



POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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Pokagon Census 2012 Coming in This Month

Be on the lookout this month for a booklet containing the first ever Pokagon Census. Each citizen age 18 or older will receive a questionnaire that is simple to complete and return. Fully complete and return your census, and receive a \$50 Visa gift card. Then, you'll be registered for a drawing in November for one of several Grand Prizes or cash awards.

Why does the Pokagon Band need to conduct a census? A census taken at regular intervals can tell not only about the past, but it can help prepare for the future. Just as the U.S. Census Bureau collects and processes data from its many censuses and surveys of U.S. citizens, the Pokagon Band wants to better understand its more than 4,500 citizens. Your answers give Tribal Council and other Pokagon leaders the information they need to make informed decisions that shape the nation. These statistics tell how the Band is doing, who the citizens are, and what they need or want from their government and community. The Pokagon Band needs this recent and relevant information to support requests for grant and other funding, for strategic planning,

and to help tribal leaders assess prioritize future projects and services. Your opinion matters!

Please fill out the questions in the booklet as completely as possible. Since the Pokagon Census 2012 is the inaugural census, this survey contains many detailed and personal questions. If a question asks more than you're willing to offer, simply skip it and move to the next one. But please fill out as much of the survey as you can. And trust that your answers will be kept confidential and separate from your contact information. No one will share your answers with anyone, only the anonymous statistical information will be used.

Thank you for your time and responses for this very important project.



Community Development Continues to Provide Jobs

College internships. Summer youth employment. Construction work. As the Pokagon Band continues its community development initiatives, more citizens and spouses of citizens have found permanent or temporary employment with Band projects.

Since October, 21 people have joined the government staff. Sixty-two percent, or 13, were hired via the preference policy. Through the college intern and summer youth programs, 28 Pokagon youth found summer employment and gained valuable job skills and career exposure with the tribal government's various departments. Ten citizens and one spouse of a citizen are currently working on a temporary basis for the

government. Work is progressing on the Édawat village expansion project in Dowagiac, and three citizens have been hired with contractors on the job. As workers move to the next phase of home construction and work begins on Four Winds Dowagiac, more opportunities will develop.

Be sure you're part of the talent database. If you want to work for the government in any capacity, please complete an application on the Pokagon Band website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/career_opportunities.aspx. Be sure to complete the application online even though you may have already completed a paper application.

Every contractor or sub-contractor must hire according to the preference policy for all open positions. If you have any questions regarding hiring preference, the talent database, or employment with the Pokagon Band, or need help with writing a resume or interviewing skills, please contact Heather Farver, human resources generalist at heather.farver@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4267.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/career_opportunities.aspx

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Pokagons Celebrate Casino Expansion in New Buffalo

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Prior to the inaugural concert July 7 at the new Silver Creek Event Center at Four Winds New Buffalo, a three-day Grand Opening event took place for Pokagon citizens. All were offered a complimentary night stay at the Four Winds hotel, \$100 in instant credit for gaming or a \$100 gift card to the gift shop, and complimentary dinner and breakfast at The Buffet.

Each evening Pokagons were welcomed into the new event center to enjoy a variety of shows including the music of Indigenous, Crystal Shawanda, and the comedy of Ryan McMahon. In addition to the wide variety of food available at The Buffet, an additional section of the restaurant was open to citizens only. This section featured prime rib, shrimp cocktail, lobster tail, and crab legs.

Anthony Getz and Marlene Hassinger were both enjoyed the opportunity to see the new venue. “We had a wonderful time,” said Hassinger. “The food, especially the breakfast, was excellent.”

The opportunity to gamble with free credits appealed to many citizens. “I played Hee-Haw and Keno with my free credits,” said Debra Delk. “I didn’t win anything, but I had a wonderful time. We are looking forward to going to see the shows as well.” Delk’s husband, Bruce, is an employee of the casino, and therefore was not able to participate in the gaming. “I gave my \$100 in credits to my wife to enjoy,” said Bruce. “For me, the highlight is the food.”

Delk’s grandchildren, Matthew and Gabe Martin, also enjoyed their time at Four Winds by hitting the arcade. “It was awesome,” said Matthew. “It was great to get \$100 to play on games, and the pizza is really good.”

Parents with young children were not left out of the festivities. Part of the new event center was transformed into a mini-carnival during the days (see photos, below), with face painting, stilt walkers, magicians and balloon artists ready to entertain the kids. Courtney Ulinski and her family drove over from Racine, Wisconsin, and her daughters played at Kids Quest. “My five-year-old, Aubrey, is always hesitant with new things and was scared to leave me at first,” said Ulinski. “They offered us a tour, and once she saw how much there was to do she was excited to go and play.” Like many parents, Ulinski was worried about safety of her children, but she felt reassured when she saw the system used to protect the kids. “They have a barcode system that kids wear, and their parents get a sticker too,” explained Ulinski. “Both of my girls had a blast and Aubrey is asking to go back again.”

The official grand opening of the Silver Creek Event Center was held on July 7. Rock and roll legend Rod Stewart took center stage and gave an enthusiastic performance enjoyed by concert-goers of all ages. T.J. Martin, owner of T.J.’s Monster Guitars, designed a custom “Rod Stewart” guitar that the musician autographed for him backstage. The guitar will be displayed in the event center for all visitors to enjoy.



Chi Ishobak Launches Individual Development Accounts

By Sean Winters, Chi Ishobak loan officer

Continuing its efforts to provide financial business assistance to Pokagon Band entrepreneurs, Chi Ishobak is proud to announce the launch of its Individual Development Account (IDA) Program in partnership with Fifth Third Bank and the Department of Housing.

An IDA is a matched savings account. It means that when a participant puts money into his or her account, Chi Ishobak will match the savings. The Chi Ishobak IDA program is designed for participants to make investments in small business expansion or start-up.

The main aspects of the Chi Ishobak IDA Program are:

- Maximum of ten participants
- 2:1 matched contribution
- \$500 maximum savings by the participant
- 12-month savings period
- \$1,000 maximum matched contribution
- Funds must be designated towards an acceptable business expense or purchase

Monthly Savings	Total Saved By Individual	Financial Training & Education Series	2:1 Match	Total IDA
\$50 x 10 months	= \$500	Financial workshops + preparation of business plan	+ \$1,000	= \$1,500

The IDA account is a deposit-only, joint account between the participant and Chi Ishobak. The specific use of the funds and the savings goals will be determined during the application process. At the time of dispersal, the funds will be paid directly to the vendor(s). The IDA account is not intended to be used to pay previously incurred debt such as past due invoices or credit cards.

There are a few requirements that participants in the IDA Program will be responsible for:

- Meet defined income requirements
- Satisfactory attendance at designated financial education workshops
- Preparation of a Business Plan
- Successful completion of the Participant Savings Goal

“We are excited for this opportunity and to help Pokagon Band citizens reach their business goals,” said Sean Winters, Chi Ishobak’s loan officer. “We will begin taking applications for the IDA Program on Monday, August 13.”

Please call Chi Ishobak at (269) 783-4157 with questions or for more details regarding this program.



Elder's Language Classes
Elder's Language Class is a beginner level class that is held every Monday with **John Winchester**. New learners are welcome.
Date: August 6, August 20, August 27
* August 13 class cancelled for Hannahville Immersion
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Elders Hall

Adult Language Classes
Adult language classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday with Thomas Loftis and John Winchester. These classes emphasize learning sentence structure and speaking.
Date: August 7, August 21, August 23, August 28, August 30
* August 14 & 16 classes cancelled for Hannahville Immersion
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location: Community Center, Training Room
* Note: The video conferencing language classes with Jim Thunder and the Northern Michigan University College of Education professors is suspended until after the summer immersion events conclude. Video conferencing will reconvene in September.

Language Workshop
Every month, language instructors are invited to share their knowledge about the Potawatomi language. Please join us in welcoming John Winchester as our guest presenter for August. Refreshments provided.
Date: August 22 | John Winchester, Presenter
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Community Center, Training Room

Hannahville Immersion
The week-long language immersion gatherings are part of Hannahville Potawatomi's Ewikkendaswat Ekenomagewat Project, a three-year ANA language revitalization project to provide language instructor skills training during the academic school year and summer language immersion camps to increase listening and speaking fluency. Participants have committed to learn, speak and teach the Potawatomi language for future generations. Mornings are spent with the speakers, while afternoons are filled with planned language activities to practice and speak language learned during the morning sessions. Please call Teresa Magnuson at (269) 462-4296 to register for the August 13-17 immersion gathering.
Eligibility:
• Pokagon families (citizens, spouses, children)
• Over the past three months, attendance to 50% of one of the language classes (Elders, Adults, Workshops or Video Conferencing) or proof of participation in language studies (enrollment in Nishnabemowin classes, linguistics, education or related courses)
Logistics:
• Lodging – In an effort to minimize costs, participants will be sharing rooms (with the exception of parents with children)
• Per diem – Meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) include breakfast, lunch, dinner and incidentals and will be provided from departure to return dates/times. M&IE rates must be adjusted for meals provided by the hosting organization. Standard federal per diem rates apply at 100% for adults 18+, 75% for 12+ and 50% for younger than 12.
• Transportation – Transportation will be provided by the department (Pokagon buses or GSA vehicles). Mileage reimbursements will only be provided if transportation is not provided or if special arrangements have been made with the Director.

Language Conference — Potawatomi Gathering, Huron Band of Potawatomi
Date: August 6-8
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Athens Community Center
515 E. Williams St.
Athens, MI 49011

Upcoming Language Events | Shishibe (Potawatomi Bingo)
Playing Shishibe (Bingo) is a fun way to learn new Potawatomi language vocabulary. It's also a great time to socialize with other community members and to have fun!
Date: August 22
Time: Sovereignty Day Celebration break out session
Location: Pavilion

For more information, contact: Rhonda Purcell, Language Coordinator, (269) 462-4255 office or (269) 783-9027 cell
E-Mail: Rhonda.Purcell@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

More Fun, Coming Soon to Rodgers Lake



More development is coming to Rodgers Lake: a new sports complex will be under construction shortly. The area east of the Head Start facility will soon boast a softball diamond, soccer/lacrosse field, sand volleyball court, basketball court, horseshoe courts, a perimeter walking path, and a pavilion/ restroom facility. Plus installation of electricity to the campsites should be complete by the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow.

It's Been a Long, Hot Summer Stay Cool with These Summer Heat Safety Tips

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

On average, heat waves kill more people each year in the United States than any other natural disaster. To keep your cool during this record summer heat, follow these tips from the Pokagon Band Department of Health Services.

During heat advisories, stay indoors, preferably where air-conditioning is available. While anyone can be stricken with heat-related illness, certain groups of people are especially vulnerable, including infants and young children, elders 55 and older, those with a mental illness, and those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure. Check the air quality. High ozone levels on hot summer days can make the air unhealthy to breathe.

It's best to avoid caffeine and alcohol. Drinks that contain caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar can cause dehydration and irritability. Stay hydrated and wear lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothing to protect your skin from harmful UV radiation.

If you are going outdoors apply sunscreen with an SPF 15 or higher about thirty minutes before you go outside and reapply every two hours. Check the sun's UV index before you go outside. If you're outside during the sun's peak hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., try to stay in shade, and wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.

Monitor for signs of heat illness, which can include hot and dry skin, confusion, hallucinations and aggression. Do not exercise outdoors during a Heat Advisory. When you must exercise outdoors in summer months, drink two to four glasses of cool, nonalcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. But if you are on a low-salt diet, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage.

Never leave anyone in a parked vehicle, including pets.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Pokagon Health Services, (269) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234, ext. 224.

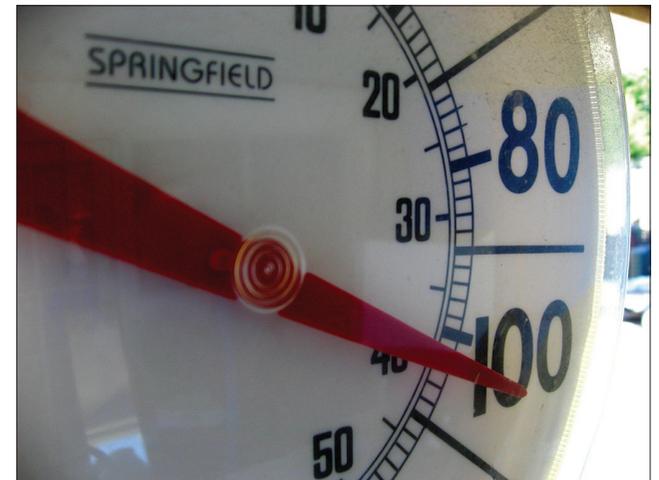


Photo by Joe Chung

Twenty-three Pokagon Students Win MIEA Awards

By Bonnie Parrish, MIEA secretary

The Michigan Indian Elders Association is proud to announce that this year the Pokagon Band had 23 winners for having straight As and/or perfect attendance on their semester report card. They all received monetary awards.

These students are as follows: Elizabeth Ledbetter, Jack Murphy, Logan Serba, Lake Serba, Emily Serba, Sean Miller, Joseph Williams, Daniel Dick, Robert Dick Jr, Walker Adams, Alex Cook, Echo Glowacki, Cassidy Wesaw, Megan Wilkinson, Zada Ballew, Eva Ballew, Amara Wesaw, Hailey Bivens, Chance Bivens, Andrew DeRose, Jackson DeRose, Grant DeRose, and Ilie Bivens. These students have worked hard to achieve this record, and we are all very proud of them.

What Does the Supreme Court's Recent Decision on Health Reform Mean for American Indians?

By Arthur Culpepper, director of health services

American Indians and Alaska Natives are celebrating passage of the historic health reform law, the Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148 (ACA). This law will improve the quality of health care and make it more accessible and affordable for all tribes.

The ACA includes the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Improvement Act (IHICIA), which extends current law and authorizes new programs and services within the Indian Health Service. Pokagon Health Services is reviewing every provision in the new laws that relates to Pokagon Band and is assessing next steps and timelines for implementation. In the weeks and months ahead, you'll hear more about the new law, plans for its implementation and how it will impact Pokagon citizens.

The IHICIA, which authorizes Congress to fund health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives through the Indian Health Service, was originally approved by Congress in 1976 and last reauthorized in 2000. The ACA makes the authorization of this law permanent, and authorizes new programs within the Indian Health Service to ensure the Service is more equipped to meet its mission to raise the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. For example, it includes:

- New and expanded programs for mental and behavioral health treatment and prevention;
- Expanded long-term care services, including home health care, assisted living and community-based care;

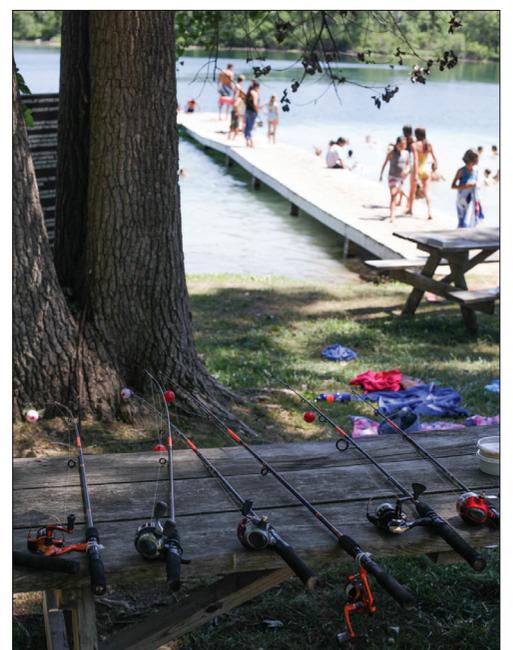
- New development of health professional shortage demonstration programs;
- Expanded funding of patient travel costs;
- New demonstration projects for innovative health care facility construction;
- New provisions for dialysis services;
- Improvements in the Contract Health Services programs, which pays for referrals;
- Better care for native veterans.

Due to the many provisions in Affordable Care Act and the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, implementation will be a complex undertaking. Not all provisions can be implemented at once and some provisions will require additional work to implement. So stay tuned!

Culture Campers Have Fun, Connect with Traditions

The 2012 Culture Camp gave Pokagon kids a fun, meaningful way to meet new friends and learn more about their culture in July. Seventh through twelfth graders spent four days at camp at Rodgers Lake, while second through sixth graders attended for two days. Camp activities focused on language, culture,

spirituality, land knowledge, Anisnaabe history, and education. Though many of the camp activities were built around cultural teachings and language lessons, the days included favorite activities such as lacrosse, warrior games, and other camp experiences. Photos by Kaitly Fuja.



Follow the Path to Owning Your Own Business

By Ross Miller, tribal business consultant, Lower Peninsula, MI, Small Business & Technology Development Center

If you have ever wanted to start your own business but didn't know where to start, you could start by looking in your back yard. What are your hobbies? What skills do people currently ask you to help them with? More importantly, what do you have a passion for? Sometimes we think of starting a business as a large company with many employees and massive amounts of debt. While this could be true for some types of business, it doesn't have to be true for service-based businesses. A service-based business does not sell a "product" you feel, touch or hold. The service industry consists of the labor or skill you provide for your customer. Examples of service-based business are:

- Home child care
- Cleaning services
- Builders/Construction
- Tree services

Some advantages of starting service based businesses are:

- Lower start-up costs (in most cases)
- Often don't require specialized education
- Little or no inventory
- Typically have lower overhead costs
- Often can be started and run in your own home
- Require few employees initially

A service-based business typically revolves around one of three types of tasks. One is a task your customer does not know how to do. An example of this could be replacing a motor in a broken dryer. Another example is a task your customer is unable to do, such as an elder shoveling her driveway or removing a tree in his yard. And finally we have a task the customer does not want to do or does not have time to do: this could be mowing the lawn at a vacation property or doing minor repairs to a home.

It takes sound business practices and hard work to thrive in the service industry. However, it is often one of the easiest types of business to start and operate. A service-based business under the right circumstances can make money for the owner much quicker than many other retail or manufacturing businesses. If you have a skill, talent, or passion for a service and have ever wondered about turning those into a business, contact the Tribal Business Consultant Ross Miller at (989) 330-0395 for a one-on-one meeting to assist you in taking the first step towards owning a business.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Cultural Events | August

Mens Drumming Practice with John T. Warren

Drumming classes share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and learn songs.

Date: Wednesday, August 1 & August 15

Location: Teaching Cabin

Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Rodgers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Womens Drumming Practice with Vicki Dowd

Vicki will be sharing her songs and teachings about women's roles in the community. Please come and share in on the fun and please wear your skirts, and bring your drums and rattles.

Date: Saturday, August 29

Location: Teaching Cabin

Time: 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Rodgers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Native Healing with Jake and Mary Pine

Jake and Mary Pine visit our community for traditional healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions. Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco).

Date: Monday – Wednesday, August 13–15

Location: Teaching Cabin

Time: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. [individual appointments]

Rodgers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Co-ed Sweat Lodge

Date: Tuesday, August 14

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Medicine Gathering with Jake and Mary Pine

Anyone who is interested in learning about our medicine plants is welcome to hike along to gather. We will meet at the teaching cabin at 9:00 am and leaving to gather medicine on our properties.

Date: Thursday, August 16

Location: Teaching Cabin

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Rodgers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Gardening Work Day

Come and tend the garden, pull weeds and harvest produce from our community garden.

Date: Saturday, August 17

Location: Language & Culture Office

Time: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

32142 Edwards Street, Dowagiac MI

Pokagon Womens Water Walk

Please come and walk join our sunrise ceremony at 7 am we will be blessing the water and beginning our walk to Rodgers Lake area. This will take all day rain or shine. We do have cooling off vans and we will be stopping to rest at different locations. We also will have nurses from the health office traveling with us for emergencies. The ladies should wear skirts and be ready to sing and share stories about our families and our community. Our veterans will be carrying the Eagle Staff with us as well. Every year this event has grown we hope to have more people to bring awareness to our sacred waters. We need people from every generation to help make this a success. We as Native people have to bring awareness to the importance of having clean water for the next seven generations. Hope to see you all there.

Date: Friday, August 31

Location: Gage Street

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Contact Information: Andy Jackson, cultural associate

Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov | Office: (269) 462-4261

Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning Neshnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend.

These events are not exclusive to Pokagon citizens. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

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

Department of Education Announcements and Updates

Get Your Backpacks

Backpacks and school supply cards are available at the Pokagon Band Department of Education office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and during these events:

- A Healthy Step with Education, Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Community Center
- Before and during the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow at the Department of Education office in Dowagiac:
 - Friday, August 31 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - Saturday, September 1 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
 - Sunday, September 2 from 3–5 p.m.
 - Department of Education office is closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 3.

Backpacks and school supplies are available for:

- All Pokagon Band citizens in grades Pre–K through 12.
- All Native American students from federally-recognized tribes attending public school in the ten-county service area.
- All Native American students from state recognized tribes attending specific school districts in the ten-county service area.

In order to receive backpacks, school supply cards, and other services, parents of eligible students must complete the 2012–2013 Application for Pre K–12 Services. This form must be signed by the legal parent/guardian. A photocopy of the child's tribal identification card must also be enclosed. If anyone other than the legal parent/guardian is planning to pick up a backpack, that person must bring the application form signed by the legal parent/guardian along with a copy of the student's tribal identification card.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Connie Baber at the Department of Education (888) 330-1234 or (269) 782-0887.

Don't Forget Your Pokagon Family Discovery Kit

For families with Pokagon youth ages two years to current seniors in high school: Answer the Discovery Kit survey, and we will give you a discovery kit. Discovery Kit survey can be downloaded from the Pokagon website in the Education section or by contacting the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234. You can also complete the sheet at our office.

What is in the kit? It is a surprise! Even to us, until we get your completed form. It may a box with books, blocks, clay, a bug catcher, who knows? Whatever is in the kit is meant to encourage family time and learning. After you receive the kit, use the materials, and share with us how you used them and enter a contest! Details of the contest will be included in the Discovery Kits.

Requests for kits must be returned to the Department of Education by August 24. The Discovery Kit survey sheet must be signed by the legal guardian of the youth.

Calling all 2012 High School Grads

Please contact the Department of Education with your graduation information if you haven't already. We are going to submit the information to the newsletter's September issue as a tribute to the hard work you—and your families—have done to complete your K–12 education. Let us know your school, your parents, awards and honors you received, as well as extra-curricular activities, and your plans. Please call or email Mat Barber by August 9 at (269) 782-0887, (888) 330-1234, or mat.barber@pokagonband-nsn.gov. We welcome photographs, too!

2012 Reading Program Update

We currently have 55 families registered in the reading program with a total of 1,282 books read. We have a long way to go to get to 4,509 books. Please get those lists turned in and do your best to recruit new participants. As soon as we reach the next 1500 books, we will have another drawing for a gift card from the families registered that have submitted a book list. You can e-mail your book list to me at connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov. New sign-up sheets can be found on the Pokagon website.

Tutoring Programs

If your K–12 child has a C- or below in a core subject, or is receiving assistance in school through an IEP or 504 Plan, we have tutoring available. Students in the ten-county service area can benefit from our one-to-one tutoring with Education Associates or tutors. Students outside the ten county service area can get tutoring through our funding for the Sylvan Learning Centers. Please call Kristie Bussler at (888) 330-1234 for more information.

Department of Education Welcomes Kristie Bussler

The K–12 Program is excited to welcome Kristie Bussler as K–12 resource specialist. Among Kristie's duties are scheduling tutoring for both the ten-county one-to-one sessions and the Sylvan tutoring program, advocating for students, facilitating the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) events, and supporting the education associates and tutors with resources if needed. She brings a great wealth of background, energy, and caring to this position.

"I am a life-long resident of Dowagiac and a citizen of the Pokagon Band," she said. "I am excited to be working with the Pokagon Band in the Department of Education. The Band has done so much for me and

for my family that it is a privilege to now be able to serve native students and their families."

Kristie is a graduate of both Southwestern Michigan College and Western Michigan University, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She taught elementary school in Dowagiac since 1998, working with students from kindergarten through fifth grade. She is married to Jim Bussler and has two grown sons, Andrew and Matthew.

Reach Kristie by calling (269) 782-0887 or e-mailing her at: Kristie.Bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Why Do Our Black Ash Trees Have Blue Paint On Them?

By Robert Frank,
fish & wildlife biologist

In 2002 the emerald ash borer (EAB) was identified as the causal agent in ash tree decline and mortality in the Detroit metropolitan area. For several years before this identification, homeowners and arborists in southeast Michigan attributed the loss of their ash trees to “ash yellows.” The trees exhibited a top-down crown dieback, dense sprouting from trunks, and other signs of tree stress typical of ash yellows. The infested ash trees displayed dying crowns in the second year of infestation and most died from EAB within five years.

This non-native beetle was unknown in North America until its discovery in southeast Michigan and neighboring Windsor, Ontario, Canada in June 2002. Today, EAB infestations have been detected in 14 states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

This non-native pest poses an enormous threat to our urban and rural forests. EAB kills stressed and healthy trees and is so aggressive that ash trees may die within two or three years after they become infested. If it is not contained and managed, the impact of emerald ash borer beetle in North America will be similar to that of the devastation caused by two fungal diseases, Chestnut blight and Dutch elm disease, which destroyed dominant species of woodland and urban forests in the 20th century.

Emerald ash borer is an exotic pest of ash. Feeding by the larval stage of this beetle occurs in tunnels called galleries that are excavated in the inner bark and phloem. The galleries created



by feeding larvae affect the ability of trees to transport food and water. Low densities of EAB have little effect on the health of a tree. However, when EAB populations increase, the canopy declines, branches die and eventually the entire tree dies. Trees ranging from one inch to more than 60 inches in diameter have been killed by EAB.

Ash trees with relatively high densities of EAB larvae are likely to have visible signs of infestation. These external symptoms include thin crowns, vertical bark splits above galleries, dead and dying branches and sprouts on the trunk or large branches. D-shaped exit holes left by emerging EAB adult beetles can sometimes be found. Woodpecker holes on the trunk or large branches of an ash tree are often the first indication of an EAB infestation.

Robert Frank, Pokagon fish & wildlife biologist, met with certified arborist Mike Conner of Honeytree Nursery in April to assess black ash trees owned by the Band. Conner

assessed the extent of tree damage caused by Emerald Ash Borer and made recommendations for long-term preservation of these heritage trees that are critical for basket-making. Observations confirmed, the EAB is present in tribal trees, but has not yet killed them all.

Four sites were examined. The first site, on Edwards Road, contains more than 250 high-quality ash trees with little to no EAB damage. However, trees killed by the EAB were found less than ¼ mile away, so we know damage will occur soon. The second site, Rodgers Lake, contains approximately 250 nice trees with an average diameter of six inches. Many of these trees are infested with EAB, but are salvageable. The third site, Gage Street, is too heavily damaged by EAB to salvage. The final site, Sassafras Lake in Hartford, is heavily damaged on the west end but still contains approximately one hundred good trees with an average diameter of six inches.

It is estimated that 30–35 trees are harvested by Pokagon citizens every year. With that in mind, the staff of the Department of Natural Resources and Pokagon black ash basket makers developed a plan to preserve black ash trees using pesticide injections.

Between June 26 and July 20, five hundred trees received treatment in three locations (200 near Edwards Road, 200 near Rodgers Lake, and 100 at Sassafras Lake). Emamectin benzoate was injected under pressure into the tree, where it is transported throughout the tree via the tree's own vascular circulation. Trees are treated without exposing either the applicator or the environment to chemicals. Tree treatments cost \$45.00 per tree. Emamectin benzoate provides two years of complete protection against EAB. Research indicates three years of protection is probably realistic. Therefore, the cost of protection is \$22.50, or possibly only \$15.00 per tree per year.

The 500 trees receiving treatment have been marked with a splash of blue paint. Citizens are urged to harvest trees not marked. These marked trees will become the source of black ash seed and reforestation efforts for generations to come.



Additional information may be found at www.emeraldashborer.info

Native Foster Parents Needed

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

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility “to provide for the welfare, care and protection of the children,” through our Child Protection Code. “The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children

are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band” says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term “foster parents.” Native people have had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your

spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent? We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.

Elders Council Business Meeting | July 12, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Jeanette Mollett, 11:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: Jim Topash

ROLL CALL: Joe Silvia gave a report on ID theft and fraud. These items are not to be taken lightly, as it can wipe you out financially and ruin your credit. Do not give your Social Security or credit card numbers to people over the phone. If in doubt ask for their name and phone number so you can call them back. So many people are out there preying on the elderly. So beware.

David Schock, PH.D, gave a talk on Delayed Justice. Mr. Schock told of an Indian girl raised by white people and raised in the white people's ways. Years later she found her true legacy. He also told of the sharpshooters during the Civil War. He would like to continue these two projects; I believe these books can be purchased for \$10.00. Phoebe Hall said the Indian girl's grandmother went to Phoebe's church. When the grandmother died she left her bible to the church; the church then gave the book to the Indian girl.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Trip policy states that only tribal members and their spouses are eligible for MIEA and other trips.

NEW BUSINESS: The trip policy is still with the lawyers, and then it will go before Tribal Council.

A number of thank you cards were read, thanking us for the memory book. We hope everybody enjoys the book; it will make a wonderful keepsake.

OLD BUSINESS: Bonnie Parrish informed us that the MIEA Chairman and Secretary terms are up. If you are interested in one of these seats, let Bonnie know. Names of the incentive winners will be published in the newsletter. The winners of the big scholarships have not been announced yet.

MINUTES: Clarence moved to accept the of June 7, 2012 minutes. Maxine, supported, (5) yes, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Audrey moved to accept the treasurer's report. Clarence supported, (5) yes, passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Active Living classes will resume September 2, 2012.

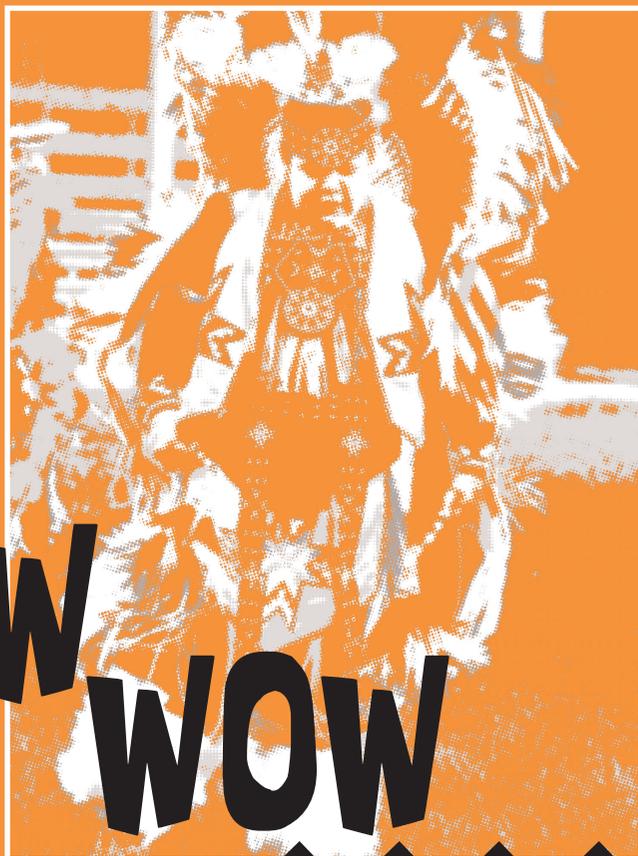
Elders picnic will be held July 19, 2012 at the Tribal Lodge. We will host the Youth Council. There will be games and prizes.

JULY BIRTHDAYS: Jim Lepal, Ken Kirvan, Linda Morseau, Patsy Carney, Ken Radar, Lucky Carpenter.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES: Paul & Vivian Jackson.



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



POW WOW

AUGUST 31

6:00–8:00PM

POW-WOW ARENA

C L U B

This is an opportunity for youth to learn about pow-wow culture. During these events participants will learn about pow wow dancing, drumming, regalia making and etiquette. Pow wow club is a new program, so please join us to give your input as explore this fun new group.

For more information, contact Conrad Church | (269) 462-4254 | Conrad.Church@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning Neshnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. These events are not exclusive to Pokagon citizens. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**



POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Youth Cultural Events | August

Youth Council | Swearing In

Congratulations to our newly elected Jr. and Sr. Youth Council Executive Board!

Senior Youth Council Seats

Chairman: Collin Church
Treasurer: Kyle Malott
Secretary: Cassandra Church
Members at large: Shandiin Church & Jenna Huffman

Junior Youth Council Seats

Chairman: Autumn Martin
Vice Chairman: Robert Dick
Secretary: Ted Wesaw
Treasurer: Sammie Cook
Member at Large: Daniel Dick

Date: August 18

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Community Center

Youth Council Business Meeting

With much business to plan for the upcoming year we will need all youth ages 12–24 that are interested in Youth Council. If you would like to get involved please call Conrad Church (269) 783-6773.

Date: Saturday, August 18

Time: Jr. Youth Council 12:00 pm noon

Sr. Youth Council 1:30 pm

Location: Community Center

2012 Potawatomi Gathering Youth Conference

Free Conference for youth ages 12–18. Sponsored by Huron Potawatomi. The Native Wellness Institute will facilitate workshops on the "power of positive thinking" and other great topics. Other events will include: youth dance/mixer, community mural, Wii tournament, and a time capsule creation. Lodging and per diem provided. Space is limited don't delay call today. Contact Conrad Church (269) 462-4254.

Date: August 6–9

Location: Athens Community Center,
515 E. Williams Street, Athens, MI 49011
Rogers Lake, 58620 Sink Rd. Dowagiac, MI

Pow Wow Club

This is an opportunity for youth to learn about pow-wow culture. During these events participants will learn about pow wow dancing, drumming, regalia making and etiquette. Pow wow club is a new program, so please join us to give your input as explore this fun new group.

Date: Friday, August 31

Time: 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Location: Pow Wow arena

For more information, contact Conrad Church | (269) 462-4254 | Conrad.Church@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Enrollment Committee Seeks Member

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon citizens to fill a vacancy on the Enrollment Committee. The committee member position is vacant. The Enrollment Committee is responsible for reviewing and forwarding to Tribal Council the applications for tribal membership. The Enrollment Committee meets monthly, the second Monday of the month, at the Administration Building, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. Including meeting preparation, other enrollment business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately two to three hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Committee Member include:

To meet on a monthly basis to review the enrollment applications, and to hold such information as confidential and sensitive.

COMPENSATION: The Enrollment Committee members are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$75.00 per meeting. In addition, the Enrollment Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Enrollment Committee business.

ELIGIBILITY: To serve as a member of the Enrollment Committee, a Pokagon citizen must:

- be detail-oriented,
- be achievement oriented,
- be discreet and respectful of others' privacy,
- have good knowledge of math fundamentals.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS:

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

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

Kelly Curran,
Tribal Council Executive Secretary
PO Box 180
Dowagiac MI 49047

Questions concerning the Enrollment Committee or this notice may be directed to Judy Augusta, chairperson, (269) 782-9418, noswen@Comcast.net.

This position shall be open until filled.



Pokagon Cultural Center Workshop No. 5

Your Community, Your Place, Your Voice

The language, culture, and history of our people will soon have a new building to call home. The planning and design phase of the future Cultural Center is underway and we encourage the community to take part in a series of monthly meetings. A light lunch will be served at noon. Dinner and door prizes will be provided.

Topic: Cultural Center Programming Needs

Tuesday, August 28, 2012
12 pm – 8 pm { **Finance Conference Room**
Tribal Administrative Building
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

For more information, please contact the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4296 or Cultural Center Intern Jason S. Wesaw at jason.wesaw@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.

Marketing Coordinator Sought for Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering, LLC

Job Location: Benton Harbor, MI

Type: Full-Time Regular Employee

Job Description: Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering, LLC has an immediate opening for a Marketing Coordinator. Marketing Coordinator Job Purpose: Markets products by developing and implementing marketing and advertising campaigns; tracking sales data; maintaining promotional materials inventory; planning meetings and trade shows; maintaining databases; preparing reports.

Marketing Coordinator Job Duties: Implements marketing and advertising campaigns by assembling and analyzing sales forecasts; preparing marketing and advertising strategies, plans, and objectives; planning and organizing promotional presentations; updating calendars. Tracks product line sales and costs by analyzing and entering sales, expense, and new business data. Prepares marketing reports by collecting, analyzing, and summarizing sales data. Keeps promotional materials ready by coordinating requirements with graphics department; inventorying stock; placing orders; verifying receipt. Supports sales staff by providing sales data, market trends, forecasts, account analyses, new product information; relaying customer services requests. Researches competitive products by identifying and evaluating product characteristics, market share, pricing, and advertising; maintaining research databases. Plans meetings and trade shows by identifying, assembling, and coordinating requirements; establishing contacts; developing schedules and assignments; coordinating mailing lists. Monitors budgets by comparing and analyzing actual results with plans and forecasts. Updates job knowledge by participating in educational opportunities; reading trade publications. Accomplishes organization goals by accepting ownership for accomplishing new and different requests; exploring opportunities to add value to job accomplishments.

Skills/Qualifications: Direct Marketing, Market Segmentation, Marketing Research, Coordination, Project Management, Reporting Research Results, Understanding the Customer; Process Improvement, Initiative, Planning, Financial Skills, office managing, administrative assisting, some bookkeeping, Ajera Accounting Software, all MicroSoft family software, Adobe PhotoShop, marketing, graphic artist, and assisting in sorting through the myriad of solicitations from fedbizopps, set-aside alerts, Native P-TAC, Native Edge and the host of other small firm tasks.

Required Skills: Entry Level Administrative, Personal Assistant, Project Coordination, Business Management, Marketing, Product Management, Writer/Editor, Interpersonal Skills/Customer Relations, Team Player Skills, Computer Literate.

Must reside in a HUBZone in accordance with Federal government contracting requirements (<http://map.sba.gov/hubzone/maps/>) .

Minimum Education/Degree: High School Diploma or Equivalent, College Degree preferable.

Experience: 5 years

Required Certifications: None, but Current Driver's License required.

Physical: Not required, but pre-employment drug screening required.

Pay range: \$31,000-\$33,000 Salary/Annually, plus potential bonus.

Benefits: Medical, Dental, Optical, Paid Vacation-Yes, two weeks (10 days) and five personal days off per year after 1 year of employment. Life insurance (Pending) and 401(k) (Pending)

Contact: Thomas E. Wilbur, (269) 927-0144 or twilbur@7GenAE.com

FOUR WINDS INVITATIONAL

Junior Golf Clinic
Wednesday, August 8
9am – 10:30am Eastern
Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Indiana.

Learn to play golf like a champion at the Four Winds® Invitational Junior Golf Clinic.

Join us on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Indiana for an exclusive Junior Golf Clinic. Kids will learn golf basics and improve their skills from professional women golfers.

This event is limited to the first 50 junior golfers between the ages of 7 - 15.

Reserve your spot by August 3 by calling Cherie May at 269-926-5003.

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Exploring Opportunities. Changing Lives.

*Chi Ishobak (pronounced Chee Ish-oh-bock) which means "big cabbage," is the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's CDFI, Community Development Financial Institution. Chi Ishobak provides citizens access to affordable capital for the purposes of **business start-up and expansion** through education-based lending services.*

LENDING SERVICES

Micro Loans up to \$5,000
 Small Business Loans \$5,000 to \$35,000
 IDA (Individual Development Account) Matched Savings Program

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Financial Empowerment & Management
 Starting a Business
 Writing a Business Plan
 Marketing Your Business
 Business Legal Issues

RESOURCES

One-on-one Coaching/Mentoring
 Fifth Third Bank
 Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center
 SCORE
 Cornerstone Alliance

It is the vision of Chi Ishobak to support the efforts of a nurturing community that has restored its culture and language and provides a meaningful substance for all Pokagon citizens and individuals through employment, self-employment or traditional life ways.

For questions and additional information regarding Chi Ishobak, please visit us at:

415 E Prairie Ronde Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Or contact:

Sean Winters, Loan Officer
 (269) 783-4157

sean.winters@chiishobak.org

Time to Sign Up for Mandatory Direct Deposit

By Barbara Vincent, per capita accounting clerk and Julie Farver, accounting analyst

Citizens without direct deposit should be watching their mail for information regarding the new PNC per capita pay card. Starting with the per capita payment for August, funds will be directly deposited onto your new pay card, which citizens can use as a debit card for purchases.

Once you receive your letter, please complete the paperwork and return it to the Pokagon Band before June 15 at:

Pokagon Band
Attn: Per Capita
Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Or fax to: (269) 782-1964. When faxing, please call to verify we received it.

If you have any questions about the pay card, please call Barb Vincent at (269) 462-4209 or Julie Farver at (269) 462-4200 or (800) 517-0777. Once the pay cards have been issued, please contact PNC Bank at (866) 453-5071 for lost or stolen pay cards, or if you have any questions about activity and / or transactions. You may still call the Pokagon Band per capita hotline to get information on the monthly amounts of the payments or other pertinent per capita information.

Pay cards will be available to all Pokagon citizens starting in October, so even those with direct deposit can opt for a pay card instead.

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, 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.

Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Christmas 2011	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x
1986	Cristian M Cobb		x	x	
2476	Patrick Michael Phares			x	
2594	Nicole Marie Hamstra			x	
2823	Patrick Johnson				x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x
4319	Crystal Pokagon			x	x

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by August 15 in order to make it on the September check run. Anything received after August 15 will be processed on the check run for October. 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 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. 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.

Pokagon Band Tribal Court Publication of Hearing Case Number, 11-1442-CP

TO: THE MOTHER, APRIL WHITE, AND
THE FATHER, DEAN ALAN LEWIS,
In the Matter of Minor Child, J.A.L., DOB 05/30/2010

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on September 7, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Court, located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047, before the Honorable Michael Petoskey, Chief Judge, for the following purpose:

A hearing will be held on a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of Mother, April White, and Father, Dean Lewis, regarding the following minor child, J.A.L., who was born on 05/30/2010.

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

august

6 **language**

Roasted Chicken
Baked Potato
Carrots
Cottage Cheese and Tomato
Roll

7

Grilled BBQ Pork Chop
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Cucumber Salad

8

Turkey Pita Pocket
Assorted Veggie Tray
Baked Beans
Peach Cobbler

9

Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomato,
Onion, Cheese
Black Beans and Rice
Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Fruit Cocktail

10

Boiled Dinner W/ Sausage,
Onions Potatoes, Vegetables,
and Cabbage
Cornbread
Fruit Salad

13 **language**

Cube Steak W/ Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Zucchini and Summer Squash
Melon Salad
Roll

14

Sea Bass
Spanish Rice
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Peaches
Roll

15

Ham With Peppers and Pineapple
Red Potato Salad
Tomato Salad
Jell-O W/ Fruit
Bread

16 **business**

**Chicken Pot Pie
W/ Vegetables
Veggie Tray
Cottage Cheese
Fruit Salad
Roll**

17

Buffalo Burger
Baked Fries
Relish Tray
Blueberry Pie

20 **language**

Low Sodium Ham, Turkey, or
Chicken Sub
Assorted Veggie Toppings
Baked Chips
Strawberry Pie

21

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Corn on the Cob
Tomato Salad
Fruit
Roll

22

Dry Fruit and BBQ Chicken
Sweet Potato
Cauliflower
Frozen Fruit Bar
Rye Bread

23

Buffalo Meatballs in Spaghetti
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Strawberries

24

Tomato Soup
Tuna and Pea Salad
Tomato and Lettuce
Pickle Tray
Banana Pie

27 **language**

Beef Roast
Potatoes
Carrots
Spinach Salad
Apple Pie
Roll

28

Bean Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Veggie Tray
Blueberry Buckle

29

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Garden Salad
Bread

30

Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, and
Cheese Casserole
Tossed Salad
Corn Bread
Sherbet

31

Pork Loin
Red Potatoes
Asparagus
Coleslaw
Applesauce
Bread

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.

Elders Council Directory

Elders Hall (800) 859-2717 or (269) 782-0765

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(269) 463-5355Clarence White, Treasurer
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(888) 376-9988**Tribal Council August Calendar of Events**

- 6 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 7 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 13 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 14 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 18 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 20 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 21 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 27 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, noon
- 28 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 29 Tribal Council Meeting, Four Winds New Buffalo, 2:00 p.m.
- 30 Tribal Council Meeting, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10:00 a.m.

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

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.

August Citizen Announcements

Cushway-Gibson-O'Keefe Family Reunion 2012

Saturday, August 25, 4:00 p.m.
58901 66th Street, Hartford, MI, 49057 (New location, only five minutes from Four Winds Hartford)

Hog roast, bonfire, music, games and prizes! Bring your favorite dish or drink, a chair and a tent, if you're planning to camp.

Reunion t-shirts for sale, \$10 each. Check out the multiple styles available on Kathy Goodson's Facebook page.

Any questions contact: Carol Martin (269) 845-2124 or (269) 621-2637 or Kathy Goodson (269) 427-0971.



Happy 2nd birthday **Lillian Reagan Wesaw**, August 5
And happy 1st birthday **Isabelle Paige Wesaw**, August 7

We hope you both have a happy, fun-filled day!

We love you,
Grandma and Grandpa Perez

Ruth Marian Zimmerman will be celebrating her 90th birthday with a family party this month. She was born Ruth Marian Carter June 16, 1922 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She married Harold Daniel Zimmerman August 14, 1941. He died in 1988. Ruth worked along with her husband in their family business until they retired. She is a member of the Parchment United Methodist Church. She has four children: Harold Daniel (Patricia) Zimmerman, Bonnie (Brian) Spaulding, Steven (Claudia) Zimmerman, and Betti (Ronald) Wielenga, all residing in the Kalamazoo area. She has nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.



Happy 15th birthday August 2 **Charlie Ann Mohon!**
We love you, Dad, Mom, Teddie Bear, Roo and lil' Mick



Michael & Charla McKimmy would like to announce the birth of our son, **Michael Charles McKimmy**, born June 22, 2012 at 8 lbs., 9 oz., and 20 1/2 inches.

Happy birthday **Glen Wesaw**, July 3

Hope you have a fun and enjoyable birthday!
Love, Mom



Kyle Malott received a Pendelton saddle blanket after being voted the Most Improved by his fellow students at Hannahville Indian Community's June Potawatomi Language Summer Immersion.

The **Traditional Women of the Pokagon Band Community** are hosting the



5th Annual Sunrise Ceremony Womens Water Walk

Friday, August 31, 2012 : 7:00 AM

Ceremony and Walk begins at our Gage Street property and ends at Rodgers Lake. This Walk is held every year before the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow wow to honor the waters of the Pokagon Band homelands. Everyone who wishes to support the women and their effort is welcome to join in on the walk.

64264 Gage Street Dowagiac, MI 49047 | For more information, please call Andy Jackson at 269.462.4261.

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27th Annual Kee-Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow 2012

**Saturday, September 1
Sunday, September 2**

Grounds open at 10:00am

Grand Entry Times
Saturday 1:00pm & 6:00pm
Sunday at Noon

Native food & craft vendors

Admission is free

Head Vet
George Martin

Arena Director
Dave Shahanaquet

Emcee
Mark Denning

Head Judges
Ponchie and Debbie Plain

Head Dancers
Casey & Lora Church

Head Jr Dancers
Chinodin Atkinson
& Alexa Oldman

Dance Contest

Hand Drum Special

Great Lakes Old Style Special

Rustic camping for pow wow participants.

Cultural and Educational Activities

Host Drum
The Boyz

Co-Host
Ribbon Town

Invited Drums
Painted Rock
Southern Straight
Great Lakes Alliance
Wisconsin Dells

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Rodgers Lake · Dowagiac, MI · (269) 462-4325

www.PokagonPowwow.com

No firearms, alcohol/drugs, personal golf carts, politics, or animals on the pow wow grounds. The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the pow wow committee are not responsible for lost or stolen items.