



POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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Winter is No Excuse to Miss Out on Fun Outdoor Activities

By Susan Gundersen, nutritionist

It's a winter wonder land here in the Great Lakes region! Winter affords us the opportunity to wake up the senses, smell the fresh, clean air, and appreciate a shiver or two. Just because the sun is hiding many days of the week and the temperatures have dropped doesn't mean that we need to hunker down, join the bears, and hibernate, using it as a reason to stay inside all day. Winter months can bring on a whole new set of fun activities to explore with the family.

Activities to keep us moving during these winter months and even get us outside provide a great change of pace and new awareness. These are just a few activities that you and your family may consider while promoting outdoor fun.

Feed the Fowl: Many birds stick around for the winter, and these friendly birds are easy to spot on a snowy backdrop. Make your days brighter

during the winter months by putting out bird feeders for the birds. Send the children out to fill the feeders or venture out with binoculars to search for birds and other wildlife in the neighborhood.

Go Ice Skating: Many of us live near lakes and when they have frozen over, take a spin out on the ice or find an ice rink to add extra activity.

Snow Men, Sledding, and Snow Angels: It may sound old fashioned, but all ages and pets, too, can enjoy rolling the parts for a snowman or making snow bricks for an igloo. Watch how your yard can be transformed!

Skiing and snowboarding are very popular: Swiss Valley offers a few free days during the winter and lessons are available in addition to equipment rentals. Don't forget St. Patrick's County Park (near South Bend) or Love Creek (near Berrien Springs) for cross country skiing fun.

When was the last time you saw someone on snowshoes? This is often forgotten but really gives a great workout. Make tracks on uncharted winter territory while looking the winter wildlife tracks.

Winter games like hockey, snowball fights, Fox and Geese, or Snow Snake can provide lots of action and the thrill of victory in the team challenges.

How about Ice Fishing? Sitting on a stool, out in the open, listening to the quiet while bobbing a line and hook can bring action to those long winter months. Your catch will make some pretty good eating too, making it a great reason to get outside.

Make the winter season a time to pursue new and exciting adventures. Getting the family outside for the winter season should be as easy as putting on snow boots and pants, and pointing the sleds to the great outdoors!



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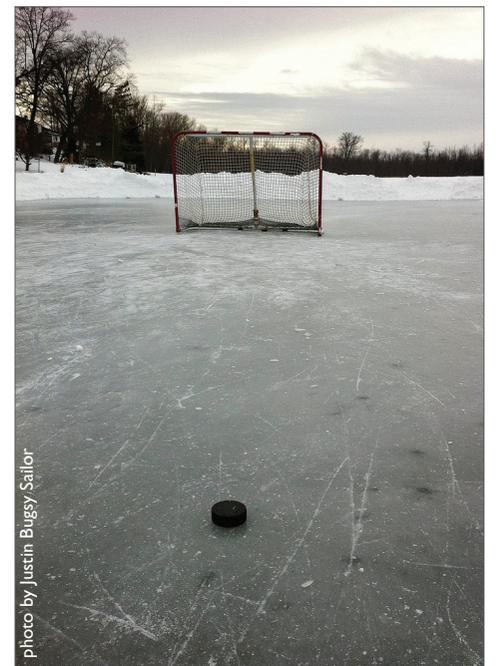


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photo by World Wide Ice Professionals



photo by Jesus Rodriguez Fernandez



photo by Sean Lancaster

Court Justice Works to Bolster Tribal Courts

Pokagon Tribal Court of Appeals Associate Justice Jill E. Tompkins was elected president of the National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) in October at its annual conference on the Tunica-Biloxi reservation, Louisiana. Tompkins, who is Penobscot and a clinical professor of law and director of the American Indian Law Clinic at the University of Colorado School of Law, has visited and worked with many tribal justice systems over the past two decades.

"I am honored and privileged to serve on the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi tribal judiciary," she said. "The Band has taken a considered and deliberate approach in developing its court. As a result, the tribal court system is of a high caliber, capable of handling complex litigation, but also maintains harmony with Pokagon culture and values. I am deeply grateful for the Band's support as NAICJA enters this new phase."

Pokégnek Yajdanawa asked Justice Tompkins about her new role.

Q: What interested you about serving as president of the NAICJA?

A: I have been involved with NAICJA since about 1992 and have served several terms on the Board over the years. I was the first female president from 1997 to 1999. In 1999, I had the privilege of meeting with then-Attorney General Janet Reno. Congress had recently appropriated \$80 million dollars to enhance tribal law enforcement. However, only \$5 million dollars was appropriated for the more than 300 tribal courts. Given that there was so little funding, NAICJA had the idea to establish a national resource center for tribal courts that could potentially provide a benefit to every tribe in the U.S. With the Attorney General's encouragement, I wrote NAICJA's grant application and became personally invested in development of the National Tribal Justice Resource Center (NTJRC). I was the founding executive director of the NTJRC.

For several years, the NTJRC did a lot of excellent training and technical assistance work throughout the country. About three years ago, after the Center moved from Boulder to Albuquerque, NAICJA lost its Bureau of Justice Assistance funding. The NTJRC doors were closed and its comprehensive web site of tribal court resources went dark. Fortunately, Justice and Professor Stacy Leeds (now dean of the University of Arkansas School of Law) kept NAICJA alive and wrote a successful BJA grant for over one-half million dollars. However, once Dean Leeds assumed her new position, NAICJA was left to pick up the grant project without her and to re-establish the NTJRC. NAICJA now has the opportunity to revive the NTJRC and to provide important training and assistance to tribal criminal justice systems. I wanted to be a part of this effort and help however I can.

I also think it is critical for tribal courts to have a national voice to advocate for them with Congress, the Administration and in Indian Country. The country is making important strides to address the epidemic of violent crime against native women. Strong tribal courts are critical to the effectiveness of this effort to improve the administration of justice and the safety of tribal communities. Having a strong tribal justice system is also essential to a favorable tribal economic environment. NAICJA has not been very visible or vocal in recent years. I'd like to make sure that NAICJA is at the table from now on.

Q: What are some of the goals you'd like to accomplish during your two-year term?

A: My first goal is to bring the NTJRC back to its original home in Boulder and to get to work on fulfilling the terms of the BJA grant. I look forward to working with the National Judicial College and the University of North Dakota's Tribal Judicial Institute to develop and deliver culturally-appropriate training and technical assistance to strengthen and enhance tribal justice systems. I also hope to significantly increase NAICJA's membership. Ideally, I'd love to see a judicial representative from every tribe in the U.S. In addition, there are number of state and federal courts organizations, such as the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges, which are doing tremendous work and coming to the realization that in order to have an effective American justice system, the tribes need to be included in their efforts. I look forward to having NAICJA enter into collaborative agreements and join forces with these organizations.



Pokagon Court of Appeals Associate Justice Jill E. Tompkins

Q: What role does the NAICJA play for tribal court judges? Why is it important?

A: NAICJA plays several key roles for tribal court judges, peacemakers and other tribal dispute resolution personnel. The Association advocates on behalf of tribal courts on a wide range of issues including obtaining adequate funding for daily operations and responding to proposed legislation with the potential to impact tribal justice. Education is another area where NAICJA plays a key role. From educating law makers and the public about the expertise and integrity of tribal courts, to providing continuing education for tribal judges, peacemakers and advocates, NAICJA is there. Each year NAICJA holds the Annual National Tribal Judicial Conference. At the conference are gathered some of the leading minds on current developments in tribal justice, providers of tribal court resources and persons engaged in developing innovative ways of honoring tribal tradition and culture in present day tribal court systems. Finally, NAICJA provides important networking opportunities for tribal judges and peacemakers. Tribal courts are in varying stages of development and NAICJA gives the judges a chance to talk to and learn from other systems. Also, being a judge, even a tribal one, can be a lonely existence. Being a member of NAICJA brings judges together. Some of my closest friends and colleagues I met through my NAICJA membership.

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

Meaghan Pear of Mimi P Communications Delivers Professional Marketing Services

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

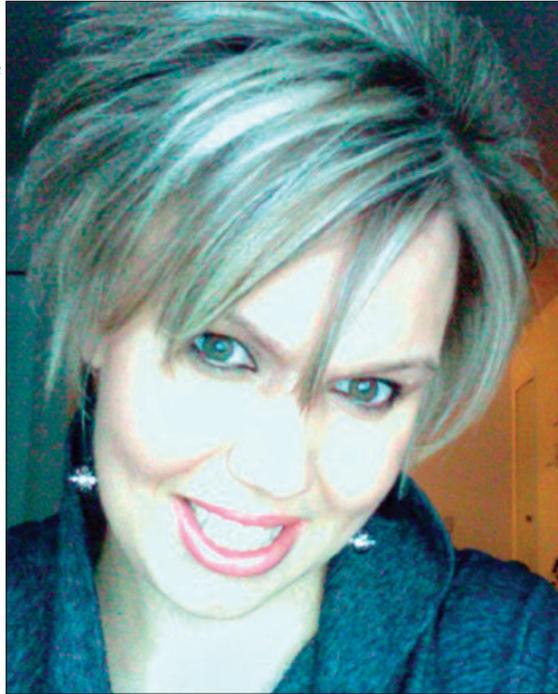
Meaghan Pear has a passion for helping others craft effective communication tools for their business or organization. From copywriting to graphic design, Pear taps into her creativity and professional experience to deliver marketing tools and services to her clients.

Pear graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2007. "I majored in professional writing and had a minor in advertising and public relations," said Pear. Upon graduation, she started picking up some freelance marketing, consultation, resume writing and graphic design projects. "Most of my work came by word of mouth and recommendations from my clients," explained Pear. "I have found myself with a lot of work, and I recently formed Mimi P Communications L.L.C."

Pear named her business in honor of her cat, Mimi, who passed away last April. "I am an animal lover, and Mimi was my childhood cat," said Pear. "She got me through some tough times, so this is for her."

Pear currently dedicates six to 10 hours per week to her freelance business in addition to her full-time position as the director of marketing and communications for Girl Scouts of Michigan. "I would love to see my freelancing become a full-time business in the future," said Pear. "I love what I do, and I love helping people."

Pear works with a wide range of businesses and does a lot of resume writing. "Most of the businesses and causes I work with are in the Grand Rapids area, but the resume writing projects come from all over," said Pear. Since a resume is the way that job seekers market themselves to potential employers, it is very important to make a good impression. "I charge \$75 to \$150 for my resume writing services,



Meaghan Pear recently started her own consulting business.

depending on the needs of the individual," said Pear.

It is no surprise that Pear has secured work from referrals, because she gets exceptional feedback from her existing clients. "Meaghan is rare among advertising/marketing professionals. She is a triple-threat, someone who is at once a writer, designer, and strategic thinker," said Bill Murphy, creative director at Purple Crayon Direct.

"I always know I will get honest advice and quality work when having Meaghan work on a project for me," said Marlow Metcalf, a personal trainer in Chicago. "She is focused on creating the best work possible that will help me and my business succeed and offers great insight to changes that will positively influence my brand. She is my go-to."

In addition to traditional marketing projects, Pear has become involved in public speaking. She recently taught workshops on the topic of online safety and social media use for teens.

Meaghan is the daughter of Roxanne Pear of Flushing, Michigan, and her grandfather is Robert Rider. "My mother is quite involved in the Pokagon Band, and I love going to the pow wows," said Pear. "It is so important for citizens to stay informed and involved." She stays up to date on the tribe by using the webcast feature on the Pokagon website.

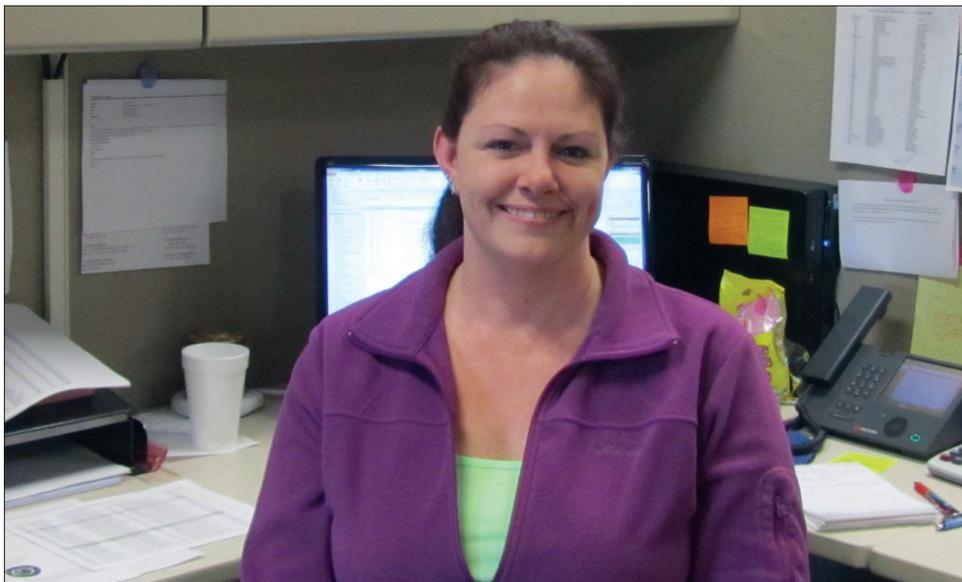
Pear also utilizes Facebook and Twitter for business outreach. Tribal citizens seeking assistance with resume writing will receive a 15 percent discount.

Mimi P Communications can be found online at www.mimipcommunications.com.



New Per Capita Clerk Joins Finance Department

The Finance team welcomes Barb Vincent, who is now responsible for processing the monthly per capita payments. Barb, a Pokagon Band citizen, has worked for the tribal government for almost two years. She lives in Niles and has two children, Kyle and Karli. Contact information for Barb is (269) 462-4209 or Barbara.Vincent@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



Barbara Vincent

Put Hard-earned Money to Work for You

Learn the basics of investing from James Walsh, certified financial planner at Zhang Financial of Kalamazoo.

When: Thursday, March 15, 6 – 7 p.m.

Where: Pokagon Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, Michigan

For more information, contact Val Janowski, Department of Housing's community financial empowerment advisor, (269) 591-1938 or Valerie.Janowski@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

The Mid-Year Refresher Hits the Spot



More than 65 participants enjoyed the Department of Education's Mid-Year Refresher on Saturday, January 28. The success of this first time event, held at the Community Center, was due to collaboration between departments, and the interactive and engaging program, like the bullying and communication workshop. Liz Serba, a citizen who made the drive from Grand Rapids, said the event, "was definitely worth the drive." Thanks to the Departments of Housing,

Social Services, Language and Culture, Pokagon Tribal Police, Health Services, and Education for hosting this dynamic event.

Above, families play Scrabble and other games, hula hoop to experience how long it takes to burn off certain calorie amounts, and participate in a bullying awareness workshop.

Educate Yourself about MRSA

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

The term MRSA stands for methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus. This common type of staph bacteria does not respond to some antibiotics. About two in 100 people carry this type of staph that antibiotics cannot treat or cure.

In about a quarter of healthy people the staph germ lives on the skin or in the nasal passages, but it does not cause any problems or infections. These people are said to be colonized with staph. If the staph bacteria enters a person's body through a cut, sore, catheter, or breathing tube, it may cause an infection. The infection can be minor and local (for example: a pimple), or more serious (involving the heart, lungs, blood, or bone). Serious staph infections are more common in people with a weak immune system. This includes patients in hospitals and long-term care facilities and people who are receiving kidney dialysis or cancer treatment.

Signs and symptoms to look for include:

- Infections of the skin, which may look like sores or boils
- Chest pains
- Chills
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Fever
- General ill feeling
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Rash
- Shortness of breath

MRSA is spread by touching a person who has MRSA, and it can also be spread by touching an object that has the bacteria on it. Please remember that good hand washing can help to stop or reduce the spread of bacteria. Also keeping surfaces wiped down can decrease the spread of harmful bacteria, including MRSA.

Treatment depends on the MRSA infection and what part of the body is involved. Drainage of the skin may be the only treatment for a localized MRSA skin infection. This should be done in a doctor's office. Do not try to pop open or drain the infection yourself. You should keep any sore or wounds covered and contact your health provider. If you are prescribed an antibiotic remember to take the entire prescribed dose. Don't stop taking the antibiotic just because you feel better.

If you have any questions, please contact the clinic today at (888) 440-1234 or (269) 782-4141. Our two clinic nurses, two community health nurses, and medical assistant are available for questions or concerns.

Culture

- 3/7 & 3/21 | Men's Drumming, Teaching Cabin, 6–8pm
- 3/7 & 3/21 | Women's Hand Drumming, Tribal Lodge, 6–8pm
- 3/24 & 3/25 | Sugar Bushing, Teaching Cabin, Sat. 1–6pm, Sun. 1–6pm

Language

- Tuesdays & Thursdays | Adult language Class, Community Center, 6–8pm
- Mondays | Elders Language Class, Elders Hall, 10am–12pm
- 3/2, 3/9, & 3/23 | Language Video Conferencing, Community Center, 9:30am–12 & 1–4pm
- 3/5 | Language Workshop with Kim Wensaut, Community Center, 6–8pm
- 3/14 | Language Workshop with Frank Barker, Community Center, 6-8pm

Native Healing

- 3/19-3/21 | Jake & Mary Pine, Teaching Cabin, 9am–12pm & 1–5pm (Individual Appointments)
- 3/20 | Co-ed Sweat Lodge with Jake & Mary Pine, Teaching Cabin, 6–8pm

Native Nations Youth Council

- 3/3 | Business Meeting, Hartford Community Center, Jr. 10–11am and Sr. 11–noon
- 3/3 | Basketball Tournament, Hartford Community Center, 4–6pm
- 3/5-3/8 | NCAI, Washington D.C.
- 3/24 & 3/25 | Cultural Activity, Sugar Bushing, Teaching Cabin, Sat. 1–6pm Sun. 1–6pm

Pow Wows

- 3/10 & 3/11 | Indian Summer Festival Trad. Winter Pow Wow, West Allis, WI
- 3/17 & 18 | University of Michigan Contest Pow Wow, Saline, MI
- 3/24 & 3/25 | Central Michigan University Contest Pow Wow, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Traditions and Repatriation Committee

- 3/24 | Spring Ceremonies, Long House, Sunrise Ceremony 7am and Evening Ceremonies 7pm
- 3/26 | Monthly Meeting, Admin. Bldg., Finance Conf. Rm. 6–8pm

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Adult Language Class	2 Language Video Conferencing	3 YC Business Meeting; YC 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
4	5 Elder's Language Class; Language Workshop with Kim Wensaut; YC NCAI	6 Adult Language Class; YC NCAI	7 Men's & Women's Drumming; YC NCAI	8 Adult Language Class; YC NCAI	9 Language Video Conferencing	10 Indian Summer Festival Winter Pow Wow
11 Indian Summer Festival Winter Pow Wow	12 Elder's Language Class	13 Adult Language Class	14 Language Workshop with Frank Barker	15 Adult Language Class	16 Lunch-and-Learn (Staff Only)	17 U of M Pow Wow
18 U of M Pow Wow	19 Elder's Language Class; Native Healing	20 Adult Language Class; Native Healing; Co-ed Sweat Lodge	21 Men's & Women's Drumming; Native Healing	22 Adult Language Class	23 Language Video Conferencing	24 CMU Pow Wow; Sugar Bushing; Spring Ceremonies
25 CMU Pow Wow; Sugar Bushing	26 Elder's Language Class; Traditions & Repatriation	27 Adult Language Class	28	29 Adult Language Class	30	31



Department of Education Updates and Announcements

March Family Fun Events

Saturday, March 3 is a double feature for the K–12 Program. We will have a storytelling event as a kick-off to National Reading Month. Join us from 10 a.m. – noon. Then come back at 1:00 p.m. for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program focusing on music and sound engineering. This lasts until 4 p.m. Both of these are great events will be held at the Hartford Community Center and are family events. Students must be accompanied by an adult.

Then, on March 17 we have a **Pajama Party** scheduled, so bring a blanket and a pillow and wear your pjs! This will give families a chance to spend fun time in the Pokagon Band Library in the Department of Education. Join us from 2–4 p.m. Adults must accompany their kids.

Head Start and Department of Education Children's Clothing & Toy Swap

This swap is geared toward the clothes and toys that would fit children ages newborn to 12 years. All clothing must be clean and rip and stain free. Books must be in good condition. Toys, games, and puzzles must be in good condition and have all pieces. No stuffed animals or toy weapons. No furniture, strollers, car seats, just clothes, toys and books.

Turn in your gently used children's clothes, toys, and books on Friday, March 30, and pick-up your "swap bucks" on Saturday, March 31 to select items. If you are interested in dropping off items on Friday, March 30, but not interested in the swap, you can also choose to donate your "swap bucks" to interested families. This event is open to the community. Children must be attended by an adult at all times.

Drop-off: Friday, March 30, between 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

Swap: Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Location: Pokagon Community Center, 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac
Questions? Please contact the Department of Education at (800) 330-1234.

A Nation That Reads Program

Sign up for the next Pokagon Band: A Nation That Reads Reading Program. Open registration for the program is through May 31. Our goal this time is 4,509 books, which was the tribal citizen count as of the end of October.

Tutoring News

If your K–12 student is struggling with schoolwork, please contact us. We have tutoring services available, including for those outside the ten county service area. Contact Penny at (269) 782-0887 or penny.brant@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Assistance with homework is also available at tutoring centers on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Mishawaka, Hartford, and Dowagiac. Call or visit the website for details.

Summer Enrichment Program

The Tribal Council will fund summer programs (up to \$500) for a limited number of Pokagon youth entering fifth through twelfth grades in Fall 2012. The types of programs to be funding include life skills programs, enrichment camps, workshops, pre-college summer classes, and conferences. Interested tribal youth are encouraged to ask school counselors and club leaders about possible opportunities. Also, youth can contact the Department of Education for some suggestions.

Pokagon Band Summer School

It is time to start thinking about Pokagon Band Summer School. This is for Pokagon children and children registered in the K–12 Program who are entering kindergarten through sixth grades in the fall, 2012. This great opportunity to keep the students' minds active and to spend valuable time together occurs Monday through Thursday from July 9 until August 2. Classes are held in the Pokagon Head Start during the morning with afternoon activities there, as well as around the Rodgers Lake Campus. Limited transportation is available. Please contact Connie Baber, Department of Education's administrative assistant at (888)330-1234 for an application. The deadline is April 16, 2012.

High School Senior Awards Banquet

The Banquet is set for Friday, June 29, 6:45 – 9:30 pm at the Community Center. More information will be coming your way.

Michigan Career and Technical Institute Tour Planned

Michigan Career and Technical Institute in Plainwell offers training programs in automotive technology, cabinetmaking/millwork, certified nurse assistant (CNA), culinary arts, custodial, customer service, electronics, graphic communications, grounds maintenance and landscaping, machine technology, pharmacy, office automation, retail marketing and weatherization. If you are 18 or older, meet the Michigan Rehabilitation Services criteria, and are interested in college training courses, mark your calendar to visit MCTI with the Department of Education.

We have a limited space, first-come, first-serve opportunity. If we get a large response, we will try to see if MCTI may accommodate additional spaces or schedule an additional tour. No meals will be provided.

Tour Date: Wednesday, May 30

Meet at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 8:15 a.m. and leave the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. (approximately 90 minutes travel time).

Tour begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at noon, with arrival back at the Department of Education around 1:30 p.m.

If you would like to attend the tour with us, please call Traci Henslee at the Department of Education at (269) 782-0887 as soon as possible to schedule your spot.

Free Yoga Classes Offered at Community Center

It's a well-known fact that where your attention goes, energy flows. This is one of the main thoughts concerning yoga practice. Yoga is a calming, yet energizing, form of exercise; it both stretches and strengthens the muscles in our bodies. It's a great form of exercise for all ages, all body types and even for those with a low level of daily activity.

Currently yoga is being offered twice a week at the Pokagon Community Center; Monday evenings from 6:00–7:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from noon to

1:00 p.m. Pokagon citizens, spouses and staff are all welcome. If you are interested and have never tried yoga this is the time to try! The classes are free. Props and some mats are available. Mats are also available for purchase at \$10.00 per mat. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a positive can-do attitude. For more information please contact Stephanie Ballew (269) 663-3703.

Head Start Accepting Applications for 2012–2013 School Year

**By Sarah Hyatt,
Head Start director**

Children must be three years old by December 1, 2012 to be eligible for the 2012–2013 school year. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will mail you a pre-application. Applications must be returned with proof of all household income, proof of TANF Assistance (if applicable) and a copy of the tribal ID to be considered for enrollment by the application deadline of June 1, 2012. Please contact the center at (269) 783-0026 or (866) 250-6573 toll free, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year or to have a pre-application mailed to you.

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



Volunteers

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



Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated. Items that we are always looking for: Play dough, wet wipes, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, glue sticks, Lysol Wipes, art supplies, Ziploc bags (quart & gallon size), hats and gloves, snow pants, coats/jackets, sweatshirts.

Upcoming Events/Closures

February 20 Closed for Presidents Day

February 23 Family Fun Night from 6:00–8:00 p.m. with guest speaker

March 29 Family Fun Night from 6:00–8:00 p.m. with guest speaker

April 2–6 Closed for Spring

Happy Birthday to you!

Hannah Kiggins

March 1 Happy 5th Birthday!

Takoda Gallegos

March 14 Happy 5th Birthday!

Dominic White

March 17 Happy 5th Birthday!

Ashlynn Killarney

March 22 Happy 5th Birthday!

Sydney Olson

March 31 Happy 4th Birthday!

Adult Labs to Provide Job Search, GED Assistance

Are you currently job searching? Do you need to make or update a resume? Do you know how to create a good cover letter? Would you like assistance in applying to the Band's temporary pool? If so, come out to the Department of Education for the job skills lab on Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Spend some time working on these skills in an open lab where, if you have any questions, we can help. Would you like to get your GED? Do you need some help to obtain your GED? Would you like to sign up for the GED programs or the GED online Odysseyware program? Are you currently enrolled and want to work on your GED studying? We will be holding a GED Study Lab also on Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Department of Education.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Education at (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234. We look forward to working with you!

Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture

POKAGON BAND YOUTH COUNCIL 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAY

WHERE: HARTFORD (HIS PLACE) COMMUNITY CENTER, 15 SOUTH MAPLE ST., HARTFORD, MI

WHEN: MARCH 3, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

THIS IS AN OPEN TOURNAMENT FOR YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

3 CATEGORIES: BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED

TROPHIES FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE

To register, contact Conrad Church, youth cultural coordinator, with your team roster at (269) 462-4254 office, (269) 783-6773 cell or email Conrad.Church@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.

Student Spotlight: Extra-Curricular Excellence

We would like to recognize a family of students who are doing great things: Ava, Virgil, Nami, and Kiana Poafpybitty were nominated by their mother Stephanie Poafpybitty, along with other community members. These four students attend River Valley School District.

Ava Poafpybitty, a second grader at Three Oaks Elementary, is a bright young student with a great future ahead of her. She is a pleasure to be around, and enjoys helping others. Ava has a passion for cheerleading, and has been invited to cheer at River Valley varsity home games. Great job, Ava!

Virgil Poafpybitty, a fifth grader at Three Oaks Elementary, is an origami expert. He has mastered single-paper origami, multi-paper origami, geometric origami, 3D origami, and kirigami. Virgil can create these paper folding pieces of art by simply looking at pictures. Virgil is planning to make a giant Origami Bi-Plane that will be displayed at his school. Keep working hard, Virgil!

Nami Poafpybitty is a seventh grader at River Valley Middle School, and has become very skilled at creating computer animation. During the summer of 2011 she learned how to use the Alice Animation program, which is used to create 3D animation. Nami was able to master the program, and won a new camera for having the best animation. Go Nami!

Kiana Poafpybitty is a sophomore at River Valley High School. A talented flautist, she has won many awards for her excellent flute playing, including best music and best performance. Kiana has begun to learn the bassoon, clarinet, and piano (self-taught!). Keep following your dreams!



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Cultural Events | March

Men's Drumming Practice with John T. Warren

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

Date: Wednesday, March 7 and 21, 2012

Location: Teaching Cabin

Time: 6:00–8:00 pm

Rodgers Lake Campus
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Women's Drumming Practice

Hand drumming classes are offered to share drum teachings, practice old songs, and to learn new ones. Please wear a skirt and bring your hand drum or rattle, if you have one.

Date: Wednesday, March 7 and 21, 2012

Location: Tribal Lodge

Time: 6:00–8:00 pm

58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Maple Sugar Bush | Nenategwaboke'wen (Making Maple Syrup)



For generations, Neshnabe' people have gathered sap from the maple tree to make what we now call maple syrup. This process is done during the time when winter gives way to spring. The sap flows and is collected in birch bark containers to be cooked down and made into maple syrup.

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2012

Date: Sunday, March 25, 2012

Time: 1:00 pm–6:00 pm

Time: 1:00 pm–6:00 pm

Location: Teaching Cabin | Rodgers Lake
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Location: Tribal Lodge
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Native Healing with Jake and Mary Pine

Jake and Mary Pine visit our community for traditional healing and wellness assistance. Traditional healing is the restoring of balance to the mind, body, spirit, and emotions. Please call Andy Jackson to schedule your individual appointment (remember to bring tobacco).

Date: Monday – Wednesday, March 19–21, 2012

Location: Teaching Cabin

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

Rodgers Lake Campus

Co-ed Sweat Lodge

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm

58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

Contact Information: Andy Jackson, cultural associate

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

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Jr. Youth Council

Business Meetings are open to all Pokagon citizens and JOM eligible students in the 7th – 12th grade. Mileage reimbursement available to parents of Jr. Youth Council members.

Cultural Activities are hosted by the Department of Language and Culture and are open to anyone interested in learning about Neshnabe life ways.

Sr. Youth Council

Business Meetings are open to Pokagon citizens 18 – 24 years old. Mileage reimbursement available for Sr. Youth Council members.

Cultural Activities are hosted by the Department of Language and Culture and are open to anyone interested in learning about Neshnabe life ways.

Contact Information

Conrad Church
Youth Cultural Coordinator
(269) 462-44254 Office
(269) 783-6773 Cell
Conrad.Church@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Native Nations Youth Council



Photo by Kaity Fuja

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Saturday, March 3, 4:00–6:00 pm

Hartford Community Center, 15 Maple Street, Hartford, MI 49057

This is an open tournament for youth council and their families. Teams will be divided by level of play from beginners through advance level players. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Call Conrad Church to register (269) 783-6773.

Youth Council Business Meeting

Saturday, March 3

Jr. Youth Council, 10:00 am–11:00 am

Sr. Youth Council, 11:00 am–Noon

Lunch and mileage reimbursement provided

All youth are encouraged to attend and participate. This is an excellent way to get involved with the community and learn valuable leadership skills.

Cultural Activity | Nenategwaboke'wen (Making Maple Syrup)

Saturday, March 24, 1:00 pm–6:00 pm

Teaching cabin, Rodgers Lake

For generations, Neshnabe' people have gathered sap from the maple tree to make what we now call maple syrup. This process is done during the time when winter gives way to spring. The sap flows and is collected in birch bark containers to be cooked down and made into maple syrup.

Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow Honors the Eagle Staff

Planning is underway for the 2012 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow, to be held the Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 of Memorial Day weekend, at the Rodgers Lake pow wow grounds. The pow wow is named for the new eagle staff of the Pokagon Band veterans, and includes activities to honor all the veterans of the Pokagon Band community, as well as traditional dancing, singing, and crafts.



Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen logo design contest

The Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee seeks submissions for the 2012 logo for t-shirt designs and the flyer for the upcoming pow wow. All submissions from any Native American artist will be accepted. The artist who creates the winning design for the pow wow will be awarded a sweatshirt and a \$25.00 gift card from the committee. Please send images to Kevin Daugherty at Kevin.Daugherty@pokagonband-nsn.gov by March 21, 2012. The committee looks forward to many great designs!

Caterer Needed for Saturday Meal

The Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee requests bids for the Saturday evening meal for dancers, singers, and vendors at the pow wow, May 26. The meal should be planned for 500 diners, and the caterer is responsible for all shopping, preparation, serving, and clean-up. Interested bidders should provide costs for labor, food, and supplies to kevin.daugherty@pokagonband-nsn.gov. For questions or more information, call (269) 591-1230.

Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Committee Needs Your Help!

Volunteers are needed for the week of the Pow Wow, for help staffing the committee booth, for assistance at the pow wow arena, for transportation during the event, and for many other tasks.

The committee also always welcomes new members for planning and organizing. The committee meets the second Monday of every month, with the next meeting scheduled for March 12, 2012.

If you are interested in volunteering at the pow wow or participating on the committee, contact Kevin Daugherty at (269)591-1230.

Becoming a Foster Parent: Help Pokagon Children in Care Stay Connected to Tribe

Contact a licensing worker to arrange an orientation:

Kathleen McKee, Pokagon Band Social Services, (269) 462-4276

or

Cass County Department of Human Services, Foster Care Licensing

Tammie Peffley, (269)-445-0215

Kristen Williams, (269)445-0268

or

Van Buren County Foster Care Licensing

Tiffanni Mielke (269) 621-2852

Rachel Poole (269) 621-2904

Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow 2012

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

Saturday & Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend
May 26 & 27, 2012
Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac, MI

Head Veteran:
George Martin

Head Male & Female
Dancers:
TBA

Invited Drums:
Ribbon Town, TBA

Emcee: Jason Wesaw
Co-Emcee: Roger Rader

Arena Director:
Carl Wesaw

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



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

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.

Training and Development Opportunities Offered to Citizens and Spouses

The Human Resources Departments at the Pokagon tribal government and Four Winds are offering training and development opportunities to any citizen or spouse who would like to participate. CRP and first

aid training is available monthly starting March 8; more classes can be schedule if there is demand. The following courses are offered at Four Winds New Buffalo.

If you are interested, please contact Matt Clay, training and development specialist, to enroll at (269) 462-4250 or Matt.Clay@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

OBVIOUS CHOICE

Participants will learn what will make them stand out from the crowd. This class will assist individuals with an understanding of what they need to do to make themselves the obvious choice for interviews, transfers, and promotions.

Hartford
Tuesday, March 13
12:30 pm–3:30 pm

New Buffalo
Friday, March 23
1:00 pm–4:00 pm

SO YOU WANT TO BE A SUPERVISOR... 3 Sessions Required

What every beginning or desiring-to-be supervisor should know about being Great! This course is divided into three sessions: "Meet the Challenge", "Fitting the Four Fundamentals into your Style", and "Dealing with Special Situations". Attendance of all three sessions is required for completion of the course.

Hartford
Thursdays, February 23
and March 1 & 8
9:00 am–12:00 pm

New Buffalo
Fridays, February 24 and
March 2 & 9
1:00 pm–4:00 pm

LEADERSHIP 1 "Communication & Cooperation"

This course introduces participants to the importance of teamwork, flexibility and strategic thinking. Activities include Picture Resume and United League of Nations.

Hartford
Monday, April 23
2:00 pm–4:00 pm

New Buffalo
Thursday, March 1
2:00 pm–4:00 pm

LEADERSHIP 2 "DiSC Profile"

Participants take the DiSC© profile assessment to learn about effective communication and identify their own communication style.

Hartford
Monday, April 2
1:00 pm–3:00 pm

New Buffalo
Friday, February 24
9:30 am–11:30 am
Monday, April 16
1:00 pm–3:00 pm

LEADERSHIP 3 "Living the Core Values"

Participants discuss the core values of teamwork, respect, integrity and fun and learn why listening and providing clear direction and feedback are crucial to a good management style.

Hartford
Monday, April 2
3:00 pm–5:00 pm

Thursday, March 8
2:00 pm–4:00 pm

LEADERSHIP 4 "Coaching & Listening"

Participants learn how to delegate, in order to free up time to listen, coach and provide feedback to staff. A 5-step coaching model is presented.

Hartford
Tuesday, March 6
1:30 pm–4:00 pm

New Buffalo
Thursday, March 22
2:00 pm–4:30 pm

LEADERSHIP 5 "Emotional Intelligence"

Participants learn how to avoid emotional hijack during stressful situations, and the important role of emotional competencies in leadership.

Hartford
Monday, March 19
10:00 am–noon

New Buffalo
Tuesday, April 3
1:00 pm–3:00 pm

LEADERSHIP 6 "Emotional Intelligence II – Horse & Rider"

In the second EI class, participants learn the four premises of Emotional Control and that we each make choices and have control over how we react and feel.

Hartford
Tuesday, March 27
10:00 am–noon

New Buffalo
Wednesday, April 18
9:30 am–11:30 am

LEADERSHIP 8 Social Intelligence

Building on Emotional Intelligence with revolutionary new science, this class helps you understand how you can increase your social awareness and improve your relationship management — to help you and your staff to SHINE! (We recommend taking 5, 6, and 8 in order, if possible.)

Hartford
Tuesday, March 6
9:30 am–12:30 pm
Monday, March 19
1:00 pm–4:00 pm
Monday, April 9
1:00 pm–4:00 pm

New Buffalo
Monday, March 5
1:00 pm–4:00 pm
Tuesday, March 20
9:30 am–12:30 pm
Thursday, April 12
2:00 pm–5:00 pm

Construction Work Opportunity

The Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo is soliciting applicants for the tribal labor pool. Experienced tribal carpenters and tradesmen interested in working on the New Buffalo Casino Hotel expansion project are encouraged to apply. All available positions are filled with qualified Pokagon citizens before non-tribal applicants are given consideration. Don't miss out on this tremendous opportunity.

Contact Anthony Foerster at (269) 944-9684 or Madalene Big Bear at (269) 756-0640.

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITIONS | Pokagon Band Health Board

The Pokagon Band is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Health Board. The Tribal Council will fill three seats on the Health Board which have expired.

Position Description

As provided in Section 2 of the Health Board Ordinance, the Health Board is organized for the purpose of:

- Assisting the Pokagon Band Health Services Department in the preparation of a comprehensive health plan for the community. The Health Board works jointly with the Director of Health Services to assess the health needs of the Pokagon Band community and to prioritize services to assure that those needs are being met;
- Assisting with the development and review of fair, ethical and proper policies for the delivery of health services to eligible clients;
- Deciding which medical procedures will be covered by limited funding and establishing medical and dental priorities within those procedures;
- Implementing when necessary, a Contract Health Committee under Indian Health Services guidelines to oversee the quality and quantity of care delivered through Community Health Service funds;
- Serving as an appeals board for health services delivery issues in accordance with the requirements of the Health Board Ordinance; and
- Providing such other information or engaging in such further health services related activities as Tribal Council may direct.

Additional Duties of the Members of the Health Board

Each Health Board Member shall:

- Be responsible for being informed in Pokagon Band Health Services and Indian Health Services policies and procedures as they relate to duties called for under this Ordinance;
- Make a good-faith effort to attend all Health Board meetings; and
- Maintain the strictest of confidentiality standards in carrying out the duties established by this Ordinance. Each Board Member must sign and abide by a statement acknowledging the standards of confidentiality required for serving as a Board Member, as outlined in Section 4 of the Health Board Ordinance. Board Members shall sign such a statement upon appointment and renew such statement whenever reappointed.

Time Commitment

The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings and perform the business of the Health Board will vary. The dates and times of Health Board meetings vary, but they typically occur every third Monday, each month at 5:00 p.m., at Indian Health Services. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately four hours per month.

Compensation

Members of the Health Board are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150 per meeting (the Health Board member may receive additional compensation if he or she is the Chairperson or an Officer of the Health Board). In addition, Health Board members shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties in accordance with Section 17 of the Health Board Ordinance.

Appointment Process And Term Length

Appointments to the Health Board are made by the Tribal Council. Health Board members serve a two-year term of office.

Eligibility To Serve on the Health Board

In order to be eligible for appointment to the Health Board, one must:

- Be a Pokagon Band Citizen;
- Not have an immediate family member currently serving on the Health Board; and
- Not be an employee of the Band's Department of Health Services.

How To Apply

If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Health Board, you must provide a written statement of interest with your name, address, telephone number, and qualifications, to:

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

Questions concerning the Health Board may be directed to Dr. Arthur Culpepper, the Director of Health Services, at (269) 782-4141, or arthur.culpepper@pokagonband-nsn.gov. The Health Board Ordinance is available at the following internet address: http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Codes_and_Ordinances.aspx.

Ethics Requirements

As Public Officials, Members of the Health Board are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Codes_and_Ordinances.aspx.

The posting shall be open until filled.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

Language Events | March

Elder's Language Classes

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

Date: March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26	Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Location: Elders Hall
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Adult Language Classes

Adult language classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday with **Thomas Loftis**.

Date: March 1, March 6, March 8, March 13, March 15, March 20, March 22, March 27, March 29	Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm Location: Community Center Training Room
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Language Video Conferencing





Two or three Fridays a month students can come to the Community Center to view and participate in language classes broadcasted from Forest County Potawatomi and Hannahville Potawatomi. Jim Thunder teaches the language lessons in the morning with teacher skills training classes in the afternoon taught by Northern Michigan University College of Education professors.

Date: March 2, March 9, March 23	Time: 9:30 am – 12 & 1 – 4:00 pm Location: Community Center, Training Room
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Language Workshops

Twice a month, language instructors are invited to share their knowledge about the Potawatomi language.

Date: March 5 Presenter: Kim Wensaut March 14 Presenter: Frank Barker	Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Location: Community Center, Training Room
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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.

Elders Council Business Meeting | February 2, 2012

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

INVOCATION: Clarence White

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

AGENDA: A representative from Social Security Administration gave a talk on benefits. She also answered some very interesting questions. One was can you receive benefits from a former spouse. Yes, you can if you were married for ten years or more. Any other questions should be answered by your local SS office. Next March all SS checks will be direct deposit.

Petey Boehm, Elders specialist, said MIEA student incentives applications for your children should be sent as soon as you get them. Check with Education. Deadline is April 10, 2012. MIEA conference will be held April 14–April 16, 2012 at Watersmeet, Michigan.

NICAO conference will be held in New Mexico, not sure of the date.

The active living instructor Marion Sinkewiz's husband Ted passed away January 31, 2012. Our condolences go out to Marion and her family.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Don't forget to vote in the March 24, 2012, special election: Amendments to the Band's Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan.

Members were asked to vote on the New York trip, by a show of hands majority ruled yes.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Elders book is in the final stages of completion. Watch the website for the completion date.

We will not be purchasing shirts this year, due to other projects that are in the works.

MINUTES: Jeannie moved to accept the of January 5, 2012, minutes. Maxine supported, (5) yes, passed.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Active Living classes will commence in March, 2012.

There will be no more basket making due to the lack of good black ash trees.

February 23, 2012 will be game day. Check Elders Hall for the time, and what kind of games will be played.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Audrey Huston, Midge Holleman, Mary Vogt, John Carney Sr., Lynn Feaster, Maxine Margiotta, Tim Wallin, Tom Sturgeon, Adeline Dixon.

Update on the Pokagon Band Apprenticeship Program

What apprenticeship opportunities does the Pokagon Band have to offer to its citizens?

The Band currently offers an apprenticeship program in the carpenter trade skills.

What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a system of training a new generation of practitioners in a skill where apprentices build their careers from the combined knowledge from classroom learning as well as on-the-job training.

How many apprentices are in the program now?

We currently have seven Pokagon Band citizens in the Carpenter Apprenticeship Program. We already have some of those apprentices working at the Four Winds Casino and other Pokagon Band construction projects.

How long has the Pokagon Band had an Apprenticeship Program?

The Band launched the Carpenter's Apprenticeship last November, so this will be our second year.

Who can be in the Pokagon Band's Apprenticeship Program?

The Apprenticeship Program is open to tribal citizens and spouses of tribal citizens, who are at least 18 years old and have their high school diploma or G.E.D.

Are there any other qualifications I have to meet to be in the Apprenticeship Program?

You must complete an apprenticeship application. When you turn in your application, please bring the following to the Human Resources Department:

- Tribal ID card
- Spouse's Tribal ID card and marriage certificate (if you are a spouse of a citizen)
- High school diploma or G.E.D.

What else would I have to do to start the Apprenticeship Program?

In addition to filling out an application the following also need to be completed, in any order:

- TABE assessment
- OHSA 10-Hour Course
- Final Interview

Do I need to buy anything to be in the Apprenticeship Program?

If you are admitted into the Apprenticeship Program, the Pokagon Band will supply you with the tools and supplies necessary.

How long would it take me to complete the Apprenticeship Program?

It takes apprentices four years to complete their apprenticeship. This includes classroom hours and on-the-job learning time.

Is the Pokagon Band Apprenticeship Program supported by Michigan Carpenters Apprenticeship Program?

Yes, It is endorsed by the Michigan Carpenter's Apprenticeship and Training Program.

Whom may I contact for more information?

To obtain an application, assistance setting up your TABE assessment, or setting up your OHSA 10-Hour course, you may contact Matt Clay, in the Human Resources Department, by phone at (269) 462-4250 or by e-mail at Matt.Clay@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

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 Julie Farver in the Finance Department at (269) 782-8998.

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
413	Patricia Louise DePriest			x	
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x
1248	Alan Kalahar Spear III				x
1445	Michael David Bush	x	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x
1533	Louie Benedict Jackson		x	x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb		x	x	
2121	Erika J Borwn				x
2159	Jacob Laraway				x
2476	Patrick Michael Phares			x	
2594	Nicole Marie Hamstra			x	
2788	Joseph Walsh			x	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 March 15 in order to make it on the April check run. Anything received after March 15 will be processed on the check run for March. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, 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 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.

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

march



Photo by James Martin Phelps

5 **language**

Chicken Parmesan W/ Noodles
Italian Blend Vegetables
Cucumber Salad
Garlic Bread
Fruit

6

B Pork Roast
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Peas
Tomato Salad
Applesauce
Roll

7

Turkey or Veggie Mushroom
Swiss Burger
Assorted Relish Tray
Fruit Salad
Cottage Cheese

8

Buffalo Stroganoff
Mixed Veggies
Garden Salad
Roll

9

Bean Soup
Fish Square on a Bun
Tomato and Lettuce
Ice Cream

12 **language**

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Cornbread

13

Chicken
Baked Potato Wedges
Asparagus
Fruit Cocktail
Yogurt

14

Shredded Pork BBQ
Sweet Potato Fries
Veggie Tray
Angel Food Cake and
Blueberries

15 **social**

Corned Beef
Red Potatoes
Carrots and Cabbage
Green Irish Fluff
Rye Bread

16

Pizza Day
Garden Salad
Jell-O W/ Fruit

19 **language**

Beef Stew
Cottage Cheese and Peaches
Biscuits
Mini Carrot Cake

20

Baked Haddock
Rice Pilaf
Corn
Coleslaw
Fruit
Roll

21

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Tri-Blend Vegetables
Garden Salad
Melon

22

Turkey Manhattan over
Mashed Potatoes
Carrots
Garden Salad
Fruit
Bread

23

Potato Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Assorted Relish Tray
Blueberry Pie

26

Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies
Brown Rice
Crescent Roll
Fortune Cookie
Fruit

27

Buffalo Chili
Garden Salad
Cornbread
Lemon Cake

28

Beef Roast
Mashed Potatoes
Cabbage and Carrots
Fruit Salad
Pumpkin Pie
Roll

29

Pork Chops
Sweet Potatoes
Asparagus
Tomato Salad
Fruit
Roll

30

Chicken Gumbo Soup
Tuna Scoop with Lettuce
and Tomato
Assorted Crackers
Cookie

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.

Elders Council Directory

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

Jean Mollett, Chair (269) 463-5355	Clarence White, Treasurer (269) 876-1118
Maxine Margiotta, Vice Chair	Ruth Saldivar, Member at Large (269) 214-1279
Audrey Huston, Secretary (269) 591-4519	

Tribal Office Directory

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Tribal Council March Calendar of Events

- 1 Veterans Monthly Meeting, Elders Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- 5 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 6 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 10 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 am
- 12 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 13 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 19 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 20 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 24 Annual Citizen Meeting, Dowagiac High School, 10 a.m.
- 26 Tribal Council Meeting, Lodge, noon
- 27 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.

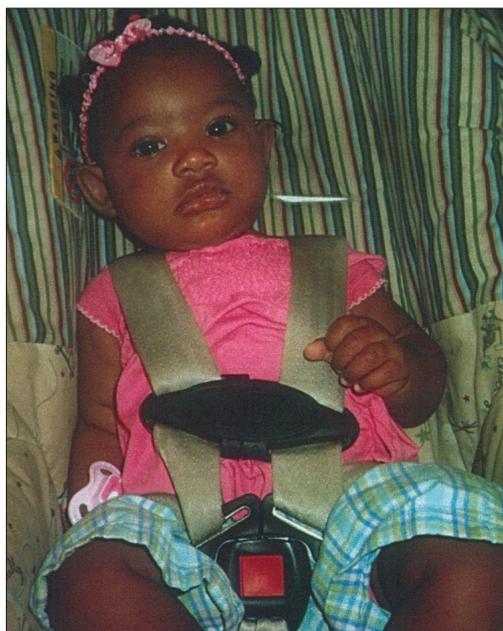
March Citizen Announcements

Happy belated birthday to:
James Watson Lewis, 9
Dawn Lewis Rummage, 3
Bill Lewis, 4
Justin Lewis, 7
Shelby Thomas, 8
Hailey Elizabeth Lewis, 14

Happy Birthday!
Happy birthday to my baby,
Hailey Elizabeth Lewis,
February 14.
Love, Uncle Bill



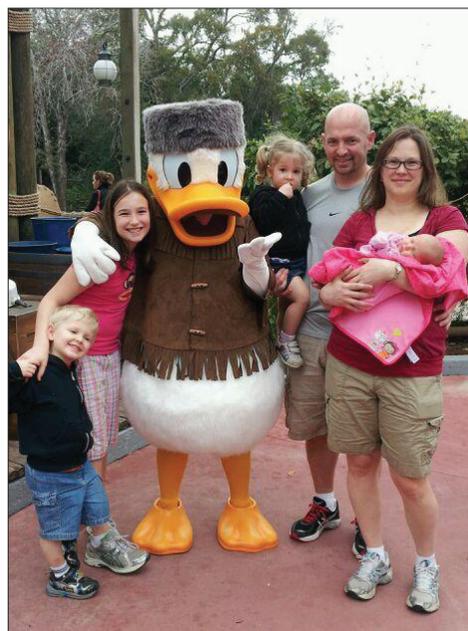
Happy belated birthday to
Arizonian **Bryce Rummage**,
January 15.
Love, Uncle Bill



Happy birthday **Kynnadi Britton!**
From your family



Happy 4th birthday, March 31
Sydney Ann Olson
Love, Mom, Dad, Chelsy, and
Baby Brother



Congratulations **Cole, Mikahla, Anna, Matt, and Julia Clay** on their new family member!
Welcome, baby Kiera.



Anna Clay welcomes her new sister,
Kiera.



Happy Birthday **Arynn** March 11
We love you! Mom, Dad, Amy, Alissa,
G-Ma, Oliver