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THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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Strong Work Ethic Runs Deep in the Edwards Family

By Jennifer Dougherty

One might believe that a person running three successful businesses must require superpowers and a cape. But the secret to success for tribal citizen Glenda Edwards and her husband, Neal, is dedication and hard work. The Edwards own and operate two drive-in theaters, a consulting business, and a cattle farm.

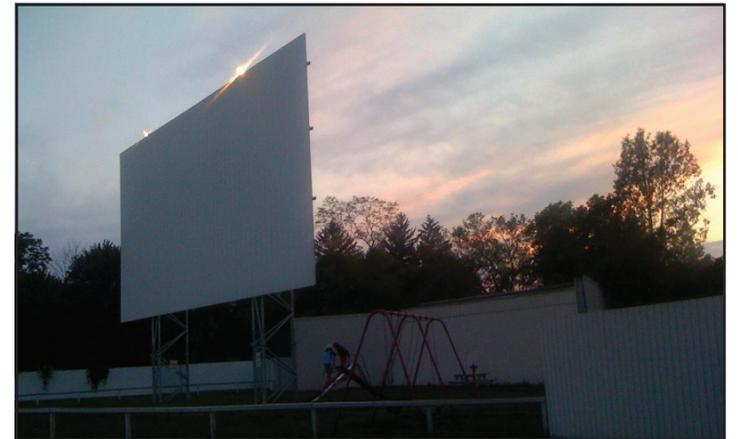
Glenda and Neal own two of the eight remaining drive-in theaters in the state of Michigan. They have owned the Sunset Drive-in located in Hartford since 2003, and the Five Mile Drive-in in Dowagiac since 2006. With big summer blockbuster movies hitting theaters soon, they are anticipating an increase in business.

The drive-in theaters attract more than just local clientele. "Our Hartford location draws people from the Grand Rapids area, and we get quite a few customers from the Chicago area visiting our theater in Dowagiac," said Glenda. Customers like the quaint atmosphere and the opportunity to experience a bit of history.

Another feature that attracts people to the drive-in is the pricing. "We are one of the few drive-ins left in the country that still charges customers by the carload," said Glenda. "At \$14 per carload, it is an inexpensive way for a family to get out and see a movie." Additionally, the concessions are sold at a much lower price than competitors.

Glenda and Neal are hopeful that the new Four Winds Hartford will bring additional business to their theater. "We are almost directly across the street from the casino," said Glenda. "The increase in traffic will give us added exposure that will hopefully translate into new customers."

The theaters employ 25 people that are moved between both locations depending on needs. Neal Edwards runs the Five Mile in Dowagiac, and eight to ten additional family members work various jobs. Glenda's brother, Steve Wilson, is manager and projectionist and does all of the film



Sunset Drive-in, almost ready for show time.

work at both locations. Three of their four children also work for the theaters. Lisa Edwards is responsible for booking and ordering films, reporting to movie companies, and ordering food and supplies for both locations. Their son, Neal Edwards, manages ticket sales and parking. Loretta Edwards sells concessions at the theater when she is not at her other job as the assistant property manager at Four Winds Hartford. Other family members work in the kitchen and sell concessions. Even their grandchildren, five-year-old Maggie and four-year-old Fisher, have inherited spirit of entrepreneurship as they help out at the theater and even sell glow sticks to earn money.



Val Janowski, the lead for the tribe's Financial Empowerment Program, emphasizes the importance of the tribal community supporting tribal citizen-owned businesses. "It's critical that Native communities begin to re-circulate more of the money that they spend within their own communities. The benefits of doing so are numerous—financial self-sufficiency for tribal citizen-entrepreneurs,

Neal Edwards, ticket sales manager, and his family at Sunset Drive-in.

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Band's Financial Audit Shows Government in Good Financial Order

By Paige Risser

At the end of May the Pokagon Band received the results of an independent financial audit conducted by McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, a licensed CPA firm providing assurance services.

"It's a good practice to invite an outside agency to annually examine financial transactions and records," says Anita Grivins, the Band's finance director. It helps institutions make good planning decisions for future spending. Additionally, the federal agencies that grant the Band funds and loans also require an annual audit to stay in compliance with their regulations.

According to McGladrey & Pullen partner Corey Topp, having an audit conducted by an independent certified

public accounting firm provides a third-party opinion as to whether that the Band's management is spending the federal funds within the requirements established by the federal agencies. Topp and his team of auditors noted that the Band increased its investments in land, buildings and equipment in fiscal year 2009–2010 by utilizing both its cash and investments, along with some borrowing, to acquire the assets.

"The amount of Band assets grew at a greater rate than what the Band owes," said Topp.

"Those assets will benefit the Band, and allow the tribal government to provide services to citizens for several years in the future," said Grivins.

"The Pokagon Band continued to

improve its financial shape over the past fiscal year. For tribal government staff members who know the details of the Band's finances and day-to-day operations, and for its citizens, it's gratifying to know that our resources are well-managed and healthy," said Grivins.

McGladrey & Pullen's team of auditors spent three weeks at the administration building working with the Band's finance department. Up to five staffers were on-site at one time during those weeks. McGladrey & Pullen serves many diverse institutions, including Four Winds Casino Resort, along with other tribal and public government entities.

Pokagon Band hosts Officials from Indiana's Lieutenant Governor's Office

On June 6 members of the Pokagon Band Tribal Council and government staff hosted three representatives from the office of Indiana Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman. The group discussed ways to build partnerships and increase communication between the tribal and Indiana state governments, and introduced the visitors to Band lands, facilities, programs and services.



Above, the visitors stop by the Pokegnek Edawat home of Angela and Lawrence Manfredine.



In the photo above, Virgil Madden, second from left and policy advisor to the lieutenant governor, and Brandon Seitz, second from right and director of energy and defense development, present limestone sculptures in the shape of the state of Indiana to (left to right) Council member John Warren, Elders Council Chair Jeannette Molette, Council Chair Matthew Wesaw, Elders Council member Ken Rader and Council Interim Treasurer Tom Topash.

Strong Work Ethic, *continued*

increased employment opportunities and greater self-esteem for tribal citizens who might be employed by such businesses and less dependence on tribal services to name a few.

“Too often money millions of dollars in purchased goods and services in effect “leak” out of Native communities throughout the country, missing countless opportunities to support and empower tribal-citizen entrepreneurs.”

In addition to their drive-in businesses, Glenda runs E-Management, a consulting firm that works with a California firm to put statewide initiatives on the ballot. “We started working on this back when [Michigan Governor] Engler was in office,” explained Glenda. “We have been consulting for about 16 years.”

Since 1992, Glenda has worked on initiatives relating to cut and cap on property taxes, stem cells, the right to carry a concealed weapon, casino gaming for three Detroit casinos, and most recently to repeal the small business tax in Michigan. Glenda has also worked on statewide and grassroots projects for nine other states and has worked on ballot placement for candidates like Bob Dole, Steve Forbes, Jennifer Granholm and Ron Paul.

Her busiest season for consulting comes

around election times, but she has been busy during the summer as well for the past couple of years. Glenda currently flies to Seattle on Monday mornings for her current project and then returns to work at the drive-ins on the weekends. She is looking forward to an upcoming project starting in July that is based out of Michigan so that she can be at home for the remainder of the summer.

Glenda and Neal reside on a farm in Paw Paw, Michigan where they also run a farm. “We raise 22 cattle, and we sell them to individuals,” said Glenda. “We have been farming since 1994.”

Managing three businesses is a balancing act that the Edwards have down to a science. “We seem to work full-time at all three, but Neal does most of the farming, I do most of the E-Management projects, and we work equally at the drive-ins,” explains Glenda. While they are always very busy during the summer months, they always set aside time in the winter for a very long, well-deserved vacation.

Pokagon Band offers a variety of business development services, including the promotion of tribal citizen-owned businesses by featuring one per month in this newspaper. Val can be contacted at 269 462-4255 or Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Above, DNR director Mark Parrish and housing director Jim Coleman show the group around the nearly-finished, LEED-certified community center at Pokegnek Edawat.

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 Interns Learn about Tribal Government at NCAI Mid-Year Conference

By Jennifer Dougherty

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) held their Mid-Year Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 13 through June 16, and the Pokagon Band was well represented at the convention. Twelve Pokagon interns were invited to experience tribal government firsthand.

“This conference was a great experience for our interns,” said Teresa Magnuson, director of language and culture, who accompanied the interns. “For some, it not only was their first time at a national Indian conference, but it was their first real exposure to the tribe.”

The conference provided an opportunity to learn about Indian policy at a national level. They learned about the value of a unified voice and cooperation between different tribes. Rick Roach, who is currently an intern in the security department at Four Winds Casino, is grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the Pokagon Band and Native Americans on a larger scale.

“This was my first time attending an NCAI event,” explained Rick. Overall, he found the experience to be educational, and was somewhat surprised by the politics. “I never knew about the problems that tribes have with other tribes,” said Rick. “For example, there are tribes that are trying to block other state recognized tribes from joining NCAI.”

“It was wonderful to see Chairman Wesaw in such an influential position as the secretary of the NCAI Executive Board,” said Magnuson. “It is great to have the Pokagons involved at the national government level.” Heather Farver, an intern with the Pokagon Band Human Resources Department, serves as treasurer of the NCAI Youth Council.

Magnuson believes that the conference provided a positive experience for the interns, and she hopes that it will lead to future tribal involvement. The interns were able to attend sessions focusing on topics pertaining to their areas of study. Topics included suicide prevention, Boys & Girls Clubs, and youth commissions.

Jessica Christner, Tribal Development Program Director at Four Winds Casino also attended the conference, and the words of speaker Larry Echohawk resonated with her. “Native Americans don’t have a lot of sponsorship in the House and Senate at the state or federal level,” said Christner. “We might be focusing on just our tribe, but we need to work together at the national level to bring about change and gain greater representation.”

Magnuson was proud of the Pokagon’s involvement at attendance at the conference. “Members of other tribes were very impressed by the number of interns from the Pokagon Band,” stated Magnuson. “Tribes with a higher per capita have a difficult time attracting tribal members to take advantage of internship opportunities.” Because of their affluence due to casino profits, they may not feel the need to go to college.

NCAI, founded in 1944, works to inform the public and Congress on the governmental rights of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

 See more online at www.ncai.org

Band Buses Ready to Roll

The Pokagon Band is now the owner of two buses, thanks to an Indian transportation grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The buses, which will be custom built locally by the Holland Bus Company from Holland, Michigan, should arrive mid-to-late summer. One bus seats 18 passengers, two of which can be in wheel chairs, and the other holds 34, with two wheel chair spaces. The buses will be universally accessible with lifts and extra large bathrooms to accommodate wheelchairs, and will feature upgraded seating and amenities for longer trips.



At right, the twelve Pokagon Band interns who attended the NCAI conference pose with Tribal Council Chair Matthew Wesaw and hoop dancer Thirza Dufoe.

Womens Health Fair Raises Awareness

By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

On Saturday May 21, 41 women attended the 16th annual Women's Health Fair at the Pokagon Band Department of Health Services.

The health fair started off with a water ceremony performed by Majel DeMarsh and Peggy McNew. Organizers offered such screenings as hearing exams provided by Darr & Associates, vital signs, body composition analysis and measurements, foot exams, hemoglobin A1C, glucose readings, and a cardiac screening questionnaire. In addition, attendees enjoyed participating in wellness activities such as: massage therapy, paraffin hand wax, manicures, haircuts, a meal of bison vegetable soup, and a goodie bag filled with educational and fun items.

We encourage women to read the material they received at the fair, share what they learned with family and friends, follow up with their primary care doctor, exercise more, and eat healthier.

The grand prize winner of the Four Winds Casino Resort gift card was

Jill Byrnett, Audrey Houston won the Pendleton blanket, and Kittie Collett won the Kindle. Twenty-six other women won other such giveaways as tote bags, t-shirts, dream catchers, hair pieces, jewelry, an umbrella, and a watch set.

A special thank you to all of the women who attended this year's event. We would like to thank Majel DeMarsh and Peggy McNew for performing the water ceremony, Four Winds for prize donations, Majel DeMarsh for volunteering at the diabetes booth, Linda Topash Yazel for the beaded barrette, and Anita Morales for the hair piece with earrings, two dream catchers, and three Native cards. We're grateful to Darr & Associates for their time away from home to perform the hearing screenings. We appreciate all of the DOHS staff that participated to make the health fair possible, Jackie Genereaux for volunteering to meet and greet the women on arrival, the massage therapists, hair stylists, manicurist, and all of the other vendors that participated in the Women's Health Fair.

Hartford Community Center Available to Pokagons

By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

Have you heard of HIS Place in Hartford, Michigan? It is a community center located at 15 South Maple Street. This center has an open gym area and a weight room with exercise equipment available for use. It also offers exercise classes like Zumba, dance, and yoga.

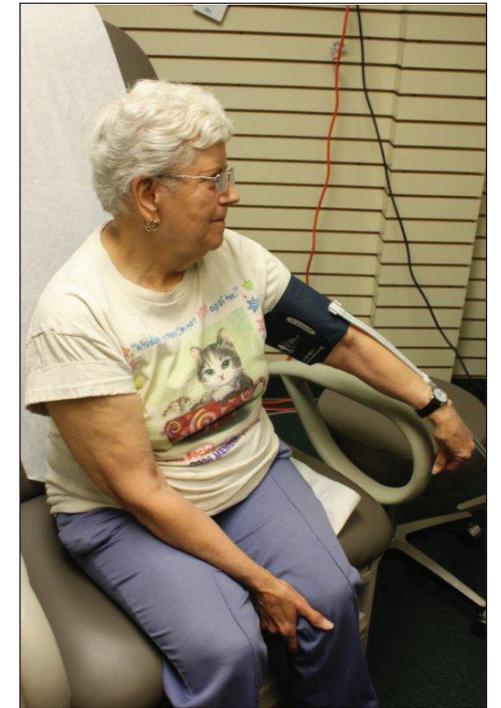
The Pokagon Band helped purchase the equipment in the weight room with a grant, and the center is available for the tribal community to enjoy. This will hopefully get more area citizens involved in physical activity. Most activities are free of charge or at a discounted rate. We are working closely with the gym to post updates of the center's monthly events in Pokégnek Yajdanawa.

The gym area and the weight room are open to the public and free of charge. Current hours of operation are: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The facility is closed on Saturday and Sunday. Please note hours change from summer to winter months, and the center will be closing down in July for several weeks for renovation. It will be best during the month of July to call ahead to be sure they are open.

Starting in September classes will resume, so keep an eye this space for updates on available classes, schedules, and prices. You can contact HIS Place directly at 269-621-2144 with any questions, or contact me at 269-782-4141 ext. 225 and I will try to answer your questions. We hope that area citizens will take advantage of this community center to increase your physical activity and improve your health.



Majel DeMarsh talks to attendees of the annual Women's Health Fair about diabetes prevention. Waneta Skipper has her blood pressure checked.



Inaugural After-school Activity Program Wraps Up

By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

Staff from the community health program wrapped up the after-school children's activity series on May 11. Nine kids between the ages of 7–17 participated in the activities. Participants played kick ball and basketball, roller skated, went swimming and bowling, enjoyed free play and other playground activities, and took nature walks.

We also provided the kids with a short educational section at the beginning of each class on topics covering diabetes, the importance of enough physical activity, appropriate serving sizes, and making healthy food choices. When the group discussed diabetes, one of the kids said, "I didn't know that you could go blind from diabetes," showing how important it is to talk about wellness.

Through the 12-week period Samantha May attended all 12 classes, so she was the winner of the Nintendo Wii with the Wii Fit bundle. At the final class we asked attendees how they liked the program; one said, "this was the funnest class I've ever been in." Another commented that he couldn't wait until we had another program.

The buzz is that everyone had lots of fun. We are re-evaluating the activity series, and will be developing future programs that promote health education and physical activity in Pokagon youths' lives.



Youth participating in the after-school activity series take a break from swimming to pose for a photo.

Chairman Wesaw Joins Launch of *Let's Move! in Indian Country*

On May 25 First Lady Michelle Obama's office launched the American Indian and Alaska Native initiative of the First Lady's prominent Let's Move program: *Let's Move! in Indian Country*. Pokagon Tribal Council Chair Matthew Wesaw joined representatives of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to attend the kick off event on the Menominee Indian Reservation in Wisconsin.

"Given the health profile of Native youth, we're glad the First Lady is working to energize a generation of tribal youth to connect to their traditional ways of healthy living," said Chairman Wesaw. "When it comes to staying healthy, Native youth face more challenges and obstacles than most. We hope Let's Move reaches out to provide solutions for our young people."

According to the Indian Health Service, the obesity rate among American Indian and Alaska Native youth is approaching 50 percent, twice as high as their white counterparts; and 20 percent of American Indians ages 15 years or older had pre-diabetes in 2001-2004. American Indian/Alaska Native



adults are nearly two times as likely to be obese as their white counterparts. American Indian/Alaska Native adults are more than twice likely as white adults to be diagnosed with diabetes.

Chairman Wesaw, who is NCAI's recording secretary, joined Assistant Secretary of the Interior Larry Echo Hawk and Office of the First Lady, Executive Director of Let's Move! Initiative Robin Schepper, USDA Deputy Administrator for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Lisa Pino, IHS

Director for Improving Patient Care Program Lyle A. Ignace, M.D., M.P.H., and Menominee Tribal Chairman Randal Chevalier to launch *Let's Move! in Indian Country*.

According to First Lady's Let's Move Office, the agencies, tribes, urban Indian centers, community organizations, and other stakeholders have set four main goals for the program in Indian country: (1) create a healthy start on life for children; (2) create healthier learning communities; (3) ensure families access to healthy, affordable, traditional food;



The First Lady and Native youth work together on June 3 to plant the Three Sisters: corn, beans and squash, at the White House kitchen garden. Photos © NCAI

(4) and, increase opportunities for physical activity. In addition to being a federal interagency initiative, *Let's Move! in Indian Country* outlines ways for tribal governments, schools, the private sector, and non-profits to engage in this effort. *Let's Move! in Indian Country* sets the framework for each of these sectors to come together and contribute to the common goal of ending obesity within a generation.



See more online at www.doi.gov/letsmove/indiancountry/index.cfm

Womens Hand Drumming Mens Drumming

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture



Dates:
Wednesday, July 6, 2011
Wednesday, July 27, 2011
Wednesday, August 3, 2011
Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Time:
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location:
Women - Tribal Lodge
Men - Teaching Cabin
Rogers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice drumming and singing, and to learn songs. The ladies will learn hand drum songs and are encouraged to wear a long skirt. John T. Warren is leading the men's class where participants will practice on a pow wow drum and learn pow wow songs. A sharing feast will follow, so please bring a dish to pass. We hope you can join us for drumming, singing, food, and friends. All ages are encouraged to participate.

Everyone is Invited!

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

Contact Information:

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



What's With The Arrowhead?

Soon the Pokagon Band will be launching a newly-redesigned website with easier navigation, photos and updated features to better connect you to the tribal government. Stay tuned for more details, but in the meantime, look for this arrowhead icon, designed by Justin Johnson, tribal citizen and a summer intern with the Department of Communications, to lead you from printed stories in the newsletter to more information online via www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov and beyond!

Take Safety on Your Pow Wow Picnic

By Susan Gundersen, community health nutritionist

The summer months bring sunny days, hot temperatures and opportunities for fellowship and picnicking at pow wows and gatherings. Don't let a foodborne illness be an uninvited guest spoiling those good time activities. Remember to think safety when preparing, storing, and serving the delicious foods that bring nourishment and pleasure to you, your family, and friends.

Reasons good foods go bad and can be hazardous to your health include:

- Some foods receive a lot of handling during preparation such as potato or macaroni salad, shaping hamburger patties, making sandwiches, and even cutting up fruit. Handling increases the risk of bacterial contamination.
 - Food is not cooled rapidly after cooking. If you precook a food in large quantities they must be cooled rapidly by small batching and refrigerating immediately, so harmful bacteria do not grow. If it is served cold it should be 40 degrees or lower. If it is served hot it must be held hotter than 140 degrees.
 - The danger zone for bacterial growth is 40-140 degrees. The longer food sits out, bacteria multiply rapidly and foodborne illness can result.
- How can picnic foods be kept safe? Follow these guidelines to help make your picnic risk free:
- Wash hands and work surfaces before making your recipes. Use clean utensils and containers.
 - Do not prepare foods more than one day before you picnic unless you plan to freeze it. Over 67% foodborne illnesses are due to improper cooling.
 - Mayonnaise-based foods need to be kept cold. Mayonnaise alone is too acidic for bacteria to grow in it. But when mixed with other foods that have been handled a lot or are protein foods, bacteria grow when kept too warm.
 - Wash any fruit, including melons before cutting and keep them cold. Melons are not acidic enough to stop the growth of harmful bacteria.
 - Pack for safety. Keep cold food cold, and hot food hot.
 - Do not store food in the car trunk. Travel with food in side the air-conditioned car.
 - Pack plenty of utensils and dishware to avoid cross contamination with raw and cooked foods. Consider using disposable.
 - When cooking at your picnic site, use the same safe handling rules that you do in your home.
 - Thoroughly cook food. Do not cook partially and then finish it off later.
- Keep food covered to protect contamination by insects that may carry harmful bacteria or viruses.
 - Leftovers held out longer than an hour should be thrown out. If the ice in the cooler has melted to water throw out that food also as cold water cannot keep foods cold enough to be safe.

Eat and enjoy knowing that your safe food handling practices will make your summer events the healthiest and most nourishing ever. Questions? Call 888-440-1234 and ask for Susan, community health nutritionist.

Veterans Plan Memorial Service for Fallen WWII Pokagon Soldier



Photos by John Eby

Edward Winchester died serving his country during World War II, and was buried in Epinal, France. But Saturday, May 21, his family and friends remembered him and commemorated his sacrifice in his homeland at a memorial ceremony at Sacred Heart Cemetery, near Sister Lakes, in Dowagiac.

Organized by the Pokagon Ogitchedaw Veterans Committee, the service included placing a stone cross near his family's plot. Tribal leaders conducted a pipe ceremony at the site, and offered hand drum songs.

"Once we're gone, no one will know his story," said Gordon "Gus" Gwilt, Winchester's half-brother. "With this stone cross, people will know who he was and what he did."

Above left, Chairman Wesaw speaks at the service. At right, Vice-chairman Butch Starrett and members of the Ogitchedaw committee present the community Eagle Staff and the flags of the branches of service.



The community again honored the Eagle Staff and their veterans at the **Second Annual Oshke Kno Kewewen Pow Wow** Memorial Day weekend. This year college graduates were given their blankets during the pow wow. Above, Tribal Council members gift a Pokagon college graduate with her blanket, and all the graduates and their families dance in the arena following the gifting.

17th Annual
Gathering of the Potawatomi Nation

E Bodewadmiygo eshe ngotwek gkiyownan - ezhe bmadziygo i Gbodewadmimnan
One People - One Spirit - Living Our Bodewadmi Language

August 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2011

Held at the Hannahville Indian Community
Woodland Valley Gathering Grounds

One mile south of Hwy 2 and 41 on Hannahville Road - Wilson, Michigan
 Camping • Electricity Available • 24 Hour Security Provided
 Absolutely no alcohol, drugs or weapons on grounds

For Information: Contact
 Gathering Coordinator
 Gloria Wandahsega
 (906) 723-2624

Online Information,
 Schedule & Registration:
www.hannahville.net

Department of Education Updates and Announcements

Keep Students' Minds Sharp Over the Summer

Teachers may typically spend four to five weeks in the fall not only getting to know their new class, but helping them to remember what skills and knowledge they lost over the summer. The decline in the newly-acquired skills can be such a setback; wouldn't it be great to change that pattern, especially with your child?

Not all parents, grandparents, or guardians have access to the resources to help their students. The Department of Education's K-12 Program would love to get activity books into as many hands as possible this summer to meet the goal of keeping the math, reading, and spelling skills growing, not shrinking, during these warm months. Please call us with your child's name, address, and grade entering in the fall. If there is a portion that is difficult, come on in to the office or give us a call; we would love to help.

When your child completes the book, either bring it back to us or ask his or her teacher in the fall to sign the brief form we will include, verifying the work done. We will have a surprise for each child who completes a book.

Studies have shown that at least fifty percent of students would rather be doing something learning-oriented during their summer break. Call Connie Baber at 888-330-1234 or 269-782-0887.

Summer Tutoring Made Available

Just a reminder the Department of Education has limited offerings for summer tutoring; please call our office for more details: 269-782-0887.

2011 Summer Enrichment Program Still Open

We still have funding available for Pokagon children entering grades 7 – 12 this fall. If you have not taken advantage of this program, you still have time. Or if you have sent in your application but are missing information that we need for payment, you have until September to get it to us.

This is a great summer program that can provide up to \$500 from the tribe to have an experience of a lifetime. Please call Connie 269-782-0887 with questions or to get an application.

Attention Pokagon College Students

In order to receive the Fall 2011 Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship, you must have completed the following steps:

1. Turned In the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship Application
2. Completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on-line
3. Ensured that the Department of Education has your Pokagon Tribal ID and a copy of high school diploma or GED certification on file
4. Turned in your class schedule
5. Turned in grades from last previous semester of college in which you received a Pokagon Scholarship

The Michigan Indian Tuition Waivers need to be sent to the Enrollment Office for certification. For more information, please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

Skono Gizhguk Go (Back) to School Day

Sunday, August 7

11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Join us in celebrating our students' academic achievements and their participation in the Pokagon Summer Programs. Register your child for the 2011–2012 school year and receive backpacks and school supplies.

11 a.m. Arrival at Lodge Pavilion

12:00 noon Lunch

12:30p.m. Health Walk

1 p.m. Events and Workshops

3:15 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Open registration for the K-12 Program will be at the Department of Education in the Administration Building. Forms will be mailed in July and are available at right. If you need extra forms, please contact the Education office at 269-782-0887 or e-mail connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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.



**Skono Gizhguk Go (back) to School Day
Sunday, August 7**

Awards Form

Award Category: (Check all that student is eligible for during 2010-2011.)

- Perfect Attendance for the entire school year (attach report card)
- Missed five days or less for the entire school year (attach report card)
- All As for the entire school year
- Honor Roll at least one marking period
- Improvement in at least one core subject area
(Must show improvement in at least one core subject area and maintain a C or better in three other core subject areas. Core subjects are: Math, Science, Reading/ English /Language Arts, and Social Studies.)
- Participated in sports, band, or other club/activity

Please
list: _____

- Recognition for any school-related accomplishment
(Student of the Month, Most Improved awards, etc.)

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List: _____

- Involvement in Pokagon Band Summer Programs
(Summer Camp, Summer School, Summer Enrichment)

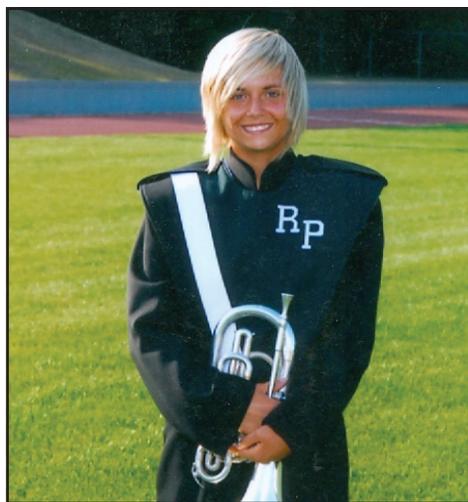
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RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 27, 2011
Pokagon Band Department of Education
P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047
FAX TO: (269-782-0985)
Questions? Call Penny at 269-782-0887 or 1-888-330-1234



July Students of the Month

by Susan Doyle and Sue Johnson, Education Associates



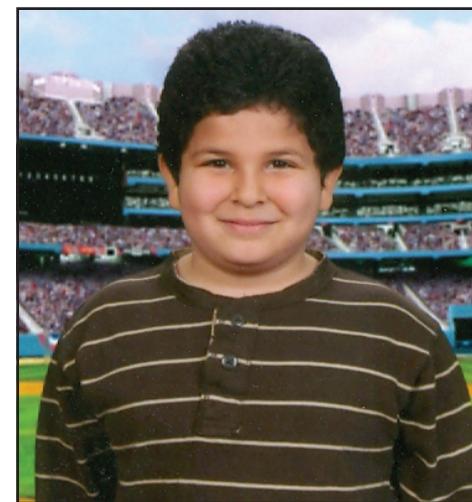
Bobbie Jo Call is a 17-year-old tenth grader at Reeth-Puffer High School. She lives in Twin Lakes, Michigan with her parents Christine and Russell Marsh. She has three siblings: Laurie Stolberg, Luanne Cooper, and Dorothy Updyke. Bobbie Jo enjoys playing the mellaphone and French horn in the marching band. She also plays catcher on the JV softball team, and enjoys sushi and fry bread. Bobbie Jo is looking forward to graduating and going into the medical field. She is involved in pow wows and Native American culture classes at Duck Creek Learning Center. She makes medicine bags, dream catchers and other items. Bobbie Jo is proud to be a Native American "because of what our tribe has become, helping people with culture and tradition. I am thankful for the opportunities the tribe has given me with the enrichment programs."



Zac Wesaw is a 13-year-old seventh grader at Fairfield Union. He lives in St. Bremen, Ohio with his parents Jill and Todd Wesaw and his sister Sidney. Zac's favorite food is spaghetti. He loves music and playing Halo on his X-Box. Zac is not currently involved in any tribal or cultural activities but is looking forward to them in the future. He would like to be a lead singer in a rock band some day. Zac is proud to be a Native American because "of the history and traditions my tribe represents."



Madison Yvette Brown is a 5-year-old pre-K student at Woodside Elementary in Hartford, Michigan. Her parents are Jeffrey and Lance Brown. Paula Genereaux is her grandmother and Jacqueline Genereaux is her great grandmother. Madison has two sisters: Rhian Nelson and Joey Riley and three brothers: Logan, Andrew and Austin Brown. She also has a niece, Ava Marie and a nephew, Nicolas. Madison's favorite foods are tacos and pizza. She is a second year t-ball player and enjoys playing with her niece with all of their princess toys. Madison would like to be a princess when she grows up. She attends pow wows with her family and what makes her most proud to be Native American is "singing My Indian Car from her favorite movie Dance Me Outside starring Adam Beach."



Sean O'Brien is a 9-year-old third grade student from Livonia, Michigan. His parents are Donna and Donald Storie. Sean's grandparents are Colleen O'Brien and Gerald Hamoud. He has three siblings: Donald Storie II, Savannah O'Brien, and Keon Johnson. Sean keeps busy with baseball, football, floor hockey, soccer and kickball as well as karate lessons and riding his bike. He also enjoys video games and playing on the computer. Sean would like to study scientific stuff as a teenager, become a fireman when he grows up and would like to have a wife and two kids. Sean attends as many cultural activities as possible including the solstice, Christmas and the summer youth programs at the health center in Detroit. He is proud to be Native American because, "we are strong people and have good hearts and I like the music and dancing and the pow wows."

The Pokagon Pendant Project

Hail to the Victors!
Go Cream and Crimson!
Go Green! Go White!
Go Belles!
Go Lakers!

Attention Pokagon College Alumni:
You worked hard for your college degrees, now let the Department of Education brag about your accomplishments!

We will be decorating the department halls with the pendants of colleges from where our citizens graduated, and the names of the alums. We need your help. If you have received a higher education degree, please contact Connie Baber at 888-330-1234 or by e-mail connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Twelve Pokagon Students Awarded for Excellent Performance

By Bonnie Parrish

Secretary, Michigan Indian Elders Association

I am very proud to announce the Pokagon Band had 12 student winners in the MIEA Student Incentive Awards program. These students receive awards for straight As and/or perfect attendance for each marking period.

Congratulations to Robert Dick, Daniel Dick, Andrew Derosé, Echo Glowacki, Logan Serba, Nichole Harjer, Lake Serba, Clayton Sagataw, Jordan Shiflett, Cassidy Wesaw, Devin Shiflett, and Grant Adams. You make all of us so proud of your achievements. Keep up the good work and be sure to enter again next year.



Please join us Friday, July 8

They Graduate. Let's Celebrate.

Come to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Department of Education Awards Banquet

honoring our

2010 - 2011 High School Graduates

and GED Recipients.

Friday, July 8

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Awards at 8:00 p.m.

Southwestern Michigan College
Mathews Conference Center East
Fred L. Mathews Library and Conference Center
58900 Cherry Grove Road
Dowagiac, MI

Contact Connie Baber in the Department of Education at
888-330-1234 with any questions and to reserve your spot.

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.

Charette Seeks Elders' Opinions

On May 23 the Pokagon Band Departments of Housing, Social Services and Natural Resources invited Elders to share their opinions on future services and facilities at a charette. A charette is a French term used by planners and designers to describe an event where participants offer their ideas and views about proposals for buildings or programs.

About 28 Elders gathered at Dowagiac High School where they were put into four groups. Each group spent time with staff who asked them to consider their needs for future housing, services, and community design and locations. Participants voted with stickers to indicate their preferences.



Left, attendees indicate their preferences with stickers. Above, DNR Director Mark Parrish shows a group of participants maps of tribal land classifications.

2011 Hannahville Language Immersion Camps

Hannahville Indian Community's Bodewadmi Language Immersion has been scheduled for June, July and August. The Immersion weeks are part of Project Ewikkendaswat Ekenomagewat, a three-year ANA language revitalization project to provide language instructor skills training during the academic school year and summer language immersion camps to increase listening and speaking fluency. Participants have committed to learn, speak and teach the Potawatomi language for future generations.

Registration for Summer Language Immersion is open to Hannahville community members-at-large, as well as to other Potawatomi Bands. Mornings are spent with the speakers, while afternoons are filled with planned language activities to practice and speak language learned during the morning sessions. Continental breakfast and lunch provided; dinner on your own.

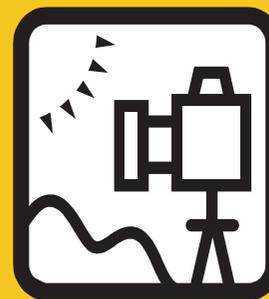
If you have questions, please call the Hannahville Language and Culture staff at 906-723-2272 or 2273.

JUNE 13 to 17 – Immersion Camp
 JULY 11 to 15 – Immersion Camp
 AUGUST 9 to 12 – Immersion/
 Language Conference

The Pokagon Band's Department of Language and Culture is providing scholarships for lodging, transportation, and per diem to Pokagon citizens and families that are interested in attending. Please call Andy Jackson at 269-462-4261 for registration information.

Native American Institute & the College of Arts and Letters- **American Indian Youth Film Workshop**

July 17th to July 22nd



All students ages 13-18 may register. Students will attend workshops under the instruction of MSU faculty.

Students will be housed on Michigan State University campus for 4 days. Lodging and meals will be included for each student.

Students will complete a short film as well as learn:

To use cameras to film scenes and people

To set up & design shots for filming

To create storyboards to develop stories for film

To edit video

To create & edit soundtracks for film

To produce special effects

For information, contact: Gordon Henry at (989) 859-0178 or henryg@anr.msu.edu also NAI office at (517)353-6632. To register for NAI/CAL Film Institute, visit www.nai.msu.edu.

MSU Offers Native High School Students a Business Boot Camp

By Michelle Tirado, American Indian Report

Next month, Native American high school students will spend a week at Michigan State University to get an introduction to higher education and a primer on business.

The pilot program, being offered July 23-29 by Broad College's Multicultural Business Programs (MBP) at no cost to students, is called the Native American Business Institute (NABI). Led by Graduate Assistant Allard Teeple (Bay Mills), NABI's mission is to "create a space or idea in an institute for a group of underrepresented people in the college of business, as well as providing opportunities and knowledge skill-sets for Native American youth."

The seven-day program will provide students in grades 10 to 12 an introduction to business while working with MSU admissions officers, college counselors, tribal community leaders and corporate representatives who will help prepare them for the college application process and expose them to numerous academic and professional opportunities.

NABI's business component will include presentations from corporate recruiters, faculty from Broad College, who will discuss the business school's

academic programs, and reps from four Michigan tribes (Bay Mills, Gun Lake, Pokagon Band and the fourth is to be announced). There will also be presentations from two tribal businesses, though Teeple is still awaiting confirmation.

NABI's roots go back to 2007, when MBP launched an outreach program to make tribes and tribal youth more aware of business within tribal communities and beyond. Either in the fall or spring semester, about 25 non-Native students from the MBP go to a tribal community in Michigan for a weekend. On one day, the students learn about the tribe — its history, culture and the services it provides to its members as well as its enterprises, business revenues and how those revenues are reinvested back into the community. The next day, the MSU students teach the tribal youth about business and professional development, like writing resumes and job interview preparation, and other wisdom that they had obtained in college.

There are 300 to 600 Native Americans enrolled at MSU, Teeple estimates, which is one percent or less of the university's total student population. Out of about 4,000 students enrolled at Broad College, between five and 15 are Native American.

Growing up, Teeple, who is getting his master's in accounting, could not help but notice how many non-Native people from outside of the community were hired for top positions at tribal enterprises. It's still the trend. Teeple hopes that NABI will reverse it, that it will "slowly bring in our own people for our own operations."

"Michigan State is surrounded by 12 federally recognized tribes. There is no university out there at this point trying to work with the tribal nations in business," Teeple said.

To date, 10 high school students have signed up for NABI. Teeple said they are shooting for a total of 15, but more would be even better. Applications will be accepted up until the week before the program starts.



See more online at <http://broad.msu.edu/undergraduate/mbp/nabi>

Potawatomi Language Conference 2011

Hosted by the
Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community
And the Island Resort Convention Center

Convention Center
W399 Hwy 2 & 41 - Harris, Michigan
Woodland Valley Gathering Grounds
Hannahville Road

E. Bodewadmiygo eshe ngotwek gkiyownan

One People - One Spirit



- ezhe bmadziygo i Gbodewadmimnan

Living Our Bodewadmi Language

AGENDA

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

- 1:00 - 5:00 Registration/Hotel check-in
- 5:00 - 8:00 • Evening Reception Buffet
- Recreational Language Activity - Kevin Daugherty

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

- 7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast (provided)
- 8:45 - 9:00 Welcome and General Announcements
- 9:00 - 10:15 Immersion Session: Jim & Mary Jane Thunder
With Kim Wensaut and Lindsay Marean
- 10:30 - 11:45 Immersion Session: Lillian Rice & Walter Johnson
- 11:45 - 12:45 Lunch (provided)
- 1:15 - 2:00 Breakout Sessions:
 - Immersion Programs - Johnny Flynn
 - Etymology & Homonyms - Stewart King
 - FCP: Animation, Bringing A Story to Life - Dan Deschinny
- 2:05 - 2:50 Breakout Sessions:
 - Potawatomi Instructor Credentialing - E. Meshigaud, D. Hill
 - Potawatomi Verb Book - Lindsay Marean
 - Language Learning Games - Frank Barker

Wednesday, August 10, 2011 *Continued*

— Transfer to Gathering Grounds —

- 3:30 - 4:30 Breakout Sessions: At Gathering Grounds
 - Tents: Language Picture Descriptions - Justin Neely
 - Tents: Youth Presentation - Rod Lovall & HIC Youth Group
 - Long House: Building a Fire - John Winchester
- 5:00 - 7:00 Dinner Buffet (provided)
- 7:00 - 9:00 Potawatomi Language Activities - HIC Staff/Youth

Thursday, August 11, 2011

- 7:00 - 8:15 Breakfast (provided)
- 8:30 - 10:00 Immersion Session: Jim & Mary Jane Thunder
With Kim Wensaut and Lindsay Marean
- 10:30 - 12:00 Immersion Session: Lillian Rice & Walter Johnson
- 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch (provided)
- 1:30 - 2:00 Breakout Sessions:
 - Potawatomi Instructor Credentialing - E. Meshigaud, D. Hill
 - Language Skits - Olivia Pewamo & Team
 - Plant Fibers in the Potawatomi Language - Ed Pigeon

Thursday, August 11, 2011 *Continued*

- 2:05 - 2:50 Breakout Sessions:
 - Immersion Programs - Johnny Flynn
 - Etymology & Homonyms - Stewart King
 - Dish Bag Teachings - LIST, Language Team, Rich Sjarlotti

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 - Tents: Youth Workshop - Rod Lovall & HIC Youth Group
 - Long House: Building a Fire - John Winchester
 - Tents: Youth Language Activities - Justin Neely

- 5:00 - 7:00 Dinner (provided)
- Evening: Concert or Wabeno Lodge

Friday, August 12, 2011

- 7:30 - 8:15 Breakfast (provided)
- 8:30 - 9:15 Immersion Session: Fluent Speaker Panel
- 9:15 - 10:30 Immersion Session: Songs, Music
- 10:30 - 11:00 Conference Wrap-Up

— Transfer to Gathering Grounds —

TO REGISTER

ONLINE: www.potawatomilanguage.org
CALL: 906-723-2272 or 906-723-2273
EMAIL: conference@potawatomilanguage.org

HOTEL & INFORMATION UPDATES:
www.potawatomilanguage.org

August 9 - 12, 2011

Drumming

- 7/6 & 7/27 - Men's Drumming Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- 7/6 & 7/27 - Women's Hand Drumming, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm

History

- 7/19 - Potawatomi History with Jerry Lewis, Admin. Finance Conf. Rm, 6-8pm

Language

- Mondays - Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am - 12pm
- 7/7 - Language Workshop with John Winchester, Tribal Lodge, 6 - 8pm
- 7/11 - 7/15 - Hannahville Language Immersion Camp, Wilson, MI
- 7/28 - Language Workshop with Lillian Rice, Tribal Lodge, 6 - 8pm

Native Healing

- 7/18 - 7/20 - Jake Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am - 12pm & 1 - 5pm
- 7/20 - Co-ed Sweat Lodge, Teaching Cabin, 6 - 8pm

Native Nations Youth Council

- 7/9 - Gardening, L&C Grounds, 10-12pm
- 7/17 - Lacrosse, Head Start Field, 1-3pm
- 7/23 - Elections/Gardening, 10 - 12pm; Lunch, 12 - 1pm, L&C Grounds; Lacrosse, 1 - 3pm, Head Start Field
- 7/29 - Dinner & Talk with Lillian Rice, L&C Office, 5 - 8pm

Pow Wows

- 7/2 & 7/3 - Little River Band Traditional Pow Wow, Manistee, MI
- 7/2 & 7/3 - Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Contest Pow Wow, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- 7/22 - 7/24 - Keweenaw Bay Traditional Pow Wow, Baraga, MI

Traditions and Repatriation Committee

- 7/25 - Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm., 6 - 9pm

Upcoming Events

- 8/5 - Blending Christianity and Native Ways with Casey and Lora Church, Elder's Hall 1-2pm, Tribal Lodge 5-8pm

July 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Little River Band Pow Wow; Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Pow Wow
3 Little River Band Pow Wow; Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Pow Wow	4 Elder's Language Class Canceled; Offices Closed	5 Elder's Language Class Rescheduled	6 Men's Drumming; Women's Hand Drumming:	7 Language Workshop with John Winchester	8	9 Youth Council, Gardening Day
10	11 Elder's Language Class Canceled; Hannahville Immersion Camp	12 Hannahville Immersion Camp	13 Hannahville Immersion Camp	14 Hannahville Immersion Camp	15 Hannahville Immersion Camp;	16
17 Youth Council, Lacrosse	18 Elder's Language Class; Native Healing	19 History with Jerry Lewis; Native Healing	20 Co-ed Sweat Lodge; Native Healing	21	22 Keweenaw Bay Pow Wow	23 Youth Council, Elections / Gardening / Lacrosse; Keweenaw Bay Pow Wow
24 Keweenaw Bay Pow Wow	25 Elder's Language Class; Trad. & Rep. Meeting	26	27 Men's Drumming; Women's Hand Drumming:	28 Language Workshop with Lillian Rice	29 Youth Council, Dinner & Talk with Lillian Rice; Lunch-and-Learn (staff only)	30
31	1	2	3	4	5 Blending Christianity and Native Ways	6

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT

POTAWATOMI TRAIL PHASE IV

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs hereby announces their intent to construct the Potawatomi Trail Phase IV Project

The project is located in the Pokagonek Édawat development located off of Daily Road in Lagrange Township, Cass County, Michigan. Section 7, Township 6 South, Range 15 West. The total project length is approximately 0.6 miles and construction is scheduled to be constructed in 2011.

Work will include clearing, stripping of topsoil, grading, subbase construction, concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, HMA paving, and restoration.

Preliminary plans and other related information concerning this project are available for viewing by contacting one of the following:

Greg Newhouse
Bureau of Indian Affairs
916 Lakeshore Drive W.
Ashland, WI 54806
(715) 682-2709

Jason Auvil
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047
269-782-9602

ELDERS LANGUAGE CLASS

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

July

Dates:
Every Monday
July 4, 2011 - No Class
(Holiday, Offices Closed)
July 5, 2011 - Make-up day
July 11, 2011 - No Class
(Hannahville Immersion Camp)
July 18, 2011
July 25, 2011

Time:
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location:
Elders Hall

Everyone is Invited!

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

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



Contact Information:

Teresa Magnuson, *Director of Language & Culture*
(269) 462-4296 • (269) 783-6372 cell.
Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

July & August

Dates:
Monday - Wednesday
July 18-20, 2011

Monday - Wednesday
August 22 - 24, 2011

Individual Appt. Times:
9:00 - 12:00 p.m. &
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Co-ed Sweat Lodge:
Wednesday, July 20, 2011
Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011

Location:
Teaching Cabin
Rodgers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

- Visiting with Healers:**
- Be yourself and be respectful.
 - Take tobacco to give as an offering.
 - Explain why you have come to them.
 - Refrain from drugs and alcohol for 4 days prior.
 - Other gifts can be given to express gratitude.

Everyone is Invited!

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

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Native Healing

Jake Pine, traditional healer, will be visiting our community for healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions.

Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco). If you are looking for a sweat, Jake will wrap-up his visit with a co-ed sweat lodge on July 20th and August 24th at 6:00 pm.



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



Maatookiidaa Anishnaabewin:

4-Year Anishnaabemowin Immersion/ Teacher Certification Program

“Let Us Share Anishnaabe Ways of Life”

Our Vision:

Kina weya wii Nishnaabemad. “That everyone may speak our Native Language.”

Program Overview: Maatookiidaa Anishnaabewin (MA) is Bkejwanong’s language immersion program. The program immerses students in Anishnaabemowin, our Native language. MA classes are taught in Anishnaabemowin completely, there is no English used. In June MA will be completing year one of the 4-year program. MA is full-time program which started in September 2010. Classes are September –June, Monday- Friday from 9am- 3:30pm. The mandatory teacher certification component will begin in July 2012 and continue until June 2014 alongside the full time immersion classes. The 4-year program will be completed in June 2014.

MA is now accepting applications for 2nd year intake. MA is accepting applications for applicants with previous language learning experience. Limited enrollment available.



**Now Accepting
2nd Year Applications!!**



Elders Council Business Meeting

June 2, 2011

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

INVOCATION: Clarence White

ROLL CALL: Jeanette Mollett, P, Ken Radar, A, Clarence White, P, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Ruth Salvidar, P, also in attendance, Yvonne "Petey" Boehm.

AGENDA: Arthur Culpepper, director of Pokagon Health Services was present, along with Lois Wesaw, Melissa Gard, and Shelly Smith, pharmacist. Dr. Culpepper and his staff answered questions about the new policies that have been put in place.

Questions were asked about generic meds versus name brands, restrictions on missing appointments, what must be done to be referred to another doctor.

He also talked about securing a new internal medicine doctor, and about the possibility of a new clinic. If you have any questions call Mr. Culpepper at the clinic.

Yvonne "Petey" Boehm and Bonnie Parrish informed the membership of the winners of the incentive awards from MIEA. Members would like a breakdown of what was brought in to auction and what the selling price was at MIEA auction.

Petey informed us that the Potawatomi Gathering will be held in Wilson, Michigan August 10 – 14. For more information, contact Melissa Rodriquez at 269-462-4203 or 1-800-517-0777.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Chairman Matt Wesaw informed us that the busses should be here around Labor Day. Two busses are on order, (1) is a 38 passenger, the other is a 17 passenger. Both busses are wheelchair equipped.

We would like to start asking the directors of different departments to come and speak to our Elders, so they can be kept up on the workings of the Band.

MINUTES: The April minutes were read, Ruth moved to accept the minutes, Clarence supported, (4) yes, (1) absent, approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Audrey moved to accept the treasurer's report, Jeanette supported, (4) yes, (1) absent, approved.

NEW BUSINESS: The Four Winds trip is scheduled for June 13. Meet at the Train Depot in Dowagiac at 10:00 am for the shuttle. Chairperson asked for five volunteers to form a committee to help members who don't know where to go or what to do when there is a death in the family.

OLD BUSINESS: Audrey gave a report on the Elder jackets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: Elizabeth Ballew, Bill Sigfrids, Kathy Ruff.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: Gerald and Cookie Wesaw, 59 years; Tom and Jackie Trux, 37 years; John and Patsy Carney, 51 years; Richard and Barbara Hiler, 57 years.

ADJOURNMENT: Audrey moved to adjourn, Clarence supported, (4) yes, (1) absent, approved.

Adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Per Capita Direct Deposit and Tax Withholding Forms

By Julie Farver

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

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

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

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at 269-462-4209 or 269-462-4200 or toll free 800-517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Tribal Council July Calendar of Events

- 5 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 9 Tribal Elections
- 11 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 12 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 18 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 19 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon
- 25 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 26 Gaming Authority, Four Winds, noon

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.

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs for the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment office at 269-782-1763 or Julie Farver in the Finance Department at 269-782-8998.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x
1026	Justin Means			x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x
1506	Michaela Lynne Canard	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	
2457	Lindsey Ann Alexis		x	x
2475	Brandie S Antisdell		x	
2510	Michael A Barr	x	x	
2795	Edward Francis Cushway	x	x	x
3238	Christina L Hatt		x	
3282	Daniel Scott Sanderson		x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x
4321	Tiffany M Ragland		x	
4347	Ian T Currey	x	x	
4715	Kristi L Howard		x	

Per Capita Important Dates

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

Citizens Missing Social Security Numbers

According to Pokagon Band records, the following tribal citizens have not provided the Band's Enrollment Office with their social security number. In accordance with the Band's Revenue Allocation Plan, per capita payments are paid to those citizens whose name appears on a list of eligible citizens approved by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council approves the list of eligible citizens in November of each year. In order for a citizen's name to appear on the list of eligible citizens, individuals must provide the Band's Enrollment Office with his or her social security number.

If your name is listed below, please provide the Enrollment Office with your social security number. If you fail to provide your social security number, your name will not appear on the list of eligible citizens in November 2011 and you will not receive per capita payments for the following year.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Julie Farver at 269-462-4200.

83	John Dylan Watson	4260	Juniper Rose Ballew
857	Peter John Ramirez	4277	Brenna Jennifer Orns
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	4317	Keira Kristine Morseau
1507	Justin Adam Canard	4383	Brian Scott Puehler Jr.
2085	Alexander James Arnold	4384	Marcus Dillin Puehler
2456	Alexis LeaAnn McGiveron	4397	Jaiden Cienna Teague
2457	Lindsey Anne Alexis	4442	Mason Tyler Currey
2493	Joseph Nathaniel Guillermo	4443	Kailyn Ashley Currey
2587	Tyler Edward Rouse	4444	Zachary Daniel Currey
2621	Alexander Pierce Falk	4445	Joshua Austen Currey
2665	Elijah David Williams	4457	Aryana Cherylene Hearn
2717	Zachary Taylor Huffman	4463	Albert Anthony Huerta
2801	Joyce Rose Olsen	4464	Jesus Isreal Huerta
2895	Alexandra Marie Sardeneta	4465	Rameado Jesus Huerta
3037	Micah Joechim Price	4466	Mariah Ann Huerta
3273	Julius Brighton Rummage	4502	Jaiden Christopher Tanner
3341	James Howard Gideon III	4548	Drake Allen Potter
3388	Dylan Anthony-Lynn Joyner	4549	Ashton D. Potter
3417	Dwayne Michael Allen Collett	4550	Cassina Marie Potter
3448	Kenneth Bradley Miller II	4628	Peter Allen Starrett Jr.
3532	Jacob Thomas Lewis	4634	Vanessa Ann Clark
3595	Miriam Topash Rios	4666	Danielle Jamie Sturgeon
3665	Raelyn Bree Balcom	4704	Glenn Josiah Frank Smith
3748	Nisajwen Joseph Topash	4719	Oliver George Bounds
3763	Arianna Mae Morseau	4723	Shayna Rose Gessner
3764	Jordan Michael Morseau	4724	Wesley Gerald Gessner
3783	Carter Alexander Drake	4736	Joseph Manuel Cruz
3811	Michael Brice Ferney	4737	Bella Sophia Cruz
3910	Mekhi Karon Brown	4738	Mia Alizey-Paige Cruz
3931	Alexis MaKayla Doorlag	4746	Alyssa Ann Leonardo
3959	Anissa Elain Patzer	4747	Ryan Giovanni Leonardo
3960	Kimberly Mae Patzer	4748	Gianna Gennevieve Leonardo
3978	Ashley Marie Wildey	4752	Grace Kay-Marie Pompey
4028	Andrew Lee Martin	4800	Mason Joshua Balzar-Hupp
4053	Kaitlynn Renee Bixler	4867	Issac Cole Sardeneta
4105	Ninmkee Nmn Fox	4904	Tara Lee Ferguson
4113	Steven Allen Hossler Jr.	4907	Daryl Thomas Hall
4129	Elizabeth Viola Wesaw	4910	Lauren Angel Iturbe
4170	Illiana Marie Bush	4913	Jesse Orion Kamps
4171	Silas James Bush	4939	Ana Elizabeth Gray
4190	Luke Gregory Marunycz	4940	Sarah Rose Gray
4191	Jacob Leo Marunycz	4983	Cayden William Alexander Steel
4221	Keyanah LaRai Starrett		
4252	Brady Scott Rice		

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

july

When a diet is wrong medicine is of no use. When a diet is correct medicine is of no need.

Ancient Ayurvedic Proverb

4 closed for fourth of july

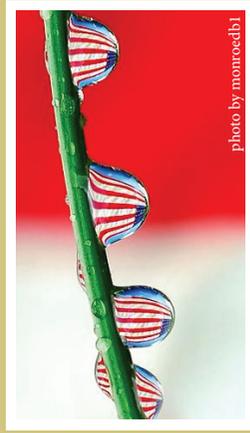


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5

Ham, Turkey, or Roast Beef Sandwich
Assorted Breads
Veggie Tray
Baked Beans
Strawberry Pies

6

Chicken, Broccoli, Cheese, and Rice Casserole
Tomato and Cucumber Salad
Frozen Fruit Bar
Roll

7

Buffalo Sloppy Joe
Macaroni Salad
Assorted Veggie Tray
Fruit Salad
Cake

8

Breaded Perch
Rice Pilaf
Tri-Blend Vegetables
Cucumber Salad
Roll

11 language

Taco Bake
Garden Salad
Melon Wedges
Jell-O Cup

12 deli day

Grilled Pork Chops
Roasted Red Potatoes
Asparagus
Apple Sauce
Coleslaw
Roll

13

Turkey Burger on a Wheat Bun
Baked Beans
Assorted Veggie Tray
Fresh Fruit

14 business

Boiled Dinner (Sausage, Beans, Potatoes, Cabbage, and Corn)
Cottage Cheese w/ Sliced Tomatoes
Cherry Crisp
Cornbread

15

Baked Potato Bar With Chili, Sour Cream and Chives, and Broccoli and Cheese
Fruit Salad

18 language

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Roll

19

BBQ Chicken
Macaroni Salad
Carrots and Peas
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple
Roll

20

Chili Dogs W/ Bun
Relish Tray
Tomato Salad
Fresh Fruit
Cookie

21

Tuna Fish with a Tomato Bowl
Fruit Salad
Veggie Tray

22

Shrimp Kabobs
Potato Salad
Broccoli Slaw
Banana Pudding w/ Vanilla
Wafers
Roll

25 language

Turkey Pot Pie
Tomato Salad
Strawberry Angel Food Cake
Roll

26

Pork Roast
Potatoes
Carrots
Garden Salad
Ice Cream
Roll

27

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Roll

28

Nelson's Ribs and Chicken
Corn on the Cob
Squash Salad
Watermelon
Rolls

29

Salmon and Potato Dish
Asparagus
Corn Slaw
Cottage Cheese and Peaches
Roll

Business and Social Luncheons 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, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.

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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.

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.

July announcements

Congratulations to our daughter, **Cassandra Church**. We are proud of your high school accomplishments, your graduation from Hopkins High School, and your acceptance into Michigan State University's pre-veterinarian program. We're proud of your being president of National Honor Society, president of Student Council and earning the principal's leadership award. Your athletic abilities also inspired us: being all-conference in soccer, honorable mention in volleyball, and most valuable player in basketball. Your talents will allow you to play a big part in our community and our tribe.



We love you, Mom & Dad



Happy Birthday, **Troy!**
I love you, Mom

Happy 66th birthday June 19 **Lee Faulk**
Love, your family

Happy late birthday June 19 to my mom, **Leona Falk**.
I love you, Kim Wheatley

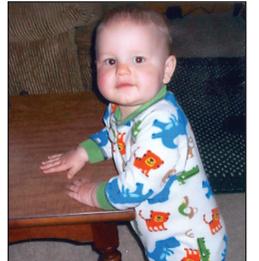
Happy 7th birthday July 19 to my granddaughter, **Alexis Deuel**. You're terrific!
I love you, Grandma Martha

The happiest of birthdays July 23 to my niece, **Wendy Sigfrids**.
Love you, Aunt Martha

Happy birthday July 2 to my brother-in-law, **Brian Andrews**, a truly great guy!
Love you, Mart



Happy 7th Birthday,
Allison Anne Warner



Happy 1st Birthday,
Jackson Scott Warner

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

September 3rd-4th, 2011

**Rodgers Lake
58620 Sink Rd
Dowagiac, MI**

GRAND ENTRY
SATURDAY 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM / SUNDAY Noon

HEAD STAFF
Head Veteran – George Martin
Head Male – Paul Syrette
Head Lady – Rhonda Purcell
Head Jr Male – Wasnoday Pamp
Head Jr Lady – Dajia Shinos
MC – Sandon Jacobs
AD – Steve Oldman

Host Drum – Bear Creek
Co Host – Ribbon Town Singers
Invited Drums – TBA

Participants also invited to a Sunrise Ceremony and Women's Water Walk - Friday, September 2, 2011 starting at Gage Street Property

FEATURING
Dance Contest
Hand Drum Special
Great Lakes Old Style
Traditional Special

Native American Vendors only.
Vendor information contact
Teresa Magnuson phone: 517-712-5581
email:
Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Other PowWow information contact
Alycia Atkinson phone: 231-578-4373
email: anishmama2@aol.com
Host Hotel – Baymont Inn 269-782-4270

Camping available for PowWow participants first come first serve starting Thursday noon.
All specials need to be pre-approved.
No firearms, drugs, alcohol, tribal politics.
No pets in the PowWow area.