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Pokagon Youth attend Tribal Youth Gathering and UNITY Conference

More than 1,000 youth convened at the first Tribal Youth Gathering hosted at the White House. Those in attendance included four Pokagon Band Youth Council members and Youth Cultural Coordinator Rebecca Williams.

They heard First Lady Michelle Obama speak about the impact of native culture and medicine, the importance of youth, and offer her and the President's support. Cabinet officials, the White House Council on Native American Affairs, and others also spoke.

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Circuit Healing helps citizens on their path to wellness

Recently ten citizens embarked on a journey of healing through a new program offered at Pokagon Health Services. Called Circuit Healing, it is a course of three treatments taken one after the other once a week: acupuncture (or magnets, for the needle-averse), talk therapy, and massage therapy. And judging by the results of the first group of patients, the effects have been positive.

According to Daun Beida, the behavioral health program supervisor who initiated Circuit Healing, one client who was smoking two packs of cigarettes a day is down to one cigarette a day, while another is smoke free after smoking one pack a day for years. Another who suffered migraine headaches and was using prescription solutions no longer gets migraines.

"We took inventories with patients during their first, fourth, eighth and twelfth weeks of the program," she said. "They're showing less depression and anxiety."

Circuit Healing is designed for people struggling to overcome addictions and mood disorders. The program is supported by an Access to Recovery grant from Michigan's Inter-tribal Council and the U.S. Substance Abuse and

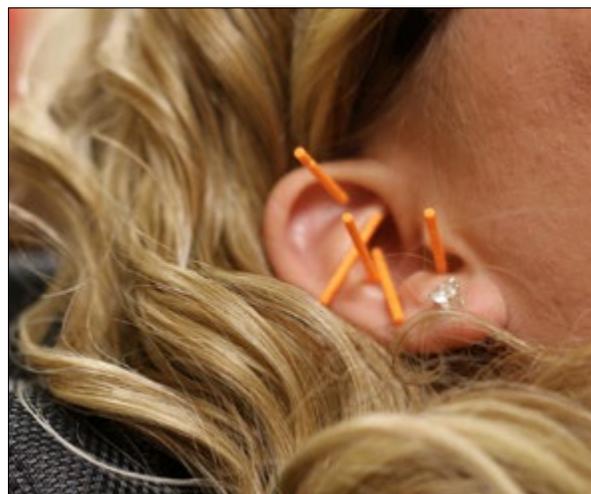
Mental Health Services Administration. The three therapies are scheduled back-to-back, but only on Thursdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Transportation assistance is offered.

A new group of patients will start the twelve week program August 6. Following the 12 weeks, patients can continue counseling and acupuncture at PHS while the massage appointments are arranged with the therapists independently.

"Acupuncture feels tingly and gives me a sense of wellbeing, something I'd never felt before without other substances," said participant Ashley Beavers. "The massage is amazing; my neck and back pain hasn't been acting up. I used to smoke three-fourths of a pack of cigarettes a day, now I maybe smoke five or six cigarettes. I've been off alcohol for a month now. I've been pleasantly surprised."

Two years ago Bieda began looking for natural healing techniques with a cultural element for behavioral health patients.

"I researched touch therapy techniques like massage and hot rocks," she said. "Now, the Pokagon Band is paving the road in this approach."



Adult work experience opportunity offered

The Pokagon Band has an opening for training placements with the Department of Education and Head Start. In this work skills training program, the program participant will be responsible for learning and performing clerical and receptionist skills such as directing public, assisting with initial program application process, performing customer service and data entry.

The training placement at the Department of Education will be assisting more specifically with Higher Education and the Simon Pokagon Memorial Research Library, while the training placement at Head Start will be focusing on pre-K programs.

The participant would need to meet the basic Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act placement eligibility requirements, which are being low-income,

unemployed or underemployed; be a Native American with Pokagon Band tribal preference; 18 years or older; and residing in the ten county service area. In addition, the participant must:

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

Contact Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, at traci.henslee@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4218 no later than Friday, August 21 by 5 p.m. to apply.

New Higher Education portal launches August 11

Beginning August 11, Pokagon students taking advantage of Higher Education services will have a streamlined, electronic system for submitting documents and accessing program information. The Higher Education citizen portal offers students an anytime, anywhere method for submitting book stipend or scholarship forms; all you need is an internet-connected computer.

Once the system is live after August 11, students can find it here: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/higher-education. Students will first have to verify citizenship and register just like users do for online accounts with insurance companies or banks, for example. An e-mail account must be provided, and the account must be with one of the following services: Amazon, Google, Facebook, LinkedIn or Microsoft. This procedure protects citizen data and privacy by ensuring the tribe won't have

access to passwords since the sign on is through the e-mail provider, not a tribal system.

After students have authenticated they can login anytime to check the status of their application. Students can upload their class schedule or grades to the system digitally from a photo or JPG, PNG or PDF files. The students can screen shot their status and keep the Band and their colleges abreast of what forms might be outstanding. And they will be able to view their entire academic history of higher education via the portal.

"This will create higher efficiency; as soon as you submit documentation your book stipend payment can be into the payment work flow in a matter of hours," said Sam Morseau, director of education. "And since many Pokagon college students live outside of the ten county service area, this is a meaningful way for us to better serve those across the nation."

The portal is best viewed via Chrome or Firefox internet browsers. Starting in the fall 2016 the Department of Education will no longer accept paper applications and documents for Higher Education services.

This is just the beginning of better e-government services for Pokagon citizens. The Higher Education citizen portal is the foundation of a future system that will allow citizens to update records and apply for programs via secure online procedures. Stay tuned!

If you have any questions about the Higher Education program, please contact Joseph Avance higher education specialist at (269) 782-0887 or Joseph.Avance@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/higher-education

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Citizen Portal

Education Portal

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View My Profile

Contact Ed Dept

Submit a New Higher Education Scholarship Form

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Language class videos available on website

Videos of the Dowagiac 12 Week Basic Language Course classes are on the Band website available for anyone to view. Watching these videos count as hours toward the Pokagon Language Incentive Program.

A goal of the government is to make more services available to citizens not living in the 10-county service area, and the Language Program is taking that goal head-on with these videos. Those unable to attend classes in person can view the videos and learn from their homes.

If you would like to take part in the Language Incentive Program, simply watch a class video, then e-mail Language Coordinator Rhonda Purcell, telling her which video you watched and when you watched it.

Then, Purcell will verify you watched the video with analytic software. Once she is able to confirm you viewed the entire video, she will credit those hours to you. Be sure to watch the video to its completion.

The videos of the language classes also serve as a resource for students who are able to attend. They can watch sections of class if they forget something or need clarification.

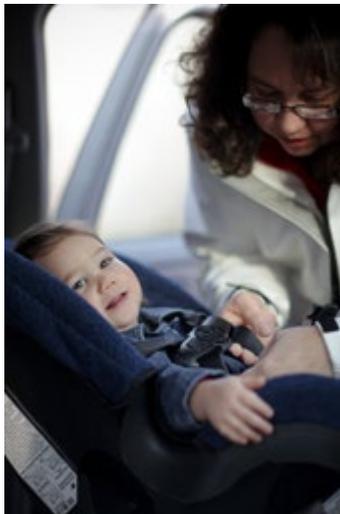
According to Purcell, these videos are a gift for the next generation, keeping the language alive and showing them a portion of our language journey.

Two tribal officers are now car seat technicians

Tribal Police Officers Jason Flick and Karen Klug have become National Highway Traffic Safety Administration certified child passenger safety technicians. Their class consisted of lecture, hands-on practice, role-playing, and a written and demonstrated skills assessment test. The final day of the training consisted of participating in a community car seat safety checkup in the Kalamazoo area.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for young children, and properly restrained children have more than a 50 percent greater chance of surviving a crash. When driving with children, always use the appropriate car seat or seat belt.

Michigan's Child Passenger Safety Law requires that children under four years of age must be properly secured in a federally approved child restraint in the rear seat of a vehicle. A child who is four years of age or older but less than eight years of age and who is less than 4 feet 9 inches in height must be properly secured in a child restraint system in accordance with the child restraint manufacturer's and vehicle instructions.



Children ages eight years of age or older but less than 16 years of age must use a safety belt in all seating positions. All children younger than 13 years of age should be restrained in the rear seat of a vehicle according to the American Academy of Pediatrics policy statement.

The Tribal Police Department is available to inspect your current car safety seat and appointments can be made by calling (269) 782-2232. The child must be present for the car seat checkup, the vehicle must have lap/shoulder belt available for the child needing a booster seat, and parents must install the seat after being educated on the proper way to install the correct car seat.

The Tribal Police Department believe that by working together to increase the correct use of child safety seats and seat belts, we can reduce the number of needless injuries and deaths to our most vulnerable passengers, our children.

Pokagon Youth attend Tribal Youth Gathering and UNITY Conference, *continued from page 1*

The gathering built on the Obama administration's Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative, which funds and expands education, health, employment, and social services for native youth.

The White House worked in collaboration with United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) and the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services to host the event.

This gathering predated the UNITY conference, where Minister Louis Farrakhan gave an invitation to indigenous people to come to the second Million Man March this October 2015, according to Williams. Farrakhan called the first march in 1995 around the Washington Mall, seeking to unite the African American community in their strength and struggles.

Judge LeRoy M. Not Afraid of the Crow Nation spoke on suicide prevention, sharing the story of losing his daughter to suicide, which severely plagues native nations. He reminded the youth that every life is important.

"He totally captivated the audience," Williams said. "I think it touched a lot of people in a personal way."

This conference was an important time of networking for the Pokagon youth and learning what other youth councils are doing in their communities.



Pokagon Native Nations Youth Council and the Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council members meet Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow.

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

Clothing drive planned for South Dakota Indian School students

The children of the St. Joseph Indian School in South Dakota are in need of clothing and personal hygiene products. We are hoping to fill a truck up and send these much-needed items to the children there. We will be collecting these items during the months of August and September at the Self-Storage Units by the Housing Department office on Dailey Road in Dowagiac.

Please help us help children in other native communities by dropping off any season clothing in both adult and children sizes between 1 and 3 p.m. every Wednesday in August and September. Questions? Contact Tom Wesaw (269) 621-0371 or Jeannie Mollett (269) 463-5355. Anything you can spare is greatly appreciated. Migwech.

Citizens in Minnesota Meet with Council



Tribal Council plans to increase outreach efforts to citizens who live outside the service delivery area. Council members were in St. Paul for the National Congress of American Indians mid-year conference in June and hosted a luncheon for Pokagons to share concerns, offer ideas for service improvements, and ask any questions.

“It was a great success and we’re looking to make the activity a regular event,” said Micky Magnuson-Martin, Council member at large. “We hope to host the next event in October while in San Diego.”

Constitutional Review Board August meeting

Citizen comments on Constitutional Review Board's Recommendations

Wednesday, August 19 | 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Department of Education celebrates high schooler's accomplishments

Alan Grabowski is soon to be a junior at Penn High School and has maintained a 2.75 GPA through this academic year. Alan is special to the Department of Education because he has dedicated much of his after school free time to academics. Alan participates in a dyslexia program after school in addition to attending one of the largest high schools in northern Indiana. Alan also participates in Band playing the trombone. Keep up the good work, Alan, you have worked hard and the department wants to recognize your achievements!



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

2015

August 12	September 2	October 7	November 4
August 15	September 9	October 14	November 11

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Department of Human Resources

Carpenter Apprenticeship Program Openings Available

An apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job learning and related classroom instruction in a highly skilled trade. It is a four year program with 8,000 hours total of on-the-job training and 39 credit hours.

Requirements:

- Pokagon citizen or spouse of a Pokagon citizen
- High school diploma or GED
- 18 years of age or older

In addition, to move through the Selection process, you will need to complete an Apprenticeship application, TABE Assessment with a minimum score of 9.0 and an online OSHA Hazard Recognition Training for the Construction Industry Course with a minimum exam score of 70%.

Enrollment is now OPEN and we are taking applications for the next class year starting tentatively in October.

Find the **application and learn how to apply here:**

www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/business-community/apprenticeship-program

Contact Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist at (269) 462-4227 or Jim Dybevik, director of human resources at (269) 462-4265 if you have any questions regarding the Apprenticeship Program.

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

Culture Camp entertains, enlightens Pokagon kids

“Everyone had a great time,” said Becky Williams, youth cultural coordinator and one of the organizers of Culture Camp. About 58 Pokagon kids attended each camp. Youth in grades 6–12 gathered for their camp at Rodgers Lake June 14–18 while youngsters grades 2–5 enjoyed camp June 22–24.

Both camps focused on cultural teachings. Kids learned about bundles, sacred fires, and rights of passage. Besides activities like swimming and singing, they also created such traditional arts as black ash baskets, wooden spoons, cordage, copper bowls, and pottery.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the weeks such a success, and we look forward to seeing our campers next summer.

To view more photos, visit pokagonband-nsn.gov/gallery/culture-camp-2015



Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow call for photographers

KBMK committee wants to hear from photographers interested in being hired to photograph this year's pow wow. The committee will choose two people of interest, one for each day of the pow wow. Please submit a letter of interest and examples of your work via e-mail to beth.salman@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

PHS Pharmacy expanding services to spouses, staff

In the near future the Pokagon Health Services Pharmacy will serve tribal spouses and employees of the Pokagon Band government, Four Winds Casino, and Mno Bmadsen and their immediate family members. The PHS Pharmacy will offer select over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen, nicotine patches, in addition to the prescriptions filled.

The Pharmacy currently operates from a closed formulary allowing low cost medications; therefore, it may take extra time on the first fill to order medications or get your current medication changed to a formulary item. The medication cost or co-pay will be the non-native patient's responsibility and is due at the time the prescription is picked up.

Our Pharmacy staff will be happy to answer any questions, and one-to-one consultation is available for medication questions or questions regarding the new services offered. These new services are the first of several phases of PHS service expansion, so please continue to watch for updates and the launch date for this service.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

It is important to make sure your family and friends are up to date on their immunizations. Vaccines are responsible for the control of many infectious diseases that were once common in this country. Vaccines have reduced, and in some cases eliminated, many diseases that once routinely killed or harmed tens of thousands of infants, children and adults. Maintaining high immunization rates protects the entire community by interrupting the transmission of disease-causing bacteria or viruses. This reduces the risk that unimmunized people will be exposed to disease-causing agents. This type of protection is known as community or herd immunity, and embodies the concept that protecting the majority with safe, effective vaccines also protects those who cannot be immunized for medical reasons. By keeping up to date on your immunizations you are protecting yourself, your family, and your loved ones.

Because children are particularly vulnerable for infection, most immunizations are given in the first five to six years of life. Some immunizations are recommended throughout adolescence and adult years, while special vaccines may also be administered to international travelers. The Center for Disease Control recommends that children receive vaccines against diphtheria, influenza, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox, polio and others. Adolescents should receive vaccines against influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, meningococcal disease, pertussis, human papillomavirus, and any missed vaccinations. Adult vaccines include influenza, pneumococcal, tetanus, shingles (herpes zoster), diphtheria, and pertussis.

Mishkowze | Be strong. Do well.

Join the staff at Pokagon Health Services to better understand your health, take steps to improve your wellness, and support others in their efforts. We'll meet at 5 p.m. on the second Thursday

of each month at the Pokagon Health Center to hear from experts on health topics of the month, to share a meal and to give prizes.

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National Suicide & Prevention Awareness
Immunization Awareness
Ovarian Cancer Awareness

September 10

National Childhood Obesity Month

October 8

Breast Cancer Awareness
Mammograms
Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 23–31)
Mental Health Awareness
Domestic Violence Awareness

Join PHS for a Patient Appreciation Picnic August 7

Pokagon Health Services would like to invite you and your family to our patient appreciation event. This fun filled afternoon is our way of saying thank you for using our facility and helping it become a leading health and wellness provider in the region and in Indian Country.

The event will be Friday August 7 at the Rodgers Lake Sports Complex from noon to 2 p.m. We will be serving a barbecue lunch. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your support of our facility.



All vaccines are available through the PHS Clinic at no cost to Pokagon citizens. If you don't have a vaccination schedule for you or your loved ones, please contact one of our PHS nurses so that they can review your vaccination schedule and let you know what you or your loved one is due for. You can contact the PHS Clinic to speak with a nurse or schedule an appointment at (269) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234.



Saturday, August 8, 2015

2:00 PM

Southwestern Michigan College

The Early Childhood Education program presents **The Pop Ups** (Jason Rabinowitz and Jacob Stein) in concert. The Pop Ups are a GRAMMY nominated children's musical duo scheduled to perform using cardboard props, hand-painted sets and a cast of original puppets on Saturday, August 8 at 2:00 pm at Southwestern Michigan College.

Be sure to check out their latest album *Appetite for Construction*.

Register online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov

Mbibis gda dodoshke'a | You should breastfeed the baby

*Tribal Council designates August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month;
PHS opens lactation room*

By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse, and Beth Moody, RN, MSN, CNM, community outreach supervisor

In traditional indigenous lifeways we know that all things are interconnected to each other. This interconnected concept is also seen in some areas of modern day research studies. We now understand and acknowledge through traditional teachings and modern day research of the extremely intricate interconnection of breastfeeding, breast cancer and domestic violence.

If a woman is supported, loved, and encouraged during her pregnancy and postpartum period she has much better success with her breastfeeding experience. If she has had or is currently experiencing any physical and/or sexual abuse and/or violence she has a greater risk of an unsuccessful experience if she even attempts to breastfeed.

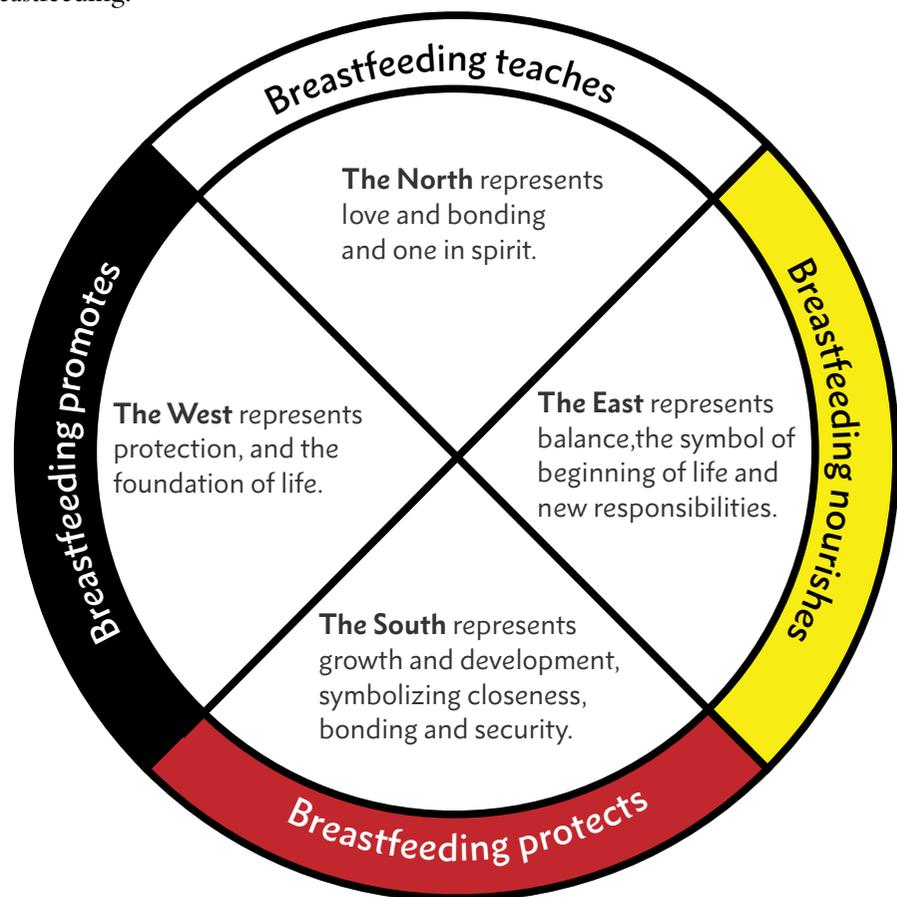
On the same connected lifeway pattern, if a woman never breastfeeds she has a greater risk of developing breast cancer later in her life journey. If a woman experiences any violence physically or sexually she has a greater risk of developing breast cancer as well.

Along with these statistics and research is woven the traditional knowledge of the importance of receiving the gift of our first traditional food to support a healthy baby which will lead to a healthier nation in the end. Breastfeeding is, without question, the best food that you can give a new baby. It is filled with nutrients and antibodies that can make a baby smarter and keep her from getting colds. Breastfeeding decreases all known chronic disease conditions, in particular diabetes mellitus. It is documented that American Indians and Alaskan Natives are at a three times greater risk of developing diabetes mellitus type II in their life time; the leading preventative measure is to breastfeed our babies.

Breastfeeding also is the first line of a truly being a sovereign nation. This baseline sovereignty starts with a healthy mother and infant fully prepared and supported in her attempt and success with breastfeeding in all four aspects of life: spiritual, emotional, physical and mental. It gives mothers a chance to hold a newborn close, cuddle him, and make eye contact. These are relaxing and enjoyable moments for you both, and they bring you closer together emotionally. A well-balanced and whole mother-baby unit is the key to strong and healthy future generations of native nations.

A traditional Potawatomi/Shawnee woman had a beautiful full color, real time dream a few years ago. In this dream there were women dancing all together happily in the circle, all wrapped in four colorful shawls: red and purple (for domestic violence awareness), pink (for breast cancer awareness) and yellow with white fringe. When she awoke she knew immediately that the yellow shawl with white fringe represented breastfeeding awareness with the yellow color representing the first colostrum and the white fringe was the mother's milk flowing. As Anishnaabe kwe'k we know the shawl is a representation of warmth, love, protection, and comfort that a mother/community should provide. We know the fringe traditionally has been a reflection of the hair of Mother Earth – to keep us close and connected to her. This dream was clearly a gift sent to get the message out to our communities to not only protect our women from violence and disease by wrapping them in the warmth and comfort of a shawl but also to raise healthy Anishnaabe children and start them off wrapped in the same warmth, comfort and protection to ensure a start to a good life with the gift of our first traditional food.

Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution designating August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month. This resolution aligns with the World Health Organization's and the US Attorney General's position on the importance of breastfeeding.



Along with this resolution, Intertribal Council of Michigan provided funding for an event July 26 to provide women a space and materials to create a breastfeeding awareness shawl. These shawls will be blessed and danced at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow with the domestic violence and breast cancer awareness shawls. Any woman that was not able to make a breastfeeding shawl and wants to make one to support this vital traditional lifeway can contact Beth Moody for materials (269) 783-2478. We would like to encourage all women who have made domestic violence and breast cancer awareness shawls to please bring those with you to the Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow so they all can be danced together.

Pokagon Health Services now has a room that is now available for breastfeeding mothers who wish to nurse their babies in private while visiting or for staff and citizens to pump while they have to be away from their babies.

PHS has a certified lactation counselor (CLC) and a certified nurse-midwife on staff to work with Pokagon mothers and families. PHS recommends the CLC meet with mothers once before birth to go over some education and obtain a history on the mother planning to breastfeed, and then after the birth to help ensure a positive breastfeeding experience. The breastfeeding program also has a small supply of breast pumps that are loaned out to mothers. If you have any questions regarding breastfeeding, please contact PHS at (269) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234 to speak with the certified lactation counselor the certified nurse midwife.

Looking for Family, Tribal, and Historical Photographs



The Band is interested in building an archive of both color and black and white images of our people.

If you have photos to share, there are ways to do this without them leaving your possession. Photos can be easily scanned and returned to you on the spot. These photos and the information of who, where, and what are important pieces of our Band's history. We'd also like to display historical photographs of our people in the tribal government offices for everyone to see and be proud of.

If interested, please contact Marcus Winchester at 269.462.4224 or via email at marcus.winchester@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Educational Excellence Initiative urges Pokagon students to aim high

Pokagon students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to strive for educational excellence, to attend school regularly, and to improve their academic performance. A new program allows citizens to increase funding for educational programs they frequently use, thereby increasing their knowledge, skills and ability to flourish in post-secondary educational institution.

Students must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Pokagon citizen
- Attend an accredited education agency
- Be enrolled in grades kindergarten–12th grade
- Present proof of grades and attendance that meet the requirements (see www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/k-12th-grade/educational-excellence-initiative) for entire school year

Upcoming Elders Kindle Trainings

Kindle workshops will take place immediately following the monthly Elders Business Meetings. Please plan on attending and bringing your Kindle and any questions you may have about this technology or any other technological concerns you may have. We will also be discussing tribal perspectives and how the media can increase participation and understanding.

The next Elders Quarterly Workshop will be August 22 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and held at the Community Center. The Department of Education will be providing 50 Kindle Fires to 25 Registrants that attend the Workshop and 25 to those that cannot attend (out of the service area).

Registration for the Kindle Fire HD's are needed to receive the Kindles at the workshop. The deadline to register will be August 14 at 5:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there and providing you the utmost of care.

Department of Education grows Graduation Tree

The Department of Education Graduation Tree is designed to give recognition to students who demonstrate the characteristics which further the mission and goals of Pokagon Band Department of Education by completing programs that represent standards of achievement and excellence. The Department of Education would like the Graduation Tree to include every Pokagon Band graduate to be represented on the tree with a leaf placed in their honor for all degrees completed. Everyone that would like to be honored on the tree must submit an application and provide a copy of their degree to the Department of Education. Even if you have already provided an application and copy of your degree another one is required to be submitted as the past documents may have been misplaced or lost. Applications accepted year round.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

- must be Pokagon Band citizen.
- must have graduated with an Associates, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate degree.
- must complete the application
- must sign the application attesting to its accuracy.
- must send a copy of their diploma.

Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa committee looking for remembrances and memorabilia for 30th pow wow celebration

The KMBK Pow Wow Committee is asking for historical information for the 2015 Pow Wow. Let us know if:

- You ever served on the KMBK Pow Wow Committee. If so, when and in what capacity;
- If you have photos from past KMBK pow wows, especially those from St. Pat's Park; and
- If you have memorabilia (programs, flyers, t-shirts) you would like to share.

To participate or for more information, contact Marchell Wesaw at (269) 462-4204 or at marchell.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov by July 2.

All money earned must be used within that same school year for such programming as the enrichment program, special requests, and tutoring. In addition, funds may be used for the Youth Transportation IDA offered through Chi Ishobak starting when the child turns 13 years old. The deadline to receive report cards is at the end of the following marking period/semester/quarter.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marcy Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch every third Wednesday 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

The menu for the **August 19 Healthy Lunch is Greek Pasta Salad**. Mark your calendar for the next lunches on September 16 and October 21.

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

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Seeking art work for new Language & Culture building



The tribal government is seeking artwork created by citizens and spouses for the new Language and Culture offices.

If interested, please submit a proposal or portfolio for consideration. Work should reflect Potawatomi culture and be of the highest quality. Submissions for consideration should include your name, tribal ID number, contact information, and a detailed description of the work (materials used, size, and sketch). Submissions can be sent digitally to marcus.winchester@pokagonband-nsn.gov, jason.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov, or by mail to Marcus Winchester at PO Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Marcus at (269) 462-4224 or Jason at (269) 447-6610.

Purple shawl workshop scheduled for August

Saturday, August 15

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Community Center

The Domestic Violence Team will be hosting a Purple Shawl Workshop for any ladies in the community who would like to make a shawl, but haven't had a chance yet. We wear our purple shawls to honor those we have lost to domestic violence, for our sisters still unsafe at home, and to celebrate the strength and bravery of the survivors who have been able to escape. You do not need to be a domestic violence survivor to participate, nor do you need to be an experienced seamstress (however any skills are always appreciated) to attend. All materials are provided free of charge. We just want to continue raising awareness and doing our part to create a community free from violence. If you are interested in attending or have any questions please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Please bring a dish to pass, if able.

Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Aaron Pitcher** who answered, "If you remove the first letter, a bit remains. If you remove the second, bit still remains. After much trying, you might be able to remove the third one also, but it remains." The answer was "habit."

Renee Brown has won a gift card for her riddle being selected. Check it out:

I cannot be felt, seen or touched;

Yet I can be found in everybody;

My existence is always in debate;

Yet I have my own style of music.

What Am I?

Mail or e-mail in 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.



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Do you have any ideas for programming?



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Domestic Violence Team is looking for some suggestions for events and programming for the month. Over the past two years we've hosted a lot of successful events and want to keep that momentum going.

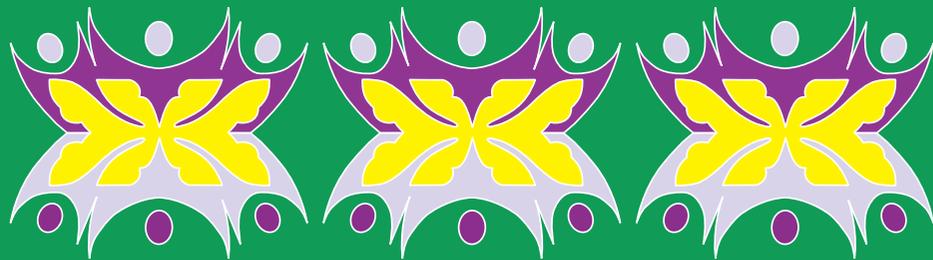
If you have any thoughts, please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Project LAUNCH Parent Advisory Group



This group meets once a month and is composed of parents and caregivers of children 0–8 years of age. Each Department meets with the Parent Group and discusses ways we can help improve the services for our Pokagon Youth. The Parent Group also receives a cultural teaching from a member of the Pokagon Community.

If you're interested in attending please contact JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator, (269) 462-4450.

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August 2015

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
			<p>Strengthening Families Through Tradition ¹ Zumba</p>
<p>Language Class e Class ning Class</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Fit Kids Lean Lunch SS Women's Traditional Dance Class EDU Elders Workshop: Tribal Perspectives L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training</p>	<p>6</p> <p>PHS Patient Appreciation Cook Out Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>Tribal Council Meeting Zumba EDU The Pop Ups in concert</p>
<p>age Class Language Class ning Class</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Mishkowze: Immunization, Ovarian Cancer & Suicide Prevention Awareness Fit Kids Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>Zumba SS Purple Shawl Workshop</p>
<p>resentation age Class Language Class</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Fit Kids Lean Lunch SS Women's Traditional Dance Class L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>EDU Elders Kindle Workshop Zumba L&C Language Workshop</p>
<p>age Class Language Class</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Fit Kids Lean Lunch SS Women's Traditional Dance Class L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training</p>	<p>27</p> <p>L&C Long Bow Workshop Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>29</p> <p>L&C Long Bow Workshop SS Mom to Mom Sale Zumba</p>

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 three 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 | Election Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens who are interested to fill one Alternate member position on the Election Board. This appointment will be for an approximately four year term that will expire January 31, 2019. 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. Alternates are not members of the Election Board, but Alternates do assist the Election Board in fulfilling its responsibilities and attend Election Board meetings. Alternates will be seated and vote in the absence of an Election Board member.

QUALIFICATIONS. Alternates must meet all eligibility requirements applicable to members of the Election Board. To be eligible for appointment to the Election Board, a Pokagon Band citizen must:

1. Be an eligible voter of the Pokagon 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. A potential appointee must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will interview potential appointees for the Alternate position, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive such requirement. The Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will interview potential appointees. Prior to any appointment, the Tribal Council will make a determination whether the interested person meets the qualifications required to serve as an Alternate on the Election Board. In order to make this determination, all persons seeking appointment must undergo a limited criminal background check performed by the Pokagon Band Tribal Police to ensure that the candidate meets the qualifications to serve. Thus, all persons interested in 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 busier 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 PM. On average, a Board 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. Alternates may be compensated as independent contractors for service to the Election Board at rates established by the Tribal Council, only if seated at an Election Board meeting in the absence of an Election Board member. In addition, Alternates are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Election Board business in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Alternates 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.

HOW TO APPLY. Pokagon Band citizens who meet the qualifications, and are willing to be considered for appointment to fill the Alternate position, must submit all of the following: (1) a written statement of interest; (2) a résumé; and (3) a completed "Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check" Form, by one of the following 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

QUESTIONS. If you have questions concerning the Election Board, please contact the Election Board offices 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/boards/election-board.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.



Department of Education

Win a Kindle

Submit a photo of you using your Discovery Kit or write a small article about how you used your Kit. Be creative.

One female and one male winner will be selected. The winning photos or articles will be published in the tribal newsletter, *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*.

Entries must be received by Monday, August 3, 2015.

Please send your entries to:

Department of Education
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

or e-mail to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov



Free Legal Aid For Pokagon Band Citizens Starting November 4, 2014

Do you need advice or assistance with a legal issue? The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians arranged for Michigan Indian Legal Services (MLS) to provide legal services to Pokagon Band citizens (and in some instances, spouses of Pokagon Band citizens) regarding certain types of legal issues, such as:

- Criminal Matters in Pokagon Band Tribal Court (if you are indigent).
- Guardianship and Conservatorships
- General legal advice regarding Michigan law
- Power of Attorney (Medical and/or Financial)
- Real Estate Matters
- General legal advice on Pokagon Band law
- Simple Wills
- Landlord Tenant Matters

Except for criminal matters in Pokagon Band Tribal Court, there are no asset or income restrictions applicable to Pokagon Band citizens receiving free legal services from MLS. Not all legal services provided include representation in court, in some instances the available legal services are limited to document review, document preparation, and/or providing legal advice. The attorney from MLS is licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan only and therefore, the advice and legal services provided will be limited to Michigan law and Pokagon Band law.

An attorney from MLS will be at the Pokagon Band Community Center, located at 27043 Potawatomi Trail in Dowagiac, Michigan, two days per week to provide legal services. The schedule may vary, so please call MLS to determine availability.

WHEN MEETING WITH THE ATTORNEY, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING ALL THE PAPERWORK RELATED TO YOUR LEGAL ISSUE.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call MLS at 1 (800) 968-6877.

Notice of Open Position | Traditions/Repatriations Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for two (2) Committee member positions and one (1) alternate position 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 Tribe. 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 time commitment required to prepare for and attend Committee meetings and perform the business of the Committee will vary. The Committee meets approximately once each month to address general cultural issues and once per month to address issues with the THPO. The Committee may also meet at additional times as needed to fulfill Committee duties. Committee Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings, which are typically held at the Band's Administration Building located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan.

COMPENSATION. Committee Members are independent contractors and compensated for service to the Committee at rates established by the Tribal Council. Currently, Committee Members are compensated in the amount of \$75 per Committee meeting. In addition, Committee 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 a Member or Alternate of the Traditions/Repatriation Committee must 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 members must be flexible in meeting times and locations, and be able to handle several projects at once.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Tribal Police Department



Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Heart-Savers Class | August 5 **Family and Friends Class | August 14**
8:00 am – 4:00 pm 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tribal citizens and their families are invited to take one of two American Heart Association classes offered quarterly by the PTPD.

One training is the Family and Friends Anytime Program offered through American Heart Association. Each participant will receive a kit that they will be able to take home after the class. The class itself should last at the most 4 hours and will not certify participants, but the DVD included in their kit will provide a learning experience for the entire family when taken home.

The other program that will be offered is the Heart-Savers program from the American Heart Association. This will be a 6 to 8 hour class that will cover first aid basics and in depth training in CPR. This program will certify participants in AHA Heart-Savers CPR/First Aid. The CPR portion will cover adult, child and infant procedures.

Only 25 seats are available for the Heart-Savers Class. Registration is on a first-come basis. Register online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/cpr-class-registration or contact Officer Eric Shaer at (269) 782-2232 or eric.shaer@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Committee 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 limit to the number of terms a member can serve on the Committee.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Committee 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 maybe directed to Kevin Daugherty at kevin.daugherty@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Courses at Four Winds Casino Resort
Open to Pokagon Citizens, Spouses, Custodial Parents
and Government Employees
July-September 2015

<p>LEADERSHIP 1 Thursday, July 9, 2p-4p FWNB Wednesday, July 15, 2p-4p FWH Tuesday, September 1, 2p-4p FWD</p>	<p>LEADERSHIP 1 – "Communication & Cooperation" This course introduces participants to the importance of teamwork, flexibility and strategic thinking. Activities include Picture Resume and United League of Nations.</p>
<p>LEADERSHIP 2 Monday, July 20, 1p-3:30p FWNB Tuesday, August 11, 1p-3:30p FWH</p>	<p>LEADERSHIP 2 – "DISC Profile" Participants take the DISC® profile assessment to learn about effective communication and identify their own communication style.</p>
<p>LEADERSHIP 3 Monday, August 3, 11a-1p FWNB Thursday, August 20, 2p-4p FWH Tuesday, Sept 15, 1:30p-3:30p FWD</p>	<p>LEADERSHIP 3 – "Living the Core Values" Participants discuss the core values of teamwork, respect, integrity and fun and learn why listening and providing clear direction and feedback are crucial to a good management style.</p>
<p>LEADERSHIP 4 Monday, July 13, 1:30p-4p FWD Friday, August 21, 12:30p-3p FWNB</p>	<p>LEADERSHIP 4 – "Coaching & Listening" Participants learn how to delegate, in order to free up time to listen, coach and provide feedback to staff. A 5 step coaching model is presented.</p>
<p>LEADERSHIP 5 Wednesday, August 26, 1:30p-4p FWD Monday, August 31, 10a-12:30p FWNB</p>	<p>LEADERSHIP 5 – "Emotional Intelligence" Participants learn how to avoid emotional hijack during stressful situations, and the important role of emotional competencies in leadership.</p>
<p>LEADERSHIP 6 Wednesday, July 29, 2p-4p FWH Thursday, September 10, 1p-3p FWNB</p>	<p>LEADERSHIP 6 – "Emotional Intelligence II – Horse & Rider" In the second EI class, participants learn the four premises of Emotional Control and that we each make choices and have control over how we react and feel.</p>
<p>LEADERSHIP 8 Monday, September 21, 1p-3:30p FWNB Thursday, September 24, 1:30p-4p FWH</p>	<p>LEADERSHIP 8 – Social Intelligence Building on Emotional Intelligence with revolutionary new science, this class helps you understand how you can increase your social awareness and improve your relationship management – to help you and your staff to SHINE! (Please take Leadership 5, 6, and 8 in order.)</p>
<p>OBVIOUS CHOICE Thursday, July 16, 1p-4p FWD</p>	<p>OBVIOUS CHOICE Participants will learn what will make them stand out from the crowd. This class will assist individuals with an understanding of what they need to do to make themselves the obvious choice for interviews, transfers, and promotions.</p>
<p>SO YOU WANT TO BE A SUPERVISOR Day 1: Tuesday, Sept 22, 1p-5p FWNB Day 2: Tuesday, Sept 29, 1p-5p FWNB</p>	<p>So you want to be a supervisor... What every desiring-to-be-a-supervisor should know about being GREAT! This course takes a look at "Meeting the Challenge", "Filling the Four Fundamentals into your Style", and "Dealing with Special Situations". Attendance at both sessions is required.</p>
<p>All NB classes are in the Training Center on the 2nd floor of the FWCR HR Building in New Buffalo, FWH classes in FWCR Hartford Training Room and FWD classes in FWCR Dowagiac Training Room.</p>	
<p>If you would like to attend, please contact the Pokagon Band's Director of Human Resources to enroll. Hartford and Dowagiac have limited seating, so please enroll early. Thank you. (6-18-15)</p>	

The Court has approved the publication of this *Notice* because there is no valid address.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
CASE NO. 15-3315-PCDCS
58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

NOTICE OF

- (1) **ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND**
(2) **PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT**

To: Brittainy Lee Falk Rangel
Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that a Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support was filed with the Tribal Court on June 26, 2015.
2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy delinquent court-ordered child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. See 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
4. An Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
5. An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:
 - a. RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or
 - b. ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.
6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the recognition of the foreign court orders with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
 - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
 - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
7. Unless you file an objection to the enforcement of the foreign court orders, an Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the delinquent court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the delinquent child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
 - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
 - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support should not be granted by this Court.



Tuesday, July 14 Monday, August 10 Monday, August 24

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us at Michigan's beautiful Van Buren State Park for hikes led by a park naturalist. Hikes meet at the explorer guide area. Go to the second day parking area; you will see a sign for Explorer Guide Area.

Attend the hike and you will receive a State Park pass for you to enjoy the park for the rest of the year. Please wear appropriate hiking attire. Some of the hike will be on the sand dunes.

For more information or to register, contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or Dean Orvis at (269) 462-4290.

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INVENTORY LIQUIDATION SALE

Great Items at Great Prices
desks, file cabinets, watches, cameras, glassware, t-shirts, pow wow memorabilia, refrigerators, microwaves, other misc. goods

Silent Auction: vehicles, display tvs, freezers, refrigerators

Inside Sale Rain or Shine

August 3–4 | Tribal families + Staff
August 5–7 | Open to the Public
8:00 am–4:30 pm

In the back of the National Copper Bldg on Louise Avenue
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | 415 Prairie Ronde St. Dowagiac, MI

www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Elders Lunch Menu | Minké gises August

monday

3 **language**

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Corn
Garden Salad
Fruit
Roll

10 **language**

Buffalo Stuffed Peppers
Au Gratin Potatoes
Collard Greens
Fruit Salad
Roll

17 **language**

Sausage, Sauerkraut, and
Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy
Tomato Salad
Pumpkin Pie
Cornbread

24 **language**

Buffalo Stir Fry over Brown Rice
Garden Salad
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple
Fortune Cookie
Roll
Dessert

31 **language**

Buffalo Burger on a Bun
Macaroni Salad
Relish and Veggie Tray
Dessert

tuesday

4

Roasted Chicken
Baked Potatoes
Green Beans
Broccoli Slaw
Peaches
Roll

11

Perch Filet
Rice Pilaf
Carrots
Garden Salad
Jell-O W/ Fruit
Roll

18

Chicken Breast in Gravy over
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad
Blueberry Pie
Roll

25

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
Butternut Squash
Spinach Salad
Yogurt W/Fruit Cup
Roll

wednesday

5

Salad Bar with
all the fixings

12

BBQ Chicken
Baked Sweet Potato
Broccoli
Cucumber Salad
Dessert
Roll

19

Buffalo Spaghetti
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Dessert
Garlic Bread

26

Chicken Salad Croissant
Italian Pasta Salad
Broccoli
Veggie and Relish Tray
Dessert

thursday

6 **business**

Buffalo Sloppy Joe
Baked Chips
Relish and Veggie Tray
Fruit Salad
Birthday Cake

13

Meatballs in Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Waldorf Salad
Roll

20 **social**

BBQ Pork on a Bun
Baked Chips
Baked Beans
Relish and Veggie Tray
Peanut Butter Cookie

27

Beer Battered Haddock
Spanish Rice
Garden Salad
Green Beans
Roll
Dessert

friday

7

Smoked Salmon
Baked Potato
Brussels Sprouts
Coleslaw
Roll
Dessert

14

Bean Soup
Ham and Cheese on a Bun
Veggie and Relish Tray
Strawberries

21

Salmon Patty
Mac and Cheese
Corn
Veggie Tray
Fruit
Roll

28

Breakfast Bar

august



photo by rachel kramer

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 Deidre Ecker in the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2014	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb	x	x
2717	Zachary T. Huffman		x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr	x	x
4442	Mason Tyler Currey	x	

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

Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

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

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

The document must be received by August 15 in order to make it on the September 2015 check run. Anything received after August 15 will be processed on the check run for October 2015. 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.

Are you eligible for certain Michigan tax exemptions?

If you are an enrolled Pokagon citizen, and you live in the tribe's Tax Agreement Area (as is 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 these benefits. The application is available online here: www.pokagonbandnsn.gov/departments/finance/state-tax-agreements

Please read the Tax Agreement Overview (www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/finance/state-tax-agreements) to learn about these benefits and see a map of the Tax Agreement Area. You will also find individual township maps at that link. If you think you may live inside the Tax Agreement Area boundaries (green shaded areas), then you may be able to register with the State of Michigan and get relief from certain taxes.

In order to get registered, you must apply by filling out a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Application and returning it to Julie Rodriguez in the Finance Department. Upon review of your application, we will notify you of your eligibility status.

If you have any questions, or comments regarding the Tax Agreement or your RTM status or benefits, please do not hesitate to contact Julie at (269) 462-4210 or Julie.Rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Thursday, January 15, 2015	Thursday, January 29, 2015	Friday, January 30, 2015
Friday, February 13, 2015	Thursday, February 26, 2015	Friday, February 27, 2015
Friday, March 13, 2015	Monday, March 30, 2015	Tuesday, March 31, 2015
Wednesday, April 15, 2015	Wednesday, April 29, 2015	Thursday, April 30, 2015
Friday, May 15, 2015	Thursday, May 28, 2015	Friday, May 29, 2015
Monday, June 15, 2015	Monday, June 29, 2015	Tuesday, June 30, 2015
Wednesday, July 15, 2015	Thursday, July 30, 2015	Friday, July 31, 2015
Friday, August 14, 2015	Thursday, August 27, 2015	Friday, August 28, 2015
Tuesday, September 15, 2015	Tuesday, September 29, 2015	Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Thursday, October 15, 2015	Thursday, October 29, 2015	Friday, October 30, 2015
Monday, November 2, 2015*	Tuesday, November 24, 2015	Wed, November 25, 2015
Friday, December 4, 2015*	Thursday, December 17, 2015	Fri, December 18, 2015

* Please note, in 2015, the November deadline for changes is November 2 and the December deadline is December 4. This is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

Tribal Council August Calendar of Events

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

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

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.

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.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Social Services

Mom to Mom SALE

Saturday, August 29
10:00 am–2:00 pm
Community Center

A Mom-to-Mom Sale is essentially a huge rummage sale where parents can buy gently used baby and kids items directly from other parents. Get great deals on second hand baby clothing, kids clothing, maternity clothing, toys, books, games, furniture and gear!

To reserve a table to sell your gently used items, please call Rachel Orvis at (712) 420-3322 or email rdorvis@gmail.com. Space is limited so reserve your table early!

This event is a fundraiser for the Pokagon Band Domestic Violence Program. Please consider a donation to support a local womens shelters. Suggested donations include: \$2, or items such as paper products, over the counter medicine for adults and children, baby items (especially diapers size 6), and personal hygiene items.



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Tribal Council September Calendar of Events

- 1 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Closed in observation of Labor Day
- 8 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 15 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 22 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 29 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.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Social Services + PHS Wellness Center

Women's Traditional Dance Workshop

August 6, August 18, August 20 + August 25
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
PHS Wellness Center

Do you want to learn how to dance in time for Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa?

The Wellness Center and Department of Social Services will be hosting Women's Traditional Dance Classes with Lucinda Graverette-Smith this August.

The sessions will take place on Thursday, August 6, August 20, August 27, and September 3 from 5:00 pm–7:00 pm at the Wellness Center.

No experience or regalia required. You do not have to attend all sessions, however you are encouraged to attend as many as you can.

If you have any questions please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or Dean Orvis at (269) 462-4290.

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Childcare Needed

The Department of Social Services is looking for someone to provide childcare once per week for support group.

Applicants should be comfortable working with children of all ages. Some knowledge of the dynamics of domestic violence, as well as trauma, may be helpful, though not a requirement.

All applicants must be able to pass a background check.

If you are interested please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov by August 28, 2015.

Tribal Office Directory

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FAX (269) 782-7814

Communications
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Toll Free (888) 330-1234
FAX (269) 782-0985

Elders Program
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Elections
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Enrollment
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Head Start
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0026/
(866) 250-6573
FAX (269) 782-9795

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

Housing & Facilities
57824 East Pokagon Trail
(269) 783-0443
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Human Resources
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
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Language & Culture
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(269) 462-4325

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415 E. Prairie Ronde St.
(269) 783-4111

Natural Resources
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(574) 282-2638
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(269) 782-8998

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(269) 782-6323
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FAX (269) 782-9625

Tribal Court
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0505/
FAX (269) 783-0519

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

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Senior Youth Council Directory

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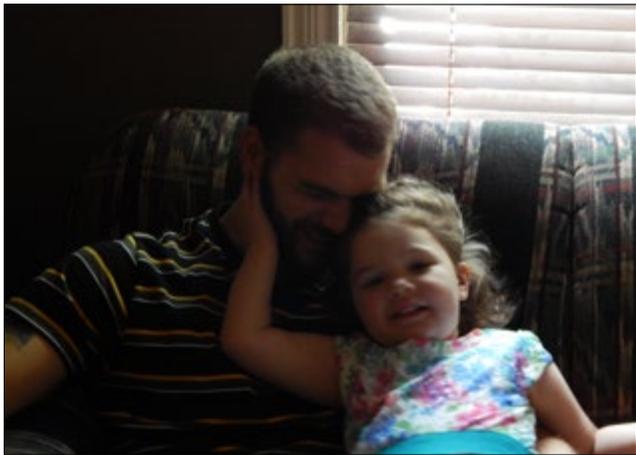
Interim Youth Culture Coordinator
(269) 462-4325

Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

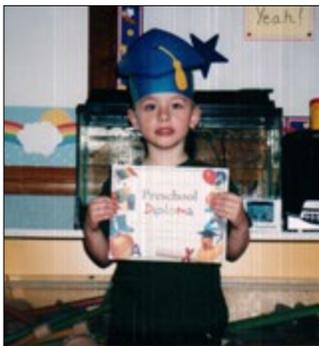
Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The 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.

Minké gises August Citizen Announcements



Happy 3rd birthday, **Kensington!** We love you to infinity and beyond! Love, Daddy, Grandma and Grandpa



Congratulations, **Gagie!** We can't believe you are graduating high school. You have turned into a wonderful, caring person and we can't wait to see what the future holds for you.

Love you, Mom, Dad, Sis, Eric, Aidan, Tade, Charlie, Layla, and Sophie



Happy birthday to my Twincesses, **Layla** and **Sophie**. I can't believe it's already been one year. You two have filled our home with love, laughter and finally made our family whole.

Love you, Mommy, Daddy, Aidan, Tade, and Charlie

On June 26, 2015, **Lisa Renee Reynolds**, daughter of Dorothy Marie Hiller, married William G. Butcher.

Happy August birthdays to **Ricky Rider** age 40, **Matthew Rider** age 12, and **Casey Rider** age 11,

Love mom/dad, grandma/grandpa



Happy 2nd birthday **BO!**
Mom and Dad love you!



Happy birthay **Reagan!**
Love, Dad, Mom, and Bo



30th annual Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow

Saturday, September 5–Sunday, September 6, 2015
Grand entry: Saturday at 12 + 6 | Sunday at 12