

# Pokégnek Yajdanawa

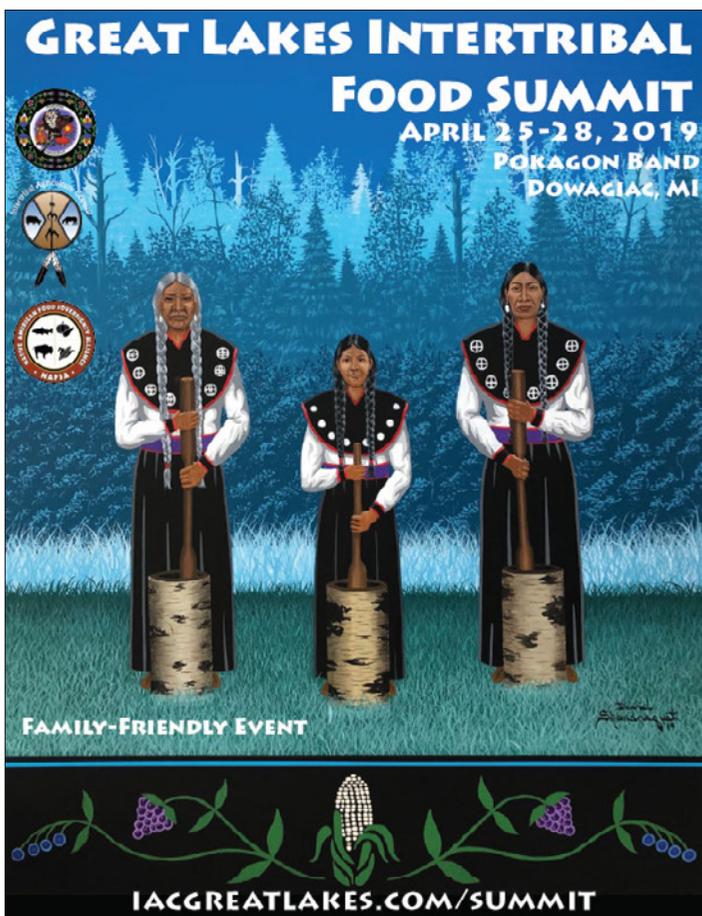
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## Pokagon Band hosting annual regional summit on Native American food production and culinary arts

The Pokagon Band will welcome indigenous food producers, harvesters, and chefs to Rodgers Lake during the 2019 Great Lakes Intertribal Food Summit. The event, in partnership with Intertribal Agricultural Council (IAC), will be held April 25-28. A concurrent Youth Summit will also run throughout the event.

The Great Lakes Intertribal Food Summit is a regional, travelling summit. The annual event brings together several hundred native farmers, ranchers, gardeners, chefs, businesses, policymakers, tribal agriculture staff, native non-profits working in agriculture, food producers and tribal leaders to share and learn together around traditional food and agriculture and food sovereignty.

The Summit highlights traditional and contemporary Native American foods and culinary arts. Leading indigenous chefs from across North America will prepare and serve meals featuring indigenous and native-produced ingredients, some wild foraged from local areas. Indigenous chefs will also hold small, hands-on workshops showcasing traditional cooking knowledge and food preparation while mentoring attending youth. A native market showcasing tribal food products and indigenous arts will be featured throughout the event.

The event opens on Thursday, April 25 with immersive, hands-on workshops on topics such as sustainability, food security, production practices, traditional harvesting, and meal preparation. There will be several opportunities to work directly with top indigenous chefs, as well as connect with native harvesters and producers to forage on Pokagon lands.

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## Mno invests in Elkhart

Mno-Bmadsen, the non-gaming investment arm of the Pokagon Band, recently announced a joint venture with Cressy Commercial Real Estate to revitalize the former Hotel Elkhart in downtown Elkhart. This is the largest privately led redevelopment project in Elkhart in over 40 years and will fill a critical economic need within the community.

The investment in the Hotel Elkhart project is Mno-Bmadsen's first commercial investment in Elkhart County. "This investment grows a very important partnership with Cressy and expands our commercial real estate portfolio further diversifying our investment holding," said Julio Martínez, chief financial officer for Mno-Bmadsen.

This redevelopment project is a collaboration of public and private partnerships, including the City of Elkhart, State of Indiana, Centier Bank, The South Bend Chocolate Company, Regional Cities Initiative, Department of Natural Resources, Mno-Bmadsen, and Cressy Commercial Real Estate.

"The Elkhart area is an important part of the historically ancestral lands of the tribe, and the city's commitment to renovate its downtown area makes this an excellent investment opportunity," said Martínez.

Upon completion in the Spring of 2020, Hotel Elkhart will offer 93 full-service boutique guest rooms, a South Bend Chocolate Café, a taproom/bar, breakout meeting space, along with a fully-renovated ninth floor Athenian Ballroom offering outstanding views from an expansive rooftop deck.



Before



After

## Zisbakwtokan (sugar camp) producing syrup

So far this season, we have collected more than 600 gallons of sap and bottled more than five gallons of finished syrup. Sugar bush leads Jefferson Ballew IV and Wahsnoday Pamp have presented to Neshnabé Mboten, ACES (a group of foreign exchange students from all over the world), Zagbëgon Academy each week on Thursdays, the After School Program weekly on Tuesdays, and we demonstrate traditional syrup processing at the Bendix Woods County Park's Annual Sugar Camp Days.

You can see in the photos some of the referenced presentations, as well as the maple tree stump tapping demonstration at Zagbëgon so the students now have their own zisbakwtokan (sugar camp) in their classroom, and Jeff Ballew III and Gina Doctor tapping a maple tree.

The sap continues to flow, and we are still out collecting daily and welcoming any volunteers. Please contact Nicole Holloway (269) 783-6131 before stopping out to check the daily hours of operation, since our hours depend on the weather and sap flow.



## Art Attack | April 26-28 | Pokagon Fund building in New Buffalo

Mark your calendar for the last weekend in April to see some marvelous artwork by some very talented Pokagon citizens.

Art Attack is an annual art event at two dozen art galleries along Red Arrow Highway in New Buffalo. The Pokagon Tribal Art Review Committee will be showcasing some talented tribal artists and their artwork for viewing and sale.

Along the route you can also encounter drawings for gifts, art demonstrations, sales, and friendly artists. If you're a tribal citizen who would like to participate in art events like this or sell your artwork in Four Winds gift shops and other venues, please reach out to [Angie.Rice@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Angie.Rice@PokagonBand-nsn.gov).

## Youth gather for the 2019 Lock-In

The Department of Language & Culture in collaboration with the Department of Education hosted its annual Youth Lock-In on Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24, 10pm-6am, at the 3 Mile Project in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Alaina Eagle Shield and Tonia Jo Hall from the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota spoke to the youth in attendance. The 91 youth also enjoyed basketball, volleyball, a Ninja Warrior course, skateboarding, language games, cultural crafts, Gaga ball, video games, billiards, foosball, a traditional dice bowl tournament, corn hole, and much more.

Citizen Tyler Mead most enjoyed the basketball court. This was his first lock-in experience, and while he says his body was tired, his spirits were high.

“The environment was energetic,” Tyler said. “The people were good to be around. It gave me something to try.”

This is an annual opportunity for Pokagon youth, their friends and other tribal youth throughout Michigan to enjoy a time to get out of their homes during these winter months, burn off energy, catch-up with friends and have fun in a safe environment. The vast amount of activities allowed everyone to remain active the entire night, which is exactly what we strive for.



## Comment on proposed changes to hunting, fishing, and gathering regulations and maps

Based on input from Pokagon citizens, Tribal Police, Department of Natural Resources, and Legal Counsel, the Pokagon Band DNR has developed proposed amendments to the hunting, fishing, and gathering regulations and related maps. In accordance with the Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering Code, the DNR is opening the comment period for citizens to review the proposals and provide feedback.

The open comment period will be open until May 15 to allow for ample time and posting in multiple locations. Please search for “hunting regulations open comment” on the Pokagon Band website to access the proposals. Hard copies will be available at the main DNR office located at 32142 Edwards Street in Dowagiac. Alternatively, upon request, the DNR can send the documents electronically via email or as a hard copy in-person or via postal service.

Comments can be submitted via multiple methods: in person, via email to [DNR@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:DNR@PokagonBand-nsn.gov) or mail to Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 180, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

**HEAP DEADLINES**  
August 1  
December 1  
May 1

Know the Higher Education Assistance Program deadlines!

HEAP deadlines will be strictly enforced for the 2019-2020 academic year.  
 To receive Higher Education assistance:

**FALL 2019** applications must be submitted by **August 1**

**WINTER or SPRING** applications must be submitted by **December 1**

**SUMMER** applications must be submitted by **May 1**

A full application packet is required for each semester. Call (269) 782-0887 for more information. **Migwétth!**

## What's that Invasive Species? Glossy Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*)



Glossy Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*) is an invasive shrub that is native to Eurasia. This shrub historically was recommended for conservation plantings, wildlife food, and cover until it became apparent that the shrub was aggressive and outcompetes native vegetation.

Glossy buckthorn leaves out earlier in the spring than native species and retains its leaves later in the fall, helping this invasive species to outcompete. Glossy buckthorn can be found in many habitat

types including wetlands, roadsides, old fields, and open woods. Glossy buckthorn is especially damaging in wetland habitats.



Glossy buckthorn has alternately arranged shiny green leaves with untoothed margins. The flowers are small with five greenish white petals that occur in clusters at the base of leaves. The fruit are pea-sized and turn dark purple when ripe. The fruit are transported into new areas by wildlife and birds. Seeds within the fruit remain viable for several years and can establish in many habitat types. The native alder-leaved buckthorn may be mistaken for glossy buckthorn; however, the margins have small round teeth, the flowers have no petals, and it is typically only found in wetland areas.

Removal of glossy buckthorn can be through mechanical or chemical means, depending on the number of plants found in the area. If you believe you have identified glossy buckthorn on tribal properties, please take pictures and report the location to the Pokagon Band DNR at (269) 782-9602.

## What's that Edible/Medicinal Species? Purple Dead-Nettle (*Lamium purpureum*)



Purple dead-nettle (*Lamium purpureum*) is a small plant in the mint family that can be found in many different habitats. Although this species is not native, it is naturalized throughout the U.S.

This plant flowers early in the spring and continues to flower for an extended period throughout the year. The flowers are trumpet shaped and light purple in color. The stem of the plant is square, like other plants within the mint family. The leaves of purple dead-nettle have fine hairs and a wavy to serrated margin.

Leaves are green in color toward the base of the plant and purple in color toward the top of the plant.

All parts of the purple dead-nettle are edible. The plant can be used in salads, soups, blended into smoothies or made into a tea. Purple dead-nettle contains vitamin C, iron, and antioxidants. Purple dead-nettle has anti-inflammatory properties as well as antibacterial and antifungal properties. As with any new edible or medicinal, ensure that you have a positive identification before use and consume the plant in small quantities at first to make sure there are no allergic reactions.

## Summer 2019 Government College Internship Program application now available

Current students looking to gain working experience in the tribal government and the economic development settings should apply now. Possible placements include the following departments: Communications, Education, Finance, Health Services, Housing, Human Resources, Information Technology, Language and Culture, Natural Resources, Social Services, Tribal Court, Mno Bmadsen, Pokagon Gaming Commission, Pokagon Fund and Tribal Police. Qualified applicants must be eighteen years old by June 3, 2019.

### What is provided:

1. Housing stipend up to \$500/month. Housing available at Southwestern Michigan College.
2. Gasoline stipend of up to \$225/month.
3. Clothing stipend \$250 total.
4. Travel Assistance up to \$500 through Special Request Funding.
5. Wage rates start at \$12.00/hour.

If interested, please visit the Career Opportunities webpage located at the bottom of the Pokagon Band website [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov) by April 20, 2019. Interested students should be prepared to upload the following supporting documents:

- Resume
- Current college schedule
- Unofficial college transcript
- Important dates for the Summer Internship Program:
  - Application due – April 20, 2019
  - Phone interviewing and hiring will begin after materials are reviewed.
  - Background checks and drug testing will begin immediately after hiring.
  - Welcome luncheon – Friday, May 31, 2019
  - Program starts – Monday, June 3, 2019
  - Last work day – Friday, July 26, 2019

If you have any questions or need assistance in the process please contact the Department of Education at (269) 783-2486 or [Allen.Halquist@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Allen.Halquist@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

Department of Language & Culture

## Pokagon Band Lacrosse Team

April 10 through May 15, 2019  
Wednesdays | 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
Pokagon Community Center

Team meeting/meet Coach Tyler Nunez  
March 27, 2019 | 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
Pokagon Community Center  
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI 49047

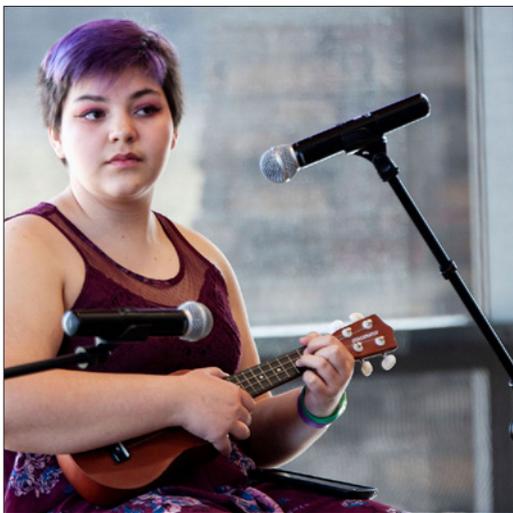
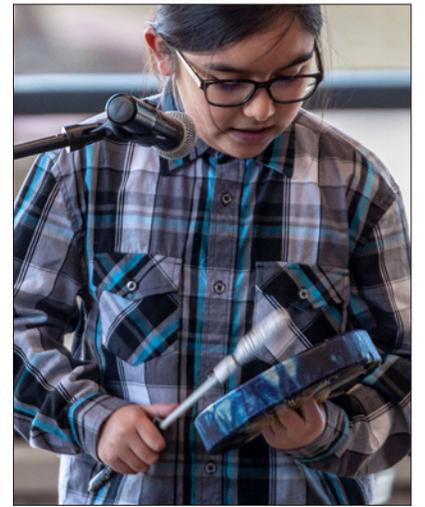
Youth are invited to join the team. Equipment will be provided and is required to be worn during practices. **However, participants must provide and wear their own mouth guard.** For more information, contact Daniel Stohrer at (269) 462-4225.



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## First ever Community Talent Show will not be the last

Our Youth Council hosted the tribe's first ever talent show this March. More than 70 community members came to watch the 15 acts featuring dancing, singing, and comedy. Jimmy Noble won "best in show"; Jasmine Rangel won "best joke." Zachariah Salano was named "best singer," and Myrissa Rowe and Journey Snyder's dance number won them "best dancer." Three Youth Council members judged the competition. Youth Council plans to host another talent show for the community in the future.



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### Don't miss your chance

to reserve a Discovery Kit, available for all Pokagon youth, under the age of 17 (by May 2019), who have a 2018–2019 Educational Records Release on file. Discovery Kits are an age-appropriate assortment of games, activities, and toys that keep youth engaged during summer months. Kits are educational, focusing on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) subjects.

*Register* Search "**Discovery Kit 2019**" on pokagonband-nsn.gov

*April 30* is the online application deadline.

If you live 50 miles or more from our Rodgers Lake campus, we will mail you your kit. All others must pick them up between June 3–28 at the Department of Education, Monday–Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Skebgyak Zhetthken (Do it green) initiative starts at government offices

Elders Council passed a resolution to reduce waste and eliminate single-use plastics. They forwarded the resolution to Tribal Council with the recommendation that the government follow suit. After a staff workgroup studied government operations to see where waste was being produced, the tribe has officially begun a government-wide initiative to minimize our footprint on Mother Earth.

Plastic waste is choking our waterways, hurting our wildlife, and filling up our landfills. With our Green Initiative, we've already instituted composting in government facilities. Now we are reducing the Band's purchase and use of harmful, single-use items.

Starting March 1, the government eliminated the option to purchase products made of styrofoam and single-use plastics like straws, cups, and cutlery. By April 1, the government will have eliminated all plastic water bottles, individual coffee creamers, and disposable k-cups.

The tribe has committed to this new green initiative in alignment with one of our guiding principles, to honor Mother Earth. Recycling is less and less efficient and effective, so Tribal Council has resolved to make our operations more sustainable.

"It'll be a change, but one for the better," said Jason M. Wesaw, government manager. "By shifting our mindsets, small actions like using silverware for lunch instead of grabbing a plastic fork or using your own refillable bottle will quickly become habit."

Our planet, and the next seven generations, will thank us.

**Skebgyak Zhetthken**  
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## It's never too late for a GED

For some students, high school simply isn't a good fit. It wasn't for Brett Parker. He attended high school until his junior year and then left, for a variety of reasons. He worked landscaping and grounds jobs and eventually ended up taking construction jobs. He noticed that he'd need to join a union to receive better pay and job possibilities. But without a high school diploma, he wasn't eligible for union membership.

"Because I didn't have my GED, I was stuck," said Parker. "I needed it to further my career; I really need it for just about anything."

So, at the age of 28, Parker decided to go back to school, in a sense.

Parker contacted Francis Kasper in the Pokagon Department of Education; he works with citizens who are interested in earning their GED. The first step, according to Kasper, is to test the student to see what subjects he might need help in. Then, the student will be matched up with individual tutors and study guides if necessary, for refreshing knowledge on a subject.

"Having a GED can make a big difference for someone," said Kasper. "He or she can go on to more vocational/technical training, military service, or higher education. Their earning potential is higher too."

Parker started in August.

"I took the GED practice test and did well and then took the GED real test," he said. "It took about three months. Now I can join a union, get an apprenticeship, and become a journeyman electrician. I'd like to start my own business someday."

Kasper says that 61 citizens have passed the GED since 2015. He'd like to help more.

"I'd recommend calling Francis," said Parker. "If you're stuck in a rut there are not a lot of career options until you further your education."

If you're interested in earning your GED, contact Francis Kasper at the Department of Education at (269) 462-4234 or Francis.Kasper@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.



## Pokagon Band hosting annual regional summit on Native American food production and culinary arts, continued from page one

Additional workshops, running through Friday, April 26, include seed banks and seed saving, discussions on sapping and sugaring a variety of trees, current and historic economies of indigenous foods, treaty resource inventories and natural resource management, soil conservation, small scale farming, foraging, harvesting and processing of a variety of products, butchering techniques, and much more.

Saturday, April 27 features a day-long Intertribal Foods Festival. This Festival will include small group demonstrations and food-tasting stations with interactive activities for all ages. To attend only the Intertribal Foods Festival portion, registration is \$25 per adult. Children under 16 may attend free of charge.

In addition to the workshop tracks offered through the Great Lakes Intertribal Food Summit, the concurrent Youth Summit features an educational section open to high school-aged youth. The Summit each year brings native youth together for a one-of-a-kind learning experience exploring issues they will face as the next generation of food and agricultural leaders in the Great Lakes and Midwest regions. Youth will focus on engaging with elders and tradition-bearers to learn cultural skills and practices like outdoor cooking and reconnecting with the land through gathering wild foods.

The Summit is open to all. There are many opportunities to learn, explore, and collaborate on issues of food sovereignty in Indian Country, including discussing relevant current events, sharing best practices, and networking with other food sovereignty professionals. The cost to attend the full five-day summit for regular registration ranges from \$125 to \$175 for food producers and tribal community members. The fee for Pokagon community members will be waived.

For more information on the Great Lakes Intertribal Food Summit, or to register, visit [www.iacgreatlakes.com/summit](http://www.iacgreatlakes.com/summit)

If you'd like to get involved, contact a member of the Pokagon Food Sovereignty Committee or Dan Cornelius, Intertribal Agriculture Council, at (608) 280-1267 or [dan@indianaglink.com](mailto:dan@indianaglink.com)



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Friday, May 17

6:00-9:00pm

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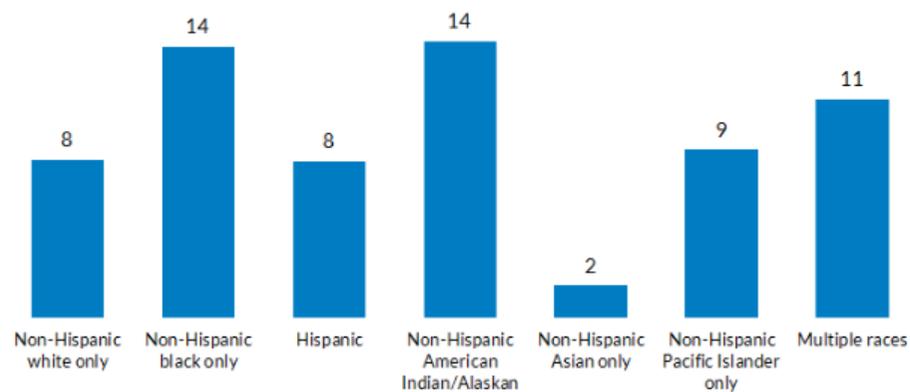
## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

By Melody Pillow, PHS medical social worker

This month we raise awareness of maltreatment of one of our most vulnerable populations: our children. Maltreatment defines almost all forms of violence against children, including exploitation, physical and mental violence, sexual abuse and neglect. This awareness month is a call to action to encourage the nation to recommit to the safety of children, and its proclamation stated children's rights: Every child needs a chance to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment free from abuse and neglect.

According to statistics from Child Trends, a study conducted from 1990 to 2014 estimated that American Indian/Alaska Native children have higher rates of maltreatment than other children. As you can see by the chart, in 2016 the reported maltreatment rate for non-Hispanic black, and American Indian/Alaska Native children was 14 per 1,000 children, and 11 per 1,000 for non-Hispanic children of two or more races.

### Child Maltreatment Rate (Unique Victims per 1,000 Population), by Race<sup>1</sup> and Hispanic Origin: 2016

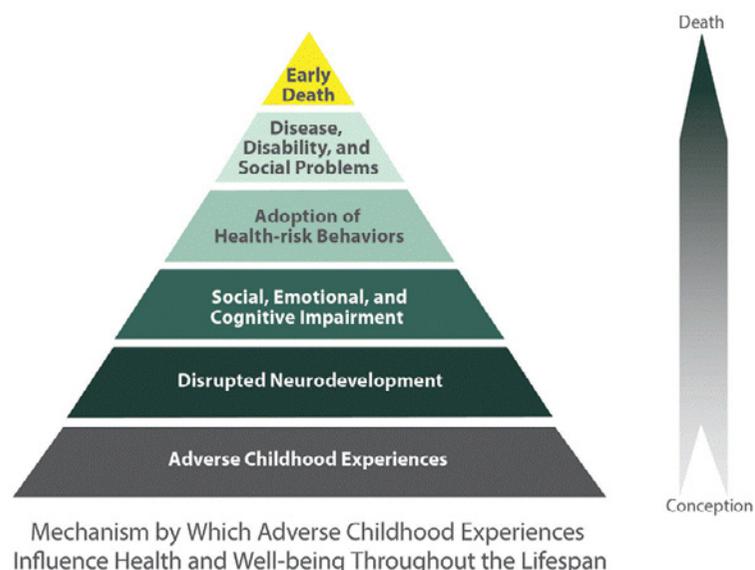


<sup>1</sup>Estimates for specific race groups have been revised to reflect the new OMB race definitions, and include only those who are identified with a single race. Hispanic children and youth may be of any race.  
Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau. (2002-2018). Child maltreatment 2000-2016. Washington, DC: Author. Retrieved from <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/child-maltreatment>.

childtrends.org

We can help children by first ensuring that everyone—adult caregivers and providers, parents, educators, pediatricians, community leaders—who interacts with children understands mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect laws, and support programs like Family Spirit, Healthy Start and other researched-based models that focus on child abuse prevention. Ultimately, by using trauma-informed interventions like the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) tool we can assess and treat trauma.

Parents are the main perpetrators of child maltreatment; reports show that nearly four out of five abusers are parents. Why is this? There are many social, psychological, and financial factors involved in child abuse and neglect such as: parental mental illness, substance use, divorce, incarceration, and domestic violence. A landmark study in the 1990s found a significant relationship between the number of adverse childhood experiences a person experienced and a variety of negative outcomes in adulthood. As you can see by the ACE Pyramid, these outcomes can cause a myriad of health issues, including poor physical and mental health, substance abuse, risky behaviors, and even premature death. The more ACEs experienced, the greater the risk for these outcomes.



Awareness of child abuse and neglect is a hard subject to address. The good news is that child maltreatment is a preventable problem. We must implement research-informed systems to support families to prevent trauma from child neglect and abuse and to better respond to trauma that does occur. Our current systems tend to be reactionary rather than preventative. To properly respond to the needs of our children, we must understand and recognize the causes of trauma and engage families and communities in healing. All agencies and people that deal with the livelihoods of children must adopt guidelines and procedures that support families.

Adverse Childhood Experiences: Looking at How ACEs Affect Our Lives & Society [Infographic]

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Discusses the types of ACEs, their prevalence, their effects on physical and mental health and society, and strategies to address them.

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect: A Technical Package for Policy, Norm, and Programmatic Activities (PDF - 3,994 KB)

Fortson, Klevens, Merrick, Gilbert, & Alexander (2016)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Presents specific strategies to prevent child abuse from occurring and approaches to reduce the immediate and long-term effects of child abuse and neglect. The package offers information to inform policies at the community and state levels.

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# Baby Celebration

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 | 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM  
POKAGON BAND COMMUNITY CENTER

The Departments of Natural Resources, Education + Pokagon Health Services invite you to honor the newest members of our tribe at our annual Baby Celebration.

Families that have welcomed babies born January 2018 through March 2019 are asked to RSVP by April 12. You must pre-register to attend. Babies will receive recognition and a small gift followed by a community feast in their honor.

RSVP AT OUR WEBSITE OR BY CALLING AUTUMN LARAWAY AT (269) 462-4327. RSVP REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

# Zisbaktwo gizhëk

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# Events April 2019

WEDNESDAY	Nyéw gízhëk THURSDAY	Nyano gízhëk FRIDAY	Odankè gízhëk SATURDAY
<p>3</p> <p>Business</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Lean Lunch South Bend Language Class Potawatomi 201</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Circuit Training Elders Health &amp; Wellness</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Community Mini Pow Wow</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Business Office</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Lean Lunch South Bend Language Class Drum Class Potawatomi 201</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Circuit Training Elders Health &amp; Wellness Pidro Card Night</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Në Mnokmèk (Gifts of Spring) Celebration</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Business Office</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Débénwéthëk Parent Group meeting Lean Lunch Potawatomi 201 South Bend Language Class</p>	<p>19</p> <p>All government offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday.</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Business Office</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Lean Lunch Potawatomi 201 South Bend Language Class Intertribal Food Summit</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Intertribal Food Summit Art Attack</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Baby Celebration Intertribal Food Summit Art Attack</p>

Please check the website for the latest updates on any 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.

## Spring: season of potholes and increased need to prepare for car repairs



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Perhaps your vehicle is not running in tiptop condition or a major repair surprised you with a larger amount due than what you anticipated. Chi Ishobak may be able to help with a consumer loan for your vehicle repair.

You may think because you have no credit history or a low credit score this disqualifies you from our lending programs. We have good news! Chi Ishobak is mission driven to serve communities and individuals who mainstream finance sees as too risky or not credit-worthy enough for financing. We believe in and provide opportunity for all.

We will be happy to speak with you about your needs and help secure all the necessary documentation to evaluate your request. Call us at (269) 783-4157 to get started on the help you may need with unexpected expenses.

Sean Winters, Executive Director

Eric Stovern, Loan Officer

Tricia Rader, Program Manager

Jenny Edge, Client Services Coordinator

## New hunter safety program available for hunting on tribal properties

Do you want to hunt on tribal properties? Have you taken hunter safety courses? To hunt on tribal properties, the completion of a hunter safety course is required prior to a license being issued. The Pokagon Band DNR is beginning a new program for new hunters taking a hunter safety course.

In the past, the DNR has held hunter safety class on one or two occasions throughout the year. We have been unable to hold a class due to lack of attendance for the past two years. To streamline the process and make it more accessible for new hunters, the DNR is moving to a new hunter safety program. Starting in 2019, new hunters can take the online Michigan or Indiana hunter education course and receive reimbursement for taking the course through Pokagon DNR.

If you bring in your certificate of completion, the Pokagon DNR can reimburse your costs for the online course. To complete your hunter safety requirements, a field day is also necessary before you can obtain a tribal or state hunting license. Depending on the number of individuals who complete the online course, Pokagon DNR is looking to have one or two field days per year, where everyone who has completed the online course prior to the field day participates in the field day. During the field day we'll focus on gun and bow safety and safe shooting. Please search "hunter safety" on the Pokagon Band website to find quick links to the Michigan and Indiana online hunter education courses.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Kë Gbëshmen

### Youth Summer Camp

#### Kë Gbëshmen 2019 Dates

Session 1: Ages 12 - 17 – Monday, June 24 - Saturday, June 29

Session 2: Ages 5 - 8 (Day Camp) – Wednesday, July 10 - Friday, July 12

Session 3: Ages 8 - 11 – Monday, July 15 - Friday, July 19

Session 4: Ages 9 - 14 (Day Camp) – Monday, July 22 - Wednesday, July 24

Registration opens on Friday, May 3 at 10a.m.

Search "Kë Gbëshmen" on pokagonband-nsn.gov.

(If your child does not want to stay the night, you must register for the day camps)



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## Youth Culture Day

### Join us for teachings

young boys traditional fire starting  
with Clarence White and Henry Boley

young girls moon time teachings  
with Dorene Day

Friday, May 10  
Rodgers Lake Pavilion  
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

To register search "Youth Culture Day"  
on pokagonband-nsn.gov

## Be aware of Sink Road bridge construction

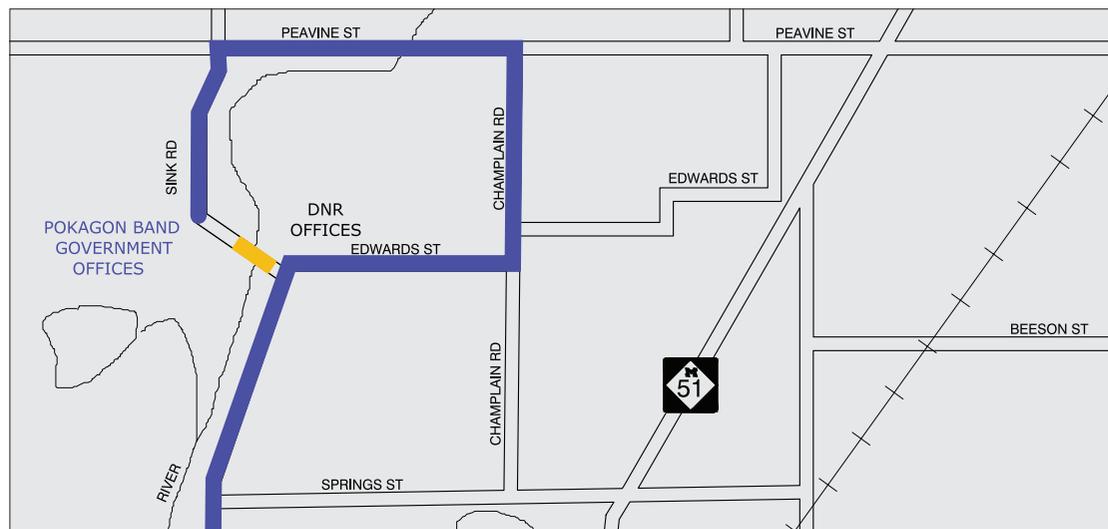
The Sink Road bridge across the Dowagiac River will be under construction this summer, and the bridge will be closed from approximately May 1 through August 30, 2019.

A detour will require that all traffic to and from the Pokagon Band government offices located at 58620 Sink Road in Dowagiac, including the Rodgers Lake campus and the campground, will need to enter and leave the site from the NORTH, via Sink Road. Access to tribal facilities located east of the bridge, including the Department of Natural Resources at 32142 Edwards Street, Dowagiac, will need to enter and leave the DNR via Edwards Street, to the SOUTH of the Bridge.

Cass County is the lead agency on this project, which is jointly funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the State of Michigan, the Cass County Road Commission, and Pokagon Township. For more information on the Sink Road Bridge replacement project contact Robert Torzynski, tribal planner, at (269) 462-0688.

### A map of the detour:

- Purple indicates detour route
- Yellow indicates construction



## Elders Council honors Antisdel



The Pokagon Elders Council recently gave an eagle feather to Brian Antisdel to honor him for his volunteer and humanitarian efforts, especially in areas where he has assisted in responding to and recovering from disasters.



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Join us for a day of  
birth and pregnancy teachings  
with Dorene Day

Saturday, May 11

3:00-7:00 p.m.

Rodgers Lake Pavilion

Dinner Provided

Please RSVP by May 8  
to Rebecca.Williams@  
pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Prizes • Fun Family Event • Food

## FAMILY FISHING DAY

AT RODGERS LAKE, DOWAGIAC, MI

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 | 8:00AM-1:00PM

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M. | FISHING 8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

- Pre-registration is preferred. Individuals who need boats, canoes, or fishing accessories need to register before the event
- You must wear a life jacket! No exceptions.
- Limited number of boats and canoes. To pre-register, search "Family Fishing 2019" on pokagonband-nsn.gov.
- You may use your own boat but the gas tank must be removed. Please note, the launch is rustic. Limit to 14-foot boats.
- Fishing poles and bait available. Participants must have a valid tribal fishing license in order to participate.
- Lunch is provided.
- Prizes!

GRAND PRIZE: CHARTER FISHING TRIP FOR 4 ON LAKE MICHIGAN

For more information, contact DNR at [DNR@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:DNR@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)  
or (269) 782-9602.

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.  
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## monday

1 **language**

Buffalo Pot Pie w/ Biscuits  
Garden Salad  
Cottage Cheese  
Blueberry Pie

8 **language**

Parmesan Kale & Sausage  
Soup  
Ham Sandwich  
Veggie & Pickle Tray  
Yogurt & Fruit Cup

15 **language**

Smokey Applewood Salmon  
Spanish Rice  
Asparagus  
Garden Salad  
Whole Grain Roll

22 **language**

Chicken Broccoli Alfredo  
Bruschetta  
Mixed Vegetables  
Garden Salad  
Dessert

29 **language**

Marinated Chicken  
Mashed Sweet Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Coleslaw  
Whole Grain Roll

## tuesday

2

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Whole Grain Roll

9

Buffalo Tips w/ Noodles  
& Gravy  
Carrots  
Broccoli Slaw  
Whole Grain Roll

16

Pork Chops  
Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Vegetables  
Spinach Salad  
Whole Grain Roll

23

Buffalo Vegetable  
& Potato Soup  
Chicken Wrap  
Veggie & Pickle Tray  
Fruit Cocktail

30

Buffalo Burgers  
Hot Dogs  
Baked Beans  
Baked Chips  
Veggie & Pickle Tray  
Dessert

## wednesday

3

Salad Bar

10

Chicken Fajitas  
All the Toppings  
Red Beans & Rice  
Fruit Salad

17

Potato Soup  
Egg Salad Sandwich  
Veggie & Pickle Tray  
Jell O w/ Fruit

24

Breakfast Bar

## thursday

4 **business meeting**

Buffalo Goulash  
Garlic Bread  
French Style Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Snacks  
Birthday Cake

11

Italian Turkey  
Stuffed Peppers  
Rice Pilaf  
Tomato Salad  
Dessert  
Whole Grain Roll

18 **Easter social lunch**

Ham  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Stuffing  
Green Bean Casserole  
Crescent Rolls  
Dessert

25

Beef Roast  
Mashed Potatoes  
Carrots  
Cucumber Salad  
Fruit  
Whole Grain Roll

## friday

5

Pizza Day

12

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia  
Mini Corn on the Cob  
Rice Pilaf  
Garden Salad  
Fruit Salad  
Whole Grain Roll

19 **closed | good friday**



26

Italian Rustic Cod  
Rice Pilaf  
Asparagus  
Garden Salad  
Whole Grain Roll



**April 18** is the Easter Social  
& Easter Bonnet Contest!

# april

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, pickles, and onions served with sandwiches. Bread/rolls and butter are also included. **Attention: The Business Luncheon is held at the Community Center.**

## 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
Evan C. Brown		x
Isaac M. Morseau-Ketola		x
Jeffery S. Morseau	x	x
Jesse A. Reisdorf		x
Krystin M. Whitmire		x
Michael G. Diamond		x
Monica J. Van Steenberg		x
Scott A. Brewer Jr		x
Shari L. Carroll		x
Sheldon W. Novencido		x
Steven C. Trudeau		x
Tyler D. Vogler		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
Monday, April 15	Monday, April 29	Tuesday, April 30
Wednesday, May 15	Thursday, May 30	Friday, May 31
Friday, June 14	Thursday, June 27	Friday, June 28
Monday, July 15	Tuesday, July 30	Wednesday, July 31
Thursday, August 15	Thursday, August 29	Friday, August 30
Friday, September 13	Thursday, September 26	Friday, September 27
Tuesday, October 15	Wednesday, October 30	Thursday, October 31
Thursday, November 14	Tuesday, November 26	Wednesday, November 27
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.



**POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

*Share a smile with dad.*  
Saturday, May 25 • Pow Wow grounds • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Celebrate the dads and father figures in your life**  
at PHS's photo booth during the Oshe-Kno-Kewewen Pow Wow. Come to PHS's mobile health unit and we'll provide a backdrop and fun props; all you have to bring is your grin. Each family will receive a picture to take home.

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LANGUAGE & CULTURE AND TRIBAL POLICE

**Stay safe. Be smart.**

Learn from experts with the FBI and the Southwest Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force about how you can better understand the problem of human trafficking in Indian Country and be more vigilant in person and on social media.

11:00 a.m.  
**Saturday, April 20**  
Language & Culture  
Activity Room

All attendees will be entered into a raffle drawing.

**Lunch provided, followed by a traditional craft.**

**This event is geared towards teens and for youth as young as 8 who are accompanied by an adult.**

RSVP by April 18 to [Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov) or (269) 462-4325.

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## Tribal Council April Calendar of Events

- 8 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Legislative Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 22 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 29 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
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- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Community Center, 6 p.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.

Dear Chairman Wesaw and Tribal Council,

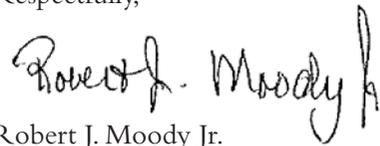
Effective as of the close of business today, March 11, 2019, I, Robert J. Moody Jr., do hereby resign my position as the Tribal Council vice chairman.

My reasoning for resignation is that the upcoming event scheduled for March 13 and 14 is not a fair and just event. I have petitioned for more time to present my case because of acting as my own defense but have been denied twice. The procedure that must be followed is in itself not fair. The members of Tribal Council have already made their individual minds up as to whether I have violated tribal law. Lastly, tribal law is very vague, as stated by our tribal chairman in a prior meeting and is a part of the official record of that meeting. If I may, I would recommend that our confidentiality agreements be updated with the added verbiage that binds an individual and the tribe to the statement of any past, present, and/or future confidences of the tribe shall remain confidential.

In closing, it has been a great honor to represent the citizens to try and attain justice and fairness for all. To always remember those who want to create a great nation again and be aware of those who may want to only use this nation for personal gain in whatever way.

It is with deep regret but with a feeling of accomplishment that I hereby resign as vice chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Respectfully,



Robert J. Moody Jr.



**POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES  
WELLNESS CENTER**

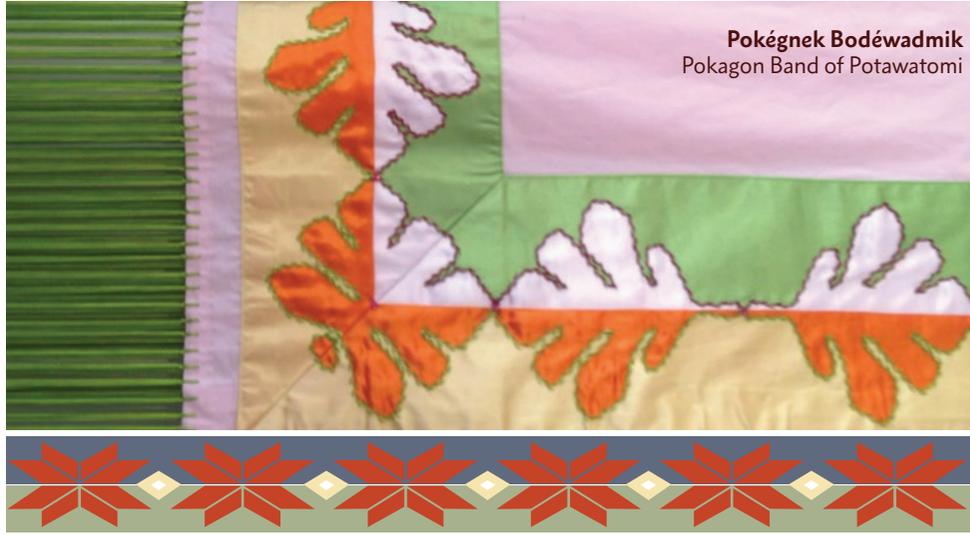
# FAMILY FITNESS CLASS



<b>WHO</b> Families with children (any age)	<b>WHAT</b> 60 minutes of activity
<b>WHEN</b> Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. beginning <b>March 5</b>	
<b>HOW</b> Structured exercise classes for both parents and their children	
<b>WHERE</b> Parents will be in the <b>Wellness Center</b> and Youth in the <b>Multipurpose room</b>	

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# Regalia Workshop

This year the regalia workshops will focus on sewing, applique, ribbon work, making traditional regalia and traditional ceremony clothing. We have a limited supply of sewing machines, irons, and materials. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own sewing machines and materials if they have it. There will be instructors available to help with sewing and measuring to make patterns. New this year: Track 1 is for people who just want to make ribbon skirts or camp dresses and Track 2 for the returning participants who have already made those pieces.

No RSVP needed. We hope to see you there. Meals are potluck, please bring a dish to pass.

<b>January</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>May</b>
Sunday, January 13 Sunday, January 27	Sunday, March 10 Sunday, March 24	Sunday, May 5 Sunday, May 19 (last class potluck and feast)
<b>February</b>	<b>April</b>	
Sunday, February 3 Sunday, February 24	Sunday, April 7 Sunday, April 28	

All classes are 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Language & Culture Workshop :: 59291 Indian Lake Road :: Dowagiac MI 49047

If you have any questions, please contact Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or Nicole Holloway at (269) 783-3513 or email her at [nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.  
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### Administration

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Fax (269) 782-7814

### Communications

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### Elders Program

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### Pokagon Health Services

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Toll Free (888) 440-1234

### Social Services

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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

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Toll Free (888) 376-9988  
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### Tribal Court

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### Tribal Police

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(269) 782-2232  
Toll Free (866) 399-0161  
Fax (269) 782-7988

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(269) 462-1578

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Julie Dye  
(269) 462-1004

### Secretary

Judy Augusta  
(269) 783-6304

### Treasurer

Clarence White  
(269) 876-1118

### Member at Large

Cathy Ford  
(269) 783-9380

## 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.

- Ethics Board
- Election Board
- Salary Commission
- Tribal Art Review Committee
- Mno-Bmadsen Board of Director Position
- Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee
- Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee

## 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.





Our congrats go out to Sia White for your induction into the National Junior Honor Society and for achieving Student of the Month at John Young Middle School.  
Love, your grandparents John & Barb White

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK  
DEPARTMENTS OF NATURAL RESOURCES, LANGUAGE & CULTURE, EDUCATION

## Nē Mnokmēk Celebration

GIFTS OF SPRING  
& Ki Gish Zisbakwtokēmen  
WE FINISHED MAKING SUGAR

Saturday, April 13  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Rodgers Lake Pavilion

Enjoy Earth Day and Arbor Day activities and learning opportunities, giveaways, and a celebratory end of sugar season feast.

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Please refer to the Pokagon Band website for weather related updates.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### SPRING INTO YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

## Selfie Scavenger Hunt

**Kids of all ages:** choose one of the favorite adults in your life (grandparent, parent, teacher, etc.) and ask them to team up with you for a scavenger hunt that will take you on an adventure all through Dowagiac. Your adventure will lead to a prize at the end for everyone participating. Dress for the weather!

Pre-registration is highly recommended since participation is limited. RSVP online before March 29. Search "Local Library" on [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov) to register.

**MONDAY APRIL 1 10:00 AM**  
Dowagiac District Library 211 Commercial Street

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Please refer to the Pokagon Band website for weather related updates.

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

## Join us for a Community Mini Pow Wow

Nim'édiwen – pow wow/dance

Saturday, April 6 • Pokagon Band Community Center • 12:00 p.m.

**HOST DRUM**  
RIBBON TOWN SINGERS

**HEAD MALE**  
TODD MILLER

**HEAD FEMALE**  
AMANDA GALVAN

**HEAD JR. MALE**  
ZACHERIA SALANO

**HEAD JR. FEMALE**  
SYDNEY OLSON

**HEAD VETERAN**  
DALE ANDERSON

**Grand Entry at 12:00 p.m. • Feast at 6:00 p.m.**

Limited Vendor Spaces Available  
Doors Open at 11:00 am  
**All singers and dancers welcome.**

If you have any questions, please call (269) 462-4325 or email [Youth.Council@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Youth.Council@PokagonBand-nsn.gov).

Hosted by the Pokagon Band Native Nations Youth Council

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