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Pokagon Band and SMC Kick Off Apprenticeship Program

Six Pokagon Band citizens recently embarked on a learning journey in the Band's new apprenticeship program. Through a partnership with Southwest Michigan College, the program will provide Pokagon Band citizens and spouses with the training—from SMC instructors—necessary to become journeyman carpenters.

The first training semester consists of classes which began November 7 at the Prairie Ronde Realty Co. Business Center in Dowagiac. The classes meet every Monday and Saturday.

“They did a good job getting it together,” said Robert Kronewitter, one of the apprentices. “Since I need to be certified to earn better pay, and I like construction, it just makes sense for me. Plus it’ll keep the work and money in the tribe, so it’s a win-win situation. And they have plenty of building projects coming up.”

“This program is a 180-degree difference from other typical apprenticeship programs: we are providing the training, and then linking the apprentices with area companies to provide the on the job education” said Department of Labor representative Richard Overton.

Though this is a tribal initiative, the program meets all the necessary standards as other federal apprenticeship programs, so graduates will have employability in any business or company.

“Essentially we’re going to be manufacturing carpenters who will be skilled in their trade and further prepared to become contractors, business owners and employers,” said Jim Dybevik, director of human resources for the Band.

A year in the making, this non-traditional approach also departs from the typical college semester format, so that the training takes place from November through March when construction activity typically wanes due to weather



Anthony Foerester, tribal liaison with Christman construction company, and Aaron Closson, the program instructor, welcome the new apprentices to their first class. Photo by Kaity Fuja.

conditions. This allows that participants can be fully engaged working with area construction firms when the weather breaks in the spring and summer. In the future, program organizers will be meeting with the Southwest Michigan Homebuilders Association and the Kalamazoo Homebuilders Association to collaborate in matching carpenters with work opportunities.

“It’s a four-year program,” said Tim Childs of SMC. “All courses are done to a college-credit standard. They’re enrolled in college, leading to a certificate in construction technology.”



Victor Newsome gets out his backpack of supplies, provided by the program, and is ready to start class. Photo by Kaity Fuja.



Kimberly Wheeler is one of the six apprentices in the program. Photo by Kaity Fuja.

Using Technology to Save an Ancient Language

Webcasting and Videoconferencing Now Offer Language Learning to More Pokagons

For the first time, geography doesn't have to be a barrier to learning the Potawatomi language.

Thanks to a recent purchase of video conferencing equipment, Pokagon Band language learners can now take advantage of even more learning opportunities. Two or three Fridays a month citizens can come to the Community Center to view and participate in language classes broadcast from the Forest County Potawatomi. Jim Thunder (Forest County Potawatomi) teaches the classes.

"It's a fantastic program," said Teresa Magnuson, director of language and culture. "Seven of the eight other Potawatomi bands have purchased video conferencing equipment to increase language learning opportunities and network with other Potawatomis. It's a really big deal that everyone has this."

Classes are intended not just for learners, but for those who want to teach Potawatomi. In the morning course work is geared to learners, in the afternoon the focus is on teacher training. The program is funded by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans. The department hopes to utilize the equipment more often in the future.

In addition, learners can participate in twice-monthly Pokagon Band language workshops from their own homes. Different Potawatomi language speakers and presenters facilitate the classes, utilizing webcasting technology to broadcast to anyone with an internet connection.

"We have had requests for more language opportunities from citizens who live outside of driving distance," said Magnuson. "This is an attempt to reach those citizens."

So far three classes have been webcasted, and they will be archived on the website for those who missed the principle broadcast or want to review. The presenters include Lillian Rice, John Winchester, Frank Barker, Thomas Loftis, Kyle Kovich, and Kim Wensaut.

Check the monthly Language and Culture calendars on the website and in the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* for specific dates and times for these opportunities.



To view webcasted language classes, visit http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Language_and_Culture_Webcast.aspx



Above, Pokagon Band language students participate in a recent class with Potawatomis in Forest County, thanks to the new videoconferencing technology at the Community Center.



The Education Department recently hosted a party for families in their Nations that Reads program. Everyone who registered and reported books they read combined to read 2011 books, and were invited to celebrate with pizza, an ice cream sundae bar and games. Above, some of the readers play a variation on musical chairs. Stayed tuned for next year's reading program, which might have a more challenging goal!

Heather Farver and Kyle Malott Nominated for Youth Leadership Award

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The National Congress of American Indians recently held its conference in Portland, Oregon. NCAI is the largest native political organization in the country promoting sovereignty and governmental rights of Native Americans.

NCAI holds three conferences per year, and four Pokagon youth attend each conference. The Tribal Council selects two college students, one male and one female, to attend the event with two members of the Senior Youth Council. Several members of the Tribal Council also attend, and as does Chairman Matt Wesaw holds the position of Secretary on the NCAI Executive Board.

“Our Tribal Council recognizes the need to develop future tribal leaders,” explained Teresa Magnuson, director of language and culture. “For that reason, we send students to these conferences to learn leadership skills and develop relationships with other Native Americans from across the country.”



Tribal Council members Steve Winchester and Michaelina Magnuson, center, pose with Pokagon youth delegates, left to right, Alex Wesaw, Kyle Malott, Danielle Rapp and Heather Farver at the recent NCAI Conference in Portland, Oregon.

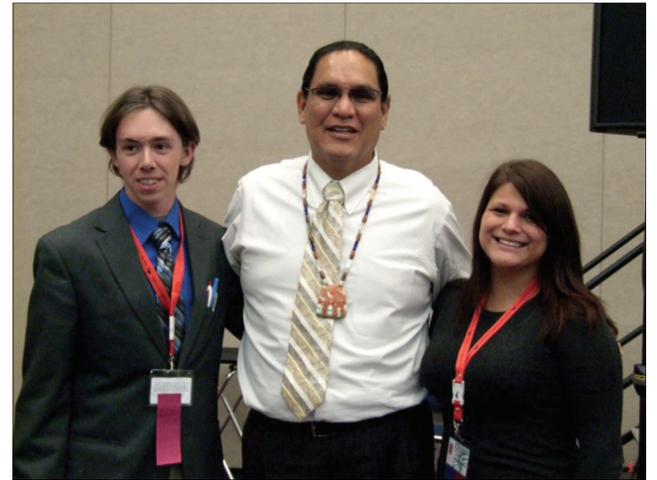
“We had a phenomenal conference,” said Magnuson. “Not only did we have Pokagons participating in the event, but two of our Youth Council members, Heather Farver and Kyle Malott, were nominated for the Ernie Stevens Junior Leadership Award.”

“It was an honor to be nominated,” said Farver. “Ernie has been a huge advocate for youth in Indian Country, and I hope one day that I will be able to give as much back to my community as Ernie has given to Indian Country.” Farver has attended four NCAI conferences and holds the treasurer position on their Youth Commission.

“There are so many youth out there, making a difference in their community who haven’t had the opportunity to be recognized individually,” stated Farver. “I believe that even though there are only two recipients of this award every year, it is truly a celebration of all youth leaders across Indian Country.”

“Being able to represent the Pokagon Band on a national level is a great honor to me,” said Malott. “I have such a great amount of pride in being a tribal citizen.” At the conference, Malott was able to attend a detailed session about Robert’s Rules of Order, and learned ways to apply them to the Pokagon Youth Council. These rules provide common rules and procedures for deliberation and debate in order to place the whole membership on the same footing and speaking in the same language.

One of the biggest highlights of the conference was having the opportunity to meet with the executive director of Native American Mentors about bringing Big Brothers Big Sisters to the tribe. “This was a very timely meeting,” explained Magnuson. “Our Youth Council recently launched an initiative to bring this program to the Pokagon people.” With funding being a major concern, they were pleased to identify a funding source at NCAI. “This is a huge breakthrough for us, and it is a way for us to give back to our community and help others,” explained Farver.



Ernie Stevens, center, the chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, is pictured with Kyle Mallott, left, and Heather Farver, right, who were nominated for the youth leadership award that bears Stevens’ name.

Farver, an intern in human resources with the tribal government, was asked to speak to the youth participants on the topic of professional preparedness. “I discussed the importance of higher education, preparing for college and graduate school, and how to write an effective resume,” said Farver. “Not only was it an honor to be asked to present at this conference, but it was a huge step for me, personally.” Farver has always had a fear of public speaking, but her involvement in NCAI and the Senior Youth Council has challenged her to step out of her comfort zone and gradually overcome this fear.

Other highlights of the conference included having lunch with the executive director and staff members from the National Indian Child Welfare Agency, a performance and motivational speech by Grammy-winning recording artist Star Nayea, and hearing Dirk Whitebreast’s inspirational story of running multiple marathons for suicide prevention.

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

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

Beat the Holiday Weight Gain

It's incredible to think that the year is coming to an end and the holidays are here. Along with those thoughts of shopping, going to parties, wrapping gifts, and meals on the run, many of us will have the nagging thought of unwanted pounds. By following these little tips, perhaps you will make it through the season with fewer pounds gained, and maybe a little less stressed, happier and healthier.

1. Psyche yourself up: don't allow for expansion—wear your snugest clothes that don't allow your waist to expand. Leave the sweat pants in the closet.
2. Keep your back to the food. Don't stand and watch the buffet table at parties, or even stand close to it. Scan the table for three to four things you will enjoy eating and save the highest calorie food for the last. You may have less chance of

overeating. Go for the protein foods as they are more filling, higher in iron, but leave off the sauces or cheese for lower calorie results.

3. Pace yourself. Eat slowly by taking smaller bites, chewing and swallowing thoroughly, drinking water between bites, or even putting the fork down. Wolfing down food usually equals an additional seventy calories for just one meal. This can add up to about a one pound weight gain in just 45 days alone.
4. Write it down. According to the National Weight Loss Registry, the more food records a person kept, the more weight lost. E-mail to yourself what you ate at work during the day or use [www. MyPyramid.gov](http://www.MyPyramid.gov) food tracker to help you keep a food diary.

5. Get moving. We all know: calories in and calories out. Think of exercising in minutes. Ten minutes is better than nothing, and three ten-minute sessions a day equals a thirty minute workout
6. Liquid calories count. These can really sneak up on a person. Eggnog, coffee drinks with whipped cream, hot toddies, and spiced rum can all have as many calories as a personal-sized pan pizza! In addition, many of them are just calories without any nutritional value in them at all
7. FIBER! Think about eating five to 11 fruit and vegetable servings a day before you let yourself indulge in high, empty calorie holiday treats. If it works out for you, you may not have anything to lose that second week of January.

Beat the holiday mindless eating trend, and join us at the Hopkins Community Library in Hopkins, Michigan, Tuesday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m. for a Life's Balance Management Program. Please call Susan Gundersen, RD, CD at (888) 440-1234 to register for this program. Class is limited to ten people.

Good health is the best gift we can give ourselves. Happy Holidays!

The Band's Buses Have Arrived

The Pokagon Band's buses came rolling in to their new home last month. The two—one holds 18 passengers, two of which can be in wheel chairs, and the other holds 34, with two wheel chair spaces—are ready for their first trip.

The buses, purchased with an Indian transportation grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, were custom built locally by the Holland Bus Company from Holland, Michigan. They are universally accessible with lifts and extra large bathrooms to accommodate wheelchairs, and feature upgraded seating and amenities—like a DVD player—for longer trips.



ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

December

Dates:

Every Monday
December 5th
December 12th
December 19th
December 26th - No Class
(Holiday, Offices Closed)
December 27th - Make-up Day

Time:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location:

Elders Hall
53237 Townhall Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

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



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Everyone is Invited!

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

Rock Island Family Restaurant Offers Something for Everyone

by Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

For the past 35 years, Rock Island Family Restaurant, located near I-196 and M-40 in Holland, Michigan, has been serving up family favorites to their diners. Five years ago, the establishment changed ownership when it was purchased by tribal citizen Conrad Church and his wife, Kathy.

“Kathy was the general manager prior to us purchasing the business, and she continues to manage it today,” explains Conrad. “Having previously worked for Herman Miller, the restaurant business is new to me.”

The menu features a variety of entrees made from old family recipes including a taco platter, burrito, steak, pot roast, and homemade bread pudding. “We acquired many family recipes when we purchased the restaurant,” explained Conrad. “Our entrees are just like homemade, and we have added some new dishes to the menu as well.” With so many items to choose from, Conrad finds it hard to choose just one favorite. “The fried chicken is excellent, but our burrito is really good too.”

The restaurant employs twenty people including their children, Cassandra and Collin. Cassandra is a server, and Collin handles the marketing and computers. Their busiest time of year falls during the summer months when tourism is at a peak and during Tulip Time. We draw a number of tourists and truck drivers because we are located so close to the expressway,” said Conrad.

The Churchs have expanded the business in the past few years by offering catering and fundraising services. “We have catered a few tribal events including the Wellness Gathering and the employee picnic,” said Conrad. “Additionally, we have catered some local weddings and supplied sub sandwiches for school fundraisers.” Area schools like to work with their restaurant because they are supporting a local business instead of ordering subs through a larger company out of the area. Another area of expansion includes selling deli-style sandwiches like local convenience stores.

The Churchs promote their restaurant through advertisements in the local newspapers, sponsoring sports teams, and by holding theme weeks around

holidays. “The week prior to Halloween, we had a Pirate Day and a Sports Day to mark the occasion,” said Conrad. Diners enjoyed good food while having some family fun.

The Church family resides in Allegan County, and they are currently hosting an exchange student from China. “We are always happy to welcome new customers to our restaurant, and we aim to keep our regulars happy,” explains Conrad. “Because we are not tied to a restaurant chain, we have the flexibility to customize menu items to meet the needs of our diners.” If you find yourself in the Holland area, stop in for an excellent meal while supporting a fellow Pokagon.

Rock Island Family Restaurant
1816 M-40
Holland, Michigan
(616) 392-1515

The Pokagon Band

Annual Childrens Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17

Wonderland Cinema
402 North Front Street
Niles, MI 49120

Admission begins at 8:50 a.m.
Movie begins at 9:35 a.m.

M-89 Cinema
Cross Oaks Mall
Plainwell, MI 49080

Admission begins at 8:50 a.m.
Movie begins at 9:35 a.m.

- 🎟️ We will provide the movie ticket, popcorn and pop!
- ★ Please note this movie is rated PG.
- 👤 Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- 👥 Limit of two adults per family.

This opportunity is being made available to households of Pokagon Band youth 18 years and younger.

A limited number of tickets will be available for the next showing if there is an overflow.

The movies will still be shown on December 17, regardless of weather but please use good judgment in driving in case of bad weather.

Questions?
Please contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHILD'S POKAGON BAND TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD.



Native Healing

Jake Pine will be visiting our community for traditional healing and wellness assistance.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment.

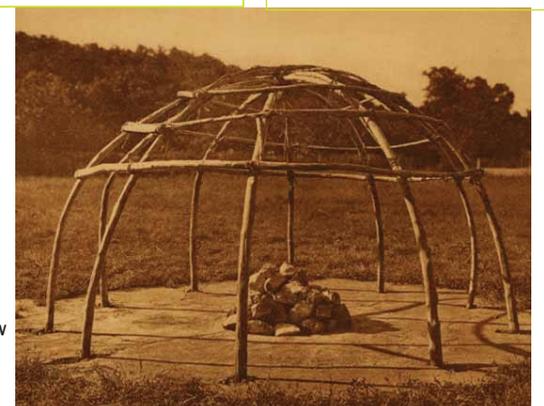
Date: Monday– Wednesday
December: 12-14, 2011
Time: 9:00-12:00pm & 1:00-5:00pm
Location: Teaching Cabin
Rogers Lake
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, Mi. 49047

Individual Appointments: Monday-Wednesday (please bring tobacco).
Co-ed sweat lodge on Wednesday evening at 6:00pm

Co-ed Sweat Lodge:
Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 6p.m.

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

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Supplemental Heating Program Accepting Applications Beginning December 5

For the sixth year the Social Services Department will provide supplemental heating assistance, and will begin accepting applications December 5. This program will provide a credit of \$225 per eligible household to help with high energy costs. The Supplemental Heating Program provides assistance to income-eligible Pokagon Band households anywhere in the United States; the program is not limited to the ten-county service area.

The Supplemental Heating Program is separate from the LIHEAP Program. The Supplemental Program has higher income guidelines and can be provided to more households. Current LIHEAP recipients automatically qualify for the Supplemental Program, but are required to still submit documentation. A second payment is not anticipated this year.

To apply, call the department for an application at (269) 782-8998 or (800) 517-0777, or visit the office at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, Michigan.

Items you will need to fill out the application are:

- Proof of all household income:
 - proof of income for last 30 days, and/or
 - award letters (from SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, etc.), and/or
 - child support received or paid, or
 - completed Zero Income Form (obtain from our office or website) if above do not apply
- Bill from your energy provider
- Tribal ID card

Income Guidelines are:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$36,000
2	\$43,000
3	\$50,000
4	\$57,000
5	\$64,000
6	\$71,000



An application may also be obtained from the Pokagon website at http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Supplemental_Heating_Program.aspx

Summer College Intern Program Gears Up

Tribal citizens attending college are eligible for a paid eight-week summer internship with various tribal offices in Dowagiac, Michigan. Possible placements include the following departments: Department of Housing, Department of Health Services, Information Technology, Department of Social Services, Human Resources, Education (K-12), Education (Higher Education), Natural Resources, Department of Finance, Tribal Court, Department of Communications, Tribal Police, and the Department of Language and Culture.

Pokagon citizens who will be continuing college in the fall and who have completed at least one semester (12 credits) by June 4, 2012 are invited to apply. This can include dual/enrollment credit. Applicants must also be at least eighteen years old by June 4, 2011. Qualified applicants who were not interns last summer will be given first preference.

Selected candidates must pass a background check and a pre-employment drug screening. Candidates must be able to make arrangements to submit to a background check and drug testing in Dowagiac by January 30, 2012. Interns will earn \$10/hour, a monthly housing allowance of \$400, a clothing allowance of \$300 and mileage reimbursement of up to \$225 monthly.

Interested citizens can receive more information by contacting the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234.



Download an application at the Pokagon Band website at: <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Departments/Education/>



The Four Winds New Buffalo hotel and convention center expansion project met its first major milestone on November 12: completion of the structural steel and concrete structures, including raising both the Pokagon Band and the United States flags. A "topping out" ceremony was held that afternoon. Tribal citizens and workers in attendance included Jimmy Wesaw, David Mix, Steve Smedburg and Richard Rininger.



POKAGON BAND DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Women's Drum Practice and Talking Circle

Ladies, Come and Join the Circle

December 12 we will be having

Beatrice Jackson in our community to share her drum teachings with us.

Drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and to learn songs. Please wear your skirts and bring a dish to pass for a sharing feast with the men's drum class.

Talking circle is a time to share our personal stories and help each other with our cultural teachings. We will be meeting at the long house.

Everyone is invited!

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

Date:
December 12, 2011
Drumming
December 28, 2011
Talking Circle
Time:
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location:
Tribal Lodge
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI



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STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Math—Program Launched

The push is on across the country to make the STEM subjects more approachable and less intimidating. According to a July 2011 report by the U.S. Department of Commerce, STEM occupations are projected to grow by 17 percent from 2008 to 2018, compared to a 9.8 percent growth for non-STEM occupations. STEM workers command higher wages, earning 26 percent more than their non-STEM counterparts.

The K–12 Program is approaching STEM from several directions, including staff knowledge, family involvement, and student participation. On September 30, Dr. Amanda Serenevy, director of Riverbend Community Math Center in South Bend, met with the K–12 staff for the professional development she offers to many South Bend area teachers. During the Parent Expo on October 22, she taught students and families about origami, the traditional Japanese art of paper folding to create paper sculptures that involves geometry. On Friday, November 4, staff had the second training with her, where we refreshed additional math skills. The next day Dr. Serenevy joined with families at an afternoon

workshop the Community Center studying the effects of vibration and amplitude, more involved origami, and creating “fractional cookies” using triangles and hexagons to form patterns with cookie dough. On November 12 Conrad Church led a STEM Science of Swimming event at the Allegan Aquatic Center, exploring buoyancy.

If this doesn't sound like math and science classes the way you were taught, you are probably right! Educators are using more creative and engaging methods to teach STEM subjects, helping the students to see the everyday impact of these subjects.

School districts are incorporating more STEM programming, and the Pokagon Band's K–12 Program is doing the same. Our planning flourishes when we include input from the families and students within the K–12 Program. Please feel free to contact Conrad Church at (269) 782-0887, (888) 330-1234, or conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov with information about what interests you. What workshop would you like to see? Let's continue growing the STEM program together!



Above and above right, Pokagon students work on understanding vibrations and geometry at a STEM event. Right, swimmers experienced hydrophysics first hand in the pool.

Christmas Basket Distribution

Distribution will begin **Thursday, December 15** and run through **Sunday, December 18** at the Commodity Building, 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac, Michigan.

Hours of distribution:

- 🌿 **December 15** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*
- ★ **December 16** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
- 🌿 **December 17** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*
- 🌿 **December 18** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

*Note: After December 15, dates and times are dependent on basket availability.

Call for more information
(269) 782-3372 or (888) 281-1111



1,200 baskets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Families with 1–4 household members receive 1 basket.
Families with 5–8 receive 2 baskets.
Families over 9 receive 3 baskets.

You may pick up no more than 4 baskets for other citizens with a written & signed permission slip.

Chairman's Corner

Hello everyone. It continues to be a busy time for Tribal Council and staff. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the dedication and efforts of everyone who continue to work in the best interests of our tribal citizens.

Thanksgiving will have passed by the time the newsletter reaches your household, but I hope your celebration was everything you had hoped, and I truly hope you have reasons to be thankful. As you move into the Christmas season, I pray it brings joy and happiness to you and your families.

Many of you have heard the tribe received an invitation from the Lt. Governor of Indiana to display various cultural and traditional activities at the Statehouse. On Tuesday, November 22 we were scheduled to be personally welcomed by the Lt. Governor, Becky Skillman. While I was writing this article the administration learned of a major demonstration that was going to occur at the Capitol that entire day. Due to the expected number of participants and the fact that this group has demonstrated before, it was decided to cancel the event for the safety of our citizens. I know based on the work that went into the event that this is a great disappointment. Instead, staff planned a mini pow wow at the Community Center for our citizens and staff on that day. I would like to extend my thanks to Council members John Warren, Alice Overly, and Steve Winchester for their efforts and Jason Wesaw, government manager, for orchestrating all of the activities. Last but not least, the tribal citizens who were involved in sharing all deserve a chi-migwetch. We hope to reschedule the event at the Capitol in the near future.

Council was treated to a rare opportunity of listening to six of our fluent Potawatomi speakers recently. They were invited to meet with Council to discuss what steps we could take to help preserve

the language. It was a very positive meeting and I think several good ideas were identified. Council will continue to support the efforts of our language director Teresa Magnuson in developing strong language program.

I was privileged to attend an event featuring a Navajo Code Talker with several of our Pokagon veterans. Samuel F. Sandoval, U.S. Marine Corps. was one of 420 Code Talkers during WWII. He is now one of about 50 who are still living. He spoke of life on the reservation as a young man and his stint in the Marine Corps. He went through twenty weeks of training to learn what the military needed identified and to make sure everyone was using the same terms. A museum is being built at this time to honor their unit and is scheduled to be completed in 2014. It will be located on the Navajo reservation. Our head veteran Anthony Forrester presented Mr. Sandoval with a Pokagon Veteran Coin. Other veterans in attendance were Jason M. Wesaw, Scott Brewer, Derek Brunnell, and our housing director Jim Coleman. It was an honor to meet and listen to Mr. Samuel Sandoval. As I have said many times, it shouldn't be just on Veterans Day that we honor our veterans. If it wasn't for their service we wouldn't have the freedoms we have today. Thank all of you for your service.

For those who may not have heard, our government manager Jason Wesaw has worked out an agreement with the Sylvan Learning Center for tutoring services to our citizens in need. Hopefully this service will be successful and provide the assistance that some of our citizens need to advance their learning.

During the annual NCAI meeting held in Portland, Oregon, two of our young future leaders were nominated for youth leadership awards. Kyle Malott and Heather Farver were nominated from the group



Chairman Wesaw met with President Obama in October during a presidential trip through Holland, Michigan.

of Pokagon young people who attended. While they didn't receive the award, our future leaders continue to be recognized for their character and work ethic. Congratulations to both for being nominated and recognized by your peers.

Lastly, Council is in the process of reviewing the Revenue Allocation Plan. It was discussed at the November Saturday meeting and will be discussed again during the December meeting. Council is looking for your input. Council feels that the formula can be adjusted to increase the amount of the monthly stipend. We must remember that we are still working with a fixed amount each month based on financing documents. This must be carefully planned so that we don't create a situation where we can't properly fund citizen services. Council looks forward to your comments, please attend the next council meeting.

My door is always open and my phone is on. If you are in the area, stop in and say hello.

Are You a Savvy Holiday Shopper?

Retailers have their red mark-down pens out earlier than usual this year, meaning that many consumers will begin taking advantage of bargains in advance of the traditional Black Friday rush.

As consumers hit the malls this holiday season, some are experienced shoppers, having weathered many years of finding just the right gift at just the right price. Nonetheless, whether novice or seasoned veteran, it's always smart to arm yourself with timely shopping tips.

The National Foundation for Credit Counseling reminds consumers of five things not to do at the mall:

- Do not carry your checkbook or more credit cards than you will use during that shopping trip. If your wallet is lost or stolen, this will limit the damage. Tip: Make a copy of the front and back of all credit cards, and put the list in a safe place at home. In an emergency, you will have easy access to a list of all your cards, the account numbers, and the bank's Customer Service number to report the incident.
- Do not carry large amounts of cash. Even if you are committed to paying for your purchases with cash, be aware that pick-pockets take advantage of crowded areas and distracted people. Tip: Instead, make frequent trips to the ATM to replenish your stash of cash. Or, consider using your debit card for transactions, being sure to hang onto receipts and record in your check register to avoid overdrafts.
- Do not shop while in a hurry or at the last minute. You'll end up spending more than you should simply to be able to mark the item off your list. Tip: Block out a specific time for shopping. Make your first trip a leisurely one, simply getting an idea of what's available this year and at what price. Take notes, and once back at home, get organized for the actual buying adventure.
- Do not shop without a list. Santa thinks it's a useful tool, and so should we. Tip: Make your list specific. Don't just include the names of those for whom you need to purchase a gift, but also include the specific item you're looking for, and most importantly, the amount you intend to spend. Having an overall holiday budget floating around in your head isn't good enough. Without a plan, you'll likely get caught up in the hype and overspend in the blink of an eye.
- Do not pile new debt on top of old. Some people are still paying for 2010 holiday expenses as they enter the 2011 buying season. Don't make your financial situation worse by being one of them. Tip: Think about it, you're buying for friends and relatives who will be the first to understand if you need to cut back. If you are in a tenuous financial situation, it will only be made worse through irresponsible spending. Consider writing a heartfelt note to those on your list, being sincere about your feelings toward them and why they mean so much to you. Most people can't recall what they received last Christmas, but this will be a treasured gift remembered for years to come.

The holidays can be particularly difficult for those unemployed or facing foreclosure. However, even if your situation is not that serious, we're living in tough economic times, and no one should be spending money they don't have. Being financially responsible this holiday season is a gift to yourself and to those you care about.

If you need help creating a holiday budget or paying off an existing debt load, don't delay reaching out for help. To be automatically connected to the NFCC Member Agency closest to you, dial toll free to (800) 388-2227, or go online to www.DebtAdvice.org.

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Department of Education Updates and Announcements

Pokagon Adult Education/ GED Lab

Mondays/Wednesdays 5:30–8:00 p.m.

Tuesdays/ Thursdays 10:00 a.m.–12noon & 1:00–3:00 p.m.

The Pokagon Adult Education / GED Lab allows tribal citizens ages 18 and over the opportunity to work at their pace on GED attainment and completion of other courses by using ODYSSEYWARE, an Internet-based curriculum. When a tribal citizen starts working on the program, Department of Education staff will work to tailor-fit each student's learning needs. Students who are working on the attainment of a GED will be eligible for the Pokagon Band GED Assistance program, which will pay for GED testing, provide gas cards for travel to and from the lab, help provide other supplies. During lab hours, drop-in tutoring will also be available.

Tribal citizens with access to the Internet who are interested in utilizing the ODYSSEYWARE program outside of the computer lab can also work on GED attainment at their own pace in their own homes.

Interested tribal citizens can contact the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 to set-up initial testing or attend any lab to start the process.

Important FAFSA Information for College Students

In order to be considered eligible for most financial aid opportunities, including the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship, you must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form, or FAFSA.

Students can file the FAFSA for the upcoming school year after January 1. We recommend you apply as early as you can. Please keep in mind:

- You must apply for every year you are in school
- While you cannot apply until January 1, you can apply for your PIN # anytime. You will need this PIN # to sign your application, and receiving the number early will save you time.
- Different states and institutions have different deadlines for state aid. Make sure you check with your school's financial aid office for deadlines.
- There is no cost to apply for the FAFSA. Beware of organizations and websites that require you to pay to apply for the FAFSA.

 The official website to apply for the FAFSA is www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Need help in filling out the FAFSA? Some resources available are:

- Financial Aid office of your college
- Guidance office of your high school
- The College Goal Sunday website has information for each state on Sundays where local colleges host workshops to help in the FAFSA process.

 The website is www.collegegoalsundayusa.org

- Call the Pokagon Band Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 for assistance. We have a computer lab available where students can check out online resources and file the FAFSA. Arrangements can be made by contacting Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist, to use the computer lab during non-business hours if necessary to accommodate your schedule.

Interested in Applying for College?

College Horizons is a pre-college program for Native American high school students open to sophomores and juniors. Each summer, students work with college admissions officers, college counselors, essay specialists, and other educators in a six-day college admissions workshop focused on understanding the college admissions/application process. Two locations are available: Kenyon College (Gambier, OH), June 10-15, 2012 or University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA), June 24-29, 2012. Space is limited and the deadline to apply is February 6, 2012. Apply at collegehorizons.org.

Remember Us Over the Winter Break!

The Department of Education—including your library—is open during winter break. If your students are catching up on homework, working ahead toward a project or come up against a wall with a question, please feel free to call us or come by the office. We have great resources here and staff who is always glad to give a hand. And, you are always welcome to come in and search through the library for just that right book!

K-12 Reimbursements

Don't forget to turn in the receipts for school related expenses. The basic yearly reimbursement (up to \$50) covers pre-K through grade 12. The High School Success program covers a few more of the expenses relating to graduation and preparation for college, such as one ACT/SAT test, up to \$100 in college entrance fees, and the basic cap and gown. This money is available to all Pokagon Pre-K – 12 grade students. Contact Connie at (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234 with questions.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Department of Language & Culture

MEN'S & BOY'S DRUMMING CLASS

Contact Information:

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



Dates:
Wednesday—December
Wednesday—December

Time:
6:00pm—8:00pm

Location:
Teaching Cabin
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047



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

Calling all men & boys that are interested in learning how to drum! John T. Warren will be sharing drum teachings, pow wow singing, and drumming techniques. Please come and join us for an evening filled with traditional drum teachings, singing, and drumming

- Culture**
- 12/10 & 12/11 | Hide Tanning Workshop, Andy Jackson's House 10am
 - 12/28 | Talking Circle with Cleora Morseau, Long House, 6pm

- Drumming**
- 12/7 & 12/28 | Men's Drumming Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
 - 12/12 | Women's Hand Drumming with Bea Jackson, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

- Language**
- Mondays & 12/27 | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am-12pm
 - 12/2 & 12/9 | Language Video Conferencing, Community Center, 8-5pm
 - 12/14 | Language Class with Frank Barker, Community Center, 6-8pm
 - 12/8 | Language Class with Thomas Loftis, Community Center, 6-8pm

- Native Healing**
- 12/12-12/14 | Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm
 - 12/13 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm

- Native Nations Youth Council**
- 12/10 & 12/11 | Cultural Activity, Hide Tanning Workshop, Andy Jackson's House 10am
 - 12/3 | Business Meeting, Finance Conference Room, Sr. YC at 12pm, Lunch at 1pm, Jr. YC at 2pm

- Pow Wows & Festivals**
- 12/10 | GR Native American Women's Gathering Program 9-5pm
 - 12/21 | Winter Solstice Featuring Joanne Shenandoah, Detroit, MI, 6-9pm

- Traditions and Repatriation Committee**
- TBA, check website after 11/28/11 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm.
 - 12/17 | Winter Ceremonies, Rodgers Lake, Long house, 6pm

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Department of Language and Culture

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	5 Elder's Language Class	6 Co-ed Sweat Lodge; Native Healing	7 Men's Drumming	8 Language Class with Thomas Loftis	9 Language Video Conferencing	10 YC & Cultural Activity Hide Tanning Workshop; Women's Gathering GR Native Program
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11 YC & Cultural Activity Hide Tanning Workshop	12 Elder's Language Class; Native Healing; Women's Drumming with Bea Jackson	13 Co-ed Sweat Lodge; Native Healing	14 Native Healing; Language Class with Frank Barker (Webcasted)	15 Mastermind (Staff Only)	16	17 Traditions & Repatriations Winter Ceremonies
18	19 Elder's Language Class	20	21 NIEA hosts Winter Solstice featuring Joanne Shenandoah	22	23 Offices Closed	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Offices Closed Elder's Language Class (Canceled)	27 Elder's Language Class	28 Talking Circle with Cleora Morseau; Men's Drumming	29	30 Offices Closed	31 New Years Eve



Elders Council Business Meeting | November 10, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Audrey Huston, 11:04 a.m.

INVOCATION: Clarence White

ROLL CALL: Jeanette Mollett, A; Clarence White, P; Audrey Huston, P; Member-at-Large, Ruth Saldivar, P. Also in attendance: Petey Boehm, Lynn Davidson.

AGENDA: The Arts and Craft show will be held November 13, 2011, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Basket making has started. Contact Petey for the times. There will no basket making in December due to other commitments.

The election results were announced, Maxine Margiotta is the new Vice-Chair, and Clarence White is treasurer.

The Christmas gift exchange will be held December 15, 2011, \$10.00 gift for men, \$10.00 gift for women. Petey explained that the LIHEAP applications are in.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Faye Magnuson asked if anything had been done for the Veterans. As of yet nothing has been done. \$500.00 was allotted to this project; they would like to

have sweat pants and socks. We will purchase the sweat pants and put a box in Elders Hall for socks. November 18, 2011 is the deadline. Bonnie Parrish gave a report on MIEA and NICOA. Not sure where NICOA will be held. MIEA thanked us for our donation. The Pokagon Band will be the host for the 2013 MIEA Conference. Would like some ideas as to how things should be done.

NEW BUSINESS: Stanley would like the Elders to have a 50s/ 60s type of reunion: 50s /60s type music, refreshments, balloons in your school colors, and streamers. Let us know if you like this idea. They might be able to get Bob Linn to play.

A question was asked about why there is no lighting where you turn into the Edawat complex. Work orders have been put in, and nothing has been done about it.

Another question was why they changed the Dental plan, and did not notify us. Patients of Dr. Cripe can now go to him at the Clinic.

People who have been at staying at the campground claim there is no police presence at night.

OLD BUSINESS: The buses have arrived. Polo shirts are still being worked on.

MINUTES: Clarence moved to accept the Oct. 6, 2011 minutes, Ruth supported, (3) yes, (1) absent. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth moved to accept the Treasurers report, Audrey supported, (3) yes, (1) absent. Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Active Living classes started September 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Jackie Trux, Susan Laursen, Evelyn Miller, Fred Klemm, Margaret Rapp, Stanley Morseau, Gar DeMarsh, Faye Magnuson.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: Clarence & Jenny White (35 years), Ken & Essye Kirvan (20 years), Gus & Dorothy Gwil.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:50 p.m.

Financial Empowerment Workshop



During October the Community Financial Empowerment program presented workshops on Why We Buy: The Psychology of Spending on three separate occasions, helping participants understand needs versus wants and how advertising works.

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 Julie Farver in the Finance Department at (269) 782-8998.

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

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.

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.

Tobacco Sales

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

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, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011
Thursday, December 15, 2011	Thursday, December 29, 2011	Friday, December 30, 2011
Friday, January 13, 2012	Monday, January 30, 2012	Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Wednesday, February 29, 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, March 29, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012
Friday, April 13, 2012	Thursday, April 26, 2012	Friday, April 27, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Thursday, May 31, 2012
Friday, June 15, 2012	Thursday, June 28, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012
Friday, July 13, 2012	Monday, July 30, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Thursday, August 30, 2012	Friday, August 31, 2012
Friday, September 14, 2012	Thursday, September 27, 2012	Friday, September 28, 2012
Monday, October 15, 2012	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Wednesday, October 31, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012*	Tuesday, November 20, 2012	Wednesday, November 21, 2012

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by December 15 in order to make it on the January check run. Anything received after December 15 will be processed on the check run for February. 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.

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

december

1 **business** | Community Center

2

Hot Roast Beef W/ Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Tri-Blend Veggies
Garden Salad
Fruit / Roll / Cake

Sea Bass
Spanish Rice
Green Beans
Black Raspberry Jell-O W/ Pears
Garlic Bread

5 **language**

Bean Soup
Low Sodium Turkey Sandwich
Veggie and Relish Tray
Melon Slices

6

Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, and
Cheese Casserole
Cucumber Salad
Peaches
Cornbread

7

Brats with Whole Wheat Bun
and Sauerkraut
Red Potato Salad
Tomato Salad
Blueberry Pie

8

Salmon Patties
Macaroni and Cheese
Garden Salad
Spinach
Pineapple and Cottage Cheese
Roll

9

Buffalo Chili
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad
Fresh Fruit
Cornbread

12 **language**

Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Fruit
Roll

13

Buffalo Sloppy Joes
Baked Potato Fries
Raw Veggie Tray
Fresh Fruit

14

Chicken Noodle Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Garden Salad
Cookie

15 **social**

Prime Rib
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Tiramisu Cake
Roll

16

Tuna Macaroni Salad W/ Peas
Lettuce and Tomato
Whole Wheat Crackers
Sherbet Cup

19 **language**

Chicken Gumbo Soup
Red Coleslaw
Fruit Salad
Cornbread

20

Pork Chops
Baked Potato
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Fruit
Roll

21

Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Peas
Sliced Tomatoes and Cottage
Cheese
Roll

22

Buffalo Tacos W/ Shredded
Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, On-
ion, Beans and Salsa
Soft or Hard Taco Shell
Fruit Salad

23 **closed** | **christmas**



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26 **closed** | **christmas**



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27

Baked Fish Square on a Bun
Assorted Veggie tray
Macaroni Salad
Yogurt W/ Fruit Cup

28

Barbeque Bean Bake W/ Buffalo
Tomato Salad
Brownie
Roll

29

Turkey Manhattan on Bread
Mashed Potatoes
Tri-Blend Veggies
Coleslaw

30 **closed** | **new years**

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.**

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(888) 376-9988**Tribal Council December Calendar of Events**

- 5 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 6 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 10 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 13 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 14 Tribal Council Legislative Session, Community Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 20 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 26 Tribal Council Meeting, cancelled
- 27 Gaming Authority Meeting, cancelled

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.

December Citizen Announcements



Happy 22nd birthday **Garrison H. Grubb**
From your family
Really? A cookie cake?



Audrey Huston (pictured with her new friend, comedian Harley Worthit) and the elders enjoyed their recent trip to Branson, Missouri.

Brain Tanning Workshop Part Two



Bob Berdad scraping a hide

This is a messy job so it is recommended that you wear old clothing, and also bring a change of clothes. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate.

Please call ahead to register we have limited space available.

We'll be brain tanning deer hides with Bob Frank, John Winchester, and Mike Jackson

Date: December 10 & 11, 2011

Time: 10-?

Location: Andy Jackson's home

33701 Middle Crossing Rd.

Eau Claire, Michigan

Contact Information:
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