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Upgrades to Police Communication Systems Will Improve Public Safety

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

In the fall, the Pokagon Tribal Police Department was awarded a more than \$900,000 Community Oriented Policing Services grant to improve communication systems between tribal police and the sheriff's departments in Van Buren and Cass Counties.

The Pokagon Tribal Police Department has worked with Van Buren and Cass counties in the past, and there are many current police functions that will improve with system upgrades. This grant will provide funding for full system upgrades and get all departments working with updated and compatible software. Improved communications between the departments will lead to faster response times and increased public safety.

"The tribal police do not have their own dispatch center, and that requires us to rely on the dispatch office of Van Buren and Cass counties," explained Chris VanCompernelle, captain of the Pokagon Tribal Police Department. "We will use the grant money to purchase electronic records software as well as computer aided dispatch software and hardware."

Upgrading to electronic records will allow officers in different departments to easily share information. The computer aided dispatch system will provide tools to get responding officers to their destination faster.

"These upgrades will increase public safety for tribal citizens and people living in Van Buren and Cass counties," said VanCompernelle. "The speed at which the information can be sent to the dispatcher will be greatly improved, and that will lead to faster response times." The new software will include mapping and GPS functions that will allow them to see where dispatchers are located so that they can allocate resources accordingly. "We will be able to push maps to the officer's car so that they can pinpoint where to respond and determine the best approach in reaching their destination."

"We are currently in the process of meeting and selecting vendors for the upgrades," said VanCompernelle. They are hoping to have installation of new systems and training started this spring.

Jamie Brown Strawberry Basket Displayed at Smithsonian

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Pokagon citizen Jamie Brown and her family traveled to Washington D.C. in December to participate in the Annual Art Market at the National Museum of the American Indian. While she knew that her large strawberry basket was being considered for the cover of an upcoming issue of National Museum of the American Indian magazine, she never dreamed that the Smithsonian would purchase and display her piece.

"My mom submitted a bunch of pictures, and then we got a call requesting a high resolution photo," said Brown. "We were told that it was being considered for the cover of the magazine." After a while, Jamie's mom went online to see if Jamie's basket had been selected for publication. "Mom was disappointed when she didn't see my picture, but she must have looked at the wrong issue," said Brown. "When we arrived at the event, there was the magazine with a picture of my strawberry basket right on the cover sitting at our booth! We were all very excited, and felt extremely honored."

The Brown family attended a preview party, and Jamie got another big surprise. "Within the first half hour that we were

there, I was approached by a buyer from the Smithsonian," said Brown. "They purchased my strawberry basket for \$10,000." Brown's basket is expected to be on display within a year to a year and a half. "The basket is quite large, so it will take some time for space to open up," explained Brown.

Brown made her first basket when she was eight years old. By the time that she was 12, she was making them on a regular basis. "I was taught by my mother, and it has really become a family activity," said Brown. "I love making baskets and it is special that my whole family is involved."

In March, Brown will travel to the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona to compete and sell her baskets. "It is a great place for Native American art, and I have always wanted to go there and sell my baskets," said Brown. "I am taking this upcoming semester off and will be focusing on basketmaking to get ready for this event."

Brown is a junior at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. "I am an anthropology major, but I am thinking of going in a different direction and doing missionary work."

When not studying or making baskets,



Brown enjoys playing drums with her band. "We are a Christian rock group, and we do a lot of praise and worship music," said Brown. "We have plans to do a mini-tour this May where we will play at a wedding in Montana and also at some youth events." Brown's band once played for a youth event for the Pokagon Department of Education, and they are excited about the possibility of performing at the Silver Creek Event Center at the Four Winds Casino.

2013 Tribal Government Budget Includes New or Improved Citizen Services and Programs

Tribal Council approved the 2013 budget for the Pokagon government December 17, allocating its portion of the Revenue Allocation Plan for programs, staffing and services—many of them new or enhanced—for Pokagon citizens. Continuing to realize the vision and desired outcomes Council laid out in 2009, leaders voted to better fund education, language and culture, housing and social services, and augment other programs beneficial to Pokagon families.

In the area of education, college students will see an increase in book stipends to \$150/class for associates and bachelors students, and \$300/class for masters students and higher. In K–12 education, reimbursements were raised to \$100/child per year. The popular summer enrichment program for students in grade 5–12 is now a year-round initiative. Also, adult students can access funds for on-site child care during GED labs.

Tribal Court and Social Services have been focusing on keeping Pokagon children with Pokagon families, and a new budget allocation of \$300,000 will assist Pokagon families in qualifying as foster care providers. A new foster care coordinator will offer support to those families. And thanks to two new grant awards, the tribe can hire a domestic violence coordinator, and grant coordinators to work with the LAUNCH project, aimed at improving physical, mental and social health of Pokagon kids from birth to age eight.

Council also has funded the Department of Language and Culture’s two language apprentices, who will be paired with fluent Potawatomi speakers in northern Wisconsin for two to three years. Following their apprenticeship, the two will return to lead language classes and language revitalization efforts, including a future immersion school for Potawatomi children. This effort is a several year long, \$1 million commitment to help the Potawatomi language survive.

Starting in the second quarter of the year, Pokagons receiving rental assistance will see an increase in that amount to \$300 per month and student rental assistance will increase to \$250. And of the 32 units under construction at Pokégnek Édawat, ten housing units will be available to citizens without HUD income restrictions. Thanks to a HUD grant, the Housing Department can hire two new part time service coordinators to help low-income housing clients with strategies for success.

At Pokagon Health Services, a new home health nurse will join the staff to increase home visits and patient support for citizens who are home bound or need extra care.

Chi Ishobak, the Pokagon Community Development Financial Institution, will be introducing a matched car savings program for 13–17 year olds. The teen contributes an amount up to \$25 a month, which Chi Ishobak will match, until the total reaches \$2,400.

Mno Bmadsen Makes First Business Acquisition: Accu-Mold Inc Inc.

Mno-Bmadsen, the economic development enterprise of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, recently completed its acquisition of Accu-Mold Inc. a plastics engineering and tooling company near Kalamazoo, Michigan specializing in metal to plastic conversions.

“We put together a plan, and we know where we want to go,” said Troy Clay, president and CEO of Mno Bmadsen, of their strategic plan and investment criteria. “And following that plan was how we found Accu-Mold.”

Accu-Mold has been in business for more than 36 years. The company designs more affordable plastic alternatives to metal, and its products include surgical pens and transmission valves. Mno-Bmadsen will continue to operate the business of Accu-Mold Inc. under its new subsidiary, Accu-Mold, LLC, and plans to add to the present technology and skilled workforce at their current location. The previous owner, Dave Martin, will remain with the company as president for the next two years.

“Buying a company that’s up and running and successful has advantages,” said Clay. “You see a balance sheet in the first month, and it plants a seed for further economic development opportunities. This process already has led to more engagement with businesses locally whose goals intersect with ours.”

The acquisition has been in progress for months, which the two entities performed due diligence and negotiated the terms of the purchase.

“We had to be patient because we knew the planning was important,” said Eugene Magnuson, chair of Mno-Bmadsen’s board of directors. “This announcement validates all our work, internally and externally. Now we can talk publicly about our progress, and we’ve set the foundation for further growth.”

Accu-Mold employs 16 full time and two part time employees, and one of the team’s first tasks



is succession planning. Dave Martin, the current president, will likely serve as a consultant following the two year time period. They’ve started a search for a citizen interested in becoming the vice-president of sales and administration, and will be creating internship opportunities for citizens as well.

Other Mno-Bmadsen Opportunities on the Horizon

Organized as a diversified holding company, Mno-Bmadsen invests in and acquires new and existing companies within targeted industries, with a focus on long-term sustainability in both purpose and profitability. Mno-Bmadsen currently holds one other subsidiary, Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering, LLC, located in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

“There are fewer than a dozen tribally-owned architecture and engineering firms in the U.S. so 7Gen made sense,” said Magnuson. “We see a positive future in that, being able to work on tribal and other government construction projects.”

7Gen is currently looking for a citizen with architecture experience to serve as general manager.

According to Clay, Mno-Bmadsen hopes to have a new acquisition once every year to 18 months. Also in the works: a gas station convenience store going up near Four Winds Dowagiac, and a methane power plant they’re hoping to break ground on this year. The power plant will be located near Four Winds New Buffalo, and provide energy service to the casino.

“That project is a great example of how we can capture tribal expenditures,” said Clay. “We are constantly asking ourselves: what is the maximum use of our tribal sovereignty for economic advantage, in terms of our land and our rights?”

“We have a personal stake in this,” said Magnuson. “We’re citizens; we take the success of these ventures personally.”

Call Pokagon Health Services to Schedule Flu Vaccinations

“There’s no doubt that we’ve seen more flu cases already this year than we typically do,” said James K. Haveman, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health. “Hundreds of thousands of people are hospitalized with flu each year. Vaccination is the single most important step we can take to protect ourselves and our families against infection. It’s not too late to get vaccinated before Michigan’s flu season peaks.”

In addition to the two flu-associated pediatric deaths in Michigan, there have been 149 positive influenza cases confirmed at the MDCH Bureau of Laboratories, as of January 4. This number does not represent all the influenza cases diagnosed and reported in Michigan, as additional cases have been confirmed at laboratories throughout the state. During the last flu season, there were four positive cases reported at this time; however, last year we experienced a relatively late and mild flu season.

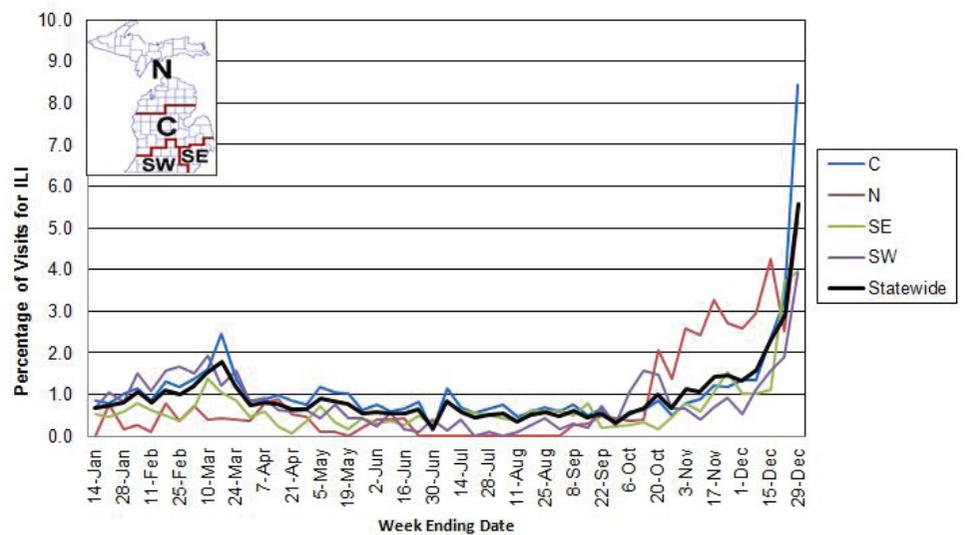
Among vaccine-preventable diseases in adults, influenza has the greatest impact in the U.S. population.

- An average of 36,000 deaths and over 200,000 hospitalizations associated with influenza occur each year in the United States
- The overall national economic burden of influenza-attributable illness for adults, age 18 years and above, is \$83.3 billion. Direct medical costs for influenza in adults totaled \$8.7 billion including \$4.5 billion for adult hospitalizations resulting from influenza-attributable illness

- Influenza is also responsible for substantial indirect costs (\$6.2 billion annually), mainly from lost productivity. Each year, among adults age 18 to 64 years, 17 million workdays are lost to influenza-related illness

Vaccinations are available now at Pokagon Health Services and will continue throughout the entire flu season, and there is an ample supply of flu vaccine available. Citizens can call to schedule their shot at (269) 782-4141.

Percentage of Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Reported by Sentinel Providers, Statewide and Regions 2011-2012 and 2012-13 Flu Seasons



Is It a Cold, or the Flu?

This winter, health officials are concerned about the severity of the influenza outbreak. But if you’re sick, do you recognize the difference between a cold and the more serious flu? For some people—those with a chronic illness like diabetes—

the flu should trigger a call to the doctor. You’ll also need to allow more time to bounce back from the flu. Check out the below table to distinguish between to two.

	Cold	Flu
Possible symptoms	Stuffy or running nose, sneezing, sore throat, cough, low fever	High fever; chills, weakness, loss of appetite, body aches, dry cough, burning eyes
Duration and onset	About a week, developing slowly	A week to 10 days, appearing suddenly
How you feel	Just a bit tired, with symptoms focused on your nose, throat and head	Worse than a cold: sore, weak all over and as if you could sleep all day
Self-care	Prop your head up at night to help your nose drain, drink lots of fluids and take it easy	Sleep and rest as much as you can and drink lots of fluids; if possible, stay home for a day or two after your fever goes away
Medication	There’s no cure; over the counter medications can ease symptoms	Over the counter medication can ease symptoms; antiviral medicines can shorten the flu
When to call a doctor	The discharge from your nose or throat turns yellow or green	You already have another chronic illness, or your symptoms last more than ten days or start to worsen
Prevention	Wash hands often and avoid close contact with sick people	Get a yearly flu shot, wash hands often and avoid contact with sick people

“Breastfeeding is a mother’s gift to herself, her baby and the earth.”

By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

As the Pamela K. Wiggins quote above says, breastfeeding is one of the most important things that a mother can do for her child. Breastfeeding is, without question, the best food for a baby. It is filled with nutrients and antibodies that can make a baby smarter and keep her from getting colds. It decreases the baby’s risk of a host of health problems, like diarrhea, pneumonia, ear infections, asthma, obesity, types 1 and 2 diabetes, childhood leukemia, reflux, colic, and allergies.

As for the gifts to the mother, breastfeeding decreases her risk of postpartum adjustment disorder and helps create a greater bond with her baby in the early stages of life. It’s also associated with fewer incidents of postpartum bleeding. Breastfeeding lowers mom’s risk of ovarian cancer. In fact for each month of breastfeeding, the relative risk decreased by two percent. Breastfeeding for 18 months or more was associated with a significant decrease in ovarian cancer. Similar statistics bear out for decreased risk of breast cancer, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and cardiovascular disease. The longer the mother breastfeeds, the better it is for her; for example if she breastfed two infants for six months each, her total breastfeeding time would equal 12 months.

Because breastfeeding is so incredibly healthy, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that new moms exclusively breastfeed their babies for the first six months, and keep at it while supplementing with solid foods for at least a year. Unfortunately most are not coming close. Of the estimated 75 percent of woman who started, only 44 percent are still nursing six months later, and less than 15 percent are doing so without supplementing with formula or food, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

There are some tips that could help a mother to be successful at breastfeeding, and continuing to breastfeed to the six month mark and beyond.

Assemble a support team

While breastfeeding does get easier with time, most moms will admit that the first few weeks can be a struggle. Those that get lots of support, especially from their partners, have better odds of overcoming any problems and being successful. There are many ways that dad can get involved and be instrumental to making it work: He can help to position the baby as she latches on, hold her between feedings, prepare meals and snacks, and offer words of encouragement.

Ask for longer leave

Moms who take more time off from work tend to nurse longer than those with shorter maternity leaves. While an extended leave is not always possible, it shouldn’t hurt to ask. Don’t forget that many moms pump on the job and bring breast milk home to their babies. It is a law that employers must allow moms time for pumping but each place of employments policy on this varies so check with your human resources department to help you plan for this.

Don’t be in a rush

Expectant moms should reduce the temptation to request an induction just because there tired of being pregnant. The more mature babies are, the better they seem to breastfeed. Inducing labor with the drug Pitocin also can lead to situations that may compromise breastfeeding such as increased weight loss for the baby (which could prompt hospital staff to supplement with formula) or more painful contractions for mom (which might result in her getting pain meds sooner).

Minimize the meds

Natural birth isn’t for everyone and for many women an epidural is the saving grace. However, it can affect a baby’s ability to latch on and suckle at the breast in the hours after childbirth. To reduce the impact on the baby, try to delay the epidural or pain medications for as long as possible. In the meantime laboring moms can use breathing and other techniques learned in childbirth class to cope with contractions.

Avoid hospital hiccups

Most medical facilities in the United States are not providing enough help and/or have policies and practices that can actually hurt the process. Twenty-five percent of breastfed babies are given formula, water or glucose supplements in the first two days of life, even when medically unnecessary. To avoid this, woman should state their preferences upon arriving at the hospital and ask their doctor to leave written orders stating that the baby is not to receive bottles of formula or water. Mom can also tape a sign to the babies’ bassinet.

Nurse in the first hour

As long as the baby is full term and does not need urgent medical care. The AAP recommends that the baby should be placed on her mom’s bare chest immediately following birth and remain there until the first feeding occurs. This skin-to-skin contact is not only comforting to a baby, but it can also help her tap into her instinctive reflexes to latch onto her mother’s breast.

Be Roommates

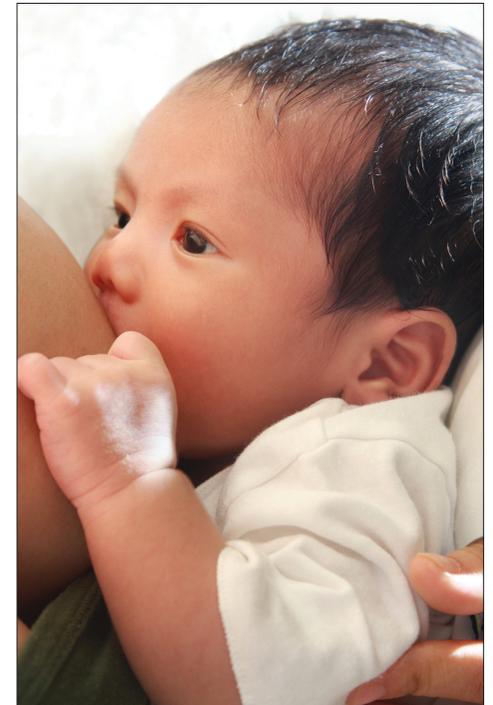
Newborns nurse better and mother’s milk supplies are greater when they room together in the hospital and at home. Moms are more attentive to feeding cues and also the babies have been shown to cry less often which makes breastfeeding easier.

Feed your baby often

Frequent nursing is the key to good milk supply. During the first month, every two to three hours is a good rule of thumb. Instead of watching the clock we ask that mothers watch their babies for certain feeding cues such as bringing his/or her hands to her mouth, rapid eye movements, hand sucking, mouth movements and turning the baby’s head in towards the mothers breast. Mother should forget trying to wake baby from a deep sleep to eat it will be frustrating for mother and baby to try to get baby calmed down to eat.

Give yourself a hand

The number one reason that mom’s quite breastfeeding is not enough milk. Hand-expressing some milk



after each feeding can help to ramp up the mother’s milk supply. The extra breast stimulation will help prompt the mother’s body to produce more milk. This is crucial in the first three days after delivery, which is when mom’s milk supply is being established.

Get free help

Most hospitals have a lactation consultant who comes by to answer breastfeeding questions. Pokagon Health Services has a certified lactation counselor on staff to work with Pokagon mothers and families. She usually recommends meeting with mothers once before delivery for education and to get a history on the mom, and then after the delivery to be sure everything is going ok.

The breastfeeding program also has a small supply of breast pumps that are loaned out to mothers to help them get and keep a good milk supply. If you have any questions regarding breastfeeding, please contact health services at (269) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234, extension 225.

Get Ready for Sisbaktoké Sugar Bush Season

The Departments of Language and Culture and Natural Resources are gearing up for sisbaktoké | *sugar bush*, and are in need of families to assist. This is a time when our families can work together and promote community spirit. We will begin harvesting the sap from our maple trees at Rogers Lake Campus and are in need of people to sign up and help with the following jobs for about four hour intervals:

- Carrying the sap
- Tapping the trees
- Tending the fire to cook the sap
- Evaporator tenders

We hope to start cleaning up the area in February and tapping the trees in March, but with the unpredictable weather, we may have to harvest in February like last year. Please contact Andy Jackson at (269) 4624261 or Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov to sign up for a time that works for you and your family.



Practice Your Potawatomi

Welcome to the new language corner. Look here for future learning opportunities for all ages and levels from beginner to advanced. And try your hand at some contests! Check out the activity below; send your answer in and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card.

E-mail, fax, or mail your answer to:
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 Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
 58620 Sink Rd.
 Dowagiac, MI 49047
 Fax: (269) 782-1817
Rhonda.purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Potawatomi Alphabet Sounds

The Potawatomi language consists of the following vowels: e, é, ë, a, i, o. Each letter has only one sound, for example; G in Potawatomi is the sound that is heard in green, it never makes the sound as in giant (that would be a J). Practice the Potawatomi alphabet sounds and try the exercise below:

Potawatomi Letter	English Word	Potawatomi Word	Circle the word(s) containing the correct vowel sound					
e	fish	neshnabe (original person)	mesh	bet	pin	bit	grin	epic
é	bat	kwé (woman)	bay	bat	okay	hey	obey	
ë	but	nenë (man)	son	but	met	hen	gun	judge
a	father	bémadzet (one that has life)	mom	sat	fog	father	mad	
i	feet	bodwéwadmí (Potawatomi)	lean	green	mitten	if	see	machine
o	Rome	bon (snow)	joke	pod	okay	goat	go	odd
g	green	gigabe (boy)	giant	green	jelly	glory	jungle	good

Counselors and Specialty Service Providers Needed for Culture Camp 2013

The Department of Language and Culture is looking for Camp Counselors and specialty service providers for the Summer Youth Culture Camp for the positions of: 1) lifeguard 2) nurse 3) caterer 4) Junior Camp Counselor and 5) Senior Camp Counselor. The lifeguard will only be needed for identified days and times of the camp, but the nurse and caterer are required to be available for the duration of the camp—which is scheduled for June 14 – 22, 2013. All camp staff is required to attend a mandatory orientation and training on Thursday, June 13.

Counselor Requirements:

- At least 18 years of age for Junior Counselors
- Prior experience working with youth for Senior Counselors
- Culturally knowledgeable, sensitive and open minded.

- High school graduate/ college preferred
- Experience working with youth, classroom management, and public speaking.
- Must be able to work as a team.
- Physically capable to participate in most camp activities
- Available from June 14 – 22, 2013
- Able to pass a criminal background check, drug screening, and fingerprinting

If you are interested in being a part of the 2013 Culture Camp team, please call Conrad Church, director of language and culture, (269) 462-4254 office or (269) 783-6773 cell. All applications must be returned by March 15.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
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Dowagiac, MI 49047



Comprehensive Women's Health Initiative a Priority at Pokagon Health Services

The current challenge for many tribal health systems is to deliver a truly comprehensive set of women's health services.

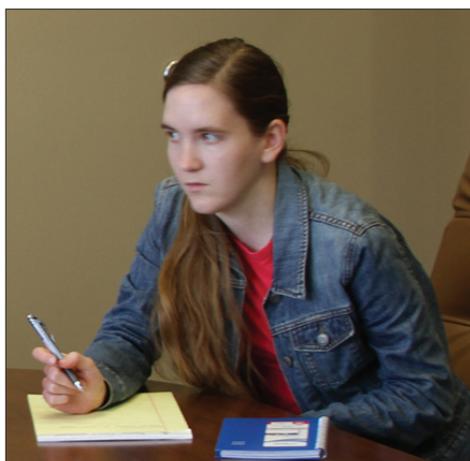
"We have to get away from considering women's health as limited to pregnancy and delivery," says Dr. Arthur Culpepper, director of health services.

In recent years, clinical research has focused on defining women's health more broadly, and identifying gender-based differences in care delivery. Those gaps in delivery made little sense given that women spend a lot more on health. Statistics indicate that inpatient expenses annually are about \$188 billion for women to \$165 billion for men. Home health expenditures each year are \$24 billion for women compared to \$14 billion for men.

Pokagon Health Services will begin designing a women's health services initiative. The strategic plan will be built around three areas of focus. Area one will be to integrate a multidisciplinary clinical services approach that address women's unique needs across the life span, focusing on prevention and treatment, and providing a convenient one-stop shopping design. Area two involves integrating community outreach, education, and recruitment with the activities. In area three, Pokagon Health Services will disseminate information on diseases specific to women, for health maintenance, disease prevention and for living with illness.

"It's not easy, because women are so important to the family unit. Their health, in many ways, is almost everything," said Culpepper. "We have to look at programs and services and put a sound structure around the women's health delivery system. But we are underway to developing this new approach."

New Education Associate Joins Team



Hello! My name is Rachel Orvis and I am the newest K-12 education associate. I am originally from Northwest Iowa and relocated to Dowagiac with my husband after spending four years as a special education teacher in Houston, TX. Since moving to Dowagiac, I have taught summer school for the Band, worked at Justus Gage Elementary, and coached the Dowagiac Freshman Volleyball team. In my free time, I enjoy riding horses, running, gardening, and spending time outdoors. While I miss the warmth of Texas, I am enjoying the changing of the seasons and even the snow. I look forward to meeting all of you and getting involved with all the wonderful Education events coming up this year.

Head Start Accepting Applications for 2012–2013 School Year Waiting List

By Sarah Hyatt, Head Start director

After the tragedy in Newton, Connecticut, we have decided to implement a closed school environment at Pokagon Band Head Start. We still welcome and encourage parents and community members to visit our program, and the same friendly environment that you have come to expect will remain the same.

We have already implemented locking the front entrance door (all other doors have been and will remain locked at all times) during the school day. Once the school buses arrive and unload, the building the front entrance will be locked. All visitors, including parents and guardians, will have to ring the black doorbell to be allowed in by a staff member. (When ringing the bell, please make sure to push the button directly in the middle).

This is just one more way we can provide peace of mind to our parents and community members because your child's safety is our top priority. We will also be reviewing our current lockdown policy to see if there are any changes we need to make.

We are accepting applications for the 2013–2014 school year. The application deadline is June 1, 2013. Any applications received after the deadline will be placed on the waiting list. Children must be three years of age by December 1, 2013 to be eligible for the 2013–2014 school year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF Assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the tribal ID to be considered for enrollment. Please contact the center at (269) 783-0026 or (866) 250-6573 with any questions about enrollment or to request a pre-application.

School days are Monday–Thursday from 8:30–2:30. Transportation is provided in limited areas with central pick-up and drop-off locations. We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The Potawatomi language and culture is incorporated throughout each day. The program does accept children with disabilities.

The program is looking for regalia that anyone would be interested in donating. If you have regalia that your children have outgrown or any old shawls and do not have any uses for these items, the Head Start children would be honored to have the opportunity to have these items in their classrooms. If you have any items that you are willing to donate, please contact Samantha Townsend at the center or by email at Samantha.townsend@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Myrissa Rowe and Carson Rice Achieve Academic Excellence

By JT Laraway, education associate

Join us this month in applauding Myrissa Rowe and Carson Rice on their academic achievements. Myrissa is a kindergarten student at Red Arrow Elementary in Hartford, Michigan. She received all As on her report card and ranks top in her class in both math and language arts. In her free time Myrissa enjoys playing school where she practices her reading and spelling. Myrissa also attends Alley Kat Dance Studio where she enjoys tap, ballet, and jazz. However, her favorite dancing is the jingle dress dancing she gets to do during pow wows. Thank you to her Uncle Mike and Aunt Shannon Snay for submitting this recommendation for academic excellence to the Pokagon Department of Education.

Carson is an exemplary student who in the month of November 2012 was inducted into the first ever chapter of the Hartford Elementary National Honor Society. During her first marking period Carson received all As and Bs on her report card and had perfect attendance. Carson is also a Girl Scout and involved in competitive cheering. Please join the Department of Education as we congratulate Carson for her academic excellence and continued hard work. Thank you to her mom and dad, Scott and Ginny Rice, for submitting this recommendation for academic.

MIEA Scholarships Offered

By Bonnie Parrish, MIEA secretary

One last reminder about the Michigan Indian Elders Association Incentive Awards and Scholarships for K–12 and college bound students: students can earn \$25 for each marking period this semester for straight As and/or perfect attendance.

Application must be in April 1 to qualify. College bound students could receive either a \$500 or \$1000 scholarship, awarded by a panel of judges. These applications must be received by June 30 to qualify.

You can get your applications by going on line to michiganindianelders.org or contacting the

Education Department. Come on students! Get registered and make us all proud of you. Good luck to all.

Volunteers

The program is always looking for volunteers. You do not have to have a relative attending the program to be a volunteer; anyone can be a volunteer for the program! Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement activities for fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, cousins. This is a great way for the men to get together and spend time with the children. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for include winter stocking caps, gloves/mittens, child size winter boots, snow pants size 4–6, boys & girls clothing sizes 2T–6X/7 (there are always families in need), play dough, snow sleds/saucers, various art supplies.

Upcoming Events/Closures

January 31 Family Fun Night 6:00–8:00 p.m.

February 18 The program is closed in observance of President's Day.

February 28 Family Fun Night 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday to you!

Mrs. Samantha Townsend 1/2/13 Happy Birthday!

Ms. Carrie Neumann 1/7/13 Happy Birthday!

Ms. Sarah Green 1/10/13 Happy Birthday!

Mrs. Rosie Smith 1/12/13 Happy Birthday!

Nathan DeBortoli 1/17/13 Happy 5th Birthday!

A'zhani Simon-Dixon 1/18/13 Happy 5th Birthday!

Mr. Jon Carlson 1/20/13 Happy Birthday!

Devin Rock 1/27/13 Happy Birthday!

John Rader 2/6/13 Happy 5th Birthday!

Regan Hinton 2/10/13 Happy 4th Birthday!



Myrissa Rowe



February 2013 Department of Language and Culture

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Winter Story-telling; Hannaville, MI	2 Winter Story-telling; Hannaville, MI
3	4 Elder's Language Class	5 Basic Language Class Early Start Language Class	6 Ladies Drumming	7 Intermediate Language Class	8	9 Jr & Sr Youth Council Meeting
10	11 Elder's Language Class Native Healing	12 Basic Language Class Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat	13 Native Healing	14 Intermediate Language Class	15	16
17	18 Elder's Language Class	19 Basic Language Class	20 Ladies Drumming	21 Monthly Language Workshop w/ Lillian Rice	22	23 Native Youth Parent/Guardian Group Meeting Family Teaching w/ Lillian Rice
24 Domestic Violence Honor Shawl Project	25 Elder's Language Class; Trad. & Rep. Meeting	26 Basic Language Class	27 Men's Drumming	28 Intermediate Language Class		

Culture—

- 2/23 | Family Teachings w/ Lillian Rice, Gage Street, Dinner Provided, 1-7pm,
- 2/24 | Domestic Violence Shawl Project, Community Center, 1-5pm

Drumming—

- 2/6 | Ladies Drumming, Gage Street, Pot Luck Dinner, 6-8pm
- 2/20 | Ladies Drumming, Gage Street, Pot Luck Dinner, 6-8pm
- 2/27 | Men's Drumming, South Bend Office, 6-8pm

Language—

- Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am-12pm
- Tuesdays | Basic Language Class Community Center, 6-8pm
- Thursdays | Intermediate Language Class Community Center, 6-8pm
- 2/5 | Early Start Language for Children, Community Center, 6-8p
- 2/21 | Monthly Language Workshop w/ Lillian Rice, Community Center, 6-8p

Native Healing—

- 2/11—2/13 | Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm
- 2/12 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm

Youth Culture—

- 2/9 | Jr Youth Council Meeting, Community Center, 12p-1:30p
- 2/9 | Sr Youth Council Meeting, Community Center, 1:30-3:30pm
- 2/23 | Native Youth Parent Guardian Group Meeting, Community Center, 10:00a-12pm

Traditions and Repatriation

Committee—

- 2/25 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6-9pm

Department of Education Announcements and Updates

Pokagon Book Club

Want to explore the Pokagon library but are too far away to come to Dowagiac? If the answer is yes, we have a new program for you! Interested citizens who do not live close to the tribal library will have the opportunity to have books sent to them. The book selection will be books with Native American themes, including books specifically with Potawatomi and Pokagon themes. Please contact the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 to sign-up.

Come Cuddle Up with a Good Book

On Saturday, March 23, the Department of Education will be hosting a Reading Party. Pokagon students and their families in grades K–12 are welcome to come and share in an afternoon of fun and reading. There will be crafts, story time, and snacks. This event will take place at the Pokagon Band Administration Building in the Department of Education, and runs from 2–4 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow. For more information or to preregister, call Connie at (888) 330.1234. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

2012 Reading Program Update

We are getting so close to the end of this reading program. We are at 3,541 books. Please get those list turned in. As soon as we reach 4000 books, we will have another gift card drawing from the families registered that have submitted a book list. The \$10 gift card drawing for the 3500 books read goes to the following people:

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| 1. Lauren Abbott | 6. Allison Warner |
| 2. Steven Emerick | 7. Danica Heath |
| 3. Ari Bradshaw | 8. Sara Dye |
| 4. Emily Serbar | 9. Sarah McGrew |
| 5. Myrissa Rowe | 10. Michael McBride |

You can e-mail your book list to connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov. New sign-up sheets can be found on the Pokagon web site.

Kids, are you ready to join in the summer fun?

The Department of Education is already gearing up for the summer! These activities are created around academic, cultural, and social growth and are available to the children from the Pokagon Band and children registered in the K–12 Program. Please contact Connie Baber (connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (888) 330-1234) for the application forms. You may also find them on the website.

THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES' AND GED RECIPIENTS' BANQUET This is a time to honor the academic growth our graduating students. The wide span of accomplishments is acknowledged: grades, attendance, extra-curricular activities, and we share a great feast. The community is invited to join in the festivities. Join us Friday evening, June 21, from 5 – 8 p.m., at the Community Center as we honor these students and show our support for their next steps.

SUMMER SCHOOL Students entering kindergarten through sixth grade share a balance of academic, cultural, and social teachings. The four weeks in July (Monday through Thursday, July 8 through August 1) are filled with learning and fun. This year we are holding activities with the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources and with the Department of Language and Culture as we explore the theme “Where We Live.” Call Connie for the application.

SUMMER YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM What a great way for youth to experience working together for the tribe. The Interns are welcomed into various Departments to learn the skills they need for that area, strengthen their resumes, and earn some money while they are at it.

Middle and High School students, are you planning ahead for life?

8TH – 12TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS / LEGAL GUARDIANS Join us as we GOAL – Get Organized and Ahead for Life. The monthly meetings will be opportunities to ask questions and explore options about college and careers. The first meeting is Wednesday, February 6 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. in the Department of Education. This is a chance to focus on what you need to get where you are going in your life.

10TH AND 11TH GRADE STUDENTS The deadline for your College Horizons application is February 4. Please call if you have questions, or go to their website: www.collegehorizons.org. This crash course for college applications covers so much more and includes making contact with numerous colleges and universities. 99 percent of the College Horizon alumni go straight to college. We can help with funding for the week-long experience.

11TH AND 12TH GRADE STUDENTS You are doing the school work to get yourself into college. We want to help you on the entrance journey with your FASFA, college applications, ACT/SAT tests, and dual enrollment opportunities, to name a few steps. Joseph Avance, higher education specialist and Traci Henslee, employment and training specialist, in your Department of Education are looking forward to working with you. K-12 staff is here for you, too. High School Success reimbursements assist with some of the costs. Give us a call at (888)330-1234.

Summer Enrichment Expands Its Timeline

Summer Enrichment, funding up to \$500 for 5th – 12th grade students wishing to enrich their summer growth through workshops, camps, classes, etc., is now a year-around opportunity for Pokagon children in 5th through 12th grades! Contact Connie Baber for the Enrichment application forms for this January through December opportunity.

Don't forget registration and reimbursements!

K-12 Registration is taking place on a daily basis. You can download the applications for both the In Ten County and Out of Ten County registration. Do you still have receipts for school supplies to send in for your \$100 reimbursement? You can get the form for this on our website, or call us to request one. Don't overlook the High School Success Reimbursement, too, for those additional expenses that start with high school graduation and college application processes.

We have great kids all over the place!

And we have the opportunity to get that word out – in this newsletter! Call the Department of Education (269)782-0887 or (888) 330-1234 to get the “Academic Excellence” and the “Extra-Curricular Excellence” forms. Nominate your own child, a relative, a friend; this is a fun opportunity to show support to a child and share with the rest of the community about what awesome kids we have.

Volunteers needed

Volunteering — what an awesome way to get involved with the tribe's youth. You would assist in long-term activities, short-term activities, or single events. Volunteers will go through the tribe's background check, including drug screening. Duties will vary depending upon the event. A possible involvement could be working with the LEGO League as it grows. What a great way to make a difference and have a fun time.

Tutoring reminder

If your K–12 student is getting a C- or below in a core subject, call Kristie Bussler (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234 to talk about tutoring. This is for both the in ten county and the out of ten county students. We want to support you and your children with their academic success.

Help Needed for 2013 Gathering

The Pokagon Band will be hosting the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations August 6-11, 2013. As the Band prepares for the event, Pokagon citizens can help.

T-shirt Art

Please submit designs for the 2013 Gathering t-shirt by in the February 15, 2013. The theme is 9 Flags 1 Spirit. The Gathering work group will review the submissions and choose whether to accept or deny any or all of the designs submitted. Please send images to Paige Risser via e-mail to Paige.Risser@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or to her attention at the Administration Building at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

2013 Miss Potawatomi Crown

Please submit bids for a fully beaded crown displaying the words Miss Potawatomi 2013 by March 1, 2013. Include a drawing of your design in color, dimensions of the crown, the materials (i.e. bead sizes) you intend to use, and the total cost. Please send these to Kevin Daugherty via e-mail to Kevin.Daugherty@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or to his attention at the Administration Building at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

Volunteers

If you're interested in helping prepare for or work at The Gathering, please contact Melissa Rodriguez at Melissa.Rodriguez@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4203.



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



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Cultural Events | February

Boys and Mens Drumming Practice with John T. Warren

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

Note: We will be practicing in South Bend tribal office space PNC Bank.

Date: Wednesday, February 27

Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Location: PNC Bank

310 W McKinley Ave, Ste. 300
Mishawaka, IN 46545

Womens Hand Drum Practice

Please come and join the ladies for an evening of camaraderie, singing, songs, and drumming. Please bring a dish to pass as we will enjoy a feast when we are finished. Also please wear your skirts.

Date: Wednesdays, February 6 and February 20

Time: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Location: Gage Street House

26464 Gage Street, 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, February 11–13

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

Location: Teaching Cabin

Rodgers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Co-ed Sweat Lodge

Date: Tuesday, February 12

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Family Teachings with Noko Lillian Rice | Respecting Family Roles

Noko will be sharing her teachings about families and the responsibilities that we have as Native people. What is the proper etiquette for ceremonies funerals, weddings, birthing, and naming and moon time seasonal berry fast caring for our bundles. She will be offering a question and answer time along with this as well.

Note: We will be offering lodging at the Baymont Inn for families who travel more than 60 miles and may be interested in also attending the Honor Shawl Project on Sunday to help bring awareness to domestic violence issues. Please Call Andy Jackson at (269) 462-4261 to reserve a room.

Date: Saturday, February 23

Time: 1:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Location: Gage Street House

26464 Gage Street, Dowagiac MI

Contact Information: Andy Jackson, cultural associate

AndyJackson@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.**

DNR Initiative Seeks to Restore Dowagiac River to Historic Conditions

Within the last century and a half, the Dowagiac River and the land surrounding it have seen many changes. As more and more farmers settled in the area in the early 1900s, they straightened and dredged the river, and ditched and tilled the wetlands nearby to drain the water, uncover fertile soil and plant more crops. The result was a vastly different landscape than the area had supported for generations; the change in the river meant poorer water quality, and the loss of habitat meant reduced numbers of certain wildlife. For the Potawatomi, ties to the natural world are strong, and damage to natural resources results in damage to tribal culture. But the restoration and protection of natural resources can restore, protect and even enhance the ability of tribes to exercise and perpetuate sovereignty, cultural identity, beliefs and traditions.

Now, thanks to a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Pokagon Band is planning to take a portion of the Dowagiac River back to its original path, and hopefully restore natural habitats and function to the area. According to Bob Frank, the tribe's fish and wildlife biologist, the Department of Natural Resources has hired a firm to provide engineering plans for work along a four mile stretch of the river near Rodgers Lake.

"They have one year to work on the engineering plans," Frank said. "Meanwhile, we'll be looking for funding from multiple sources for the next phase, and strengthening partnerships with nearby groups such as the Michigan DNR and Friends of the St. Joseph River and MEANRS, which stands for Meeting the Ecological and Agricultural Needs of the Dowagiac River System, two local volunteer organizations that work on water restoration projects."

Once the project is completed, its benefits could be far reaching. A healthier river could provide spawning habitat for sturgeon, trout and salmon, although the potential of invasive species is something the team will be monitoring. The regeneration of bottom land will provide a richer nutrient base and help black ash trees. Flooding further downstream could be reduced, and as the meanders slow the flow, so sediment erosion will be slowed too.

"In general, this should invite other wildlife back to the area, which culturally will be important to the tribe," said Frank.

Fourth Annual Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow 2013

Hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Honoring the new community eagle staff

Saturday & Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend
May 25 & 26, 2013

Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac, MI

Grand Entries:
Saturday - 1PM & 6PM
Sunday - 1PM

Ceremony and feast
honoring the eagle staff
and veterans:
TBA

Head Veteran:
George Martin
Head Male & Female
Dancers:
TBA
Invited Drums:
TBA
Emcee: TBA
Arena Director:
TBA

Oshke-Kno



Kewéwen

For Pow Wow Information contact Kevin Daugherty at
269-591-1230 or 269-462-4200

*This is a family event. No drugs, alcohol, firearms, or tribal politics.
No pets in Pow Wow area.*



POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Youth Cultural Events | February

Youth Council Business Meetings

JUNIOR YOUTH COUNCIL [ages 12-18] With a busy spring just around the corner, the youth are making plans for upcoming events. There are new members joining each month and new friendships are being formed. The youth had a busy month working with other tribes including the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Mt. Pleasant. Issues regarding our youth within the community have been identified and now they will take on the challenge to address these issues. Please join us at our next business meeting; we are always taking new members, so if you are interested please call Conrad Church @ (269) 783-6773.

Date: Saturday, February 9
Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Location: Community Center

SENIOR YOUTH COUNCIL [ages 18-24] Our senior youth council has been making great strides to make a positive impact to our community. The Sr. Youth Council hosted their first annual lock in for the youth ages 12-18. Cassandra Church did a workshop on self-esteem, Kyle Malott did a language workshop, Corey Ridenour did a workshop on team building, John Morseau taught ballroom dancing as well as self-defense, and Collin Church hosted several tournament events, while Alex Wesaw had a workshop on career choices and planning. This was a nice collaborative effort by the youth council; you will see more events in the near future. Plans are underway to go to NCAI in Washington DC. This is a very busy group of young adult's ages 18-24 who are interested in professional development and how to better serve our tribal community as young people. There are many youth already involved from students actively pursuing their educational goals, career professionals, business owners, and those who just want to give back to their tribe. Please join us at our next business meeting. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Collin.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Date: Saturday, February 9
Time: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Community Center

Unity - United National Indian Tribal Youth, Arlington, VA

The Hilton Arlington in Arlington, Virginia will be the host hotel for the 2013 annual Midyear UNITY Meeting, which will be held February 13-17. Youth will visit Capitol Hill and offices of Senators and Representatives. The youth will also be preparing for the 2013 National UNITY Conference in Los Angeles, CA this summer 2013. For more information, contact Conrad Church at (269) 783-6773 or Conrad.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Date: Wednesday-Sunday, February 13-17

Location: Hilton Arlington
Arlington, VA

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

Elders Council Business Meeting | January 3, 2013

MEETING: Ken Radar, 11:07 a.m.

INVOCATION: Clarence White

ROLL CALL: Maxine Margiotta, P, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Saldivar, P. Also in attendance, Petey Boehm.

AGENDA: Emergency fund is not active, still being looked at.

Yvonne "Petey" Boehm, Indian Trust settlement forms are available at the Elders Hall. You can go to www.indiantrust.com or call (800) 961-6109 to see if you are eligible. Deadline is March 1, 2013.

If Elders have Medicare part B taken out of their Social Security checks, you must send a copy of your notice to Petey. This must be done in order to be reimbursed.

Chairman Matt Wesaw explained that Four Winds Dowagiac will open in the late spring or early summer. He also said that if enough people signed the petition that is being circulated it would be put to a vote.

Property is being looked at to see where to build a Tribal Lodge, Health Clinic, and Tribal Court. When asked about a new Elders Hall, his comment was to talk with Mark Parrish. He also asked what we thought about combining Tribal Lodge and Elders hall.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Maxine asked if the people liked the lottery system for trips. Some people did not like it. Other people who had not been able to go before expressed their delight with it, met people they had never seen before, and were treated royally, and everyone was very friendly.

What's Happening at the Pokagon Band Library?

Thanks to a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Education Department can offer some new and exciting computer and career courses, open to Pokagon citizens 18 years and older. You can register for as many workshops/classes as you like. Registration is limited and based on first call/ first serve basis. Gas assistance will be provided to Pokagon citizens for complete participation in a workshop

or class. Childcare will be provided for each program for children ages 2 –14. Please specify when registering names/ ages of children who will be attending. No drop-off childcare will be provided without prior registration. The library is located at the Pokagon Department of Education, Administration Building, Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI. If you are interested, please register by calling (888) 330-1234.

Computer Classes

10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

February 16	Windows Basics and Intro to Word
April 20	Microsoft Word
June 15	Introduction to Excel
August 17	Power Point & Publisher

Career Building Workshops

10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

March 23	Interview Skills
May 18	Dealing with Barriers to Employment
July 15	Gateways to Employment
September 28	Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: The next computer training will be held at the Education Lab in January, 23, 2013.

The loan closet is still a work in progress

MINUTES: Ruth moved to accept the Dec. 6, 2012 minutes. Ken, supported, (5) yes, passed.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Basket making January, 9, 2013. 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: Clarence White, Richard (Sonny) Hiler, Elaine Underwood, Tom Trux.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES: Lee & Ruth Saldivar, 50 years.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:10 p.m.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Language Events | February

Basic Language Classes
The class will be taught every Tuesday at the Community Center with Carla Collins. The class will focus on learning the Potawatomi Vowel system, Past/Present/Future tense markers and basic verbs and nouns.
Date: February 5, February 12, February 19, February 26
Time: 6:00–8:00 pm
Location: Community Center, Training Room

Intermediate Language Classes
Intermediate Language class is taught every Thursday at the Community Center with Carla Collins. The current class is learning conjunct sentence structure and incorporating new verbs.
Date: February 7, February 14, February 28
Time: 6:00–8:00 pm
Location: Community Center, Training Room





Language Workshop
Lillian Rice, first Language Speaker – Forest County Potawatomi, will be here to help us hear the language and also teach us some new words and phrases.
Date: February 21 | Lillian Rice, Presenter
Time: 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Location: Community Center, Training Room

Elders Language Classes
Elder's Language Class is a beginner level class that is held every Monday with **John Winchester**. New learners are welcome.
Date: February 4, February 11, February 18, February 25,
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Elders Hall

2013 Winter Story Telling
The Winter Stories is an annual gathering of language speakers and learners to share and hear traditional and contemporary stories in the Potawatomi language. Last year, the morning sessions were filled with storytelling by first language speakers with grammar lessons in the afternoon.
Eligibility:

- Pokagon families (citizens, spouses, children)
- over the past three months, attendance to 50% of one of the language classes (Elders, Basic, Intermediate, workshops or Video Conferencing) or proof of participation in language studies (enrollment in Neshnabémowin 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.

Date: Friday and Saturday, February 1–2, 2013
Location: Hannahville Indian Hannahville, MI

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

Letter to the Editor

This is a note from a homesick 82 year old lady. I lived in Sumnerville for over 40 years. I raised six children there and left my husband behind in the Sumnerville Cemetery when I had to move to Florida to live with my daughter because of my health.

Leon and I spent several years camping at Rodgers Lake. He fished and I roamed the woods. One of the biggest thrills of my wild flower hunting was waking up one morning and finding my elusive Indian Pipe. It was so beautiful it took my breath away. I was too much in awe to even touch it. I took pictures instead. The one has wild ginger, Solomon's seal, and Jack in the pulpit.

I hope with all your improvements some of the quiet places still remain. They do in my memories. I wish you all well. Take care of Pokagon Township for me, the beautiful lake, and my memories.

Thank you,
Barbara A. Conrad
Palm Bay, Florida

Honor Shawl Project Planned

Domestic violence is a serious concern for Native American communities, as Native American women and girls are at a greater risk of becoming victims of domestic and sexual violence than non-natives.

The Domestic Violence Team will be hosting Honor Shawl Project workshops on February 24, March 24, and April 28, 2013 from 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The goal of the Project is to honor the memory and experiences of domestic violence survivors through making dance shawls. The Honor Shawl Project will provide a safe space for community members of all ages to participate in traditional teachings as a way of healing.

Workshop participants do not have to have experienced domestic violence to attend. We will be having a potluck luncheon and ask that participants bring a dish to pass, if possible. If you have any questions please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 783-9256, Andy Jackson at (269) 462-4261, or Katy Morseau-Rader at (269) 782-8998.

If you or someone you know is being abused and would like help, please contact Casey Kasper, victim services manager/case worker at (269) 783-9256.

Wellbriety House of Recovery

The Wellbriety House of Recovery meets at the teaching cabin at Rodgers lake, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, MI. Call Mingo for more information at (269) 462-5061 or (269) 462-9552.

Weekly Meetings:

Tuesday, 5:00–6:00 pm.
The Red Road to Wellbriety Elders Way

Friday, 5:00–8:00 pm.
A/A and N/A open meeting

Saturday, 6:00–8:00 pm.
The Red Road to Wellbriety Elders Way

Sunday, 6:00–8:00 pm.
A/A and N/A open meeting



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**Native Youth
Parent /Guardian Group**

Saturday, February 23, 2013

10:00am – noon  **Community Center, Dowagiac, MI**

This is a support group for parents and guardians raising native youth who are involved or would like to be involved with Youth Council. Lunch will be provided.

To reserve your spot, or for more information, please call Conrad Church at (269) 783-6773.

It takes a village to raise a child.

Request for Proposals for Department of Education Career Building Workshops

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education is looking for career consultants on a bi-monthly basis to present workshops from March 23, 2013-September 28, 2013 as part of an IMLS Enhancement grant.

SCOPE OF WORK

The selected consultants will be responsible for providing the following services:

- Provide a Saturday Career Building Workshop for up to fifteen adult participants in Dowagiac, MI from 10 am-2 pm. There are four workshops on the following dates with the topics listed:
 - a. March 23 Interview Skills
 - b. May 18 Dealing with Barriers to Employment
 - c. July 15 Gateways to Employment
 - d. September 28 Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself
- Provide the following structure to the workshop:
 - a. Three hour workshop
 - b. 60 minutes of individual consultation and questions
 - Provided one hour of prep-time for the workshop.

The exact scope of services required by the Pokagon Band will be set forth in the contract between the Pokagon Band and the selected consultant.

SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

The Band seeks proposals from interested individuals to aid the Band in carrying out the Scope of Work outlined above. If you are interested in serving as the Pokagon Band's consultant for this project, please submit the following information:

1. A brief cover letter summarizing your approach to addressing the Scope of Work. Please list what workshops you are looking to instruct. Interested individuals can bid on any number of the workshops.
2. Resume highlighting experience presenting career/ motivational workshops.
3. Fee structure to a workshop with five hours of programming (four hours classroom, one hour prep)

Notice of Open Position | Curriculum Committee

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to fill positions in the newly created Pokagon Band Curriculum Committee. The positions of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer; (2) members and (2) alternates are vacant. The Curriculum Committee is responsible for establishing a tribally operated daycare and school(s) with culturally based academics and extracurricular activities. The Curriculum Committee should expect to meet once a month in a location to be determined. Including meeting preparation and other time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately five hours per month to fulfill responsibilities.

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

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

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

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

or email Kelly Curran at Kelly.Curran@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

SELECTION

- The method of selecting a consultant shall include procedures that assure that these services are engaged on the basis of demonstrated competence for the types of services to be performed and at a fair and reasonable price to the Pokagon Band.
- This request does not constitute an offer of employment or a contract for services.
- The Pokagon Band reserves the option to reject any or all proposals, wholly or in part, received in response to the request for any reason.
- The Pokagon Band reserves the right to award contracts to individual whom presents the proposal which, in the judgment of the Pokagon Band, best accomplishes the desired results.

This RFP does not obligate the Band to award this project. The Band reserves the right to cancel this solicitation or to change its scope if the Band deems it in its best interest to do so.

EVALUATION

Proposals will be evaluated on:

- Experience and qualifications in presenting career workshops.
- Pokagon Preference applies

The cost of preparing and submitting the proposals and attendance at any interview or presentation will be the sole responsibility of the proposing firm or individual.

Please submit your proposal electronically for the other workshops no later than 5:00 PM (EST) on Friday, March 1, 2013.

All proposals should be submitted to Mark Peacock, at:

mark.peacock@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Subject line: Education Career Building Workshops

Questions concerning the Curriculum Committee may be directed to Jason S. Wesaw at Jason.Wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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

DEADLINE. This position shall be open until filled.

Mno-Bmadsen Announces Board of Director Position

INTRODUCTION TO MNO-BMADSEN The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council established Mno-Bmadsen, an autonomous tribally-chartered entity of the Pokagon Band, whose purpose is to engage in economic development activities on behalf of the Pokagon Band. This entity has set aside a significant investment to be strategically invested for the tribe. Mno-Bmadsen is managed by a seven member Board of Directors and is currently seeking persons interested in serving on it. A copy of the Mno-Bmadsen Charter is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Business/Mno-BmadsenEconomicDevelopment/.

ELIGIBILITY. In addition to the qualifications set forth below, no more than two Board members may be noncitizens of the Pokagon Band.

Qualifications. All Directors must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be at least twenty-one years of age; and
2. Have a high school diploma, high school equivalency diploma, or general education development certificate; and
3. Have either: (1) a minimum of ten years of experience in private sector management, business administration, accounting, or law, or (a) a minimum of five years of experience in private sector management, business administration, accounting, or law, and (b) a bachelor's degree; and
4. Have the ability to exercise sound judgment in matters related to the objectives of Mno-Bmadsen; and
5. Have a knowledge or a willingness to acquire knowledge of Pokagon history and culture; and
6. Not have been convicted within the last ten years of a crime subject to imprisonment for a term of one year or longer; excepting those crimes determined by the Tribal Council to relate to the furtherance of the Band's tribal sovereignty rights; and

7. Have demonstrated personal and professional integrity, honesty and adherence to high ethical standards; and
8. Have a commitment to understand Mno-Bmadsen and all of its business activities and to participate fully in meetings of the Board of Directors.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS AND LENGTH OF TERM. The Tribal Council will review the qualified applicants and appoint the Board of Directors to three year terms.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings will vary, but it is anticipated that a minimum of 120 hours per year will be required for preparing and attending meetings. The Board will meet at least once per month and more often, if needed.

COMPENSATION. This is not a full time position and Board members will not be eligible for any Pokagon Band employee benefits. Directors shall receive a stipend at a rate established by resolution of the Tribal Council and reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

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

HOW TO APPLY. To be considered for appointment to the Board, please forward your resume and a letter of interest to teri.barber@mno-bmadsen.com Attention: Eugene Magnuson, chairman.

Interested in Employment with the Pokagon Band?

If you are a Pokagon citizen or the spouse of a Pokagon who is interested in working for the Pokagon Band, including tribal construction projects, you must have your application in the talent pool. Heather Farver, human resources generalist for the tribe, will be the initial point of contact for registering for the talent pool.

There are two ways to register for the talent pool. You can do so online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Career_Opportunities.aspx and you will

need to submit a resume. You may also call Heather and make arrangements to fill out a registration form at the Department of Human Resources in the Administration Building at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI. She will generate the lists that are sent to the hiring managers or contractors when they request additional staff. She will handle all updates to your profile and contact information.

Please remember to update your profile as you gain more experience

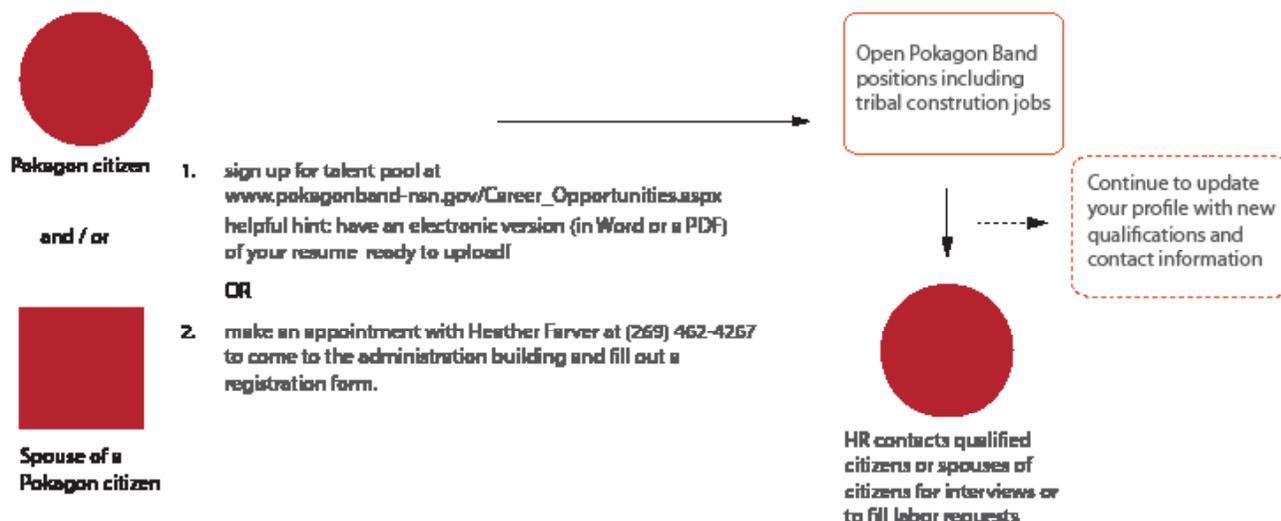
or obtain certifications. In addition, please remember to let us know if your contact information changes. If you are using a cell phone, give us an alternate number in case something happens to your cell phone or you run out of minutes. If the tribe or contractor is unable to contact you, you obviously will miss out on an opportunity to work.

We often have only a short window of time to fill a labor request. Occasionally, a contractor could submit

a request and need a worker to report to the site within the hour. Availability, hard work, and excellent attendance are the keys to obtaining and maintaining employment. All hiring decisions are made by the departments or the contractor. Human Resources has no say in who works on a particular job.

Contact Information

Heather Farver
human resources generalist
(269) 462-4267 office
heather.farver@pokagonband-nsn.gov



Further Information Provided on Cobell Settlement

By Kevin K. Washburn, assistant secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs

The Department of the Interior understands there has been a high level of frustration in Indian Country regarding payments pursuant to the Cobell Settlement. As a result, many individuals are contacting the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) seeking information and assistance regarding these payments. To be clear, the Cobell Settlement Agreement dictates that only the claims administrator can address issues regarding payments to eligible members of the Historical Accounting Class (Stage 1 payments) and eligible members of the Trust Administration Class (Stage 2 payments). I want to reassure you that the Department is working closely with the Garden City Group to resolve these issues.

Garden City's Role in Payments to the Historical Accounting Class

On December 14, 2012, Garden City Group, Inc. (GCG), the claims administrator for the historic Cobell Settlement, began distributing the initial Stage 1 payments in the amount of \$1,000 to eligible members of the Historical Accounting Class. To date, these Stage 1 payments are the only payments that have been authorized to be made under the Cobell Settlement. On January 3, 2013, the Department was informed by GCG that approximately 225,000 individual checks had been mailed and that approximately two-thirds of these checks had already been cashed. This represents in excess of \$200 million dollars that has been distributed by GCG. While it appears that the vast majority of payments to members of the Historical Accounting Class have been made without incident, some class members have expressed frustration at not receiving a Stage 1 check or having their check mailed to an incorrect address. This has led individuals to call GCG, OST, and BIA offices. Stage 1 eligibility determinations and payments were made exclusively by the GCG and they continue to be the primary and best source of information for individuals. The GCG can be contacted at:

Garden City Group, Inc.
www.IndianTrust.com
(800) 961-6109

The GCG has increased their call center staff to be responsive to inquiries.

The Department's Limited Role in Payments to the Historical Accounting Class

In fulfilling the Department's limited role, OST received a wire transfer from the Cobell Qualifying Bank on December 26, 2012, in the amount of \$54.9 million representing payment for those individuals who were not entitled to receive checks directly from GCG. These funds are for individuals whose whereabouts were unknown at the time of payment or who are minors, adults deemed non compos mentis (mentally incompetent), or adults in need of assistance. These payments were placed into existing Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts or into new accounts established for such purpose. Funds deposited into whereabouts unknown accounts will be released to the class member once GCG provides updated addresses to OST and OST verifies the information needed to prove they are entitled to receive the payment.

Class members can update IIM account address information, including whereabouts unknown, by contacting the GCG call center at their toll free number at (800) 961-6109.

To date, OST has worked with GCG to update over 5,000 IIM accounts and distributed over \$5 million relating to the Cobell Stage 1 payments. The OST will continue to work with GCG and beneficiaries whose Stage 1 payments may have been deposited into an IIM account so that their funds can be released to them as soon as possible. While OST works cooperatively with GCG in sharing updated address information, it is important for individuals to keep their address current with both OST and GCG as they may be eligible to receive further Stage 2 Cobell payments. Accurate address information will help to avoid delay in the delivery of any such future payments.

In conclusion, the Department will continue to work with GCG to ensure it has the information it needs to make expeditious and accurate payments. We are focused on making meaningful improvements to Indian trust administration so that it is more transparent, responsive, and accountable.



Are you looking for a way to help others?

Tutors Wanted For the K-12 Program

Do you have proficiency in the core subjects of Math, English, and Science?

If so, this experience may be just what you are seeking! We have learners, K-12, who are ready for tutors. A variety of hours are available. This can be a year-round opportunity!

Preparation will include proficiency testing, passing the Tribe's background check and drug screening, and tutor training. We pay \$15/hour for tutors with an Associates Degree and \$20/hour for those with Teacher Certification. Pokagon Band tribal preference hiring policy applies.

For more information or to sign up, contact Penny Brant, Department of Education, at (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234.

Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Christmas 2011	Christmas 2012	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	x
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	
2509	Karra Barr				x	
2595	James Hamstra				x	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	x
4319	Crystal Pokagon			x	x	x
4349	Olivia Currey				x	

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

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

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

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

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

Per Capita Important Dates

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

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

february

Stuffed Peppers
Green Beans
Waldorf Salad
Cornbread



Photo by Alan Madrid

4 **language**

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans and Carrots
Garden Salad
Roll
Peach Pie

5

Baked Chicken
Baked Potato
Broccoli
Tomato Salad
Roll
Ice Cream

6

Sloppy Joe
Macaroni Salad
Three Bean Salad
Veggie Tray
Oatmeal Cookie

7

business

Bean Soup
Turkey Sandwich
Veggie and Relish Tray
Fruit
Birthday Cake

8

Perch Filet
Spanish Rice
Corn
Garden Salad
Roll
Fruit

11 **language**

Turkey Pot Pie
Veggie Tray
Fresh Fruit
Crescent Roll

12

Tomato Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Garden Salad
Jell-O W/ Fruit

13

Buffalo Burger OR Brats
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Veggie and Relish Tray

14 **basket making**

Chicken Parmesan W/ Noodles
and Spaghetti Sauce
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Strawberry Pie

15

Sea Bass
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Coleslaw
Cookie

18 **language**

Buffalo Stroganoff W/ Noodles
Butternut Squash
Cucumber Salad
Garlic Bread
Blueberry Pie

19

Salmon Patty
Baked Potato
Asparagus
Fruit Salad
Roll

20

Chili
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit
Cornbread

21 **social**

Turkey and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Corn on the Cob
Tomato Salad
Pumpkin Pie
Roll

22

Boiled Dinner W/ Beans, Sage, Cabbage, Onion, Corn, and Potatoes
Garden Salad
Fruit
Cornbread

25 **language**

Vegetable and Egg Mess
Sausage Gravy and Biscuits
Fruit
Orange Juice

26

Buffalo Goulash
Peas and Carrots
Cucumber Salad
Peach Cobbler
Roll

27

BBQ Chicken
Scalloped Potatoes
Spinach
Garden Salad
Dessert

28

Pork Chops in Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Veggies
Garden Salad
Roll



Photo by Kale X Anderson

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals. (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon.

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

Business meetings are held at the Community Center.

Tribal Office Directory

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

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

Communications
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Compliance
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

South Bend Area Office
310 W. McKinley Ave. Ste. 300
Mishawaka, IN 46545
(574) 255-2368
Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 255-2974
(269) 782-8998

Tribal Council
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-6323
Toll Free (888) 376-9988
FAX (269) 782-9625

Tribal Court
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0505/
FAX (269) 783-0519

Tribal Police
58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232
Toll Free (866) 399-0161
FAX (269) 782-7988

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pokagonband-nsn.gov

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Vacant

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(269) 983-7217

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Audrey Huston
(269) 591-4519

Treasurer
Clarence White
(269) 876-1118

Member at Large
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(269) 214-1279

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Conrad Church
Youth Cultural Coordinator
(269) 462-4254

Tribal Council February Calendar of Events

- 4 Council Special Session, Admin Conference Room, noon
- 5 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 9 Tribal Council Session, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 12 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 18 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 19 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 25 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 26 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon

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

Mko Gizses February Citizen Announcements



Happy tenth anniversary to my husband, **Kevin Davis**, February 18. I love you so much!

From, Marci



Happy belated 15th birthday **Bryce Rummage!**

Love, Uncle Bill Lewis



Happy birthday **Addison Rider!**

Love, mom and dad

On February 25, **Ethin McGrew** will be six years old! You are growing up fast!

True love from,
Mom, Jeremy and brother Johnny



Special happy birthday to **Hailey Elizabeth Lewis.**

Love, Uncle Bill

Happy birthday **Gary Morseau II** February 25.

From your cousin Bill

Sending special 18th birthday wishes to **Tessa Maleski.**

We love you sweetheart, ever ever,
Granny and Papa McWhorter

Happy, happy 5th birthday **Luke Sorters.**

We love you soo much, ever ever,
Granny and Papa McWhorter



Happy 44th birthday to our wonderful brother, **Bobby Linn**, February 26. We love you!

From, Marci and Kelli

Happy belated birthday January 3 to **Rick Lewis.**

Love, your family

Happy 4th birthday **Sawyer Maleski.**

Love you always, ever ever,
Granny and Papa McWhorter

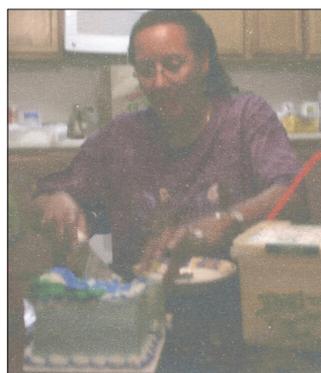
Happy birthday to **James Watson Lewis, Dawn Lewis Rummage, Bill Lewis, Justin Lewis, Shelby Thomas and Hailey Lewis.**

Love, your family



Happy birthday **Henry Grubb II**

From your family



Happy birthday **Konnie Birks!**

Love, the Boys



Happy birthday **Ahmad.**

Love, Mom



Happy birthday **Hanna Grubb**

Love, the family

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