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Pokagons Place Third at Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Over seventy Pokagon community members young and old participated in the 2014 Michigan Indian Family Olympics at Central Michigan University July 18. Thanks to a great showing from athletes in events ranging from the 100 meter run to archery to the sponge relay, the Pokagon team captured third place with 199 points. First place went to event organizers and hosts Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe with 725 points, and the Gun Lake Tribe grabbed second with 234 points. Huron Potawatomi, Grand Traverse Band, Little Traverse Bay Band and Little River Band, in that order, rounded out the rest of the field.

The Pokagon team was in charge of running the 19 and over long jump event. "We greatly appreciate how each tribe

was involved in helping with an area of this large event," said Jaden Harman, event organizer and fitness coordinator for the Saginaw Chippewa's Nimkee Memorial Fitness Center. "Thank you for bringing so many individuals to this awesome event. It makes a great difference in the native communities throughout the state."

The group chartered a bus to Mt. Pleasant, and had a fun at the group dinners and the water park hotel during their stay. Some even hung around after one dinner to play Healthy Jeopardy, a specialized version of the game show. In order to qualify for participating in the Olympics, citizens were asked to take part in at least three training events, held throughout the winter and spring.



Pediatric Patients at Memorial Hospital Benefit from Four Winds Invitational

The Pokagon Band presented a donation of \$77,500 to Memorial Children's Hospital August 6. The donation, which is from proceeds of the 2014 Four Winds Invitational and the 5K Run and Fitness Walk, will be used to purchase Giraffe Warmers for the Newborn Intensive Care Unit. Giraffe Warmers are used to support the development of newborns by providing a temperature-controlled and protective environment.

"We are pleased that the success of the Four Winds Invitational has enabled us to donate \$187,000 to Memorial Children's Hospital over the past three years," said John P. Warren, chairman of the Pokagon Band. "This year's donation of \$77,500 will further enhance the neonatal services provided to local residents, including the 500 Pokagon citizens currently living in Indiana."

"Each day, the lives of our smallest and most fragile patients are touched and nourished by the work done in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at Memorial Children's Hospital," says Michaeleen Conlee, R.N., executive director of Women & Children's Services. "We are so appreciative of the continued commitment of the Pokagon Band and the Four Winds Invitational. Their support is absolutely crucial, and allows us to provide the very best care to families when they need us the most."

The 2014 Four Winds Invitational was held from Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Ind. The tournament featured a field of professional women golfers from around the world competing on the Symetra Tour – Road to the LPGA. Nicole Vandermade finished 12 under and won the 2014 tournament.



Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Sovereignty Reaffirmation

Come enjoy the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Band's restoration act and reaffirmation of Pokagon sovereignty at Rodgers Lake Saturday, September 20. Organizers are planning many twentieth anniversary touches: If you were in the Oval Office photo taken September 21, 1994, we'd like to recreate that photo at this year's Sovereignty Day event. Please contact Paige Risser at (269) 462-4283. If you have any old photos that you'd be willing to bring in to be scanned and included in a historical slide show, please contact Marcus Winchester at (269) 462-4224. Pokagon artists are invited to show/sell their work. Please contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203. Dancers who would like to be a part of the opening ceremonies, please contact the Department of Language & Culture at (269) 462-4296.

Schedule of Events

10 a.m. Welcome ceremony | Invocation

Until 5 p.m.: Carnival activities, rides, games, and food | Pokagon artisans work for sale | Giveaways

5-8 p.m. Entertainment | Light refreshments | Raffles



Infant Mental Health Now Offered from Behavioral Health Program

By Kyla Martin

Shaun West is one of the Band's behavioral health counselors, and his area of expertise just moved down an age group.

Infant Mental Health (IMH) is a developing area of mental health, which centers on children still in the womb to age 5. The purpose of IMH is to ensure a healthy, or secure, attachment between a baby and his or her primary caregiver.

"A lot of therapy is reactive—people come to therapy after a bad situation happens," West said. "When we're dealing with this population, this age group, it's really preventative. We're helping before something big can go wrong."

IMH began in Michigan, and the state continues to lead in its development, partially thanks to The Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health (MI-AIMH), where West received his IMH endorsement.

This organization focuses on building public awareness of infant mental health needs, giving people the capacity to meet those needs, and structurally making IMH possible through policy-making and other avenues.

Pokagon Band citizens now have access to a mental health specialist and can receive care in this area.

"We can reach a different level of need," said Daun Bieda, behavioral health coordinator. "We can reach those individuals who have never been seen before. Those barren parents, pregnant parents, parents who have just given birth and so forth. We

have a specialized treatment now that can assist with postpartum depression, that can assist with children with colic."

The age group specified for IMH is very young, but treatment reaches from the child to the primary care giver because of their interconnected relationship, West explained.

"It's all about the child because we're talking about the child's ability to improve or do well in all their environments," West said. "As we think about the child, we realize that there's going to be someone there that's the primary care taker, which the child shares most of its time and/or relationships with."

Therapy sessions are "strengths-based" and "relationship-focused," West explained. He watches the interaction between primary care giver and baby, treating the guardian as the "child expert" and "co-therapist" and helps them determine how to improve the relationship.

"This is not about somebody being a bad parent," West said. "Babies don't come with manuals. They don't. It's not about what they're doing wrong. It's about helping them make things better for them. It's not about pointing fingers. It's about improving our abilities as parents."

According to Maggie Sprattmoran, president of the MI-AIMH, they are in the midst of a five-year IMH study. It will show outcomes of the IMH programs, but researchers have early data pointing to the programs' success.

"So many mental health issues that show up later in life, actually the seeds are planted in those earliest years, and particularly in terms of that relationship between primary caregiver and baby," Sprattmoran said.

Children with secure attachments are much more likely to succeed academically and socially, according to Sprattmoran. On the flip side, children who do not have secure attachments are more likely to experience abuse and neglect, need special education and have poor physical health.

"We see this profound overlap of what happens between behavioral health and physical health," Sprattmoran said. "So we're really trying to understand that and trying to help physical health care providers understand enough about attachment to promote it so their clients have better outcomes."

All Pokagon Band citizens can access this new area of care, be it through calling the Behavioral Health Program or a referral from another department.

"Any door is the correct door to get into our program," Bieda said.

"Not all problems can be avoided," West said, "but through programs like this, it will help the family and the child learn effective ways to deal with those strains when they come and effectively overcome those barriers in life."

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

New CHS Card Issued from Pokagon Health Services

Pokagon Health Services is striving to break down the communication barriers between outside doctors and hospitals and our Contract Health Services department. We want to make your referred visits easier. By issuing you a card that you can use at the doctor or hospital in the same way you use an insurance card, you should have all the information at hand to provide the office about how to send your bills to Pokagon Health Services.

The CHS Card will be issued to you if you qualify for Contract Health Services under the guidelines set out by Pokagon Health Services:

- You must be a citizen of the Pokagon Band
- You must live within the CHS Delivery Area (ten county service area in Michigan and Indiana)
- You must be established at Pokagon Health Services for your primary care, OR
- Registered with Pokagon Health Services and established with a pediatrician if you are 18 or younger, AND
- You must apply for any alternate resources available to you such as Medicaid.

The CHS Card will help your outside providers verify your CHS eligibility and send your bills to CHS.

Your CHS Card will be mailed to you in October 2014. If you do not receive a CHS Card in the mail by the end of the month, please call Patient Registration to arrange for a card to be sent to you, or come in to get your card at your next visit. If you are not currently eligible for CHS, you will not get a card in the mail, and you will need to call Patient Registration to update your file.

For further questions about the CHS Card, please call Priscilla Gatties at (269) 782-4141 ext. 403.

Check Out the Updated Pre K–12 Details

The postcard to parents and guardians explaining changes to Department of Education programming needed some clarification. Below is the correct information about the Pre K–12 grade program:

To register your child in our program and receive \$150/child for school supplies, you will need to fill out an Educational Release Form. Preschools must be government endorsed. A W-9 is needed for those that do not already receive funds from the Pokagon Band Finance Department, like per capita, for example.

For more information please call Connie Baber, administrative assistant, (269) 782-0887 or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov, Autumn Cabrillas, educational associate for birth-4 grade, (269) 782-0887 or autumn.cabrillas@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Susan Doyle, educational associate for 5-12 grade, (269) 462-4229 or susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

New Elected Officials Sworn In

Saturday, August 16 saw the swearing in of newly-elected members of Tribal Council, Junior and Senior Youth Councils, and the Salary Commission at the Community Center. Congratulations to these leaders:



Tribal Council: Michaelina Magnuson-Martin, Eugene Magnuson, Steve Winchester, and Andy Jackson

Salary Commission: Brandon Rapp, Jim Tabaszewski, and Liz Glowacki



Junior Youth Council: Andy Murray, Robert Dick, Tori Murray, Daniel Dick, Derrek Collet, and Autumn Martin



Senior Youth Council: Alex Wesaw, Skyler Daisy, Michael Gamache, Cassandra Church, and Collin Church



Departments of Education and Social Services

HARVEST DAY

AT SPRAGUE'S FAMILY FUN FARM

Saturday, October 4
11:00a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Sprague's Family Fun Farm
33120 Middle Crossing Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join the **Department of Education** and the **Department of Social Services** for a day of family fun at Sprague's Family Fun Farm. There may be a charge for some of the attractions so please bring cash.

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| Pumpkins | Gem Mining (\$) | Treats |
| Hayrides | Geo-Trax Train room | And much more! |
| Corn Maze | Produce Market (\$) | |
| Playground for the Kids | Apple Cider | |



Storyteller/Musician Karen Czarnik will perform at 11 am until noon. DV education and awareness will also be offered to participants at this event.

To RSVP, sign up at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/harvest-day-registration. For more information, contact Autumn Cabrillas at (269) 782-0887 x 197 or Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324.



Pokagons Celebrate Native American Culture at Living Earth Festival in Washington D.C

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

A group of Pokagon Band citizens travelled to the U.S. capital July 20 through July 22 to participate in the Living Earth Festival at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. The festival celebrated indigenous contributions to environmental sustainability and showcased Native American culture and traditions.

The Living Earth Festival featured an organic farmers market, an outdoor cooking competition, music and dance performances, and workshops.

Greg Morsaw, a northern-style traditional dancer, was part of the group that travelled to the festival. "This was my second year attending the event," said Morsaw. "Because of my age, I led out the dancers every day and every session after the flag carriers." Participants danced twice per day from Friday through Sunday.

"We had between 40 and 50 tribal members come down for the event," said Morsaw. "Last year, only a handful of tribal members participated. We were invited back, and the Department of Language and Culture did a great job of getting more people involved."



Morsaw feels that it is always good for the non-native community to be exposed to a Tribe or Band of native people. "It is good for them to see what we are doing now, and learn about the teachings that we pass on to future generations," said Morsaw. "It is important to expose others to our culture and let them see that there is more to Native Americans than just building casinos."

Because Washington D.C. is a tourist destination, there was a huge non-native turnout at the festival. People of all races, ages, and demographics enjoyed seeing dancing, drumming, and native artwork first hand.

"It was important for me to participate in this event," said Morsaw. "People make trips to Washington DC for many different reasons, such as protesting treaties. It was nice to be able to go there for a different reason and show people why we protested. We have a lot to offer to the non-native community. We have a great opportunity to educate people about who we are and what we do."

Dreamcatchers, as Seen through a Student's Eyes

By Arianna Morseau

This summer, the Pokagon Band Department of Education opened up a new enrichment opportunity for native children. This enrichment opportunity was a learning experience for K-12 graders called Dreamcatchers. It was to help students with their tribal history. They focused on culture and tribal identity in a fun and welcoming way that children found entertaining and that parents found unique. The students went on field trips and toured the surrounding communities, which made them take notice about our tribe's sovereign nation.

The groups learned about organizations such as Chi Ishobak (Big Cabbage) and the Casino. They learned their language and improved on their academics too. The program was held at the Pokagon Band Head Start Building, Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac, Michigan and lasted for a month.

The high school students were from grades eight and up, and met Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week. They learned how to make Dreamcatchers, looked at Pokagon Band presentations, took field trips to the Pokagon Village, Summerville Mounds, Sacred Heart Church and the burial ground of Simon and Leopold Pokagon. Donnie Sumners, Ray Bush, and Polly Mitchell showed the kids around, and had a fun time while doing so. Every Friday they job shadowed some of the college interns at their departments and helped work on presentations.

The students also went to Midwest Energy, watched a University of Michigan STEM presentation with Mark Moldwin, who taught them about physics and the atmosphere. Later in the week, the high schoolers took a Lake Michigan renewable energy tour and visited Pucker Street dam, Berrien Springs Dam, Gage Street and Lake Michigan.

The students learned about financial wellness and academic and cultural infusion. They went to Western Michigan University and took a school campus tour. "Visiting the campus was cool," Sam Morseau, the Pokagon Education Department Director said. "It was an enriching experience. Watching the students get excited about college made it all worthwhile."

The last week of Dreamcatchers they saw a presentation from Troy Clay, the CEO of Mno-Bmadsen. Afterwards they learned about the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver from Melissa Claramount from the Michigan Office Civil Rights. They went to Accu-mold on Wednesday, the last day of Dreamcatchers for the high schoolers.

Polly Mitchell was the educator for the 8-12 grade students. "At first, I was expecting more kids to show up," she said. "But most days we only had half of them show. The kids were really awesome. And my favorite part about teaching the kids was when they enjoyed learning. I loved the success that we had and that everybody had fun."

Amber Morseau was the college intern that helped Polly on her Dreamcatchers journey. She had much to say about the program. "I had the opportunity to teach two classes. It was fun to see the kids grow academically and culturally. I wish we did more programs like this."

The K-7 grade students went on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. The younger students went to the library a couple times and made a K.W.L chart, (what I know, what I wanna know, what I learned) too.



They watched and read *Through Eagle Eyes*, *Knees Lifted High*, *Plate Full of Color*, and *Tricky Treats*. In doing so, they completed most days with an animal language and culture learning session. On field trip days, the younger groups went to Binder Park Zoo, the Air Zoo, Healthworks, and the Dowagiac History Museum.

They had a talk about the University of Michigan,

and did a Midwest Energy Moon Phases activity. In that, they learned about magnets, electricity, simple machines and senses. The students also did a being balanced overview and an energy stick project. They worked on higher education planning, career development and learned about famous Pokagons.

When you get a head start, you need to take it. It comes rarely, and with the Dreamcatchers program, the students learned more about themselves and their likes than they ever had before.

Arianna Morseau, a Dreamcatchers participant who lives near Seattle, Washington, is 13. "When I learned about Dreamcatchers, I made the best of it," she said. "I want to be an author someday; I learned new things that I can include in my writing, and I cannot wait until next summer!"

Chi Ishobak Updates Financial Wellness Workshops

Chi Ishobak is always looking to provide new and improved resources to Pokagon citizens and financial education is no different. Chi Ishobak has updated its Financial Wellness curriculum to provide increased benefit to citizens. "We currently cover the fundamentals of personal financial management, but wanted to add capacity and wealth building components to our information." Sean Winters said, "The more pertinent information our citizens possess makes for a very strong community."

Chi Ishobak understands the traditional Pokagon values of proper planning and resource management. We also understand the emotion felt when facing financial adversity. In order to be in control of our personal finances we need to learn to properly plan and allocate those finances so that we don't waste our income. Identifying our financial behaviors is a critical step in this process. Chi Ishobak is committed to providing information, resources, and the necessary support to tribal citizens to help break the cycle of financial adversity. This includes cultural relevance, savings, cash flow planning, debt management, the value of credit, and the emotional side of money.

Chi Ishobak's next Financial Wellness Workshop will be held at the Community Center in Dowagiac on November 1 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There is no registration fee, but advance registration is required for administrative planning. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

If you are unable to attend, Chi Ishobak will conduct additional workshops at regular dates and times throughout the season. Chi Ishobak also provides individual financial coaching for tribal citizens that might not be able to make scheduled workshops or do not feel comfortable in the workshop environment.

To register for the November 1 workshop or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chi Ishobak at your convenience.

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Chi Ishobak Moving to the Community Center

Chi Ishobak will be moving into the Community Center during the month of September. The Department of Housing and Facilities has relocated to new offices across Daily Road. "This is a great opportunity for Chi Ishobak." Executive Director, Sean Winters said, "The Community Center is more identifiable for citizens and it maintains our culture during client interaction."

At this time, Chi Ishobak's contact information will remain the same in regards to phone number, e-mail address, and website. If you would like to learn more about Chi Ishobak's products and services that are available to Pokagon citizens, stop by the new offices in the Community Center.



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

COMMERCIAL LOANS INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS
CONSUMER LOANS FINANCIAL EDUCATION

For questions and additional information regarding Chi Ishobak, please contact:

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RETURN TO THE WOODS

2014 HUNTER SAFETY CERTIFICATION

October 10-12

Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Rodgers Lake campground

The Pokagon Band would like to invite all Pokagon Band citizens and JOM youth interested in obtaining the State of Michigan hunters safety certification to our third annual 'Return to the Woods' campaign. The Pokagon Band youth will be sponsoring another year of hunter's safety certification classes. Please join us as we take the initial steps necessary to obtain a Michigan hunting license.

Participants will undergo all of the accreditation requirements necessary to obtain their State of Michigan Hunters Safety Certification card. Your completion of this class will increase your ability to purchase a hunting permit or hunting license in the state of Michigan.

All meals and lodging will be provided to the Hunter's Safety participants. We will have a male cabin and a female cabin (each with a covered chaperone) available for all Hunters Safety participants. Participants will need to bring:

- a copy of their completed application and documentation forms
- a sleeping bag or blanket
- necessary clothing
- toiletries

★ PRIZES AND PARTICIPATION GIFTS WILL BE AWARDED THROUGHOUT THE EVENT! ★

Please **R.S.V.P. by October 3, 2014** to reserve your spot in the Hunters Safety Certification classes. R.S.V.P. to Dean.Orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4290.



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



Native Youth Parent / Guardian Group

Saturday, September 13, 2014

10:00am – 12:00pm 🖐️ **Gage Street house, Dowagiac, MI**

This is a support group for parents and guardians raising Nishnabe youth within our Pokagon community. Lunch will be provided.

We will create an authentic craft to benefit our families.

To reserve your spot, or for more information, please call the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4325.

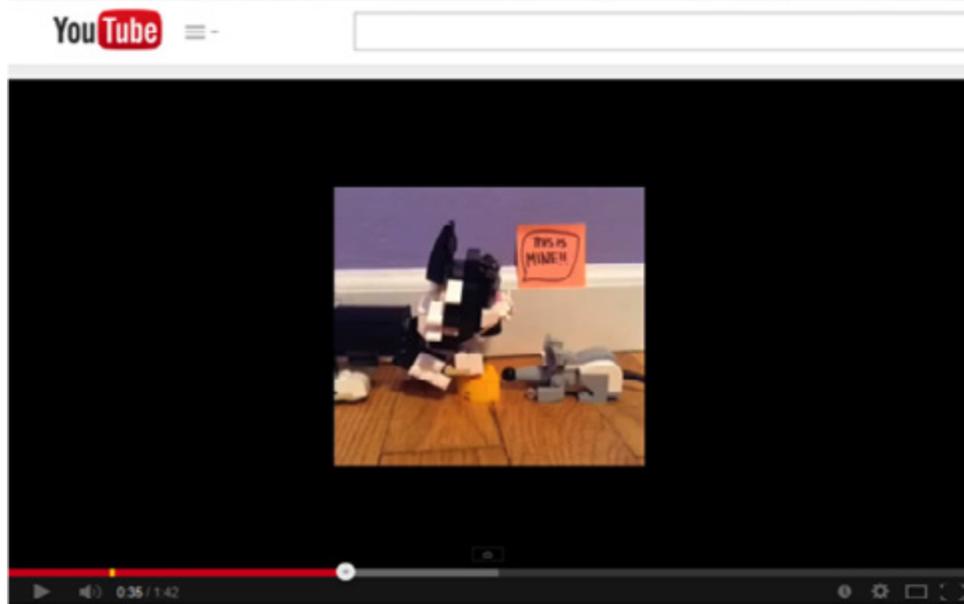
It takes a village to raise a child.



Pokagon Kids Get Creative with Discovery Kits

The Department of Education asked kids who received Discovery Kits to fill out a survey. A few even submitted a picture, video, or a composition about their kits. A panel then voted on the winners. One male and one female each won a tablet computer and two entries were selected as Honorable Mentions because they were too impressive not to be showcased in the newsletter.

Echo Glowacki made a stop motion video called Sharing Is Caring with her Lego kit and shared it on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ok9PCI6D_Q. She was selected as the female tablet winner.



Braylon Carney, left, shows off his swamp thing growing kit. He is the male tablet winner.



This photo collage, right, shows how Madison Cockey enjoyed her Discovery Kit. Because we wanted this excellent collage in the newsletter, she receives an Honorable Mention.

Summertime by Logan Serba receives an Honorable Mention. It was too good not to put it in the newsletter.

SUMMERTIME

By Logan Serba

Homework, homework I've had my fill
 School ends that a thrill
 Time to sleep and get some rest
 Summertime is the best
 Swimming, camps, time with friends
 I hope summer never ends
 One month in I start getting bored
 There are things to do but I can't afford
 Knock, knock at the door
 A package is here, what's in store
 Thank you! Thank you! Pokagon Band
 For the games and puzzles now in hand

Christina Carpenter and Heather Weber were randomly selected after they filled out and submitted a Discovery Kit survey; both won a \$25 gift card. Thanks to everyone who responded. We hope you're enjoying your Kits.

Mno-Bmadsen Board of Directors Recognizes Outgoing Chairman; Elects New Chair and Treasurer

The Mno- Bmadsen Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Eugene Magnuson from the board and appointed his successor August 6. Magnuson won election as treasurer of the Pokagon Band in its annual July elections. He assumed that post on August 16 after stepping down from chair of Mno-Bmadsen as required by tribal law. He had served since the inception of Mno- Bmadsen in 2009, when the board of directors was first appointed by the Pokagon Band Tribal Council. During his tenure, Mno-Bmadsen hired its first CEO, developed into a holding company, acquired Accu- Mold, LLC, launched Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering and the Bent Tree convenience store and gas station business.

"We have laid the foundation for seven generations into the future as taught by our ancestors," said Magnuson. "Throughout our history one of the most honorable efforts our tribal leaders make is making decisions now, including even sacrifices, that will give our children and their children and so on, better opportunities than we had. It has truly been an honor launching Mno-Bmadsen. Now I look forward to continued leadership as treasurer of the Pokagon Band."

The Mno-Bmadsen board of directors elected Linda Cook to succeed Magnuson as chairperson. Cook previously served as treasurer of the board and is also controller for the Pokagon Band. "I look forward to working with the board, Troy Clay our CEO, the Mno-Bmadsen team and its companies to continue building businesses for our future generations," she said. Ronald Sorce, who was recently appointed to the board, was elected as board treasurer. As Global Project Manager for Carlson Wagonlit, Ron Sorce serves the board with 25 years of experience in the global business travel management industry.

Mno-Bmadsen is the economic development enterprise chartered by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi to conduct all non-gaming, for-profit business for the tribe. Organized as a diversified holding company, Mno-Bmadsen invests in and acquires new and existing companies within targeted industries, with a focus on long-term sustainability in both purpose and profitability. Mno-Bmadsen currently owns three subsidiaries: Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering, LLC, located in Benton Harbor, MI; Accu- Mold, LLC in Portage, MI; and Bent Tree Market gas station and convenience store in Dowagiac, MI. More information is available at www.mno-bmadsen.com.

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Department of Language & Culture

ZAWBOGYA GISES september
LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 13
 2:00p.m.–4:00 p.m.
 New Language & Culture Office
 58653 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join **Carla Collins** for the September language workshop led by our apprentices teaching what they are currently learning while living with our fluent speakers in Northern Wisconsin.

Summer of Wellness: A healthy lifestyle starts with one choice. Make yours today.

With all the different avenues for active and healthy living the Pokagon Band provides, you can choose what fits you best to make this journey your own. Whether you are seeking more exercise such as Zumba or a hike through a state park, or you want to break an addiction—we have what you need to meet your goals. Visit here to stay up to date on all the opportunities: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/summer-wellness

Kick the habit. Become a former smoker.

We offer smoking cessation class; a new session will be starting soon. Please contact Lorraine Grewett at (269) 782-4570.

Michigan State Park Passes

Receive free day passes to Michigan State Parks, where the hiking and biking trails offer natural beauty and miles of fitness opportunities. Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 for passes. This is on a first come, first served basis. Or try your local library branch; they often have free day passes to check out.

Join Southwestern Michigan College's gym at a discount

Southwestern Michigan College offers a \$150 yearly membership to groups of twenty. When enough people sign up and pay a head of time, the discount is applied. Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 to be put on the waiting list, and she will inform you when a group of twenty has formed.

Walk the Red Road to Recovery

This group meets Tuesday and Friday evenings at the Behavioral Health office. Call Daun Bieda at (269) 462-4432 for more information.

Zumba, Zumba, Zumba!

Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center, come to the high-energy, low-impact, Latin dance inspired workout that gets you moving and burning calories with simple, repetitious routines.

Practice yoga

Each Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Community Center increase your flexibility, range of motion and balance while lowering stress with the practice of yoga.



Have a leaner lunch

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Dean Orvis leads citizens and staff through a 25 minute workout. On Tuesdays, the workout revolves around leg strength, and the Thursday workouts focus on upper body strength. Meet in the campground pavilion at 12:15 p.m. to get started.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/summer-wellness

Openings Available for Carpenter Apprenticeship Program Visit Table at Sovereignty Day to Learn More

An apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job learning and related classroom instruction in a highly skilled trade. It is a four year program and requires:

- Total of 8,000 hours (2,000 a year) of on-the-job training
- Total of 39 credit hours (615 hours in the classroom)

Requirements:

- Pokagon citizen or spouse of a Pokagon citizen
- High school diploma or GED
- 18 years of age or older

When:

Enrollment is now OPEN and we are taking applications for the next class year to be starting tentatively in October.

To move through the selection phase of the process, you will need to complete the items listed below. Each item is dependent upon completion of the previous item. In other words, you need to complete item A, then B, then C, etc.

Application Process:

- If you have not completed an application, please stop by Human Resources or go to our website:
 - <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/>
 - Click on: Business and Community
 - Click on: Apprenticeship Program
 - Click on: Apprenticeship Application
- Provide documentation verifying you:
 - Graduated high school or received your GED
 - Are at least 18 years of age or older
 - Are a tribal citizen or spouse of a tribal citizen
- Complete TABEs testing at a 9th grade level or above
 - To complete TABE testing, contact Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, at (269) 462-4227, for more information or to register to take the test.



- Complete OSHA 10 hour class and pass the exam with a 70% or above
 - To register for the two-day, OSHA 10-Hour Class sessions, contact Traci Henslee, Workforce Training and Resource Specialist, at (269) 462-4227, or any member of the HR Team.
- Final Interview
 - Interviews will be scheduled for those who have completed all the above selection requirements. You will be contacted by a Committee Member to schedule your interview time.

Contact Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist at (269) 462-4227 or Jim Dybevik, director of human resources at (269) 462-4265 if you have any questions regarding the apprenticeship program.

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Ne'me gizhek SUNDAY	Ngot gizhek MONDAY	Nizh gizhek TUESDAY	Apta gizhek WEDNESDAY
	<p>1</p> <p>Government offices closed in observation of Labor Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac Language Class (6)</p> <p>L&C Class Early Start Language (7)</p>	<p>Zumba</p> <p>L&C Hartford Lan</p> <p>L&C South Bend Me</p> <p>Drumming</p> <p>L&C Gun Lake You</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>L&C Elders Language Class</p> <p>Auricular Acupuncture</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>Yoga</p> <p>L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p>	<p>9</p> <p>EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac Language Class (7)</p> <p>L&C Class Early Start Language (8)</p> <p>Womens Traditional Dance Class</p>	<p>Zumba</p> <p>L&C Hartford Lan</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac Men</p> <p>location change:: 586</p> <p>L&C Gun Lake You</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>L&C Elders Language Class</p> <p>Auricular Acupuncture</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>Yoga</p> <p>L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac Language Class (8)</p> <p>L&C Early Start Language Class (9)</p>	<p>Healthy Lunch Pres</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>L&C Hartford Lan</p> <p>L&C Gun Lake You</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Government offices closed in observation of Sovereignty Day</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac Language Class (9)</p> <p>L&C Early Start Language Class (10)</p>	<p>Zumba</p> <p>L&C Hartford Lan</p> <p>L&C Gun Lake You</p>
<p>2014 Eagle Staff Gathering</p> <p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>L&C Elders Language Class</p> <p>Auricular Acupuncture</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>Yoga</p> <p>L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac Language Class (10)</p> <p>L&C Early Start Language Class (11)</p>	<p>Zumba</p> <p>L&C Hartford Lan</p> <p>L&C Gun Lake You</p>

September 2014

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
<p>3</p> <p>Language Class (7) Men & Boys South Language Class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (7)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Language Class (8) Men & Boys Drumming 53 Sink Road South Language Class</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (8)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Tribal Council Meeting L&C Native Youth Parent/Guardian Group Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting L&C Monthly Language Workshop EDU Career Workshop</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Presentation Language Class (9) South Language Class</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (9)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Sovereignty Day</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Language Class (10) South Language Class</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Cooking Class Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (10)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2014 Eagle Staff Gathering Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>2014 Eagle Staff Gathering</p>
<p>October 1</p> <p>Language Class (11) South Language Class</p>	<p>October 2</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (11)</p>	<p>October 3</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>October 4</p> <p>EDU & SS Harvest Day</p>

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

CASE NO. 14-2859-PCDCS

and

CASE NO. 14-2862-PCDCS

58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

NOTICE OF

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

**(2) TWO PETITIONS/AFFIDAVITS TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA
PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT**

To: Charles Brian Gillan II
Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that two (2) *Petitions/Affidavits to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* were filed with the Tribal Court on August 5, 2014.
2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, *Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act*.
4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
5. You now have two (2) open cases filed in this Court regarding the withholding and redirection of per capita payments to satisfy delinquent child support. These cases are Case Nos. 14-2859-PCDCS and 14-2862-PCDCS.
6. Your per capita payments must be apportioned for distribution according to the Tribal Court's Administrative Order 08-004-TC, *Administrative Order for Apportioning Per Capita Payments to Satisfy Two (2) or More Delinquent Child Support Obligations*.
7. Orders to withhold and redirect per capita payments for delinquent child support shall be entered by this Court Case Nos. 14-2859-PCDCS and 14-2862-PCDCS within fourteen (14) days of the date of service of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:
 - a. **recognition** of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or
 - b. **enforcement** of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.
8. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
 - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
 - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
9. Unless you file an objection to the enforcement of the foreign court orders, *Orders to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the delinquent court-ordered child support until such time as the delinquent child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
 - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
 - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.

10. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

CASE NO. 14-2846-PCDCS

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Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

NOTICE OF

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

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

To: Veronica N. Jackson (fka Diamond)
Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on July 22, 2014.
2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, *Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act*.
4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
5. **An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:**
 - a. **RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6;** or
 - b. **ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.**
6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
 - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
 - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court order, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
 - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
 - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

Notice of Open Position | Curriculum Committee

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to fill a vacancy on the Pokagon Band Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum Committee is responsible for establishing a tribally operated daycare and school(s) with culturally based academics and extracurricular activities. The Curriculum Committee should expect to meet once a month at the Pokagon Administration Building. Including meeting preparation and other time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately five hours per month to fulfill responsibilities.

COMPENSATION. Curriculum Committee members are compensated per the Committee Handbook. In addition, Curriculum Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Curriculum Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There is currently one vacant seat on the Curriculum Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for a one year term of office.

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

Kelly Curran
Tribal Council Executive Secretary
P O Box 180
Dowagiac MI 49047

Or email Kelly Curran at Kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Questions concerning the Curriculum Committee may be directed to Conrad Church, Curriculum Committee Chairman at Conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Curriculum Committee members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888)376-9988 or by visiting the Band's website: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

DEADLINE. This position shall be open for 30 days.



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Tribal Court

Peacemaking Native Justice Presentation & Peacemaking Circle Demonstration

Saturday, October 18, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Community Center

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Join the Pokagon Band's Community Advisory Board to help revitalize traditional peacemaking as an important way of life for our people.

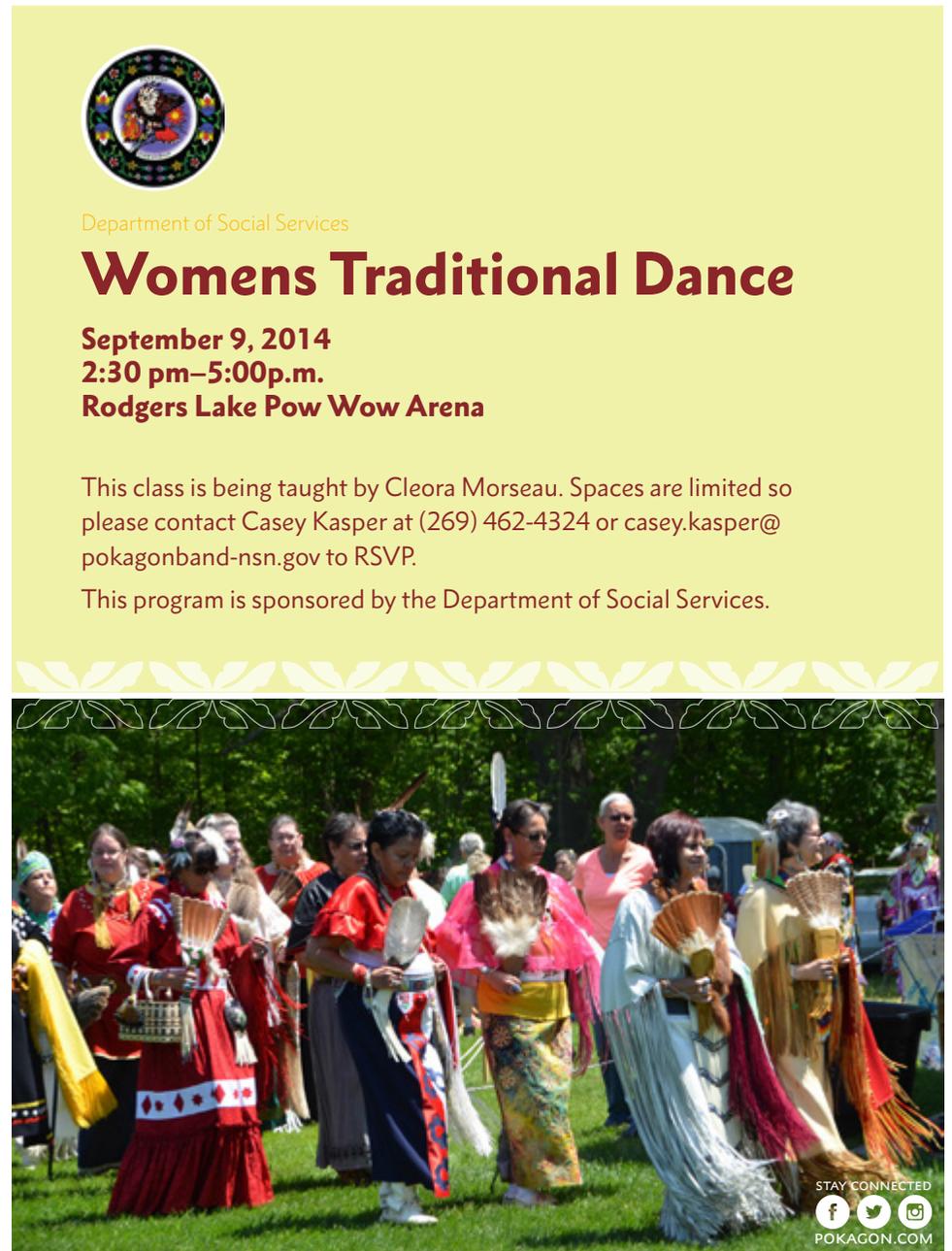
Witness a peacemaking circle.

Learn why and how native peacemaking concepts and principles to resolve conflicts and disputes can be part of this community's future.

Meet peacemaking facilitators Ada Pecos-Melton, Paul Raphael and JoAnne Gasco.

Lunch is provided. Contact Stacey Gettig, Peacemaking Initiative Support Staff, at (269) 783-0505 or stacey.gettig@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

This Project was supported by Grant No. 2011-IC-BX-0002 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile and Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, the Community Capacity Development Office, and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S.A. Department of Justice.



Department of Social Services

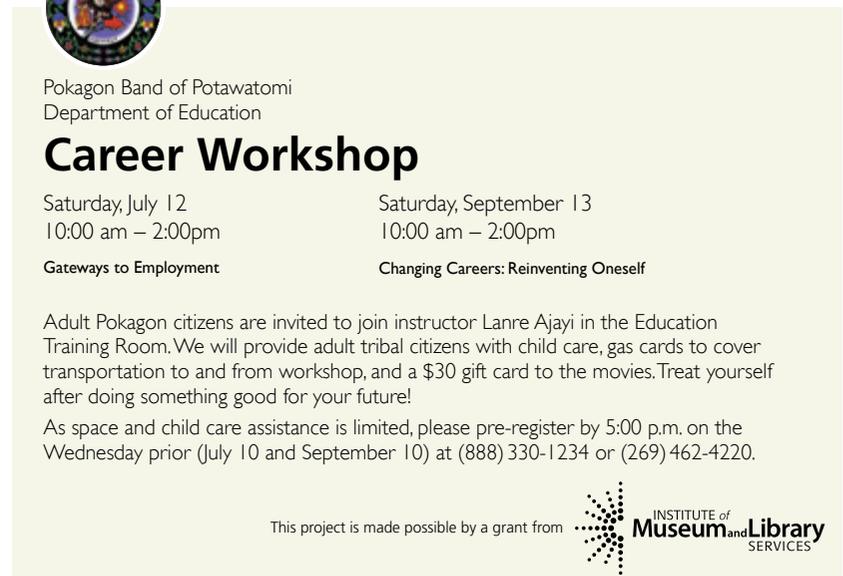
Womens Traditional Dance

September 9, 2014
2:30 pm–5:00p.m.
Rodgers Lake Pow Wow Arena

This class is being taught by Cleora Morseau. Spaces are limited so please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov to RSVP.

This program is sponsored by the Department of Social Services.

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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education

Career Workshop

Saturday, July 12 10:00 am – 2:00pm Gateways to Employment	Saturday, September 13 10:00 am – 2:00pm Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself
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Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens 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!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (July 10 and September 10) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

This project is made possible by a grant from  INSTITUTE of Museum and Library SERVICES

Elders Lunch Menu | Zawbogyagises September

monday

1 closed | labor day



8 language

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

tuesday

2

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

9

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

wednesday

3

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Roll
Strawberry Pie

10

Buffalo Chili
Garden Salad
Corn Bread
Fruit
Ice Cream

thursday

4 business

Buffalo Sloppy Joes
Potato Salad
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad
Fruit
Birthday Cake

11

Salman Patty
Macaroni and Cheese
Asparagus
Tomato Salad
Roll

friday

5

Breaded Cod
Baked Potato
Tri-Blend Veggies
Coleslaw
Roll
Blueberry Crisp

12

Chicken and Rice Soup
Pinwheel Sandwiches
Relish and Veggie Tray
Fruit

15 language

Beef Roast in Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
Carrots
Garden Salad
Roll
Lemon Cake

22 closed | sovereignty day



29 language

Buffalo Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

17

Beef Pasty (Meat Pie)
Garden Salad
Cottage Cheese and Peaches
Roll

18 social luncheon

Baked Chicken
Alfredo Noodles
Green Beans
Fruit Salad
Roll
Dessert

19

Vegetable and Egg Casserole
Sausage Gravy and Biscuits
Sausage Links
Melon
Orange Juice
Coffee Cake

24

Pork Roast
Red Potatoes
Peas
Garden Salad
Roll
Peach Pie

25

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

26

Sea Bass
Spanish Rice
Garden Salad
Corn on the Cob
Dessert
Roll

23

Turkey Stuffed Cabbage
Mashed Potatoes
Garden Salad
Fruit
Roll

30

Beef Liver and Onions
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
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. Business and social luncheons are potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass.

Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas					Monthly Per Cap
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	x	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	x	x
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					x	

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by October 15 in order to make it on the November 2014 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
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27, 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

Tribal Council September Calendar of Events

- 1 Office Closed in Observation of Labor Day holiday
- 2 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 4 Legislative Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 22 Office Closed in Observation of Sovereignty Day holiday
- 26 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 29 Tribal Council Special Session, meeting canceled
- 30 Gaming Authority Closed, meeting canceled

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

More Stations Offer Tax Exempt Gas

Two more area fuel stations now have agreements with the Band to distribute tax exempt motor fuel to Pokagon citizens. One is the Hartford Citgo at 332 W. Main Street, Hartford, Michigan. The other is Plaza One Restaurant at 19290 M-239 in New Buffalo, Michigan.

Minors Trust Management Moves to Indian Country

Providence First, the trust company that manages the Pokagon Band's Minors Trust, has moved offices. They are now located on the reservation of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, right next to Scottsdale, Arizona.

"We wanted to show this support to Indian Country as we are growing our business with Native American nations and communities across the country," the company said in a letter to the Band.

Providence First's telephone and fax numbers will stay (855) 765-2466 and (602) 952-2300, but their new address is:

8840 E Chaparral Road, Suite 250
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Each Pokagon child and his or her guardian who has a trust account should have received a letter containing this information too.

Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Logan Serba** who answered "What asks no questions, but gets lots of answers?" The correct answer was: a telephone. **Lake Serba** has also won a gift card for his riddle being selected. Check it out:

What do an island and the letter T have in common?

Mail in your correct answer or e-mail it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle; the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

Tribal Council October Calendar of Events

- 6 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 7 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 20 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 21 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 27 Tribal Council Special Session, meeting canceled
- 28 Gaming Authority Closed, meeting canceled

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



Department of Social Services

COOKING CLASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
COMMODITY KITCHEN,
SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING
58620 SINK ROAD, DOWAGIAC, MI

Pokagon citizens and staff are invited to join chefs from Four Winds restaurants for cooking classes the fourth Thursday of each month, and learn how to turn every day ingredients into delicious dishes.

Spots are limited. Please call to reserve your seat, (269) 782-3372.

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Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

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

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

Zawbogya gises September Citizen Announcements

It's not too early to start thinking about the upcoming sugar bush season. Anyone with the knowledge of running a sugar shack or anyone interested in volunteering to help with the sugar bush season in the spring of 2015 please contact Nicole Holloway in the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4325.

Are you interested in community theater? Contact Roger "Koosh Koosh" Williams if you are a member of the Pokagon community who is interested in forming a community theater group. Call (269) 861-2973 to speak to Roger about an initial planning meeting.

Calling all Pokagon boys in middle school or high school who are interested in playing on a Pokagon youth basketball team. The team must be registered by September 19. Call Daniel Stohrer, Youth Cultural Coordinator, at (269) 462-4325 for more information and to register.

POKAGON BAND
YOUTH HUNT
 2014



September 12-13
 Friday 3:00 p.m. – Saturday 1:00 p.m.
 Gage Street Property

The Pokagon Band would like to reward young hunters who have obtained their Hunters Safety Certification, provide an opportunity for youth to be active outdoors and promote the correct way of hunting.

- ★ Any youth under the age of sixteen is invited.
- ★ Priority given to youth who have completed the Pokagon Band hunter safety program.
- ★ Hunt is limited to five (5) individuals.

To register for your spot in the 2014 Youth Hunt contact Dean Orvis at dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4290.

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Eagle Staff Gathering

September 26, 27, 28, 2014
 Pokagon Band Pow Wow Campground
 Dowagiac, Michigan

Head Elder **Clarence White** Pokagon Potawatomi
 Head Veteran **George Martin** Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe
 MC **Carl Wesaw** Pokagon Potawatomi

Water ceremony conducted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Women

Drums

Blue Wolf Sarnia, Ontario **Ribbon Town** South Bend, Indiana

Honored Guest **Doris Boissoneau**

All tribal eagle staffs, family eagle staffs, Native American organizational eagle staffs are invited. All approved eagle staff carriers will be compensated with a room and a stipend; advance registration required.

To register eagle staff carriers or request information, contact Anthony Foerster at (269) 783-6653 or anthony.foerster@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Camping available; registration required. To register, contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203 or melissa.rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Additional information available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

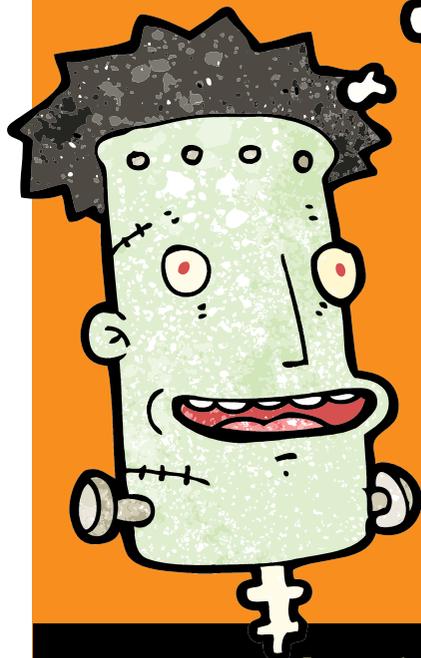
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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
 Pokagon Band Youth Councils invite you and your family to the Community

Halloween Party

Friday, October 24, 2014
 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Community Center



Please feel free to dress in family friendly costumes and join us for Halloween fun! There will be dinner, bounce houses, trick or treating, haunted hay rides, music, games, and pumpkin carving. Also, wear a costume and have the chance to win a prize for the best costume contests for ages ranging from 0 to 55+.

Please RSVP on www.eventbrite.com (search for the event titled Pokagon Band Halloween Party)

For more information, contact Nicole Holloway at nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4325.