



POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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Revealing the reality of fostering



Native American children are removed from their homes at an alarmingly higher rate than any other population in the child welfare system. The Pokagon Band Foster Care Program seeks to ensure that our Pokagon children are placed in safe Pokagon homes, where they are cared for and loved. But there is a dire need for Pokagon homes in which to place our children in times of need. Fortunately with the help of our Pokagon citizens and continued recruitment efforts, we are filling the need of more tribal homes to care for our children.

If you have ever thought about opening your home and heart to a Pokagon child, but haven't because you were unsure of the commitment, read on for an interview with one Pokagon foster mom and her fostering journey.

Q: What ignited your decision to become a foster parent?

A: "Being in a foster home myself, I kind of know what it's like as a kid to be in a foster home. I've been in bad foster homes, I didn't want any child to have to go through that. I definitely did not want him in a home without family, so that's probably the main reason."

Q: What advice would you give to those who are considering becoming foster parents?

A: "Be prepared. Just know that it takes forever; they will be in your business. I had to, to not be inappropriate here, but I had a worker tell me when I first started that they want to know everything down to your sex life. Not really, but that's just how deep they go; they want to know ex boyfriends, they want to know everything. You have to be an open book, you really truly do. The questions that come... I mean you have to be in this for the right reason, you really do."

Q: How do you balance working and raising your children/foster children?

A: "Having a good support system. My parents help out and what not, but when it comes to balancing both, work stays here. When I come to work, home stays home. You don't try to mix the two. Luckily where I work makes it a little easier, they work with me on a lot of stuff. But you just got to learn how to juggle it just right. I'm lucky enough I can just leave it at home, or leave it at work when I need to."

Q: What ways were you able to help the children you foster, transition into your home? Has the process been smooth, difficult?

A: "I guess just coming down to their level, and knowing and understanding where they're coming from. Being able to explain to them how I know. I'm not just saying "oh, I know where you're coming from." Unless you've been in the situation, you don't know. I think that's what helps me out the most, was being able to do all that."

Hopefully this insight from one foster parent's experience has offered more awareness of what it means to be a foster parent. To gain your own awareness and full experience, or if you simply want more information regarding foster care, please contact Christynn Black, the Pokagon Band's foster care worker, at (269) 462-4336 or Christynn.black@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Language classes reorganized for new year

Potawatomi language classes have shifted slightly for the new year, with changed names, times, and groups welcome. The once Elders Class is now called Day Language Class, to open it to all age groups. The Kids Language Class combines the young and older kids classes into one location, one starting right after the other.



Check the lineup below to view the new class schedule for the year, and you can always view the website calendar for updates, as well as the Language Program webpage, which offers online classes and aids, as well as language books.

Weekly Classes

L&C Department Class open to all

Mondays 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

L&C new offices | 59291 Indian Lake Rd. Dowagiac
language instructor :: Christine Morseau

Day Language Class open to all

Mondays 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Elders Hall | 53237 Townhall Rd. Dowagiac
language instructor :: John Winchester

Dowagiac Adult Language Class

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Community Center | 27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac
language instructor :: John Winchester

Dowagiac Kids Language Class open to toddlers–10yrs.

Tuesdays 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. (young kids)

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. (older kids)

Community Center | 27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac
language instructors :: Shannon Snay & Martha Olson

South Bend Language Class open to all

Thursdays 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Indiana Office | 3733 Locust St. South Bend
language instructor :: Christine Morseau

Potawatomi 201

Thursdays 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Elders Hall | 53237 Townhall Rd. Dowagiac
language instructor :: Kevin Daugherty

Language Apprentice Kyle Malott returning home this March



After four years, one of our language apprentices, Kyle Malott, is returning to Dowagiac to share what he's learned from native Potawatomi speakers in Wisconsin. He's been studying the language as well as crafting teaching tools, along with fellow language apprentice, Carla Collins. Carla will return in June, after her son finishes school.

"I'm ready," Kyle says about returning to Dowagiac. "I miss home. I like it up here, but I'd rather be home."

Kyle plans to lead students in conversations amongst themselves, getting away from only writing the language. He'll be using some traditional teaching methods with total physical response (TPR) tactics in which students will speak the language and act out what they are saying or say a word and see a photo of what it represents. A Menominee teacher introduced Kyle and Carla to this method of teaching.

Kyle is ready with materials like PowerPoint presentations featuring Potawatomi words only and images and deeper history about the origins of Potawatomi words.

Kyle describes his language level as "high intermediate." He and Carla can have conversations in Potawatomi, and Kyle is looking forward to "trying to help everybody along."

When Kyle returns, he will become a full-time Language & Culture staff member, another part of his homecoming. He worked in the department from 2011–2012, just before he left to become a language apprentice. Kyle says language classes have changed dramatically since he left. Students now speak the language, not just write it.

The apprentices have been learning from some of the fewer than 10 fluent Potawatomi speakers, who are all aged above 70. This dwindling number pushes Kyle to learn and teach others.

"Learn all you can as much as you can," Kyle says about Potawatomi language learning. "It's who we are. If we don't have language, we cease to be Potawatomi."

Kyle will continue working with Jim Thunder in Wisconsin, returning there monthly so he can keep up his language knowledge and bring back new materials for students.

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 submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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Healthy Lifestyles 2017 | Your Health, Your Choice



Build a healthy meal

1. Make half your plate veggies and fruits
2. Include whole grains
3. Don't forget the dairy
4. Add lean protein
5. Avoid extra fat
6. Get creative in the kitchen
7. Take control of your food
8. Try new foods
9. Satisfy your sweet tooth in a healthy way
10. Everything you eat and drink matters

This hearty lentil soup is a yummy way to build a healthy meal.

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| 1 onion, chopped | 1 teaspoon dried basil |
| ¼ cup olive oil | 1 (14.5 ounce) can crushed tomatoes |
| 2 carrots, diced | 2 cups dry lentils |
| 2 stalks celery, chopped | 8 cups water |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced | ½ cup spinach, rinsed and thinly sliced |
| 1 teaspoon dried oregano | 2 tablespoons vinegar |
| 1 bay leaf | salt and ground black pepper to taste |

Directions

1. In a large soup pot, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions, carrots, and celery; cook and stir until onion is tender. Stir in garlic, bay leaf, oregano, and basil; cook for two minutes.
2. Stir in lentils, and add water and tomatoes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer for at least one hour. When ready to serve, stir in spinach, and cook until it wilts. Stir in vinegar, and season to taste with salt and pepper, and more vinegar if desired.



Three reasons why you need an accountability buddy

Who holds you accountable? If you're like most people, the answer is nobody. Human beings tend to not hold themselves accountable to accomplishing long-term goals. Here's why:

1. We don't really understand accountability.

Accountability means measurement and feedback. To hold someone accountable means to check in with them to see how they are progressing toward their goal and to solicit and offer feedback that will help them do better and help them stay on track. It's challenging to do this for yourself.

2. We let ourselves off the hook.

Maybe you just didn't have time because you were busy, tired, sick, or distracted. Those are all valid reasons for not moving your goal forward. Unless there's somebody else who knows what you committed to and who is going to check in to see how it went, you're not likely to get the job done.

3. We all hit walls from time to time.

If you've set sufficiently difficult goals for yourself, it's not going to be a smooth path. You are going to fall down, or you will flirt with the idea of quitting. You need someone who knows your goals, knows where you are struggling, and knows how to help you get unstuck.

It's time to find an accountability buddy. Choose someone you respect and trust. Choose someone who is willing to see through your excuses. Choose someone who is not a rescuer. Choose someone who wants accountability too. Don't let the lack of accountability be the reason you fail to hit your big goals this year.

Please visit the Pokagon Band Wellness Center to set up a workout plan, participate in a fitness class, or to try one of our fitness challenges.



Ten ways to beat the blues

Looking for a blue mood pick-me-up? Don't crawl back into bed with the sheets over your head. Check out our top ten ways to beat the blues.

1. Unload your schedule. Work overload can cause depression. Prioritize.
2. Laugh more. Laughter really is the best medicine. Studies show that smiling will send serotonin levels soaring, making you feel better physically and putting you in a happy mood.
3. Avoid alcohol. Alcohol is actually a central nervous system depressant.
4. Accentuate the positive. Focus on the good things in your life, especially when you feel buried under stress and worry.
5. Food, glorious food: certain vitamins and nutrients, like omega-3 fatty acids, change the brain chemistry that affects your mood. Foods such as salmon, sunflower seeds, oranges, and leafy green vegetables will help to maintain a happy mood.
6. Don't deny grief or loneliness. Acknowledge that you're missing someone and share your feelings with a trusted friend or family. Find a way to connect to your absent loved one and celebrate their memories.
7. Try an alternative approach such as aromatherapy or acupuncture. Some natural treatments or approaches may help to manage the blues.
8. Know your symptoms. If you're still struggling to beat the blahs, do you have at least six of the following symptoms?
 - Persistent feelings of sadness, anxiety or emptiness
 - Decreased appetite and weight loss
 - Insomnia, waking up early or oversleeping
 - Restlessness
 - Fatigue or less energy
 - Feelings of hopelessness and pessimism
 - Feelings of worthlessness, helplessness, or excessive guilt
 - Loss of interest or pleasure in once-enjoyable activities
 - Difficulty concentrating, remembering and making decisions
9. Talk to a doctor. A doctor can determine if medication is right for you.
10. Talk to a counselor. Therapy helps resolve the problems that led to the depression, and teaches us how to prevent future episodes.



Why do we need a good night's sleep?

There are many benefits from sleep, so try to get those needed hours of rest for a healthier and happier life.

Sleep helps keep your heart healthy. Lack of sleep has been associated with worsening of blood pressure and cholesterol, which are risk factors for heart disease and stroke. Your heart will be healthier if you get between seven and nine hours of sleep each night.

Sleep may also prevent cancer. People who work the late shift have a higher risk for developing breast and colon cancer. Researchers believe this link is caused by varying levels of melatonin in people who are exposed to light at night. Light exposure reduces melatonin levels, a hormone that regulates the sleep-wake cycle. Melatonin is thought to protect against cancer, as it appears to suppress the growth of tumors.

When your body is sleep deficient, it goes into a state of stress. The body's functions are put on high alert, which causes high blood pressure and the production of stress hormones. High blood pressure increases your risk for heart attack and stroke, and the stress hormones make it harder to fall sleep.

Chi Ishobak, Inc. strengthens relationship with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Chi Ishobak closes first loan in Manistee, Michigan.

Chi Ishobak now serves as the Community Development Financial Institution for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) as recognized by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties in 2016.

Chi Ishobak is excited to announce that the first loan has been closed under this agreement. Krystal Davis is officially the first recipient of financing through Chi Ishobak's loan program. Chi Ishobak was able to assist Davis not only with a necessary repair to her vehicle, but with re-financing that lowered her interest rate and shortened her loan term.

"When I found their (Chi Ishobak's) brochure in the lobby of LRBOI, I wasn't expecting them to get me a lower interest rate, affordable payments, and a shorter repayment duration, but they did," said Davis. "The loan process was hassle free, professional, and genuine."

Chi Ishobak provides financing for tribal citizens for automobile purchase, repair, re-financing, and credit building efforts. A commercial loan program assists tribal entrepreneurs with capital for small business start-up and expansion. Technical assistance for personal financial wellness and small business development supplement these programs for added benefit.

"It is the vision of Chi Ishobak to equip tribal citizens with the necessary resources, skills, and information as to position themselves for financial success," said Sean Winters, executive director. "We want to strengthen our respective nations one citizen at a time."



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2017 FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Chi Ishobak is introducing an updated financial education program for Pokagon Band citizens, families, and employees. More than just information, this program is designed to identify financial behaviors and the cultural relevance associated with those behaviors. This workshop will cover six components that address the basic aspects of personal financial management and provide participants with the tools and processes to take control of their financial health. These areas include: savings, communication, budgeting, debt, and credit building.

Saturday, February 18	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday, May 6	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday, August 5	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday, November 4	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**The Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI 49047**

- Lunch will be provided
- There is no cost to attend
- Please call to reserve your space(s)

Summer internships available at Four Winds Casino

Four Winds Tribal Development Program is pleased to offer a paid internship program for Pokagon citizens and spouses who are currently enrolled in college or are college bound. The eight week program is for students with future goals of permanent employment at Four Winds Casino or as a means to build valuable work experience.



Our internship program will provide on-the-job training and practical experience in the casino industry, preparing you for employment positions in the casino or other business fields. As a participant, you will also gain knowledge of tribal gaming while developing career specific skills and participating in professional development activities. Tribal gaming is an industry that is growing nationally, and the professional skills you will learn at Four Winds Casino will help you for a lifetime in any career path you may seek.

This is a paid internship; you will earn an hourly wage, clothing stipend, housing stipend, and mileage. With an official request, your participation in the program may qualify for college credit. Employment is subject to the completion of a satisfactory background check, pre-employment drug screen, and licensure by the Pokagon Gaming Commission.

If you or someone you know is eligible to participate in the internship program and would like more information, please have them contact the Four Winds Casino Tribal Development Program, Lynne Foerster at (269) 926-5306 or lfoerster@fourwindscasino.com.

Submit your 2017 tax withholding form now

Each year the IRS publishes federal income tax withholding tables related to gaming revenue distributions to tribal citizens. As of press time the IRS has not published the 2017 tax tables (which are called Publication 15-A), but based on past experience all adults receiving per capita distributions will need to make some adjustments to their federal withholding levels. These tables address various payment methods, from daily to an annual lump sum payment.

If the amount of the payment is:		The amount of income tax to withhold is:	
Not over	\$863		\$0
	But not over		
Over—	—		of excess over—
\$863	\$1,635	10% \$863
\$1,635	\$4,000	\$77.20 plus 15% \$1,635
\$4,000	\$8,458	\$431.95 plus 25% \$4,000
\$8,458	-----	\$1,546.45 plus 28% \$8,458

If the amount of the payment is:		The amount of income tax to withhold is:	
Not over	\$10,350		\$0
	But not over		
Over—	—		of excess over—
\$10,350	\$19,625	10% \$10,350
\$19,625	\$48,000	\$927.50 plus 15% \$19,625
\$48,000	\$101,500	\$5,183.75 plus 25% \$48,000
\$101,500	-----	\$18,558.75 plus 28% \$101,500

In 2016, the total annual per capita distributions were \$10,053.42. While this amount does not exceed the total annual limit of \$10,350, it's likely the Band's continued increases in per capita distributions will go over the overall annual limit. More importantly, the Band is required to remit federal withholdings on monthly payments in agreement with the thresholds in Table 4. This payment directly impacts our November distribution, since that payment exceeds the individual monthly payment amount.

	November 2016 payment
Total Monthly Distribution	\$2,400.00
Minimum payment amount (for 2016)	(\$1,635.00)
Amount over threshold	\$765.00
Mandatory withholding percentage	15%
Withholding amount over threshold	\$114.75
Additional amount of withhold	\$77.20
Total withholding for monthly per capita payment – November 2016 ONLY	\$191.95
Equates to an 8% overall withhold payment	
Net check to citizen	\$2,208.05

Now is your chance to submit a new tax withholding form to make sure you are in compliance with IRS guidelines. Your tax withholdings will take effect in the month your information is received as long as it is received by the 15th of the month. Regardless of whether or not you submit a new tax withholding form, the Band will withhold and pay the required amount in any one month based on the 2017 published tables (see the table above to understand the math). If you already have federal withholdings greater than 10 percent taken from your per capita checks, then you would not need to make any adjustments.

Visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov to fill out a webform to submit your new tax withholding percentage to the Pokagon Band Finance Department. Please call Kim Boswell at (269) 462-4312 with questions.

May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.

- Nelson Mandela

Looking towards the New Year...

The New Year offers opportunity... a fresh start. Maybe you need to address some looming financial challenges, work on your credit score and set goals for the future. We understand it can feel overwhelming and even cause some sleepless nights. You **can** realize your hopes and dreams – make sound financial choices with support and guidance from Chi Ishobak.

Start the New Year on a new path to financial wellness. We're here to help.

It is the vision of Chi Ishobak to re-build Indian Country, one citizen at a time. Through our lending programs and financial services we can help you build a strong financial foundation. We offer:

- Consumer Loans**
- Automobile Loans (*purchase/repair/refinance*)
 - Credit Builder Loans

- Financial Wellness**
- Workshops & Classes
 - Individual Financial Coaching



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Need more information? Call us today, 269.783.4157 and start your New Year off strong @ www.ChiIshobak.org

Don't be afraid to fail, be afraid not to try...

The New Year is inspiring...

It offers opportunity... a fresh start. Maybe you have been thinking about starting a new business, an idea has been rolling around in your mind for a long time. Then the questions start, "Where do I begin?" "Does this idea even make sense...?" "How do I write a marketing plan?" Fear steps in and your idea remains just that. Or you may have taken the first step and have a business that is ready to grow! No matter where you are in the process, it can feel overwhelming. We have the experience and resources to help you succeed. You **can** realize your hopes and dreams – with support and guidance from Chi Ishobak.

Start the New Year by turning your dream into a reality. We're here to help.

We pride ourselves in nurturing Tribal entrepreneurs with access to capital for small-business start-up or expansion.

We provide:

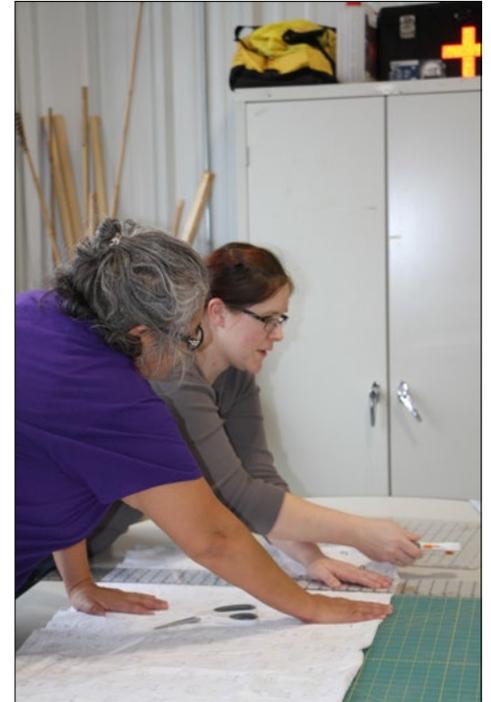
- Business development assistance
- Commercial loans for start-up or expansion
- Flexible business loans, customized rates and terms



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Moss Bag Workshop offers teachings, deepens traditional knowledge



Open to both men and women, new moms to grandmothers who had attended the cardleboard workshop, the moss bag workshop led by Dorene Day offered teachings and the opportunity to make your own moss bag. Day, a midwife who

does home births, travels the country sharing teachings with native communities about moss bags.

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Young Boys' Shkenwé
RITE OF PASSAGE

This fall the Department of Language and Culture's Youth Cultural Program invites young boys who are transitioning to young men during their shkenwé and their family for a rite of passage Mkedékewen | fasting ceremony. If you or your child is interested in participating, please contact Rebecca Williams at rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov or at (269) 462-4296.

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

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Mkedéké o zésksi
Moon time
Berry fast teachings

Girls and young ladies entering puberty and interested in beginning their traditional berry fasts are invited to learn more about this rite of passage, the teachings of moon time and berry fasts. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rebecca Williams at rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov or at (269) 462-4296.

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Pokagon Band's Health Center awarded LEED Green Building Certification



The Pokagon Band's Health Center received a LEED® Gold certification in December. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, is the foremost program for buildings, homes and communities that are designed, constructed, maintained and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.

“We work with a singular dedication to environmental stewardship,” said Jeremy Berg, Seven Generations A+E Managing Director. “Aside from the very important cultural design aspects of the building, we make sure what we are designing is sustainable and we are saving Mother Earth for the next seven generations, one of the driving concepts of the Pokagon culture. We are proud of the LEED Gold certification.”

The Health Center achieved LEED Gold certification for implementing practical and measurable solutions in sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. The center uses

sustainable materials all sourced within 500 miles. It has energy efficient HVAC design using geothermal wells, as well as an efficient building management program, LED lighting, water saving plumbing fixtures, drought resistant landscaping, and a partial green roof.

More than 82,000 commercial and institutional projects are currently participating in LEED, comprising more than 15.7 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and more than 162 countries and territories.

About Seven Generations Architecture and Engineering:

Seven Generations Architecture and Engineering is part of the Mno-Bmadsen Family of Companies—the investment enterprise of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. They provide extensive experience in Architecture, Engineering, Interior Design and Planning. They work with Federal, State, Municipal, Commercial and Tribal markets with a singular dedication to environmental stewardship. For more information: www.7GenAE.com.

Pokagon women gather to encourage fellowship, empowerment

Twenty-one women from the community gathered at the Community Center this January for a Women's Gathering, facilitated by Betty Davis. The

gathering was meant to empower women and encourage fellowship among women in the community.



What's that invasive species? European Frog-bit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*)



European frog-bit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*) is native to parts of Europe and Asia and was introduced to Canada in 1932 for use as an ornamental plant. Since 1932, European frog-bit has spread to the United States where it was first observed in the 1980s. European frog-bit has been reported as growing in limited areas in Michigan.

European frog-bit is problematic because it can become so thick it becomes entangled in boat props and prevents the movement of boat traffic. These thick mats also limit the amount of light that other aquatic plants receive, limiting their growth and development. The amount of plants may also limit movement of fish and waterfowl through areas. Since European frog-bit breaks easily and becomes entangled in boats, the plant can also be spread easily between waterbodies if boats are not cleaned properly between outings.

European frog-bit has smooth, leathery, heart-shaped to kidney-shaped leaves. The leaves have a purple-red underside. The flower has three rounded white petals and a yellow center. If you think you see European frog-bit on tribal properties, please take as many pictures as possible and contact the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources at (269) 782-9602.

What's that edible plant? Acorns (*Quercus spp.*)



There are many species of oak trees that grow in Michigan, with the two families of oaks being the red oaks and the white oaks. Oaks in the red oak family can be differentiated from the white oak family because the lobes of the leaves are pointed instead of round. Both families of oaks produce acorns, which are a great wild edible that can be used as a base for many recipes.

Acorns contain carbohydrates, fats, potassium, protein, iron, calcium, vitamin B-6, and magnesium. Oaks do not produce acorns every year, and there may be high mast years and low mast years. Gathering acorns can take place from September until early spring. While foraging, you will find that the white oak acorns are harder to come by. This is because white oak acorns have less tannins and wildlife eat these acorns first. Red oak acorns have more tannins, which makes for longer processing time of the acorns.

Using acorns typically falls into one of three categories: eating the acorn as a nut or creating a flour or oil. Any acorn that is collected needs to be shelled. Acorns that are dried first are easier to remove from the shell. Once the acorns are shelled, the nut meat needs to be water treated to remove tannins. This can be done using a cold method (one to two weeks) or a boiling method (a few hours). For the boiling method, the water is changed following boiling and turning color and may need to be boiled and changed up to five times to create a chestnut-like taste. The acorn nut meats then need to be dried and can be ground into flour and stored in the refrigerator. Storage in the refrigerator is necessary because the flour has a higher fat content. This flour can be used as a flour substitute in many recipes that call for flour.

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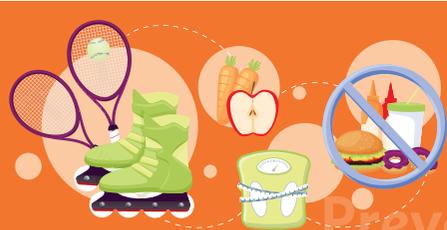
Join PHS for a five week educational Diabetes Program open to tribal citizens and employees to improve their diabetes. Each class is 1.5–2 hours (time will include education, food journaling, exercise and healthy snack). A team of health professionals including a dietitian, physician assistant, pharmacist and social worker will provide information and support. A different topic will be discussed each week including:

- Week 1 **What is Diabetes?**
- Week 2 **Healthy Eating**
- Week 3 **Home blood sugar monitoring/
Balancing your blood sugar**
- Week 4 **Staying Healthy with Diabetes/
Foot and Dental Care**
- Week 5 **Mind, Spirit, and Emotion
Behavioral Health/Making Healthy Changes**



Classes are from 3:00–5:00pm
PHS Multi-purpose room

January 12	February 2	April 3	May 4	July 20	August 3	October 12	November 2
January 19	February 9	April 20	May 11	July 27	August 10	October 19	November 9
January 26		April 27				October 26	



Please contact Marcy Herbert, RD
at (269) 783-2472 for more information
or to sign up for a session.

Prevention



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi + One Story

Gwikwé 'amen A Sense of Place

SATURDAY MARCH 18 11:00 AM
Pokagon Band Community Center 27043 Potawatomi Trail

One Story is teaming up with the Pokagon Band Early Childhood Education Program and Department of Natural Resources to connect you with your natural environment through these activities:

- ⦿ A Sense of Place art exhibit + craft station
- ⦿ Hands-on pelts, prints + scat
- ⦿ "Planting Wishes" paper-making
- ⦿ Indigenous foods of Dowagiac
- ⦿ Sense of Place latitude/longitude bracelets
- ⦿ Weather & the local environment

Event ends at 2:00 pm. Open to the public and all ages are welcome.

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

onestoryread.com

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More from the Pokagon water protectors and their Standing Rock experience

Michelle Thompson, elders assistant, helps prepare lunches for our elders at Elders Hall, and Donald J Summers is an educational associate. They were two of the Pokagon government employees selected to go to Standing Rock in December and deliver donations to the water protectors.



“I had been following the Standing Rock articles for a very long time. It’s something that I care deeply about; I have a niece and three nephews, and they are the reason why I am so passionate about the protest. I was afraid because of the things that were happening to the water protectors, and I knew this was going to be a long journey far from the comfort of home, one that would test us physically, mentally, and emotionally.

We arrived at the Oceti Sakowin Camp on December 2. We heard drums, and it felt as though we were back home at a pow wow. All the fear I had was gone; I felt safe. And we were safe; these strangers were our friends. We were greeted by a young man on a horse as we were setting up our tent, who welcomed us and told us that he was glad to have us there. Anyone who passed by our tent gave us a friendly ‘Hello’ or ‘How are you?’ The sense of community that they have there is wonderful. Everyone helps everyone, and they treat each other with kindness and respect.

Every morning at the camp, they had a sunrise ceremony and a water walk. There was a steep slope that lead down to the Cannonball River, so all the men that walked with us lined up on both sides down the slope to help the women down to the water. When I reached the water I sent out my prayer for the camp, and I was thinking of my family back home and who had walked on. And at that moment I knew that they were there with me.

It’s hard to describe; it was such an amazing experience to be a part of a community who truly stands unified and is kind and respectful to one another, all working together to protect our water.

I had only known a few people in our group when we first left for Standing Rock, but when I came home I had 12 new friends! I am so happy and grateful to have been a part of such an experience. It was truly beautiful, and I will never forget it. Migwetch to my team and to all of those who sent prayers and well wishes for us on our journey!”



“On Sunday, December 4, a large contingency of veterans gathered at the Sacred Stone Camp to express their concern for Mother Earth and her lifeline, the most sacred substance to our survival: water. With the veterans, everyone joined hands to make a large prayer circle that surrounded the whole perimeter of the Sacred Stone Camp. As soon as the circle was complete, the news came in that the US Army Corp of Engineers denied the easement to DAPL.

Standing Rock has been ongoing for quite some time now, and this trip has brought me a much better appreciation for anyone that has been there. I would like to say megwej to those that have provided support and time to this endeavor; know that you are true water protectors and warriors!”

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Project LAUNCH + Department of Education Early Childhood Education + Pokagon Health Services

Baby Celebration



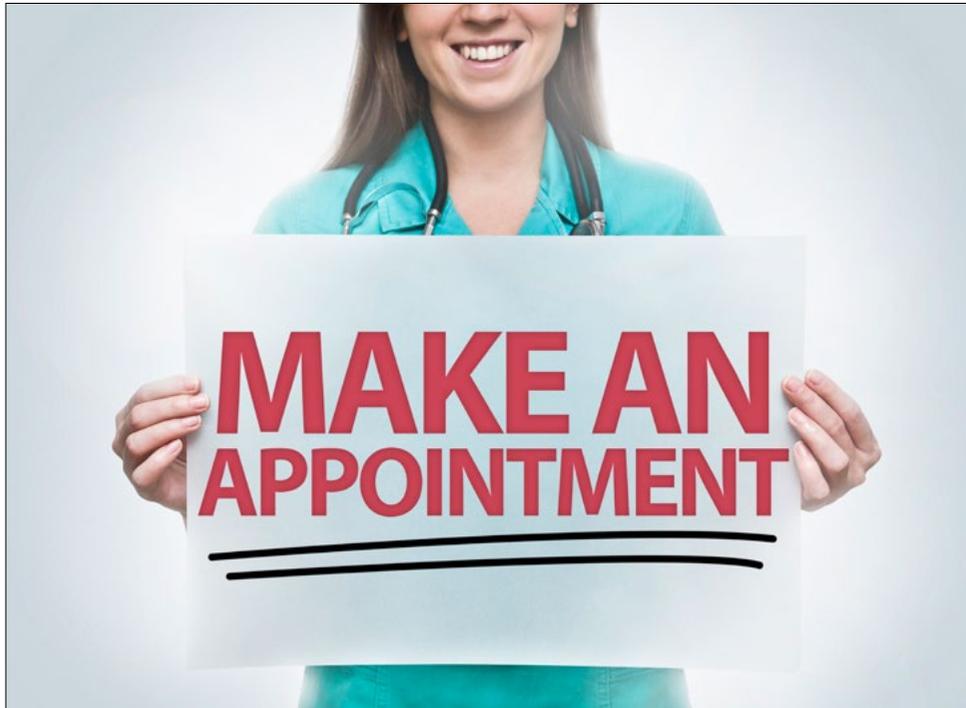
Saturday, May 6 10:30 AM
Pokagon Band Community Center

Join Project LAUNCH, Early Childhood Education and Pokagon Health Services to honor the newest members of our tribe at our annual Baby Celebration. Families that have had new babies born January 2016-April 2017 are asked to RSVP by May 1. Babies will receive recognition and various gifts followed by a community feast in their honor. Event ends at 1:30 pm. RSVP at pokagonband-nsngov or contact Autumn Laraway at (269) 462-4327.

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.
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Get screened for colorectal cancer



Colorectal Cancer is the second leading cause of death among men and women in the United States. Although American Indians have the lowest incidence of colorectal cancer, they do have higher death rates than other races/ethnicities due to delayed diagnosis.

Colorectal cancer is a cancer that starts in the colon or rectum. Colorectal cancer does not always cause symptoms at first. If symptoms are present, they may include: stomach pains or cramps that don't go away, blood in the stool, and/or weight loss for no reason.

Screening for colorectal cancer is the best way to find the disease early and begin treatment. If cancer is caught early, before symptoms have begun, treatment is more likely to be successful. The CDC recommends colorectal cancer screening begin at age 50 and continue to age 75. People at higher risk should be screened earlier.

Risk factors for colorectal cancer include family history of colorectal cancer or polyps, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's Disease, or ulcerative colitis. There are also lifestyle factors that increase your risk which include being overweight, high alcohol consumption, tobacco use, lack of physical activity, and poor diet.

If you are over 50 or have symptoms, a family or personal history and have not been screened, contact Pokagon Health Services and request a screening. Prevention and early detection are key!



DRUM CLASSES

Department of Language and Culture
59291 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Please join John T. Warren at our Drum Class, this is open to all tribal citizens, spouses and other tribal affiliations. Drum class is open to all ages and is held the first and third Wednesday of every month. There are many teachings that come with this class from a great teacher.

2017

February 1
February 15

March 1
March 15

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For more information, please call the Language & Culture office at (269) 462-4325 or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 desk / (269) 462-5376 cell.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marcy Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch Wednesday, February 21 as she discusses topics around nutrition.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

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SATURDAY 02 • 11 • 17 | 7:00 PM

**STUDENT RECREATION CENTER
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

2000 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI, 49008

Key Note Speakers

One Chance Leadership (Chance Rush and Marcus Guinn)

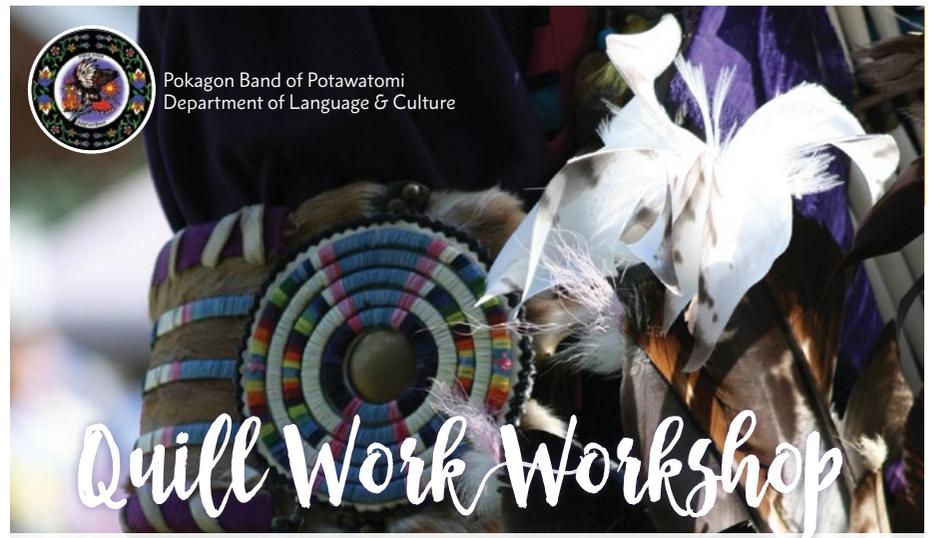
ages 12–18 • all tribal youth can bring one non-tribal friend • swimming • rock-climbing • dodge ball • basketball • volleyball • lacrosse • beadwork • ping-pong • movies • hand drum • teachings and contest.

dinner provided saturday night • breakfast sunday morning

You must RSVP and submit permission and event participation agreements to attend. **RSVP at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/annual-lock-registration.** Permission slips and event participation agreements are also available at the L&C offices and at the venue the evening of the event.

Transportation from Dowagiac to Kalamazoo and back is available for youth that would like a ride. The bus will be leaving at 6:00 p.m. from the Community Center. The bus will arrive back to the Community Center at approximately 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

for more information, please contact daniel stohrer at (269) 462-5844 or rebecca williams at (269) 462-4296



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

Quill Work Workshop

**January 13–22 | February 17–18 | March 18–19
Language & Culture Workshop**

Please join artist **Dana Warrington** as he teaches interested participants the art and techniques of wrapped quill work.

This is a 10-day workshop, with 2 follow up workshops. Our objective is to stir interest and produce quill work artisans within our community.

Space is limited to

10 Adults with a \$25.00 refundable deposit, upon completion of the 10-day workshop

10 Youth ages 12–17 at no cost, but a commitment and interest for learning

For more information, please contact Rebecca Williams at rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4296.

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DÉBÉNWÉTHÈK PARENT GROUP



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Want to wear your pajamas and snuggle up with the kids for a Family Movie Night at the community center? Bring pillows and blankets to enjoy *The Secret Life of Pets* and munch on popcorn! For anyone not watching the movie, there will also be fun board games!

**Saturday, February 11 7:00 pm
Community Center**



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education | Early Childhood Education

PALS

Play and Learn Social



Every first Tuesday + every third Thursday
9:30 am – 11 am
PHS Multi Purpose Room

Join other parents and children ages 0 – 8 for an opportunity to engage with one another in play and learning activities.

Contact Rachel Orvis at drorvis@gmail.com for more information.



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Michigan fuel tax exemption changes coming

Plaza One gas station in New Buffalo, which had been offering Pokagon citizens fuel discounts, has permanently closed as of Friday, December 23. Tribal citizens can still make tax exempt fuel purchases at the following gas stations: The Bent Tree Market near Four Winds Dowagiac, the Benton Harbor Marathon, the Niles US 12 Liquor and Gas, the Sister Lakes Marathon, and the Hartford Citgo on Main Street.

Gasoline purchases should be paid for inside the gas stations so the tax exemption is given at the time of purchase. The only exceptions should be if the gas station attendant informs you that the system is down or that your card is not working when they attempt to scan it. In these cases, you may bring your receipt within 15 days of purchase to the Pokagon Band Administration office to receive your discount money, or you may mail it to Pokagon Band State Tax Dept., P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047. Please be sure to write your enrollment number and sign your name on each receipt submitted.

The amount will be added to your next per capita check (and it won't be taxed). If you lose your card, you may call the Enrollment Department at (269)



782-8998 as soon as possible to get a replacement. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Rodriguez at (269) 462-4210.

On January 1, 2017, the state of Michigan raised fuel taxes to 26.3 cents a gallon. The tribe's fuel discount software won't be able to calculate this new rate until March 1. Until then, the tribal government is exploring ways to reimburse citizens the seven cents difference.

This new system, which will allow citizens to pay at the pump, will require citizens to update their tribal ID cards. Please stay tuned for more information about the fuel

reimbursement procedure and the new, pay-at-the-pump-friendly tribal ID cards.

Once the new system is up and running, citizens will be able to view their benefit activity from state fuel and tobacco discounts online. According to the Enrollment Code, citizens should update their tribal ID card every five years.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF DOWAGIAC

PHOTOGRAPHS OF DOWAGIAC
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18 1:00PM
DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM

The Dowagiac Area History Museum has a collection of over 6,000 photographs documenting local history. Steve Arseneau, director of the Dowagiac Area History Museum and co-author of the book *Images of America: Dowagiac*, will present a program highlighting Dowagiac's history from 1860 to World War II through photographs, including the oldest known photos of the city.

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Department of Education
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Débénwéthêk Parent Group



In Potawatomi, Débénwéthêk means the ones who take care of others. The goal of Débénwéthêk Parent Group is to develop opportunities for Pokagon families to spend quality time with one another and create meaningful experiences together.

Débénwéthêk Parent Group is composed of parents and caregivers of children under 8 years of age and meets every third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Rachel Orvis at drorvis@gmail.com.

2017

January 18	April 19	July 19	October 18
February 15	May 17	August 16	November 15
March 15	June 21	September 20	December 13

5:30–7:30 pm | Head Start

Events may be canceled due to inclement weather.
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Michigan Indian Elders Association Student Incentive Program and Scholarship Program



The Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A) every year offers two awards to our Pokagon students. In 2017, the Elders Council will match each student's awards they receive from the Michigan Indian Elders Association.

The Incentive Program is grades 1–12, for perfect attendance award and grades 4–12 for straight A's award (A, A-, A+). A parent must complete the application for the student, which will have the qualifications in more detail. An update application for 2017 will be at the Department of Education (located in the Administration building at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI) or you can get the application on the Michigan Indian Elders Association web site. It must be received or postmarked no later than March 15, 2017.

Applications received/postmarked after March 15 will not be accepted. Award winners will be announced in April at the M.I.E.A Conference.

In the Scholarship Program, you must complete the application and all the questions/requests that apply to you and supply all requested supporting documentation. The application must be received or postmarked no later than June 15. Applications are available at the Pokagon Education Department 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac or on the Michigan Indian Elder Association web site. Award winners will be announced at July's M.I.E.A Conference. We encourage our Pokagon college students to apply.

 michiganindianelders.org/students.php

Notice of Open Positions | Pokagon Band Salary Commission

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens to fill two vacancies on the Pokagon Band Salary Commission ("Commission"). The Commission is an independent board required by the Pokagon Band Constitution and created by the adoption of the Salary Commission Code ("Code"). The Commission is a five- person Commission and responsible for preparing recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the compensation levels to be paid to the Tribal Council, Pokagon Band Judges, and such other elected or appointed positions as may be designated by the Tribal Council.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Commission meetings and perform the business of the Commission will vary as the Commission meeting dates and times vary depending upon the needs of the Commission, which meets more often as the Commission prepares and presents their recommendations to the Tribal Council; however, the Commission meetings are typically held at the Pokagon Band's Community Center in Dowagiac, Michigan. Apart from time spent at Commission meetings, Commission members may spend additional hours per month engaged in other Commission activities. The Code is available on the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

COMPENSATION. Commissioners are compensated in the amount of \$150 for attending each Commission meeting. In addition, Commission members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Commission business in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. To serve as a Salary Commissioner, a Pokagon Band citizen must:

- (a) Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age;
- (b) Not be incarcerated for any criminal conviction;
- (c) 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; and
- (d) Not be a member of the Tribal Council, the Tribal Judiciary, the Election Board, an Officer of the Elders Council, or any Personnel Committee the Tribal Council may establish, or an employee of the Band.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Any Pokagon Band citizen interested in being appointed to the Commission must complete an "Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check" Form and pass a limited background check performed by the Pokagon Band Police Department to ensure that the citizen meets the qualifications to serve on Commission. A copy of the Form can be obtained by contacting Jessica Swisher, Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Council by telephone at (888) 376-9988 or email at Jessica.Swisher@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

All persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Commission must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and resumes; provided, that the Tribal Council may, for good cause, waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact Jessica Swisher, the Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Council, who will share this 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 Commission.

TERM. Salary Commissioners are initially elected by the citizens to three year terms of office. No citizens sought either of the two Commission seats that were to be filled by the July 2016 General Election. Therefore, there will be two Commission seats vacant as of the Regular (Saturday) Tribal Council Meeting in August 2016. The two vacant seats will be filled by Tribal Council appointment and will have approximately three years remaining on their term.

ETHICS REQUIREMENT. As Public Officials, Salary Commissioners are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics, which includes certain limitations in § 8.15 on appointments and employment applicable to Public Officials. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Jessica Swisher, Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Council at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

HOW TO APPLY. Citizens who meet the qualifications, and are willing to be considered for appointment to the Commission, must submit to the Pokagon Band, all of the following: (a) a letter of interest, (b) a current résumé, and (c) a completed "Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check" Form, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Fax: (269) 782-9625

Email: Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

DEADLINE. This posting shall be open until all positions are filled.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Commission, the Salary Commission Code, or this Notice may be directed to the Chairperson of the Commission, Jim Tabaszewski, at jtab55@hotmail.com.

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L&C Regalia 101: Skirts & Leggings Mens Sweat Lodge	Circuit Training Elders Language Class Day Language Class L&C Department Language Class Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Beginners Yoga Auricular Acupuncture Zumba	PALS (Play and Learn Social) Lean Lunch L&C After School Program Red Road to Recovery Group Tone Up! L&C Dowagiac Kids Language Class L&C Dowagiac Adult Language Class	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training
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WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
1 Illness Drumming Class	2 Lean Lunch PHS Diabetes Program L&C Potawatomi 201 L&C South Bend Language Class	3 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	4 Honoring Our Children Pokagon Band Parenting Bundle
8 Illness	9 Lean Lunch PHS Diabetes Program L&C South Bend Language Class L&C Potawatomi 201	10 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness L&C Tree Tapping Ceremony Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	11 Tribal Council Meeting L&C Annual Youth Lock In Débenwéthêk Family Movie Night :: The Secret Life of Pets
15 Illness Group Drumming Class	16 PALS (Play and Learn Social) Lean Lunch EDU Elders Technology Training Class L&C Potawatomi 201 L&C South Bend Language Class	17 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	18
22 Illness	23 Lean Lunch L&C Potawatomi 201 L&C South Bend Language Class	24 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	25
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Please check the website for the latest updates on any cancellations due to inclement weather. Visit www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov/calendar or call (800) 517-0777 for more details on these events.

Notice of Open Positions | Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for (1) One Officer positions and (1) Alternate Positions that are open on the Pokagon Band Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee is responsible for planning and conducting the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow held each year at the Rodgers Lake campus (Dowagiac, Michigan) on the Saturday and Sunday directly before Labor Day.

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. The closer it gets to the Pow Wow dates, however, the Committee typically meets more than once a month. Further, this is a working Committee, so members are expected to be available for assigned duties Friday night through Sunday evening of the Pow Wow. Committee Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings, which are typically held at the Band's Administrative Center 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 of the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizen; (b) actively participate in planning discussions; (c) be physically present and able to help out with assignments Pow Wow weekend; (d) be able to endure Pow Wow conditions (long days, rain, heat, humidity, etc.); (e) be able to maintain a sense of humor and propriety when the day gets long; and (f) enjoy working with the public.

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

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

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

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

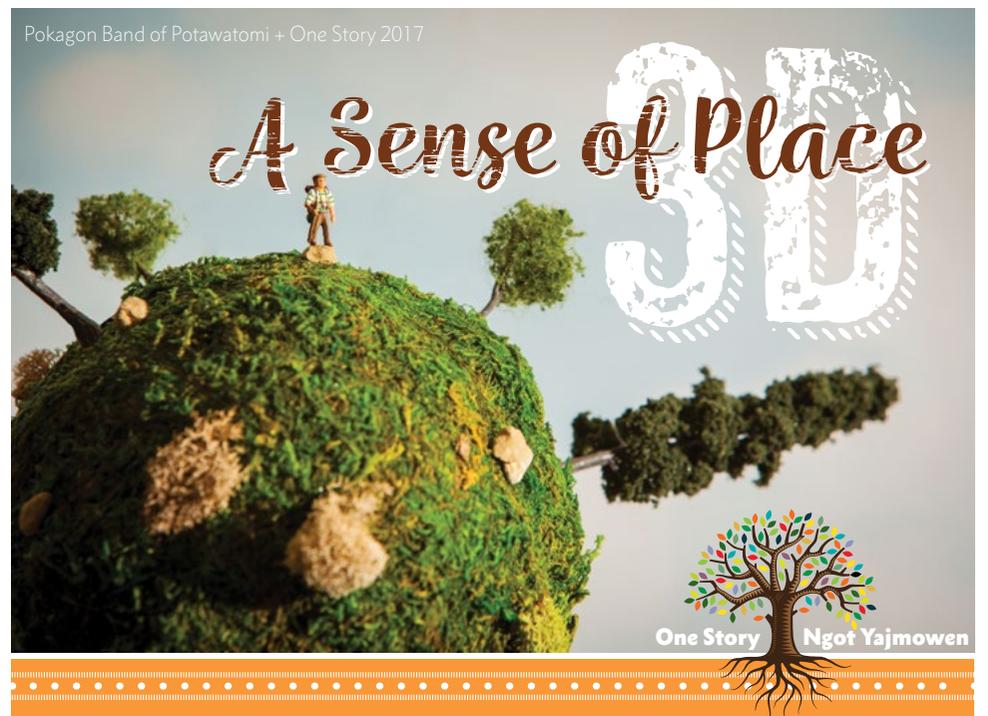
Email: kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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.

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Committee or this notice may be directed to Marcus Winchester at Marcus.Winchester@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



In celebration of *A Sense of Place*, One Story 2017 invites you to create a 3D piece of art using materials grown or found in the area you call home. Please include your name, the title of your work, and the local materials used.

The art will be displayed at the **One Story Gwikwé 'amen** on Saturday, March 18 at the Pokagon Band Community Center from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. (This event is open to the public. All ages are welcome to come see the art, experience the activities and crafts, and enjoy a complimentary lunch.)

If you are interested in sharing your art with One Story, please contact Kristie Bussler at Kristie.Bussler@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or call (269) 462-4222. Artwork will be returned to the artists, if requested.

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Notice of Open Positions | Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for two (2) Alternate position on the Pokagon Band Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee is responsible for planning and conducting the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow held each year at the Rodgers Lake campus (Dowagiac, Michigan) on the Saturday and Sunday directly before Memorial Day.

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. The closer it gets to the Pow Wow dates, however, the Committee typically meets more than once a month. Further, this is a working Committee, so members are expected to be available for assigned duties Thursday through Sunday evening of the Pow Wow. Saturday and Sunday are 12-hour day commitment. Committee Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings, which are typically held at the Band's Administrative Center located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan on the third Tuesday of the month.

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 of the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizen; (b) actively participate in planning discussions; (c) be physically present and able to help out with assignments Pow Wow weekend; (d) be able to endure Pow Wow conditions (long days, rain, heat, humidity, etc.); (e) be able to maintain a sense of humor and propriety when the day gets long; and (f) enjoy working with the public.

Mno-Bmadsen Board of Director Position Announcement

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 seven (7) member Board of Directors and is currently seeking one (1) person for one (1) open position. A copy of the Mno-Bmadsen Charter is available at www.mno-bmadsen.com.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and

ELIGIBILITY. All Directors must meet the following qualification:

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 (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 judgement 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 (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.

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

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

Mail: Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 180
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Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council

Email: kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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.

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Committee or this notice maybe directed to MarAll questions concerning the Committee or this notice maybe directed to Andy Jackson at Andy.Jackson@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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 of the board, please forward your resume and letter of interest along with a completed application in PDF format to: Abbie.Kusch@mno-bmadsen.com.

The application may be found at www.mno-bmadsen.com under the "News" tab.

Notice of Open Positions | Traditions/Repatriations Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for one (1) Officer Position 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 Committee meets approximately once each month to address general cultural issues and once per month to address issues with the THPO. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Committee meetings and perform the business of the Committee will vary. The Committee may also meet at additional times as needed to fulfill Committee duties. 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. Alternate members may be compensated as independent contractors for service to the Committee at rates established by the Tribal Council, only if seated at a Committee meeting in the absence of a Committee member. Currently, Committee members are compensated in the amount of \$75 per Committee meeting. In addition, Alternate members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Committee business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

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

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

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

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

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Department of Language & Culture

Skirts and Leggings Class



January 22 + February 9
All classes are 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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

Please join two of our traditional dancers, Barbara Ann Warren and Jefferson Ballew IV, at our 3rd annual Regalia Class held at our new Language & Culture building. Barbara Ann will be teaching the ladies how to make traditional skirts with the teachings behind woman's skirts and Jefferson will be teaching traditional leggings with the traditional teachings.

No RSVP needed for this event. Lunch will be available to all participants and, if you like, please bring a dish to pass also.

If you have any questions, please contact Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 desk / (269) 462-5376 cell or email her at pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Elders Technology Training

February 16

Safe Internet Browsing Practices.
This session will go over how to safely use the internet with a better chance of avoiding viruses, spyware, and malware. [Community Center]

March 16

TBD [Community Center]

All sessions at 3:00 – 4:30 pm



Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

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One Story (Ngot Yajmowen)

Images of America: Dowagiac by Steve Arseneau and Ann Thompson + *I Found No Peace* by Webb Miller

Events/Activities 2017

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

As we leave the woods, so beautifully described by Simon Pokagon, we find ourselves in the industrial era, seeking a new identity. People, places, and stories are interconnected. The 2017 One Story book selection celebrates this by giving readers a glimpse at the growth of a small railroad town in Southwest Michigan between the 1860s and the 1940s. The book is titled *Images of America: Dowagiac*. The authors, Steve Arseneau and Ann Thompson, uses photographs from the local history museum to tell this story. Complimentary copies of *Dowagiac* are available from all One Story partners.

In addition to *Dowagiac*, One Story will explore *A Sense of Place* through the eyes of Webb Miller using his book, *I Found No Peace*. Complimentary copies of Webb Miller's book will be available beginning January 2017.

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DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM Photographs of Dowagiac
Saturday, February 18 | 1:00 pm | Dowagiac Area History Museum

The Dowagiac Area History Museum has a collection of over 6,000 photographs documenting local history. Steve Arseneau, director of the Dowagiac Area History Museum and co-author of the book "Images of America: Dowagiac," will present a program highlighting Dowagiac's history from 1860 to World War II through photographs, including the oldest known photos of the city.

SMC Shishibé: History of Gaming and Importance of Language

Thursday, March 9 | 2:30 pm | Southwestern Michigan College Theatre in the Dale A. Lyons Building
Prior to European arrival, gaming was a social and communal event that helped in sharing the wealth of the nation. Jefferson Ballew, Potawatomi traditionalist, will share the history of Native American gaming. Rhonda Purcell, Potawatomi language specialist, will then host shishibé, a BINGO-type game using Potawatomi language. Come to SMC for an afternoon of learning and fun!

POKAGON BAND Gwikwé'amen

Saturday, March 18 | 11:00 am | Pokagon Band Community Center

One Story is teaming up with the Pokagon Band Early Childhood Education Program and Department of Natural Resources along with area schools to explore sense of place with local youth.

DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM World Wide Webb Miller

Wednesday, April 5 | 6:30 pm | Dowagiac Area History Museum

Dowagiac resident and Webb Miller enthusiast Jim Bussler will present information about Miller's early days growing up in Dowagiac, his experiences as a reporter traveling the world, and his book, *I Found No Peace*. Make sure to take a look at the museum's Webb Miller exhibit before or after the presentation.

This program is part of the Spring Lecture Series. It is free to museum members and \$5 for non-members.

SACRED HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH I Found No Peace by Webb Miller Book Talk

Wednesday, April 19 | 6:30 pm | Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church

An internationally famous foreign correspondent who grew up near Dowagiac, Webb Miller traveled the world reporting on global events and was present for many unique happenings of the early 20th century. He brought information to readers that would have otherwise been unavailable. The SHM Book Discussion Group will focus on a selection of his stories and the effect of that reporting throughout the world, as well as comparing modern media coverage of similar stories. Everyone is welcome!

DOWAGIAC DISTRICT LIBRARY Spring In to Your Local Library Traditional Lifeways Workshop

Saturday, May 13 | 10:00 am | Dowagiac District Library

Jefferson Ballew, traditionalist from the Pokagon Band, will use items gathered from the earth to create a Sacred Fire. He will explain the tools and natural materials used to create the fire and the relationships we have to those items.

Deep Nature Connection with Justin Lake. Through stories and outdoor activities we will learn routines that awaken our senses and help us restore our connections with the natural world. We will be exploring what it means to feel a deep sense of place.

ONE STORY PARTNERS Epilogue Feast

Thursday, May 25 | 6:00 pm | Pokagon Band Community Center

One Story 2017 closes with a traditional Native American feast and an inspiring presentation by botanist and author Robin Wall Kimmerer. She will share knowledge on the culturally important plants of the region that provide us with gifts of medicines, wild foods, materials, and wisdom. Together we will discuss how a connection to local plants contributes to identity, well-being, and a sense of place. Robin is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Throughout 2017, we will continue gathering stories. Storytellers may use many formats including: written stories, photo essays, and audio recordings. More information is available on the One Story website or from any of the following One Story partners:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Kristie Bussler (269) 462-4222 or Kristie.Bussler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Dowagiac Area History Museum

Steve Arseneau (269) 783-2560 or sarseneau@dowagiac.org

Dowagiac District Library

Matt Weston (269) 782-3826 or mweston@dowagiacdl.org

Southwestern Michigan College

Scott Topping (269) 782-1249 or stopping@swmich.edu



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Elders Health + Wellness

Monday, Wednesday + Friday

11:00 – 11:45 am

PHS Wellness Center

Chair aerobics

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

Cardio drumming

Express yourself, release stress and aggression, and sweat and sing along.

Anybody can do it, there is no right or wrong way to do cardio drumming.

Standing or sitting cardio drumming is for everyone. All classes are to accommodate to our Pokagon Elders

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Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Promise

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letter of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill two (2) Committee seats and one (1) Alternate seat on the Pokagon Promise Committee. The Pokagon Promise Committee is responsible for assuring that Traditional Native American philosophy be a part of all Departments of the Pokagon Band. A main goal is to assure a level playing field between community institutions and the Band. The Pokagon Promise Committee meets the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building. Including meeting preparation, other Pokagon Promise Committee business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 2 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The responsibilities of the positions being filled include:

- (a) Three positions are open on this committee. Members must have sufficient background to be able to contribute to development of programs and services within the tribe. As important is the melding of Native services with those in the broader community.
- (b) The position is an Alternate position to fill in when a quorum cannot be established.

COMPENSATION. Pokagon Promise Committee members are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$75.00 per meeting unless the individual holds Chairperson position (\$112.50 or Secretary position \$93.75). In addition, Pokagon Promise Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Pokagon Promise Committee business.

Notice of Open Positions | Family Welfare Commission

POSITION DESCRIPTION. In order to protect the best interests of our children, the Pokagon Band Tribal Council formed the Family Welfare Commission by ordinance and resolution, on November 6, 2001. The Commission was designed, not only, to protect the best interests of Pokagon Band children, but also to: Promote the stability and security of Pokagon Band families; Recommend to the judicial and administrative agencies involved, a course of action for the guidance and care of Pokagon Band children which most preserves the unity of the family; Recommend actions that will best serve the cultural, spiritual, emotional, mental and physical welfare of the child; Recommend a continuum of services for Pokagon Band children and their families with emphasis whenever possible on prevention, early intervention, and community based alternatives; Recognize and acknowledge the cultural traditions of the Pokagon Band for child-rearing and family preservation. The Family Welfare Commission Ordinance is available at the following internet address www.pokagon.com under Tribal Codes and Ordinances.

COMPENSATION. Family Welfare Commissioners, appointed at-large are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150, for attending each Family Welfare Commission meeting. In addition, Commission members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Family Welfare Commission business.

ELIGIBILITY.

- A. A Commissioner may not also be a member of Tribal Council.
- B. An individual considered for appointment must be an enrolled Tribal member, at least 18 years of age, with knowledge and experience demonstrated through educational, occupational or volunteer activities in the following areas:
 1. childhood education;
 2. childhood development;
 3. Pokagon Band or other tribal customs and traditions pertaining to child rearing;
 4. governmental and private programs to assist children and families in need; and
 5. individual and family dysfunction, the types, causes, and treatment.
- C. Neither an employee nor the spouse of an employee of the Band or of the federal government, or a state or local government, who is involved with or possibly involved, with the delivery of services relating to child welfare matters within the scope of the Commission duties and authority may be appointed or serve as a Commissioner.
- D. Immediate family members, as defined in the Pokagon Band Child Protection Code, of any family may not serve simultaneously on the Commission.

ELIGIBILITY. To serve as a member of the Pokagon Promise Committee, a Band member must be a tribal citizen in good standing.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Pokagon Promise Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There are currently three seats on the Pokagon Promise Committee.

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

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

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

Questions concerning the Pokagon Promise Committee or this Notice may be directed to Kelly Curran at (888) 376-9988 or by e-mail at Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. Pokagon Promise 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.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION.

- A. Commissioners must sign and abide by a statement acknowledging the standards of confidentiality required for serving as a Commissioner.
- B. Commissioners must submit to and pass a background check conducted by the Tribal Police Department subject to such written guidelines or procedures as may be established by the Tribal Police Department. The background check serves the purpose of assisting the Tribal Council in determining whether a prospective Commissioner could pose any risk to the safety or welfare of a child or may otherwise be unsuitable for appointment to the Commission. The background check shall include the Commissioner's criminal history, including any arrest record and history of investigation by State Systems for suspected child abuse or neglect. A background check shall be conducted prior to the appointment or re-appointment of every Commissioner.
- C. Every Commissioner shall be of good character and reputation, shall not associate with dishonest or disreputable persons, and shall exhibit high moral standards at all times.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Appointments to the Family Welfare Commission are made by Tribal Commission. Each Commissioner shall serve a term of three (3) years.

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

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

HOW TO APPLY. Please submit application, which may be obtained through the Department of Social Services to:

Mark Pompey, Director of Social Services
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Questions concerning the Family Welfare Commission, may be directed to the Director of Social Services, Mark Pompey, at (269) 462-4277 or mark.pompey@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. As Public Officials, Family Welfare Commissioners are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics, which includes certain limitations in § 8.15 on appointments and employment applicable to Public Officials. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or Edward Williams at (269) 783-0970.

Notice of Open Position | Election Board

The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens who are interested in filling one (1) Alternate member positions on the Election Board. Provided below is information regarding the Election Board and how to be considered for an appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

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

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

Notice of Open Alternate Positions | Food Sovereignty Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill vacancies on the newly created Food Sovereignty Committee. Five committee positions including Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Member-At-Large, and two Alternate positions are currently vacant. The Food Sovereignty Committee is responsible for restoring traditional food teachings and increasing the availability of traditional food for Band citizens. The Food Sovereignty Committee is expected to meet once a month on dates, times and locations yet to be determined. Including meeting preparation, other committee business and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 6 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities.

COMPENSATION. Food Sovereignty Committee members may be compensated as independent contractors at rates established by the Tribal Council. In addition, Food Sovereignty Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Food Sovereignty Committee business.

ELIGIBILITY. To serve as a member of the Food Sovereignty Committee, a person must:

- Be a Pokagon Band citizen, spouse, or band employee
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Possess a passion for traditional ecological knowledge

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Food Sovereignty Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There are currently five seats on the Committee and two alternate positions that will be filled by Tribal Council.

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. Questions concerning the Food Sovereignty Committee or this Notice may be directed to Michaelina Martin at micky.martin@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Mark Parrish at mark.parrish@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Tribal Court



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Let's Paint the Rock

Workshop

Second Tuesday of the month :: 1:00 p.m.
Elders Hall

Please join members of the community in building relationships while exploring the benefits of peace circles and the grandfather teachings in these monthly workshops. Each workshop will feature a short video, an opportunity to paint a rock with a grandfather teaching and the opportunity to gather in a talking circle to share teachings and related stories that may have been passed down to us.

2017 Workshops

<p>January 10 wédaséwën bravery</p> <p>February 14 dëbandéwën love or sagedwën compassion</p>	<p>March 14 dëbwéwën honesty</p> <p>April 11 gdemagéndëmowën humility</p>	<p>May 9 mishkozwën strength</p> <p>June 13 bwakawsewën wisdom</p>
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If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Gettig, Native Justice Initiative Support Staff Person at (269) 783-0505.

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

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Pokégnek Bodéwadmik | Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

Breastfeeding Classes

March 9 + August 25 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Pokagon Health Services
Multi purpose Room

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

Everyone who completes the program will receive a free Pack 'n Play. Space is limited so you must RSVP to attend.



RSVP to Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 office or contact her for more information.

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Notice of Open Alternate Positions | Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for two (2) Committee member position and two (2) Alternate position on the Pokagon Band Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee is responsible for planning and conducting the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow held each year at the Rodgers Lake campus (Dowagiac, Michigan) on the Saturday and Sunday directly before Memorial Day.

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. The closer it gets to the Pow Wow dates, however, the Committee typically meets more than once a month. Further, this is a working Committee, so members are expected to be available for assigned duties Thursday through Sunday evening of the Pow Wow. Saturday and Sunday are 12-hour day commitment. Committee Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings, which are typically held at the Band's Administrative Center located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan on the third Tuesday of the month.

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. Alternates are not paid for attending meetings if the full Committee is present. In addition, Committee members and Alternates 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 of the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizen; (b) actively participate in planning discussions; (c) be physically present and able to help out with assignments Pow Wow weekend; (d) be able to endure Pow Wow conditions (long days, rain, heat, humidity, etc.); (e) be able to maintain a sense of humor and propriety when the day gets long; and (f) enjoy working with the public.

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Committee or this notice maybe directed to Andy Jackson at Andy.Jackson@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



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LEGAL AID }

For Pokagon Band Citizens

Do you need advice or assistance with a legal issue?

The Pokagon Band has arranged for Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) and Indiana Legal Services (ILS) to provide free legal services to Pokagon citizens (and in some cases, spouses of Pokagon citizens) regarding certain types of legal issues:

- Guardianships and Conservatorships
- Power of Attorney (Medical and/or Financial)
- Simple Wills
- Real Estate Matters
- Landlord Tenant Matters
- General civil matter legal advice
- Expungements (misdemeanor and low-level felony) in Indiana only
- Specialized Driving Permits in Indiana only

For questions about Michigan or Pokagon Band law, contact

Michigan Indian Legal Services
(800) 968-6877

An MILS attorney will be at the Pokagon Community Center at least one day a week. Please call for an appointment.

For questions about Indiana law, contact

Indiana Legal Services
401 East Colfax, Suite 116
South Bend, Indiana

(574) 234-8121 | (800) 288-8121

Please call for an appointment Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Except for criminal matters in Pokagon Tribal Court, there are no asset or income restrictions for Pokagon Band citizens receiving this free legal service. 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.

monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday

february

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

6 **language**

Buffalo Vegetable Barley Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Veggie and Relish Tray
Yogurt and Fruit Cup

7

Marinated Pork Chops
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
French Style Green Beans
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

8

Tuna, Pea, Egg, and Shell
Noodles
Cold Plate
Wheat Crackers
Veggie Tray
Jell-O W/ Fruit

9

Italian Rustic Cod
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Veggie Tray
Whole Grain Roll
Blueberries

10

Smoked Salmon
Sweet Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Coleslaw
Whole Grain Roll
Dessert

11

Chicken Fajitas with Peppers and
Onions on a whole Wheat
Soft Shell
Assorted Toppings with Pico Salsa
Red Beans and Rice
Watermelon

13 **language**

Buffalo Stuffed Peppers
Au Gratin Potatoes
Spinach
Fruit Salad
Whole Grain Roll

14

Salmon W/ Citrus Pepper
Wild Rice Quinoa
Tri-blend Veggies
Broccoli Slaw
Dessert

15

Ham and Au Gratin Potatoes
Mixed Greens
Tomato Salad
Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

16 **Valentine's Day social**

Ribeye Steak
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Strawberries over Angel Food Cake

17

Potato Soup
Low Sodium Ham and
Cheese Sandwich
Relish and Veggie Tray
Fruit Salad

20 **language**

Beef Liver and Onions in
Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Spinach Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Fruit

21

Cornish Hen
Stuffing W/ Gravy
Brussels Sprouts
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple
Whole Grain Roll

22

Buffalo Meatballs in Gravy
with Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Fruit Salad

23

Chicken Noodle Soup
Fish Square on a Bun
Veggie and Relish Tray
Fruit

24

BBQ Pork on a Whole Grain Bun
Baked Chips
Relish and Veggie Tray
Peanut Butter Cookie
Fruit

27 **language**

Buffalo Burgers
On a Bun
Macaroni Salad
Veggie and Relish Tray
Baked Beans

28

Baked Chicken
Pasta Salad
Collard Greens
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll



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

Per Capita News

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

Name	Christmas 2016	Monthly Per Cap
James Johnson	x	
Anna Locklear	x	
Austin L. Northrup	x	
Dominic Williams	x	

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

Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by March 15 in order to make it on the April 2017 check run. Anything received after March 15 will be processed on the check run for May 2017. 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.

Elders Stipend increments

Elders Stipends increase each five years by \$250 starting at age 65. All elders over 65 receiving the stipend will notice an increase in their amount every five years until the amount caps at \$1,750 for those aged 85 and above. Here are the increments:

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

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

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

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

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, January 13, 2017	Monday, January 30, 2017	Tuesday, January 31, 2017
Monday, February 15, 2017	Monday, February 27, 2017	Tuesday, February 28, 2017
Monday, March 15, 2017	Thursday, March 30, 2017	Friday, March 31, 2017
Friday, April 14, 2017	Thursday, April 27, 2017	Friday, April 28, 2017
Friday, May 15, 2017	Tuesday, May 30, 2017	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Wednesday, June 15, 2017	Thursday, June 29, 2017	Friday, June 30, 2017
Friday, July 14, 2017	Thursday, July 27, 2017	Friday, July 28, 2017
Monday, August 15, 2017	Wednesday, August 30, 2017	Thursday, August 31, 2017
Thursday, September 15, 2017	Thursday, September 28, 2017	Friday, September 29, 2017
Friday, October 13, 2017	Monday, October 30, 2017	Tuesday, October 31, 2017
Wed, November 1, 2017*	Tuesday, November 21, 2017	Wed, November 22, 2017
Friday, December 15, 2017	Thursday, December 28, 2017	Friday, December 29, 2017

* Please note, in 2017, the November deadline for changes is November 1. 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 extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

Tribal Council February Calendar of Events

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

Tribal Council March Calendar of Events

- 6 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 7 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 20 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 21 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 25 Annual Membership Meeting, Lake Michigan College, 10 a.m.
- 27 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 28 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.

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.



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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Regalia Class

Please join the Department of Language & Culture in their new workshop building to learn regalia teachings, dances, and sewing. The classes go for five months starting in January. Language & Culture staff will bring in many different instructors to teach. We have a limited supply of sewing machines, irons, beads, material, feathers and leather. You are welcome to bring your own sewing machine.

If you want something special, plan on supplying your own material. You don't have to RSVP, you can just come. We hope to see you there.

January 2017
Sunday, January 8
Sunday, January 22

February 2017
Sunday, February 9
Sunday, February 23

March 2017
Sunday, March 12
Sunday, March 26

April 2017
Sunday, April 7
Sunday, April 21

May 2017
Sunday, May 12
Sunday, May 26
(last class potluck and feast)

All classes are 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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

If you have any questions, please contact Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 desk / (269) 462-5376 cell or email her at pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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



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Blood

You have **FOUR**
opportunities to be
a hero this year.

Friday, March 17

Friday, May 19

Friday, August 18

Thursday, October 26

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

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

Tribal Office Directory

Administration

Information Technology
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-6882

Commodities

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

Communications

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Compliance

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Chi Ishobak

27043 Potawatomi Trail
(269) 783-4157

Education

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-0887
Toll Free (888) 330-1234
FAX (269) 782-0985

Elders Program

53237 Townhall Rd.
(269) 782-0765
Toll Free (800) 859-2717
FAX (269) 782-1696

Elections

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-9475
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Enrollment

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-1763
FAX (269) 782-1964

Facilities

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

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

Pokagon Health Services

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

Housing & Community Development

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

Human Resources

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
FAX (269) 782-4253

Language & Culture

59291 Indian Lake Rd.
(269) 462-4325

Mno-Bmadsen

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

Natural Resources

32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9602
FAX (269) 783-0452

Social Services

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-4295

South Bend Area Office

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

Tribal Council

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-6323
Toll Free (888) 376-9988
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

Tribal Council Directory

(888) 376-9988

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Elders Council Directory

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

Chair

Stanley Morseau
(269) 783-6828

Vice Chair

Maxine Margiotta
(269) 783-6102

Secretary

Judy Augusta
(269) 783-6304

Treasurer

Clarence White
(269) 876-1118

Member at Large

Cathy Ford
(269) 783-9380

Senior Youth Council Directory

Chairman

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Michael.Gamache@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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Member at large

Robert Dick
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Rebecca Williams

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.

Mko gises February Citizen Announcements



Happy 10th birthday **Addison Rider!** Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Ryan and Kensi



Happy birthday **Jason!** Love Mom, Dad, Carrie and Addie



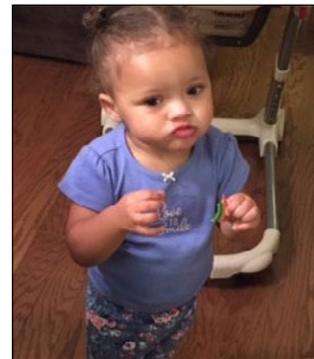
Happy birthday **Malik!** We Love and miss you. Konnie Birks

Happy birthday **Brianna!** Love Pappa Don, Gramma Juju and Uncle Danny Vohwinkle



Happy birthday **Joe!** Love Pappa Rick, Grandma Ann, and Dad

Happy birthday **Aaliyah AKA Kookie!** Love, Your whole family



Happy birthday **Tori and Harper Rider!** Love Pappa Rick and Grandma Ann

The Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio recently recognized **Dr. John Low** for receiving a 2016 Robert F. Heizer Article Award from the American Society for Ethnohistory.

An assistant professor of comparative studies at The Ohio State University at Newark, Professor Low's 2015 article *Vessels for Recollection - The Canoe Building Renaissance in the Great Lakes* earned him this distinction. The Senate congratulated Low for "dedication to your field and the exceptional talent that you bring to the university campus."



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Department of Language & Culture



Sugar Tree Tapping Ceremony

Sugar season is upon us! Please join us for the ceremonial first tree tapping and collect sap as long as Mother Earth allows. Come learn sugaring teachings and process. Please watch for more details on sugar bush and sugar tool making workshops.

For additional information, contact Patty Jo Kublick (269) 462-4303 or Nicole Holloway (269) 783-6131 at the Department of Language & Culture.

Friday, February 10
12:00 p.m.
Rodgers Lake Pavilion
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Pokagon Health Services

Wild Game Dinner

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017 * 6:00—8:00 PM * COMMUNITY CENTER

Pokagon Health Services invites all tribal fathers, father figures and their families to join them for a wild game dinner. The evening includes a presentation and other fun activities, including giveaways.

Kindly RSVP by **March 10** to Ingrid Gschwind at (269) 783-2478 or ingrid.gschwind@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

PHS Fatherhood Initiative



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