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Elders Take a Bite of the Big Apple

Two busloads of nearly one hundred Pokagon elders and spouses trekked to New York City June 25 and enjoyed five days in and around the Big Apple. The group stayed in the Times Square neighborhood and experienced several excellent restaurants nearby, including a dinner cruise on New York Harbor.

Some of the highlights included going to Battery Park and ferrying over to Ellis Island to see the Statue of Liberty and tour the National Museum of the American Indian. They also visited the 9/11 Memorial and saw *Mamma Mia* on Broadway.

Some went to join the live audience one morning outside the *Good Morning America* studio in Times Square at Broadway

and 44th Street, while others opted to tour the Empire State Building or shop at Macy's.

"It's our first trip, and we feel so fortunate to have met other Pokagons and shared names of our ancestors," wrote an elder following the trip. "Thank you very much to Elders Council for the fantastic trip and memories."

Another wrote, "I never would have made a trip like that on my own. Thanks for the opportunity!" One commented that he enjoyed the sites, the friendship and the great meals.

Stay tuned for future elders trips.



Stanley Morseau Serves Elders Council as Chair

On June 23 the Election Board swore in Stanley Morseau as the new Elders Council chairman. The position had been vacant for a few months, and the Council had frequently been unable to attain quorum. To fill the vacancy in time, the code was modified so that the process followed an election

process, but allowed for Council to make an appointment, said Council secretary Audrey Huston.

Morseau will fill the chairman's seat until the next Elders Council election in November.



Potawatomi nations from across the United States and Canada will converge on Allegan County, Michigan August 4-9 at the 2014 Potawatomi Gathering. The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band is hosting The Gathering, an opportunity for Potawatomi people to reunite as a family to strengthen culture and traditions. Register now and check out all the planned conferences, activities and events at the Gathering website:

www.potawatominations.com

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Sovereignty Reaffirmation

Come enjoy the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Band's restoration act and reaffirmation of Pokagon sovereignty at Rodgers Lake Saturday, September 20. Organizers are planning many twentieth anniversary touches: If you were in the Oval Office photo taken September 21, 1994, we'd like to recreate that photo at this year's Sovereignty Day event. Please contact Paige Risser at (269) 462-4283. If you have any old photos that you'd be willing to bring in to be scanned and included in a historical slide show, please contact Marcus Winchester at (269) 462-4224. Pokagon artists are invited to show/sell their work, and musicians or performers are needed to entertain during the evening hours. Please contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203. Dancers who would like to be a part of the opening ceremonies, please contact the Department of Language & Culture at (269) 462-4296.

Schedule of Events

10 a.m. Welcome ceremony | Invocation

Until 5 p.m.: Carnival activities, rides, games, and food | Lacrosse, softball, horseshoes | Pokagon artisans work for sale | Giveaways

5-8 p.m. Performances | Light refreshments | Raffles



Peacemaking Initiative Takes Shape

By Kyla Martin

Talking circles have long facilitated peaceful discussions and community gatherings. The circles have been a place of equality, and now they will serve as a model for the community as it brings back a tradition from long ago: peacemaking.

The community peacemaking forum is a traditional way to resolve disputes between citizens and discuss issues that may arise within the community that do not involve the Tribal Court.

"It's to help solve the problem before it gets to that point," said Stacey Gettig, Tribal Court clerk.

Peacemaking exists worldwide in many native communities because it is the most community appropriate way to resolve disputes and conflicts. Since it is so effective with better outcomes, it has attracted the interest of legal scholars worldwide within the past couple of decades. Many other Indian tribes across the United States have revitalized it to complement the adversarial process courts which have been superimposed upon their communities. Additionally, many other court systems across the United States now require or involve some sort of alternative conflict resolution.

It utilizes ceremonial traditions, talking circles, and peacemakers to bring people involved in disputes to common ground.

On July 2, Chairman John Warren, other Council members, peacemaking Community Advisory Board members, Court personnel, and other community members gathered in the Community Center to

discuss the Pokagon Band peacemaking values, goals, processes and citizen involvement.

At this meeting, they determined potential peacemakers and training they will need, the process for utilizing peacemaking, ceremonies to be performed during peacemaking sessions, and what happens after peacemaking is used. This plan is in a draft form.

"It's been a long time, and this is a really big milestone for us," Gettig said, "to actually have a plan."

Chief Judge Michael Petoskey would like citizens to use peacemaking for civil disputes before coming to the Court.

"I see the community conflict resolution tool being a complement to what already exists in the Court," Petoskey said.

The Court will continue to handle criminal cases, but the Court encourages citizens to seek peacemaking for their civil disputes.

"This has always been a part of our culture," Gettig said. "This is the way things were always handled, traditionally. So it's not merely starting something new. It's really bringing something back."

American court systems focus on determining a winner and a loser, potentially destroying relationships. But peacemaking strives to preserve the tribal community and the relationships within.

"Tribal communities are relatively small, and whatever destruction or negative consequences there are from the way things are handled continue to

reverberate throughout the community long after that particular issue is resolved by the Court," Petoskey said.

Peacemakers serve as facilitators in the talking circles, and they should be culturally informed, honest, respected, have life experience, and have knowledge of available Pokagon Band programs for the participants.

Peacemakers are not judges; they do not decide the outcome. Those involved in the dispute will determine their solution. They will each set standards and be expected to adhere to those, and they will also design the consequences if they do not.

People seeking peacemaking are expected to be patient, responsive, respectful, open-minded, solution-oriented, engaged, equal, mentally present, actively listen, know there is support and alternate solutions.

"The big thing for this is not to figure out what the problem is or not to solve the problem—it's very important to do both of those—but to get the people to talk," Gettig said. "To be able to have them talk civilly is the biggest accomplishment you'll see out of this, because once you get them talking in a friendly, peaceful manner, then everything else is going to fall behind it. You're going to be able to solve the problems you need to solve."

If you'd like to be more involved in the revitalization of peacemaking in the Pokagon community, please come to the Community Center September 6 for a day of discussions and demonstrations. See the ad on page 11 of this issue for more details.

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

Enrichment Program Makes Scout Camp Possible

In June Justin Williams took advantage of the Department of Education's Enrichment Program and attended Boy Scout Camp for a week at Rota Kiwan in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Below are some of his reflections:

This was my first time at Boy Scout Camp. I am glad I went. I took archery, cinematography, swimming, and chess. We made our own arrows in archery. In cinematography, we did a storyboard of a movie we wanted to make, and then recorded the movie. We discussed the camera angles, too. That was a fun badge to earn. My favorite badge was chess. I really like chess and I like playing against others. It was great to play games when it was raining.



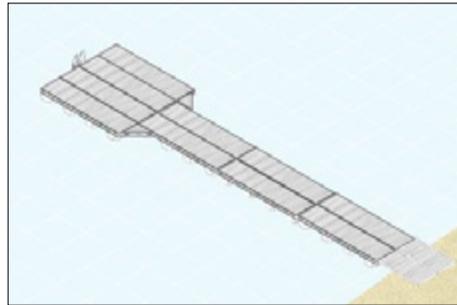
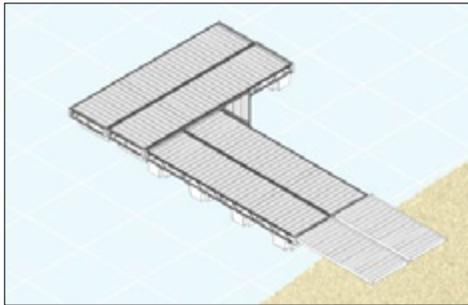
In swimming, which is an Eagle-required merit badge, we had to do an interesting activity using long pants and a long sleeve shirt. We had to get in the water wearing these over our swimsuits, and we had to use them as inflatable devices to keep us floating. We took off the long pants and then pinched shut the leg openings, and blew air into the waistband to create a floatation device. It can also be done with the shirt by closing off the arms and waist and blowing air into the neck.

Thank you for letting me have this adventure!

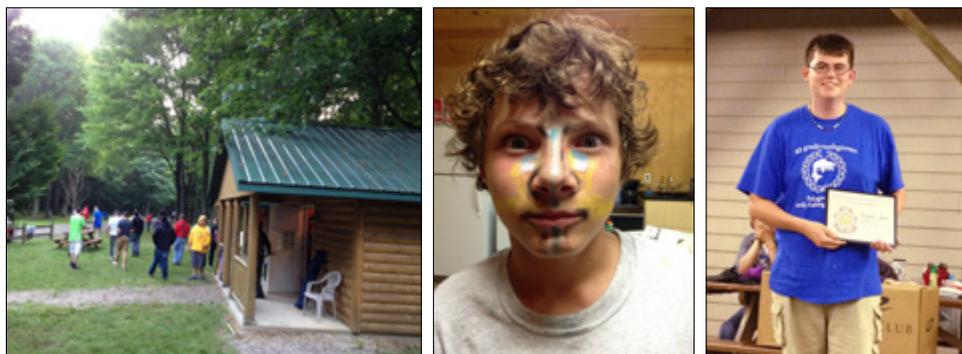
Gage Street Lake Access Improved with Two New Docks

If you visit Gage Lake in August, you'll have easier entrance to the water thanks to two new docks. The main dock will be replaced and a second dock will be added to the boat launch area. Both docks will be complete with vinyl decking, and the main dock will feature a swimming ladder. Installation is scheduled to begin July 28.

The docks will be installed by Lifts Ladders and Docks, a division of Accu-Mold Inc. Accu-Mold is owned by the tribe's economic development entity, Mno-Bmadsen. Enjoy the lake and its new docks!



Campers Enjoy their Time at Rodgers Lake



Culture Camp hosted more than 100 kids during its two weeks of learning and adventuring. Middle schoolers filled the Rodgers Lake campgrounds the first week, and junior and senior high school students took over the week after.

Campers battled in tug-of-war and warrior games; they paddled through Gage Street Lake. The kids took part in daily sessions in which they discovered geocaching treasures, learned the art of beading, studied financial techniques, and much more.

At the end of each week, campers received awards, some silly and some serious. The kids were all smiles those two weeks, and they each left with an experience they won't soon forget.

What did your child enjoy the most about Culture Camp? Let us know or post some pics at www.facebook.com/pokagonband.



RETURN TO THE WOODS 2014 HUNTER SAFETY CERTIFICATION

October 10-12

Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Rodgers Lake campground

The Pokagon Band would like to invite all Pokagon Band citizens and JOM youth interested in obtaining the State of Michigan hunters safety certification to our third annual 'Return to the Woods' campaign. The Pokagon Band youth will be sponsoring another year of hunter's safety certification classes. Please join us as we take the initial steps necessary to obtain a Michigan hunting license.

Participants will undergo all of the accreditation requirements necessary to obtain their State of Michigan Hunters Safety Certification card. Your completion of this class will increase your ability to purchase a hunting permit or hunting license in the state of Michigan.

All meals and lodging will be provided to the Hunter's Safety participants. We will have a male cabin and a female cabin (each with a covered chaperone) available for all Hunters Safety participants. Participants will need to bring:

-  a copy of their completed application and documentation forms
-  a sleeping bag or blanket
-  necessary clothing
-  toiletries

★ PRIZES AND PARTICIPATION GIFTS WILL BE AWARDED THROUGHOUT THE EVENT! ★

Please **R.S.V.P. by October 3, 2014** to reserve your spot in the Hunters Safety Certification classes. R.S.V.P. to Dean.Orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4290.

Drummond Island Trip Strengthens Ties, Culture

Early this July, 38 Pokagon Band representatives traveled north to Drummond Island, a small island sitting on the north edge of Lake Huron, to take part in the Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering.

The week was about reviving and learning about traditions of the past. Participants experienced traditional arts and crafts of the Great Lakes region, as well as enjoyed the natural beauty of the island.



“I had a great experience with everyone. I fleshed rabbit skins for a rabbit blanket, made an awl, and pounded a copper bowl as well as a cornhusk doll. It was a fantastic journey.” -Patricia Schumacher

“A few things I enjoyed the most during my trip to Drummond Island were seeing the youth I accompanied enjoy everyday. One of the days there, we went on a canoe trip and I heard one of the youth say ‘we are in paradise.’ Another day we saw a bald eagle. For some of the youth, this was the first time they saw a bald eagle. The look on their faces when they were looking at the bald eagle was priceless. The youth I was with as well as myself were and are truly appreciative of this opportunity given to us.” -Dan Stohrer

“It was a very enjoyable trip. The Drummond Island Resort Lodge was probably the neatest accommodations I have ever stayed at. It was definitely North Woods atmosphere. The teachings I attended were very well presented by knowledgeable instructors. I see the whole trip as a great opportunity for our youth to learn our heritage. I would recommend this trip again.” -Chet Swisher

“I relearned how to make baskets and made my first one since I was eight. I found it very rewarding as my grandma made baskets, and I hope she would be proud or happy I made a basket.” -Corinne Kasper

“I had a great time. I enjoyed spending time with our tribal members learning traditional teachings and more about the old ways of living. Everyone seemed to learn something new to them in one way or another. There was a huge sense of unity and kinship between our members that went, and I feel experiences like this will help solidify a stronger sense of culture and allow us to bring back some of the teachings that many have forgotten.” -Eric Shaer

Many Take a Healthy Step with Education

By Susan Doyle, education associate

The 3rd annual A Healthy Step with Education had a great turnout at the Community Center June 21. Eighty-five people joined the Departments of Education and Health Services for a day of health screenings, preparations for the upcoming school year and fun with dancing, lacrosse, the fire department, face painting and a bounce house. We were lucky to have Rizing Bear drum for the attendees, Andy Jackson lead tobacco teachings, and Katy Morseau-Rader demonstrate the craft of beading bracelets and necklaces. Migwetch to all those who worked and came to this event.



Summer of Wellness: A healthy lifestyle starts with one choice. Make yours today.

With all the different avenues for active and healthy living the Pokagon Band provides, you can choose what fits you best to make this journey your own. Whether you are seeking more exercise such as Zumba or a hike through a state park, or you want to break an addiction—we have what you need to meet your goals. Visit here to stay up to date on all the opportunities: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/health-services/clinical-services-and-programs/community-health for more details.

Kick the habit. Become a former smoker.

Another smoking cessation class starts August 13 at 6 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Lorraine Grewett at (269) 782-4570.

Hike Van Buren State Park

This summer, Elizabeth Leffler has planned three naturalist-guided hikes through the trails at Van Buren State Park. Each new hike increases with intensity, so catch the next one and build your endurance as you enjoy the beauty surrounding the trail. See the calendar for the time and dates and to sign up.

You can also receive free day passes to Michigan State Parks. Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 for passes. This is on a first come, first served basis. Or try your local library branch; they often have free day passes to check out.

Join Southwestern Michigan College's gym at a discount

Southwestern Michigan College offers a \$150 yearly membership to groups of twenty. When enough people sign up and pay a head of time, the discount is applied. Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 to be put on the waiting list, and she will inform you when a group of twenty has formed.

Walk the Red Road to Recovery

This group meets Tuesday and Friday evenings at the Behavioral Health office. Call Daun Bieda at (269) 462-4432 for more information.

Compete against other tribes in the Walking Works Challenge

Visit WalkingWorks.com, a Blue Cross Blue Shield program designed to help you take steps to better health. This website will let you track your activity on a daily basis and see how you progress week by week as you add walking and other activities to your daily routine. Plus, register as a part of the Pokagon Band's team to compete with other Michigan tribes and win prizes for enhanced wellness programs. When you go through the registration process, choose Michigan Blue Cross Blue Shield as your plan, then the 2014 Tribe to Tribe Community Challenge for your group and program, and then Pokagon Band as your team. Track your progress each time you walk, bike or exercise, and see how our team stacks up against the other competitors.

Learn lacrosse at Grand Valley State University's west outdoor turf field

Join a member of the Grand Valley national championship lacrosse team for four two-hour sessions August 5 and 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions, as clinics are structured to build progressively to more difficult scenarios. Open to all Native Americans. To register or for more information, call Dean Orvis at (269) 462-4290 or e-mail Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Zumba, Zumba, Zumba!

Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center, come to the high-energy, low-impact, Latin dance inspired workout that gets you moving and burning calories with simple, repetitious routines.

Practice yoga

Each Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Community Center, increase your flexibility, range of motion and balance while lowering stress with the practice of yoga.

Have a leaner lunch

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Dean Orvis leads citizens and staff through a 25 minute workout. On Tuesdays, the workout revolves around leg strength, and the Thursday workouts focus on upper body strength. Meet in the campground pavilion at 12:15 p.m. to get started.



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Purple Shawl Project: Dancers Invited

Sunday, August 17

1:00–5:00 p.m.

Community Center

27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

If you have made a shawl for the Purple Shawl Project, please join us at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow August 30 and 31.

Our goal is to one day have the dance arena filled with Purple Shawl dancers. These are honor dances—no fancy dancing required! The next Purple Shawl meeting is August 17 from 1–5 p.m. at the Community Center. Please join us if you are a woman and would like to start a shawl for you and/or your daughter or if you need to finish one. Please bring a dish to pass.

More details on the times for the Purple Shawl dances at the Pow Wow will follow in the next newsletter and on the Pokagon Band Facebook page.

If you have any questions about the Purple Shawl project, please contact Lisa Downing or Marchell Wesaw at (269) 462-4200.

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Native Youth Parent/Guardian Group

Saturday, September 13, 2014

10:00am – 12:00pm 🖐️ Gage Street house, Dowagiac, MI

This is a support group for parents and guardians raising Nishnabe youth within our Pokagon community. Lunch will be provided.

We will create an authentic craft to benefit our families.

To reserve your spot, or for more information, please call the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4325.

It takes a village to raise a child.

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Dreamcatchers, Pokagon Summer Enrichment Program, in Full Swing

What used to be called summer school at Pokagon Band is now called Dreamcatchers, but much more has changed than the name. Native youth in K–12th grades can now experience an intensive four week summer program as well as year round mentorship opportunities, including field trips, SAT/ACT preparation, college prep tutoring, and other services.

Dreamcatchers incorporates Pokagon history and culture to deepen tribal identity and promote awareness to others in the surrounding community. The course is based on a Tribal Sovereignty curriculum developed by the Pokagon Band and is supplemented with curriculum from Chi Ishobak, Four Winds Casino, and local higher education organizations. Experiential learning like field trips allows students to explore career fields in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The curriculum is based on four main topics: Reclaiming our Identity, Rethinking History, Self-Determination, and Moving Forward.

“This is a true enrichment experience,” said Sam Morseau, education director. “With outside presenters and field trips, the kids aren’t simply sitting in a classroom. It blends academic, career planning, and STEM with culture.”

For example, the students went to Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek recently, but before they left language coordinator Rhonda Purcell lead them in a Potawatomi language lesson on animals that included coloring books and repetition. Then at the Zoo she and other leaders reinforced the lesson during the visit, to make it a true immersion experience.

Students will experience the Air Zoo, Healthworks, Fernwood and the Dowagiac Area History Museum before the end of the summer. The program takes place Monday through Thursday, July 7–August 1 at the Pokagon Band Head Start Building from 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Pokagon Students Serve Tribe, Gain Experience during Summer Internship

Twenty-two Pokagon college students are learning about specific jobs and experiencing a day in the life of an employee through internships with the tribal government this summer. The eight week internship began June 9 and lasts until August 1.

Each experience is different, depending on the intern’s skills and the department’s needs. Ron Puruleski is working on an inventory project for the Finance Department this summer. Some of the interns in the Department of Education created and taught STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) lessons for Culture Campers in June.

“The fire extinguisher experiment was the best one; it really made them think,” said Amber Morseau. “I had a lot of fun sharing that day with the kids.”

“Exploding chalk bombs was a favorite among the younger campers. They loved mixing or adding the color then watching the bag explode,” said Kateri Banghart. “The science behind it was also really easy to explain, which helped keep the kids involved and engaged in the activity.”

Several were able to travel to Anchorage, Alaska for the National Congress of American Indians midyear conference, to Drummond Island for a traditional arts and lifeways gathering, or to Washington D.C. for cultural demonstrations at the National Museum of the American Indian. Other interns are working in the Departments of Language and Culture, Human Resources, Natural Resources, Tribal Court, Tribal Police, Health Services, and Social Services. The interns also are working on projects together as a group; pictured here, they are sharing details with the high school Dreamcatcher students about goal setting training they attended at Four Winds.



Riddle

Mail in your correct answer or email it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. WAIT... another way to win is to mail or email your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card. Last month’s riddle winner is **Crystal Winfield**, who answered “How did the big mountain know that the little mountain was fibbing?”

The answer is “because it was only a bluff.”

Emily Serba submitted a new riddle and she has also won a gift card. Check it out!

What asks no questions, but gets lots of answers?

Notice of Open Position | Health Board

The Pokagon Band is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Health Board. The Tribal Council will fill multiple seats on the Health Board for members whose term has expired.

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

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;

1. Assisting with the development and review of fair, ethical and proper policies for the delivery of health services to eligible clients;
2. Deciding which medical procedures will be covered by limited funding and establishing medical and dental priorities within those procedures;
3. 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;
4. Serving as an appeals board for health services delivery issues in accordance with the requirements of the Health Board Ordinance; and
5. 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:

1. 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;
2. Make a good-faith effort to attend all Health Board meetings; and
3. 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

second and fourth Monday of each month, at 5:00 p.m., at the Band's Administration Building. 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 (the 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.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Appointments to the Health Board are made by the Tribal Council. Health Board members serve a two-year term of office.

ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE ON THE HEALTH BOARD. In order to be eligible for appointment to the Health Board, one must:

1. Be a Pokagon Band Citizen;
2. Not have an immediate family member currently serving on the Health Board; and
3. Not be an employee of the Band's Department of Health Services

HOW TO APPLY. If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Health Board, you must provide a written statement of interest along with a current resume with your name, address, and telephone number to:

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Questions concerning the Health Board may be directed to Matt Clay, Chairman of the Health Board, at (269) 462-4250, or matt.clay@pokagonband-nsn.gov. The Health Board Ordinance is also available online.

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

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 is available online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

The posting shall be open until filled.

Activities for Women in the Community

The Department of Social Services has been sponsoring various activities for women in the community. If you are interested in attending any of these events please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Space for these events may be limited so contact Casey as soon as you can. These events are to give women in the community a chance to participate in cultural activities, get to know one another, and have fun.

Women's Traditional Dance Class scheduled for August 4, 2014

Are you interested in learning how to dance? Cleora Morseau will be teaching a Women's Traditional Dance Class on August 4, 2014 from 3 PM- 5 PM. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov. This class is for women only and spaces are extremely limited.

Old Style Potawatomi Rattle Class Scheduled for August 5, 2014

The Department of Social Services is hosting an Old Style Potawatomi Rattle Making class taught by Joy Duff on August 5, 2014. The class is for women only and spaces are extremely limited. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov to RSVP.

Purple Shawl Workshop

The next Purple Shawl workshop will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2014 from 1-5 at the Community Center. Please bring a dish to pass. You do not have to be an experienced seamstress to attend, but if you are please feel free to bring your sewing supplies and expertise. Shawl material and fringe are provided. This has been an excellent project for women in the community to raise awareness for domestic violence and support those who have experienced violence. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Marchell Wesaw or Lisa Downing at (269) 782-8998 for more information.

Request for Tribal Artists

The Domestic Violence Awareness Team and Department of Social Services are looking for a Pokagon Band artist to help with painting a mural that will be enhanced by the community during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. This completed project will be showcased in the Department of Social Services family visitation room and will highlight the cultural significance of love and respect for one another. The theme of the design will be established by the DVAT. The artist selected will be gifted a small honorarium.

If you are interested in participating please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov by Friday, August 15, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

Presenters Wanted

The Department of Social Services is looking for female presenters to run small, monthly cultural presentations and workshops. We ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or via email at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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August 2014

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
Session (ive Justice)		Red Road to Recovery Group	Be Good to Each Other Family Picnic
6	7	8	9
Language Class (5) Men & Boys Drumming South Language Class	Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Clinic L&C South Bend Language Class (3)	Red Road to Recovery Group	
2014 Gathering of Potawatomi Nations			
13	14	15	16
Presentation Language Class (6) South Language Class Men & Boys Drumming Dance Class	Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (4)	Red Road to Recovery Group	Tribal Council Meeting EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting
20	21	22	23
Language Class (7) South Language Class	Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (5) Hike at Van Buren State Park	Red Road to Recovery Group	
27	28	29	30
Language Class (8) South Language Class	Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (6)	Womens Water Walk	Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa pow wow

Council Expresses Sympathy at Robert Memberto's Passing

During their July 7 meeting, Tribal Council sent condolences to the Little River Ottawa community after hearing of the death of 42 year-old Robert Memberto, the director of commerce with the tribal government in Manistee. Robert was an Army veteran, a member of the tribal Warrior Society and had overseen the development of a Trading Post, housing construction, roads programs and sewer/utility department development.

Robert had served in this capacity for Little River for a number of years, and before that worked in the Grand Traverse Bay Band Economic Development Department for nine years as executive director. For several years, Robert was a lobbyist in Lansing working on behalf of Little River.

Robert leaves behind his wife Shelley and seven children. A traditional fire was lit and kept for four days. A pipe ceremony was held in the tribe's ceremonial lodge. A service and feast were held Wednesday, July 9.

Natural Resources Suggestions Welcomed

If you have input on a project, new initiative or decision by the Department of Natural Resources, you can now share it through the DNR homepage. You can find this new suggestion tool by following the link below.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/natural-resources

Tribal Court Improvement Project Grant Seeking Input from Citizens on the Pokagon Band Child Protection System

In October 2012, the Pokagon Band was awarded a three-year Tribal Court Improvement Project (TCIP) grant from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. During the inaugural round of funding, the Pokagon Band was one of only seven tribal awardees nationally. One key component of the TCIP project is to complete an assessment of Pokagon Band child welfare system regarding Indian Child Welfare Act cases in State courts and child protection cases in the Pokagon Band Tribal Court.

In order to gather insight from as diverse a group as possible, we would like to talk with adults (over the age of 18) who have had either direct or indirect contact with the child welfare system. We would like to learn about your observations regarding system strengths and weaknesses, along with your suggestions for system improvement. We can meet either in person or by phone, and you have the option to remain anonymous. The information gathered from the meeting will be anonymously summarized and your information will not be linked to you in any way. We anticipate the meeting to take approximately 1 hour.

If you're willing to participate, please contact Kristen DeVall (Tribal Court Improvement Project Coordinator) at (269) 329-8643.

Kick the Habit: Become a Former Smoker

We have options to help Pokagon citizens, their spouses and staff. Talk to your Pokagon health care provider or contact the Pokagon pharmacy at (269) 782-4570. Or consider joining one of the upcoming Freedom from Smoking classes:

Start Date	Time	Quit Date	Finish Date	Location
August 13	6 p.m.	September 3	September 24	To be determined



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education

Career Workshop

Saturday, July 12
10:00 am – 2:00pm

Saturday, September 13
10:00 am – 2:00pm

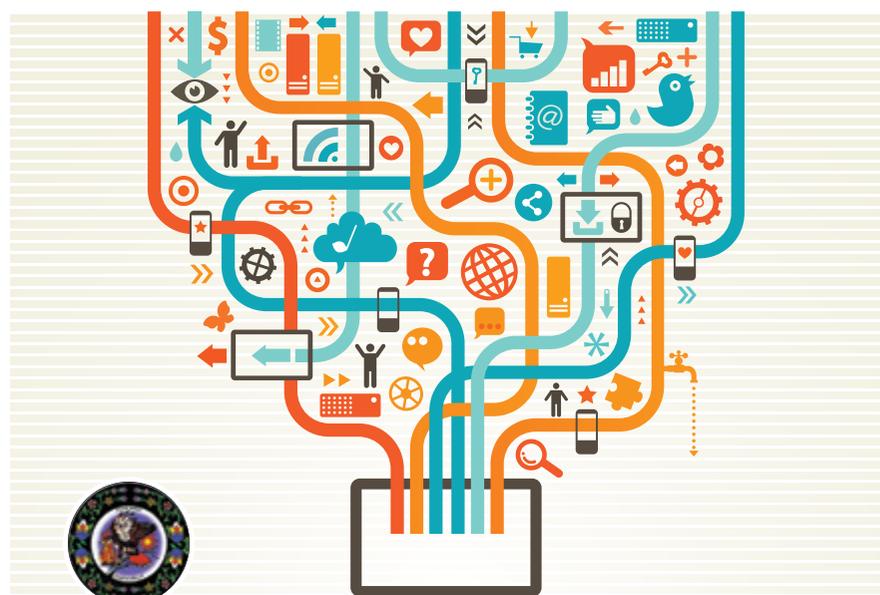
Gateways to Employment

Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (July 10 and September 10) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

This project is made possible by a grant from



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education

Computer Classes

Saturday, June 14, 2014
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday, August 9, 2014
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

MS PowerPoint/Publisher

Review

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Chad Dee in the Education Computer Learning Lab.

Please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday (June 11 for MS PowerPoint/Publisher and August 6 for Review classes) by calling (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220 to receive a gas card and arrange any needed child care for ages 2-14.

This project is made possible by a grant from



Notice of Open Position | Mno-Bmadsen Board of Director Position

INTRODUCTION TO MNO-BMADSEN. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council established Mno-Bmadsen, an autonomous tribally-chartered entity of the Pokagon Band, whose purpose is to engage in economic development activities on behalf of the Pokagon Band. This entity has set aside a significant investment to be strategically invested for the tribe. Mno-Bmadsen is managed by a seven (7) member Board of Directors and is currently seeking a person for one (1) open position. A copy of the Mno-Bmadsen Charter is available at <http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/business-community/mno-bmadsen>.

ELIGIBILITY. In addition to the qualifications set forth below, no more than two (2) Board members may be non-citizens of the Pokagon Band.

QUALIFICATIONS. All Directors must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
2. Have a high school diploma, high school equivalency diploma, or general education development certificate; and
3. Have either: (1) a minimum of ten (10) years of experience in private sector management, business administration, accounting, or law, or (2) (a) a minimum of five (5) years of experience in private sector management, business administration, accounting, or law, and (b) a bachelor's degree; and
4. Have the ability to exercise sound judgment in matters related to the objectives of Mno-Bmadsen; and
5. Have a knowledge or a willingness to acquire knowledge of Pokagon history and culture; and
6. 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 Tribal Council to relate to the furtherance of the Band's tribal sovereignty rights; and

7. Have demonstrated personal and professional integrity, honesty and adherence to high ethical standards; and
8. Have a commitment to understand Mno-Bmadsen and all of its business activities and to participate fully in meetings of the Board of Directors.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS AND LENGTH OF TERM. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by nomination of the Board of Directors and appointment of Tribal Council.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings will vary, but it is anticipated that a minimum of 120 hours per year will be required for preparing for and attending meetings. The Board will meet at least once per month and more often, if needed

COMPENSATION. This is not a full time position and Board members will not be eligible for any Pokagon Band employee benefits. Directors shall receive a stipend at a rate established by resolution of the Tribal Council and reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

HOW TO APPLY. To be considered for appointment to the Board, please forward your resume and a letter of interest along with a completed application in PDF format to: teri.barber@mno-bmadsen.com. The application may be found at www.mno-bmadsen.com under the "News" tab.



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Tribal Court

Peacemaking Native Justice Presentation & Peacemaking Circle Demonstration

Saturday, September 6, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Community Center

STAY CONNECTED
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POKAGON.COM

Join the Pokagon Band's Community Advisory Board to help revitalize traditional peacemaking as an important way of life for our people.

Witness a peacemaking circle.

Learn why and how native peacemaking concepts and principles to resolve conflicts and disputes can be part of this community's future.

Meet peacemaking facilitators Ada Pecos-Melton, Paul Raphael and JoAnne Gasco.

Lunch is provided. Contact Stacey Gettig, Peacemaking Initiative Support Staff, at (269) 783-0505 or stacey.gettig@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

This Project was supported by Grant No. 2011-IC-BX-0002 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile and Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, the Community Capacity Development Office, and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S.A. Department of Justice.



**END OF SUMMER
EXPRESS REGISTRATION
FOR THE FALL 2014 HIGHER
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP!**

1. Last name
Your mailing address
4. Number and street (include apt. number)
5. City (and country if not U.S.)
8. Your Social Security Number
11. Driver's license number
13. Your e-mail address
9. Your date of birth
14. Are you...

**JULY 28, 2014
11:00 – 2:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER**

This event is for high school graduates, community college, four-year university students, and those who desire to attend vocational programs or college in the fall and have NOT completed the scholarship application.

Topics covered:

- ☞ Complete scholarship application/learn of new deadlines
- ☞ FAFSA work shop
- ☞ Complete book stipend direct deposit form
- ☞ Vocational scholarship information

Lunch and refreshments will be served to participants. Prizes! You must be present to win.

For further information or questions, please contact Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist, at (269) 782-0887, Polly Mitchell, Education Associate, (269) 462-4294 or Ray Bush at (269) 782-0887.



monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

august



4 **language**

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans and Carrots
Garden Salad
Jell-O W/ Fruit
Roll

11 **language**

Turkey Pot Pie
Veggie Tray
Fresh Fruit
Mini Carrot Cake
Roll

18 **language**

Buffalo Tips in Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad
Blueberry Pie
Cornbread

25 **language**

Soup and Salad bar

5

Roasted Chicken W/ Apricots
and Prunes
Baked Potato
Broccoli
Cottage Cheese and Peaches
Roll

12

Spaghetti
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Dessert
Garlic Bread

19

Salmon Patty
Macaroni and Cheese
Corn on the Cob
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple
Roll

26

Buffalo Goulash
Peas and Carrots
Cucumber Salad
Peach Cobbler
Garlic Bread

6

Sloppy Joe
Baked Chips
Relish and Veggie Tray
Peanut Butter Cookie

13

Sausage, Sauerkraut, and
Mashed Potatoes
Tomato Salad
Pumpkin Pie
Roll

20

Baked Chicken
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Peas
Jell-O W/ Fruit
Roll

27

BBQ Pork Chop
Baked Potato
Spinach
Garden Salad
Dessert
Roll

7 **business**

Meatballs W/ Beef Gravy & Noodles
Carrots
Garden Salad
Fruit
Roll
Birthday Cake

14

Vegetable Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Relish Tray
Fruit Salad

21 **social luncheon**

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

28

Chicken Breast in Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Veggies
Garden Salad
Roll

8

Sea Bass
Rice Pilaf
Corn on the Cob
Coleslaw
Fruit
Roll

15

Buffalo Burger
Macaroni Salad
Relish and Veggie Tray
Dessert

22

Boiled Dinner W/ Beans,
Sausage, Cabbage, Onion, Corn,
and Potatoes
Garden Salad
Cornbread

29

Beer Battered Haddock
Spanish Rice
Garden Salad
Green Beans
Roll
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.

Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas					Monthly Per Cap
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	x	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	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 September 15 in order to make it on the October 2014 check run. Anything received after September 15 will be processed on the check run for November. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

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, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27, 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

* Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, 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

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

Tribal Council September Calendar of Events

- 1 Office Closed in Observation of Labor Day holiday
- 2 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 22 Office Closed in Observation of Sovereignty Day holiday
- 26 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 27 Quarterly Meeting (TENTATIVE), 10 a.m.
- 29 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 30 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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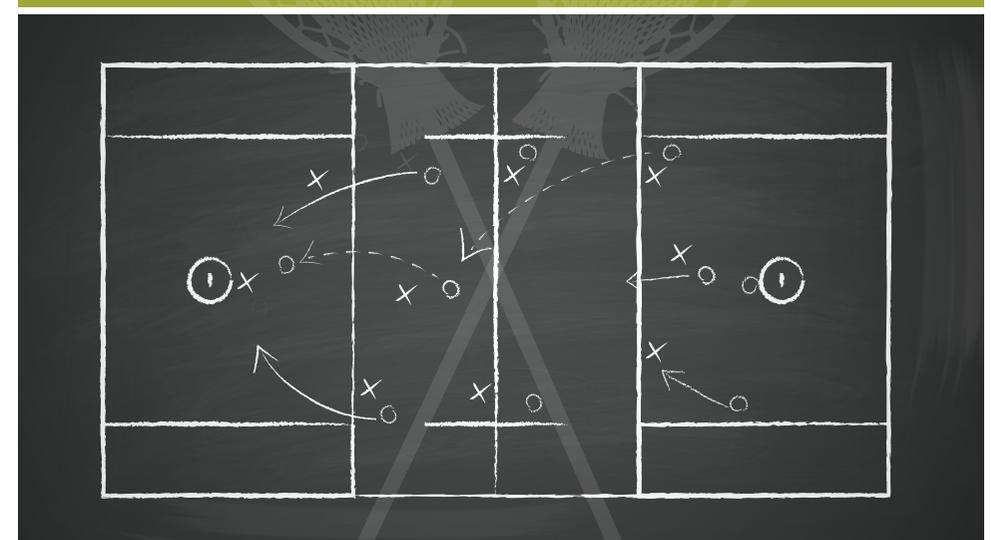
Thursday, June 19
Thursday, July 24
Thursday, August 21
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us at Michigan's beautiful Van Buren State Park for hikes led by a park naturalist. The June hike will be slow paced. July's and August's hikes will increase in length and difficulty. Come for one, or come for all, and enjoy being outside and active this summer.

For more information or to register, contact Elizabeth Leffler at Elizabeth.Leffler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Lacrosse Clinics

July 22 & 24 and August 5 & 7, 2014
All sessions 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Grand Valley State University west outdoor turf field



Join a member of the Grand Valley National championship lacrosse team for four two-hour sessions. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions, as clinics are structured to build progressively to more difficult scenarios.

These sessions are open to all native americans.

To register or for more information, call (269) 462-4290 or email dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Tribal Office Directory

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Elders Program
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(269) 782-0765
Toll Free (800) 859-2717
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Election
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Enrollment
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Finance
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-1028

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

Health Services /

Behavioral Health
57392 M 51 South
(269) 782-4141
Toll Free (888) 440-1234
FAX (269) 782-8797

Housing & Facilities
27043 Potawatomi Trail
(269) 783-0443
FAX (269) 783-0452

Human Resources
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Language & Culture
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Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 282-2974
(269) 782-8998

Tribal Council
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(269) 782-6323
Toll Free (888) 376-9988
FAX (269) 782-9625

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(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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Member at Large

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Member at large

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Dean Orvis

Youth Cultural Coordinator
(269) 462-4290

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.

Minkégises August Citizen Announcements



Look who's ONE and a bundle of fun!! Happy 1st birthday BO!

We Love You, Mom and Dad



Someone special, someone dear someone new to love is here!

Announcing the arrival of **Adalyn Marie Kime**

Born on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 8:29PM

8 lbs. 6 oz., 19 ½ inches

Proud Parents, Anthony (AJ) and Jenny Kime

Proud Grandparents: Wayne and Karen Kime, Mark and Marcie Brewster. Proud Uncles and Aunt: Pete Trela, Allison Kime, Brent Brewster



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Eagle Staff Gathering

September 26, 27, 28, 2014
Pokagon Band Pow Wow Campground
Dowagiac, Michigan

Head Elder **Clarence White** Pokagon Potawatomi

Head Veteran **George Martin** Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe

MC **Carl Wesaw** Pokagon Potawatomi

Water ceremony conducted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Women

Drums

Blue Wolf Sarnia, Ontario

Ribbon Town South Bend, Indiana

Honored Guest **Doris Boissoneau**

All tribal eagle staffs, family eagle staffs, Native American organizational eagle staffs are invited. All approved eagle staff carriers will be compensated with a room and a stipend; advance registration required.

To register eagle staff carriers or request information, contact Anthony Foerster at (269) 783-6653 or anthony.foerster@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Camping available; registration required. To register, contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203 or melissa.rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Additional information available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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