



# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

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### Price Highlights Success of Diabetes Program on Capitol Hill

Community Health Nurse Becky Price spoke on behalf of Pokagon Health Services and its diabetes program during the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) briefing on Capitol Hill on December 5.

According to NIHB Chairperson Cathy Abramson, the Special Diabetes Program for Indians is saving lives, lowering medical costs and demonstrating a significant return on the federal investment. Between 1995 and 2006, the incident rate of end stage renal disease in American Indian and Alaska Natives living with diabetes fell nearly 28 percent, a greater decline than any other ethnic group.

Becky Price told attendees that one of the Pokagon's program focuses is ensuring the youth in the community are healthy and exercising so not to develop diabetes as adults.

"We need that special touch to reach out to the youth and SDPI gives us that. We have to reach them in creative ways. We have to get them out of the risk pool for diabetes early. We need more success stories," added Price.

"I just got up there and used my personal experiences with my family and what we need to do to move forward, working with our youth to prevent diabetes," remembered Price. "I got commended by the NIHB stating my presentation really made the biggest impact. One NIHB member was moved to tears."

American Indians and Alaska Natives are burdened disproportionately with type 2 diabetes at a rate of 2.8 times the national average. Congress established the SDPI in 1997



as part of the Balanced Budget Act to address the growing epidemic of diabetes in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. As SDPI is set to expire in September 2014, the program must be renewed this year to ensure that critical programs across the country may continue. Currently, SDPI provides grants for 404 programs in 34 states.

"NIHB encourages tribal leaders and members in Congress to continue to step up and fight hard to sustain this important program," said Abramson. "We ask that support is present again for the upcoming reauthorization. SDPI is a program that has proven to help our people become healthier."

### Community as Family: How Fostering Can Make a Difference

Not long ago, when Shannon Snay and her husband Mike lived in Jackson, Michigan, they remember reading about the need for foster care for Pokagon children, and thinking it was something they felt called to do.

"It was a dream of ours that we would do in the future. We had raised six of our own, and we had two left to graduate," she said. "We thought after the youngest two left, we would be ready to start the process."

Once they did start the process, they found it moved very quickly. Now the Snays, pictured above with their family, live near Dowagiac in the first tribally-owned foster home.

"The need was greater than what you expected," Snay said.

For her, one of the best parts of fostering has been seeing how happy the children are.

"It's humbling. They are awesome; we've seen positive changes. They're excited to go to school, they show better behavior," Snay said. "They're excited to be tribal members."

The family attends as many tribal activities as they can. The children are getting regalia, are learning to dance, and taking language classes. Shannon is also learning; she's acquired more



language now that she's involved the children more with the Band.

"We do what we would do with our own children; treat them like they're our own. We hope when they grow they'll embrace family values, and maybe take that back to their families."

After seeing the positive outcome of this fostering arrangement, two of the Snay's older children are now following in their parent's path and considering fostering and adopting native children.

"I would suggest anybody give it a try, the process is nothing like what you might imagine," Snay recommends. "It opens your eyes and helps you become more involved in your own culture, and how important it is for the whole community to be a family."

If you'd like to learn more about fostering Pokagon children, please contact Ann Morsaw-Banghart, foster care and adoptions worker, at (269) 462-4216.

## Stay Safe This Winter

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Winter is here, filled with activities that make this cold time of year fun for the whole family. Sledding, skiing, snowmobiling, snowboarding, hockey and ice skating can be a blast, but many kids could end up in the ER for winter sports injuries. Head, neck, and other injuries can occur when kids run into trees or large rocks. When playing sports on the ice, it is safer to skate on a rink than on a pond. If a pond is all that you have available, please check the thickness of the ice and watch your kids while they skate. When snowmobiling travel in groups and make sure someone knows where the snowmobilers are going. Other tips:

- Know your machine and its capabilities.
- Respect snowmobilers and yield to those who have the right of way.
- If it's necessary to snowmobile on frozen bodies of water, do so with extra caution.
- When crossing a roadway, make sure the way is clear in both directions.
- Operate at a reasonable and prudent speed for trail conditions.
- Remember that alcohol and snowmobiles don't mix.

### Cold Weather Concerns

Each winter more people experience respiratory illnesses and other viruses. Encourage your children and family to wash hands well and frequently, cover mouths when sneezing and coughing, and boost immune systems by keeping bundled up and warm. Some children don't know when they should come in from the cold. Check on your children when they are out playing in the cold. Monitor for signs and symptoms of frost nip or frost bite. Frostnip is an early warning sign of the onset of frostbite. It leaves the skin white and numb. After bringing your child inside, remove all wet clothing because it draws heat from the body. Immerse the chilled body parts in warm (not hot) water, 104-108°F until they are able to feel sensation again.

Frostbite occurs mostly on fingers, toes, ears, noses, and cheeks. The area becomes very cold and turns white or yellowish gray. If you notice frostbite, take your child immediately to the nearest hospital emergency room. To help prevent frostnip and frostbite be sure to have warm and dry gloves, coats, hats, and other protective wear for cold weather. Be sure your kids have a snack before going out into the cold this will give their bodies' energy in the cold weather.

### Home Safe and Warm

Install a functioning smoke alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. Test it monthly. If it has a 9-volt battery, change the battery once a year. Install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. If your alarm sounds, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

suggests that you press the reset button, call emergency services (911 or your local fire department), and immediately move to fresh air (either outdoors or near an open door or window). Know the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, fatigue, dizziness, and shortness of breath. If you experience any of these symptoms, get fresh air right away and contact a doctor for proper diagnosis.

Make sure heating equipment is installed properly. Have a trained specialist inspect and tune up your heating system each year. If you use a wood-burning stove, have the chimney connection and flue checked each year. Make sure the stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and coals. Never use your range or oven to heat your home, even for a short time.

### Surviving a Winter Storm

Before cold weather hits, make sure you have a way to heat your home during a power failure. Keep a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher nearby when using alternative heating sources. Keep on hand extra blankets, flashlights with extra batteries, matches, a first aid kit, manual can opener, snow shovel and rock salt, and special needs items (e.g., diapers). Stock a few days' supply of water, required medications, and food that does not need to be refrigerated or cooked. Monitor the temperature of your home. Infants and persons over age 65 are especially susceptible to cold. If it's not possible to keep your home warm, stay with friends or family or in a shelter. Dress in several layers to maintain body heat. Covering up with blankets can also conserve heat.

### Walking in Cold

Dress in layers and wear boots with nonskid soles. Wear a bright scarf or hat or reflective gear so drivers can see you. Walk on sidewalks if possible. If sidewalks are covered in snow and ice and you must walk in the street, walk against the flow of traffic and as close to the curb as you can.

Don't wear a hat or scarf that blocks your vision or makes it hard for you to hear traffic.

When traveling with babies or small children, dress them in bright or reflective clothing. Always keep children, whether in a stroller or on foot in front of you and as close to the curb as possible.

Before you step off the curb, make sure oncoming cars and trucks have come to a complete stop.

### Driving

Be sure that you clean off your car completely before driving. Slow down. Driving fast in the winter can cause unnecessary accidents. If you plan to go on long trips be sure to pack a first aid kit, warm blankets, and extra gloves in the car.

## 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  
Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

## The Pokagons Lego League Team Takes on Nature's Fury

By Ray Bush

The Pokagon Band Lego League Team competed in the First Lego League Qualifying Tournament in Grandville, Michigan November 23.

This year's theme for competition was Nature's Fury. Teams throughout the world answered a Challenge based on a real scientific topic. Each Challenge has three parts: the Robot Game, the Project and the Core Values. Teams of up to ten children, with one adult coach, participate in the Challenge by programming an autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field (Robot Game), developing a solution to a problem they have identified (Project), all guided by the Core Values.

Competition Day was long, but well worth the efforts of our coaches, mentors, parents, and especially the students. The kids had worked together as a team in all aspects during the months leading up to this glorious day, and it showed. At one point our robot had several technical difficulties and the invention prototype broke during presentation. Did these set-backs discourage our team? Not one bit! They

persevered, repaired, and continued on like champions. The judges recognized the team's great attitude and awarded us with the "Against All Odds" trophy, which is now proudly displayed in the Education Department.

This year's team consisted of Madison Cabrillas, Tommy Gamache, Emily and Molly Potter, Ryan Roach, and Justin Townsend with Coaches Kristie Bussler and Diana Smith. Jordan Townsend, although a bit too young to be an official member of the team, added his skills and talents throughout the season.

Mentors for the team were Ray Bush, Jim Bussler, Autumn Cabrillas, Tim Craig, Patricia Gamache, Mark McConnell, Melissa Potter and Rick Roach.

The Pokagons 2013 team is proud of our accomplishments and is looking forward to 2014 and its LEGO challenges. We plan to purchase more robots and other equipment for next year. Children between the ages of 9 and 14 are encouraged to join the fun filled activities. If you're interested, please contact the Pokagon Education Department at (800) 517-0777 for further details. Don't miss out on all the fun!



## Conservation Officer Added to Tribal Law Enforcement Roster

Officer Kevin Modlin assumed his new role as the Pokagon conservation officer October 1. Modlin, who has been with the Police Department since 2009, will patrol tribal trust lands enforcing the Band's conservation laws, citizens' hunting, fishing and gathering rights, and off road vehicle use.

"Tribal police officers have so many areas of responsibility—casino calls, road assistance, law enforcement—that we found we needed one person to cover all the areas of conservation," said Capt. Chris Vancompernelle.

A grant from the Administration for Native Americans provides fifty percent of the conservation officer's yearly salary for two years, and after that the position will be covered by the Police Department's annual operating budget.

Thus far into his tenure, Modlin says he has responded to complaints of trespassing and illegal logging and has removed some unmarked tree stands and trapping lines. Although he will react to any calls, the majority of his proactive patrol time will be focused in Cass and Van Buren Counties, where most hunting, gathering and fishing happens.

"Our records management data will tell us where we need to focus our time," said Capt. Vancompernelle. "Monthly evaluation of the stats can help determine if changes are necessary."

Officer Modlin will attend a land management police training with the Indian Police Academy in 2014 and also work on becoming a hunter safety instructor, trapper safety instructor, and an off road vehicle safety instructor. He took part in the Trapper Education Field Day the Band offered in early December (photos at right).

"We had 15 or 20 attendees there, learning about outdoor survival and safe trapping and release practices," he said.

"Kevin's interest and enthusiasm for the position made him a natural fit for this," said Capt. Vancompernelle.

Officer Modlin's uniform is olive green rather than police blue, and he drives a specially-detailed vehicle for his patrols that looks less like a law enforcement vehicle, yet has reflective letters and icons. According to the officers, it's "good for people in the field to know who you are, but in conservation you want to get pretty close to them before they know that."

Capt. Vancompernelle stressed that all tribal police officers have the authority to enforce conservation law, and that conservation officers can enforce state law. "They're all equally empowered—federally, state and locally—to serve as best they can."

Officer Modlin can be reached at (269) 462-5902 or Kevin.Modlin@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



## Apprentices Learn Skills that Strengthen Tribal Economy, Build Self-Sufficiency

As twelve Pokagon apprentices already know, the Band's carpenter apprenticeship program—now in its third year—gives Pokagons the chance to develop not only job skills, but a career.

Andrew Ridenour's a busy man. He has a family, works and is a second-year apprentice. The program has allowed him the flexibility to do all three.

"It's awesome," he said. "I can get college credits. We've had great teachers; a lot of people are really committed."

Ridenour applied what he has learned in the classroom toward the building of the 32 new homes recently opened at Pokégnek Édawat.

"I hung windows and doors, did trim and baseboards and casings, anything we could," he said.

Apprentices will become journeyman carpenters after completing the program's four years. The Pokagon Band Apprenticeship Program is registered by the United States Department of Labor. The program requires a minimum of

144 classroom hours of instruction per year for each of the four years and requires 8,000 hours of construction related work experience.

Tim Downing, also in the apprenticeship's second year, appreciates the chance to help the tribe.

"We are able to do things for the tribe, and it's really good to give back after they've invested so much in us," he said.

Tim said he and his wife Lisa Downing sold their business in California to move here in part because of the apprenticeship program.

"I love it, working outside and building," he said. Downing worked on framing and trim for windows and doors for the new homes as well.

"Our teachers have been really good, taking the time to explain everything and not moving forward until we all understand it."

Both Ridenour and Downing hope to open their own carpenter business someday.

"In our fourth year the instructor will teach us about compliance with codes and get us trained up to prepare for the licensing test," said Ridenour. "I'm hoping I can get my contractor's license and contract with the tribe."

Downing added that once his business is running, he hopes to hire some of the newer apprentices to come work for him.

Both apprentices say they like the program so much they have recruited future students from their families: Ridenour's dad plans on starting in the next class, and Downing's brother in law is signed up to start the next year. If you're interested in learning more about joining the program, call (269) 462-4273.



[www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/careers/apprenticeship-program](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/careers/apprenticeship-program)



## Council Members and Veterans Enjoy a Weekend of Connections

The Language and Culture Department planned a Multi-generational Leadership Forum for members of Elders Council, Tribal Council, both Youth Councils and the Veterans group Saturday and Sunday, November 23–24. The Forum, themed *Each One Teach One*, involved networking, encouragement, and traditional teachings; it was to be held at Bear Cave Resort in Buchanan, Michigan. The weekend culminated with more teambuilding at the Detroit Lions game at Ford Field in Detroit.

Due to problems at the resort, Saturday's activities had to be postponed, but the group still was able to connect and enjoy other leaders' company at Ford Field.

Melissa Rodriguez, chair of the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow committee, led a trivia game "How Well Do You Know Your Councils?" for the group during the bus ride to Detroit.

"I had a wonderful time," she said. "There's no better way to spend a Sunday than with our youth, our elders and our veterans!"

"I hope they reschedule the leadership forum," Roger Rader, Tribal Council member at large, said. "It's always good to meet with each leader, and talking circles are always good for learning about each other and building up your confidence."

All Council members were invited. If other spots became available, they were offered to citizens who regularly participate in meetings and other activities.

"We wanted to blend various age groups and leadership styles into a collaborative and progressive program," said Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator. "We're seeking constant improvement of the tribe."

The Lions game featured Salute to Veterans, including a surprise reunion at halftime of a military member serving in Afghanistan with his wife and children.



## January is National Stalking Awareness Month

**By Casey Kasper**

Normally when we think about stalking, we think it only happens to celebrities, by obsessed fans. However stalking is incredibly common among domestic violence victims. It is estimated that 17 percent of Native American

women will experience stalking at some point in their lives. This is more than any other group of women.

Stalking is a serious issue that impacts our community. It is difficult to recognize, however, making it hard to report. Stalkers will use many tactics to track their victims, including unwanted phone calls, visits, text messages, and gifts, as well as breaking into someone's home, and making threats to harm the victim, those close to the victim, and pets, just to name a few. Stalkers may have their family or friends harass the



victim as well. One in four victims have reported that technology, such as computers, GPS, hidden cameras, and recording devices were used to track them. These tactics make the victim feel very unsafe. Stalking is frequently used by abusers to control their

partners at all points in the relationship. Stalking is especially dangerous after the victim has left the abuser. Research shows that the most dangerous time for a domestic violence victim is after they have left the relationship.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence help is available. You may contact Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov for information on safety planning and referrals programs in your area.

## Domestic Violence Support Group to Start in 2014

The Domestic Violence Program will begin offering a support group for women who are currently experiencing or have experienced domestic violence. Sessions will focus on safety planning, self-worth, rebuilding after a violent relationship, and parenting with an abusive partner, among other topics.

Your safety is very important. One of the most dangerous times for a domestic violence survivor is leaving the relationship. All group participation will be confidential. Also group participants are asked not to share any information about other group participants, in order to keep everyone safe.

No official time or location has been set for group. Please let me know what works best for you. If you are interested in participating in the support group or have any questions please feel free to contact Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker at (269) 462-4324 at any time.

## Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

### Old Time Song & Dance Discussion

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Department of Language & Culture

January 10, 2014  
6:00 pm–7:30 pm

The Department of Language & Culture invites all community members to attend a dinner and discussion about the revitalization of our Old Time Song & Dance, different from contemporary Powwow dances. We are looking for those who have the knowledge and those who wish to learn more.

Dinner provided. Please bring a favorite dessert to share.

Community Center  
27043 Potawatomi Trail  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
RSVP to Marcus Winchester (269) 462-4224

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## Train Together for the Family Olympics

**What:** Michigan Indian Family Olympics, something for all ages. All Michigan Tribes participate

**When:** leading up to Summer 2014

Participate in three of the training events offered and receive a gift incentive. Involvement in one school sport can substitute for one of the three trainings. These events are open to Native Americans and their families, and Pokagon Band staff and their families.

### Training Schedule:

**January 2014**

- ★ January 4 | Community Center | 3:00p.m.–5:00p.m.
- ★ January 25 | Hartford High School | 5:00p.m.–7:00p.m.
- ★ January 26 | Camp Beech Point 3212 125th Ave Allegan MI | 5:00p.m.–7:00p.m.

**March 2014**

- ★ March 7 | Community Center | 5:30p.m.–7:30p.m.
- ★ March 26 | Hopkins High School | 5:00p.m.–7:00p.m.
- ★ March 29 | Hartford High School | 5:00p.m.–7:00p.m.

**April 2014**

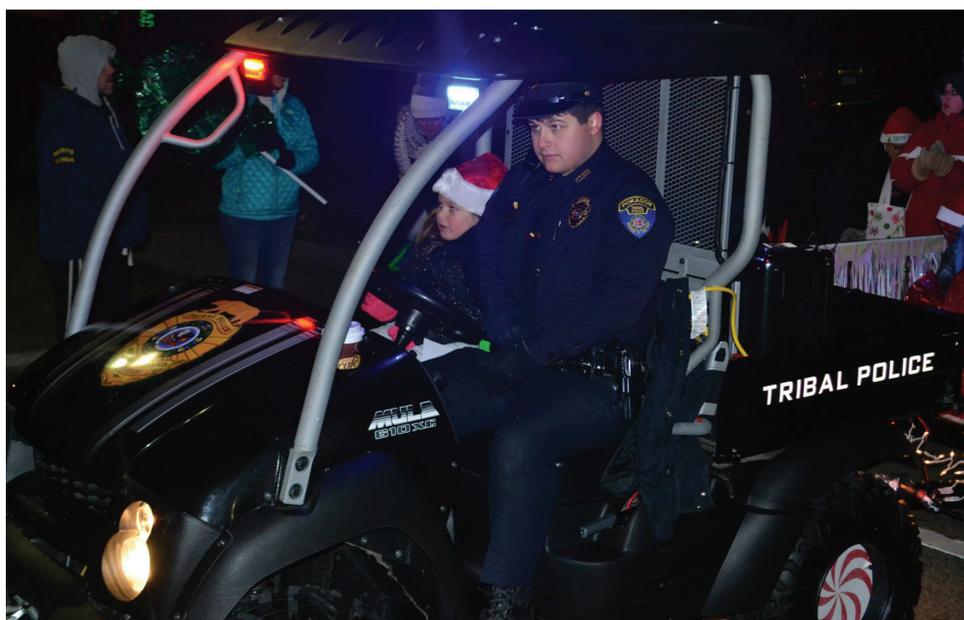
- ★ April 12 | Hartford High School | 6:00p.m.–8:00p.m.

**May 2014**

- ★ May 8 | Community Center | 5:30p.m.–7:30p.m.

★ new or rescheduled date

## Pokagons March in the Dowagiac Candlelight Christmas Parade



The Language and Culture department created a Christmas float and invited Pokagon and Head Start children to participate in the annual Dowagiac Christmas parade Friday, December 6. The department also encouraged the children to create an ugly Christmas sweater and provided kits—along with little

bowties, hair bows, and Santa hats—for children 8 years or younger. More than 40 Pokagon children rode on or walk alongside the float and passed out candy to parade viewers.

## Shop with a Cop Helps Make Happy Holidays for Pokagon Kids



Officers with the Pokagon Tribal Police Department, staff of the Language and Culture Department, and the Cass County Sheriffs Department K-9 unit (a.k.a. Tiffany Graves and her bloodhound, Nellie) made the holiday brighter for a few Pokagon youth recently. The Elders Council and the Youth Councils each donated \$500 for the kids to shop for holiday gifts for their families at the Niles Wal-Mart, which generously provided cookies, punch and a visit with Santa. Officers accompanied the youth on their shopping spree, lending a positive interaction with law enforcement. A Wal-Mart shopper who saw the group was so impressed with the kids he offered to add \$20 of his own to the amount they had to spend.

## Chi Ishobak to Participate in *The Leadership Journey II* Training Series

Chi Ishobak has been selected, along with 14 other native CDFI's, to participate in the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund's (CDFI Fund) Capacity Building Initiative training series designed specifically for native organizations. The native CDFI's will be a part of *The Leadership Journey II: Continuing Native CDFI Growth & Excellence* training series for two years, during which time they will develop leadership skills and resources to further staff growth and increase organizational performance.

In March of 2014 representatives from the CDFI's gather to participate in the kick-off meeting for the cohort. Over the course of four days, participants will engage in exercises, group activities, and case studies that focus on staff and human resource management; leadership styles, techniques, and best practices; raising debt and equity from private sources; understanding

sustainability practices through product offering management; and succession plans. The training will be delivered through a peer-based learning format.

The Leadership Journey will offer three additional cohort training events over the next two years along with customized technical assistance. The next training is scheduled for August 18-22, 2014 and will be held at the NeighborWorks® America Training Institute in Orlando, FL. Cohort members will be able to access a wide range of trainings through the Institute, all tailored to their leadership and resource development needs.

The Leadership Journey is funded by the CDFI Fund as part of its overall Capacity Building Initiative and is delivered through NeighborWorks® America, in partnership with Seven Sisters Development Group.

To learn more about the Capacity Building Initiative, or the CDFI Fund's other programs, please visit [www.cdfifund.gov/](http://www.cdfifund.gov/).

### 2nd Annual Youth Council Christmas Party Brings Together Hundreds



Dowagiac Union High School was crowded with party goers Saturday, December 14 at the annual Youth Council Christmas bash. Kids visited with Santa Claus and everyone enjoyed games, music, food and contests. "We had a wonderful evening at the Christmas party. It was good to see so much team work!" said

one attendee. Commented another, "You guys did a wonderful job! The food was good, the company was nice and it was so well organized! Job well done!"

Photos by Jason S. Wesaw

### Luncheon Honors Pokagon Veterans



The community paid tribute to its veterans at an honor luncheon marking Veterans Day at the Community Center Saturday, November 9. A table was set

with symbolic items in remembrance of those who haven't returned from their service. Photos by Necole Wesaw

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12	13 L&C Native Healing w/ Jake Pine L&C Elders Language Class Zumba GED Evening Lab	14 GED Morning & Afternoon Labs Lean Lunch L&C Native Healing w/ Jake Pine EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance L&C Dowagiac Language Class (12) L&C Early Start Language Class	GED Evening Lab L&C Native Healing Zumba L&C Hartford Language Class L&C Womens Drumming L&C Dowagiac Men's Drumming L&C Community Service Project
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<p>1</p> <p>Government offices closed for the New Year</p>	<p>2</p> <p>GED Morning &amp; Afternoon Labs  <b>Lean Lunch</b>                      L&amp;C South Bend Language Class (10)                      Kick the Habit   Freedom from Smoking Program</p>	<p>3</p> <p>L&amp;C Youth Lock In</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Financial Wellness workshop                      L&amp;C Junior Youth Council meeting  <b>Train Together for the Michigan Indian Family Olympics</b></p>
<p>8</p> <p>Language Class (1)                      Mens &amp; Boys</p>	<p>9</p> <p>GED Morning &amp; Afternoon Labs  <b>Lean Lunch</b>                      L&amp;C South Bend Language Class (11)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance                      L&amp;C Senior Youth Council meeting                      EDU Career Workshop   Online Job Search, Resume Submittal &amp; Using Social Networking</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Drumming w/ Jake Pine                      Language Class (2)                      Mens &amp; Boys Drumming                      Service Project</p>	<p>16</p> <p>GED Morning &amp; Afternoon Labs  <b>Lean Lunch</b>                      L&amp;C South Bend Language Class (12)                      My Health Support Group</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Language Class (3)                      Mens &amp; Boys Drumming                      Service Project</p>	<p>23</p> <p>GED Morning &amp; Afternoon Labs  <b>Lean Lunch</b>                      L&amp;C South Bend Language Class (1)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Special Election  <b>Train Together for the Michigan Indian Family Olympics</b></p>
<p>29</p> <p>Language Class (4)                      Service Project</p>	<p>30</p> <p>GED Morning &amp; Afternoon Labs  <b>Lean Lunch</b>                      L&amp;C South Bend Language Class (2)</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>February 1</p>

## Counselors and Specialty Service Providers Needed for Culture Camp 2014

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 17 – 27, 2014. All camp staff is required to attend a mandatory orientation and training, date to be announced.

### 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 17 – 27, 2013
- Able to pass a criminal background check, drug screening, and fingerprinting

If you are interested in being a part of the 2014 Culture Camp team, please contact Heather Farver in the Human Resources Department at (269) 462-4267.

## Riddle

Mail in your correct answer or e-mail it to [susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov) in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. WAIT... another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

Last month's riddle winner is Caitlin Williams who answered, "What starts with the letter T, is filled with T and ends in T?" The answer was "A Teapot."

Kathy Church's riddle was selected, so she also won a gift card. Check out her riddle.

**"What is the longest word?"**

## DV Program Seeks Cultural Presenters

The Domestic Violence program is looking for cultural presenters to run monthly cultural presentations. You do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to get involved, however we do ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker at (269) 462-4324 or via e-mail at [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov).



Maxine Margiotta and Clarence White took their oaths of office as vice chair and treasurer, respectively, for the Elders Council Saturday, December 14.

## Pokagon Enrichment Program Provides Funds for Unique Experience

By Keith Hanson



My experience at the National Youth Leaders Forum on National Security (NYLFNS) in October was an excellent professional and personal development experience. I was able to participate in a simulation of a national crisis where each student played a different role representing our nation's government: President, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, Director of the CIA, etc. The simulation did an excellent job of developing my leadership skills by putting me in a position to lead a team through the needs of the simulation. I received anonymous feedback from my mentors about my abilities to work in a group.

We also visited places of great importance to the forum and also our nation's history such as the trip to Arlington cemetery to see the changing of the guard and the laying of the wreaths. Overall this trip has been able to develop me as a person and as a student in more ways than I can count.

Keith is 15 years old and a tenth grader at North Vigo High School, Terre Haute, Indiana. Visit [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education/k-12-programs/enrichment-programs](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education/k-12-programs/enrichment-programs) for more details on how you can participate.

Department of Education

**Pokagon Band's GED Assistance Program provides financial resources for Pokagons 18 and over to complete a GED:**

- Payment for the GED exams
- Financial assistance for transportation costs, tutoring, childcare, and other support.
- \$500 stipend for passing all the GED exams (to be eligible, your high school class must have already graduated)
- GED Labs using Odysseyware, an internet-based curriculum study program tailored to fit your learning needs. Participants with other internet access can use the Odysseyware program on your own, too.

GED Labs—no appointment necessary  
Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30—8 p.m.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.—12 p.m. and 1—3 p.m.

Reach your education goals

A national GED 21st Century Initiative begins January 2, 2014. GED tests will change to a computer-based program to better prepare adults for post-secondary education, training, and careers. If you have already taken some of your tests, you only have until December 31, 2013 to finish all five, or start the process over again. For information and the application, visit: [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education/employment-and-training-services/ged-assistance](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education/employment-and-training-services/ged-assistance).

**Or contact Traci Henslee or Diana Smith**

[Traci.Henslee@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Traci.Henslee@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)  
[Diana.Smith@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Diana.Smith@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)  
 (269) 782-0887 | (888) 330-1234  
 Fax: (269) 782-0985

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## Happy 2014! Welcome to the New National GED Changes

All GED tests will now be computer-based, updated to fit national core requirements and with changes to the question format. If you would like to pursue a GED or have any questions, please contact our office at (888) 330-1234 and ask for Traci or Diana.

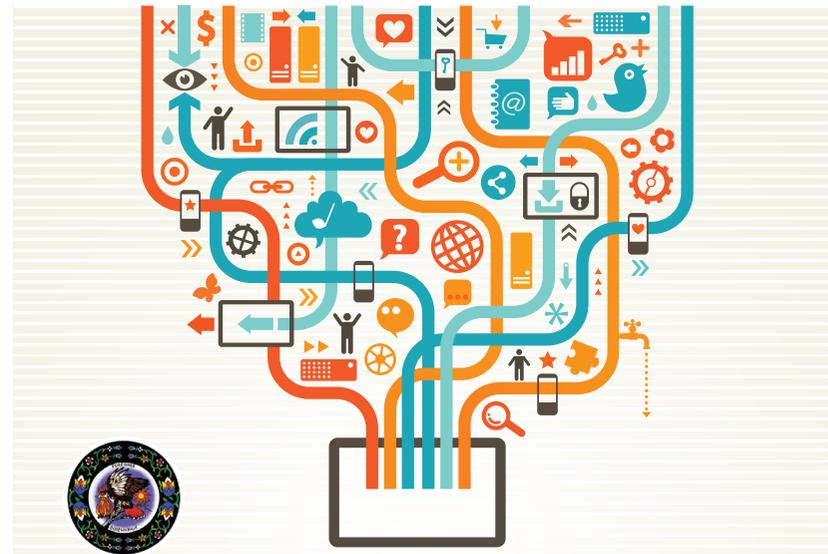
## Traditional Use, Not Abuse



The Freedom from Smoking Program is now available for tribal citizens, spouses, and Pokagon Band employees. Kick off the New Year healthy by kicking the habit of nicotine use. A new session led by a tribal citizen will begin on Thursday, January 2, at 6:00 pm. at the Community Center. If you are interesting in participating or have any questions please contact Lorraine K. Grewett (269) 782-4570 or stop by the Pokagon Health Services Pharmacy. Please join us and let's kick some butts together.

## Fuel Station Changes

After November 30, the Hartford Citgo station will no longer offer tax exempt motor fuel for Pokagon citizens. Citizens can still make tax exempt fuel purchases at the Benton Harbor Marathon, US 12 Liquor, and Gas and Sister Lakes Marathon.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Education

## Computer Classes

Saturday, February 8, 2014 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Saturday, April 12, 2014 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Saturday, June 14, 2014 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Microsoft Word	Microsoft Excel	MS PowerPoint/Publisher

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Chad Dee in the Education Computer Learning Lab.

Please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday (February 5 for MS Word, April 9 for MS Excel and June 11 for MS PowerPoint/Publisher classes) by calling (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220 to receive a gas card and arrange any needed child care for ages 2-14.

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



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture

## Clan Teachings

January 16, 2014 | 6:00pm-7:30pm  
Community Center



The Department of Language & Culture invites all Pokagon tribal citizens to attend a meeting to discuss the roles and responsibilities to our Clans. Please come with the ability to share and receive each others' teachings. We will also explore how to provide appropriate information regarding our Clan system.

- Talking Circle forum
- All Pipes welcomed
- Dinner to be provided
- Potluck desserts
- Giveaway

*"True Ogima ought to attend to two things with much attention. The first is that they and their Clan keep and comply exactly with the laws of their nation. The second, that they consult with much vigilance and care, touching the common and special affairs of their Clan. The Man who knows not how to govern his house and family will know much less how to rule the nation..." NANABOUSHO/WINABOJO saying...as retold by Shupshewanna, The Good Red Road*

RSVP to Jefferson Ballew at (269) 462-4282, (269) 462-5581 cell  
or Jefferson.Ballew@pokagonband-nsn.gov



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Education

## Career Workshop

Saturday, January 11 10:00 am – 2:00pm	Saturday, March 8 10:00 am – 2:00pm	Saturday, May 10 10:00 am – 2:00pm
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Online Job Search, Resume Submittal & Using Social Networking	Dealing with Barriers to Employment	Interview Skills
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Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (Jan 8, Mar 5 and May 7) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

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## Learn More About PHS's Hotline

The Pokagon Health Services Hotline is available at (800) 775-1008 or [www.reportlineweb.com/PokagonBand](http://www.reportlineweb.com/PokagonBand) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Below is a Q&A that might clarify the Hotline's purpose.

### Q. What is the Health Services Hotline?

The Hotline is an anonymous reporting tool that provides patients and staff the opportunity to report potential misconduct in the workplace.

### Q. May I report using either the Internet or the telephone?

Yes, by giving you choices, the Hotline ensures that members of our community can file a report anonymously and in the manner most comfortable or convenient to them.

### Q. Why do we need a reporting tool like the Hotline?

Reporting hotlines have proven to be an effective tool in reducing losses and helping to protect institutional financial strength.

### Q. Does Tribal Council really want me to report?

Yes. In fact, we need you to report. You know what is going on in your department both good and bad. You may have initial knowledge of an activity that may be cause for concern. Your reporting can minimize the negative impact related to potential misconduct.

### Q. Does the Hotline replace reporting situations to the manager or other offices? What type of situations should I report on the Hotline?

The Hotline does not replace any of our standard reporting tools, but there are several good reasons why you should consider using the Hotline as well. First, the Hotline ensures that your report gets to the appropriate people. More importantly, reports can be filed anonymously and all report information is secure and held in the strictest confidence.

The Hotline is designed to accept reports for the following type of concerns.

1. Financial matters relating to accounting or internal control issues, fraud, theft or other financial issues.
2. Regulatory matters relating to confidentiality issues, falsification of reports or other issues.
3. Information technology matters relating to the inappropriate use of technology or misuse of technology resources.
4. Misconduct of staff relating to citizens.
5. Any situation in which you were uncomfortable with at the clinic.

### Q. Is the Hotline an appropriate reporting tool for something as personal and important as sexual harassment?

If you are uncomfortable contacting the Director, of Health Services, sexual harassment reports can be taken over the Hotline.

### Q. What shouldn't I report using the Hotline?

The Hotline is not a "911" service for emergency issues or actions.

### Q. Can I file a report from home and still remain anonymous?

A report from home, a neighbor's computer, or any internet portal will remain secure and anonymous. An internet portal never identifies a visitor by screen name so that anonymity is totally maintained. Plus, the Hotline is contractually committed not to pursue a reporter's identity.

### Q. I am concerned that the information I provide the Hotline will ultimately reveal my identity. How can you assure me that will not happen?

The Hotline system is designed to protect your personal identity. However, you as a reporting party need to ensure that the body of the report does not reveal your identity by accident, for example, "From my cube next to Jan Smith, I saw ..." or "In my 33 years..."

### Q. I am not sure what I have observed or heard is a violation of policy, or misconduct, but it just does not look right to me. What should I do?

File a report. The Hotline can help you prepare and file your report so it can be properly understood. We'd rather you reported a situation that turned out to be harmless than let possible misconduct go unchecked because you weren't sure.

### Q. Where do these reports go? Who can access them?

Reports are entered directly on a secure server operated by an independent company. The reports are available only to specific individuals within the department who are charged with evaluating the type of violation and location of the incident. Each of these report recipients has had training in keeping these reports in the utmost confidence. The Hotline system and staff are trained and committed to ensure that no report is ever shared with implicated parties, their peers, or subordinates.

## Tribal Council January Calendar of Events

- 6 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 7 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council, Community Center 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 20 Offices Closed in observance of MLK Day holiday
- 21 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 27 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 28 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m..

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

## Tribal Council February Calendar of Events

- 3 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 4 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council, Community Center 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 11 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 12 Legislative Session, Community Center 6 p.m.
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 18 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 25 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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### Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

### Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas					Monthly Per Cap
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	x	
178	Rhianon Wesaw						x
202	Jeffrey Morseau					x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	x	
1598	Siloman Askin Temple					x	
1799	Janet Ann Ulleg					x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	x	x
2348	Ashland Amber Quier					x	
2429	Larry Pierce Jr.					x	
2595	James Hamstra				x	x	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	x	x
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					x	

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

There is no published elders lunch menu for January. Please call (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717 if you wish to know what is being served that day. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 noon.

### Comment Needed from Elders on Request to Amend Elders Stipend Program

The Elders Council is seeking public comment from elders on a request to amend the Elders Stipend Program ("Program"). Under the Program, eligible elders currently receive a monthly stipend ("Elders Stipend"). The Elders Stipend is paid in addition to the monthly per capita payment paid to eligible Band Citizens.

Under the Program as it is currently established, payment of the Elders Stipend "will continue until the program ceases or upon the death of the individual elder." The Tribal Council received a request to amend the Program to allow a non-Citizen spouse of an elder to receive the Elders Stipend after the death of the individual elder (the "Requested Amendment").

The Tribal Council sought the perspective of the Elders Council on the Requested Amendment by asking the Elders Council whether it supports the Requested Amendment. The Elders Council discussed the Amendment with the elders at a recent Elders Council meeting; however, the Elders Council wants to provide an opportunity for additional public comment by elders before the Elders Council decides whether it supports the Requested Amendment.

The Elders Council is seeking public comment from elders on the Requested Amendment. Comments may be provided by email or in writing. All comments must be received by the Elders Council not later than February 7, 2014. Comments must be delivered to:

**If by mail:**

Elders Council  
Re: Elders Stipend Program  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**If by e-mail:**

Elders.Council@pokagonband-nsn.gov

If you have any questions concerning this Request for Public Comment by Elders, please contact the Elders Council at (269)782-0765.



#### ELDERS SNOWPLOW MONETARY REQUEST

##### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Phone Number

Tribal Enrollment #

##### SNOWPLOW COMPANY/INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION

Name:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Phone:

This is for Pokagon elders anywhere in the U.S. to be reimbursed for snowplow services. You are responsible for finding your own service provider. Please complete and send to Petey Boehm, elders specialist, Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047. Call (800) 859-2717 with questions, or visit [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/elders-council/upcoming-elders-events-and-projects](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/elders-council/upcoming-elders-events-and-projects) for the online application.

By signing, I affirm that all information provided on this form to be true and correct. I also affirm that I understand that this request is limited to up to \$25 per request, with requester being responsible for any amount greater than \$25 and that the request is limited to \$100 for the 2013-2014 snow season.

Signature of applicant

Date

## Blood Pressure



Native American adults are **1.3** times more likely to have high blood pressure.

**120 / 80** normal blood pressure is at or below

Native American adults are almost **2x** more likely to die from diabetes-related complications.

FASTING BLOOD SUGAR SHOULD BE BELOW

**100 mg/dL**

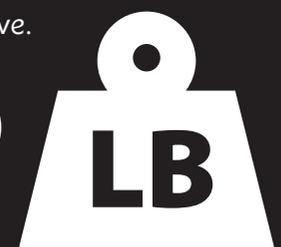


**Blood Sugar**

Traditionally, Native Americans were very active.

## Body Mass Index (BMI)

underweight <18.5  
normal weight 18.5–24.9  
overweight 25–29.9  
obese 30 or greater



**30%** OF NATIVE AMERICAN ADULTS ARE OBESE.



## Cholesterol Levels

TOTAL CHOLESTEROL LEVEL  
**↓ 200 mg/dL**

**↑ HDL (GOOD! CHOLESTEROL)**  
**40 mg/dL**

**↓ LDL (BAD! CHOLESTEROL)**  
**130 mg/dL**



take action

# Know Your Numbers

POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES

## 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

Chi Ishobak  
415 E Prairie Ronde Street  
(269) 783-4157

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

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415 E. Prairie Ronde St.  
(269) 783-4111

Natural Resources  
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(269) 782-9602  
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Social Services  
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South Bend, IN 46614  
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Toll Free (800) 737-9223  
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(269) 782-8998

Tribal Council  
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(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

## Tribal Council Directory

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Vacant

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## Elders Council Directory

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

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**Member at large**  
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**Dean Orvis**  
**Youth Cultural Coordinator**  
(269) 462-4290

# Kche Gises January Citizen Announcements



Happy 21st birthday to **Richard Dale Newcomer IV** January 29. From my arms to a man...unbelievable how quickly time goes by.

Have a great day (LM)!

Love,

Mom, Tony, Michael, Tori, Grandma Manley-Harwood, Jess and Grandpa Manley (watching from above)

Happy belated 22nd birthday to **Michael Lawrence Newcomer** December 26. You are one remarkable young man!

Love,

Mom, Tony, Richard, Tori, Grandma Manley-Harwood, Jess and Grandpa Manley (watching from above)



Happy belated birthday to **Marie Manley-Harwood** December 26. We love you!

Melissa, Tony, Michael, Richard, and Tori

Happy birthday to **Tony**



**Rodriguez** January 31! Hope you have a wonderful day. We love you.

Love,

Your wife Melissa, and Michael, Richard and Tori



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## Interns Wanted

Applications are now available for the Pokagon College Summer 2014 Internship Program.

**The eight-week program runs from Monday, June 9 through Friday, August 1, 2014.**

Pokagon college students will have the opportunity to gain work experience in Pokagon tribal government offices.

Tribal citizens 18 years and older by June 9, 2014 who have completed 12 or more college credits and intend to continue college in the fall 2014 semester are eligible to apply.

Interested? For more information and to download your application visit [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov). To have an application sent to you, contact the Pokagon Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

**Applications are due by January 10, 2014**



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## POKAGON CITIZENS SUMMER INTERNSHIP

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- 8 week program (June-July 2014)
- Paid internship, with housing and clothing stipend, and mileage.
- Must be 18 years of age or above, enrolled full time into college for Fall 2014.

For more information, please contact:

Jessica Christner  
Director Tribal Placement and Development  
269.926.5336

Application deadline April 30, 2014.  
Apply online at [www.fourwindscasino.com](http://www.fourwindscasino.com).