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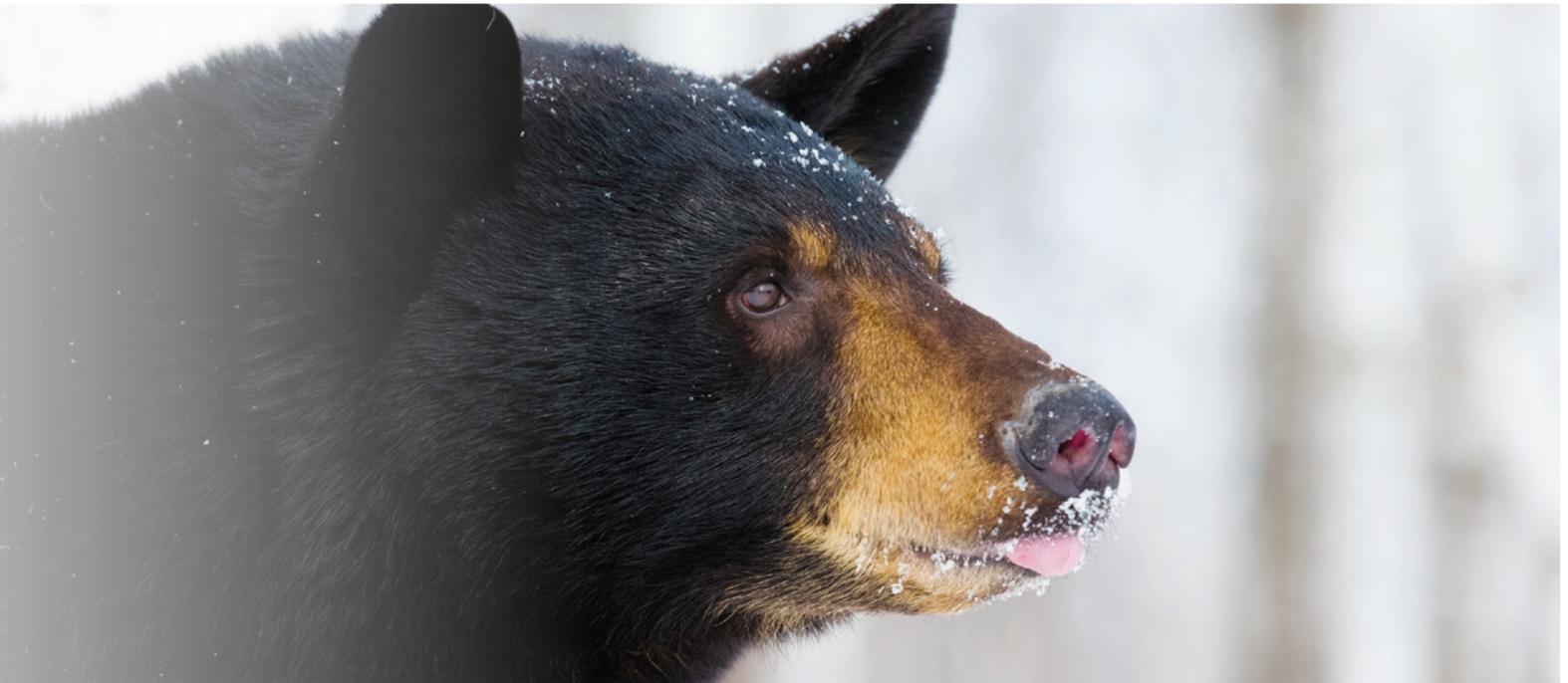
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## New Justice Center opens home to Tribal Police headquarters, Tribal Court and a Peacemaking Center



The Pokagon Band celebrated the completion of its new 23,000 square foot Justice Center, located on the Rodgers Lake campus, December 11.

“This culminates a long-term vision to centralize Pokagon government operations in Dowagiac and co-locate our law enforcement operations and our Tribal Court,” said Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Chairman. “Not only will the new Justice Center ensure our officers and judicial center personnel have access to the facilities and resources they need, but our area government partners through our interlocal agreements, will also have access to training at the facility. This will further enhance continuity with our law enforcement partners.”

The new Pokagon Tribal Police Headquarters contains workspace for up to 20 police officers. The facility also includes dedicated space for training, evidence, interview rooms, holding cells, conference space, and lockers and changing area for officers.

The Pokagon Tribal Court and Peacemaking Center will house five court staff and includes important and historical features that previous generations of Pokagon Citizens used in peacemaking and restorative justice practices in community conflict resolution including an outdoor peacemaking circle, an

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## Chairman's Corner



As we are in the midst of my favorite time of year, Christmas, it is a time to remember with fondness all of the positive events that have occurred this past year. It has been a year of many accomplishments and undertakings. On December 11, we hosted the ribbon cutting for the new Justice Center. The new Justice Center is a welcomed addition to our government complex and will be home to the Pokagon Tribal Court, a Peacemaking Center, and Pokagon Tribal Police. Construction started in September 2018 and took approximately 15 months to complete. This is another project that the Pokagon citizens should be very proud to exhibit. We have had inquiries from around

the state on what we have built and how it will be utilized.

The tribe and our citizens are facing a time of major decisions as we continue to work to find additional resources to help improve the lives of our citizens. Council is exploring several options and are prepared to embark as soon as we have all the information necessary. These are not always easy decisions but that is why we signed up to represent our tribe. I personally am very excited about the options that we face and appreciate the work of many on our Council in their desire to move our tribe forward.

In the last edition I shared a story from a young college student which was posted on a blog that I read. I want to thank all of you who responded to that article. I am going to take a chance and reprint another article from the same blog that I found interesting, mostly due to my age and lack of understanding of the newer generations. I hope you all find this just as interesting:

This morning, a media story on TV stated that in the 2020 elections, 37 percent of the voting age people in the U.S. would be Millennials or Generation Z.

Not being sure what ages that included, an Internet search was made for age of the various generational groups. It was interesting that some of the answers on the same sites did not agree; a variety of sources and organizations listed different beginning and ending years for different generations. Some of the answers are so different that you could win or lose the same argument depending on which answer to quote.

- The Silent Generation: Born 1928-1945 (73-90 years old)
- Baby Boomers: Born 1946-1964 (54-72 years old)
- Generation X: Born 1965-1980 (38-53 years old)
- Millennials: Born 1981-1996 (22-37 years old)
- Generation Z: Born 1997-Present (under 22 years old)

### What will be life expectancy for Millennials?

Considering the average lifespan is 27,375 days, an average Millennial is expected to take 25,700 selfies during their lifetime. That's close to one selfie daily. Fifty-five percent of social media selfies come from Millennials, but Gen X follows with 24 percent and Baby Boomers with 9 percent.

### What are Gen X, Gen Y, and Millennials?

Gen X, Gen Y, and Millennials are three terms assigned to generational groups; it is important to note that Millennials are the same as Gen Y. The key difference between Gen X, Gen Y, and Millennials is that Gen X are individuals born between 1961 and 1980 whereas Gen Y or Millennials are individuals born between 1982 and 2004.

### Are Millennials more likely to be scammed than Baby Boomers?

A new report from the Better Business Bureau suggests that Millennials are now more likely to fall victim to a scam than Baby Boomers. They say 69 percent of scam victims are under the age of 45. Young adults heading off to college are especially gullible, the group says.

### What does "life expectancy at birth" really mean?

The statistic "life expectancy at birth" refers to the average number of years a newborn is expected to live if mortality patterns at the time of its birth remain constant in the future. In other words, it's looking at the number of people of different ages dying that year, and provides a snapshot of these overall "mortality characteristics" that year for the population. Men usually don't live as long. A man

who is 65 is expected to live another 17.9 years (to age 82.9) and 65-year-old women are expected to live another 20.5 years (to age 85.5). These estimates differ from overall life expectancy.

### What is the difference between Gen Z and Millennials?

Gen Z have shorter attention spans and are better at multitasking. Millennials are more likely to enter higher education and value quantity over quality relationships. While Millennials might have searched for the newest Hollister tee, Gen Z is less brand-conscious and would prefer something more unique. Over 70 percent of consumers ages 15 to 20 are willing to pay more for products and services that come from companies committed to positive social and environmental impact. Most of Generation Z's parents are Generation Xers who are likely to be less self-esteem focused than Baby Boomers were as parents of Millennials. Gen X parents are aware of the negativity surrounding the "everyone gets a trophy" approach and will likely act more as a coach than as a friend to their Generation Zer.

### What are the differences between Generation X and Millennials?

The Millennial generation are more inclined to use highly advanced technology. They spend more time on social media and prefer streaming options rather than watching the television. It is a technologically savvy generation while Generation X are moderately inclined to technology with less time spent on social media.

### What percentage of the population is Millennials?

Diversity defines the Millennial generation. Millennials between ages 18 and 34 are now synonymous with America's young adults, fully occupying labor force and voting ages. They comprise 23 percent of the total population, 30 percent of the voting age population, and 38 percent of the primary working age population.

### Are Generation X considered old people now?

Generation X are not considered old people. Baby Boomers are the old people now. Society will age you, right down to the cholesterol medications and the ten-year life insurance policy.

After all of that, I just hope we all have the patience to work together toward the same positive results.

The efficiency study began on December 9 and is expected to be completed in six to seven weeks. The PGA looks forward to the results. I expect to review the recommendations of our outside counsel, Rob Gips, on the separation issue soon after the new year.

One last item of interest is to alert you to some new communication efforts. Part of our strategic initiative is communication. To that end I have been working with our public relations specialist, David Gutierrez, Paige Risser, and Jody Osbon, on changes to a more efficient way to get information to our citizens. Timing is important or, in my opinion, the information is stale. I hope we can roll this out shortly after the new year. I will be very interested in your feedback.

As always, I appreciate the suggestions that have been provided, I take all input seriously, and I hope it continues. Remember, it is a great day to be a Pokagon, my door is always open, and my phone is always on. I return all my phone calls.

Thanks,

## Editor's note

You may be surprised to see your January Pokégnek Yajdanawa issue arriving before the new year. Because of how the holiday dates fell this year, it worked best to combine the December Legislative Edition with the January Pokégnek Yajdanawa into one later-December newsletter. We'll return to our regular schedule with a mid-January Legislative Edition in 2020. Enjoy your holidays!

## Autumn Harvest Pow Wow draws citizens, team members

For the ninth consecutive year, the Pokagon family marked the autumn season with a community pow wow. Held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, attendees enjoyed dancing, drumming, specials, contests, a traditional meal, and fellowship with other community members.



## Holly Fair breaks attendance, sales records

A record 226 Pokagon and local community members spent a Saturday at the Dowagiac Middle School for holiday shopping and crafts at the annual Gwikwé'amen Holly Fair & Art Extravaganza.

Families crafted Christmas tree cones, ornaments, reindeer food, and grinch slime. A special machine also allowed attendees to get their photo taken, then turn that photo into a 3D etched cube. Santa even paid a visit.

Native artists set up booths to display and sell their works, and a number of the vendors experienced record-breaking sales. There was free gift wrapping available so shoppers could put their purchases under their trees as soon as they got home.

In 2015, 147 people attended the Holly Fair, then 140 in 2016, 127 in 2017, 154 in 2018—the first year Holly Fair collaborated with the Art Extravaganza—and 226 this year. The Education Department and Tribal Arts Review Committee plan to continue to collaborate on this event.



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## Native Nations Youth Council

Do you want to be more involved with your tribe?  
Have you considered joining the Youth Council?

We meet at 10 a.m. the second Saturday each month in the Community Center.

**Pokagon Citizens ages 12–24!**

Develop future tribal leaders

Promote and develop Potawatomi culture, language and identity

Raffles at every meeting

Team building

Provide a voice for Pokagon youth

Community service projects

For more information or to join, please contact Rebecca Williams at (269) 462-4296 or [Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov) or Polly Mitchell at (269) 462-4294 or [Polly.Mitchell@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Polly.Mitchell@PokagonBand-nsn.gov).

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## Déwégaskéwen

learn songs

with instructor John T. Warren

hear teachings

men and boys

DRUM  
CLASS

L&C Workshop, 59291 Indian Lake Road

All classes are from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Men and boys from the community may come hear teachings, learn songs, and understand how to conduct themselves as singers with instructor John T. Warren. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Women are welcome to attend with participants as chaperones or guests. A light dinner will be provided. Anyone who attends both classes in one month will receive a \$25 gas card.

No RSVP required. Please contact Nicole Holloway with any questions at (269) 783-3513, (269) 783-6131, or [nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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FEBRUARY 20 & 27  
MARCH 19 & 26  
APRIL 23 & 30  
MAY 21 & 28  
JUNE 18 & 25

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## Pidro Card Tournament crowns familiar champions

Ten teams competed in this year's Pidro Card Tournament in December, and teammates Cathy Ford and Wahsnoday Pamp walked away champions for the second year in a row.

Gerald Wesaw and Sam Olds earned second place, and Melissa and Tony Rodriguez placed third. All participants had participated in at least one Pidro Card Night in 2019, a requirement to compete in the tournament, as well as using some Potawatomi language while playing.

Pidro is a card game that was popularly played amongst our Potawatomi people in the early to late 1900s and has recently made a resurgence in the last two years due to the efforts of the Language Program. The Language Program has hosted many Pidro Card Nights throughout the past two years.

The next Pidro Card Night is January 24 at 7 p.m. at the Language & Culture Building. Dinner and refreshments will be provided.



## Bozho Pokagon Tribal Members ONLY,

In an attempt to revitalize ancient Anishnabek spirituality in our community I am polling the members of our tribe to see if there will be enough of an interest for this to be successful as a new venture for me. As a founding member of the Pokagon Potawatomi Ogitchedaw I believe the success of this organization speaks for itself and refer to it as one of my many credentials for beginning this process.

I believe many of the problems that our community has is a result of its loss of identity as Anishnabek and that the assimilated life that we were forced into has had a devastating impact on who we are as Anishnabek people. So, I welcome all members of the Pokagon Nation to respond to my call for a poll of individuals interested in this new attempt at recovery of who we are. I will only be accepting emails of interest to Kchinodin2@Yahoo.com from members only at this time. If you know of a member who does not use the computer, you may respond for him or her. I will need your name, phone number, and e-mail address in the request for interest.

Very truly yours,

*Roger Williams* (Kookoosh mine Kchinodin)

Member Pokagon Nation

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*Little Otters*

After School Program for Tribal youth ages 5-11

Beginning January 9 | Thursdays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Family Activity Center

**Weekly activities will include:**  
Seasonal teachings, language, wellness, nutrition, and outdoor activities

A healthy meal is available for all youth attending the program.

To register your child, transportation or general questions please contact Rebecca Williams

For more information, please contact Rebecca Williams at (269)462-4296 or Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or contact Susan at Susan.Doyle@PokagonBand-nsn.gov contact

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## Pokagon Band supporting the community

The Pokagon Band has been continuing to support high profile community development efforts in the region lately.

The Band and its Four Winds Casinos donated thousands of holiday food boxes to those in need for the fifth year. Volunteers from the Pokagon Band and its Four Winds Casinos handed out hundreds of boxes November 26 and December 19 at the Food Bank of Northern Indiana in South Bend. Boxes were passed out on a first come, first serve basis to recipients in their vehicles. Holiday food boxes were also provided to local churches and food pantries in Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan, Decatur Human Services in Michigan, and Feeding America in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Each box included a turkey, potatoes, traditional stuffing, a can of corn, a can of cranberries, and a pumpkin roll.



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Let's Make Regalia

Kë Wzhetomen  
Mizhathëwen

Please join us at this year's series of regalia making workshops. The instructors focus on assisting participants in making traditional regalia for men and women while sharing the necessary regalia teachings on how it should be worn and cared for. We have a limited supply of sewing machines, irons, and materials. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own sewing machines and materials if possible. There will be instructors available to assist with sewing and measuring to create patterns.

No RSVP is required.  
Meals are potluck, so please bring a dish to pass.

Classes will be held at the  
**Language & Culture  
Activity Room: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**January 12 and 26  
February 9 and 23  
March 8 and 22  
April 5 and 19  
May 3 and 10**

Tribal Citizens, Spouses, and Parents/Guardians of Tribal Children are welcome to attend.

\*\*Please refer to the Indian Arts and Crafts Act regarding the federal laws that protect Native American artisans and the penalties for violating them.

Please contact Nicole Holloway at 269-783-3513 (desk), 269-783-6131 (cell) or Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov for any questions.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Breastfeeding &  
Breast Cancer Awareness  
Shawl Workshop | Regalia Workshop  
at Language & Culture

Join us in creating your own shawl to bring awareness to the importance of breastfeeding and breast cancer awareness. These shawls will be danced at Pokagon Band's pow wows. We will make our shawls as part of Language & Culture's ongoing regalia making workshops beginning in January and continuing through May.

**Join us at noon to 5pm :  
January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23,  
March 8 and 22, April 5 and 19, May 3 and 10**

Shawl and appliqué materials will be provided. For more information, contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 783-3513 office or email Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov. For additional questions, please contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406.

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## New Justice Center opens home to Tribal Police headquarters, Tribal Court and a Peacemaking Center, continued from page one

indoor healing fire room, and a circular courtroom. The center blends modern features with traditional elements used in our culture to resolve conflicts. These purpose-built facilities will offer the space for cultural activities as well as places for elders, veterans, and other groups to host talking circles or gatherings.

The architect for the project was Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering, LLC, (Seven Generations), a wholly owned by Mno-Bmadsen, the non-gaming investment arm of the Pokagon Band. Construction was completed by CSM Group.



## Tribal Police take Pokagon kids to shop with a cop

Fifteen Tribal Police officers helped more than a dozen Pokagon kids with their Christmas shopping recently during this year's Shop with a Cop, a day where kids from our tribe get to shop for presents for their families and themselves.

The cops, who in most cases attended the event on their days off, and the kids shopped at the Niles Wal-Mart with \$200. Afterward they met up at the Community Center with volunteers from Zagbëgon and elders to wrap their gifts and meet Santa Claus.

"We really appreciate the officers and volunteers," said Dan Stohrer, youth services coordinator. "The kids are thankful. Usually they only want to buy for their family and have to be convinced to buy something for themselves."



## It's time for HLC's Jump In January!



If you haven't joined the HLC movement, you'll want to in 2020. All participants who register and measure by January 17 will get an HLC gift representing each of the four pillars: physical, nutrition, emotional, and rest. And then participants will be entered into a drawing for a fun winter activity package: a ski, snowmobile, ice fishing, or sleigh ride weekend or tickets to an NBA game. Three 2020 HLC participants will win their choice of these prize options.

These winners and the two 2019 HLC Grand Prize winners will be announced via webcast Monday, January 21 at 7 p.m. Tune in to see who the lucky winners are by visiting [www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov](http://www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

## Higher Education Assistance Program (HEAP) received 159 winter/spring applications

The Higher Education Assistance Program (HEAP) is working through 159 applications for winter/spring 2020 semesters. They can only process completed applications, and the later an application is sent in, the later it will be processed. Please keep this in mind as you send in your application and supporting documents.

HEAP received 266 applications for the fall 2019 semester, and below are numbers that reflect how many types of applications HEAP has received just for the winter/spring 2020 semester.

67 Completed applications received on or before deadline

45 Incomplete applications received on or before deadline

58 Completed applications received after deadline

96 Applications processed for payment as of Dec. 11

35 Applicants in line for academic advising or payouts

27 Incomplete applications

1 Cancelled application

159 Total Applications as of Dec. 11

107 Applicants from fall 2019 who have not applied as of Dec. 11

The HEAP application is available to all Pokagon Band citizens pursuing a degree with a college, university, and/or vocational school. The Department of Education assists with funding toward tuition, books, and the possibility of housing or rental assistance. You may fax, mail, or email applications. However, they do not hold onto partial applications submitted, nor do they piece previous emails or applications together.

First year/semester applicants must submit the following for a complete application:

- HEAP application pages 1-6 (signed and dated)
- Direct deposit form with box "Education Reimbursement" marked with a void check or direct deposit form with the box "Education Reimbursement" marked with "Same as Per Cap" in the account information, only if you are receiving direct deposit for your per capita.

- FAFSA (Student Aid Report) – Only need proof of applying. Email confirmation or first two pages of the report, with student's name and the academic year the student is entering. Example: FAFSA 2019-2020 will need copy in HEAP application Fall 2019, Spring/Winter 2020, and Summer 2020.

- A copy of High School Diploma or G.E.D.

- The class schedule to the school they will be attending with the credit hours reflected (vocational application require course plan/cost)

- Lease, dorm agreement, or mortgage statement in student's name required if requesting housing assistance for the semester. See policy or page 6 of the HEAP application for more information if student qualifies.

Continuing year/semester applicants must submit the following for a complete application:

- HEAP application pages 1-6 (signed and dated)
- Only if there have been changes to your account: Direct deposit form with box "Education Reimbursement" marked with a void check or direct deposit form with the box "Education Reimbursement" marked with "Same as Per Cap" in the account information. Only if you are receiving direct deposit for your per capita.
- FAFSA (Student Aid Report) – Only need proof of applying. Email confirmation or first two pages of the report, with student's name and the academic year the student is entering. Example: FAFSA 2019-2020 will need copy in HEAP application Fall 2019, Spring/Winter 2020, and Summer 2020.

- A copy of current unofficial transcript, within two weeks of HEAP application submission. Grades will typically not be reflected due to the semester not being complete, however we are checking for dropped/withdrawn classes. We will be a semester behind in grades as due dates are before grades post. If we paid for dropped/withdrawn classes, you will need to submit a Higher Education Scholarship Class Withdrawal Repayment Form (owed amount is book and credit hour we paid)

- The class schedule to the school they will be attending with the credit hours reflecting (vocational application require course plan/cost)

- Lease, dorm agreement, mortgage statement in student's name required if requesting housing assistance for the semester. See policy or page 6 of the HEAP application for more information if student qualifies.

Visit [Pokagon.com/HEAP](http://Pokagon.com/HEAP) for more information.

## Be aware of what Purchased/Referred Care covers

The Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) program can help pay for your many of your medical bills if you are a Pokagon Band citizen who lives in the ten-county service area.

This program is not an insurance plan but is run with a grant received from the federal government. Some of the bills paid by PRC include surgeries, MRIs and x-rays, colonoscopies, mammograms, specialist visits, eye exams, hearing aids etc. Some things PRC does not pay for are any service already available at Pokagon Health Services, home health services and skilled nursing facilities (nursing home), contact lenses, bariatric surgeries, acupuncture, or dental implants.

To find out more about the program and if you qualify, please call our Purchased/Referred Care line on (269) 462-4401 during office hours.

For citizens who have already signed up for the program, please remember the following:

- **You must have a referral from your provider before PRC can pay for your bills**

If you need to see a specialist or get testing or need a medical or dental service that you cannot get at Pokagon Health Service, speak to your Primary Care Provider, Dental office or Behavioral Health office at Pokagon Health Services first.

- **You must tell us about your appointment date and time as soon as possible**

We need this information to make sure it will be approved and paid for. For medical appointments call your referral specialist:

- if your last name starts with A – L, call Candice Cady, (269) 462-4421
- if your last name starts with M – Z, call Coralee Graham, (269) 462-4407
- For eye exams call Angela Lianez on (269) 783-2474
- For dental appointments call Heather Stack on (269) 462-4420
- If you get an answering machine, leave your name, telephone number, date of birth, provider's name, date and time of the appointment, and if you want a call back to confirm, you will hear from us in one business day.
- We cannot guarantee PRC can pay for your visit if you call us the same day as your appointment.
- If your file is not up to date with PRC at the time of your appointment, PRC will not be able to pay for your visit
- **If you are having a medical emergency where you feel your life or limb is in danger, please go to your nearest Emergency Room.**

You, or someone you choose, must call us to report your ER visit as soon as possible. If it is not reported within 72 hours, PRC will not be able to help pay for it. You may call the Pokagon Health Services number (888)-440-1234 at any time. If the office is closed your message will be taken by our after-hours answering service and reach us the next business day.

- **If you need to see a doctor urgently**, please call Pokagon Health Services and ask to schedule a same day visit. We have providers with time set aside every day who can see you even if they are not your Primary Care Provider.
- **If you need urgent care and Pokagon Health Services is closed** and your symptoms can't wait for the next open day, you may use an after-hours urgent care clinic. You must report your visit to us within 72 hours. Once your Emergency Room or Urgent Care visit is reported, it is reviewed by the Medical Care Review Committee to make sure it is appropriate and medically necessary. If not, PRC may not cover your bill.

- **Your file must be updated with PRC every year around your birthday.**
- Your file has information to show that you are eligible for the PRC program:
  - Your Tribal ID
  - Proof that you live permanently in the ten-counties
- Your file will also show if you have other ways to pay for your medical bills as PRC funding cannot be used ahead of these sources such as:
  - Insurance through your employer
  - Medicaid
  - Medicare, part A and B
  - VA benefits
- Depending your eligibility, our staff may request other information or documents to keep your file up to date.
- Our registration staff can be reached at (888)-440-1234 or you may speak to any registration staff directly in the PHS Clinic, Dental or Behavioral Health offices.
- **If you need help applying for Medicaid, Medicare, VA benefits** or have questions about some of these programs, please call our healthcare navigator Carlos Aguayo on (269) 462-4418
- **If you get a bill from a doctor or hospital that you think PRC should be paying for, please call us right away!** Carlee Maddox at (269) 462-4411 can work with your provider to make sure your bills are sent to us directly for payment.

The PRC team is here to help you, so please call us if you have any questions! You can call your referral specialist or the PRC line at (269) 462-4401.

### POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK HEALTH SERVICES



Pokagon Health Services | Multi Purpose Room  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**JANUARY 9    MARCH 26    MAY 28    JULY 30    OCTOBER 22**

Sign up at [MIBlood.org](http://MIBlood.org) or contact Elizabeth Leffler at [elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or (269) 462-4406.

## Chi Ishobak receives \$1,088,000 to support tribal communities

Chi-Ishobak has received \$1,088,000 from the U.S. Department of Treasury's Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program to offer products and services to build capacity for Pokagon citizens in the areas of professional and personal finance.

Sean Winters, Executive Director of Chi Ishobak, said that the funding is to be used solely for programmatic purposes.

"Every dollar will be put into the hands of our native market for consumer or commercial loan capital," he said. "This is the fourth time we have received this funding, and it's our largest to date. We are super excited; it will definitely have a positive impact in Indian Country for tribal entrepreneurs and tribal consumers."

The CDFI Program invests in and builds the capacity of CDFIs to serve low-income people and underserved communities lacking adequate access to affordable financial products and services.

Chi Ishobak is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2009 promote the improvement of the financial capacity of all Tribal members by equipping them with the skills, knowledge and confidence that they need to make informed judgments and to make effective decisions with respect to their current

and future personal and household circumstances. Chi Ishobak provides tribal citizens with the tools and opportunities needed for meaningful lives and self-sufficiency, whether through employment, self-employment, or traditional life-ways.

By building capacity for native citizens, Chi Ishobak is helping rebuild the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi as well as Indian Country into supportive and nurturing communities, strong in language and culture.

For more information: [www.chiishobak.org](http://www.chiishobak.org)

The NACA Program facilitates the creation and advancement of Native CDFIs. Organizations funded through the NACA Program serve a wide range of Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities, and reflect a diversity of institutions in various stages of development, including: organizations in the early planning stages of CDFI formation; tribal entities working to certify an existing lending program; and established Native CDFIs in need of further capacity building assistance.

## Save money in the New Year



**CHI ISHOBAK**

When you want to get started on a savings plan, sometimes it is easiest to start with small, simple changes. Even pennies add up over time. Here are a few tips to help you get started on your journey to financial freedom. Follow some or all of these tricks to save money this year.

- Say goodbye to paid TV.** Cable television, satellite dish service or any other pay television service is a luxury. By switching to affordable subscription services like Netflix, you can keep up with all your favorite TV shows, but usually a season behind the original air date. Waiting a few months can help you save hundreds of dollars each year.
- Invest in energy savings.** Install insulation in your home. Adjust your thermostat. Energy-efficient light bulbs and appliances can help reduce your monthly utility bills. Turn off the lights on when you leave a room.
- Brown bag your lunch.** You know the high cost of eating out, so take the time to pack a lunch and cut down on the restaurant costs. A few little steps toward preparing more food can help you get good with money.
- Get creative with your savings.** Some more creative ways to save money might include making "phantom" purchases. Remember that new purse you didn't buy? Deposit the money into savings as if you did. Do the same any time you avoid a purchase you might have made before your new savings plan.
- Cut coupons and use sales.** You can save big on your grocery bill with coupons, store offers and match programs. Couponers can save more than \$1,000 per year.
- Look at value, not price.** One of the big mistakes many people make is assessing a purchase based on the cost, not the value. Some major purchases can save you money in the long run. It might cost a bit more to invest in new kitchen appliances, but if it helps you cook at home more, it's a big help.
- Make a realistic budget and stick to it.** Sure, budgeting is not exactly a fun way to spend your day, but it can help you get control over your spending. Look at your bank statements and receipts for several months. You can't budget effectively unless you know where your money is going. Once you've seen where your spending goes, you can develop money saving strategies that work for you.



Call Chi Ishobak Today! (269) 783-4157 | [www.chiishobak.org](http://www.chiishobak.org)

## Elders invited to technical training classes



Elders, have you ever wanted to learn more about technology but never had the opportunity to learn? The Department of Education would like to give you (and your spouse) that chance. On Thursday, December 19 you can learn about using browsers, searching the web, passwords, cybersecurity, phone security, and operating Windows. The classes will be held at the Department of Education's Training Room at 3:00 p.m. Please contact Donald Sumners at (269) 462-4237 with questions.

**VETERANS  
TALKING  
CIRCLE**

**First Tuesday of every month  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Government Annex**  
(across from Rodgers Lake  
campus main entrance)  
58620 Sink Rd. Dowagiac, MI 49047

Veterans and veteran  
spouses welcomed.

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## Pokagon Band Elders Snow Removal Reimbursement Application Form

December 1, 2019 through April 1, 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### Third Party Snow Removal Service Provider Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pokagon Band Elders anywhere in the U.S may be reimbursed for snow removal services provided to their residence by third party service providers. The maximum reimbursement for any one of snow removal is \$25 per household and the maximum reimbursement an Elder may receive over the entire season is \$175 per household.

You are responsible for finding your own third party snow removal service provider. You will not be reimbursed if you are the person who removes snow from your own driveway. Except for those residing at Phase II (Rent to Own), those residing at Pokagon Band Housing are not eligible for reimbursement, as the Pokagon Band already provides snow removal.

To be eligible for reimbursement, you must complete and return this application. Additionally, you must include the invoice(s) or receipt(s) from third party service provider. All invoices or receipts must be from the third party service provider and not the Elder. We may contact your third party snow removal provider for verification. **Incomplete applications, applications without invoice(s)/receipt(s), and applications received after April 15, 2018 will not be processed.**

The completed application with accompanying invoice(s)/receipt(s) must be returned to:

Elders Council  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

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

By my signing below, I certify that all information provided on this application is true/correct.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Kché Mko gize

Nëm'e gizhëk SUNDAY	Ngot gizhëk MONDAY	Nizh gizhëk TUESDAY	Aptë gizhëk WEDNESDAY
29	30	31 Tribal Government offices closed in observation of New Year's Eve	Tribal Government offices closed in observation of New Year's Eve
5	6 Language at L&C with Christine Morseau Day Language with John Winchester Elders Health & Wellness Language with Kyle Malott Youth Language with Shannon Snay	7 Afterschool Program Wellbriety Language with Shannon Snay Veterans Talking Circle Dowagiac Language with John Winchester	Elders Health & Wellness Neshnabé Mbokén Language with Carla C
12 Kë Wzhetomen Mizhathëwen (Let's Make Regalia)	13 Language at L&C with Christine Morseau Day Language with John Winchester Elders Health & Wellness Safety Preparedness Workshop Language with Kyle Malott Youth Language with Shannon Snay	14 Afterschool Program Wellbriety Language with Shannon Snay Dowagiac Language with John Winchester	Elders Health & Wellness Healthy Lunch Language with Carla C
19	20 Tribal Government offices closed in observation of Martin Luther King Jr Day	21 Afterschool Program Wellbriety Language with Shannon Snay Débénwéthëk Parent Group meeting Dowagiac Language with John Winchester HLC Grand Prize Drawing	For Kids' Sake Collaboration Team Meeting Elders Health & Wellness Language with Carla C
26 Kë Wzhetomen Mizhathëwen (Let's Make Regalia)	27 Language at L&C with Christine Morseau Day Language with John Winchester Elders Health & Wellness Language with Kyle Malott Youth Language with Shannon Snay	28 Afterschool Program Wellbriety Language with Shannon Snay Dowagiac Language with John Winchester	Elders Health & Wellness Language with Carla C

Please check the website for the latest updates on any ca

# January 2020

WEDNESDAY	Nyéw gízhëk	THURSDAY	Nyano gízhëk	FRIDAY	Odankè gízhëk	SATURDAY
1 Offices closed New Year's Day	2 Elders Council Business Meeting Gdédèsek Kick Off	3 Elders Health & Wellness	4			
8 Business Collins	9 PALS (Play and Learn Social) Blood Drive South Bend Language with Christine Morseau Language with Kevin Daugherty	10 Elders Health & Wellness	11			
15 Business Collins	16 PALS (Play and Learn Social) Sledding Field Trip Elders Social Meeting South Bend Language with Christine Morseau Language with Kevin Daugherty	17 Elders Health & Wellness	18			
22 Meeting Business Collins	23 South Bend Language with Christine Morseau Dégégéwen (Drum Class) Language with Kevin Daugherty	24 Elders Health & Wellness	25			
29 Business Collins	30 Zagbégon Winter Formal Community Scanning Night South Bend Language with Christine Morseau Dégégéwen (Drum Class) Language with Kevin Daugherty	31 Elders Health & Wellness	1			

Cancellations due to inclement weather. Visit [www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov/calendar](http://www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov/calendar) or call (800) 517-0777 for more details on these events.

monday

jan

6 language

Tomato Soup  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Veggie & Pickle Tray  
Fruit Cocktail

13 language

Salisbury Steak  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Mixed Vegetables  
Broccoli Slaw  
Whole Grain Roll

20 Closed



27 language

Chicken Noodle Soup  
Ham or Turkey Sandwich  
Veggie & Pickle Tray  
Yogurt

tuesday

The Business Meeting  
will be held at the  
Community Center on  
January 9 at 10 a.m.

7

Chicken, Broccoli,  
& Cheese Casserole  
French Style Green Beans  
Tomato Salad  
Whole Grain Roll

14

Broccoli & Cheddar Soup  
Ham or Turkey Sandwich  
Veggie & Pickle Tray  
Yogurt

21

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia  
Brussels Sprouts  
Rice Pilaf  
Cucumber Salad  
Whole Grain Roll

28

BBQ Pulled Pork  
Baked Beans  
Baked Chips  
Veggie Tray  
Greek Pasta Salad

wednesday

1 Closed



8

Buffalo Burgers  
Tater Tots  
Baked Beans  
Veggie & Pickle Tray  
Peaches

15

Artisan Mac N' Cheese  
Asparagus  
Garlic Bread  
Garden Salad  
Fruit Cocktail

22

Pork Roast  
Seasoned Red Potatoes  
Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Whole Grain Roll

29

Buffalo Macaroni  
Garlic Bread  
Mixed Vegetables  
Garden Salad  
Apple Sauce

thursday

2

Alfredo with  
Cavatappi Noodles  
Broccoli  
Garlic Bread  
Garden Salad  
Fruit Cocktail

9 business meeting

Swedish Meatballs  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Asparagus  
Coleslaw  
Fruit Salad/Roll/ Snacks/  
Red Velvet Cupcake

16

Buffalo Sloppy Joes  
Baked Beans  
Baked Chips  
Veggie & Pickle Tray  
Mandarin Oranges

23 Social

Walking Taco Bar  
Snacks & Dessert

30

Beef Roast  
Seasoned Red Potatoes  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Whole Grain Roll

friday

3

Pizza Day

10

Salad Bar

17

Italian Rustic Cod  
Rice Pilaf  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Whole Grain Roll

24

Chicken Cavatappi  
Asparagus  
Garlic Bread  
Garden Salad  
Fruit Salad

31

Breakfast

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 are held at the Community Center and service begins at 12:00 noon. Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onions served with sandwiches. Bread/rolls and butter are also included.

## 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 the Enrollment Office at (269) 782-1763 or the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

Name	Christmas 2018	Monthly Per Cap
Bobby M. Haynes		x
Carlin M. Elrod		x
Jeffery S. Morseau	x	x
Scott A. Brewer Jr		x
Virgle O. Edwards		x
Thomas Mix		x
Patricia Topash		x
Cory Ridenour		x

You can update your address on the PokagonBand-nsn.gov website under Citizens > Enrollment or phone (269) 782-1763 for an address form by mail.

## Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive changes/updates/additions	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 13	Monday, December 30	Tuesday, December 31

\* Please note the November deadline for changes is November 8. This is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

## Do you have old family photos that you would like digitized?



The Department of Language and Culture is looking for old photos of Pokagon families to add to the Pokagon Language, History, and Culture Archives. Select photos may be placed for display in local museums, tribal government buildings, or other places as well as uploaded online at Wiwkwébhëgen ([www.pokagon.libraries.wsu.edu](http://www.pokagon.libraries.wsu.edu)). If you are interested, please contact Blaire Topash-Caldwell at the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 782-4882. Appointments can be made with Blaire to have the photos digitized on site at L&C as well as have your digitizations copied to a CD for your personal use.

Protect the Circle of Life



## Your Flu Vaccine Protects Me My Flu Vaccine Protects You

**Pokagon Health Services FLU SHOTS | Beginning in October**

**Pokagon Band Citizens/Native American established patients and household members, and employees are eligible. Please bring any insurance information.**

Flu shots are available while supplies last beginning in October by appointment Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. You can also get your vaccine at your regularly scheduled appointment. Community Outreach nurses will give flu vaccines at the monthly Elders Business Meeting at the Community Center in November.

Call (269) 782-4141 to schedule yours today



Learn more at [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu) or call 1-800-CDC-INFO

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



## Kë Nadmadmen Let's Help Each Other Department of Education Tutoring Program

### Student Eligibility Requirements

- Pokagon citizens in Pre-Kindergarten–12th Grade
- Pokagon citizens working toward a GED
- Pokagon Elders ages 55 and over
- Four Winds employees (Pokagon citizens and spouses or custodial parents of Pokagon citizens) wanting to improve and refine academic skills
- Four Winds employees (Pokagon citizens and spouses or custodial parents of Pokagon citizens) working toward a GED

### Tutoring Options

AUXILIARY TUTOR  
Certified teacher (individual with a current teaching certificate) or  
Individual with Bachelor's Degree with academic area of focus or  
College student currently enrolled in Bachelor's Degree program and has successfully completed 60 or more credits  
Pay for Auxiliary Tutors is \$40 per one-hour tutoring session

ACCREDITED LEARNING CENTER  
Facilities which employ certified teachers or certified tutors to work with students on core academic areas, study skills, or test preparation

<b>Program Funds</b> \$2,500 per School Year	<b>Time Frame</b> August 1 – July 31
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For more information, please contact Kristie Bussler at (269) 462-4222 or [Kristie.Bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Kristie.Bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

### Tribal Council January Calendar of Events

- 6 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Citizen Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.

### Tribal Council February Calendar of Events

- 3 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 4 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Citizen Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 18 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 25 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.

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.

### Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* are not original.

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such

as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



#### How to Apply

Fill out an Educational Records Release and Title VI ED 506 Form (both can be found on the Pokagon Band website. Questions? Email [susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or call 269-782-0887.

#### Who is eligible

1. A member of an Indian tribe or band
2. A descendent of a parent or grandparent who meets the requirements in (1)
3. An Eskimo, Aleut, or Alaska Native

#### Programs/Events/Services offered to participants

- \$150 school supply stipend
- Tutoring from a Pokagon Band auxiliary tutor or tutoring facility
- Student Advocacy Services
- Join Youth Council
- Title VI Public Hearing
- Attend Pokagon Band Department of Education events, [includes: Ké Gbeshmen (Culture Camp), STEM camp, Youth Lock In, A Healthy Step with Education]

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**SOFTBALL CLINIC**  
FEBRUARY 8 2020  
POKAGON WELLNESS CENTER

Strengthen your softball skills and mental tenacity at this one-day softball clinic, consisting of three sessions: batting, pitching, and fielding/base running, broken up with nutrition education and physical/mental conditioning. You may register for one or more sessions for \$35 per session or all three for \$90.

Early registration for citizens opens Dec. 1, then employee children may register starting Dec. 25, and the general population may register on Jan. 1. This clinic is limited to the first 30 participants of each session.

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## Tribal Office Directory

### Administration

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-8998  
Toll Free (888) 281-1111

### Commodities

(269) 782-3372  
Toll Free (888) 281-1111  
Fax (269) 782-7814

### Communications

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-8998

### Compliance

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-8998

### Chi Ishobak

27043 Potawatomi Trail  
(269) 783-4157

### Education

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-0887  
Toll Free (888) 330-1234  
Fax (269) 782-0985

### Elders Program

53237 Townhall Road  
(269) 782-0765  
Toll Free (800) 859-2717  
Fax (269) 782-1696

### Elections

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-9475  
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

### Enrollment

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-1763  
Fax (269) 782-1964

### Facilities

57824 East Pokagon Trail  
(269) 783-0443  
Fax (269) 783-0452

### Finance

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-8998  
Toll Free (800) 517-0777  
Fax (269) 782-1028

### Housing & Community Development

57824 East Pokagon Trail  
(269) 783-0443  
Fax (269) 783-0452

### Human Resources

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-8998  
Fax (269) 782-4253

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58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-8998  
Toll Free (800) 517-0777  
Fax (269) 782-6882

### Language & Culture

59291 Indian Lake Road  
(269) 462-4325

### Mno-Bmadsen

415 East Prairie Ronde Street  
(269) 783-4111

### Natural Resources

32142 Edwards Street  
(269) 782-9602  
Fax (269) 783-0452

### Pokagon Health Services

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-4141  
Toll Free (888) 440-1234

### Social Services

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-8998  
Toll Free (800) 517-0777  
Fax (269) 782-4295

### South Bend Area Office

3733 Locust Street  
South Bend, Indiana 46614  
(574) 282-2638  
Toll Free (800) 737-9223  
Fax (574) 282-2974  
(269) 782-8998

### Tribal Council

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-6323  
Toll Free (888) 376-9988  
Fax (269) 782-9625

### Tribal Court

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 783-0505  
Fax (269) 783-0519

### Tribal Police

58155 M-51 South  
(269) 782-2232  
Toll Free (866) 399-0161  
Fax (269) 782-7988

### Zagbëgon

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 783-2469  
Fax (269) 782-8680

## Tribal Council Directory

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## Elders Council Directory

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

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### Member at Large

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## Notice of Open Positions

The following Boards, Committees and Commissions are looking to fill open positions. Please see the Pokagon Band website or the **Legislative Edition** for more information.

- Curriculum Committee
- Ethics Board
- Ggatenmamen Gdankobthegnanek Pow Wow Committee
- Pokagon Band Health Care Advisory Board
- KBMK Pow Wow Committee
- Land Use Board
- Rights Board
- Salary Commission
- Tribal Art Committee



Happy brithday Kay Kay Miller!  
From your family



SOCIAL SERVICES

## Safety Preparedness Workshop

Monday, January 13  
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Justice Center  
58620 Sink. Rd. Dowagiac

Learn how to be safely prepared for whatever winter may bring you at home and on the road. Refreshments will be provided.

Contact Sandra Oram at (269) 462-4279 to register and to enter for event door prizes.



Presented by Pokagon Band Department of Social Services Healthy Families Program and the Pokagon Band Tribal Police

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DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

## COMMUNITY SCANNING NIGHT

THURSDAY JANUARY 30 | 6 - 8 P.M.  
Department of Language and Culture  
59291 Indian Lake Road Dowagiac, MI 49057

Scan old family photos, take home high-resolution digital copies on CD, see over 400 historic photos already digitally donated by other Pokagon citizens; Dinner provided at 6 p.m.

Contact: **Blaire Topash-Caldwell**  
(269) 782-4882  
Blaire.Topash@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

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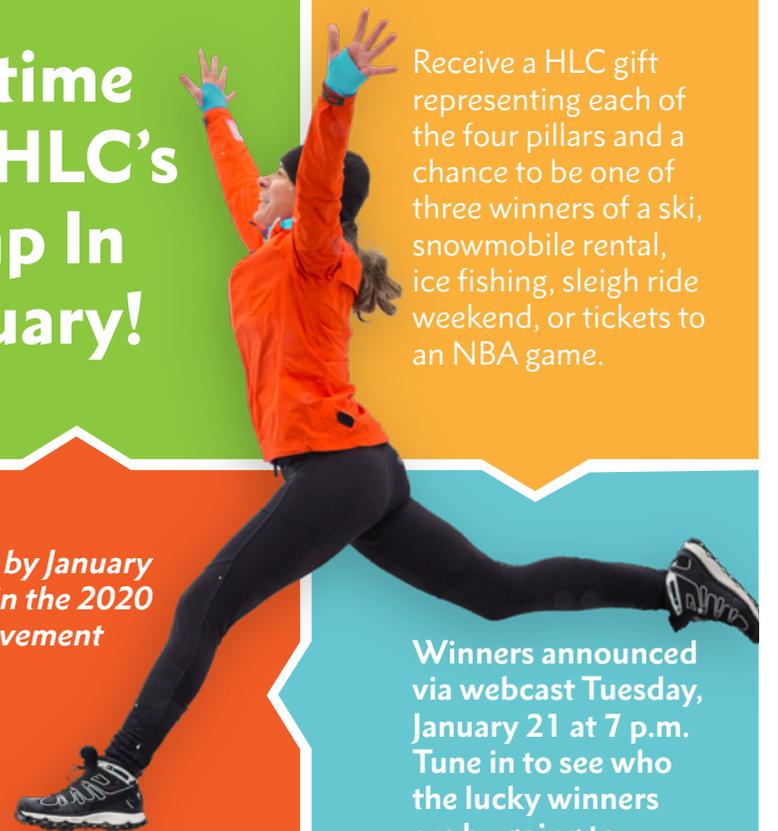
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## It's time for HLC's Jump In January!

Receive a HLC gift representing each of the four pillars and a chance to be one of three winners of a ski, snowmobile rental, ice fishing, sleigh ride weekend, or tickets to an NBA game.

Register by January 17 to join the 2020 HLC movement

Winners announced via webcast Tuesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. Tune in to see who the lucky winners are by going to [pokagon.com/HLC](http://pokagon.com/HLC)



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