



Heather Farver Appointed Treasurer of NCAI Youth Commission

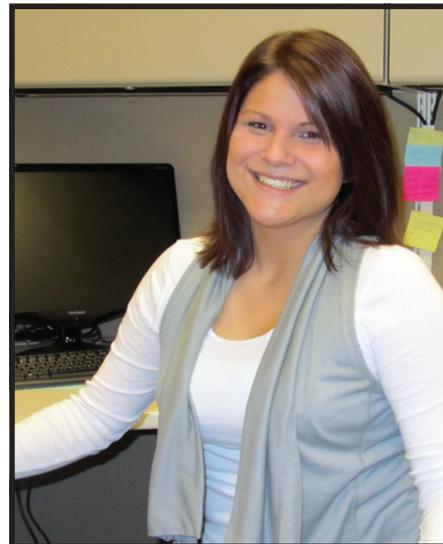
By Jennifer Dougherty

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has appointed Pokagon Band citizen Heather Farver as treasurer of its Youth Commission. This two-year appointment will provide Farver with valuable insight on issues affecting Native communities nationwide and will allow her to interact with young Native Americans from all parts of the U.S.

Founded in 1944, NCAI unites Native Americans throughout the country in an effort to protect their sovereign rights. As a major national tribal government organization, NCAI is dedicated to preserving rights under Indian treaties with the United States, promoting the welfare of Native Americans, and educating the general public about Native Americans to create a better understanding of their cultures.

The Youth Commission was created in 1997 to give Native high school and college students the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns. Additionally, the commission provides networking and leadership opportunities while teaching students how tribal government works.

As treasurer, Farver will meet with other members of the Youth Commission three times per year at the NCAI conferences and participate in monthly conference calls. She



Heather Farver working hard at her desk in the administration building.

will assist in creating a budget for fundraising and formulate meeting agendas. Youth Commissioners have the opportunity to interact with and learn from tribal leaders and are included in their monthly teleconference meetings. Members of the commission are also called upon by outside agencies to speak on issues concerning Native youth.

Farver hopes to take the knowledge she gains from her involvement with the Youth Commission to start a Youth Council within the Pokagon Band. She wants to raise awareness of opportunities for youth within the tribe and encourage young members to get involved. Attending tribal events, joining committees, and

taking advantage of the many higher education programs available are just a few ways to ensure that the core values of the tribe are passed on to the next generation of tribal leaders.

Heather's involvement with the tribe includes serving on the powwow committee and interning within the human resources department. Her internship responsibilities include assisting with daily office tasks and employee evaluations. She has also contributed research for the development of a new compensation grid. Previously, Heather interned in the human resources department at Four Winds Casino Resort where she focused on employee relations and benefits. She also developed a new filing system within the department.

Farver attends Western Michigan University where she majors in Human Resource Management. Upon graduation in December 2011, she hopes to be hired into the tribe's human resources department. She plans to become more involved in the tribe by joining additional committees and will continue to educate young members about opportunities for involvement within and beyond the tribe. Heather has a goal of eventually being elected to the Tribal Council.

Congratulations and best wishes to Heather as she embarks on this exciting endeavor.

Pokagon Band Launches Historic IUPUI Partnership

For the first time in two hundred years, Native Americans and educators came together on November 18 to partner and plan for the future of education for Native Americans in Indiana. In an historic ceremony in Indianapolis, Chairman Wesaw and tribal council members Steve Winchester, Troy Clay and John T. Warren signed an agreement with Chancellor Charles R. Bantz of Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) to develop educational and cultural preservation programs for the Pokagon Band. The occasion was reminiscent of a treaty signing, as Chairman Wesaw and Bantz signed a proclamation formalizing the relationship and council members draped a special Pokagon blanket around the shoulders of the chancellor.



Council members Steve Winchester, John Warren and Troy Clay watch as Chairman Wesaw signs the IUPUI partnership agreement. IUPUI Chancellor Bantz, third from right, looks on.

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Ethics Board Members Positioned to Serve Tribal Citizens

By Jennifer Dougherty

For the first time since its creation in August 2010, the Pokagon Band has full membership on the Ethics Board. The Board is comprised of three tribal citizens, Ronald Sorce, David Molnar, and Joseph Topash, RN. Board members are responsible for ensuring that all Pokagon Band officials and employees are observing the standards of ethical conduct, upholding the dignity and honor of their offices and positions, and safeguarding the Pokagon Band against any illegal or unethical conduct. Members of the Board meet monthly to address complaints and other matters concerning possible code violations.

Ronald Sorce, Ethics Board Chairman, lived in the Chicago area for twenty years and worked for a global leader specializing in corporate travel management. While interested in becoming involved in tribal government, his distance from tribal headquarters posed a challenge and limited the amount of time he would have been able to dedicate to activities. After relocating to Southwestern Michigan last year, increased tribal involvement became a reality. Sorce applied for a position on the Ethics Board where he could utilize his experience with reviewing procedures, policies and contracts to ensure maximum performance and compliancy.

“What I bring to the table is a new and open mind with no previous associations that might conflict with the principles of our Ethics Code,” said Sorce. His current professional

role is to oversee the travel program of a Fortune 100 client.

Vice Chairman of the Ethics Board, David Molnar, has been a resident of Houston, Texas for the past 18 years. “I have marveled from afar at the development and growth of our sovereign nation,” stated Molnar. He looks forward to being able to contribute to the tribe in many practical and helpful ways.

Molnar works for Continental Airlines, now the New United Airlines, as General Manager at the Dallas Love Field. He is responsible for maintaining accountability for the overall performance of Continental Airlines, Inc. from that location. His duties include regulatory compliance, station controls, policies and procedures, budgeting, audits and overall integrity. His experience translates well to the needs of the Ethics Board. Despite the distance from Houston to Michigan, Molnar is committed to fulfill his duty on the board and is dedicated to upholding the values of the Ethics Code.

Joseph Topash, Ethics Board Member-at-Large, of Marcellus, Michigan has been an active member of the tribe for many years. He is involved in tribal culture through traditions and dance, and has also carried the Navy/Marine Corps Veterans Corpsman Eagle Staff.

Joseph has worked in the medical field for the past 28 years as a Nurse Assistant, Nurse Technician, and a Staff Nurse before progressing to nursing management. He spent six years in the United States Navy/Marine Corps as an independent duty corpsman and served time

in the Persian Gulf during Desert Shield. He has written policies and procedures for a number of organizations and businesses, and his knowledge of medical ethics and confidentiality practices will translate well to meet the needs of the Ethics Board.

“I have a very strong desire to serve all tribal citizens,” said Topash. “I look forward to serving in this capacity and thank you for the opportunity.”

While the Ethics Code was enacted in 2008, there was no governing body to identify potential code violations or to determine appropriate sanctions and penalties until the creation of the Ethics Board. Tremendous progress has been made since the Board was seated in August. Under the guidance of tribal associate general counsel Ed Williams, they have developed new processes, procedures, and

official documentation critical to the operations of the Board. While they have much more work ahead of them, they are ready to reach out to the Tribal Citizens they serve and let them know that they are ready and available to support them.

The Ethics Board will be much more visible to Tribal Citizens in the coming months. The newsletter will contain detailed information on how Tribal Citizens can access important documents such as complaint and gift disclosure forms. In the meantime, an explanation on how to file a complaint or request an advisory opinion can be found in the Ethics Code posted on our website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov. The Board can also be reached by email at ethics.board@pokagonband-nsn.gov, or by phone at 269-462-4286. All messages will be returned by a member of the Board.



Julie Rodriguez swears in the newest members of Elders Council, December 11. From left to right: at-large member Ruth Saldivar, Chair Jeanette Mollett and Secretary Audrey Huston

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

Pokagon Band National Flag Dedicated at the Chicago American Indian Center

By Jennifer Dougherty

The Chicago American Indian Center hosted its 57th Annual Pow Wow at Navy Pier on November 20. This particular pow wow was especially significant to the Pokagon Band because their national tribal flag was presented and dedicated. The dedication commemorated the ongoing relationship the tribe has with the City of Chicago. The Pokagon flag takes its place among other tribal flags on display at the Center.

Pokagon Chairman Matthew Wesaw spoke at the dedication event. Also in attendance were members of the Tribal Council, Traditions Committee and the Veterans Group. The flag was escorted by an honor guard composed of veterans from the Pokagon Band. Chairman Wesaw represented the tribe at the ceremony in honoring tribal member Leroy Wesaw Sr. for his many years of involvement in Native American affairs.

Leroy Wesaw Sr. resided in Chicago for more than thirty years, was a member of the American Indian Center, a graduate of the Native American Education Services (NAES) College in Chicago, and the founder of the Chicago Canoe Club. Chairman Wesaw read a note written by Leroy's son, Colin, who was unable to attend the event. Colin wrote of his father's efforts to help the Pokagons gain re-recognition by the government. He wrote, "When my dad got back into his culture I remember going back home with him where he would sit with other



Roger Williams and Chairman Wesaw present the Pokagon Band's national flag to Joseph Podlasek (Ojibwe), the director of the Chicago American Indian Center, at the annual pow wow sponsored by the Center.

Pokagon members, going over files, wanting to get our Nation recognized by the government so we could get what is rightfully ours: our life as Pokagon Indians again. He wasn't alive to see it come true, but I will always know that he was a part of getting our rights restored to our people."

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians has had a connection to the city of Chicago dating back to its establishment. In September 1833, Pokagon patriarch Leopold Pokagon signed the Treaty of Chicago. This was the last cession treaty concerning present day Chicago. Pokagon negotiated an exception that allowed the Pokagon Potawatomi to remain in Michigan. Unlike other tribes that were forced west or relocated to parts of Wisconsin, Upper Michigan, Canada

and Mexico, the Pokagon Band retained an important presence in Chicago. Pokagons proudly fought to retain their unique Native identities while seeking inclusion to the ever-changing American mainstream.

Simon Pokagon, Leopold Pokagon's son, continued his father's legacy by speaking before a crowd of 70,000 on "Chicago Day" at the World's Columbian Exposition on October 9, 1893. As the featured speaker, Simon advocated for tolerance and inclusion. During the fair, he rang a replica of the Liberty Bell, rode a float in the parade, umpired a lacrosse game and presented a "deed" of Chicago to the mayor of the city. Copies of his small book entitled "The Red Man's Greeting" were sold on the midway at 59th street, just outside the fairgrounds near a newly-erected

birch bark wigwam.

Simon Pokagon's son, Charles, also has a place in Chicago's history for his role in setting up an encampment in Lincoln Park. Led by Charles, a group of Pokagons constructed the encampment to celebrate the building of Fort Dearborn and to promote a Potawatomi claim to the Chicago lakefront. Edward B. Clark chronicled this event in a brochure entitled "Indian Encampment, Chicago Centennial, 1903" published by the Chicago Centennial Committee. This piece of Pokagon history is preserved at the Chicago Historical Museum.

In 1914, in an effort to reclaim the Chicago lakefront and all lands east of Michigan Avenue that had been created by fill dumped into Lake Michigan after the Great Fire of 1871, the Pokagon Tribal Council hired attorney Jacob Grossberg to file a suit on their behalf. The Pokagons argued that the Potawatomi had never given up or been compensated for that land. The suit was taken all the way to the Supreme Court before it was eventually denied.

The Chicago urban-Indian experience did not begin with the post-World War II federal program that relocated Indians from reservations to urban areas. The Pokagon Potawatomi have been present since Chicago's infancy, and the national flag flying at the Chicago American Indian Center serves as a symbol of their continued involvement in the city.

IUPUI Partnership, continued

Bantz then presented council members with a photo of a sculpture commissioned by the American Indian Programs Office at IUPUI to commemorate the event. Created by Jason Bard, an IU Herron School of Art and Design student, the sculpture is made from the trunk of a sycamore tree and honors the natural world and identity of the Potawatomi. Because of its size (about eight feet in height) the sculpture was unveiled at the Herron School after the ceremony. It will soon be transported to Dowagiac where the sculpture will be installed at the administration building.

Johnny P. Flynn, assistant professor of religious studies and director of the American Indian Programs at IUPUI, is a Potawatomi from the Citizen Band Nation, and he spearheaded the creation of this partnership. Flynn said that IUPUI is considering developing a specially-

created distance education program for Pokagon Band citizens. He has begun discussing Native-centric studies programs using IUPUI's Museum Studies Program to develop Native American curator programs for Pokagon students, as well as Native American art programs to allow for college degrees in art to Pokagon students who are already adept in their traditional art forms.

The ceremony also marked the official opening of the American Indian Programs Office at IUPUI. American Indian Programs will serve as an umbrella organization for Native American Studies, Native American Staff and Faculty Council and Native American Student Alliance and is linked to the Native American Heritage Festival in Indianapolis and Native American programs in city and state government.

Under the agreement the Pokagon Band will pay the salary of an administrative position in American Indian Programs to support the development of the American Indian Studies minor and compile student, staff and faculty data. This extra support will help further develop educational programs to fit the growing needs of Pokagon Band citizens and workforce. And the Pokagon Band, as the only federally-recognized native nation in Indiana, now has the opportunity to build a relationship with IUPUI, which can serve as an example to tribes and universities across the country.

Be Aware of the Health of Your Eyes

By Elizabeth Leffler, Community Health Nurse

January is National Eye Health Care Month. Eye problems can occur at any age, but newborns and elders are two groups that can often be affected. Common eye problems are nearsightedness, crossed eyes (also called strabismus), astigmatism, and amblyopia, also called lazy eye. Frequently, problems can go undetected in children and many vision problems can begin at an early age, but if they are discovered quickly, action can be taken to correct those problems. Eye issues are a lot easier to correct in the young when found early, so it is important to bring in your children in for routine eye exams.

Even if you don't think you or your children have eye trouble, it is a good idea to have an eye exam. Eye exams also look at your overall health, not just diseases of the eye. Diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol are all diseases that eye care specialists can detect from an eye exam.

People of all ages should receive eye exams every other year, unless the eye doctor needs to see you

more often. If it has been two years or more since your last eye exam you should contact Cindy Rapp with the Pokagon Band's optical program at 269-782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234 to schedule an eye exam. Pokagon Band citizens and spouses can bring their lens prescriptions to Cindy and receive frames and lenses from Thunder Cloud at discounted prices. If you don't have a current ophthalmologist/optometrist contact Lois Wesaw in Contract Health Services at 269-782-4141 ext. 234 for any questions or concerns on eye care coverage. Citizens under 49 years old with no preexisting illnesses must get your exam at Rx Optical, which can be covered by Contract Health Services if done every two years.

If you are over 50 or have a pre-existing disease such as diabetes, hypertension, or cardiac disease you need to see an ophthalmologist every one or two years for a dilated eye exam. If you have questions about eye health, contact one of our providers, Nurse Practitioner Shirley Grassflower or Dr. Sherburn, or the registered nurses in the clinic, or the community health nurses, at 269-782-4141 or 1-888-440-1234.

Some signs and symptoms of eye problems to watch for:

- Frequent blinking
- Eyes that are red, blood-shot, itchy, crossed, dry, discolored, sticky or bulging
- A bump on the eye or eye lid
- Burning or gritty sensations
- Cloudy, blurry, tunnel or double vision, or a change or loss in vision
- Crusts around or a discharge from the eyes
- Droopy eye lids
- Eye lash loss
- A floater in your vision
- Halos around or sensitivity to lights
- Lazy eye
- Night vision problems
- Pain in eyes
- White, enlarged or small pupils
- Spots on eyes

Department of Education Again Offering Summer College Internship Program

Tribal citizens attending college are eligible for a paid 8-week summer internship program.

Where: Job placements will be in 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, Tribal Court, Department of Communications, Tribal Police, and the Department of Language and Culture.

When: Monday, June 6 – Friday, July 29

Usually 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (hours may vary)

Who is Eligible: Pokagon citizens who will be continuing college in the fall and who have completed at least one semester (12 credits) by June 1, 2011. This can include dual/enrollment credit. Applicants must also be at least eighteen years old by June 6, 2011. Qualified applicants who were not interns last summer will be given first preference.

Please note: Selected candidates must pass a background check and a pre-employment drug screening. **Candidates must be able to make arrangements to complete a background check and drug test in Dowagiac by March 1, 2011.**

What is provided: Wage of \$10/hr.

Monthly housing allowance of \$400

Clothing allowance of \$300

Mileage reimbursement (up to \$225 monthly)

How to apply: Interested citizens must submit the following materials to be received in the Department of Education office by Tuesday, February 7, 2011.

- Summer Internship Application
- Copy of Tribal ID (Unless copy on file with Pokagon Scholarship Program)
- Resume
- Current college schedule or official college transcript (Unless currently receiving a Pokagon Band scholarship)
- Printed Pokagon Band employment form available on-line at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov

Interested? Please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 for an application.

Upcoming Education Workshops

Employment Training Labs Help with Resumes, GED Pretest Assessments or Career Goals

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and vocational GED programs will be offering Employment Training Labs for individuals in these programs. Employment Training Labs will be offered in a group setting for work entry employability skills and career assessments. These workshops will also provide assistance for those interested in pursuing GED skills and who want to take the GED pre-test assessments at our facility. The workshops will provide appropriate breaks, however, it will not provide meals. Labs are offered on the following dates:

JANUARY

Lab 1 Wednesday, January 5, from 8–4:30 *

Lab 2 Saturday, January 8 from 9:45–2:15

Lab 3 Tuesday, January 18, from 8–4:30 *

FEBRUARY

Lab 4 Wednesday, February 2, from 8–4:30 *

Lab 5 Saturday, February 12 from 9:45–2:15

Lab 6 Tuesday, February 15, from 8–4:30 *

MARCH

Lab 7 Wednesday, March 2, from 8–4:30 *

Lab 8 Saturday, March 12, from 9:45–2:15

Lab 9 Tuesday, March 15, from 8–4:30 *

*The Wednesday and Tuesday labs can be extended until tentatively 6 p.m. upon request. Please call ahead to request late night session.

If you are interested in learning more about planning to work, resumes, cover letters, career assessments, or taking the GED pretest assessments, please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education to sign up for the workshops at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234.

Scrapbooking Workshop Planned

Do you like to scrapbook? Would you like to learn how? If so, the Department of Education has a fun day planned for you! Join us on Saturday, January 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to create lasting memories using your photographs. We will have some supplies to get you started, as well as lunch for those attending. Spend the day with us and learn how to turn old photographs into cherished keepsakes. RSVP to Connie at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 888-330-1234 before January 20 to be entered into a special prize drawing.

Are You Interested in Completing a GED?

Tribal citizens working on completing a GED can receive the following:

- Payment for GED testing
- Financial incentives for passing the individual GED exams
- Additional financial support for assistance with tutoring, mileage to GED classes, childcare costs during GED classes, GED workbooks, and more
- Assistance in our Employment Training/ GED Lab

The Department of Education wants to help tribal citizens complete their GEDs. To do this, we need to better assess the need. Please contact Marie Willis, Director of Education, to find out more information about the Tribal GED Assistance Program and tell us what you need to complete your high school education.

Turn Your Memories into a Movie

Join the Department of Education and we will help you preserve your memories. We will show you how to put your pictures and videos of your children, parents, grandparents, weddings in a movie. It would make a great gift! Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Connie Baber by Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 269-782-0887.

When: Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: Pokagon Band Department of Education

Bring: Pictures, video, and music

Four Winds North Construction Moving Along

By Anthony Foerster, Tribal Liaison with Christman/Kraus Anderson

The Hartford casino project—Four Winds North—is underway. Right now Grand River Construction is forming up the footings and foundations for the footprint of the new casino. They are trying to complete that work by Christmas weekend. The next phase, erecting steel, will commence at the beginning of January. Most of the opportunities available for the next phase will be for iron workers and laborers. I have not received a request for labor as of press time, so I do not have any numbers yet. We expect the other trades to begin working on the project around the beginning of March. Most of the jobs have been from one week to three weeks in duration so far. I suspect that the job opportunities in March will range from two to eight weeks in length.

Christman/Kraus Anderson and I are committed to provide as many employment opportunities to tribal citizens as possible, while still maintaining an experienced and safe work force. I will be working closely with John Heironymous in the Pokagon Band's Department of Human Resources to help him implement a tribal apprenticeship program. We are working on establishing a website link that will enable me to update citizens as the job progresses. Until then, do not hesitate to contact me. My cell phone number is 269-944-9684. My email address is: anthony.foerster@christmanco.com.



From left to right: tribal citizens Russell Drake and Nathan Morris and an unidentified worker from Grand River Construction help build the foundation for the southeast corner of Four Winds North.

Head Start News**2011–2012 Enrollment**

We are now accepting applications for the 2011–2012 school year. **Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2011 to be eligible for the 2011–2012 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 by the application deadline of June 1, 2011. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center at 269-783-0026 or 866-250-6573 toll free, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

Pokagon Band Head Start

- School days are Monday–Thursday from 8:30–2:30.
- Transportation 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.

Upcoming Events/Closures

January 3, 2011

School Resumes

January 17, 2011

Closed for Martin Luther King Day

January 27, 2011

Family Fun Night from 6:00-8:00 with guest speaker.

February 21, 2011

Closed for President's Day

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 and culture and many other ways. The program also runs male involvement

activities for fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, and 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:

- Play dough
- Wet wipes
- Outdoor play toys
- Sidewalk chalk
- Bubbles
- Glue sticks
- Lysol Wipes
- Art supplies
- Ziploc Bags (quart & gallon size)
- Hats & gloves

Happy Birthday to You!**January Birthdays:****Jason Holloway**

January 1, 2011—Happy 4th Birthday!

Mrs. Sam Townsend

January 2, 2011—Happy Birthday!

Elizabeth Bale

January 3, 2011—Happy 4th Birthday!

Miss Carrie Neumann

January 7, 2011—Happy Birthday!

Mrs. Sarah Green

January 10, 2011—Happy Birthday!

Miss Rosie Castillo

January 12, 2011—Happy Birthday!

Austin Garcia

January 26, 2011—Happy 4th Birthday!

February Birthdays:**Mariah Wright**

February 3, 2011—Happy 4th Birthday!

Greysen Kelley

February 15, 2011—Happy 4th Birthday!

Chloe Parker

February 16, 2011—Happy 4th Birthday!

**POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m. — 8:00p.m.

Location: Teaching Cabin

Men & Boys Drumming Class

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



Contact Information:
Andy Jackson, Cultural Specialist
E-mail: Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov
Office: 269-4624261

Everyone is invited!

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



Pokagon Band Of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

**WOMENS HAND
DRUM PRACTICE**

- Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2011
- Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Location: Tribal Lodge
58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, MI 49047

All Ladies and Girls Welcome

Please wear your skirts and bring a dish to pass for a sharing feast with the men's drum class. If you have a hand drum or rattle please bring it, but it's not necessary to participate.

Everyone is Invited!

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



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

Summer Enrichment Plan Already in the Works

Yes, it's time to start planning for the summer of 2011, or at least planting the seeds. Our Summer Enrichment Program is an awesome opportunity for students who will be entering seventh through twelfth grades in the fall of 2011. The Tribe will financially support up to \$500 per Pokagon child attending a workshop, camp, class, or other experience during the summer break. This past year, one hundred youth enjoyed this gift! Will you be one of them this next summer? The initial registration date for those who are applying for the first time is February 15. Students who are hoping to return to this program can start applying on March 15. The Department of Education will be mailing forms to all Pokagon citizens between the ages of 10 and 18 in January. What camp have you wanted to attend, or what skill do you want to master, or what class have you needed to take that you couldn't afford on your own? Now is the time to start thinking . . . how do you want to enrich your life this summer?

Here are just a few comments from the essays written by last year's group:

Joyce Olsen, ninth grader from Brandywine Middle School/High School in Niles, Michigan, states, "I would like to thank you for the amazing experience of Wolverine Band Camp. At this wonderful camp I stayed in Wolverine, Michigan for a week and every day was filled with fun, adventure, learning, frustration, growing and friendship."

Richard Roach, a senior from Dowagiac High School in Dowagiac, said, "Thank you for paying my way to the Michigan State Football Camp. It was a great time. My favorite part of the football camp was the tour of Michigan State Stadium. We also got to go out on the football field with the coach and some of the Michigan State players. I also learned from this experience that kids from all over the country are trying their best to get to play football from Michigan State University. The experience helped me to realize how much better I have to be to play football in college and how hard I have to work on my grades to get there."

Autumn Mollett is an eighth grader attending Watervliet Middle School, and had this to say about her summer enrichment activities at science camp: "On the third day we went to an island where I got stung by a cannon ball jelly fish, now that really hurt and ever since then I have this indent on my foot where it stung me. On the fourth day we went to a mini-aquarium where they had a turtle as big as a truck tire, sharks, fish, and eagle, skunks, snakes,

penguins, and many other things. My mom said, "Wow, they kept you busy this week didn't they!" She was right and I hope we go again soon."

Amanda Boelman, a seventh grader at Portage Central Middle School in Portage, Michigan, reported that: "I attended the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts for Young Artists Multi-Media Camp and Photography for Beginners. I had a great time there in both programs and am thanking you for giving me the opportunity to go there. My favorite part in the camp was painting. I enjoyed painting because it gave me the opportunity to explore the differences of textures, real life, and creativity. It taught me how to make things a little more real in a 2D way. My favorite part of photography class was the developing of film right out off the roll it came in. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to participate in this art camp and class. I had lots of fun making pictures and different projects."

Calling All Adults Who Want to Work with Youth This Summer

The Department of Education will be preparing the application forms for the Summer Program in the next month. If you are over 18 years old and have an interest in working at camp and summer school, please let us know. Contact Connie Baber, 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234, to be put on the application list.

K-12 Program Registration

Registering your child in the K-12 Program is easy, quick, and rewarding! This is open to children attending Pre-School, as well. Your student gets a school bag with supplies; you receive a \$50 reimbursement for school-related expenses, and we get the opportunity to serve you and your child. Call us if you need the forms sent your direction – Connie Baber, 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234 – or stop by the Department of Education on your next visit to the Administration Building.

Migwech, Families!

We would like to say migwech, megwech, wewene, thank you, to the adults, children and families who have been a part of the programs offered through the Department of Education's K-12 Programs, Adult Education, and Higher Education during this past year. You make our days by allowing us the opportunity to work with you!

Residents of the Pokégnek Édawat and visitors to the Rodgers Lake campground will be able to swing, slide and play this Spring on the two playground structures below. The one on the left will be installed at the campground, while the right image shows what will be constructed in the Édawat village.



Pokagon Ogitchedaw (Veterans) Submit Inaugural End of the Year Report Labs

By Ogema Ervin (Butch) Starrett

This is the first annual report to inform you and our community of the activities that the Veterans have been involved with in the past year. We started the year with the planning and completion of the Community Eagle Staff. It proved to be a very exciting endeavor for our group. Many acceptable traditions needed to be discussed and understood by all. The knowledge that was gained, and shared will always be an important part of the Ogitchedaw. We were able to complete the Staff for the first Traditional Memorial Day Pow Wow, Oshke – Kno – Kewewen Honoring the New Eagle Staff. Chairman Matthew Wesaw accepted the staff for the community, and presented it to Navy and Vietnam Veteran Lynn Davison for its care.

Next came the planning of the Second Annual Memorial Day Veterans Golf Tournament. The tournament is held on the Friday before the Memorial Day weekend. It is free to all Pokagon Tribal Veterans. The first year we had 144 golfers, and this year it expanded to 230 participants. We were able to invite Veteran groups from the local veteran organizations, such as the VFW, American Legion, and Tri County Korean Veterans group, Army, Air Force and Marines. We invited Vietnam Veteran Donald Chubb to speak of his military service, and it was a heartwarming experience for all. Other guest speakers included Chairman Matthew Wesaw, and nationally-known NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens.

The Memorial Day weekend continued with the Traditional Pow Wow held on Saturday, and Sunday. We had our booth set up with giveaways, and Veteran information. We participated in the Grand Entries and other events. On Sunday we were joined by Congressman Fred Upton, and presented with American Flags. We in turn gifted Congressman Upton with a traditional warrior's Koch Stick.

Monday the Color Guard marched in the annual Memorial Day Parade in Dowagiac, Michigan. Pokagon's Veterans have been marching in this event for many years. The Guard consisted of Mike Zimmerman, Roger Williams, Gus Gwilt, Lynn Davidson, Jerry Campbell, Anthony Foerster, and Butch Starrett, accompanied by Tribal Sisters Jackie Trux, and Teresa McFall. It was the first time that our Community Eagle staff was able to be a part of this annual event, and it was received well by the local community.

The next important project the Ogitchedaw completed was to get the Veterans Code reviewed and approved by Tribal Council. Upon the approval the three officers needed to be installed as approved by Council. Those officers are as follows: Ogema Ervin (Butch) Starrett (three-year term), Secretary Roger Williams (two-year term), and Treasurer Lynn Davidson (one-year term). A big megwetch goes out to Tribal Council and tribal associate general counsel Edward Williams for their hard work in this matter.

In August the Veterans were in Oklahoma for the Potawatomi Gathering. We attended a meeting of all the Potawatomi Veteran groups, and shared information. The list of our community's Veterans whose names are listed on their Family Eagle Feathers has been put on display in the cultural center of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi enclosed in glass. It is moving to see many of our Pokagon veterans' names proudly on display, a big megwetch to the Citizen Band of Potawatomi. If you are in the Oklahoma areas please take time to visit the cultural center. I was informed that discounted camping with all the amenities is available to all Potawatomi community members.

September began with the annual Womens Water Walk and Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow. We again were able to participate in all the various activities of the weekend. Veterans Jerry Campbell, Anthony Foerster, and

I participated in the walk with the Community Eagle Staff. The Pow Wow included camping, a Veterans booth, Grand Entries, dancing, great rood, various cultural activities, and new friendships. Veterans from the Saginaw Chippewa, Gun Lake, and Huron Band also were in attendance, and we greatly appreciate their support with our events. We had many members from across the country stop by and either register with the group or just say hello. We felt very welcomed by the Pow Wow Committee, and would like to give them a big megwetch for all of their hospitality and support.

Reaffirmation Day is the day that celebrates the signing into law the restoration of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians by the federal government. We were able to present at this event a complete display of all the Tribal and military flags of our community: Pokagon Community Eagle staff, Anthony Foerster (Marine); United States flag, Gus Gwilt (Marine); Pokagon Nation flag, **Ken Rader, pictured at left** (Air Force); State of Michigan flag, Ollie Shear (Army); Indiana State Flag, Lynn Davidson, (Navy); US Army flag, Ken Kirvan, (Army); US Navy flag Carl Wesaw, (Army); US Marine flag, Mike Zimmerman, (Army); US Air Force flag, Butch Starrett (Army) and POW/MIA flag, Jerry Campbell (Army).



September ended with the Gathering of Eagle Staffs hosted by the Sault Saint Marie Chippewa Indian Community, attended by Anthony Foerster, Roger Williams, and I. It proved to be a time of learning and sharing information needed to understand what is expected in the care and creation of an Eagle Staff. Staffs were brought forth by the individual care takers who told us their stories, from the beginning to now.

November 20 we attended the 57th Annual Chicago Pow Wow to support the honoring of Tribal member Leroy Wesaw Sr., and the presentation of our Nation's flag to the Chicago American Indian Center at Navy Pier. Their Pow Wow is a coming together of many North American Indian Tribes and communities. We are honored and grateful to have been invited to take part in this wonderful event. I, Roger Williams, Jerry Campbell, Anthony Foerster, and many tribal members were able to attend; we all had a great time.

Veterans Day proved to be a busy day for many of our veterans. Anthony Foerster participated in the ceremonies at Fort Custer in Battle Creek, Michigan. Roger Williams and Carl Wesaw were able to attend the Veterans Pow Wow at the Gun Lake Tribal community center organized by Head Veteran George Martin. Many local businesses were offering gifts to the Veterans which many of our veterans were able to enjoy.

Upcoming events for 2011 that are in the works:

- Veterans website
- Veterans office space
- Saturday meetings
- Family Eagle Feathers
- A calendar of events
- Increased membership

We would like to take this time to thank all of our Veterans for their military service. It is with a sense of duty that we continue to serve our community. We would like to invite any and all who have served to join us in the development of the Pokagon Bode'wadmik Ogitchedaw. We need the input and help of all Pokagon Veterans young and old to identify our future mission. Please join us in this journey; it is not only needed, but fun, interesting, and exciting.

January Students of the Month

by Susan Doyle and Sue Johnson, Education Associates



Kayla Lewis is a senior at Watervliet High School in Watervliet, Michigan. Her parents are Tonya Payne and Dean Lewis and she has a brother, Eric. Kayla's favorite food is cake as "they are extremely fun to make and design." She loves listening to and creating music and singing is her biggest talent. Her favorite games are "Call of Duty" and "Halo" for the Xbox. Kayla is really into using her imagination and writes many songs. She is currently taking a Culinary Arts class to learn to make some extreme desserts. She would like to open her own baking business one day if her dreams come true. Kayla is proud to be Native American as they savor their culture and are a very persistent people. She says, "While other cultures wither away because of lack of knowledge and really, lack of interest, we are a proud people."



Angel Bowling is in the first grade in New Buffalo, Michigan. She has participated in such tribal and cultural activities as pow wows, health fairs and wellness retreats. Her favorite food is lasagna, her favorite toy is a bubble blower and she loves to read and do math. Angel wants to be a princess one day. She is proud to be a Native American as it is her heritage, and she loves having a large, extended family. Her Mom is Dawn Shiflett. Her grandparents include Tom and Carol Martin, Tom and Linda Martin, Margaret O'Keefe, and Price Parker. Angel has three siblings: Jordan, Courtney, and Devin.



Amber Reinke is a senior at Fondy High School in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Her favorite foods include pizza and chicken fettucine. She loves playing Apples to Apples and Super Mario Brothers. Other favorite things include going mudding, listening to country music, hiking in caves, playing miniature golf, kayaking, and spending time with her boyfriend. Amber plans to study either child care or dental hygiene in college. She is proud to be Native American as it is "awesome to follow in my grandparents' tracks." Amber enjoys learning different things about who she is and her culture. Her parents are John and Becky Reinke, her grandparents are Eunice and Jim Schwake. Amber has two siblings: Cody and Taylor.



Darren Kole is a first grade student at Fairplain West in Benton Harbor, Michigan. His parents are Shawn and Susan Kole, and he has four brothers: Donnie, Dwayne, Dylan, and Adent. His favorite food is pancakes, his favorite sport is football, and he loves to play on the Playstation. When Darren grows up, he wants to be a teacher.

Elders Council Minutes

DECEMBER 2, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Margaret Rapp, 11:40 a.m.

INVOCATION: Butch Starrett.

ROLL CALL: Margaret Rapp, P, Ken Radar, P, Clarence White, A, excused Audrey Huston, P.

Also in attendance, Yvonne (Petey) Boehm.

AGENDA: Mr. Culpepper was unable to attend.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: The main topic of conversation was the medical issues. Prescriptions, possible 90 days' supply for people who are gone for the winter, seven-day wait. Trips, we have no medical

personnel on the bus. A suggestion was made that we train with the Indian Lake Fire Dept. The cost would be \$5,000.00, but it was also brought up that if someone fell we possibly would be unable to pick someone up due to our age.

A question was put forth regarding the jackets, at this time the details have not been worked out. We had two new members elected to the Council and thought it best to wait and work with them. You will be notified when everything is in place.

MINUTES: The November minutes were read, Ken moved to accept the minutes Margaret supported, (3) yes, (1) absent, approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Margaret moved to accept the Treasurers report, Ken supported, (3) yes, (1) absent, approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom asked how many people we serve, as of now 424 Elders.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Language classes are held every Monday at Elders Hall, 11:00 am – 12:00pm.

Active Living will stop Fri. Dec. 17, 2010 and resume March 2011.

Basket making will start November 10, 2010, 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

December 16, 2010, Social luncheon, gift exchange, \$10.00 gift for men, \$10.00 gift for women. A prize will be given to the person wearing the most Christmas clothing.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Victor Starrett, Mary Jo Morris, Marge Moody, Dorothy Burgh, Genevieve Wesaw, Dan Rapp, Marie Manley.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: Tom & Bonnie Parrish.

ADJOURNMENT: Audrey moved to adjourn, Margaret supported, (3) yes, (1) absent. Adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Dates: Tue. & Thur. nights
January 11 — Feb 24

Time: 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.

Location: Tribal Lodge
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Class Information:

This class serves as an introduction to the study of the language and culture of the Potawatomi. The class content will focus on foundational grammar, pronunciation, and historical and cultural context.

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 First Class Language Class (1 of 14)	12	13 Language Class (2 of 14)	14	15
16	17	18 Language Class (3 of 14)	19	20 Language Class (4 of 14)	21	22
23	24	25 Language Class (5 of 14)	26	27 Language Class (6 of 14)	28	29
30	31					

Potawatomi Language Class

Instructor: Thomas Loftis (Citizen Band Potawatomi)

Registration Info.:

Register with Teresa at (269) 462-4296. Limit of 25 students.

Registration Deadline:

Tuesday, January 4th

Everyone is Invited!

If you are interested in learning about Nishnabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend. These events are not exclusive

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Language Class (7 of 14)	2	3 Language Class (8 of 14)	4	5
6	7	8 Language Class (9 of 14)	9	10 Language Class (10 of 14)	11	12
13	14	15 Language Class (11 of 14)	16	17 Language Class (12 of 14)	18	19
20	21	22 Language Class (13 of 14)	23	24 Final Class Language Class (14 of 14)	25	26
27	28					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>Every Tuesday: Behavioral Health, Red Road Circle of Re- covery AA/NA*</i>		<i>Every Thursday: Behavioral Health, Fathers of Tradition Family Night*</i>	<i>Every Friday: Behavioral Health, Red Road Circle of Re- covery AA/NA*</i>	1
2	3 Elders Language Class	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Elders Language Class	11 Language Class (1 of 14)	12	13 Language Class (2 of 14)	14	15
16	17 Elders Language Class	18 Language Class (3 of 14); Native Healing	19 Native Healing; Womens Hand Drumming; Men & Boys Drumming	20 Language Class (4 of 14); Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge	21 Native Healing	22 Storytelling & Traditional Snow Snake Games with John Pigeon
23	24 Elders Language Class; Traditions and Repatriation Meeting	25 Language Class (5 of 14)	26	27 Language Class (6 of 14)	28	29
30	31 Elders Language Class					

Co-ed Sweat - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm
Elders Language Class - Elders Hall, 11am – 12pm
Fathers of Tradition Family Night - Behavioral Health (use north side door), 6pm 8pm
Language Class - Tribal Lodge, 6pm - 8pm
Men & Boys Drumming - Teaching Cabin, 6pm-8pm

Native Healing with Jake Pine – Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm
Red Road Circle of Recovery AA/NA - Behavioral Health (use north side door), Tue. 6-7:30pm and Fri. 7-8:30pm
Storytelling & Traditional Snow Snake Games - Tribal Lodge, 1pm– 4pm
Traditions and Repatriation Committee’s Meeting - Admin. Bldg., Finance Conference Rm., 6pm-9pm
Womens Hand Drumming - Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

Note: “” Signifies Behavioral Health events (Red Road Circle of Recovery and Fathers of Tradition). Please contact Patricia Holbrook with questions, (269) 782-4141 ext. 325.*

Native Foster Parents Needed

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

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility “to provide for the welfare, care and protection of

the children,” through our Child Protection Code. “The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band” says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term “foster parents.” Native people have

had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent?

We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at 269-782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.

Department of Education Reminders

Honor Blankets

If you have graduated, or are planning to graduate, with at least a Bachelors degree from September 2010–June 2011, please contact Connie Baber at the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 for an application to receive an honor blanket. These blankets will be awarded to graduates during the Memorial Day Pow Wow this year (instead of the Labor Day Weekend Pow Wow).

Applications are due by Friday, April 1.

Workforce Investment Act

Just a reminder for all of those who are involved in the Workforce Investment Act program that if you have not already done so, please turn in your next semester schedule along with copies of your semester's grades. Also, if you are enrolled into the Higher Education program, you must provide these documents and submit a new application each semester. If you are in both programs, please make or request a copy of the schedule and grades for both programs' files. If you have any questions, please contact the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887.



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Storytelling & Traditional Snow Snake Games with John Pigeon



Date: Saturday,
January 22, 2011
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Tribal Lodge
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Everyone is invited!
If you are interested in learning about Nishnabek life ways, then you are welcome to attend. These events are not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.

Come and join us for an afternoon of storytelling and snow snake games. Please bring your snow snake stick that you made at the December event. If you don't have your own stick, don't worry - we have extras for you to use. Bring out the family and dress warm for an afternoon of fun and games! Soup and hot chocolate will be provided.



Contact Information:
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Tribal Council January Calendar of Events

- 4 Gaming Authority Meeting, noon, Four Winds
- 5 Tribal Council Meeting, 8 a.m., Lodge
- 8 Tribal Council Meeting, 10 a.m., Lodge
- 10 Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 11 Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 12 Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 18 Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 24 Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 25 Gaming Authority, noon, Four Winds
- 27 Tribal Council Meeting, noon, Lodge
- 31 Tribal Council Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Lodge

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

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DATE: WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY
JANUARY 18-21, 2011
TIME: 9:00-12:00 P.M. & 1:00-5:00 P.M.
LOCATION: TEACHING CABIN

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

Individual appointments Tuesday – Thursday (please bring tobacco).
Co-ed sweat lodge on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

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

Native Healing

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

Supplemental Heating Program Now Accepting Applications

The Pokagon Band Department of Social Services announces the fifth annual Pokagon Supplemental Heating Program, which will begin accepting applications December 6. This program will provide a credit of \$250 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; it is not limited to the 10-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.

How to Apply

You can receive an application by calling Social Services at 269-782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777 or visiting in person at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan. An application may also be obtained by visiting the Pokagon website and viewing the Department of Social Services information.

Items you will need to fill out the application

- 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) if above do not apply
- Bill from your energy provider
- Tribal ID cards

Applications will be accepted beginning December 6.

Income Guidelines

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

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Mondays: Housing staff will be available to provide information on housing programs.

1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services social worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, foot care, diabetes management and prevention by appointment.

Wednesdays: Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and Workforce Investment Act applications.

Fridays: Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the daycare program will be available.

Correction:

The January Health Care Summit is **Saturday, January 15**, not Tuesday, January 18 as previously printed. The time and location remain the same.

Health Care Summit
Saturday, January 15, 2011
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Harris Prairie Church of Christ
Granger, Indiana

Minors Trust Informational Meetings

January 25 & 26, 2011

Providence First Trust Company will be here to meet with parents or guardians who have questions about the minors trust.

Please call Julie Farver to set up an appointment, 269-782-8998

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.

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.

Administrative Assistant Wanted

Christman/Kraus-Anderson, the Construction Manager for the Four Winds North project in Hartford, Michigan, is looking for a Pokagon citizen to fill the position of Administrative Assistant for the on-site construction staff. This is a full-time position requiring immediate availability, and will be needed until the project is complete (anticipated for October 2011). Work hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 am until 5 pm, with one hour for lunch.

As Administrative Assistant, proficiency with Excel and Microsoft Word are mandatory. More specifically, this individual will be responsible for the following:

- Typical receptionist duties (i.e. greeting, answering the main phone line, distributing messages, etc.)
- Typical clerical duties (i.e. copying, scanning, organizing documents, filing, posting drawings, office supply management, etc.)
- Assisting the Tribal Liaison with managing and updating the list of all available Pokagon citizens
- Preparing weekly reports, tracking PBPI participation and staff hours
- Preparing and distributing meeting minutes and general correspondence

While the Administrative Assistant will be working with Christman/Kraus-Anderson, the position will be secured through a Temporary Employment Agency. Hourly pay for Administrative Assistants typically ranges between \$12 and \$15 per hour, depending on experience and capabilities. This job posting will close at the end of business on Friday, December 31, 2010. Resumes can be emailed to dan.rooney@christmanco.com or faxed to 517-482-3520, Attn: Dan Rooney.

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FAX 269-782-1964

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

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

Administration
Information Technology
58620 Sink Rd.
269-782-8998 /
Toll Free 800-517-0777
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Head Start
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866)-250-6573
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Social Services
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574-255-2368 /
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Behavioral Health
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Tribal Court
58620 Sink Rd.
269-783-0505 /
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Education and Training
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269-782-0887/
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Tribal Police
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58620 Sink Rd.
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Per Capita Payment Schedule 2011

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accts
Friday, January 14, 2011	Thurs, Jan 27, 2011	Fri, Jan 28, 2011
Tuesday, February 15, 2011	Thurs, Feb 24, 2011	Fri, Feb 25, 2011
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Wed, Mar 30, 2011	Thurs, Mar 31, 2011
Friday, April 15, 2011	Thurs, Apr 28, 2011	Fri, Apr 29, 2011
Friday, May 13, 2011	Thurs, May 26, 2011	Fri, May 27, 2011
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Wed, June 29, 2011	Thurs, June 30, 2011
Friday, July 15, 2011	Thurs, July 28, 2011	Fri, July 29, 2011
Monday, August 15, 2011	Tues, Aug 30, 2011	Wed, Aug 31, 2011
Thursday, September 15, 2011	Thurs, Sept 29, 2011	Fri, Sept 30, 2011
Friday, October 14, 2011	Thurs, Oct 27, 2011	Fri, Oct 28, 2011
Friday, November 1, 2011	Tues, Nov 22, 2011	Wed, Nov 23, 2011

Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

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

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

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

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

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

January Elders Lunch Menu

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals MEALS SUBJECT TO CHANGE 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Closed New Years The rest of this week meals are Provided by Cass County Council on Aging.	4 Swiss Chicken Dressing Sliced Carrots Blueberry Muffin Fresh Fruit Dessert	5 Baked BBQ Pork Chop Red Skin Potatoes Capri Blend Vegetables Biscuit Fresh Fruit	6 Business Vegetable Lasagna Winter Blend Vegetables Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit Dessert	7 Homemade Meatloaf Scalloped Potatoes Hot Spinach Whole Wheat Bread Fresh Fruit
10 Language Butternut Squash Soup Tuna Salad Sandwich Tomatoes and Lettuce Waldorf Salad	11 Cornish Hens Stuffing Spinach Coleslaw Roll / Fruit W/ Yogurt Cup	12 Buffalo Tacos W/ Cheese, lettuce, onion, tomato Flour tortilla or hard shell Black Beans and Rice Lemon Pudding	13 Pork Loin W/ Rutabaga, Potatoes, & Carrots Garden Salad Applesauce	14 Veggie Pizza Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Cottage Cheese and Pineapple
17 Language Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18 Pork Chop Baked Potato Brussels Sprouts Spiced Apple Rings Roll	19 Chicken Noodle Soup Veggie Burger on a Bun Relish Tray Cherry Crisp	20 Social Chili Cook-Off Garden Salad Cornbread Sour Cream, Cheese, Broccoli (Garnishes for Chili)	21 Sea Bass Rice Pilaf Corn on the Cob Garden Salad Blueberry pie
24 Language Salmon Patties Sweet Potato Fries Broccoli Tomato Salad Roll / Lemon Meringue Pie	25 Turkey Meatloaf W/ Salsa Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Green Beans Roll / Jell-O W/ Fruit	26 Beef Roast W/ Rutabaga, Red Potatoes, and Carrots Coleslaw Roll / Apple Crisp	27 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Tray Rainbow Sherbet	28 Baked Potato Bar W/ Chili, Broccoli, Cheese, and Sour Cream Fruit Salad
31 Language Buffalo Meatballs and Spaghetti Asparagus Garden Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Cup		Please Note: Business and Social lunches are Potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass. Thank you.		Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light Beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onions served with sandwiches. Bread/ Rolls and butter are also included.

Happy Birthday



December 6 to
**Brendon Paul
Gibson**
Love you always,
Mom and Dad and
Grandmom and
Grandpa Gibson

January 17 to my niece **Sherri Ryan**
Love, Aunt Mart



January 22 to **Aiden
Logan Gibson**
Love you always,
Mom and Dad and
Grandmom and
Grandpa Gibson

January 27 to my terrific sister **Mary Maddox**
Love, your sister Mart



Happy Birthday
Ahmad Birks
Love, your family



Happy Birthday
Nadyah Grubb
From Mom



Happy Birthday
Preston Brown
From your family



Happy 21st Birthday
Garrison Grubb
From Mom and Dad



Happy 12th Birthday
December 29
Cheyenne Harmon
With All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, Alexis and
Cody

Happy Belated Birthday

November 20 **Lee Parker**
November 27 **Sandy VanHolt**
December 5 **Carol Martin**
December 9 **Johnny Parker**
December 11 **Lisa Stevens**
December 12 **Misty Weaver**
December 21 **Dawn Parker**
December 21 **Chad Gillan**
December 26 **Jake Wallin**
December 31 **John Hoekstra**

Love, Kathy, Haley & Mike

Cecelia Grace (Rapp) Blackmond
12-7-12 to 1-3-83

"My Mother"

Holidays are tough.
Wish Heaven had a phone
So I could hear your voice again.
I thought of you today.
But that's nothing new,
I thought of you yesterday and
days before that too.
I think of you in silence and often
speak your name.
All I have are memories and pictures
in a frame.
But I know that you are with Jesus,
And that someday we will be together again.
Love you and miss you, Mommy,
Your Daughter, Sarah

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