



# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

## THE POKAGONS TELL IT

September 2012

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### Pokagons Win Golden Hoosier Award

Marge Moody and Jim Topash Sr. have won a Golden Hoosier Award, the highest honor bestowed on an Indiana senior by Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. They received their award August 14 at a ceremony at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis. The Golden Hoosier Award recognizes outstanding seniors for their lifetime of service to their communities. Last year, Clarence White received the award.

This year the Pokagon Band was a sponsor of the award luncheon and ceremony, held in the Normandy Barn and the 4-H Exhibit Hall at the Fair. Before and after the ceremony, a dance troupe made up of Jefferson, Elizabeth, Sarah and Calvin Ballew and Teresa Magnuson demonstrated several traditional dances for the ceremony attendees, while John Warren, David Martin, Andrew Norman and Craig Hosier of Ribbon Town drummed. Anthony Foerster and Gayle "Rusty" Green presented the Eagle Staff and Pokagon national flag, respectively.

The following summaries were read by veteran Indianapolis TV broadcasters Howard Caldwell and Barbara Boyd, the master and mistress of ceremonies for the event, when Marge and Jim accepted their awards.

Since 1988 Marge Moody has been filling many key roles

helping carry on and build the infrastructure of the tribal government. Marge's commitment and dedication to her tribe are especially valued, since she served extensively during a time of important and quickly-changing development for the Pokagons. Marge served on the Pokagon Band Elders Council as chair or vice-chair for over ten years. She worked for the community in such leadership positions as chair of the Election Board, and on the Housing Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. She also helped develop the tribe's Constitution. Without the leadership and involvement of people like Marge, who worked to maintain the cohesion of the community and to strive toward gaining the tribe's federal reaffirmation, the effort might have waned.

Jim Topash Sr. has been contributing to the community since 1972. During the time when the Pokagon Band was struggling to regain its federal recognition, Jim filled important roles helping carry on and sustain the tribal community. Jim was elected to serve on Tribal Council for several years. One of his main focuses was and is working to regenerate some of the old ways: learning them, teaching them to youth, keeping the language and culture alive. Jim organized the Band's first pow wow, which raised enough

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### Pokagons Take a Healthy Step with Education

**By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse**

More than one hundred citizens attended the inaugural Healthy Step with Education Saturday, August 4. This is the first time the Education Department and the Department of Health Services combined Health Fairs and the Back-to-School event.

The day began with an opening prayer by Thomas Topash. Attendees then filled the time with such events as health screenings, back pack giveaways, K-12 awards, prizes, and much more. Pride Care ambulance and the Dowagiac Fire Department displayed

their ambulance and fire trucks for the families to check out, and offered educational materials. Smoke Vision provided vision screenings and Darr and Associates did hearing screenings. Everyone really enjoyed the services of the hair stylists, face painters, and massage therapists. Majel DeMarsh provided teachings on the cultural role of tobacco and offered the prayer before lunch.

Migwetch to all of the families that attended and came together to enjoy time for families to get together, prepare for school, get some healthy information, and most of all have fun.

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Photos by Jason S. Wesaw

## The Aromas of Fall are Almost Here

The crisp air of fall will soon replace the hot and sticky days we experienced this summer. The cool bite to the early mornings and pleasantly sunny afternoons are a welcome change. Along with the change in weather comes a host of different foods. Our gardens and the farmers markets begin to overflow with wide varieties of root vegetables, squash, pumpkins and apples.

Nutritionally, fall brings many bonuses. The bright colors of squash and pumpkin pack in abundant amounts of vitamins A and C. Added to these vitamins are generous amounts of potassium, thiamin, and folate. Apples provide optimal amounts of soluble fiber (the beneficial fiber that helps trap cholesterol for removal from the body). One medium-sized apple provides four grams of soluble fiber. Other health benefits of apples include the fact that they are great low calorie, filling snacks at 80–100 calories per small to medium apple. Additionally, they provide approximately 14 percent of the daily value for vitamin C, their antioxidants position them to promote a lower risk of death from both coronary heart disease and cardiovascular disease, and apples have been found to lower levels of C-reactive protein — a marker of inflammation whose presence in the blood suggests increased risk for heart disease and diabetes. As an exercise boost, apples aid in endurance by providing an antioxidant called quercetin that makes oxygen more available to the lungs. The old adage “an apple a day keeps the doctor away” could hold true!

Tips for shopping and storing fall vegetables follow:

- Rutabaga—Look for smooth, thick skin yellow to tan in color. They should be heavy for their size. Store in a cool, dry place for a month or longer.
- Sweet Potatoes—Look for firm medium-sized potatoes with tapered ends. Avoid those with blemishes, sprouts or signs of decay. Store in a cool, dark and dry spot for several weeks.
- Turnips—Look for those small to medium in size with smooth white and purple skin. Turnips should be heavy for their size. They will keep for a week or more in the refrigerator. To use, cut off the root and greens and peel.

### Butternut Squash and Apple Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 small butternut squash, about 2 pounds
- 2 apples, cored, peeled, sliced
- ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- ¼ cup cold margarine
- 1 tablespoon flour
- ½ to 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Peel squash, scoop out the seeds, and cut into small pieces. Place squash and apple slices in a vegetable oil-coated 7 x 11-inch baking dish. Blend remaining ingredients with fork or pastry cutter until crumbly. Sprinkle the crumbs over squash and apple. Cover and bake butternut squash casserole at 350 degrees for about 45 – 50 minutes. This recipe serves 6.

### Squash and Spinach Frittata

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 cups cubed, peeled butternut squash
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 6 eggs
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

In a 10-inch nonstick ovenproof skillet, heat oil over medium heat; fry squash, onion and garlic until squash is tender-crisp, about 5 minutes. Stir in spinach. Meanwhile, in bowl, whisk together eggs, 1 tablespoon water, salt and pepper; pour over vegetables in skillet. Sprinkle with Monterey Jack cheese; cook over medium-low heat until bottom and side are firm, but top is still slightly runny, about 7 minutes. Place skillet under broiler; broil until frittata is golden and set, about 2 minutes. Run rubber spatula around edge of frittata to loosen; slide onto large plate and cut into wedges.



Photo by Jeffery S. Clark



Mathias Sjöberg

- Parsnips—Look for well-shaped, small firm roots (large, older parsnips require more peeling and have a woody core). Parsnips will keep for a week or more in the refrigerator.
- Pumpkins—If intended for cooking, look for those varieties specific for cooking, such as Sugar and Cheese pumpkins. Pumpkins can be stored at room temperature for a month or in a cool cellar for up to three months.
- Squash—During the harvest season, look for vivid colors, the skin should not look washed out. Later in the year, after the squash has been stored, the skin color may fade. Regardless of the season, the skin should not look shiny; a sign that it is either underripe or that it is waxed, possibly masking bad quality. Choose squash with a remnant of the dried-out stem still attached, like a small knob at one end. A missing stem can be a sign of mold and bacteria growth inside. Store in a cool spot with good air circulation (not in the refrigerator) for up to one month.

### Roasted Vegetables

Ingredients:

- 1 small butternut squash, cubed
- 2 red bell peppers, seeded and diced
- 1 sweet potato, peeled and cubed
- 3 Yukon Gold potatoes, cubed
- 1 red onion, quartered
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme (or 1 teaspoon dried)
- 2 tablespoons chopped rosemary (or 2 teaspoons dried)
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- salt and freshly ground pepper, as desired

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. In a large bowl, combine the squash, red bell peppers, sweet potato, and Yukon Gold potatoes. Separate the red onion quarters into pieces, and add them to the mixture. In a small bowl, stir together thyme, rosemary, olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Toss with vegetables until they are coated. Spread evenly on a large roasting pan. Roast for 35 – 40 minutes in the oven, stirring every 10 minutes, or until vegetables are cooked through and browned.

### Pumpkin Pickles

Ingredients:

- 1 lemon
- 5 cups sugar
- 3 cups cider vinegar
- ¼ cup finely chopped, peeled fresh ginger
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 20 black peppercorns
- 1 sugar pumpkin (3 – 4 pounds), seeded, peeled, and cut into 1½ X ¾-inch pieces

Using vegetable peeler, remove strips of zest from lemon. In a large nonreactive saucepan combine zest, sugar, vinegar, ginger, cinnamon, peppercorns and salt. Simmer, stirring to dissolve sugar, 5 minutes. Add pumpkin. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until pumpkin is crisp-tender, about 15 minutes. With a slotted spoon, transfer pumpkin pickles to sterilized canning jars (you will need about 8 half-pint jars). Pour in cooking liquid to within ¼ inch of the top of each jar. Seal. Refrigerate and use within one week, or sterilize filled jars following canning jar manufacturer's instructions for longer storage.

## Miss Michele and Company is On the Move

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty



Michele Winchester of Miss Michele and Company has every reason to smile. Since starting her business in 2007, she has outgrown two buildings and is eager open the doors at a new, 4,000 square foot space located at the Business Center of Southwest Michigan in Dowagiac.

“It is very exciting,” said Michele. “Our new location will have three dance studios and a more spacious waiting area.” After signing the lease at the beginning of August, Michele has been busy getting the space ready for business.

Michele started Miss Michele and Company after teaching dance at Flints Dance Studio in South Bend for ten years. “It was time for a change,” said Michele. “Being a mother of five, I needed to be closer to home.” Michele decided to venture out on her own and started teaching dance classes at Federated Covenant Church in Dowagiac. It wasn’t long before her business required more space and needed to relocate.

Miss Michele and Company offers classes in tap, creative movement, ballet, jazz and more. “We also offer Zumba classes for adults, and I have a gentleman that will soon be leading P90X and Insanity workouts,” said Michele. In addition to her own instruction, Michele employs two dance instructors, including her oldest daughter Madelynne.

## New Pharmacy Labels Make Their Debut

The Pharmacy at Pokagon Band Health Services has updated its product labeling in response to citizen feedback.

In June the Band held a town hall style meeting with the Department of Health Services and invited citizens to voice their concerns. Some mentioned that reading prescription labels was difficult. They thought the size of the print, especially the number of refills that remain on the prescription, was too small for many to read. Working with Computer-Rx, the pharmacy team quickly worked to resolve the issue.

“We went back to the drawing board after the town hall meeting,” said Nate Segarsee, pharmacist.

Early July the new label was released. The pharmacy team hopes citizens think the important information is highlighted and the label is more patient friendly.

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money to provide a college scholarships to two Pokagon youth. Jim is a keeper of the Topash Family drum, which has been brought to pow wows and gatherings for forty years, and he sings and plays his hand drum for cultural and spiritual times. He often shares his knowledge of his traditions, culture and spiritual practices with schools and civic organizations. He’s an active member of Holy Family Parish in South Bend.

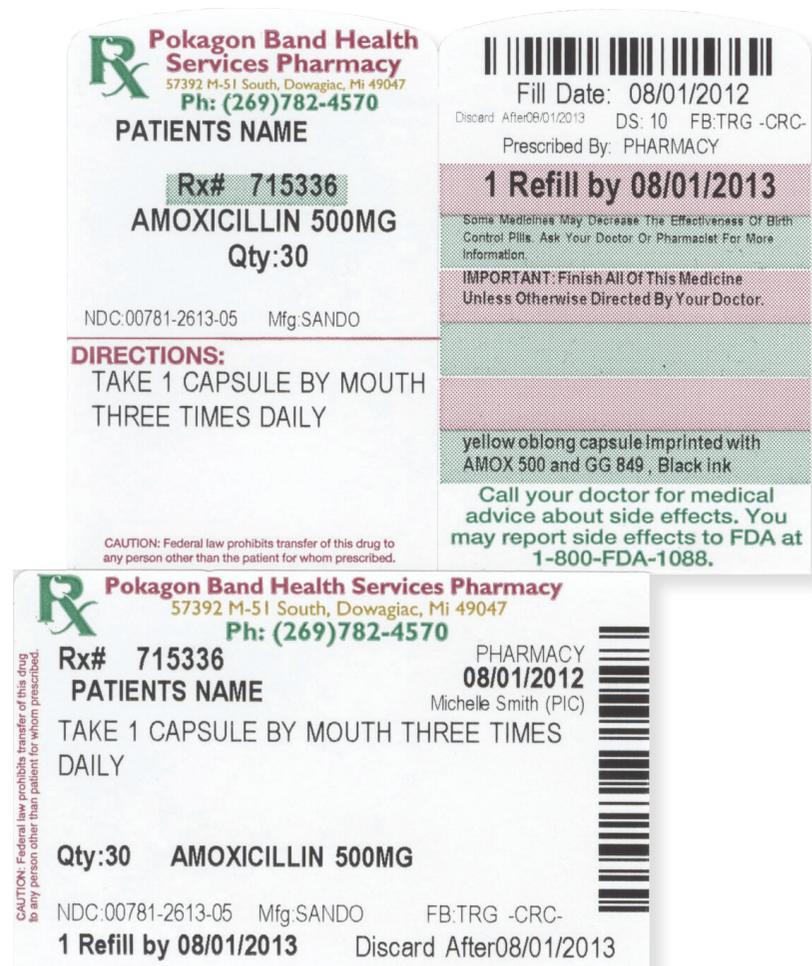
The studio has a competitive dance team that travels throughout the region. “This is our fourth competitive season,” said Michele. “We have traveled to Chicago, Detroit, and Grand Rapids, and we will also be going to Indianapolis this year. Some of my dancers had never left this immediate area, so it is good for them to have the experience of going to a larger city.”

Michele started dancing at Miss Kathy’s in Decatur, and has had a lifelong love of dance. She holds certificates from the Chicago National Association of Dance Masters and completed a certificate program at Southwestern Michigan College. “I received intensive training in modern ballet at a summer intensive class at North Carolina School of the Arts,” said Michele.

Michele has had discussions the Department of Language and Culture, and has hopes of bring dance classes to the tribe. “There are many people who are interested in dance, and we hope to work together in the future,” said Michele. “In the meantime, I do offer a discount on classes to Pokagons, and I encourage them to call for details.”

Michele is passionate about dance and teaching the art to others, and her motto says it all. “As a dance educator, not only am I teaching technique and the art of dance, it is my role to instill self-esteem, confidence and life lessons that will influence my dancers to be the best they can be. Educate, motivate and inspire. Dancing is my passion; teaching is my gift.”

Miss Michele and Company Dance Studio can be found online at [www.missmicheleandco.com](http://www.missmicheleandco.com) and reached by phone at (269)762-7764.



## Potawatomi Language Preservation and Education a Top Priority

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

From a young age, Rhonda Purcell understood the importance that language plays in various cultures. "I recall my grandmother telling me that you are what you speak," said Purcell. "If you are French, you speak French. We are Potawatomi, and we should speak the language. It is part of our identity, and we need to act now to preserve our language and teach it to our community."

In June, Purcell accepted the role of language coordinator and has many ideas for bringing the Potawatomi language to more Pokagons. "It is more important than ever for those interested in learning our native language to get involved," she said. "Our first language speakers are growing older, and we need to partner with them and learn so that our language is not lost."

Purcell's primary responsibility as language coordinator is to develop the language program and to establish classes. "We need to give citizens more opportunities to learn the language by offering more classes," explained Purcell. "Right now, we have an adult advanced class, and the students are progressing very well." Purcell recognizes the need for a class for beginners, and is working toward making that a reality.

Plans to introduce youth classes to reach younger members of the tribe are also on the agenda. "Children have an amazing ability to pick up a second language, and we need to teach them while they are young," said Purcell. "We hope to revitalize our language through our Head Start program." A long term goal is to start an immersion nursery where citizens who have completed language courses can come back and teach young children.

Another goal is to establish a Master-Apprentice Program where language students would be paired with a first language speaker. "Most of the first language speakers live in Northern Michigan and Wisconsin, and we would like to place our students in a setting where they can utilize and expand their language skills," said Purcell. She is also interested in creating a language house where students could live together and speak the language. "The house would be a setting where students would be immersed in speaking Potawatomi and would learn from each other," said Purcell.

### College Students: Want to Attend a Future NCAI Conference?

Thanks to Tribal Council and the Department of Language and Culture, Pokagon citizens currently pursuing higher education have a special opportunity coming up. Pokagon Band is a member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), a national organization that advocates for the rights of tribal governments in Washington DC. In addition to that, NCAI also seeks to provide leadership development opportunities for the future leaders of Indian Country. NCAI Youth Commission is designed specifically for students with an interest in political science, tribal government, and Indian law. Youth Commission strives to assist young leaders in their understanding of tribal politics.

NCAI meets three times a year: every March, June, and October. The next NCAI event is scheduled for October 21-26 in Sacramento, California. If you are interested and would like to attend as a Pokagon Band college student representative, please submit a one page letter of interest and your resume to Conrad Church, youth cultural coordinator, at Conrad.Church@PokagonBand-nsn.gov by Friday, September 21. Any questions, call (269) 462-4254.

Purcell realizes that it is not possible for all citizens to attend classes twice a week because of their location or transportation issues. "In an effort to reach more citizens, we are looking into a web-based learning system," said Purcell. "We would also like to post videos of the classes to our website so that people can access them at their convenience."

Prior to becoming the language coordinator, Purcell worked for Four Winds in a management support role. "I could not have asked for a better experience than what I had at Four Winds," said Purcell. "The management was very supportive, and I am thankful that I had the privilege of working for them."

Purcell is a graduate of Hartford High School and attended Kalamazoo Valley. She is currently pursuing a degree in business administration with an emphasis in management at Indiana Tech.

Pokagon citizens interested in learning more about the Potawatomi language are encouraged to act now. "We can learn so much from our first language speakers, and we won't always have the opportunity to connect with them," explained Purcell. "To preserve this important element of our culture, we can't wait. Now is the time to act." For further information, please contact Rhonda at (269) 462-4255 or e-mail Rhonda.Purcell@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

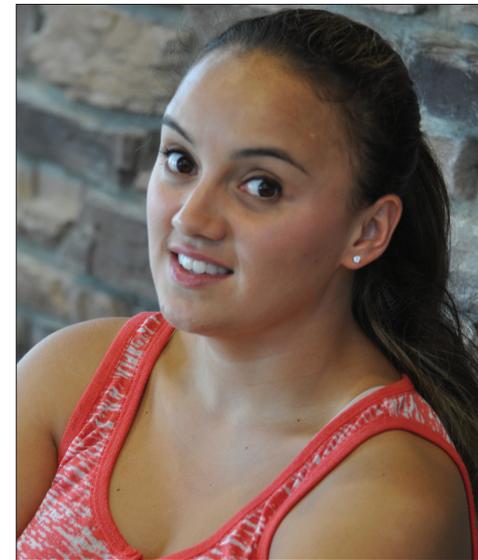


Photo of Rhonda Purcell by Jason Wesaw

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## Fun with Family Science

All Grades K-12 Pokagon Students and Families are invited...



Saturday, October 6, 2012  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Community Center

### Come and enjoy a day of science activities!

Hands-on Fun! To Pre-Register, call the Department of Education at (269) 782-0887.

#### Event Schedule

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Interactive Activities
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	Hummer Hubbub
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	Lunch
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Family Competitions

Enjoy an afternoon of family fun!  
PRE-REGISTER by Wednesday, October 3, 2012  
to be entered into a drawing for some cool prizes

## Department of Education Announcements and Updates

### Make it, Take it Workshop

The Department of Education is hosting a Make It, Take It afternoon on Saturday, September 15, from 2–4 p.m. in the Administration Building Rotunda and the Education Office. The workshop will help parents and students become comfortable with manipulatives and graphic organizers, tools that are commonly used in K–12 classrooms. During the Make It, Take It, Education staff will introduce adults to common items that work well as manipulatives, (toys and activities that help develop learning and motor skills) and assist them in creating some manipulatives to use when helping their children with educational skills and homework. We will also provide samples of effective graphic organizers that help students organize and make sense of information. Separate fun learning activities will be provided for children, so please feel free to bring the kids. Light refreshments will be served. Call (269) 782-0887 with questions. We look forward to seeing you!

### GED Students

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

Beginning Monday, September 10 our evening GED Labs will again be available from 5:30–8 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The lab will continue to be available from 10 a.m.–noon and 1–2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact either Traci Henslee or Diana Smith at (269) 782-0887.

### 2012 Reading Program

We currently have 60 families registered in the reading program with a total of 1,872 books read. We have a long way to go to get to 4,509 books. Please get those lists turned in and do your best to recruit new participants. As soon as we reach 2000 books, we will have another drawing for a gift card from the families registered that have submitted a book list. We have had 30 winners from the first three drawings! E-mail your book list to [connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov). New sign-up sheets can be found on the Pokagon web site.

### K–12 Program

Now that it is time for the new school year to begin, we want to remind you that the Pokagon Band Department of Education is here to support and help you in any way we can. Current services include:

- Tutoring
- Backpacks
- Purchasing cards for school supplies
- \$50 school supply reimbursement
- Library materials (including internet)
- Assistance with parent/teacher meetings and parent/teacher conferences
- Assistance with IEP meetings
- Special Needs Program

K–12 Registration, backpacks, school supply cards, and \$50 supply reimbursement have been going on this summer. If you still need to get these items, you may stop in our office any business day or during the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow on Saturday, September 1 from 3–5 p.m. or Sunday, September 2 from 11 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

We are currently taking student names and information to schedule tutoring services. Tutoring can greatly benefit students and help them to have a successful school year. Please send your application as soon as possible to Kristie Bussler, K–12 Resource Specialist.

If your child has a special educational need, we now have a program that can assist with the purchase of items to aide in your child's education. Some possible examples are testing, software, attachments for computers, hearing devices, special materials, and educational in-services.

If you would like to find out more about our services or you have questions or concerns, please contact us at the Department of Education at 58620 Sink Road in Dowagiac or call (269) 782-0887. We look forward to hearing from you. Have a great school year!

## Four Winds Invitational Junior Clinic



At the Four Winds Invitational, Pokagon kids joined some of the golf professionals for a junior clinic Wednesday morning, August 8. Four Winds sponsored the Invitational, a three-day tournament for golfers trying to make it to the LPGA tour. The Invitational was held at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Indiana, August 9–12.

## Get Involved in Sovereignty Day

### Pokagon musicians and singers:

Join Keith Secola for a workshop Friday, September 21, 9 a.m.—noon. Work with a professional musician on performance tips and techniques, and then demonstrate what you've learned on stage with Keith and his band at the concert Friday night. This workshop will help budding musicians with project planning, performance skills, and cultural relevance. Mine your talents and hone your performance skills! Contact Teresa Magnuson at (269) 462-4296 by Monday, September 10 to register your spot.

### Were you in the Oval Office

on September 21, 1994? Come to Sovereignty Day and share your memories! Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 782-4141 to get more information on how you can help keep the story alive for those who weren't there, or those who came after.

### Pokagon art and craft vendors:

You're welcome to set up a booth to display and sell your work at Sovereignty Day events Saturday, September 22 free of charge. Please contact Teresa Magnuson at (269) 462-4296 by September 14 to reserve your space.

## Water Quality Specialist Protects and Preserves Water on Tribal Land

**By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty**

Since January 2011, Grant Poole, the water quality specialist for the tribe, has been drawing upon the knowledge he has acquired from working on water-related projects throughout the United States and what he has learned in the classroom to protect and conserve lakes and streams located on Pokagon land.

“I suppose you could call me the watch dog of tribal waters,” said Poole. The purpose of the Water Quality Program is to protect and restore the water resources on tribal lands. Poole conducts research on the water and analyzes the findings. “The data collected will be used as a baseline benchmark for future studies, explained Poole. “Currently, the tribe abides by the standards in its Health, Environmental Protection and Building Codes Act. The information we are gathering will be used to develop the tribe’s own water quality standards. Instead of adopting the standards of the state, the tribe can establish its own priorities.”

“Overall, our lakes seem to be in good to excellent condition,” said Poole, referring to Sassafra, Rogers and Grass lakes, all located on tribal land. “There

is some concern over the nitrate levels in the water, and we will continue to keep a close eye on that.”

Poole also monitors the streams running through tribal land. “We have species that are important to citizens, and we need to protect habitats and make these areas self-sustaining and healthy. Fringing wetlands along these waterways hold plant species such as the Black Ash; while trout, suckers and many other fish are found in the surrounding waters,” said Poole. “The surrounding land uses and channelization of waterways in the 1930s have contributed to the loss of important habitats along with contributing to issues of sedimentation and turbidity,” said Poole.

Poole’s extensive experience studying water makes him a valuable asset to the tribe. Prior to coming to work for the Pokagon Band, he worked for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee as an aquatic researcher. He also worked as a biological technician documenting streams in South Dakota for the United States National Park Service. He also spent time in Florida with the United States Geological Survey monitoring the waters of the Everglades.



He received his Bachelor’s degree in fisheries and aquatic science from Purdue University, and is currently completing his thesis for a Master’s degree in biology from Grand Valley State University. Additionally, Poole holds a graduate certificate in watershed management from Michigan State University and an Associate’s degree in Technical Graphics from Purdue University.

Poole will provide a summarized report of his research findings to the tribal community within the next few months. Additional information about the Water Quality Department’s projects can be viewed at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Water.aspx](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/Water.aspx).

## Chi Ishobak Raffles off Cabbage Patch Doll

In order to continue raising citizens’ cabbage consciousness, Chi Ishobak (which means “big cabbage” in Potawatomi, in reference to the historical use of cabbage as currency) recently raffled off a Cabbage Patch doll clad in traditional regalia.

The lucky winner was Theresa McFall of South Haven, Michigan, who is shown here receiving the doll from Sean Winters, Chi Ishobak loan officer. Theresa had entered the raffle at the July 28 Quarterly Meeting of Tribal Council.

About 50 people signed up in hopes of winning the doll in her fits-just-right regalia, designed and sewn by Christine Daugherty, of Designs by Chris D. Chris spent about eight hours working on the regalia, which included a long skirt, ribbon blouse and shawl in traditional woodland colors and materials.

Theresa said she has a small collection of dolls at her home in South Haven and planned to bring the Cabbage Patch Kid to the Potawatomi Gathering, where Theresa and her husband planned to camp.

Chi Ishobak is pleased to make this presentation to a citizens and would be just as pleased to help others gain financial empowerment, knowledge, and perhaps start a business, all of which are available through Chi Ishobak’s office at 415 E. Prairie Ronde (the old National Copper building) in Dowagiac. Staff will be happy to answer any questions. Please feel free to drop in or call (269) 783-4157.



## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa*  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
[newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

## Congratulations to These Pokagon Graduates

On June 29 the Department of Education held its annual graduation banquet at the Pokagon Community Center. The following students were recognized during the ceremony for their accomplishments. If there are any graduates that would like to be recognized, please call the Pokagon Band Department of Education at (269)782.0887.

**Trey Bickel** graduated from Mishawaka High School in Mishawaka, IN where he participated in baseball. Trey was recognized as the Kiwanis Athlete of the month and was involved in the Pony Express summer baseball league. He will be attending Parkland Community College where he received a full ride scholarship to play baseball.

**Collin Church** graduated from Hopkins High School in Hopkins, MI where he participated in soccer, and basketball. Collin was recognized for being on the honor roll, improvement in at least one core subject, and was dually enrolled at Grand Valley State University for three years. Collin is the current Pokagon Band Senior Youth Council Chairperson. He will be attending Michigan State University to study Astrophysics.

**Chasity Ferguson** graduated from Bangor High School in Bangor, MI where she received the most laid back award. Chasity has been involved with the Pokagon Band Summer Youth Camp. She plans on going to college or joining the Navy.

**Michael Gamache** graduated from Marcellus High School in Marcellus, MI where he participated in marching and jazz band. Michael was dually enrolled at Southwestern Michigan College where he earned all As. He will be attending Northern Michigan University to study media arts and new technology, and also playing in their marching band.

**Kathern Harris** graduated from Hartford High School in Hartford, MI where she was recognized for being on the honor roll and improvement in at least one subject area. Kathern participated in varsity softball, jazz choir, and health care club. Kathern was also recognized as phlebotomy student of the month. She will be attending Western Michigan University to study nursing and will be doing her clinical at Lakeview Hospital as a phlebotomist.

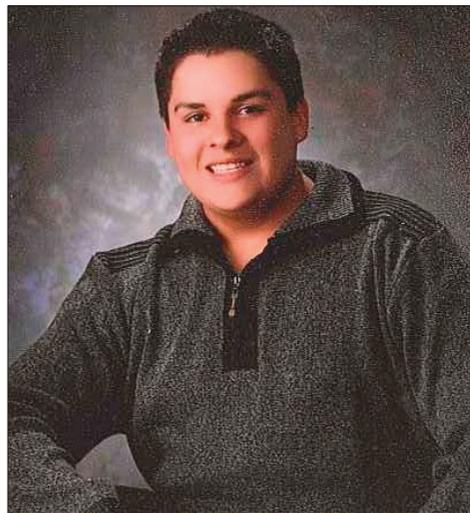
**David Heisel** graduated from Blossom Land Learning Center in Berrien Springs, MI where he was recognized as student of the month.

**Mychele Margiotta** graduated from Saint Joseph High School in Saint Joseph, MI where she was recognized as a student cadet, and advocate for autistic children. Mychele also spoke with the Berrien RESA to integrate autistic children in regular classrooms. Mychele participated in band, concert band, choir, and chorale. She will attend a community college to obtain a CAN with plans of transferring to Ferris State or Grand Valley to obtain her PhD.

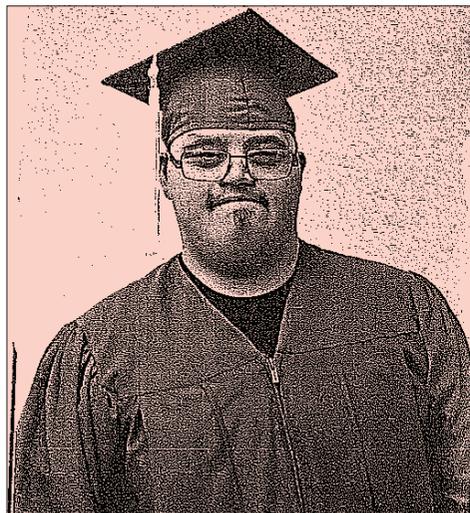
**Nathan Sturgeon** graduated from Saint Joseph High School in Saint Joseph, MI where he was recognized for improvement in at least one core subject. Nathan participated in golf, tennis, track, and wrestling. He received a scholarship from Kendall College Portfolio Design Class 2011, and will attend Kendall College of Art and Design to study industrial design.

**Ksinya Topash** graduated from Buchanan High School in Buchanan, MI where she was recognized for being on the honor roll. She received an honors scholarship from Southwestern Michigan College where she will attend school in the fall.

**Madelynne Winchester** graduated from Lake Michigan Catholic High School in Saint Joseph, MI where she was recognized as student of the month. Madelynne participated in the Southold Summer Dance Intensive, and taught at Miss Michele and Company for six years. She will be attending Southwestern Michigan College in the fall and then transferring to Oklahoma City University to earn a degree in dance.



Collin Church



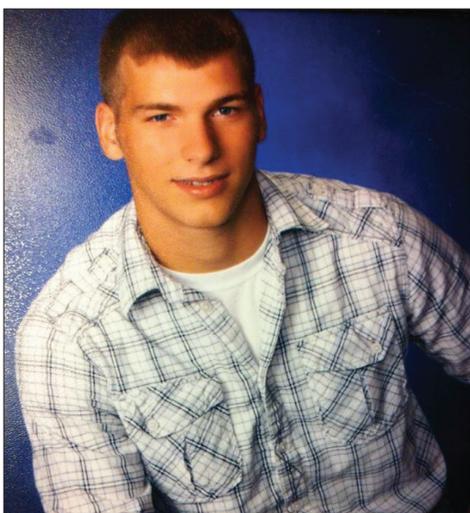
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Maddie Winchester



Michael Gamache



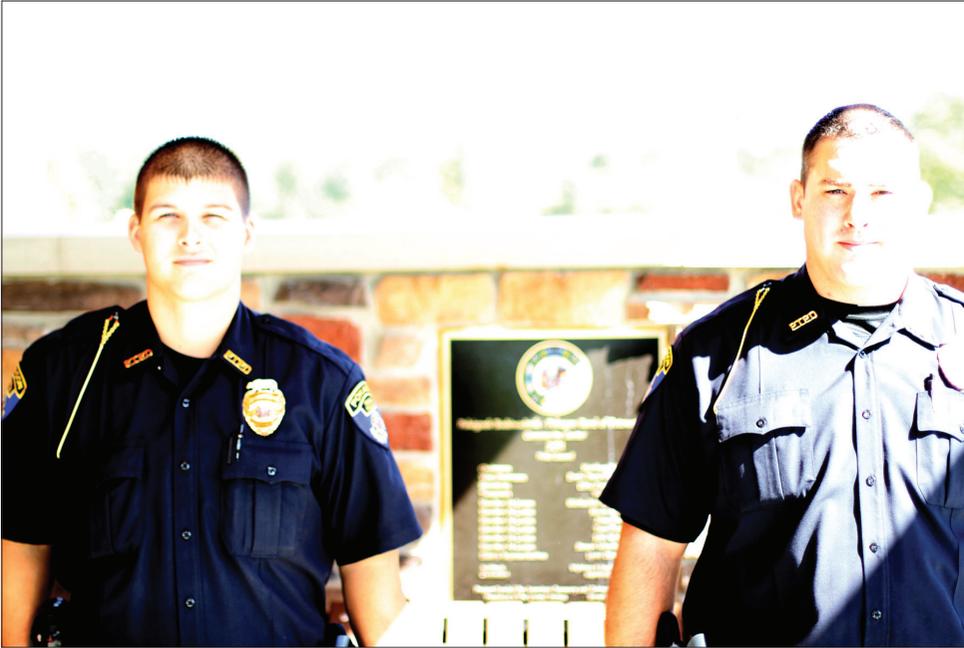
Trey Bickel



Nathan Sturgeon



Mychele Margiotta



The two Pokagon police recruits, James Ivy and Eric Shaer, recently graduated from the Police Academy at Grand Valley State University and are ready to now start the next step of this inaugural Pokagon recruit program. The two began their 16-week field training August 27, learning from and working with experienced Pokagon Tribal Police officers. After field training the two will attend school to receive their federal law enforcement certification from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.



At the August 18 Tribal Council meeting, new members of Tribal Council, and the Senior and Junior Youth Council were sworn in to officially begin their new terms. Top, from left to right, Lynn Davidson, Matthew Wesaw and Alan Morsaw. Bottom, from left to right, Robert Dick, Ted Wesaw, Daniel Dick, Sammie Cook, Autumn Martin, Kyle Malott, Cassondra Church, Jenna Hoffman, and Collin Church.

## Potawatomi Zoo Recognizes Band

At its annual fundraiser August 17, the Potawatomi Zoo recognized the Pokagon Band for its support of the Zoo's recently-opened North American River Otter exhibit. Majel DeMarsh and Julie Farver accepted the award on behalf of the Band, and Majel told the attendees about the two exhibit otters she and Clarence White named: Kedegakwe (Keh-deh-gah-kwa), which means shadow in Potawatomi, and Gde-wi, which means water lily.



POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

## Youth Cultural Events | September

### Youth Store Now "OPEN"

The youth store will be having its Grand Opening premier at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow. There will be an assortment of merchandise for purchase. There will also be information at the booth explaining the projects mission and new location. If you are a youth between the ages of 15–24 and would like to get involved please contact Conrad Church.

**Date:** Saturday, Sept 1 – Sunday, Sept 2  
**Time:** 8:00 am – 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Rodgers Lake

### Youth Council Business Meeting

**JUNIOR YOUTH COUNCIL** [ages 12–18.] Jr. Youth Council has a lot social, cultural and leadership opportunities planned for the coming months. Some upcoming events include the All Tribes Youth Retreat and the NCAI Conference in October, and the Mid-Year UNITY. If you are interested in becoming a member of youth council please contact Conrad Church to sign-up.

**Date:** Saturday, Sept 22  
**Time:** 9:30 am – 11:00 am  
**Location:** Finance Conference Administration Building

**SENIOR YOUTH COUNCIL** [ages 18–24] Young adults that are interested in Sr. Youth Council, please come out and join us for our next business meeting. The Big Brothers Big Sisters initiative is underway and we are now looking to identifying new projects. Also there's another exciting upcoming opportunity for Youth Council members; the Annual NCAI Conference which will be held in Sacramento, CA in October. Develop your professional skills, leadership skills and help your tribal community. Get involved!

**Date:** Saturday, Sept 2  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 am  
**Location:** Youth Council Booth Pow wow arena

### Youth Council Booth at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa

Stop by the Youth Councils booth at the labor day pow wow! There will be information about youth council, as well as applications for youth between the ages of 12–24 to sign-up. Youth Council members will also be helping the pow wow committee as pow wow volunteers and by collecting pop cans to recycle for a fundraiser. Please stop by the booth and say bozho, sign-up and/or help out.

### Pow Wow Club

This is an opportunity for youth to learn about pow-wow culture. During these events participants will learn about pow wow dancing, drumming, regalia making and etiquette. Pow wow club is a new program, so please join us to give your input as explore this fun new group.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 12  
**Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Community Center  
**Date:** Saturday, September 29  
**Time:** 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### Pokagon Youth Basketball Team

If you are interested in staying healthy and being fit, join the Pokagon Youth Basketball Team. This program is for youth between the ages of 12–18. Games are on either Saturday or Sunday. If you are interested call Conrad Church.

**Date:** September 23–November 11  
**Time:** TBA  
**Location:** Courthouse Athletic Center, Kalamazoo or Byron Center

### Upcoming Events

- National Congress of the American Indians (NCAI), October 19 – 28, Sacramento, CA
- Michigan All Tribes Native Youth Councils Retreat, Friday, October 5, 2012 – Monday, October 8, 2012, Camp Daggett, Traverse City, MI

### Pokagons Take a Healthy Step with Education



## Notice of Open Position | Tribal Art Review Committee

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to fill a vacancy on the Pokagon Band Tribal Art Review Committee. The committee is currently looking for an alternate to fill in when other members are unable to attend meetings. The Tribal Art Review Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving Pokagon art to be sold in the Four Winds Gift Shop, maintaining The Pokagon Fund Art Gallery, and other projects as assigned by Tribal Council such as choosing art for display in tribal owned buildings. The

committee holds one meeting a month in Dowagiac and once a month in New Buffalo. Each meeting lasts 1–2 hours.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To serve on the Tribal Art Review Committee, a person must be an enrolled Pokagon citizen and at least 18 years of age.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Please submit letters of interest to:

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



Chairman Matt Wesaw, back row, left, joined the leaders of the other tribes of Michigan August 22 at their annual State-Tribal Summit with Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, front row, third from right. Snyder signed Executive Directive 2012-2 on state-tribal affairs, affirming his commitment to the Government-to-Government Accord between the state of Michigan and the federally recognized Indian tribes of Michigan executed in 2002, and now spanning three administrations. The annual meeting is held pursuant to the Accord.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's Department of Language & Culture presents

# Sovereignty Day Celebration



## events

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sunrise Ceremony at Long House		
11:00 a.m. – noon	Opening Ceremony at Administration Building		
12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch in the Pavilion		
	<b>Presentations</b>	<b>Crafts</b>	<b>Kids' Activities</b>
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Oval Office Memories		(on going all afternoon)
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	7 Grandfather Teachings	Copper bowls Drum making	Visit from Potawatomi Zoo
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	History	Beading Dreamcatchers	Facepainting Crafts
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Storytelling		Magician Duck pond
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Dinner		
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Shishibe		
7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Fall Ceremonies at Long House		

**Date**  
Saturday, September 22, 2012

**Time**  
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**Location**  
Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac, MI

**Contact**  
Teresa Magnuson

**Phone**  
(269) 462-4296

**Email**  
Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

This is an alcohol and drug free event that is open to citizens and staff.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture

## Cultural Events | September

### Mens Drumming Practice with John T. Warren

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

**Date:** Wednesday, September 12  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Community Center  
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

### Womens Drumming Practice

Please come and share in on the fun and please wear your skirts, and bring your drums and rattles. Practice with also be a potluck; please bring a dish to pass.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 19  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

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

### 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, September 3–5  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. [individual appointments]

**Co-ed Sweat Lodge**  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 5  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

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

**Contact Information:** Andy Jackson, cultural associate  
Andy.Jackson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov | Office: (269) 462-4261

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



## Pokagon Health Services Rolls Out New Hotline for Patient, Staff Concerns

Beginning Friday, May 11, Health Services patients and staff will be able to help further reinforce an atmosphere of high standards by sharing concerns or complaints via a new hotline.

“Health Services staff is asked to uphold the highest standards of professional conduct on the job,” said Arthur Culpepper, director of Pokagon Health Services. “Each of us strives to act with integrity every day—doing the right thing, being aware of what’s going on around us, and being willing to speak up when necessary. This program allows us to be proactive.”

The new program is called “The Right Choice” and is designed to promote an ethical workplace and provide resources to uphold high standards. Patients will soon see awareness materials designed to promote discussions about ethical issues and offer information about reporting any unethical, illegal or unsafe activity posted around the Clinic and Health Services offices.

Citizens and staff are being asked to talk to managers if they see or suspect misconduct. If doing so doesn’t feel comfortable, another option is anonymously voicing concerns. An independent reporting service is

available to communicate concerns via web report or toll-free telephone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, without fear of retaliation.

To report online, visit [www.reportlineweb.com/pokagonband](http://www.reportlineweb.com/pokagonband)

Or call toll-free (800) 775-1008

Below is the process for filing a complaint via phone:

1. After detecting unethical behavior, the patient or staff member calls the hot line or fills in the web form.
2. Caller is greeted by interview specialist.
3. The interviewer asks, “What location are you calling in reference to?”

4. The caller should indicate Pokagon Band Health Services.

5. The interview specialist will ask for details about the caller’s concern:

- Who?
- What?
- Where?
- When? and writes a report.

6. The report will be sent to the Health Services Quality Specialist and to Arthur Culpepper for follow up.

Please call Pokagon Health Services at (269) 782-4141 with questions about the hotline.



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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



**POW  
WOW**

SEPT 12  
6:00–8:00PM

SEPT 29  
3:00–5:00PM

**COMMUNITY CENTER**

**CLUB**

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For more information, contact Conrad Church | (269) 462-4254 | [Conrad.Church@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto: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. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**



## Pokagon Cultural Center Workshop No. 6

### Your Community, Your Place, Your Voice

The language, culture, and history of our people will soon have a new building to call home. The planning and design phase of the future Cultural Center is underway and we encourage the community to take part in a series of monthly meetings. A light lunch will be served at noon. Door prizes throughout the day. Gas cards are available if needed to help with transportation.

**Topic:** Identifying Settings that Enhance Program Needs  
**Speaker:** Mike McKay, Senior Architect, Erdman

Saturday, September 29, 2012  
10 pm – 3 pm

**Community Center**  
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI

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

## Time to Sign Up for Mandatory Direct Deposit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, January 13, 2012	Monday, January 30, 2012	Tuesday, Jan 31, 2012
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Wednesday, February 29, 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, March 29, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012
Friday, April 13, 2012	Thursday, April 26, 2012	Friday, April 27, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Thursday, May 31, 2012
Friday, June 15, 2012	Thursday, June 28, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012
Friday, July 13, 2012	Monday, July 30, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Thursday, August 30, 2012	Friday, August 31, 2012
Friday, September 14, 2012	Thursday, September 27, 2012	Friday, September 28, 2012
Monday, October 15, 2012	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Wednesday, October 31, 2012
Monday, November 5, 2012*	Tuesday, November 20, 2012	Wednesday, November 21, 2012

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

## Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2009	Christmas 2010	Christmas 2011	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x
418	Tina Welty				x
434	Thomas Charles Abercrombie	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x
1986	Cristian M Cobb		x	x	
2401	Teka Bennett				x
2476	Patrick Michael Phares			x	
2594	Nicole Marie Hamstra			x	
2734	Sean Carmody				x
2823	Patrick Johnson				x
2879	Melissa Nousain				x
3011	William Fox				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

## 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](http://www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov)

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

The document must be received by September 14 in order to make it on the October check run. Anything received after September 14 will be processed on the check run for November. 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.

monday

3 closed labor day



10 language

Ham and Au Gratin Potatoes  
Succotash  
Tomato Salad  
Roll  
Peanut Butter Cookie

17 language

Beef Roast  
Potatoes  
Carrots  
Spinach Salad  
Butter Pecan Fudge Cake

24 language

Buffalo Chili  
Garden Salad  
Cornbread  
Fruit  
Red Velvet Cupcake

tuesday

4 language

Chili Dogs W/ Bun  
Relish Tray  
Carrot Salad  
Fruit  
Strawberry Swirl Cheesecake

11

Pork Loin in Noodles and Gravy  
Sauerkraut  
Garden Salad  
Dutch Apple Pie  
Rye Bread

18

Ham and Bean Soup  
Garden Salad  
Yogurt W/ Fruit  
Cornbread

25

BBQ Chicken  
Mashed Sweet Potatoes  
Peas  
Sliced Tomato and Cottage Cheese  
Waldorf Salad Roll

wednesday

5

Salmon Patty  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Mixed Veggies  
Garden Salad  
Roll

12

Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, and Cheese Casserole  
Cucumber Salad  
Melon Tray  
Garlic Bread

19

Buffalo Stuffed Cabbage  
Mashed Potatoes  
Garden Salad  
Fruit  
Roll

26

Pork Chop  
Mashed Potatoes  
Carrots  
Broccoli Slaw  
Applesauce  
Bread

thursday

6 business

Chicken Salad in a Tomato Bowl  
Pita Pocket OR Bread  
Veggie Tray  
Fruit Salad  
Cake

13

Buffalo Sloppy Joes  
Baked Fries  
Veggie Tray  
Carrot Cake

20 social

Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
Coleslaw  
Roll  
Dessert

27

Beef Tortellini in Spaghetti Sauce  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Lemon Layer Cake

friday

7

Potato Soup  
Egg Salad Sandwich  
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad  
Lime Jell-O W/ Pears

14

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia  
Baked Potato  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Brownie

21 closed sovereignty day



28

Vegetable and Egg Mess  
Sausage Gravy and Biscuits  
Sliced Fruit  
Orange Juice



# september

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

**Elders Council Directory**

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(269) 783-0505/  
FAX (269) 783-0519Tribal Police  
58155 M-51 South  
(269) 782-2232  
Toll Free (866) 399-0161  
FAX (269) 782-7988**Tribal Council Directory**Chairman  
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(888) 376-9988**Tribal Council September Calendar of Events**

- 3 Labor Day holiday
- 4 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 8 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 11 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 18 Gaming Authority, Four Winds Hartford, noon
- 19 Legislative Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, noon
- 25 Gaming Authority, Four Winds New Buffalo, noon

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

**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.

# September Citizen Announcements

Congratulations to **Joe Morsaw** on his new appointment as head varsity football coach at White Pigeon High School. Morsaw, an offensive coordinator for the past three years for White Pigeon's varsity and offensive coordinator for the junior varsity for one year, teaches high school physics, science and math. He's a 1992 graduate of Hartford High School and earned his BA in education from Western Michigan in 1998.



Happy 5th birthday September 8, **Evie Alexandra Rios!**

We love you very much!  
Mommy, Lelo and Uncle Alex

Happy 7th birthday September 14 **Drake Anthony Melling,**  
We love you, Dad, Mom, Bugzie, Roo and lil' Mick



To all the Pokagons who worked on the Four Winds Casino Expansion Project:

You did a tremendous job. It was completely my privilege to work with all of you on this fantastic project.

It's such a great gift that you've all given to your own future generations. Not just because of the magnificent structures that you erected, but because your children and grandchildren and their children will all beam with pride to be able to say, "My grandfather was one of the people who built this Silver Creek Event Center." Or "My single mother was a union carpenter, and the first thing that she built was this Hard Rock Café." Be proud of yourselves and the work that you did for your people.

Keep that momentum guys, it's a promising future for us all. Wewene Wewene Wewene.

With great amounts of respect;

Madalene Big Bear

HAU! lw se enajmoyan!

**Angela Morsaw Glover** was made the head food service director at Hartford Public Schools this summer. Glover has been the head cook at Red Arrow Highway Elementary since 1996.

In Memoriam: **Harry Earl Zimmerman**, September 4, 1930 – August 16, 2009

We miss you with all our hearts. Wish you could see all of your new great-grandkids, but we know they have quite a few guardian angels watching over them. Happy birthday September 4. We love you Dad!

Dave, Becky, Adam, Billy, Alyssa, Stacey, Lil Billy, Blayze and Drayke.

Happy 9th birthday, **Michael Scott Matthews.**

Big hugs, mom Trisha, stepdad Greg Fuzi, poppa Mac Merrill, aunt and uncle Teresa and Reed Carlton, grandma and grandpa Jerry and Judy Reed, David, Danny and family,



Happy 13th birthday **Devin Boehm,** and happy 40th birthday to his dad, **David Boehm,** September 12.

Love Grandma/Mom Petey Boehm

**Adam William Kirst** and **Stacey Lee Elvidge** are the proud parents of twin girls **Chloe Marie Kirst** (1 lb. 2 oz., born at midnight, July 25) and **Sophia Lee Kirst** (1 lb. 2 oz., born at 12:01 a.m., July 25). Both were 12 inches long. They were born at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, MI, where they will be in the NICU for a while. Proud grandparents are Dave and Becky Shaw of Jackson, MI, Connie Marie LeMaster of Florida and Mark Ernest Elvidge of California.

To all who voted for me for Elders Council Representative, I send each and every one of you a great big thank you from the bottom of my heart! God bless the Pokagon Band, our families and our employees.

**Alan Morsaw**

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language & Culture presents

## Sovereignty Day Concert



The Sovereignty Day concert celebrates the strength and spirit of the Pokagon Band and its 18th anniversary of federal re-affirmation.

**Date** Friday, September 21, 2012  
**Time** 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
**Location** Dowagiac Middle School Performing Arts Center

featuring

**Gene Tagaban** (Tlingit/Cherokee)  
**Keith Secola** and the **Wild Band of Indians** (Anishnabe)  
**Don Burnstick** (Cree)





Back by popular demand! The Pokagon Band is honored to present nationally-renowned Native performers **Gene Tagaban, Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians,** and **Don Burnstick.** Gene Tagaban, storyteller and flutist, will serve as master of ceremonies. Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians will get you on your feet with popular songs such as *Indian Car* and *Frybread*. Then Don Burnstick will have you rolling in the aisles with his Native-style comedy performance, best suited for adults. And this year, several Pokagon musicians and dancers will join the performance throughout the evening, showcasing local Pokagon talent.

**Contact** Teresa Magnuson | **Phone** (269) 462-4296 | **Email** Teresa.Magnuson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

This is an alcohol and drug free event that is open to the public. Admission is FREE.

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## Language Events | September



### Elder's Language Classes

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

**Date:** September 10, September 17, September 24  
**Location:** Elders Hall  
\* September 3 class rescheduled to September 4 due to Labor Day holiday  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Adult Language Classes

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

**Date:** September 4, September 6, September 11, September 13, September 18, September 20, September 25 and September 27  
**Time:** 6:00–8:00 pm  
**Location:** Community Center, Training Room

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

### Language Workshop

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

**Date:** September 26 | Thomas Loftis, Presenter  
**Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Community Center, Training Room

### Upcoming Language Events | Shishibe (Potawatomi Bingo)

Playing Shishibe (Bingo) is a fun way to learn new Potawatomi language vocabulary. It's also a great time to socialize with other community members and to have fun!

**Date:** September 22  
**Time:** 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Pavilion

**For more information, contact:** Rhonda Purcell, Language Coordinator, (269) 462-4255 office or (269) 783-9027 cell  
E-Mail: Rhonda.Purcell@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

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