
Cornbread

20

Ham and Bean Soup  
Garden Salad  
Yogurt W/ Fruit  
Cornbread

27

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Coleslaw  
Apple Crisp

7

Buffalo Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes W/ gravy  
Broccoli and Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Roll

14

Burgers/Whole Wheat Bun  
Corn on the Cob  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Jell-O W/ Fruit

21 closed Sovereignty Day



28

Chicken Parmesan over noodles  
Butternut Squash  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Frozen Fruit Bar

2

1 business lunch

Chicken Salad in a Tomato  
Bowl/Pita Pocket  
Veggie Tray  
Fruit Salad  
Birthday Cake

9

Potato Soup  
Egg Salad Sandwich  
Veggie Tray  
Fresh Fruit  
Cottage Cheese

16

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia  
Red Beans W/ Rice  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Brownie

23

Tomato Soup  
Tuna Macaroni Salad  
Relish Tray  
Broccoli Slaw  
Yogurt Cup

30

Vegetable Lasagna  
Tri-Blend Vegetables  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Fresh Fruit

8

Ham  
Sweet Potato  
Succotash  
Tomato Salad  
Roll

15 social lunch

Buffalo Meatballs and Spaghetti  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Italian Ice

22

Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Brussels Sprouts  
Coleslaw  
Fresh Fruit

29

Salmon Patty  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Mixed Vegetables  
Cucumber Salad  
Fresh Fruit

Business and Social lunches are potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass. Thank you.

Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.

**Elders Council Directory**

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

**AA/NA Meetings**Tuesday nights 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Health Services building II  
Use the side door for entry.

## September Citizen Announcements

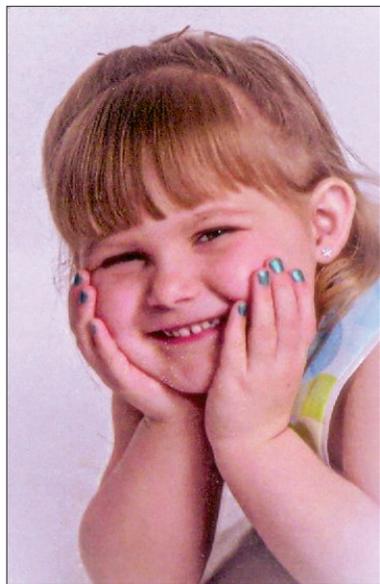


Congratulations to **Chloe Evans** for taking first place in the 2800 Class Youth Garden Tractor Pull and **Aaron Evans** for taking 4th in the 2801 Youth Garden Tractor Pull at the Berrien County Youth Fair. We are very proud and love you both very much.

Chloe and Aaron are the children of Tiffany Wesaw Evans, grandchildren of Lois Wesaw and great grandchildren of Gerald Wesaw Sr.

Way to go, Bell and Buddy!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Kiko and Papa



Happy 5th birthday  
**Lizzie Mae!**  
Love, Mom and Dad

Bozhoo mezodanen hello family,

We want to take this time to say chi megwetch to all who were very helpful in our time of need.

First of all, thanks to **Dale Anderson** for his help with our dad's journey home. And to the firekeepers, our brother **Shawn Dixon, John Morseau, Dustin Dixon, Thomas Lewis and John Winchester**. Thanks to **Lucinda Smith, Chico Dixon and Crystal Morseau** for feeding and looking after our firekeepers.

Thanks to the **veterans** for their support and military rites. And to the **Ribbon Town Singers** for their beautiful honor songs. Thanks to **Tod Miller** for his beautiful hand drum song.

Thank you to the Anishnabekwe who helped with the feast: **Lucinda Smith, Georgianna Morseau, Lorraine Gideon, Peggy McNew, Jackie Gereroux**, and all who cooked for our family. Thanks to **Peggy McNew and Charity**, the kitchen cleaners.

Thanks to **Tribal Council** for support and for the use of the kitchen, the fire pit and cabin. Thank you to **Kevin Daugherty, Clarence Serette and Kateri Dayson** for your support and help with our chaos. Also for everyone who helped with prayers, support and good words. Thank you **Don and Della Sturgeon** for being such good medicine people for our father's spiritual journey, and everyone else who loved our father as we did.

Megwetch again,  
Angel Morseau, Shawn Dixon, George Morseau and Cleora Morseau



Proud of our Hartford hometown heroes: **U12 girls all-star softball team**, champions of the Lakeshore Tournament. What a season you girls had!

Many thanks to the coaches, Paula Genereaux

Tribal citizens: Head coach **Eric Brown**, back row, left; **Joey Riley**, second from left; **Isabella Miller**, fourth from right; **Amara Wesaw**, third from right. Front row, **Sara Rice**, second from right.



Congratulations **David and Brianna** on your new beautiful baby girl, **Isabell Paige Wesaw**, born August 7, 2011, 5 lbs., 14 oz., 21 inches long.

### Financial Empowerment Program | Making Ends Meet When Money is Tight

Times are tough. Money is tight. What's a person to do? Which bills do you pay and which bills do you let slide? How can you increase income? For answers to tough questions in this difficult economy, attend the September workshop of the tribe's Financial Empowerment Program!

**What:** Making Ends Meet When Money is Tight - A workshop on personal finance

**When:** Same workshop topic, presented three different times to accommodate different schedules:

Tuesday, September 13th: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Tuesday, September 13th: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday, September 17th: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Who:** All adult Pokagon Band tribal citizens, spouses/partners and parents of Pokagon Band minor children

**Why:** To strengthen the personal finance skills of Pokagon Band families

**Where:** New location! 415 E. Prairie Ronde. St., Dowagiac, MI

(the former National Copper Products building on the corner of Prairie Ronde and Rudy streets)

Entrance on Louise St. on west side of building - look for yellow signs

**What else?** Each workshop will begin with a short cultural presentation. A light meal will be served.

Every month a different topic on personal finance will be offered. Contact Val Janowski, Community Financial Empowerment Advisor, to register: 269 591-1938, Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Please let her know no later than Friday, September 9th, whether child care is needed.