



POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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More Progress in Store for the Pokagon Band

Expansion of Pokégnek Édawat Begins

To accommodate more home construction in the tribal village in Dowagiac, work began recently connecting the Édawat development to the Dowagiac city water supply. Pipes are currently being run from Southwestern Michigan College to Édawat. The water line work is expected to be complete in July. Next up will be finishing off the sewer lines and road development, which should conclude by August.



The plans for the site development and a housing unit are pictured above.

Then crews will begin site preparation for 32 new housing units. On four lots along Potawatomi Trail, townhomes of four units each will go up, for a total of 16 units. On a new street spur just south of the current Elders Village, crews will start building 16 duplexes for Elders on eight lots. Estimated

completion on the first few units will be winter 2013. If you're interested in learning more about occupancy eligibility, please call the Housing Department at (877) 983-0385.

Rodgers Lake Campground Sites Outfitted with Electricity

Pokagon campers and pow wow visitors will soon be able to plug in at the campsites at Rodgers Lake. Crews started work in June to bring electricity to the 126 campsites on the grounds. Work is slated to be finished before the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Labor Day weekend.

Electrical upgrades to all facilities will also take place throughout the Rodgers Lake campus including; new underground switches, underground wiring, removal of old overhead wiring, and new high voltage transformers. These changes will provide redundancy, improved reliability, and enough electrical capacity for the future Cultural Center facility and any other facilities built on the campus.

Revenue Allocation Plan Amendments Approved

The U.S. Secretary of the Interior approved the RAP amendments June 8. The plan was first amended by the Tribal Council on January 21, 2012, and approved by citizens in a referendum vote conducted on March 24. More information and details will be coming in the next month in a separate mailing.

Four Winds Dowagiac Moves Ahead

Following a unanimous 5-0 vote by the Pokagon Township Board on Wednesday, June 13 the Band announced it will move forward with its plans to build Four Winds Dowagiac. Four Winds Dowagiac will open in 2013 and include 200 slot machines, four table games, a 3,000 square foot multi-use space and a Timbers restaurant. The consent of Pokagon Township was required by the state of Michigan before the Pokagon the Band could proceed with construction, which is expected to start in the next few months. The property will maintain the same look and feel in design and finishes to Four Winds New Buffalo and Four Winds Hartford.

Enwe. Make your voice heard.

Pokagon Census 2012

Coming in August

Easy

Each citizen 18 or older will receive a questionnaire that is simple to complete and return. Or, fill it out online!

Important

The Pokagon Band needs recent and relevant information to support requests for grant and other funding, for strategic planning and to help tribal leaders assess and prioritize future projects and services. What do you want from your community? Your opinion matters!

Fun

Fully complete and return your census, and receive a \$50 Visa gift card. Then, you'll be registered for a drawing for a Grand Prize or one of several cash awards.

Safe

Your answers will be kept anonymous and confidential. No one will share answers with anyone.



Take Us Out to the Ball Game!

By Conrad Church, youth cultural coordinator

Collin Church, chair of the Junior Youth Council, had the idea recently to spend more time with Pokagon elders. So Collin and youth from the Council met with Elders Council Chair Jeannie Mollett and Elders Council members, and came up with the idea of going together to a baseball game. With the Junior Youth Council's budget, the group might get tickets to a high school baseball game and one bag of popcorn. But while the elders were on the *Today Show* in New York City, they came up with a great idea: why not treat the youth to a Detroit Tigers game, and not just sit in general admission but reserve two suites with full catering service?

The day began with the youth serving a continental breakfast for the elders. Before boarding the bus the group started the day in the right way with

Jeannie Mollett saying a prayer. After that the two buses, packed with more than 45 people, were Detroit-bound. The elders made the bus ride enjoyable with a number of different activities, showing the youth how to have fun on a two-hour bus ride.

Each youth was assigned to an elder to learn from and get to know better. "It was very fun," said Charles Bivens, 13, of Grand Rapids. "My elder treated me better than I treated her."

When you put elders and youth in a bus for over four hours, you get to hear some good jokes and a lot of history. Autumn Mollett from Dowagiac said, "I learned a lot from my elders today. Spending more time with them we can learn amazing things, and a lot of good jokes."

"Being a big baseball fan, this trip meant a lot to me," said Lake Serba, 16, from Comstock Park. "Getting a chance



The Pokagon baseball fans gather for a photo in one of their suites at Comerica Park.

to spend it with elders made it even better! It was a perfect combination, baseball and the people I respect."

Community Resource Officer Matt Myers came along to help on the trip.

This will be a memorable experience the youth and elders will treasure forever, and not just because the Tigers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3.

Pokagon Health Services Implements New Electronic Health Record

By Melissa Gard, clinic business manager

Health Services patients who have visited the Pokagon Department of Health Services recently have already seen a new arrival: we have begun using a new electronic health record, which replaces the paper records of the past. All information is stored electronically in a secure, easy to use database. Health information is at the fingertips of your health provider, which means we will spend more time on you, the patient, instead of looking for your record. Also, since the information is easier to retrieve than in the paper days, your questions will be answered more quickly and your health provider will have a more complete picture of you and your health.

Next time you come to Health Services, you will notice we are eliminating paper as much as possible. You won't have to fill out the annual Health Summary any more. The Nurses and Medical Assistants will ask you direct questions about your history the first time you come in, (so your next appointment may be a little longer than usual). Once we have gathered your history, we will only ask you to update what has changed each year—and you won't have to fill out paperwork. We will update your file in person with you when you come in, or you can send updated documents to us via fax, scanned e-mail, or by regular mail.

Also, you will no longer get a green sheet when you check out—orders and appointments are done electronically, so the provider can communicate directly with the schedulers about your next appointment. In the same way, most prescriptions are sent directly to the Pharmacy, and orders for outside services are sent directly to the referral specialist, saving time and eliminating confusion. When you call with questions, no one will have to track down the provider; we can send an electronic message and attach your chart, making things clearer and more precise.

Another change means we will not be routinely sending the annual reminder to you for updating your CHS records. Every year, sometime before the end of your birthday month, you will need to supply our patient registration team with your CHS update. We will keep the following information on file for you:

- Your tribal ID card
- Your driver's license or state ID with current address (you or your guardian's), or two proofs of address
- Your insurance card and insurance information
- Your address and phone
- Any legal papers you have given to us, including Proof of Guardianship, Power of Attorney, etc.

Every year, you will need to let us know whether any of your information has changed, and supply us with updated information or paperwork. If you have no other insurance, you must apply for and be denied by Medicaid annually. After you receive the results of your Medicaid application, please provide that paperwork to us.

If there are no changes to your information, and if you have continued insurance coverage, all you have to do is call Health Services during your birth month, and we will update your CHS eligibility. If you have changes, or have a Medicaid denial letter, we will need to update you in the system before the last day of your birth month in order for you to remain eligible for CHS services.

Please feel free to call us at (269) 782-4141 or come in if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you, and continuing our patient-centered approach in meeting your health needs.

Wellness Day Focuses on Women

The Department of Health Services hosted a Women's Wellness Day Monday, May 14. Invited speakers discussed such topics as traditional healing, personal finance, entrepreneurship, wealth building, stress relief therapies, domestic violence and life stages of women. More than thirty women participated in the wellness event, and took advantage of PAP screening, labs, immunizations, pharmacy education, EKGs, glucose testing, vital signs, and height, weight, foot screenings. Lunch started with a prayer by Jake Pine and Mike Jackson served tortellini soup, fry bread, fruits, veggies, and dessert. Women expressed how much they enjoyed the presentations, medical care and information that was available. Thank you to all involved, and to all that participated in this event. We look forward to seeing you next year.



Youth Financial Program Ready for Business

Whenever you have a unique scenario that combines education and training with real world experience, you have a solid learning opportunity. And when that opportunity will benefit Pokagon youth, you cannot lose.

Through the collaborative efforts of Jason M. Wesaw, Pokagon Band government manager, Conrad Church, the youth cultural coordinator, and Chi Ishobak, Inc., the tribe's community development financial institution, the Youth Financial Program has been put into action. This program is designed to provide Pokagon Band youth with business and financial skills and the opportunity to apply these skills in a real world environment. This real world environment will be in the form of The Pokagon Band Youth Store Project.

The Pokagon Band Youth Store Project experience will go beyond the classroom and case studies. The participants will work as a group to research all aspects of opening an actual business from planning, budgeting, the start-up of that business, and all of the managerial and operational tasks associated with maintaining that business.

The highlights of The Pokagon Band Youth Store Project will be:

- Business/Financial Workshops
- Business Plan Preparation
- Loan Application Presentation
- The Opening of the Pokagon Band Youth Store

The criteria for participation in The Pokagon Band Youth Store Project are as follows:

- Must be a Pokagon Band citizen
- Must be between 15 and 24 years old
- Be available to attend scheduled workshops, planning sessions and store opening

This is a great experience to add to a college application, put on your resume, or just take with you and apply in your life both personally and professionally. The sign-up deadline for this project will be Monday, July 16. There will be a project kick-off meeting at the Administration Building in the Finance Conference Room on Thursday, July 19 at 9:30 a.m.

If you would like to sign-up for The Pokagon Band Youth Store Project or have an interest in learning more about this unique and exciting opportunity, please contact Conrad Church at (269) 462-4254. We hope to see you on July 19.

YOUTH FINANCIAL PROGRAM

READY FOR BUSINESS



JULY 19 | 9:30 A.M.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING | FINANCE CONFERENCE ROOM

SIGN UP BY JULY 16

Learn business and financial skills. Go beyond the classroom and case studies. Apply entrepreneurial skills in a real world environment.

Program participants will work as a group to research all aspects of opening an actual business—a Pokagon Youth Store. Learn planning, budgeting, start-up, and managing and operational tasks.

This is a great experience for Pokagon citizens between 15 and 24 years old to add to a college application, put on a resume, and apply in life.

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Register or learn more by contacting Conrad Church, youth cultural coordinator, by July 16 at (269) 462-4254.

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



Planner Works to Prepare Tribe for a Prosperous Future

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

For the past three years, Jason Auvil has been working for the tribe as the planner. While his main responsibility involves land use and development issues, he has his hands in many other projects.

Auvil is best described as a “Jack of all trades.” “In addition to my planning responsibilities, I am involved in emergency planning for the tribe, and I work on various special projects.” Auvil was very involved in the development of Edawat, is working on a transit study, and is also involved in an agricultural study that focuses on best uses for Pokagon land.



“Planning is a function of the Natural Resources Department,” explained Auvil. “It is important that tribal development and all projects take conservation of our natural resources into consideration.”

Auvil is involved in the Indian Reservation Roads Program (IRR) which provides funding for the transportation needs of Pokagon citizens. “I oversee the use of the funds the Pokagons receive from IRR,” explained Auvil. “The money is used for planning, construction and maintenance of roads.”

Planning for an emergency situation is also part of Auvil’s role. “With the tribal area encompassing ten counties within two states, it is important to have cooperation with local jurisdictions in preparing for an emergency,” said Auvil. “The Band is a member of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission which has 90 government units involved.” Auvil is the tribe’s representative for Cass, Van Buren and Berrien Counties.

Auvil reports to the Tribal Council twice a year on the demographics of the

Band. “I provide information on where citizens are living, population projections, and the median age,” said Auvil. “It is important to have this information to prepare for the future and better serve the needs of the Pokagon citizens.”

While Auvil is involved in a wide variety of projects, all of his work shares a common goal. “The Tribal Council is going through strategic planning,” said Auvil. “Everything that I am involved in ties into their long-term desired outcomes.”

Auvil holds a Bachelor’s degree in geography and natural resources. He previously worked for the Prairie Band in Kansas as a planning specialist. “While working for the Prairie Band, I was able to pursue my Master’s degree in regional and community planning,” said Auvil. “I spent three years at Kansas State University as a graduate teaching assistant while continuing to work full time for their tribe.” He took as many classes as possible.

After several years working for the Prairie Band, Auvil spent three years working with the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas as their natural resources director. Auvil then accepted a position with Leavenworth County in Kansas so that he could be in closer proximity to his aging parents. During his time in Leavenworth, Auvil met his wife Melissa. After two years, the couple relocated to southwest Michigan and Auvil began his work for the Pokagons.

In addition to his work for the Band, Auvil is an adjunct professor for Kansas State University, Haskell Indian Nations University, and Park University in Missouri. He teaches online courses in geography and natural resources.

Auvil and his wife live in Niles, Michigan with their children Bennett, 2, and Julianne, 4 months.

Apprenticeship Program Enrollment Open; Begins Second Year in October

By Alex Wesaw

Recently the Pokagon Band carpenters apprenticeship program celebrated the success of its first year. In April current apprentices Kim Wheeler, Victor Newsome, Robert Kronewitter, Dylan Johnson, Dustin Dixon, and Jordon Williams finished their first year and will be moving on to the second year of the four-year apprenticeship program.

The apprenticeship steering committee worked with Southwestern Michigan College to create a program to teach Pokagons the skills necessary to become journeymen carpenters while earning college credit through SMC. The program is approved by the Department of Labor. The Band provides the tools, books, and other required resources to citizens and their spouses interested in enrolling in the program. All of this is an effort to increase the ways Pokagons are involved inside and outside of the Pokagon community.

According to Dustin Dixon, citizens and spouses are able to learn the trade skills required to, change your future and have a career. “Something that lasts as long

as you can work, not just a job that lasts week-to-week,” he said. “I feel better about myself because I am part of something with the tribe and I have become a role model for my kids.”

Kim Wheeler, now a second year apprentice who worked with contractors at the Four Winds New Buffalo expansion and Four Winds Hartford job sites, offered some advice to incoming apprentices. “You should realize that this is a commitment. Once enrolled you are in college-level classes and working on a job site with contractors. If you don’t go to class, then you cannot go to work.”

The Human Resources Department is currently accepting applications from those citizens and spouses that would like to enroll for their first year of the program. Submitting an application is the first step in the process to get involved. Next, you will need to take a TABE test (which measures mastery of reading, language, and math proficiency) and complete an OSHA-10 Hour Class. Finally, you will interview with the apprenticeship steering committee.

Applications are available either online or in the Human Resources offices between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. To be eligible for the program you must:

- Be a Pokagon citizen, or the spouse of a citizen;
- Be at least 18 years old, and;
- Have a high school diploma or a G.E.D.

If you come into the Human Resources department to complete an application, please bring proof of the above listed (i.e. tribal ID, marriage certificate, or if you are a spouse of a citizen, a high school diploma or G.E.D.). You will need to bring proof of the above if you submit an application online as well. Applications are due to the Human Resources Department by Tuesday, July 17 by 5:00 p.m.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Apprenticeship_Program.aspx

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

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

Wellness Gathering Promotes Healing and Unity

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

On May 18 and 19, Pokagon citizens gathered together to share their energy, thoughts and feelings at a wellness gathering. Many participants have attended wellness gatherings in the past and come back because they find the experience to be re-energizing and therapeutic.

“We hold these gatherings to allow our citizens to come together to share their feelings and thoughts in a comfortable and safe setting,” explained Teresa Magnuson, director of language and culture. “Native Americans have suffered a great deal over the generations, and many still hurting. Between relocation and having laws imposed on them, there was a lot of trauma.”

The gathering was facilitated by the Native Wellness Institute. “We want to help our people to reawaken the healing potential and capabilities within each of us,” said Teresa. “Our ancestors changed the way that they lived, and many of us no longer live by the original teachings. We hope to get to a point where our families are healthy and begin to reconnect with

the original teachings of our Creator.” Before working on the community as a whole, each individual must be in touch with healing themselves.

“Statistically speaking, Native Americans have the highest rate of suicide, alcoholism, and domestic violence,” explained Magnuson. “We need to work on personal issues and get back to the original teachings which will ultimately bring wellness to the greater community.”

This gathering challenged participants to identify gender roles, purpose and responsibility. Men and women were separated into different groups to collaborate a list of desirable traits in members of the opposite sex. During the discussion, they were asked to think about what they would want in an ideal mate, and what kind of person they need to be to attract that mate.

“Traditionally speaking, everything came back to the tribe, the clan, or the group. It was less about the individual,” said Magnuson. “Men were not viewed as superior, and everyone lived in harmony.”



Each gathering provides new insight to participants. “I always learn something new about my family,” said Magnuson. “We share from the heart and you learn a lot about the people in the circle. We let go of the hurt and let joy in.”

There is a large cultural component to the gathering which sets the stage for an open and safe, comfortable place for people to share their thoughts. The Eagle Staff is present, and there is prayer, smudging, drumming and a water ceremony. Meals are included and lodging assistance is available to tribal citizens living over an hour away from Dowagiac. Onsite childcare is also provided.

For the past two years, wellness gatherings were held quarterly. “We greatly appreciate the participation we have had, the willingness of our citizens to share their energy, and we will continue to be committed to community wellness,” said Magnuson. “Moving forward, we will be changing the frequency of our wellness gatherings, and we encourage tribal citizens to attend future events.”

Dry Conditions Call for Extra Help for Birds

By Robert Frank, wildlife biologist, Department of Natural Resources

During the hot and dry conditions we’re experiencing now, you will be doing yourself and your birds a big favor by providing them with a reliable source of water.

Water is very important to birds; they need it whether they are feeder visitors or not. Offering a dependable source of water is probably the simplest and most important step you can take to greatly increase the variety of birds in your yard. It can also significantly increase your enjoyment of your birds by allowing you to watch their often comical antics as they drink, bathe and preen.

However, as entertaining as it is for us, water (or the lack thereof) can be deadly serious for birds. Birds must be ready to fly at all times, and bathing is a critical part of feather maintenance and staying in top-flight condition.

Water is also vitally important when it's extremely hot, and a bird's ability to regulate its body temperature can become stressed. Birds do not sweat and must remove excess body heat through their respiratory system. So when temperatures rise, a bird's respiration rate increases, sometimes to the point that it can be seen panting like a dog. This activity dehydrates birds and increases their need for a reliable source of water to replace lost fluids.

So, while the addition of a bird bath, fountain or mister to your yard can supply hours of enjoyable bird watching entertainment for you, it may also be providing a lifesaving necessity.

There are just a few things to remember when providing water to birds:

- The depth of the birdbath should not be more than a few inches, otherwise the birds could drown. If you can find one, choose a birdbath with a sloped incline so the birds can go as shallow or as deep as they like.
- You should also make sure to keep the water clean. Stagnant water can become contaminated and transmit disease. It is recommended that you clean your birdbath every other day.
- The sound of running water acts like a magnet for birds. They will flock to your yard if you do this. This can be accomplished in several ways. An easy way is to puncture a small hole in a plastic container, fill it with water, and hang it over the bath. You can also hook up a hose to an outside faucet to slowly drip water into the bath. Some birdbaths even come with pumps nowadays, however this may mean they may need to be plugged into an electrical outlet, which may not be convenient.



Photo by JB London



Photo by southarmstudios



Photo by Rachel Kramer

Citizens Wanted to Train for Tobacco Cessation Classes

The Department of Health Services will be offering a unique opportunity to citizens starting July 10: a chance to help educate fellow Pokagons about the dangers of smoking and to earn some extra money. Health Services is looking for Pokagons interested in taking part in an American Lung Association tobacco cessation program.

“Every year in the U.S. nearly 400,000 people die from tobacco-caused disease, making it the leading cause of preventable death. Another 50,000 people die from exposure to secondhand smoke,” said Arthur Culpepper, director of Pokagon Health Services. “This peer-to-peer program will help those who want to quit get a needed boost.”

Participants will take part in a one and a half day training to become certified smoking cessation facilitators. Those who successfully complete the training will be added to a pool of people who can be called upon to teach a tobacco cessation course, and paid \$1,000 per course session.

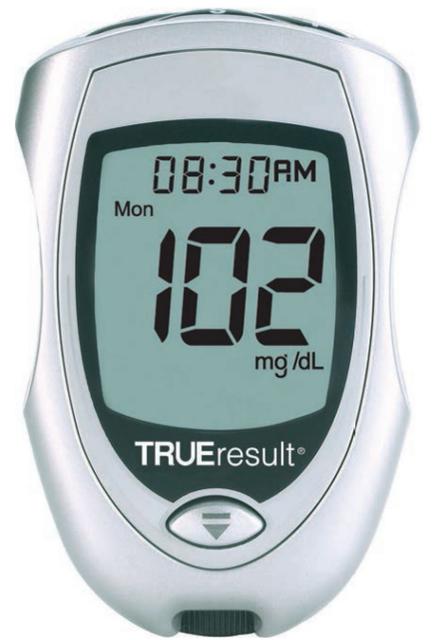
The trainer course will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 10 at the Community Center. Those who sign up to attend the training will receive \$250. The courses will be scheduled based on citizen enrollment into the classes. If you are interested in becoming a tobacco cessation trainer, please contact Daun Bieda, behavioral health coordinator, at (269) 782-4141 to register or get more information.

Pharmacy to Offer New Diabetes Monitoring System

The Pharmacy at the Department of Health Services announces an upgrade in diabetes equipment, which will provide citizens the latest in proven quality diabetes monitoring and testing supplies. Health Services staff has researched these products and determined the TRUResult blood glucose monitoring system the best selection.

Beginning June 1, once your current Contour test strip supply runs out, we will replace your meter and test strips with the new TRUResult system. TRUResult is simple, quick and has clinically proven accuracy. It's a high quality system.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Pharmacy staff at (269) 782-4570.



Pokagon Cultural Center Workshop No. 4

Your Community, Your Place, Your Voice

The language, culture, and history of our people will soon have a new building to call home. The planning and design phase of the future Cultural Center is underway and we encourage the community to take part in a series of monthly meetings. A light lunch will be served at noon. Dinner and door prizes will be provided.

Topic: Presentation of building styles and materials for community input and discussion

Tuesday, July 24, 2012
12 pm – 8 pm

Finance Conference Room
Tribal Administrative Building
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

For more information, please contact the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4296 or Cultural Center Intern Jason S. Wesaw at jason.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



2012 Potawatomi Gathering Youth Conference

*Learning from the past
Living in the present
Preparing for the future*

Youth Dance/Mixer

Power of Positive Thinking

Community Mural

Wii Tournament

Time Capsule

FREE CONFERENCE
For Youth ages 12 - 18
August 6 - 9, 2012
Athens Community Center
515 E. Williams St.
Athens, MI 49011

Conference Schedule
Monday, August 6th
Youth Dance

Tuesday, August 7th
Conference

Wednesday, August 8th
Conference

Thursday, August 9th
Mural/Time Capsule

All meals provided

Register Online
www.PotawatomiNations.com
OR
by Mail or Onsite

For More Information
Rebecca Williams
616-249-8022 work
616-540-4457

Nickole Keith
269-729-5151 work
269-223-9127

Workshops provided by



NATIVE WELLNESS

Get Help with Seasonal and Perennial Allergies

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

A seasonal allergy is a reaction to a trigger that is typically only present for part of the year, such as spring or fall. Seasonal allergies are sometimes referred to as hay fever.

Usually this involves pollen from trees, weeds and grasses. Pollen can be spread in the wind or by insects and is a major contributor to seasonal allergies. Pollen can travel long distances and it can vary in the amount in the air from day to day and from hour to hour. Grass pollen is usually the worst in the spring and summer. You may notice that grass pollen causes increased reaction when someone has just cut the grass. Contact with grass may cause itching or hives. Weed pollen is usually the main cause of allergies in the late summer and fall. Most of the time seasonal allergies can be controlled by trying to decrease your exposure to the allergen.

Symptoms of seasonal allergies include sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, itching of the nose, and post-nasal drip. Not all people experience all of the symptoms of hay fever, and in some people, only one symptom will predominate. It may be difficult to tell the difference between seasonal allergies and the common cold, and only an allergist can be sure. Here are some suggestions that may help:

- Keep windows closed prevent pollen from drifting into your home.
- Minimize early morning activity when pollen is usually emitted, between 5–10 a.m.
- Keep your car windows closed when traveling.
- Stay indoors when the pollen count is reported to be high, and on windy days when pollen may be present in higher amounts in the air.

- Take a vacation during the height of the pollen season to a more pollen-free area, such as the beach or sea.
- Avoid mowing the lawn and freshly cut grass.
- Machine-dry bedding and clothing. Pollen may collect in laundry if it is hung outside to dry.

Perennial allergies, on the other hand, are usually present year-round, and include such allergens as pet dander and house dust mite. Molds can be a seasonal or perennial allergy trigger. Again the key is to identify the allergy causing agent and try to eliminate it or decrease the exposure to the allergen.

Call the Department of Health Services at (269) 782-4141 if you have any questions or want to see a provider about your allergies.

Summer Camp Opportunities

Warrior Camp

Open to all male youth ages 12–16 that are members of a federally recognized tribe. Hosted by Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Participants will learn traditional knowledge and skills based on Traditional Warrior Society Teachings.

When: July 16-20, 2012

Where: Boedne Bay

Registration: Laura Collins (906)632-0236
lcollins@saulttribe.net

Michigan State University American Indian Youth Film Workshop (FREE)

Students 13–18 years old will complete a short film as well as learn: to use cameras to film scenes and people, set up and design for filming, create storyboards to develop stories for film, edit video, create and edit soundtracks for film, produce special effects.

When: July 15–20, 2012

Where: Michigan State University, students will stay in the dorms on Campus

Register: Call Gordon Henry at (989)895-0178 or henry@anr.msu.edu

Indian Village Camp

FREE 4 day nature intervention camp for Native youth and descendants. Wilderness survival taught from a native cultural perspective. Geared toward “at-risk” youth (use your own judgment) to help them connect to nature and Native culture.

Examples of programs: Plant identification, tracking, fire building, survival shelters, nighttime sky, owl calling, birch and cedar baskets, medicinal salve, camp cooking, drumming, talking circles, many cultural related topics and discussions.

Participants sleep in their own one-person wigwam. Meals are prepared in the long house by participants. All camping equipment is provided. Participants must bring own personal items. No electronic devices allowed.

All adult leaders are trained and background checked according to federal law.

Eligibility: Youth 11–17. Male or Female. No violent offenders or sex offenders. No requirement for blood quantum. All tribes welcome, primarily for tribal members, tribal descendants, or youth from a tribal household. Native culture taught from a three fires Ottawa perspective.

Participants must be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on the first day of camp and picked up at 12 noon sharp on the fourth day of camp.

The Department of Language and Culture can help with transportation. Contact Conrad Church (269)783-6773.

SESSION TWO: June 28, 29, 30 and July 1.

SESSION THREE: July 19–22.

SESSION FOUR: August 30–31, Sept. 1–2.

The Native American Business Institute (NABI)

NABI is a FREE week long pre-college summer program for sophomore and junior Native American high school students interested in learning about college and the field of business. Participants work with MSU admissions officers, college faculty/staff, tribal leaders, Native business owners and Fortune 500 corporate representatives in a seven-day “business boot-camp” that exposes participants to the university environment, the college application process, the various degrees available in business and tribal law, and numerous professional development opportunities.

When: July 21 – July 27

Where: Michigan State University

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact leonardl@msu.edu or (517) 432-4984.

Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering (GLTAG)

Come experience four days of hands-on workshops and outdoor adventures exploring the traditional arts, crafts, music and natural history of the Great Lakes Region. GLTAG is held on the scenic south shore of Drummond Island. With over 30 master artisans, naturalists, tradition bearers, and musicians, the event provides a huge spectrum of learning opportunities & activities for all ages.

When: August 2–5, 2012

Where: Drummond Island, Michigan

Space is limited, so register today by contacting Conrad.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov (269) 462-4254.



Department of Education Announcements and Updates

Get Your Pokagon Family Discovery Kit

For families with Pokagon youth ages two years to current seniors in high school: Answer the Discovery Kit survey, and we will give you a discovery kit. Discovery Kit survey can be downloaded from the Pokagon website in the Education section or by contacting the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234. You can also complete the sheet at our office.

What is in the kit? It is a surprise! Even to us, until we get your completed form. It may a box with books, blocks, clay, a bug catcher, who knows? Whatever is in the kit is meant to encourage family time and learning. After you receive the kit, use the materials, and share with us how you used them and enter a contest! Details of the contest will be included in the Discovery Kits.

Requests for kits must be returned to the Department of Education by August 24. The Discovery Kit survey sheet must be signed by the legal guardian of the youth.

It's Not Too Late for Summer Enrichment

If you have not used the full \$500 allotment for the Summer Enrichment Program, and you have another summer experience you would like to participate in, you can. We still have funds available and can support more than one experience.

If you have travel expenses, the receipts must be turned in after you attend your summer activity, and it is included in the \$500 allotment. Example: if your summer activity was \$450, then you are eligible for \$50 in gas expenses.

Please contact Connie if you have questions, or send the form for the addition summer experience.

New Computer-Based Testing Coming for GED Students

A national GED 21st Century Initiative begins January 2, 2014. GED tests will change to a computer-based, comprehensive program to better prepare adults for post-secondary education, training, and careers. Anyone working on earning their GED must pass all five tests before December 31, 2013, or start the process over again. Contact the Department of Education with questions at (269) 782-0887.

Pokagon Band: A Nation That Reads

We currently have 47 families registered in the Reading Program with a total of 886 books read. We have a long way to go to get to 4,509 books. Please get those list turned in and do your best to recruit new participants. As soon as we reach the next 500 books, we will have a drawing for a gift card from the families registered that have submitted a book list. The \$10 gift card drawing for the first 500 books read goes to the following people:

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| 1. Richard Brown | 6. Jill Williams |
| 2. Sarah McGrew | 7. Renee Brown |
| 3. Angela Kelley | 8. Kai Willis |
| 4. Vanessa Ramirez | 9. Jacob Abbott |
| 5. Karen Rockett | 10. Diana Smith |

K-12 Program Reminders

Backpacks are ready! The K-12 Program 2012 – 2013 registration has begun. The colorful selection of backpacks, duffle bags, and sling bags are now available. Instead of school supplies, we are giving out a \$10 gift card for each student registered in the K-12 Program. Dates and locations for registration are:

- June 25 – 28 at Four Winds New Buffalo from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the children's activity area during the opening celebrations.
- Department of Education, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., beginning Monday, June 29.
- At A Healthy Step with Education Saturday, August 4 from 10 am – 4 p.m. at the Pokagon Band Community Center.
- At the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow, Saturday, September 1, 3 – 5 p.m., and Sunday, September 2, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Department of Education.

Each registration must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and include a copy of the student's tribal ID card.

K – 12 Reimbursements

July 31 is the closing date for the 2011–2012 reimbursements for items purchased for school, fees for extracurricular participation, or gym shoes, to name a few things. If you haven't sent in your form and receipts, go to the Pokagon website, locate the Department of Education, and click on the School Supply Reimbursement for the form. If you don't have access to the site, feel free to call Connie and request a form at (888) 330-1234.

Summer Workbooks Return!

Last year's success with the Summer Workbooks program is prompting us to do it again! The Department of Education's K-12 Program would love to get activity books into as many hands as possible this summer with the goal of keeping the math, reading, and spelling skills growing during these warm months. Please call us with your child's name, address, and grade entering in the fall.

Tutoring Program for Students Outside of Ten-County Area

The Tutoring Program is a tribally-funded program designed to serve Pokagon students across the nation enrolled in schools outside the ten-county service area. The intent of the program is to serve as many Pokagon students in K-12 grades as possible that are at risk of failing required subject areas, where Sylvan Learning Centers are available. Eligible students should complete an application. After approval of services, applicants will receive confirmation and parents are to set up appointments and continue to work with Sylvan, as well as the Department of Education's K-12 Program. Students receiving services through the Tutoring Program will receive funding of up to \$2,500 for tutoring services for the current school year. The Band will pay up to \$250 for the additional initial testing and enrollment fees the student may have. Call Kristie Bussler with questions at (888) 330-1234.

Refresher Days

Math and language arts are key subjects for our K-12 students – and since they seem to be continually changing, they can sometimes be the most difficult classes for parents wanting to help. Mark Wednesday, August 15 on your calendar for students and parents to come in to the Department of Education for refreshers in these subjects. We will have staff offering workshops and open time to spend with them on an individual basis. Keep an eye out for more information!

Fall Tutoring

If your child will be a Kindergarten through 12 grade student this fall, has received a C- or lower grade in a core subject, and / or receives additional help in school due to an IEP or 504 Plan, he or she qualifies for tutoring within the ten-county service area. Call us for an application and include the latest grade card when you return the form. We will begin tutoring in the fall after school starts again.

Special Needs Program

The Pokagon Band Department of Education's K-12 Program is starting a service to help Pokagon Band students with special education needs. We provide up to \$400 a school year for items that assist in your child's education such as: testing, specific attachments for computers, and hearing devices in the classroom. Computers or iPads are not funded with this program, but technology that attaches to them is an option. The request process for this service includes an application form, an evaluation from your child's teacher and/or the teacher or therapists recommending this device or testing, and either a copy of the receipt showing your purchase or an invoice indicating the cost and vendor. Contact Penny Brant at (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234 prior to purchasing a device to confirm that it is covered in this program and to start the application process.

Pokagon Artwork Wanted

The tribal government is looking to purchase art work for the display cabinets in the Community Center and the Administration Building. If you're interested in submitting art work for possible selection, please forward a detailed description of the piece, your name, your or your spouse's tribal ID #, contact information and the asking price for your work to Melissa Rodriguez, Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047 or Melissa.rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

All information must be submitted no later than August 31 with selected pieces available for delivery no later than October 31, 2012. Please feel free to contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203 if you have any questions.

The Hanover-Horton Area Historical Society Rust and Dust, Classic Tractor and Farm Show will be August 25 and 26. The goal for the event is to show people what it was like to live at the turn of the 19th and 20th Centuries.

Organizers are looking for artisans and craftspeople who would be willing to show how the Native American lived or to share products they have for sale. The event has two categories for participation. A demonstrator, someone who would be showing their art/craft requires no reservation fee and they may sell their products.

The second is craftsperson and/or vendor, someone who would be selling their products. There is a reservation fee for it of \$10 per day plus \$5 a day if they would require electricity.

Organizers provide tables or chairs and camping permits for the event are available, but only a limited space for campers and/or RVs. The event is located approximately 14 miles SSW of Jackson between I-94 and US 12. If there are questions, please contact: Sandi Waite, (517) 688-4655 or sandi164@yahoo.com.



Black ash basket by Jennie Brown.

The Pokagon Fund Announces Adult Scholarships for Citizens and Family Members

The Pokagon Fund, Inc. has established an adult scholarship program for citizens of the Pokagon Band of living in Dowagiac, MI and South Bend, IN, and their immediate families, to promote life-long learning and career advancement. Scholarship awards are based on both merit and financial need. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and a full time resident of Dowagiac, MI or South Bend, IN. The Pokagon Fund will provide up to \$4,000 per year toward direct educational expenses. Two scholarships will be awarded each year.

The criteria for application are:

- Pokagon citizenship or non-native direct relative (parent, custodial child, or spouse)
- Must be a resident of Dowagiac, MI or South Bend, IN
- 21 years of age or older by application deadline
- For use at a licensed, accredited, certified or recognized program of study at a vocational or technical institute or school, or a two- or four-year college of choice anywhere to assist with tuition, books, lab fees and other costs, but not for room and board; online courses do not qualify at this time

Interested adults are encouraged to go to The Pokagon Fund web site, www.pokagonfund.org, to read about the application process and download and fill out the application form. Deadline for submitting applications and required supporting material is July 16. Please call The Pokagon Fund offices at (269) 469-9322 with questions regarding the scholarship application process.

Come to the 2012 Potawatomi Gathering

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi will host this year's Gathering, from Thursday, August 9 – Sunday, August 12. The Pokagon Band will provide bus service Thursday through Saturday.

The bus will leave from the Pokagon Community Center in Dowagiac at 10 a.m. each day. The bus will leave the Gathering Grounds to return each night at 9:00 p.m.

Please remember this is for bus service only. Please pre-register to ensure that there is enough room on the bus; this will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203, to reserve a seat. The last day to reserve a spot will be July 31, unless the bus fills earlier.

Enrollment Committee Seeks Member

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon citizens to fill a vacancy on the Enrollment Committee. The committee member position is vacant. The Enrollment Committee is responsible for reviewing and forwarding to Tribal Council the applications for tribal membership. The Enrollment Committee meets monthly, the second Monday of the month, at the Administration Building, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. Including meeting preparation, other enrollment business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately two to three hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Committee Member include:

To meet on a monthly basis to review the enrollment applications, and to hold such information as confidential and sensitive.

COMPENSATION: The Enrollment Committee members are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$75.00 per meeting. In addition, the Enrollment Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Enrollment Committee business.

ELIGIBILITY: To serve as a member of the Enrollment Committee, a Pokagon citizen must:

- be detail-oriented,
- be achievement oriented,
- be discreet and respectful of others' privacy,
- have good knowledge of math fundamentals.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS:

Enrollment Committee members are appointed by the Tribal Council. There is currently one vacant seat on the Enrollment Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for a two year term of office.

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

Kelly Curran,
Tribal Council Executive Secretary
PO Box 180
Dowagiac MI 49047

Questions concerning the Enrollment Committee or this notice may be directed to Judy Augusta, chairperson, (269) 782-9418, noswen@Comcast.net.

This position shall be open until filled.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Language Events | July

Elder's Language Classes

Elder's Language Class is a beginner level class that is held every Monday with **John Winchester**. New learners are welcome.

Date: July 2, July 16, July 23, July 30

Location: Elders Hall

* July 9 class cancelled for Hannahville Immersion

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Adult Language Classes

Adult language classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday with **Thomas Loftis**. These classes emphasize learning sentence structure and speaking.

Date: July 3, July 5, July 17, July 19, July 24,
July 26, July 31

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Community Center
Training Room

* July 10 & 12 classes cancelled for Hannahville Immersion

* Note: The video conferencing language classes with Jim Thunder and the Northern Michigan University College of Education professors is suspended until after the summer immersion events conclude. Video conferencing will reconvene in September.

Language Workshop

Every month, language instructors are invited to share their knowledge about the Potawatomi language. Please join us in welcoming Frank Barker as our guest presenter for July. Refreshments provided.

Date: July 25 | Frank Barker, Presenter

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Community Center, Training Room

Hannahville Immersion

The week-long language immersion gatherings are part of Hannahville Potawatomi's Ewikkendaswat Ekenomagewat Project, 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. Mornings are spent with the speakers, while afternoons are filled with planned language activities to practice and speak language learned during the morning sessions. Please call Teresa Magnuson at (269) 462-4296 to register for July 9–13 and August 13–17 immersion gatherings.

Eligibility:

- Pokagon families (citizens, spouses, children)
- Over the past three months, attendance to 50% of one of the language classes (Elders, Adults, Workshops or Video Conferencing) or proof of participation in language studies (enrollment in Nishnabemowin classes, linguistics, education or related courses)

Logistics:

- Lodging – In an effort to minimize costs, participants will be sharing rooms (with the exception of parents with children)
- Per diem – Meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) include breakfast, lunch, dinner and incidentals and will be provided from departure to return dates/times. M&IE rates must be adjusted for meals provided by the hosting organization. Standard federal per diem rates apply at 100% for adults 18+, 75% for 12+ and 50% for younger than 12.
- Transportation – Transportation will be provided by the department (Pokagon buses or GSA vehicles). Mileage reimbursements will only be provided if transportation is not provided or if special arrangements have been made with the Director.

For more information, contact: Teresa Magnuson, (269) 462-4296
E-Mail: Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning Neshnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. These events are not exclusive to Pokagon citizens. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

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.

Cultural

- 7/7 & 7/20 | Gardening Day, Language & Culture Bldg. 10-2pm
- 7/15 | Ladies' Sweat Lodge with Mimi Rice, Gage St. Property, 4am
- 7/25 | Men's Drumming, Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- 7/21 | Moccasin Making, Tribal Lodge, 10am-5pm **(Please RSVP)**

Language

- Tuesdays & Thursdays | Adult language Class, Community Center, 6-8pm
- Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am -12pm
- 7/25 | Language Workshop with Frank Barker, Community Center, 6-8pm
- 7/9-7/13 | Hannahville Language Immersion, Wilson, MI

Native Healing

- 7/16-7/18 | Jake & Mary Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm
- 7/17 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake & Mary Pine, Teaching Cabin, 6-8pm
- 7/19 | Medicine Gathering, Teaching Cabin, 9-3pm

Youth Cultural

- 7/14 | Youth Council Elections, Tribal Lodge, 11-3pm
- 7/14 | Youth Council Summer Bash, Linda Cook's House, 1-5pm
- 7/6-7/10 | UNITY Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- 7/11 | Pow Wow Club, Community Center, 6-8pm
- 7/18 | Big Brothers Big Sisters Info Night, Tribal Lodge, 6-8pm
- 7/19 | Youth & Elders Lunch, Family Canoe Trip, Tribal Lodge, 12-5pm
- 7/27 | Family Olympics, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Pow Wows

- 7/6-7/8 | Sault Ste. Marie Pow Wow, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Traditions and Repatriation Committee

- 7/23 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm. 6-8pm
- 7/24 | Cultural Center Planning & Design Workshop, Admin Conf. Room, 12-8pm

July 2012

Department of Language and Culture

Green = Non L&C Department Programs

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Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

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	Elder's Language Class	Adult Language Class	Offices Closed Independence Day	Adult Language Class	UNITY Conference; Sault Ste. Marie Pow Wow	Gardening Day; UNITY Conference; Sault Ste. Marie Pow Wow
8	9 Elder's Language Class Canceled; Hannahville Immersion; UNITY Conference	10 Adult Language Class Canceled; Hannahville Immersion; UNITY Conference	11 Hannahville Immersion; Pow Wow Club	12 Adult Language Class Canceled; Hannahville Immersion	13 Hannahville Immersion	14 YC Elections; YC Summer Bash
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Ladies Sweat with Lillian & Mimi Rice	Elder's Language Class; Native Healing	Adult Language Class; Co-ed Sweat Lodge; Native Healing	Big Brothers Big Sisters Info Night; Native Healing	Adult Language Class; Medicine Gathering; Youth & Elders Lunch; Family Canoe Trip	Gardening Day	Moccasin Making (Please RSVP)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Elder's Language Class; Traditions & Repatriation	Adult Language Class; Cultural Center Workshop	Men's Drumming; Language Workshop with Frank Barker	Adult Language Class	Family Olympics	
29	30	31				
	Elder's Language Class	Adult Language Class				

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Native Foster Parents Needed

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

As a Tribal nation, we recognize our responsibility “to provide for the welfare, care and protection of the children,” through our Child Protection Code. “The care and custody of the Pokagon Band children

are vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Band, as such the welfare of its children is of paramount importance to the Band” says our Family Welfare Commission Ordinance.

There are no words in the Potawatomi language for the term “foster parents.” Native people have had to adapt, and the use of this term is now a necessity. Sometimes within our family framework there is turmoil and our children suffer. Some of our children need care and protection. Do you have in your

spirit and your home a place for a child who needs a temporary family? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent? We realize you will have many questions about foster parenting and we urge you to contact our Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998 and ask for Mark Pompey, Director, or Kathleen McKee, our Indian Child Welfare Worker.

Department of Education

GED Summer Study Lab

The Department of Education is continuing GED study labs throughout the summer. Come work on your GED Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday and Wednesday evening labs are by appointment only. Please contact the office to speak with either Traci Henslee or Diana Smith to set up an appointment at (269)782-0887.





Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday Aug. 4, 2012 | 10:00 am–4:00 pm
Community Center



The Department of Health Services and the Department of Education are combining the Family Health Fair with the Back to School day; we are calling it **A Healthy Step with Education**. This day will be filled with Pokagon Health Services-sponsored education, screening and activities in correlation with the annual back pack give away and school supply give away that the Department of Education does before school starts. This event will also include many other events such as:

- K–12 Registration w/ backpacks and school supplies (K–12 registration requires a parent or guardian's signature).
- Vision and Hearing Screenings
- Smoke House by area fire department
- Ambulance (CPR, First aid, and choking demonstrations)
- Free Haircuts
- Car Seat Safety education
- Free Massages
- Cultural Activities
- Lunch
- Prizes
- And much more

Please come and join in on all the fun.

You can preregister for a special drawing with Connie Baber in the Department of Education at 1(888) 330-1234 or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



Time to Sign Up for Mandatory Direct Deposit

By Barbara Vincent, per capita accounting clerk and Julie Farver, accounting analyst

Citizens without direct deposit should be watching their mail for information regarding the new PNC per capita pay card. Starting with the per capita payment for August, funds will be directly deposited onto your new pay card, which citizens can use as a debit card for purchases.

Once you receive your letter, please complete the paperwork and return it to the Pokagon Band before June 15 at:

Pokagon Band
Attn: Per Capita
Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Or fax to: (269) 782-1964. When faxing, please call to verify we received it.

If you have any questions about the pay card, please call Barb Vincent at (269) 462-4209 or Julie Farver at (269) 462-4200 or (800) 517-0777. Once the pay cards have been issued, please contact PNC Bank at (866) 453-5071 for lost or stolen pay cards, or if you have any questions about activity and / or transactions. You may still call the Pokagon Band per capita hotline to get information on the monthly amounts of the payments or other pertinent per capita information.

Pay cards will be available to all Pokagon citizens starting in October, so even those with direct deposit can opt for a pay card instead.

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, January 13, 2012	Monday, January 30, 2012	Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Wednesday, February 29, 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, March 29, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012
Friday, April 13, 2012	Thursday, April 26, 2012	Friday, April 27, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Thursday, May 31, 2012
Friday, June 15, 2012	Thursday, June 28, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012
Friday, July 13, 2012	Monday, July 30, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Thursday, August 30, 2012	Friday, August 31, 2012
Friday, September 14, 2012	Thursday, September 27, 2012	Friday, September 28, 2012
Monday, October 15, 2012	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Wednesday, October 31, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012*	Tuesday, November 20, 2012	Wednesday, November 21, 2012

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

Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Christmas 2011	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x
1986	Cristian M Cobb		x	x	
2476	Patrick Michael Phares			x	
2594	Nicole Marie Hamstra			x	
2823	Patrick Johnson				x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x
4319	Crystal Pokagon			x	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 July 15 in order to make it on the August check run. Anything received after July 15 will be processed on the check run for September. 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 Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

Elders Lunch Menu | July

monday

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Buffalo Meatballs in Noodles and Gravy
Corn on the Cob
Garden Salad
Banana & Nilla Wafer Pudding
Bread

9

language

Grilled Chicken
Scalloped Potatoes
Spinach
Cucumber Salad
Rye Bread

tuesday

3

Pork Loin in Dried Fruit and BBQ
Baked Potato
Brussels Sprouts
Cottage Cheese & Applesauce
Corn Bread

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Buffalo Goulash
Garden Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Garlic Bread
Ice Cream

wednesday

4 closed 4th of july



Photo by Jim Wheately

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Beef Liver and Onions
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple
Brownie
Bread

thursday

5

business

Buffalo Sloppy Joe
Macaroni Salad
Assorted Veggie Tray
Fruit Salad
Birthday Cake

12

Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Asparagus
Tomato Salad
Lemon Meringue Pie
Bread

friday

6

Veggie Burger on the Grill
Red Skin Potato Salad
Veggie and Relish Tray
Jell-O W/ Fruit

13

Baked Cod
Spanish Rice
Coleslaw
Fruit
Bread

16

language

Roast Beef Manhattan
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Jell-O W/ Fruit

18

Bean Soup
Sliced Turkey and Cheese
Sandwich
Relish Tray
Yogurt and Fruit Cup

19

Elders Social Picnic

20

Tuna Fish in a Tomato Bowl
Fruit Salad
Veggie Tray
Cookie

23

language

BBQ Chicken
Au Gratin Potatoes
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Fruit
Rye Bread

25

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Tri-Blend Veggies
Red Coleslaw
Chocolate Fudge Cake
Bread

26

Pork Loin
Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, and Gravy
Carrots
Fruit Salad
Roll

27

Sausage Links
Biscuits and Gravy
Hash Browns
Scrambled Eggs
Orange Juice

30

language

Buffroganoff
Collard Greens
Veggie Tray
Caramel Granny Apple Dessert
Bar
Crescent Roll

31

Beef Rump Roast
Potatoes
Carrots
Garden Salad
Red Velvet Cupcake
Bread



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PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals. (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon.
Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.
Business meetings are held at the Community Center.

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- 2 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 3 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 4 Offices closed
- 9 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 10 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 11 Closed Tribal Council Meeting, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Elections
- 16 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 17 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 23 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 24 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 28 Quarterly Membership Meeting, Dowagiac School, 10 a.m.
- 30 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 31 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon

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

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 Citizen Announcements

Cushway-Gibson-O'Keefe Family Reunion 2012

58901 66th Street, Hartford, MI, 49057 (New location, only five minutes from Four Winds Hartford)

Hog roast, bonfire, music, games and prizes! Bring your favorite dish or drink, a chair and a tent, if you're planning to camp.

Reunion t-shirts for sale, \$10 each. Check out the multiple styles available on Kathy Goodson's Facebook page.

Happy birthday wishes to our Arkansas July babies:

David Maleski Jr., July 6

Tammy (McMurtrie) Sorters, July 24

George McMurtrie Jr., July 1

George(Trey)McMurtrie III, July 15

We love ya'll, Granny & PaPa McWhorter

Happy birthday "brother" **Ken Rader**, July 14

Love you, Sarah & George McWhorter

We always knew you were a princess! We are all so proud of you.

Mackenzie Coral MacMillan,

Princess of Hartford

Strawberry Festival 2012

Love, Great-grandma

Georgiana Morseau and family



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Family Olympics

Where: Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI

When: July 26 & 27

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

Some of the events:

400 meter walk & pre/post natal walk

Age brackets: 41-54, 55-64, 65 & up and all pre/post natal

Baby crawl, tot trot (ages 1-2)

Fitness circuit/jump rope

Age brackets: 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 5-6

400-meter run

Age brackets: 13-15, 16-18, 19-24, 25-32, 33-40, 41-54, 55-64, 65-up)

20-meter run (ages 3-4)

Softball throw (12 & under, 13 & older)

Bean bag toss (4 & under)

Long bow archery

Age brackets: 16-18, 19-24, 25-32, 33-40, 41-54, 55-64, 65-Up)

C800-meter walk and 1-mile run

Age brackets: 12 & Under, 13-15, 16-18, 19-24, 25-32, 33-40, 41-54, 55-64, 65-up)

Running Long Jump, Team Relay, Team Tug-o-War,

And much more. Space is limited sign up today

To reserve your spot, or for more information contact:
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or call (616) 783-6773



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DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Youth Cultural Events | July

Youth Council Elections

Each Year Native Nations Youth Council has elections, and Youth Council members have an opportunity to run for office. Youth Council members then vote for the candidate they would like to have represent them during their one year term. Here are the candidates for this year's election.

Senior Youth Council Seats

Chairman: Danni Rapp & Collin Church

Treasurer: Kyle Malott

Secretary: Cassandra Church & Jarred Winchester

2 seats for member at large: Shandiin Church, Alex Wesaw, Jenna Huffman & John Morseau

Date: July 14

Time: 11:00am – 3:00 pm

Junior Youth Council Seats

Chairman: Autumn Martin & Aryn Foerster

Vice Chairman: Robert Dick

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Sammie Cook

Member at Large: Daniel Dick

Location: Tribal Lodge

Youth Council Summer Bash

What: A Pool Party to celebrate our college and high school graduates as well as celebrate the accomplishments Youth Council had over the past year. If you are between the ages of 12-24 and are interested in becoming a Youth Council member please join us. Fun, Food, and swimming. Please RSVP by calling Conrad Church (269) 783-6773.

Date: Saturday, July 14

Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: 143 Cedar St. Niles Michigan

(home of Chris and Linda Cook)

Big Brother Big Sister (BBBS) Informational Kick-off

Youth Council has been working hard to make this dream a reality, and now it is up to our community to get it off the ground. There will be an informational kick-off meeting for any one that is interested in becoming a big brother or big sister. Or if you have a child age 6-12 that would like to have a big brother or big sister. There will be BBBS staff on hand to answer questions and to help individuals register for the program.

Date: Wednesday, July 18

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Tribal Lodge Pavilion

Rogers Lake, 58620 Sink Rd. Dowagiac, MI

Michigan Indian Family Olympics

For 25 years Native American Tribes from Michigan have been meeting as families to compete in various physical activities. For years the Pokagons have sat idle not participating in this event. Well not this year, we are in the process of encouraging our Pokagons to rise to the occasion and embark on this family-friendly competition for all ages.

Date: Friday, July 27

Location: Central Michigan University
Bennett Track & Field
Mt. Pleasant, MI

Family Canoe Trip

We will be floating down the Dowagiac River in our own Pokagon canoes. There are a few Kayaks available and space is limited, so please register soon.

Date: Thursday, July 19

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Tribal Lodge Pavilion

58620 Sink Road. Dowagiac, MI 49047

Youth & Elders Picnic Lunch

The elders have once again shown their generosity by inviting all tribal youth to join in an old fashion summer picnic with the elders. Steak and chicken are on the menu. Please RSVP ASAP.

Date: Thursday, July 19

Time: 12 Noon

Location: Tribal Lodge Pavilion

58620 Sink Road. Dowagiac, MI 49047