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Studying to Teach

Kyle Malott and Carla Collins ventured to Wisconsin a little more than a year ago. Their mission was to learn as much Potawatomi as they could, then return to the Pokagon Band to teach it to others.

They have been learning the language from the final few native Potawatomi speakers, soaking up as many words as possible while the speakers are still able to teach them.

Most of those words are verbs because Potawatomi is made up of 80 percent verbs, compared to English which is almost 80 percent nouns.

This and the difference in how Potawatomi is written have proven difficult factors in learning the language, but this doesn't slow Malott, pictured at right, down. His reason for knowing the language started two generations ago.

"In my direct lineage, my grandfather was the last one to speak [Potawatomi], so I wanted to carry that on and then teach it to the next generation," Malott said.

Malott and Collins, shown above with her two children, who accompanied her to Wisconsin, are already preparing to come back and teach Potawatomi to other tribal citizens. In fact, creating these teaching tools is part of their daily schedules.

"We have up to 20 hours with the speakers each week, and the other hours are [spent] creating materials, typing it up, studying," Malott said.



Malott and Collins are committed to another year of studying, but their return date is dependent upon their teachers.

"I feel like things happen the way they're supposed to happen," Malott said. "I just go with the flow pretty much, and what happens is what's supposed to happen."

For those awaiting their return, anticipating learning Potawatomi at a deeper level, Malott has but one piece of advice:

"Just keep studying."

Tribal Community Enjoys Easter Dinner and a Visit from the Easter Bunny

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

About 300 Pokagons attended the Easter party at Hartford High School on Saturday, April 12, enjoying dinner, activities, and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny.

"We served an Easter meal with included ham, potatoes, veggies and more," said Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator. "A special treat was sugar bush cake with sugar bush icing which came right from the community." Tribal citizens had gone to the sugar bush at Rogers Lake to harvest and boil down the sugar.

Everyone who attended the event received an Easter basket filled with candy and a chocolate bunny. The children were delighted to have the opportunity to meet and take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

No Easter party would be complete without an egg hunt. Fortunately, the weather cooperated, and the egg hunt was

held outside. "We had six different age categories, and every person found at least two eggs," said Orvis. "Each egg had a raffle ticket inside of it, and we raffled off some great prizes." Raffle prizes included bikes, Kindle Fires, lacrosse sticks and much more.

"The Easter dinner is one of many community events we hold throughout the year, and we would love to have more Pokagons join us in the future," said Orvis.

The next community event is a family fishing tournament on May 10. The event will be held at Gage Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The grand prize for the tournament is a charter fishing trip for four on Lake Michigan. If you would like additional information about the tournament or other upcoming events, please contact Dean Orvis in the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4290 or e-mail dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Pokagon Youth and Elders Connect During Weekend Getaway

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

During the first weekend of April, a group of 68 Pokagon youth and elders set out to attend the University of Michigan Pow Wow and a Detroit Tigers baseball game. The weekend was filled with culture, baseball, and opportunities for the youth to learn wisdom from their elders.

While on the bus to the pow wow, the Junior Youth Council led team building exercises. “One of the goals of these events is to enhance communication between youth and the elders,” explained Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator. “After the pow wow, we had a team building specialist lead a session for our group, and everyone was very interactive. The elders were open to sharing their wisdom with the younger tribal members.”

“Watching the Grand Entry at the Pow Wow is always an impressive sight,” said Orvis. “The Pokagons were well represented at the event, and the group enjoyed interacting members of other Michigan tribes.”

The group spent the night in Ann Arbor before heading to Comerica Park for the baseball game the following morning. “Before leaving for the game, we ate breakfast at the hotel,” said Orvis. “It was wonderful to see how respectful the youth were to the elders. They sought out opportunities to refill drinks and get food from the buffet for them, and they also carried their luggage to and from their rooms.”

During the afternoon, the group enjoyed an intense game between the Detroit Tigers and the Baltimore Orioles. “At least 20 people commented that the only thing that would have improved the weekend would have been a win for the Tigers,” said Orvis. “Despite the loss, everyone had a great time.”

Donald Summers, an elder in the tribe, had positive things to say about the weekend. “The experience inspired me; the Pokagon Band youth displayed so much enthusiasm and the utmost respect to the elders, and to everyone,” said Summers. “How lucky today’s youth are, and the Pokagon Band is lucky in return to be able to provide such a wonderful experience to both the elders and youth of the Pokagon Band.”

“The weekend provided the community spirit that is needed in all societies in order to foster strong and committed members of those respective societies,” said Summers. “My deepest thanks go out to everyone that made this event most pleasurable.”

The many events that Department of Language and Culture holds throughout the year are designed to bridge the gap between generations and to build relationships between tribal citizens of all ages. Those who attended this event got first hand experience in just how valuable those relationships can be.



WANT TO FIND OUT IF YOU COULD MAKE IT THROUGH ONE DAY OF TRADITIONAL TRAVELING?

**DISCOVER THE ANSWER
MAY 17–18, 2014**

The Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture youth programs is partnering with our Department of Natural Resources, the Tribal Police and the State of Michigan to offer a Traditional Travel down an eight-mile section of the Manistee River.

This event is open to all Native youth between the ages of 12–24.

We will honor the water, learn the importance and significance of water travel, feast mother earth for the things she provides, camp overnight in a rustic area, and fish in a traditional way.

The participants will learn survival skills and traditional teachings.

Participants will be required to follow all safety guidelines, rules, and regulations.

RSVP by contacting Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or by calling the department of language and culture at (269) 462-4325

This event will be limited to the first 15 participants.



Manistee River Sunrise by A Kamphui

3RD ANNUAL A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday, June 21, 2014 | 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Community Center



The Health Services and Education departments invite you to the third annual **A Healthy Step with Education**. Anyone involved in those departments and all Pokagons and their families are welcome! The day will be filled with educational activities, health screenings, and more:

- PreK–12 program registration (requires a parent or guardian's signature)
- Vision and hearing screenings
- LEGO table
- Drumming
- Smoke house with area fire departments
- Ambulance
- Free haircuts
- Face painting
- Cultural craft
- Book Giveaway
- Bounce House
- Free massages
- Cultural teachings
- Lunch
- Prizes
- And much more

Please come and join in the fun.

Questions? Contact Liz Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Four Winds Field Sports New Signage and Improvements



Officials from the South Bend Silver Hawks and Four Winds hosted a media day at Four Winds Field on Wednesday, April 2 that spotlighted new stadium signage and off-season improvements that were made possible as a result of Four Winds support.

“We believe our naming rights agreement with the South Bend Silver Hawks further demonstrates our commitment to the city of South Bend and the community,” said Pokagon Chairman John P. Warren. “The Silver Hawks organization has done a tremendous job getting the stadium ready for opening day, including the new signs proudly displaying the new name – Four Winds Field.”

Sarah Ballew Receives Udall Foundation 2014 Congressional Internship

The Udall Foundation is pleased to announce that Sarah Ballew, Pokagon Band citizen from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, is interning in the office of U.S. Senator Mark Udall. Sarah is currently seeking her B.A. in environmental studies with a focus on environmental policy at the University of Michigan. Her career goals include working with Native American tribes to develop and strengthen environmental policies that align with cultural values.

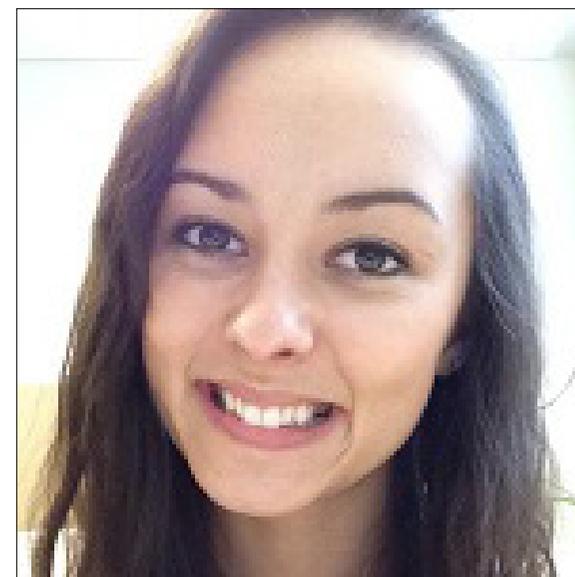
Twelve students from five tribes and nine universities have been selected as 2014 Native American Congressional Interns. They were selected by an independent review committee on the basis of academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to careers in tribal public policy.

The 12 Udall Interns will complete an intensive, ten-week internship in the summer of 2014. Special enrichment activities will provide opportunities to meet with key decision makers. From 1996 through 2014, 221 American Indian and Alaska Native students from 110 tribes will have participated in the program.

In addition to her studies, Sarah Ballew is the co-chair of the Native American Student Association and plans many events for the campus and community to learn about and participate in native cultural practices. She is a fancy shawl dancer and has been dancing at pow wows her whole life.

This highly regarded internship program is intended to provide American Indians and Alaska Natives with an insider's view of the federal government. The internship is located in Washington, D.C., and is known for placing students in extremely competitive internship positions in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments, and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes firsthand.

The Udall Foundation awards approximately 12 internships every summer on the basis of merit to American Indians and Alaska Natives who are college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges, or graduate or law students who have demonstrated an interest in fields related to



tribal public policy, such as criminal justice, cultural preservation and revitalization, education, economic development, health, law, natural resources protection, and tribal governance.

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

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

Carmen O'Brien is Elder of the Month

Hello! I moved to Dowagiac in September 2013. It was my father's dream to return to the St. Joseph river valley area in Michigan (Dowagiac, Hartford, Muskegon), Indiana and Illinois.

I am a Shaganaby, Chingman, Morsaw, and Morseau. I love photography, dance and medicine (homeopathic, traditional and western). I graduated from Girls Catholic Central. I married and have four loving, adult children: three daughters and one son. I started work at age 14 and retired May 2013 before moving to Dowagiac. In my late twenties, I attended Mary Grove College and studied nursing. Unfortunately due to an injury, I had to withdraw. However I continued to work to give my children the best possible life and opportunities for them to have a better life.

I have met many wonderful friends and family members that I have not seen for decades. Thank you to the elders for all that they do for us. I am so grateful for our loving Elders Council.



Four Winds Invitational Donations Benefit Memorial Children's Hospital Patients



Tribal Council members recently toured Memorial Children's Hospital in South Bend to see first-hand how donations from the Four Winds Invitational have benefitted patients of the hospital.

For the third year the Pokagon Band will be sponsoring the Four Winds Invitational, which will take place June

20-22 at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend. Along with the support of several local sponsors, the Band has made donations of \$109,500 to Memorial Children's Hospital over the past two years as a result of proceeds from the tournament. The ambulance, a neonatal transport unit, and—this

year—a neonatal infant warmer, all offer improved health care services to children thanks to this support.

*You are invited to celebrate
the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education*

*High School Graduates
Class of 2014*

*Friday, June 20
Pokagon Band Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI*

*5:00 p.m. Refreshments
6:00 p.m. Dinner*

*Hosted by Department of Education
Kindly R.S.V.P. to Connie Baber (269) 782-0887
or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov*

2014 Young Native Writers Essay Contest Underway

The contest is designed to encourage young Native American writers to explore their heritage. It is open to Native American high school students from all native communities.

For 2014, students are being asked to write about one or more of the cultural images, symbols or art forms that have been historically developed by their community (American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian) to communicate a particular message or value or serve a specific purpose. Essays are to be 1,200 words or less and should cover the following:

- Describe the image(s), symbol(s) or art forms selected;
- Explain how it was originally developed or used by the community;
- Reflect on the student's own experience about it, including thoughts and feelings; and
- Suggest why or how it is still relevant today.

This contest is co-sponsored by the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). Contest winners will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a week of activities. The essay submission deadline is April 22.



The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language and Culture invites you to

Experience Drummond Island this Summer July 9 – 13, 2014

Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering

Immerse yourself in the rich diversity of traditional arts, crafts, and natural wonders of the Great Lakes region...

Spend four days working directly with the region's most noted traditional artists, craftspeople, historians and naturalists in small group settings—with dozens of workshops for both adults and children. Forge your own bark awl, help build a fully functional spruce bark canoe, etch a birch bark basket with an Odawa artist, work with a master falconer, explore the waters around Drummond island in a replica 1870s wooden ship, and take home an assortment of beautiful and functional traditional crafts and new skills. Evenings feature acoustic music, stargazing and traditional storytelling by campfire.

Eligibility for travel, which includes, transportation, lodging, meals, registration fee, and cost covered for up to five classes.

Eligibility includes attending 10 language classes between April 2014 and June 2014, if you live in the service area. Classes are held in Dowagiac, South Bend, Hartford, and Hopkins.

Youth must attend Youth Council meetings in person or through Skype through June and receive their community service hours set by the youth cultural coordinator.

You must also attend at least five community events sponsored by the Department of Language and Culture before the end of June 2014.

Events must be documented, endorsed, and verified by the department staff to be eligible.

Questions? Please contact the Department of Language and Culture (269) 462-4325.

Eligible Language & Culture events: 14 weeks of language (held in Hopkins, Dowagiac, Hartford & South Bend), 14 weeks of drum class (held in Dowagiac, Hartford, and coming to Hopkins), 3 Youth Council meetings, April 12 (1–4pm) Easter Party at Hartford High School, April 12 (4 pm) 1-on-3 Basketball tournament at Hartford High School, April 28 (5pm) Pow Wow Club at Community Center, May 8 (5:30–7:30pm) Olympic Training at Community Center, May 10 (9:30 am –?) Fishing Tournament at Gage Street, May 26 (8 am) Veterans Parade in downtown Dowagiac by Harding's, May 31 (10 am) Lacrosse Tournament at Rogers lake, June 1 Mini Olympics time & location TBA, June 17–20 Culture Camp (2nd grade–5th), June 23–27 Culture Camp (6th grade–12th)

Those students who are interested in participating can visit the Holland & Knight Young Native Writers Essay Contest website, www.nativewriters.hklaw.com, for official contest rules and to view past winning essays. All essays must be submitted electronically by the entry deadline, April 22, 2014, through the contest website. Up to five contest winners will be announced in mid-May.

During the week of July 20, 2014, the contest winners will receive an all-expenses-paid "Scholar Week" trip to Washington, D.C. The group's activities will include an honor ceremony at NMAI; a tour of the NMAI Cultural Resources Center where tribal objects can be viewed and studied; educational symposia for students and their teachers; and a tour of the U.S. Capitol. Winners will also receive a \$2,500 scholarship to be paid to the college or university of their choice.

The contest debuted in 2006 in Red Lake, Minnesota, in response to the March 2005 shooting by a Red Lake High School student of five fellow students, a teacher, a security guard, members of his family and then himself. Holland & Knight's Charitable Foundation developed this contest with the hope that the Red Lake community would find healing by promoting its rich culture and traditions. In the following years, the program has evolved to serve all Native American communities.



Michigan Indian Legal Services

Free Legal Aid Clinic for Low-Income Pokagon Band Citizens

Monday, May 19, 2014 at 9:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
(No appointment necessary)

**Pokagon Band Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI 49047**

Do you need advice or assistance with a pressing legal issue and do you think your income may fall lower than federal poverty guidelines? (See chart below) If so, come to the free legal aid clinic.

Issues may include (among others):

- Power of Attorney (Medical and/or Financial)
- Simple Wills
- Criminal and Family Law matters
- Housing Matters
- Health Care and Welfare Benefits
- Child welfare and ICWA matters
- Juvenile delinquency cases
- Per Capita – Garnishment

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING ALL THE PAPERWORK RELATED TO YOUR LEGAL ISSUE

2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Household Size	125% of Poverty Guideline*	200% of Poverty Guideline**
1	\$13,963 annual income	\$22,340 annual income
2	18,912	30,260
3	23,863	38,180
4	28,813	46,100
5	33,763	54,020
6	38,714	61,940
7	43,664	69,860
8	48,613	77,780
7	43,664	69,860
8	48,613	77,780
For each additional individual after 8 add:	4,950	7,920

* Persons under 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are LSC eligible.

** Persons falling between 125% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are LSC eligible if:
-The applicant has fixed debt or obligation (such as a rent, mortgage, child support, other payments fixed in date and time excluding credit card debt, utilities, food).

Do you have any questions or would like more information? If you cannot make it to the clinic but still want free legal advice, please call MILS at 1-800-968-6877.

Project LAUNCH Seeking Parents for Advisory Group

By JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator



The Pokagon Band Department of Social Services is currently seeking individuals who may be interested in serving in an advisory capacity for the Project LAUNCH team. LAUNCH stands for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children. The project is funded through a federal grant to focus on social, emotional, and behavioral health of Pokagon children from birth through age 8.

Any caregiver (biological parent, grandparent, foster, or adoptive parent) of a Pokagon child up to the age 8 is invited to join the Project LAUNCH Advisory Group.

Monthly meetings are expected to begin in May 2014 and will consist of special presentations covering different aspects of Project LAUNCH for parents/caregivers to analyze and provide constructive criticism.

In an effort to make participation in the Project LAUNCH Parent Advisory Group as parent friendly as possible, childcare services, snacks, and mileage reimbursement will be provided for all meetings.

Interested individuals should e-mail Micky Martin by April 25 at michaelina.martin@gmail.com or JT Laraway at John.laraway@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call (269) 462-4450.

Pokagon Fund Awards Grants for March 2014

The Pokagon Fund awarded \$448,711 in grant funding in March, taking the total grants awarded since inception to \$17,806,575.

Discretionary Grants

- \$76,860 to Friends of Harbor Country Trails for bike trails on South Whittaker
- \$60,000 to Friend of Harbor Country Trails for their project manager
- \$23,000 to the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra for the annual Independence Day Concert
- \$15,276 to New Buffalo Arts Council for Black Ash Basket classes in Harbor Country
- \$6,000 to New Buffalo Business Association for Fireworks
- \$5,000 to Animal Lovers for their spay/neuter programming
- \$3,947 to Three Oaks Baseball for AED defibrillator equipment
- \$2,100 to Miss Three Oaks Committee for the Blossomtime Float

Municipal Grants

- \$124,043 to the Village of Three Oaks and the Township of Three Oaks for enhancements to Carver Park
- \$100,000 to New Buffalo Township for enhancements to Glassman Park
- \$11,500 to Chikaming Township for Fire Department water rescue equipment

Band Grants

- \$9,985 to Hartford Public Schools for literacy programming
- \$5,000 to City of Hartford for City Park enhancements
- \$4,000 to Hartford Fire Department for computer upgrades
- \$1,000 to Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce for Summer in the City
- \$1,000 to Hartford Chamber of Commerce for the Strawberry Festival



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Train Together for the Family Olympics

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

When: leading up to Summer 2014



Participate in three of the training events offered and receive a gift incentive. Involvement in one school sport can substitute for one of the three trainings.

These events are open to Native Americans and their families, and Pokagon Band staff and their families.

Training Schedule:

April 2014

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

May 2014

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

★ May 18 | Hopkins High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

June 2014

★ June 1 | Decatur Track | 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.



★ new or rescheduled date

Pokagon Health Department
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Keep our water safe. Put unwanted medications in their place.

Don't throw your old drugs down the drain or in the toilet. Pokagon Band Pharmacy is now a disposal location for unused drugs through the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program. Operated by Great Lakes Clean Water Organization, this program collects and properly disposes of unwanted/unused drugs in a safe and approved manner to help keep water clean and untainted by chemicals.

Bring your unwanted/unused medications to the Pokagon Band Pharmacy at 57392 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI 49047 anytime Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Yellow Jug Old Drugs containers and contents are picked up at pharmacies and are then transported to a Waste-to-Energy facility for secure and assured destruction.

Family Welfare Commission Looking for Native Handmade Quilts or Artwork



Quilt by Julie Farver

The Family Welfare Commission is seeking handmade quilts— for purchase or donation—to replenish our stock. These quilts will be given to children that are welcomed into a new home. These quilts are more than just blankets; they are symbols of a loving family wrapping their arms around a child. These will be keepsakes that the children will always treasure.

In addition to quilts, we are considering other traditional gifts that the children may cherish. We are open

to any suggestions you may have. Some items of thought were corn husk dolls, hand drums, or moccasins. Suggestions welcome.

If these trades are your passion and would love to provide a gift of culture to our children, please contact the Social Service Department at (269) 782-8998 and submit pictures of previous work completed.

Take the Walking Challenge

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Walking is one of the best activities for getting into shape. Walking provides such benefits as improved heart and lung efficiency, fat burning, increased energy and reduced cholesterol and blood pressure.

Now is a great time to begin a walking fitness program, not only because it's spring, but because it is time again for the Tribe-to-Tribe Walking Works Challenge. Walking Works will run from May 3 through July 13, 2014. This challenge involves all of the tribes in Michigan competing to walk the farthest. The walking program allows you to track your steps and activity online each week. If you don't have a computer, you can track your steps on paper, and a Community Health worker will log your steps into the system for you.

Winners will be announced at this year's Michigan Indian Family Olympics on July 18. The winning tribes will receive cash prizes, which will allow the Pokagon Wellness Committee to provide more fitness programs for staff and citizens.

The walking challenge is open to all employees and their immediate family members, Pokagon Band citizens and their immediate family members, and other Native Americans and their immediate family members. If you are interested in participating, please contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or (888) 440-1234 x 406, Or you can e-mail her at Elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov to receive the information on how to sign up and get a pedometer to start logging your steps.

Any fitness regimen works better with some strength training. If you are interested in learning some strength training exercises, please attend Dean Orvis's Lean Lunch program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:15 pm-12:45 pm at the Rodgers Lake Pavilion. Please consult your primary care provider before starting a new exercise regimen.



2014 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow Planned for May 24 & 25



Honoring the community eagle staff carried by the Pokagon Band veterans

The fifth annual Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow will be held the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 24 & 25, 2014 at the Rodgers Lake pow wow grounds. The Pow Wow is named in recognition of the Pokagon Band community eagle staff carried by the Pokagon Band veterans, and the Pow Wow includes activities to honor all the veterans of the Pokagon Band community, as well as traditional dancing, singing, and crafts. For more information, contact Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230.

Volunteers needed for Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow

It takes many volunteers to conduct the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marchell Wesaw at 269-462-4204.

Language and Culture Sponsorships Offered

The Department of Language and Culture believes in the importance of allowing Pokagon citizens the opportunity to experience Native American celebrations across the country while also representing the beautiful culture of the Pokagon Potawatomi. L&C is delighted to offer sponsorships for tribal citizens to attend pow wows, demonstrations, and other cultural events. To apply for a sponsorship, please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/language-and-culture or call the office at (269) 462-4325 for applications.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/language-and-culture

"Healing the Scars" Mt. Pleasant Boarding School Trip Planned



The Veterans and Youth Councils will be participating in the annual boarding school remembrance ceremony in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

This ceremony honors those who were sent to the boarding school and remembers the many children who died while attending the school.

The "Honoring, Healing & Remembering" ceremony happens the same day every year to commemorate the last operational day of the boarding school: June 6, 1934.

If you would like to partake in this healing ceremony please contact one of our veterans or the Department of Language and Culture at: (269) 462-4325



Are you looking for a way to help others?

Auxiliary Tutors Wanted for the PreK-12 Program

The Pokagon Band Department of Education is looking for qualified tutors to work with Pokagon students (pre-kindergarten – 12th Grade) both in and out of the ten-county service area.

Qualified candidates will have a current teaching certificate or a Bachelor's degree with an academic area of focus. Tutors are hired as private contractors. A completed background investigation through the Department of Human Resources is required.

If you or someone you know may be interested in tutoring, applications are available on the web at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Please contact the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or by email at Kristie.Bussler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Pokagon Band tribal preference hiring policy applies.

Parade Participants Wanted

If you can sing, dance, drum, rattle, or wave we would like to invite you to participate in one or both of these amazing opportunities.

During the month of May, the Pokagon Band has been invited to partake in two of the areas premier parades:

Blossomtime Parade May 3

The Blossomtime Parade is the oldest and largest multi-community parade in Michigan and travels from Saint Joseph to Benton Harbor on May 3.

Honoring our Veterans Parade May 26

The city of Dowagiac 'Honoring our Veterans' Parade begins on the main street of Dowagiac and ends with a special ceremony at the Riverside Cemetery on May 26.

Language and Culture Seeking Adults to Share Skills with Youth

Do you have skills and energy to share with Pokagon youth? The Department of Language and Culture is compiling a pool of background-screened adults who could be on call to volunteer with our youth programming. If you hunt, fish, garden or gather; if you can teach art, drumming or another cultural talent; if you can coach lacrosse, basketball, or baseball, our kids and our tribe needs you. Some opportunities will be paid, others are volunteer. Contact the Language & Culture department (269) 462-4325 for more information.

2014 North American Indigenous Games



The 2014 North American Indigenous Games is July 20-27 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Native athletes ages 13-19 can compete in 15 different sports. If you'd like more info, visit www.regina2014naig.com or contact Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator at (269) 462-4290.



www.regina2014naig.com

Counselors and Specialty Service Providers Needed for Culture Camp 2014

The Department of Language and Culture is looking for Camp Counselors and specialty service providers for the Summer Youth Culture Camp for the positions of: 1) lifeguard 2) nurse 3) caterer 4) Junior Camp Counselor and 5) Senior Camp Counselor. The lifeguard will only be needed for identified days and times of the camp, but the nurse and caterer are required to be available for the duration of the camp – which is scheduled for June 17 – 27, 2014. All camp staff is required to attend a mandatory orientation and training, date to be announced.

Counselor Requirements:

- At least 18 years of age for Junior Counselors
- Prior experience working with youth for Senior Counselors
- Culturally knowledgeable, sensitive and open minded.
- High school graduate/college preferred
- Experience working with youth, classroom management, and public speaking.
- Must be able to work as a team.
- Physically capable to participate in most camp activities
- Available from June 17 – 27, 2013
- Able to pass a criminal background check, drug screening, and fingerprinting

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

Domestic Violence: Not Just a Private Matter

Domestic violence is a very serious problem that impacts everyone—not just the people it happens to. According to the US Department of Justice Native American women are more likely than any other group of women to experience violence: almost two in five Native women will be victims of domestic violence at some point in their lives.

Domestic violence doesn't just impact those families and individuals who experience it. Domestic violence is part of a larger system of inequality. Mainstream culture, entertainment, the legal system, and other systems allow women to be seen as unequal to men. Unequal wages, lack of representation in high earning jobs and politics, and negative images in popular culture are just some factors that contribute to this. When we, on the whole, think women aren't as valuable as men we are more likely not to see their problems as important or worse, blame them for the bad things that happen to them. This belief is also bad for boys and men, as they will not be encouraged to treat girls and women with the respect our culture values.

Our community will no longer be silent about domestic violence. Many women in the community have been actively involved in raising awareness for domestic violence through the Purple Shawl workshops offered throughout the year, as well as other outreach events. The Department of Social Services also offers services to women in the community who are experiencing domestic violence and want help. If you or someone you know is being hurt and wants help please have them call Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324.

Upcoming Department of Social Services Events

The Department of Social Services is sponsoring several events for the community. Please see details below. Please RSVP to Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324, as spaces may be limited.

Purple Shawl Workshop | May 18 1:00 pm–5:00 pm | Community Center

The Department of Social Services is hosting one last Purple Shawl workshop before the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow. Please bring a friend and a dish to pass. You do not need to be a domestic violence survivor to attend. Contact Casey Kasper for more details.

Feather Holder Workshop | May 27 10:00 am–noon | Location TBD

Joy Duff will be teaching a class to make feather holders to help encourage women to start making their bundles. This class is for women only and space is very limited. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper to RSVP.

The Band's Gage Street Property will be closed during the Family Fishing Tournament Saturday, May 10 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Join Pokagon Health Services, Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Education and Language & Culture

Family Fishing Tournament

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. at Gage St. Lake

Fish Tales

-  Registration is required. Onsite registration is available.
-  You must wear a life jacket! No exceptions. Limited number of personal flotation devices available for those who can't provide their own.
-  Limited number of canoes (reserve one by pre-registering).
-  You may use your own boat but the gas tank must be removed. Please note, the launch is very rustic. Limit to 14-foot boats.
-  Fishing poles and bait available.
-  RSVP online at Family-Fishing-Tournament.eventbrite.com
-  Check out the Bass Masters truck and boat

For more information, contact Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator, at Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or call Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325

Prizes • Fun Family Event • Food
Grand Prize Charter Fishing Trip for 4 on Lake Michigan



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Ne'me gizhek SUNDAY	Ngot gizhek MONDAY	Nizh gizhek TUESDAY	Apta gizhek WEDNESDAY
Honoring Our Mothers Brunch L&C Regalia 101 Class 4	L&C Elders Language Class Lean Lunch Auricular Acupuncture Zumba Yoga L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class 5	Lean Lunch L&C Dowagiac Language Class (3) L&C Class Early Start Language (3) Red Road to Recovery Group 6	Lean Lunch Zumba L&C Hartford Language Class L&C Dowagiac Men's Group L&C Gun Lake Youth Group 7
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Purple Shawl Workshop 18	L&C Elders Language Class Auricular Acupuncture Zumba Yoga L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class 19	Lean Lunch L&C Dowagiac Language Class (5) L&C Early Start Language Class (5) Red Road to Recovery Group 20	Healthy Lunch Presentation Zumba L&C Hartford Language Class L&C Gun Lake Youth Group 21
Oshke-Kno-Kewewen Traditional Pow Wow 25	Tribal Government is closed in observance of Memorial Day L&C Kids Bike Brigade for Dowagiac Memorial Day Parade 26	Lean Lunch L&C Dowagiac Language Class (6) L&C Early Start Language Class (6) Red Road to Recovery Group 27	Zumba L&C Hartford Language Class L&C Gun Lake Youth Group 28

May 2014

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
	<p>1</p> <p>EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance</p> <p>Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (3)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Language Class (5)</p> <p>Girls & Boys Drumming</p> <p>South Language Class</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (4)</p> <p>Train Together for the Michigan Indian Family Olympics</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Tribal Council Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Monthly Language Workshop</p> <p>Youth Council Language Session</p> <p>Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Language Class (6)</p> <p>South Language Class</p> <p>Belet Workshop</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (5)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Language Class (7)</p> <p>South Language Class</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (6)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Oshke-Kno-Kewewen Traditional Pow Wow</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Language Class (8)</p> <p>South Language Class</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (7)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Baby Celebration</p>

Required Documentation for Contract Health Services Coverage

Patients need to provide the following documentation to be considered for Contract Health Services:

1. Tribal ID or letter of enrollment
2. Drivers license or state ID
 - If you do not have a driver's license or state ID with your current address listed, a proof of address is required (i.e. recent utility bill with your name and address, voter registration card, etc. It cannot be tribal or personal mail.)
3. Current health insurance cards
 - If you are currently uninsured, you will have 30 days to apply for Medicaid. Our Medicaid application specialists can assist you.

For our Medicaid Application Specialist to assist you with your application, you will need to bring the following documentation:

1. Proof of identity and family relationships for all household residents (tribal ID, drivers license or state ID)
2. Social security card/number for everyone applying for benefits within household
3. Proof of income for all household residents (paycheck stubs, per capita, unemployment, social security, disability or pension award letter, self-employment records of income.)
4. Proof of resources for all household residents (checking and/or savings account statements)

Please call (800) 440-1234 with any questions.

Celebrating New Life

Welcome new life at the Pokagon Band's inaugural baby celebration. Join us for food, craft activities, giveaways, and joyous beginnings. Blankets will be presented to all babies born between January 1, 2013 and May 30, 2014.

Saturday, May 31, 2014
2:00 pm — 6:00 pm
Rodgers Lake Pavilion

Kindly RSVP to JT Laraway at 269.462.4450 or john.laraway@pokagonband-nsn.gov

This celebration is a collaboration between the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Project LAUNCH and Honoring Our Children.

Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee Announces Annual T-shirt Design Contest



The Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Contest Pow Wow Committee is seeking submissions for the 2014 t-shirt designs. All submissions from any Native artist enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe will be accepted. The artist that creates the winning design for the pow wow T-shirts will be awarded \$500.

How to Enter

1. Entries must be submitted by email to Beth.Salman@PokagonBand-nsn.gov. The entries may be submitted in PDF format, 6" x 6", no more than 4 colors, 300 dpi and text layers, if included, must be separate from artwork. However, a vector file with layers in EPS format is preferred.
2. The email must include the name, contact information and email address of the entrant.
3. The deadline for entries is **July 1, 2014**.
4. We will attempt to acknowledge all entries within one week of receipt; however, we cannot be responsible for entries or responses lost in e-mail.
5. There is no fee to enter the contest.

Judging and Selection of Winner

1. The winning design will be selected by the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow committee. Their decision will be final.
2. The Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow committee reserves the right not to select a winner if, in its sole discretion, no suitable entries are received.

Intellectual Property

1. All submitted work must be original and not based on any pre-existing design.
2. All entries will become the sole property of the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow and it may reproduce, distribute, publish, display, edit, modify, create derivative works and otherwise use the material for any purpose in any form and on any media.

Any questions or for more information, please contact Beth Salman at the email above or call (269) 462-4284 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours

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

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

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Rights Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill one vacant Alternate Member position on the Pokagon Rights Board (the "Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created through enactment of the Pokagon Rights Board Code (the "Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching and investigating aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; (b) compiling and cataloging information and documents related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; and (c) making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites. The Board is comprised of five (5) persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four (4) Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two (2) Alternate Members who are also expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). One of the two Alternate Member positions is currently vacant. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as may be needed to fulfill Board duties. Alternate Members are also expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Pokagon Rights Board Code is available on the Pokagon Band's website.

COMPENSATION. Alternate Members are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as an Alternate Member must be a Pokagon Band Citizen who: (a) is at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and (b) possesses expertise, knowledge, skills, and professional and personal experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Board.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by from the Band's website.

CONFIDENTIALITY. All Board members, including Alternate Members, are prohibited from disclosing confidential information, which will include information related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites.

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Land Use Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill one (1) vacant Alternate Member position on the Pokagon Band Land Use Board ("Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created by the enactment of the Pokagon Band Land Use and Conservation Code ("Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching, preparing and making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the classification, reclassification, transfer and acquisition of Pokagon Band land; and (b) researching and developing a Long Term Land Acquisition and Development Plan to guide future growth and to establish goals and priorities for the use of Pokagon Band land. The Board is comprised of five (5) persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four (4) Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two (2) Alternate Members who will be expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). One of the two Alternate Member positions is vacant. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as needed to fulfill Board duties. Alternate Members are also expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Land Use and Conservation Code is available on the Band's website.

COMPENSATION. Alternate Members are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. Any person who wishes to seek appointment to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizens; (b) be at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and (c) possess expertise, knowledge, skills, and professional and personal experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Board.

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

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. The Tribal Council will appoint a person to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment as an Alternate Member must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council.

TERM. The term of office for an Alternate Member of the Board is three (3) years; however, because this appointment is to fill a vacancy, the appointment will be for the remainder of the existing term of office, which will expire on May 21, 2015. There is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member may serve on the Board.

DEADLINE. This position shall remain open until filled by appointment by the Tribal Council.

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Pokagon Rights Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy on the Board, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Pokagon Rights Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Board, the Land Use and Conservation Code, or this Notice may be directed to Steve Winchester, Council Member and Land Use Board Chairman at (269) 591-0119 or Steve.Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by from the Band's website.

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TERM. The original term of office for an Alternate Member of the Board is three (3) years; however, because this appointment is to fill a vacancy, the appointment will be for the remainder of the existing term, which will expire on November 9, 2016. There is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member may serve on the Board.

DEADLINE. This position shall remain open until filled by appointment by the Tribal Council. Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Land Use Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy on the Board, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Land Use Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice. **QUESTIONS.** All questions concerning the Board, the Land Use and Conservation Code, or this Notice may be directed to Steve Winchester, Council Member and Land Use Board Chairman at (269) 591-0119 or Steve.Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Presenters Wanted for Cultural Workshops

The Department of Social Services is looking for female presenters to run small, monthly cultural presentations and workshops. We ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or via email at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

All Pokagon Veterans Invited

Come and join us! We have now scheduled two meetings a month:

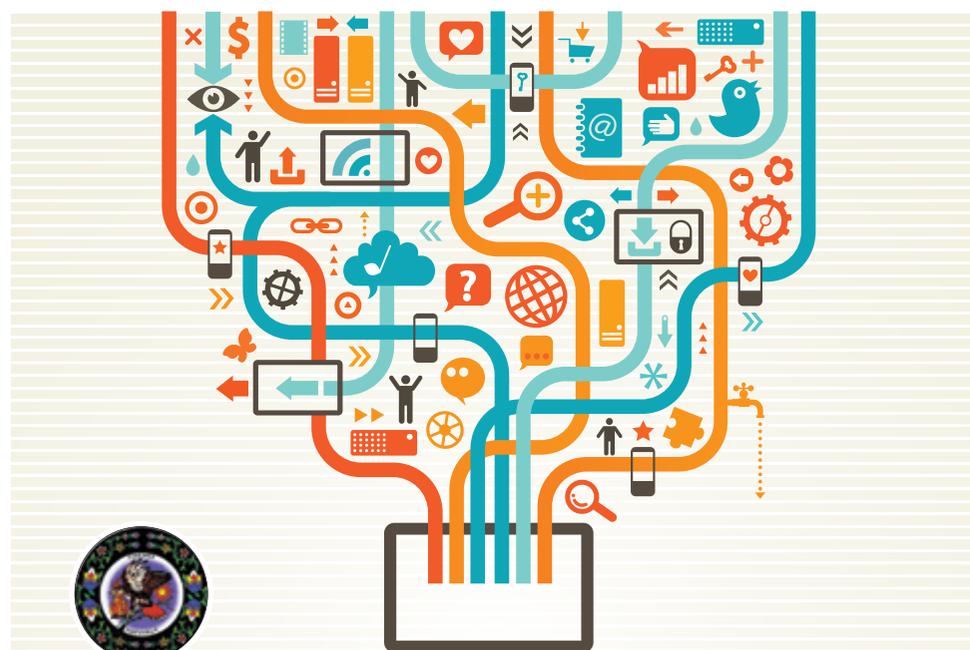
- First Thursday of each month, 2:00 p.m., Community Center, Dowagiac
- Second Saturday of each month (after Council meetings), at 2:00 p.m., Community Center, Dowagiac

Look for updates on our Pokagon website, via e-mails or our own Facebook page: The Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans.

Hope to see you there!!

Apprentice Program Contact Changed

Carpenters apprentices and those interested in the apprenticeship program: Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, is the new contact for the apprenticeship program. You can reach her at traci.henslee@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4227.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education

Computer Classes

Saturday, April 12, 2014 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Saturday, June 14, 2014 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Saturday, August 9, 2014 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Microsoft Excel	MS PowerPoint/Publisher	Review

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

Please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday (April 9 for MS Excel, June 11 for MS PowerPoint/Publisher and August 6 for Review classes) by calling (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220 to receive a gas card and arrange any needed child care for ages 2–14.

This project is made possible by a grant from  INSTITUTE of
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Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is Barb Pasquill, who answered "Pronounced as one letter, and written with three, two letters there are, and two only in me. I'm double, I'm single, I'm black, blue, and gray, I'm read from both ends, and the same either way. What am I?" The correct answer is EYE.

Kathy Church submitted a new riddle. Check it out:

It's not a bird though feathered, and it has a mobile nest. It's quick in flight and having flown, it always stops to rest!

Mail or e-mail your correct answer to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle; the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

ATTENTION: Pokagon Band College Bound Students

The Michigan Indian Elders Association are once again offering two award programs this year.

For the college bound student: Winners are selected by a panel of judges. You have the chance to receive a \$500 to 1,000.00 scholarship. Students must complete the application form, available at the Pokagon Band Education office, and submit it with required documentation.

The deadline for application of this program is June 20, 2014.

Applications for the program is available at MichiganIndianElders.org.

Title VII Public Hearing Notice

Come and learn about the Department of Education's formula grant program

Sunday, May 25 | 10-11 a.m.

during the Oshke-Kno-Kewewen Traditional Pow Wow

In the Teaching Cabin at Rodgers Lake

58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047



Pokagon Band Department of Health Services

Canning Workshop



Tribal Court Notice

This Notice was mailed to the Respondent on March 25, 2014 by first class mail. It was returned by the U.S. Postal Service on March 31, 2014 with a Return to Sender label that stated "Not Deliverable as addressed, unable to forward." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because there is no valid address.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
CASE NO. 14-2650-PCDCS
58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

NOTICE OF

(1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

(2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Keith Jack Wilkinson
Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on March 25, 2014.
2. Tribal law **mandates** that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. See 28 USC § 1738B, *Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act*.
4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
5. **An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:**
 - a. **RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or**
 - b. **ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.**
6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court orders with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and **MUST** demonstrate that the:
 - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
 - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court orders, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply **ALL** of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and **MUST** demonstrate that:
 - a. you do not owe a **DELINQUENT** child support obligation; or
 - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an **EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP** to your health or general welfare.
8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

Adult Work Experience Opportunity Offered

The Pokagon Band has an opening for a training placement starting in July with the Department of Education. The position would work for forty hours a week for twenty weeks during the Department's summer programs.

The participant would need to meet the basic WIA eligibility requirements, which are low-income, unemployed or underemployed; be a Native American with Pokagon Band tribal preference; 18 years or older; and residing in the ten county service area. In addition, the participant must:

1. Be able to pass background checks and drug test
2. Have already obtained a GED and/or high school diploma
3. Be pursuing further educational training preferably in courses of education, child development and/or psychology

Contact Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, at traci.henslee@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4218 by **Monday, May 12, 2014 by 5 p.m.** to apply.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education

Career Workshop

Saturday, March 8
10:00 am – 2:00pm

Saturday, May 10
10:00 am – 2:00pm

Saturday, July 12
10:00 am – 2:00pm

Dealing with Barriers to
Employment

Interview Skills

Gateways to Employment

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (Mar 5, May 7 and July 10) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

This project is made possible by a grant from



Tribal Court Notice

This Notice was originally mailed to the Respondent on March 14, 2014 by first class mail and was returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked undeliverable but providing a forwarding address. A 2nd Notice was mailed to the forwarding address on March 28, 2014 but was returned by the U.S. Postal Service on April 4, 2014 marked "not deliverable as addressed, unable to forward, return to sender." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because there is no valid address

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(1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

(2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Krystin Marie Liska

Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on March 14, 2014.
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**2ND ANNUAL
ALL TRIBES
LACROSSE TOURNAMENT**
MAY 31 10:00 AM | RODGERS LAKE, DOWAGIAC

Please join us as we kick off the season with family friendly tribal tournament. Each tribe may bring more than one team. However each team should have a minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 12. This event is for the whole family. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. There is no registration fee and you receive a free T-shirt if you preregister your team before May 10.

There will be three categories:

- A YOUTH TEAM** kids under the age of 13
- B LEAGUE** for beginner level players
- C LEAGUE** for all adult players (equipment required)

Teams may be co-ed.

Register at NishnabeLacrosse-eventbrite.com
For more information, please e-mail Dean.Orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call (269) 462-4325.

Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

Per Capita News

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

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

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by June 15 in order to make it on the July 2014 check run. Anything received after June 15 will be processed on the check run for August. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27, 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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.

Tribal Council **May** Calendar of Events

- 5 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 6 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 17 **CANCELLED** Quarterly Legislative Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 19 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 20 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 26 Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

Tribal Council **June** Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 3 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 30 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.

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

To hear what is being served for the elders lunches in May, please call (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 noon.



Photo by Tom Pickering



Department of Language & Culture

Rush Lake Cemetery Clean-Up

Saturday, May 24, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Leave from Rodgers Lake for Rush
Lake Cemetery in Hartford, MI**

Language & Culture invites everyone in the community wishing to help or provide for the community to join together for a community clean-up of our tribal lands and historical and cultural teachings provided by Jason S. Wesaw. We want to provide incentive for future generations to maintain and use tribal grounds that have lost the love and care that was present in past generations

A shuttle will leave from Rodgers Lake at 9:30 AM on Saturday, May 24 and return to Rodgers Lake by 12:30 PM.

Snacks, gloves and garbage bags will be provided. Community Service Hours will be awarded toward future tribal events.

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Administration
Information Technology
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Toll Free (800) 517-0777
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FAX (269) 782-7814

Communications
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Education and Training
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-0887
Toll Free (888) 330-1234
FAX (269) 782-0985

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

Election
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(269) 782-9475
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Enrollment
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Finance
58620 Sink Rd.
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(269) 783-0026/
(866) 250-6573
FAX (269) 782-9795

Health Services /
Behavioral Health
57392 M 51 South
(269) 782-4141
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South Bend Area Office
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South Bend, IN 46614
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Tribal Council
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(269) 782-2232
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Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

Bbon Gises May Citizen Announcements



Happy 3rd Birthday from Mommy and Daddy, Rachel, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt Lisa, Aunt Cindy, Uncle Tim, Uncle Rodney and the whole family! We love you!



Welcome **Rosalinda Downs**, born March 24, 8 lbs., 3 oz, 20 inches long. From mom Brenda Moron-Sanders and dad Zachary Downs.

Happy 9th birthday to **Kayleigh Sanders**, January 21!
Happy 7th birthday to **Aubrey Pelfrey**, February 18!
Happy 9th birthday to **Caydin Sanders**, April 11!
From your Aunt Brenda

Happy birthday to **Tommie Sanders**, March 27, to **Joaquina Avila**, May 6, and **Lori Avila**, April 20.

Love, Brenda

2014 Summer Youth Culture Camp

This year's Culture Camp will feature several Neshnabé specialists from the Pokagon Band. The Camp's focus is on our traditional language, customs, and wellbeing while creating a fun and exciting camp experience for everyone. You are invited to partake in this thrilling mix of hands-on activities and interactive learning. Registration is based on a first-serve basis. Stay tuned for registration to open later this spring.

Come learn the traditional way to make moccasins, lacrosse sticks, black ash baskets, rattles, drum sticks, bead work, shawls, bird houses and more.

Campers enjoy a variety of activities like these from past camps: Language lessons, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, physical fitness, traditional games, creating a newsletter, cultural teachings, financial responsibility, summer ceremonies and more.

Session One
2nd - 5th grades
Tuesday, June 17 - Friday, June 20

Session Two
6th - 12th grades
Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27

Registration opens April 7 online or by request via email or phone.