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Culture Camp and Dreamcatchers combined



The Education and Language & Culture Departments have combined their two summer programs—Dreamcatchers and Culture Camp—to create one program for youth.

The Band will now offer three weeks of summer learning and fun for Pokagon children, as well as youth from other native tribes. The camps will be separated by age groups.

Week one is an overnight camp and runs from June 26–July 1, open to youth ages 14–18. Week two is a day camp for children 5–8, and runs from July 5–8. The final week is an overnight camp for youth 8–13, and it will take place July 10–15.

These overnight and day camps are keeping the name Culture Camp, but they will not be the same as previous years. The camps will include STEM education—which was always featured during Dreamcatchers—but in ways that relate back to the tribe and our culture.

The two departments realized during 2016 planning that these two programs were for the same audience,

causing competition instead of collaboration. Together, the departments will be able to serve a wider age range and combine skills for a better experience for the children.

“I think this is setting the path for future collaboration between these two departments—on a bigger level,” said Becky Williams, youth cultural specialist. “Now we see it’s totally possible.”

The camps will feature daily traditional teachings in the long house and a balance of STEM and cultural teachings. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is also planning some outdoor learning activities, dealing with wildlife and nature.

Education and Language & Culture plan to collaborate on more projects and programs in the future. Registration for this summer’s Culture Camp opens May 16. Watch the website for updates.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/language-and-culture/youth-cultural-programs/culture-camp

Pokagon community now has its own custom blanket

This year, thanks to a collaboration between the Department of Education and two native artists, Pokagon graduates will receive a customized blanket to be wrapped in and honored with at their Graduation Banquet. Staff worked with Louis Gong, president of Eighth Generation in Seattle, Washington, and Sarah Agaton Howes, Anishnaabe, to translate culture-based vision through cultural art.

“We were able to design an image that encapsulates the traditions, culture, and sovereignty of a proud nation,” said Sam Morseau, Education Director. “The result is something that future generations will be excited to receive in honor of their educational achievements.”



The wool blanket features the Tree of Life and honors traditional woodlands floral art, the maple tree, traditional materials, and the Potawatomi role as Keepers of the Fire. The blanket was created in different color schemes—copper and sunset—to represent different levels of student achievement.

“Tribes like the Pokagon Band are helping us prove that it’s possible to update blanket tradition from one that drains resources and opportunity from cultural artists, to one that creates opportunities for cultural artists,” said Gong, who was raised by his grandparents in the Nooksack tribal community. Eighth Generation is the first native owned business to offer wool blankets.

Hartford Schools and Pokagons partner to save Potawatomi language

February 18 the Hartford School Board granted unanimous approval to a new class offering the opportunity to learn a very old language.

According to the Endangered Languages Project, Bodéwadmi, the language of the Pokagons, is officially endangered. That designation means that ten people exist worldwide who are fluent in Bodéwadmi. Right now there are only a few Pokagon speakers who are proficient.

The new class will be open to all high school students regardless of tribal status. Held after school, the course will count for high school credit. An instructor with a World Language Instructor certification granted by Pokagon Tribal Council and approved by the Michigan Department of Education will teach the course. Superintendent Andy Hubbard stated Hartford will open up the class to students from other neighboring school districts and provide those students a transferrable credit.

Hartford Schools and the Pokagon Departments of Education and Language and Culture gained the approval of the Michigan Department of Education for the course.



Sam Morseau, director of the Education Department, Polly Mitchell, educational associate, Andy Hubbard, superintendent, Marcus Winchester, director of the Language and Culture Department, and Rhonda Purcell, language program coordinator, on the evening of this landmark step towards the goal of preserving their native heritage.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Gwikwé'amen

Honoring Our Pokagon Children (HOPC)

Saturday, June 4, 2016

11:00 am–2:00 pm

Rodgers Lake Pavilion

58620 Sink Road | Dowagiac, MI 49047

Upon registration, families can nominate a child (birth to 4th grade) to be presented an HOPC award, which covers a variety of accomplishments including volunteering, cultural development, academic achievement, reaching major milestones [ages 0 – 2), which must be represented by a 7 Grandfather Teachings (wisdom, love, respect, courage, family, humility, truth).

Registration begins April 4. Space is limited for award. Child must have Educational Release on file through the Department of Education.

All are welcome to attend.

For a description of the full meaning behind Gwikwé'amen, please see www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education



Discover Something New!

Don't miss your chance to order a Pokagon Discovery Kit, available for all Pokagon youth ages 2–17 years old (by May 2016).

visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education for online order form

If you live 50 miles or more from the administration campus, we will mail your Kit. All others must pick them up between **June 1–30**.

Discovery Kit pick up is at the Department of Education, Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm.

Online application deadline is April 30!
Kits are only available June 1–30, 2016.

Questions? Email or call Susan Doyle at susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4229.

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PokagonVote: Get ready for the 2016 tribal elections



PokagonVote 2016

It's that time of year: Pokagon election time. Not only are federal and state elections attracting attention, but July will bring the annual Pokagon tribal elections. Several seats on Tribal Council are up for election, and there are four proposed amendments to the Pokagon Constitution as well (*see the below article*).

If you are not currently registered to vote, you may register to vote by obtaining, completing, and returning a

voter registration form to the Election Board. In early May, be on the lookout for an election notice packet from the Election Board. The election notice includes information about the election, including a voter registration form, and an absentee ballot request form.

If you want to verify that you are registered to vote or verify that the Election Board has your correct address, you may contact the Election Board at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475.

Proposal 1: Better understanding the four ballot measures in the Band's General Election

The Band's Constitution requires the Tribal Council to review the Constitution every ten years to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of the Band. Tribal Council established the Constitutional Review Board to review the Constitution, gather citizen input, and report to the Tribal Council on recommended changes. The Constitutional Review Board consisted of: two Tribal Council members, one Elders Council member, one Senior Youth Council member, and one Pokagon Band citizen. Additionally, there were five alternates to the Board.

The Constitutional Review Board held at least nine meetings between March and September 2015 to obtain input from the citizens regarding the Constitution. Additionally, citizens were able to provide comments to the Board electronically by completing a webform on the Band's website.

Following the Tribal Council's review of the Constitutional Review Board's report, the Council approved four proposed amendments to the Constitution, each of which must be approved by the voters to be effective. Each of the four proposals, or proposed amendments to the Constitution, will appear as a separate ballot question in the Band's 2016 General Election. The order in which the proposals appear on the ballot may change compared to the order of the proposals reviewed in this space; however, the substance of each proposal will not change.

Proposal 1

Proposal 1 concerns amending the Constitution to allow leases or other encumbrances of tribal land for a term of up to 75 years without prior approval in a referendum. The Constitution currently allows a lease of a term of up to 25 years without prior approval in a referendum.

This 25 year limitation in the Constitution prevents Band citizens who are buying a house on tribal land from obtaining a mortgage longer than 25 years. A 25 year mortgage results in a higher monthly payment than a standard 30 year mortgage. For example: A 25 year mortgage of \$130,000 at 4.5% has a monthly payment of \$722.58. A 30 year mortgage of that same amount at that same interest rate has a monthly payment of \$658.69.

The existing language in the Constitution also limits the Band's ability to attract third party capital for the commercial development on tribal land, because any lease the Band may grant to a possible non-citizen commercial developer may not exceed a term of 25 years. Without third party capital to pay for commercial development, the Band must pay for any commercial development on tribal land. If Proposal 1 were adopted, it would permit a lease or a mortgage of a lease with a non-citizen for a term of up to 75 years, without prior approval in a referendum.



For additional information or to see the entire text of Proposal 1, please visit the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov

Great Lakes Intertribal Food Summit

April 21-24, 2016
Gun Lake Pottawatomi
Jijak Foundation • Hopkins, MI



www.iacgreatlakes.com/summit
dan@IndianAgLink.com • 608-280-1267

Housing offers program for broader range of citizens

The Housing and Community Development Department now offers a new program to provide reimbursement for necessary emergency replacements or repairs to an eligible building for qualified applicants, called the Homeowner Repair Reimbursement Program (HRRP).

Citizens and non citizens with Pokagon children in their home in certain circumstances are eligible for the reimbursement. Eligible applicants may live outside the service area, and their incomes may exceed the low income guidelines. HRRP also requires the home repairs be completed prior to any reimbursement being given.

“This was a way for us to reach citizens outside the service area and over income citizens,” said Wendy Hatcher, housing office manager.

Another similar program is the Repair and Rehab Program, but this program requires applicants live within the service area and the income guidelines.

According to ROSS Services Coordinator Brooke Maddox, citizens reached out to the Housing Department about this need, so it was important for them to meet this need.

More information for the new program, as well as the Housing pre-application, is available online.



pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/housing-community-development/housing-programs/homeowner-repair-reimbursement

What's that invasive species? Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*)



The hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA; *Adelges tsugae*) is an invasive species from Japan. HWA were first identified in the United States in the 1920s, but have recently spread into a much larger area of the Eastern and Midwestern United States. The tree that the HWA infests is the Eastern hemlock (8). Eastern hemlocks are considered very important ecologically because they help by shading creeks and creating micro-climates that enhance some species survival. HWA kill Eastern hemlocks by piercing the bark of the limbs and sucking the sap from the tree. Once the insect is attached to the tree it secretes a white fluffy substance that protects it from predators and also houses any eggs and young after the eggs hatch. HWA has been identified in Allegan County within our service area. Treatment is the removal of the trees and treatment of nearby trees with insecticides. The best way to prevent spread: don't move firewood. Also, do not order Eastern hemlock trees from other states. If you see a hemlock tree on tribal properties with a white fuzzy appearance please contact the Department of Natural Resources.

What's that edible plant? Wild Leeks (*Allium tricoccum*)



Wild leeks (*Allium tricoccum*), also known as ramps, spring onions, or wood leeks, are a species of wild onion that are found in North America. Wild leeks can be found in the early spring and have a tendency to grow in clumps in wooded areas. Similar looking above-ground plant greens are clintonia and sometimes the trout lily. The wild leek greens have a reddish stem that leads to an underground bulb. As this plant is a species of wild onion, the wild leek smells like wild onions when dug up, whereas trout lily and clintonia do not have an onion smell. Wild leeks are perennial and reproduce via seeds. When harvesting, one should be aware to leave some of the plants to seed out for the following year. The entire wild leek is edible and wild leeks can be used in recipes in a similar manner to scallions or green onions. Wild leeks taste like scallions, but a bit spicier. Be adventurous with your cuisine and add wild leeks to your recipes for new twist on your recipes.

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Emergency sirens to be tested

Residents in Dowagiac Edawat might hear an emergency test of the siren near tribal housing on the dates below. Any siren function that may be set off will be followed by this message, "This is a test. This is only a test." Each test will be on the following dates at 12:00 noon:

4/15/16	7/15/16	10/14/16
5/13/16	8/12/16	11/11/16
6/10/16	9/16/16	12/16/16

College Internship Program accepting applications

The Education Department is accepting applications for the government's 8-week, paid Summer Internship Program. This program is intended for tribal citizens attending college.

You can view all application and eligibility requirements on our website. These have not changed much since last summer, but the application is presented differently.

The program runs from Monday, June 6 to Friday, July 29. Interns are given hourly salaries as well as housing, gasoline, and clothing stipends.

Interns will not only experience day-to-day life at the government, but they will also attend cultural outings and training with tribal development.

Interested college students must complete the application, a background check, and drug test, as well as provide all other necessary documents, by April 15.

Please visit our website to apply.



pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/higher-education/college-internship-program

Tribal Council approves Elders Stipend increases

Tribal Council recently voted to increase Elders Stipends by \$250 starting at age 65. Beginning with the payment on Friday, May 27, all elders over 65 receiving the stipend will notice an increase in their amount. Each five years the amount goes up by \$250, until the amount caps at \$1,750 for those aged 85 and above:

Age	Monthly Elders Stipend Amount
55 – 59	\$500
60 – 64	\$500
65 – 69	\$750
70 – 74	\$1,000
75 – 79	\$1,250
80 – 84	\$1,500
85 and older	\$1,750

Don't forget the Elders Stipend is taxable income; federal tax withholding forms are available from the Department of Finance.

Elders receiving Supplemental Assistance Benefits will also receive this increase; they'll get the additional \$250 but their supplemental assistance will not decrease. Supplemental Assistance Benefits are not taxable as a general welfare benefit.

Elders are eligible to opt in or out of the stipend program during the month they turn 55 years old and annually thereafter. Contact the Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998 for help understanding how this increase could impact your particular situation.

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE + CULTURE'S

Workshop

Wednesdays
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Language and Culture
58653 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047

February 3	March 2	April 6	May 4	June 1
February 17	March 16	April 20	May 18	June 15

Language and Culture's workshop will be open in 2016. Tribal citizens are encouraged to come and enjoy gathering together. The workshop offers many things: wood working, beading, basket making and much more. Bring your unfinished projects, ideas for upcoming workshops you and your families would like to see in our future. The workshop will be open the same time as Drum Class, we encourage citizens and other tribal members, spouses to bring the men and young men to drum class and learn many teachings, old songs and much more from John T. Warren on the drum Ribbon Town. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our traditions and culture.

If you have any questions please contact the Language and Culture Department or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 office, (269) 462-5376 cell or Pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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

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Breastfeeding Classes

April 29 + August 26 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Pokagon Health Services
Multi purpose Room

PHS is holding two breastfeeding classes this year and they are open to anyone, including grandmothers, grandfathers, parents, etc., who would like additional information regarding breastfeeding. The class will cover the importance of breastfeeding, benefits, studies, the how to and much more.

Everyone who attends will be sent a breastfeeding related t-shirt once they complete the program.

Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 office for more information.

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NCAI conference covers many Indian Country issues

By Roger Rader, Tribal Council member at large

During the week of February 21 I was honored to be accompanied by members of Tribal and Youth Councils to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Council Winter Session in Washington DC. During the conference we participated in a wide range of sessions covering many topics of concern for all federally recognized tribes. The remainder of our time was spent in the General Assembly, where we had the pleasure to hear from various speakers and leaders.

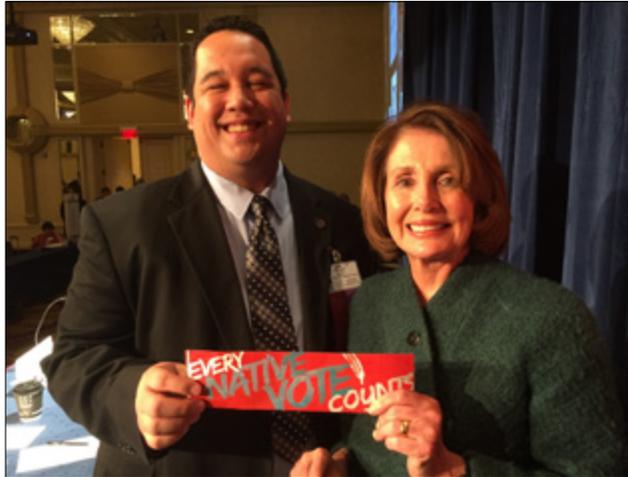
As each speaker took the mic, a continual theme of unity began to show through. Whether it was tribal leaders, the presidential administration, or our friends from Congress, the focus on collaboration for Indian Country was infectious. Speakers explained collaboration on many fronts including tribal-to-tribal collaboration, Democrat and Republican bi-partisanship, tribal-to-administration consultation; unified fronts are crucial to the future of Indian Country.

Speakers from the administration, Congress, and other organizations alike encouraged all tribal leaders to make their voices heard and to help educate policymakers to make the best decisions for Indian Country. Some topics of concern:

VAWA/Domestic Violence Awareness

The Violence Against Women Act will be due for re-approval in 2018. The need to pull together and work towards a more effective VAWA is critical. As of now VAWA only provides protection for native women and not native children. Funding is still a need for domestic violence issues, which is why more data collaboration between police, social services, and behavioral health departments is a must.

In Native Country, there were fewer than 100 cases brought to courts for domestic violence issues. This is a cause for concern when one in three native women are assaulted and native people are 25 times more likely to experience violent crimes than other Americans. We need to involve our youth, and also instill the importance of positive male role models and fathers for our young men.



Native Vote

Several members of Congress stressed the importance of Native Vote and voter protection. Coupled by the efforts of NCAI Native Vote sessions, the strengthening of the native voice is a must in the fight for electing native advocates into office.

In the near future, Pokagon Band will be ramping up your efforts for the Native Vote campaign. As we all know, it is a presidential election year and your voice needs to be heard. But the importance of staying atop of local and state elections is ever so crucial. If you are young, old, working, or a student, the decisions made locally and statewide effect your everyday life even more so than nationally.

For more information on Native Vote and how you can get involved, please contact our Native Vote coordinators Kelly Curran, Paige Risser, or Becky Price.

Individual Indian Membership

NCAI is a membership-driven organization. The membership is a strong representation of the many nations, villages, communities, and individuals that constitute the whole of Indian Country. The organization engages in both legislative and administrative advocacy on behalf of its membership. Moreover, NCAI strives to ensure that all member tribes and individuals are informed and educated about all such issues affecting the well-being of Indian nations.



Nearly seventy years ago, when NCAI was founded, the new organization brought together tribal leaders and tribal citizens to speak with one voice to protect tribal sovereignty. Today we honor that legacy by doing what no other organization, group, or lobbying effort is able to do: unify the interests of American Indian and Alaska Native nations and our people. You can join NCAI and raise your voice for all of Indian Country. It is our legacy as native people.

As a citizen of the Pokagon Band, you can benefit as a member of NCAI. You will have one vote, reduced conference rates, plus access to NCAI Broadcasts and Alerts. There are numerous webinars and listening sessions throughout the year you would be able to participate in. The yearly cost is \$40. And if you are interested, please visit www.ncai.org.

Every NCAI conference is a very busy time. But the work and progress achieved is paramount in protecting tribal sovereignty and honoring the ones that stood before us so we could stand as we are today. I am very honored and humbled to serve as the Midwest Area Vice President, and am honored to have the support of our Tribal Council.

I would like to say megwetch for this opportunity to serve, and also am very grateful to have been accompanied in DC with Treasurer Eugene Magnuson, Secretary Mark Parrish, and Council members Andy Jackson, Becky Price, Matt Wesaw and our Senior Youth Council representatives Andy Williams Butcher and Skylar Daisy.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marcy Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch Wednesday, April 20 as she discusses topics around nutrition.

All healthy lunch presentations are 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in the kitchen of the Commodities Building
58650 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

For more information and to RSVP, contact Marcy Herbert at (269) 782-2472 or marcy.herbert@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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April is Alcohol and Drug Dependence Awareness Month



This year's focus is "Talk Early, Talk Often: Parents Can Make a Difference in Teen Alcohol Use." The aim is educating parents about how to talk to their teenagers about drug and alcohol use to prevent addiction. Alcohol and drug dependence is our nation's number one public health problem. This month is dedicated to promoting programs and events in our local communities that assist people who are wrestling with drug and alcohol addictions.

The awareness campaign gives an opportunity to speak about how alcohol and drug dependence affects individuals, families, and society as a whole. Our goal is to decrease stigma and misunderstandings about alcohol and drug abuse so that individuals who are struggling with addictions can feel comfortable and more willing to reach out to others for help. The good news is that recovery is possible; one estimate shows that over a million Native Americans overcame substance abuse and live productive, alcohol and drug-free lives.

Elders: Come learn about e-readers

The Pokagon Department of Education will be providing elders with Kindle Fires and instructions on how to use them at the next Elders Quarterly Workshop May 20 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI.

If you have not yet received a Kindle, please pre-registration for the Kindle Fire online at the Pokagon Band website by Friday, May 13 at 5:00 p.m. Just type in "May Kindle workshop" in the search bar in the upper right hand corner of www.pokagonband-nsn.gov. You must pre-register to receive the Kindle at the workshop. Half of the Kindles are reserved for those who are physically unable to attend the workshop and/or live out of the service area, so we hope to hear from Pokagon elders all over the country.

Elders get active at weekly fitness workshops

Many elders have been gathering at the Community Center on Mondays and Wednesdays to focus on stretching exercises and staying fit in order to increase longevity and health endurance. Last month the Elders decided to increase their workouts to three days a week. So, they will now meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:00–11:45 a.m. each week until July 1.

We are so fortunate to have the blessing of the PHS Wellness Center staff to assist in this endeavor and hopefully it will continue throughout the year.

Another part of the alcohol and drug dependence awareness campaign is to promote an alcohol-free weekend. Starting the first weekend of April many individuals and organizations will commit to three alcohol-free days. The purpose of the alcohol-free days is to raise personal awareness for individuals and their families to understand that if anyone is experiencing difficulty during this alcohol-free period, that there are many programs that they can reach out to for help. Remember, there is no shame in asking for help to beat an addiction.

If you or a loved one needs addiction treatment, don't be afraid to reach out or ask questions. Questions about addiction and its treatment can be answered by our highly qualified substance abuse counselors. At Pokagon Health Services, the Behavioral Health team are available to help. We also have the services of our new PHS traditional healer, Keith Smith, who can offer Native American traditional medicines to assist with overcoming addictions. Please call PHS at (269) 782-4141 to reach out for information about alcoholism, drug addiction and recovery.



For more information, visit www.talkearlyandoften.org/

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Project LAUNCH | Department of Education | Pokagon Health Services (Home Visiting Nurses)

Baby Celebration

April 16, 2016
10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Pokagon Band Community Center

Please register for this event at
pokagonband-nsn.gov/Form/baby-celebration-registration-2016

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Child Abuse Awareness Month Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Establish a daily routine so your child knows what to expect.	2 Make a play date with friends who have children the same age as yours.
3 Hold, cuddle, and hug your children often.	4 Make something with your child. Arts and crafts are fun for adults, too!!	5 Make time to do something YOU enjoy.	6 Attend Family Game Night at Pokagon Band Social Services. 6:00 – 8:00 pm	7 “Catch” your children being good. Praise them often.	8 Teach your child to resolve conflicts peacefully.	9 Get Outside! Start a parent-child walking or biking club with neighbors.
10 Dial ‘2-1-1’ to find out about organizations that support families in your area.	11 Plant a pinwheel garden with your child in your front yard, near your mailbox, or on your front porch	12 Volunteer at your child’s school.	13 Treat yourself to a spa day at home: take a bubble bath, try a facial mask, and paint your nails a new color.	14 Find out what classes your library or community center offers and sign up for one that interests you.	15 Reflect on the parenting you received as a child and how that impacts the way you parent today.	16 Attend the Corn Soup workshop sponsored by Social Services. Located at the Rodgers Lake Pavilion. 12:00 – 4:00 pm
17 Host a pot-luck dinner with neighborhood families to share parenting stories.	18 Set goals for yourself and list the steps you will need to take to accomplish them.	19 Role play emotions with your child - what do you do when you’re happy, sad, or frustrated?	20 Join the Pokagon Band Parent Group for their monthly meeting. Located at Pokagon Social Services from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.	21 Read your child one new book today.	22 Ask your child who is important to them.	23 Attend Spring Into Your Local Library. Located at Dowagiac District Library. 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
24 Explore the world from your child’s point of view.	25 Talk to a trusted friend when you feel stressed, overwhelmed, or sad.	26 Organize a ‘Clothes Swap Potluck’ to swap children’s clothes.	27 Spend time observing what your child can or cannot do and discuss any concerns with your child’s teacher.	28 Share your personal accomplishments with others via Facebook or Twitter.	29 Ask your school principal or PTA to hold a community resource night.	30 Join a Girl Scout or Boy Scout troop with your children

What to Know Before You File 2015 Tax Returns

Are you a Resident Tribal Member?

If you are an enrolled citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and you live in the tribe’s Tax Agreement Area defined in the State Tax Agreement between the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the State of Michigan, then please fill a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Application to see if you are eligible to start receiving certain Michigan tax exemptions. The Tax Agreement Overview, maps, and application are available online here: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/michigan-tax-agreement-benefits. After review of your application, you will be notified of your eligibility status. If you have any questions regarding the tax agreement or your RTM status or benefits, please call Julie Rodriguez at (269) 462-4210 or e-mail her at Julie.Rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

If you are a Resident Tribal Member

On Line 20 of Schedule 1, Page 2 of the State of Michigan 1040 Form is the RTM exemption under a state/tribal tax agreement. Not all Pokagon citizens are automatically qualified for this tax exemption. The Pokagon citizens qualified to

claim these tax exemptions are those who are Resident Tribal Members (RTMs). RTMs are only those Pokagon citizens who live in the designated tax agreement areas and are on the registered list that the Pokagon Band Department of Finance sends to the State of Michigan. You can get on the list once you have filled out an RTM application and it has been approved.

If a Pokagon citizen is unsure of whether he or she qualifies for this tax exemption, please contact Julie Rodriguez at (269) 462-4210 in the Finance Department.

If you are a qualified RTM you will receive a package in January 2016 pertaining to filing taxes for 2015 from the Pokagon Band Finance Department. Please make sure and know your status before you file your income taxes.

Retrace the Trail of Death to the 2016 Potawatomi Gathering

The 2016 Potawatomi Gathering is being hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Oklahoma from July 28-30. The Education Department is putting together a trip that would encompass following the Trail of Death that our ancestors endured during their forced removal in 1838.

The trip will include transportation provided by Indian Trails, and will accommodate 30 people that are 18 years old or accompanied by an adult. The caravan will leave Dowagiac on July 25 and arrive in Shawnee on either July 26 or 27. The itinerary is still in the development process and some changes may occur.

More details are to follow as we pin down hotel stays and other points of interest will be considered. Registration will be made available online.

Honoring the Graduates Celebration

The Department of Education will be honoring all of our past and present graduates (bachelors degrees and above) with our custom designed graduation blanket June 25 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the Silver Creek Event Center at Four Winds New Buffalo. We will be celebrating this year's 2016 high school, vocational, and associate degree graduates also. In order to be a part of this marvelous occasion, a completed registration form must be submitted by June 1, so please keep a look out for 2016 Honoring the Graduates Banquet registration notifications on the Pokagon Band website or other channels.

Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **James Jasper**. He correctly answered, "I am run over fields and woods all day. Under the bed at night I sit not alone. My tongue hangs out awaiting to be filled in the morning. What am I?" The answer was a "shoe."

Liz Serba has also won a gift card for her riddle being selected. Check it out:

"Until I am measured, I am not known. Yet how you miss me, when I have flown. What am I?"

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



One Story is a grassroots, community-based program designed to build awareness of contemporary issues. One Story partners currently include the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Dowagiac Area History Museum, Dowagiac District Library, Dogwood Fine Arts Festival, Dowagiac Union Schools, and Southwestern Michigan College.

The One Story 2016 book selection is *Queen of the Woods* by Simon Pokagon. Simon Pokagon was born in 1830 in the Pokagon Indian Village in Berrien County, Michigan. He was educated at Notre Dame University and Oberlin College. During his lifetime, he became spokesman for his tribe, a well-known speaker, and a respected writer. *Queen of the Woods* is a love story about Chief Pokagon and his wife, Lonidaw. The community is invited to participate in all of the events based on this novel during the One Story 2016 season. Complimentary copies of the book are available from any of the One Story partners

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DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM **The 1893 Chicago Columbian Exposition** April 6 | 6:30 pm | Dowagiac Area History Museum

By Karen Nicholson, World's Fairs historian and volunteer at Ruthmere Museum. The Columbian Exposition drew millions to Chicago's White City in 1893 and today is one of the best remembered of the World's Fairs. Local residents took the train to Chicago by the thousands and many area businesses had booths featured at the fair. Simon Pokagon of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi was a featured speaker at Chicago Day and handed out birch bark booklets. Nicholson's program will explore the Exposition from a national and local perspective.

Program is part of the Spring Lecture Series, free for members, \$5 for non-members.

POKAGON BAND + DOWAGIAC DISTRICT LIBRARY **Spring In to Your Local Library** April | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Dowagiac District Library

The Pokagon Band and the Dowagiac District Library will host this reading event for children ages 0-8. Join Ty Defoe for storytelling through hoop dancing and crafts. Enjoy snacks and check out a book!

POKAGON BAND **Pokagon Band Historic Bus Tour** May 13 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | Pokagon Band Community Center

Have you ever wondered about the history of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi in Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana? Now is your chance to go on a free, guided bus tour to learn about Potawatomi history in the local area. Two identical tours are available: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Lunch will be available at the Community Center from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. The number of participants is limited for this event based on available bus seating. Advance registration is required and will begin on April 4. Watch for more information coming soon.

ONE STORY PARTNERS **Epilogue Feast** May 19 | 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Pokagon Band Community Center

Just as the epilogue of a book brings the story to an end, so the Epilogue Feast concludes One Story 2016. Please come commemorate this One Story season by enjoying a Native American celebration including a traditional feast along with storytelling, dancing, singing, and drumming. Pokagon Language apprentices will join us to share their experience of learning Bodéwadmi, a language with only six fluent speakers in the entire world. This is an evening you won't want to miss!

POKAGON SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Interested in applying for the summer internship at Four Winds?
Please see the requirements below for participation in this program.

- A Pokagon Band Citizen or Spouse of Pokagon Band Citizen
- Paid internship, with housing* and clothing stipend, and mileage
- 8 week program (June 6 - July 28, 2016)
- Enrolled full time in college for Fall 2016
- Must be 18 years of age or older

For more information, please contact:

Duane Meyers
Manager of Tribal Placement and Development
269-926-5249 or dmeyers@fourwindscasino.com

Application deadline April 15, 2016
Apply online at www.fourwindscasino.com

*Certain restrictions apply

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EARTH DAY E-RECYCLING

Friday, April 22, 2016
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Pokagon Band Administration Building
58620 Sink Rd. Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join the Pokagon Band to promote environmental responsibility and properly dispose of all unwanted computer-related equipment and electronics.

ITEMS ACCEPTED

Computers	VCRs	Video Equipment
Laptops	DVD Players	Keyboards
Monitors	MP3 Players	Mice
Printers	Gaming Systems	Pagers
Scanners	Cell Phones	Cameras

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

TVs	Auto Stereo Systems
Appliances	Non-Cellular Phones
Typewriters	Salon Equipment

For more information, please contact the Department of Information Technology at (269) 462-4269.

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

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Notice of Open Positions | Ethics Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Ethics Board. There are two (2) seats available on the Ethics Board. The Ethics Board, a five member Board, is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government created by the Pokagon Band Ethics Code in fulfillment of Article XVII, Section 3 of the Pokagon Band Constitution. The Ethics Board is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Ethics Code by Pokagon Band officials and employees.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Ethics Board meetings and perform the business of the Ethics Board will vary. The Ethics Board meets approximately once each month, depending on the needs of the Board, and will meet at additional times as may be needed to address ethics complaints and other specific matters. Typically, meetings are held in the evening on weekdays at various locations. Ethics Board members will be expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaged in other Ethics Board activities. On average, an Ethics Board member can anticipate a total time commitment of approximately 4 hours per month, outside of any travel time.

COMPENSATION. Ethics Board members will be compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150 for each meeting and in the amount of \$50 for each hour that a Board meeting exceeds three hours in length. In addition, Board members will be entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Ethics Board business, in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. In order to be eligible for appointment to the Ethics Board, one must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- (a) A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or ten (10) years of professional level work experience in relevant areas, such as law, law enforcement, accounting or finance, business management, regulatory and governmental affairs. Advanced degrees and certifications, such as Certified Public Accountant, Juris Doctorate, and Master of Business Administration are preferred, but not required;
- (b) Demonstrated experience in conducting investigations, analyzing and preparing findings and presenting summaries;
- (c) Demonstrated experience in reviewing and interpreting laws, regulations, contracts, and various professional level reports, including financial reports;
- (d) Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills; and
- (e) Demonstrated ability to act with impartiality and to deal fairly, effectively and efficiently with situations requiring fact finding and dispute resolution skills.

In addition, no person is able to serve on the Ethics Board if he or she is:

- (a) Not a Pokagon Band citizen;
- (b) Under the age of twenty-one;
- (c) A Public Official or Public Employee;
- (d) Employed, in any capacity, by the Pokagon Gaming Authority or Mno-Bmadsen, provided, however, that this shall not include independent contractors or volunteers of such entities; or
- (e) Employed or otherwise serves in a position with responsibilities that create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the duties and responsibilities of the Board, as determined by the Selection Committee. This subsection does not automatically prevent a Pokagon Band citizen from being appointed.

TERM. The term of office for an Ethics Board member is three years.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Appointments to the Ethics Board are made by the Tribal Council upon the recommendation of a selection committee composed of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Tribal Council and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Elders Council. All persons recommended by the selection committee who wish to be considered for appointment to the Ethics Board must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and resumes; provided, however, that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person recommended by the selection committee who believes that good cause exists to not attend such Tribal Council meeting should contact the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Please note that the Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider appointments to the Ethics Board.

HOW TO APPLY. Pokagon Band citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the Ethics Board must submit a letter of interest along with a current résumé, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan

Fax: (269) 782-9625
Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

As stated above, the selection committee will make a recommendation to the Tribal Council regarding the appointments. Therefore, the selection committee may conduct or cause to be conducted on its behalf, an initial screening of those seeking appointment, solely to determine whether the potential appointee meets the minimum qualifications for appointment to the Ethics Board.

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

QUESTIONS. Ethics Board, the Ethics Code, or this Notice may be directed to Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council at (269) 782-6323 or Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Additionally, you may visit the Ethics Board section of the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/boards/ethics-board. Also, a copy of the Ethics Code may be obtained from the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Traditions/Repatriations Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for one (1) alternate member (“Alternate member”) on the Pokagon Band Traditions/Repatriation Committee (the “Committee”). The Committee has the responsibility of advising the Band on cultural issues, and for reviewing and acting on repatriation issues on behalf of the Band. The Committee works closely with the Department of Language and Culture, and serves as the advisory body to the Pokagon Band Historic Preservation Office (THPO).

TIME COMMITMENT. The Committee meets approximately once each month to address general cultural issues and once per month to address issues with the THPO. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Committee meetings and perform the business of the Committee will vary. The Committee may also meet at additional times as needed to fulfill Committee duties. Alternate Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Committee member. Committee meetings are typically held at the Band’s Administration Building located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan.

COMPENSATION. Alternate members may be compensated as independent contractors for service to the Committee at rates established by the Tribal Council, only if seated at a Committee meeting in the absence of a Committee member. Currently, Committee members are compensated in the amount of \$75 per Committee meeting. In addition, Alternate members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Committee business in accordance with the Band’s Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as an Alternate member of the Traditions/Repatriation Committee must be a Band citizen and have an interest in and respect for the traditions, culture, history, and language of the Pokagon Band and the Potawatomi Nation. Familiarity with the cultural teachings and practices of the Potawatomi is appreciated. Prospective Alternate members must be flexible in meeting times and locations, and be able to handle several projects at once.

Notice of Open Position | Curriculum Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill a vacancy on the Pokagon Band Curriculum Committee. A Vice-Chairperson position has been newly created and is currently vacant. The Curriculum Committee is responsible for establishing a tribally operated school with culturally based academics and extracurricular activities. The Curriculum Committee typically meets the first Thursday of each month at the Education Conference Room in the Administration Building. Including meeting preparation, other Committee business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 7 hours per month to fulfill responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Vice-Chairperson include:

- (a) Read and review all documents and other information provided to Committee members;
- (b) Attend Committee meetings;
- (c) Actively participate in the work of the Committee;
- (d) Provide thoughtful input to the deliberations of the Committee;
- (e) Work towards fulfilling the Committee’s purpose and Work Plan;
- (f) Execute and return to the Tribal Council Chairperson, the Committee Member Commitment Pledge;
- (g) Organize committee travel to approved schools of interest; and
- (h) Perform such other duties as may be specified by the Committee or the Tribal Council.

COMPENSATION. The Curriculum Committee members are compensated as independent contractors. In addition, Curriculum Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Curriculum Committee business.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Alternate members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Committee must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and résumés; provided, however, that the Tribal Council may, for good cause, waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Please note that the Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider appointments to the Committee.

TERM. There is no fixed term for Alternate members. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member can serve on the Committee.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Alternate members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Band’s website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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

Mail: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan

Fax: (269) 782-9625
Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Committee or this notice may be directed to Kevin Daugherty at kevin.daugherty@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as an Alternate member must: (a) be a high school graduate; and (b) be willing to travel; (c) have knowledge and interest in various education systems; and (d) have knowledge of Robert Rules of Order.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Curriculum Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There is currently one vacant seat on the Curriculum Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for a three-year term of office.

HOW TO APPLY. Please submit a letter of interest along with a current résumé, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan

Fax: (269) 782-9625
Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Committee members and Alternate members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by visiting the Band’s website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

QUESTIONS. Questions concerning the Curriculum Committee or this Notice may be directed to Curriculum Committee at Curriculum.Committee@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

DEADLINE. Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2016.

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Events April 2016

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
		1 Circuit Training (AM) Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	2 SS Kalamazoo Valley Museum Trip
6 Fitness Sewing Class Pottery Class Chicago Columbian	7 Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Practice L&C Regalia Making for Youth Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class	8 Circuit Training (AM) Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group The Hunting Ground Screening	9 Tribal Council Meeting
13 Fitness Sewing Class	14 Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Practice L&C Regalia Making for Youth Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class Olympics Training Session	15 Circuit Training (AM) Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	16 Baby Celebration SS Corn Soup Workshop EDU Charlotte's Web
20 Fitness Presentation Sewing Class Pottery Class	21 Pokagon Play Group Lean Lunch L&C Regalia Making for Youth Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class Olympics Training Session	22 Circuit Training (AM) Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	23 One Story Spring Into Your Local Library SS Purple Shawl Workshop L&C End of Sugar Season Feast
27 Fitness Sewing Class	28 Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Practice L&C Regalia Making for Youth Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class	29 Circuit Training (AM) Breastfeeding Class Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	29

Please check the website for the latest updates on any cancellations due to inclement weather. Visit www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov/calendar or call (800) 517-0777 for more details on these events.

Notice of Open Positions | Pokagon Rights Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Rights Board (the "Board"). There is One (1) Alternate Member position that is currently vacant. The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created through enactment of the Pokagon Rights Board Code (the "Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching and investigating aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; (b) compiling and cataloging information and documents related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; and (c) making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites. The Board is comprised of five persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two Alternate Members who are also expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member. The Code is available on the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings and perform the business of the Board will vary. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as may be needed to fulfill Board duties. Board Members and Alternate Members are expected to attend all Board meetings, which are typically held in the evening, during the week at the Band's administrative offices located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan.

COMPENSATION. Board Members and Alternate Members are independent contractors and compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. Currently, Board Members are compensated in the amount of \$150 per Board meeting. Alternate Members are compensated only if seated at a Board meeting in the absence of a Board Member. Board Members and Alternate Members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

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

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Board Members and Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by from the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

HOW TO APPLY. Pokagon Band citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the Board, either as a Board Member or Alternate Member, must submit a letter of interest (identifying whether you are seeking a Board Member or Alternate Member position) along with a current résumé, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan

Fax: (269) 782-9625
Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Board Members and Alternate Members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council.

TERM. Term of office for Alternate Members is three years. There is no limit to the number of terms one may serve.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

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



Purple Shawl Workshop

Saturday, April 23
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Community Center

27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Department of Social Services and Domestic Violence Team will be hosting a Purple Shawl workshop for ladies in the community.

If you haven't made a shawl yet, and are interested in coming, please feel free to attend. All supplies will be provided. You do not have to be an experienced seamstress to attend, though sewing experience does help. Please bring a dish to pass. You

do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to make a shawl, we just ask that you join us in honoring the women who have experienced domestic violence by participating in the Purple Shawl specials at the pow wows.

If you are interested in attending or have more questions, please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Corn Soup Workshop

Facilitated by Liz McBride

Saturday, April 16
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Rodgers Lake Pavilion

If you are interested in learning how to make corn soup, contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

This event is open to the community. We will be working outside rain or shine, so dress according to the weather.

Please bring a dish to pass.

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



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Notice of Open Positions | Pokagon Health Board

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill four (4) Board Member Position on the Pokagon Band Health Board.

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

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

ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BOARD.

Each Health Board member shall:

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

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings and perform the business of the Health Board will vary. The dates and times of Health Board meetings vary, but they typically occur every third Monday of each month, at 5:00 p.m., at the Band's Health Clinic at 58620, Sink Road in Dowagiac. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately four – six hours per month.

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

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

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Appointments to the Health Board are made by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and resumes; provided, however, that the Tribal Council may, for good cause, waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such Tribal Council meeting should contact the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Please note that the Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider the appointment to the Health Board.

TERM. While Health Board members serve a two-year term of office; this appointment is to fill a vacancy for a term that concludes February 2016.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, members of the Health Board are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

HOW TO APPLY. Pokagon Band citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the Ethics Board must submit a letter of interest along with a current résumé, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan

Fax: (269) 782-9625
Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Committee pursuant to any previous posting, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Committee, you must reapply as provided in Notice.

QUESTIONS. Questions concerning the Health Board may be directed to Doug Ballew, Vice Chairperson of the Health Board, at (630) 450-7946, or drballew@yahoo.com. The Health Board Ordinance is available at the following internet address: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

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.

Notice of Open Alternate Positions | Land Use Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill two (2) Alternate Member positions on the Pokagon Band Land Use Board (the "Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created by the enactment of the Pokagon Band Land Use and Conservation Code (the "Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching, preparing and making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the classification, reclassification, transfer and acquisition of Pokagon Band land; and (b) researching and developing a Long Term Land Acquisition and Development Plan to guide future growth and to establish goals and priorities for the use of Pokagon Band land. The Board is comprised of five (5) Board Members and two (2) Alternate Members.

TIME COMMITMENT. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as may be needed to fulfill Board duties. Board Members and Alternate Members are expected to attend all Board meetings, and Alternate Members will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). Board meetings are typically held at 3:30 p.m. at the Band's administrative offices located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan. Board Members and Alternate Members also are expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Land Use and Conservation Code is available on the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

COMPENSATION. Alternate Members may be compensated as independent contractors for service to the Board, at rates established by the Tribal Council, only if seated at a Board meeting in the absence of a Board Member. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Alternate Members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Board must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and résumés; provided, however, that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Please note that the Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider appointments to the Board.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances

HOW TO APPLY. Pokagon Band citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the Board, either as a Board Member or Alternate Member, must submit a letter of interest (identifying whether you are seeking a Board Member or Alternate Member position) along with a current résumé, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Jessica Swisher, Tribal Council Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan

Fax: (269) 782-9625
Attn: Jessica Swisher, Tribal Council Administrative Assistant

Email: Jessica.Swisher@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

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



Saturday, April 16 | 2:00 p.m.
Lake Michigan College
Mendel Center Mainstage

Please register online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov
5 ticket limit per household

THEATREWORKS USA PRODUCTION OF *CHARLOTTE'S WEB*, a play by Joseph Robinette with incidental music by Jeffrey Lunden, is based on E.B. White's loving story of the friendship between a pig named Wilbur and a little gray spider named Charlotte. Wilbur has a problem: how to avoid winding up as pork chops! Charlotte, a fine writer and true friend, hits on a plan to fool Farmer Zuckerman she will create a "miracle." Spinning the words "Some Pig" in her web, Charlotte weaves a solution which not only makes Wilbur a prize pig, but ensures his place on the farm forever. This treasured tale, featuring madcap and endearing farm animals, explores bravery, selfless love, and the true meaning of friendship. Great for children ages K through 5 and their families!

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



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language & Culture

Native Nations Youth Council

Pokagon Band Native Nations Youth Council encourages all Pokagon youth who are seeking to contribute to their community as well as to Indian Country to join.

As a Pokagon youth between the ages of 12 to 24 you can be a representative voice and further your development as a future tribal leader.

Junior and Senior Youth Councils meet on the second Saturday of each month between the times of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Meeting locations are announced on the Pokagon Band website.

Please contact Rebecca Williams to join or for more information at (269) 783-9265 or rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Notice of Open Positions | Election Board

The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens who are interested in filling two (2) Alternate member positions. Provided below is information regarding the Election Board and how to be considered for an appointment.

ELECTION BOARD AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. The Election Board is a five person Board with two Alternates whose members are appointed by the Tribal Council. The Election Board is responsible for conducting Pokagon Band elections, maintaining a list of registered voters, and reviewing membership petitions, initiatives, and referendums. Alternate members are expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board member.

QUALIFICATIONS. To be eligible for appointment to the Election Board, either as a Board member or Alternate member, a Pokagon Band citizen must:

1. Be an eligible voter of the Band;
2. Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age;
3. Not be incarcerated for any criminal conviction;
4. Not be presently a member of or candidate for Tribal Council, the Tribal Judiciary, the Ethics Board, or the Salary Commission; and
5. Not have been convicted within the last ten (10) years of a crime subject to imprisonment for a term of one (1) year or longer, excepting those crimes determined by the Election Board to relate to the furtherance of the Band's tribal sovereignty rights.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Election Board members and Alternate members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Prior to any appointment, Tribal Council will make a determination whether the interested person meets the qualifications required to serve on the Election Board. In order to make this determination, all persons seeking appointment to the Election Board must undergo a limited criminal background check to be performed by the Pokagon Band Tribal Police to ensure that the candidate meets the qualifications to serve on the Election Board. Thus, all persons interested in an appointment must complete an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background. **You must contact Kateri Dayson or Katy Morseau, the Election Clerks, at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475 to obtain an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check Form.**

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Election Board meetings, conduct elections, and perform the business of the Election Board will vary. The Election Board is typically more active during the time leading up to and during the General Election and Elders Election. Additionally, there may be Referendums, Special Elections, Petitions, and Recalls that will require Election Board action. General Elections

occur on the second Saturday of July and Elders Council Elections occur on the second Saturday of November. The dates of the Election Board meetings vary, but typically occur after 5:00 p.m. and are held at the Pokagon Band's administrative offices at 58620 Sink Road in Dowagiac, Michigan. On average, a Board member or Alternate member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately 10 to 25 hours per month, with the busiest time being the months of May, June, July, September, October, and November.

COMPENSATION. Alternate members are independent contractors and are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. Board members receive a stipend for each meeting and Election attended. The amount of the stipend varies, depending on the seat held, however, Board members receive a minimum stipend of \$150 per meeting. Alternate members are compensated only if seated at a Board meeting in the absence of a Board member. Board members and alternates are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

ETHICS REQUIREMENT. As public officials, Alternate members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

TERM. The term of office for an Ethics Board member is three years.

HOW TO APPLY. If you are interested in serving on the Election Board, you must provide a written statement of interest along with a current résumé, and a completed Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan

Fax: (269) 782-9625
Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

QUESTIONS. If you have questions concerning the Election Board, please contact the Election Board office at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475. For additional information about the Election Board and the election process, you may also consult the Band's Election Code, which is posted on the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until all positions are filled.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 TRIBAL COURT
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 CASE NO. 16-3644-GAR-PC

58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

Petitioner name, address, telephone:
 Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
 Office of the General Counsel
 J. Edward Williams (P61685)
 Paul W. Shagen (P57389)
 58620 Sink Road
 P.O. Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI 49047
 (269) 783-0790

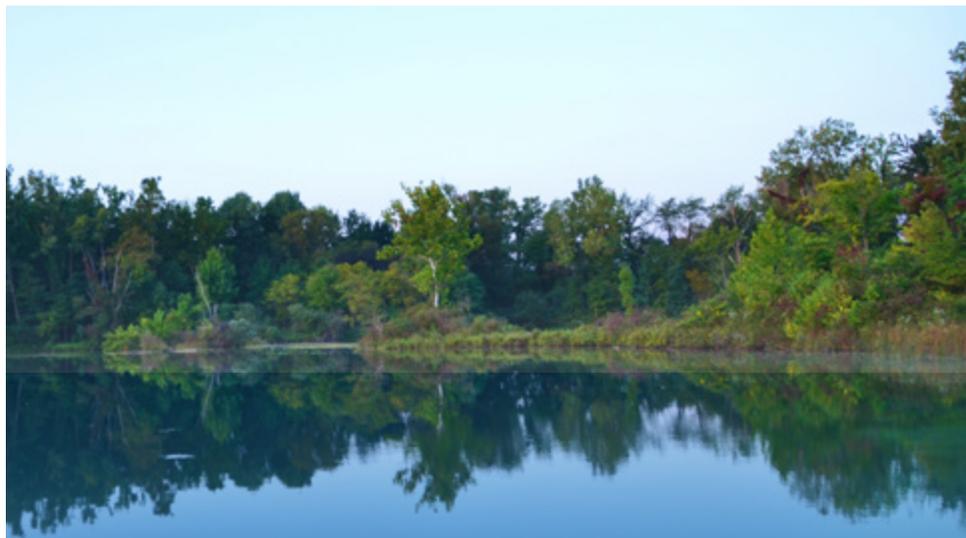
**NOTICE
 TO THE RESPONDENTS
 AND DEADLINE TO FILE OBJECTION(S)**

To: **Matthew D. Garza**
 Respondent's Name

1. On February 15, 2016 a *Petition for Order of Garnishment Pursuant to Per Capita Garnishment Code* was filed with the Tribal Court.
2. On February 15, 2016 the Court entered an *Order of Garnishment*.
3. The Court has attempted to serve you by a process server which was unsuccessful. Therefore, an *Order for Alternate Service* for publication has been granted by the Court.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENTS

You have fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this *Notice* to file an objection with the Tribal Court to the *Order of Garnishment*. If you fail to file an objection, the Pokagon Band's Chief Financial Officer will redirect your per capita payments, beginning twenty-eight (28) days from the date of publication of this *Notice*, to satisfy the total amount of judgment outstanding, and all post-petition interest, until paid in full. Your objection cannot contest the validity of the judgment and can only be based upon one or more of the reasons stated in subsection 3.04(a) of the *Garnishment Code*.



A water ceremony will be held in Flint, Michigan on Saturday, April 16 to honor and respect our water. As indigenous people, we know that all parts of our land are sacred. The lifeblood of this earth is the water that flows through our land. As such, we are responsible for ensuring that water is cared for through our traditional ways.

If you are interested in attending this water ceremony April 16 with other Pokagon women, please call the Administration Receptionists at (269) 782-8998 by April 7.

January 1 through April 1, 2016

ELDERS SNOW REMOVAL MONETARY REQUEST

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: _____ Current Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Tribal Enrollment: _____

SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Current Address: _____

City: _____ State & zip code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Business Name: _____

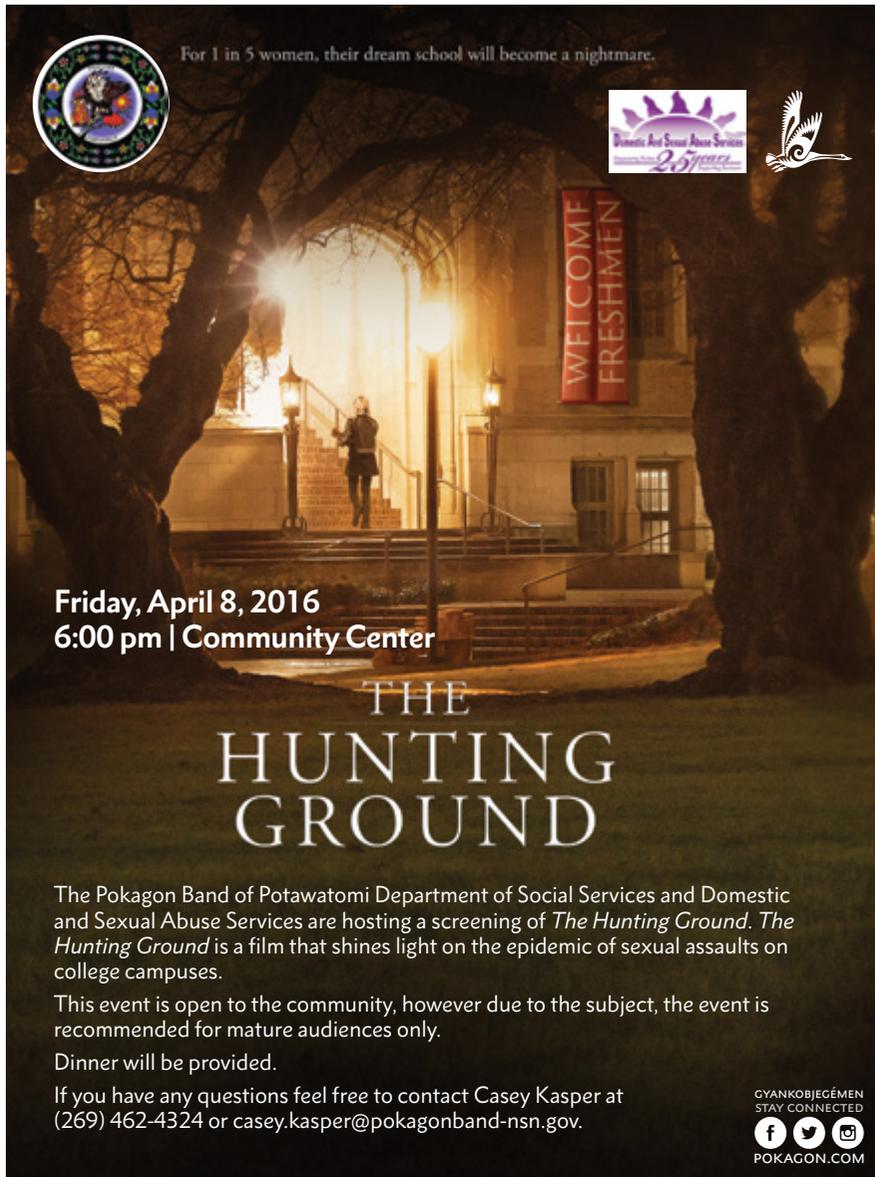
This is for Pokagon elders, for anywhere in the U.S. to be reimbursed only for residential snow removal services. You are responsible for finding your own service provider. Please complete and send to Elders Council P.O Box 180, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047. Call Elders Hall (800) 859-2717 with questions or (269) 591-4519 Elders Council Secretary.

You need to send invoice or receipt with application (NO WRITTEN OUT RECEIPT ON PLAIN PAPER FROM YOU OR SERVICE PROVIDER will be accepted). This program does not cover SHOVELING YOUR DRIVEWAY, USING A SNOWBLOWER or elders living at the Pokagon Housing Community or at any apartment complexes (as this service is already provided for you). This is for residential housing only/ with the exception of phase 2, rent to own, Elders will qualify who may live in one of these homes in the Dowagiac Pokagon Housing Community.

By signing, I agree that all information provided on this form to be true and correct. I also agree that I am the head of house hold of residents and understand this request is limited to up to \$25 per request, with requester being responsible for any amount greater than \$25 and that the request is limited to \$175 one time use for starting January 1 through April 1, 2016 season. No late invoices or receipts will be accepted after April 15, 2016. You may pick up your form at the Elders hall and it will be in the monthly newsletter.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____



For 1 in 5 women, their dream school will become a nightmare.

Friday, April 8, 2016
6:00 pm | Community Center

THE HUNTING GROUND

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Social Services and Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services are hosting a screening of *The Hunting Ground*. *The Hunting Ground* is a film that shines light on the epidemic of sexual assaults on college campuses.

This event is open to the community, however due to the subject, the event is recommended for mature audiences only.

Dinner will be provided.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

DRUM CLASSES

Department of Language and Culture
58653 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047
6:00 pm–8:00 pm

2016

February 3	March 2	April 6	May 4	June 1
February 17	March 16	April 20	May 18	June 15

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

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For more information, please contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 or nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

Honoring our Mothers Brunch

Sunday, May 1
11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Matthews Conference Center East
Southwestern Michigan College
Fred L. Matthews Library
58900 Cherry Grove Rd :: Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Domestic Violence Team wants to honor and celebrate our mothers.

We are inviting Pokagon mothers to attend an "Honoring Our Mothers" brunch. If you are a mother to Pokagon children (this includes adult children), we want to take some time to thank you for all you've done for your children and our community.

Brunch will be served at 11:00 am and there will be activities, including art projects, family photos, and a Purple Shawl fashion show for those who have made purple shawls, for the whole family throughout the program.

If you have any questions please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov. All registrations must be received by Monday, April 25, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

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



Saturday, May 21, 2016
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Rodgers Lake Pavilion

Christine Morseau will be teaching a black ash basket making class. This program is open to the community, however spaces are limited.

Please bring a dish to pass.

If you are interested in coming please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

This program is sponsored by the Department of Social Services.

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1

Buffalo Tacos with the Fixings
Soft or Hard Shell
Black Beans and Rice
Fruit Salad

4 **language**

Buffalo and Barley Soup
Low Sodium Ham and
Cheese Sandwich
Veggie and Relish Tray
Dessert

5

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans
Tomato Salad
Whole Grain Roll

6

Sausage and Sauerkraut
Red Potatoes
Garden Salad
Cornbread

7

Bean Soup
Fish Square Sandwich
Garden Salad
Relish Tray
Dessert

8

Chicken Wrap
Baked Beans
Veggie and Relish Tray
Jell-O W/ Fruit

11 **language**

Chef's Choice

12

Sloppy Joes
Baked Fries
Coleslaw
Veggie and Relish Tray
Fruit

13

BBQ Chicken
Collard Greens
Cottage Cheese & Pineapple
Banana Pie

14

Breaded Cod
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Asparagus
Fruit Salad

15

Ham and Au Gratin Potatoes
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Corn Bread

18 **language**

Turkey Pot Pie W/ Biscuits
Tri-Blend Vegetables
Cottage Cheese
Fresh Fruit

19

Buffalo Chili
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit
Corn Bread

20

Smokey Applewood Salmon
Wild Rice Quinoa
Asparagus
Coleslaw
Whole Grain Roll

21 **social**

Marinated Chicken
Veggie Kabobs
Baked Potato
Garden Salad
Fruit

22

Salad Bar

25 **language**

Buffalo Meatballs in Spaghetti
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

26

Reuben Sandwich
Baked Fries
Veggie Tray
Cottage Cheese and Fruit

27

Hot Ham and Cheese
Sandwich
Baked Chips
Baked Beans
Dessert

28

Baked Chicken
Spanish Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Cucumber Salad
Whole Grain Roll

29

Potato Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Garden Salad
Dessert

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

Per Capita News

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

Name	Christmas 2015	Monthly Per Cap
Kailyn A. Currey	x	
Zachary D. Currey	x	
Daniel J. Vohwinkle		x
Star M. Whitmore	x	
John Watson	x	
Peter J. Ramirez	x	
Bobby M. Haynes, Jr	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.

Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita payments. The following documents are needed to begin processing your per capita payments:

- A copy of your Diploma directed to the Enrollment office.
- Make sure your mailing address is up to date with the Enrollment office.
- Fill out a form for Direct Deposit and send to finance department-per capita. You may choose to have your payments either direct deposited in your banking institution or a PNC pay card.

All the forms are available on the Pokagon Band website www.pokagonband-nsn.gov. You may mail, fax or email your documents. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
 Attn: Enrollment Office
 P O Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI 49047
 FAX: (269) 782-1964
 Email: beth.edelberg@pokagonband-nsn.gov

The document must be received by April 15 in order to make it on the May 2016 check run. Anything received after April 15 will be processed on the check run for June 2016. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, January 15, 2016	Thursday, January 28, 2016	Friday, January 29, 2016
Monday, February 15, 2016	Thursday, February 25, 2016	Friday, February 26, 2016
Monday, March 14, 2016	Wednesday, March 23, 2016	Thursday, March 24, 2016
Friday, April 15, 2016	Thursday, April 28, 2016	Friday, April 29, 2016
Friday, May 13, 2016	Thursday, May 26, 2016	Friday, May 27, 2016
Wednesday, June 15, 2016	Wednesday, June 29, 2016	Thursday, June 30, 2016
Friday, July 15, 2016	Thursday, July 28, 2016	Friday, July 29, 2016
Monday, August 15, 2016	Thursday, August 30, 2016	Friday, August 31, 2016
Thursday, September 15, 2016	Thursday, September 29, 2016	Friday, September 30, 2016
Friday, October 14, 2016	Thursday, October 27, 2016	Friday, October 28, 2016
Tuesday, November 1, 2016*	Tuesday, November 22, 2016	Wed, November 23, 2016
Thursday, December 1, 2016**	Wednesday, December 28, 2016	Thursday, December 29, 2016

* Please note, in 2016, the November deadline for changes is November 1 and the December deadline is December 1. This is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

**Date correction. Please be advised the date magnets that were mailed have incorrect dates. The correct dates for December 2016 are as follows: check mailing date Wednesday, December 28 and direct deposit date of Thursday, December 29.

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as it is received by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as no errors are received from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
 Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
 Pokagon Health Services



DONATE
Blood

You have four opportunities to be a hero this year.

Tuesday, June 21

Friday, October 21

Tuesday, December 20

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

Sign up at MIBlood.org or contact Elizabeth Leffler at elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4406.

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Tribal Council April Calendar of Events

- 4 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 5 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 12 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 18 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 19 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 25 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 26 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Can't get to Elders Council business meetings? Participate via webcast

Business meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at the Community Center in Dowagiac. For your convenience the meetings are now broadcast on the internet to listen in on what is going on with the Elders. If you are able to take advantage of this—please do!—Elders business meetings are called to order at 11:00 a.m. Visit the Pokagon website to access the webcasting: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/web-casting. Any questions, please call Stanley Morseau, Elders Chairman, (269) 783-6828.

Tribal Council May Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 3 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 30 Tribal Government offices closed in observation of Memorial Day
- 31 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

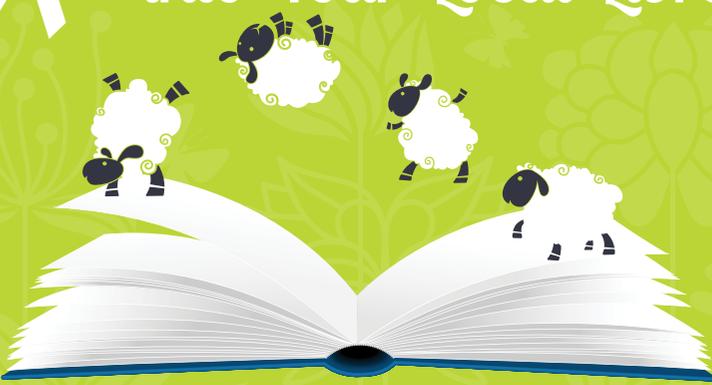
Don't forget our social lunches held every third Thursday of the month. On these days we may have holiday parties, special events, or games. Every weekday a hot lunch is served at the Elders Hall. You are welcome to come to meet new elders you may not know or visit your friends.



PROJECT LAUNCH
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION + DOWAGIAC DISTRICT LIBRARY

Spring

into Your Local Library



April 19–22 | Storytelling Workshop
Pokagon Band
Department of Education

Saturday, April 23 | nDigiDreams Video Reveal
10:00 am until 12 noon
Dowagiac District Library

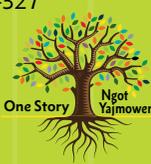
We welcome parents, grandparents, and all caregivers to join nDigiDreams from April 19–22 at the Pokagon Band Department of Education for a storytelling workshop where you will create your very own digital story about parenting.

<http://www.ndigidreams.com/>

Please register online at pokagonband-nsn.gov beginning Saturday, March 19. Space is limited.

Everyone is welcome to attend the video reveal at Spring Into Your Local Library on Saturday, April 23!

Contact JT Laraway (269) 462-4450 or Autumn Laraway (269) 462-4327 with any questions.



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



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Elders Health + Wellness

Monday, Wednesday + Friday
11:00 – 11:45 am
Community Center

Chair aerobics
Whether seated, supported by a chair or standing free, participants engage in strength training, flexibility, and balance exercises while benefiting from a cardio workout.

Cardio drumming
Express yourself, release stress and aggression, and sweat and sing along. Anybody can do it, there is no right or wrong way to do cardio drumming. Standing or sitting cardio drumming is for everyone. All classes are to accommodate to our Pokagon Elders

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Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

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

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

Zisbakwto gises April Citizen Announcements



Congratulations for making it to state **Matthew!!!** You are an awesome wrestler! We are so proud of you and love you bigger than the world!

Love,
Mommy, Daddy and Sis



Happy Birthday **Grandma!** We love you so much!!!

Love,
Amanda, Matt , Briemann and Matthew



Happy Birthday, Tegan

We love you
Grandma Kelly
Grandma Trish
Mommy Tracy
Aunt Lisa
Aunt Michelle

2016 GATHERING OF POTAWATOMI NATIONS
Hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Oklahoma

WHERE TO STAY If you are planning to attend the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations here are some places in proximity to the CPN Tribal headquarters.

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| Grand Casino Hotel and Resort
777 Grand Casino Blvd.
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 964-7777 | CPN RV Park
1702 S. Gordon
Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 878-5830 | Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
4909 N. Union
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-8880 | Heart of Oklahoma Expo RV park
Highway 177 & Leo
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-7020 |
| Comfort Inn & Suites
5400 Enterprise Court
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(405) 273-8667 | Motel 6
4981 N. Harrison
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(405) 275-5310 | Hampton Inn
4851 N. Kickapoo
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-1540 | Days Inn
5107 N. Harrison
Shawnee, OK 74804
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| La Quinta Inn and Suites
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(405) 275-7930 | Americas Best Value Inn
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(405) 275-4404 | Super 8 Motel
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Oshke Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow
Saturday, May 28
+ Sunday, May 29

Volunteer for the 2016 Oshke Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow! Contact Marchell Wesaw to sign up at marchell.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4204.