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Shop with a Cop Brings Holiday Spirit to Eight Pokagon Kids

Elders and Mno Bmadsen each donated \$500 to this event, and Junior Youth Council donated \$1000, providing eight children in the community \$2000 to shop for Christmas gifts for themselves and their families.

Everyone met at the Community Center December 13, where the 11 participating Tribal Police Officers lined up their cars. Each youth was assigned an Officer to shop with, had lunch, and each pair got their photo taken in front of the line of vehicles.

The group, accompanied by three senior youth members, paraded in a line of police vehicles to the Niles Wal-Mart. With lists in hand, the youth pulled item after item from the shelves and into their waiting carts. Perfumes for sisters, sweaters and coats for parents, were all part of the children's final purchases.

"The positive energy that day was top notch," said Lt. Rich Killips of the

Tribal Police, who experienced his first Shop with a Cop this year, despite a lengthy career in law enforcement. "Everyone who was involved in it wants to do it again. It wasn't a requirement, but we had more than enough cops to match up with kids."

While the children shopped, the senior youth members developed the photos taken at the Community Center, chose a few frames, and each participant went home with a tangible reminder of what happened that day.

"One little girl wouldn't buy anything for herself, she only wanted to shop for her family," recalls Lt. Killips. "Only after she had picked out something for everyone in her family were we able to talk her into buying something for herself."

The group had their own check out lane, reserved just for them, keeping the process smooth and simple. Following that the Officers drove the group back



to the Community Center and helped them wrap their gifts for their families.

"The kids really had an amazing time," said Collin Church, senior youth council chair. He hopes to expand the program to more youth next year.

Pokagon Students Focus on Business School Opportunities at Workshop

The Community Center was filled with Native American and Hispanic students from Dowagiac High School November 21, there to learn from and collaborate with Michigan State University business students representing those two groups. The event featured professional development workshops led by the college students that focused on leadership and presentation skills and building a resume.

“A lot of community building went on among the students,” said Polly Mitchell, educational associate with the Pokagon Education Department and one of the workshop organizers. “The students built community within their schools and with the college students. Everybody interacted with the college students.”

The 24 MSU students in attendance are part of the Native American Hispanic Business Student organization. They facilitated the workshop, helping their younger peers think about options for higher education and the importance of taking advantage of

professional and career development through groups like theirs. The 40 students from Dowagiac High School had a fun atmosphere in which to interact with college students, and gained familiarity with a group advocating for native students at MSU.

“It was nice to see the high schoolers participate,” said Mitchell. “They were working on leadership skills, so students had to give presentations. They were tentative at first, but by the end they were volunteering. So they built up their confidence enough to act.”

Michael Kasper of Mno-Bmadsen, the tribe’s economic development entity, and Sean Winters of Chi Ishobak, the Pokagon Community Development Financial Institution, both spoke about business and financial opportunities with the Band. Kevin Leonard, MSU’s coordinator for the NAHBS, commented that this workshop was the largest and the most successful he’s seen yet.



Education Department Enhances Programming

The Pokagon Band Department of Education has made several enhancements for the 2015 year.

Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Education focus area is Primary, Birth – 4th Grade. Children and parents are offered services to help promote early literacy, positive parenting, school readiness, and quality education. Many exciting events are scheduled for children and families!

The purpose of the Early Childhood Education is to develop positive educational experiences to Pokagon Families with children 0-8 years old. In addition to collaborating on several different projects, the Early Childhood Education Program will be offering the following workshops. Contact Autumn Cabrillas for more information

- The first workshop will be an Introduction to Program Services.
- The second workshop will focus on Honoring Our Children.
- The third workshop will focus on Positive Parenting Techniques.

- The fourth workshop will be in collaboration with Holiday Fun.

Academic Excellence Initiative

The goal of the Educational Excellence Initiative (EEI) is to encourage Pokagon Band students in grades Kindergarten to 12th grade to strive for educational excellence, to attend school regularly and to improve their academic performance. This “Invest in You” program allows citizens to increase funding for educational programs they frequently use, thereby increasing their knowledge, skills and ability to flourish in post-secondary educational institutions. These supplemental funds will be added to other educational program such as Enrichment Program, Special Requests, and Tutoring. In addition, funds may be used for the Youth Transportation IDA offered through Chi Ishobak. Contact Sam Morseau for more information

Tutoring Services

The Tutoring Program is designed to provide additional educational support to Pokagon students with academic needs.

New Tutoring Program guidelines have been in effect since August 1, 2014. All Pokagon Students are now eligible for tutoring, without grade restrictions or teacher recommendations necessary. We now offer all families a choice of using an Accredited Learning Center, a facility which employs certified teachers or certified tutors to work with students on core academic areas, study skills, or test preparation, or an Auxiliary Tutor, a Certified Teacher or Individual with Bachelor’s Degree with an Academic Area of Focus. Although tutoring funds remain the same, \$2,500 per student per year, the time frame has changed to August 1– July 31 to align with the academic year.

For more information, contact Kristie Bussler, Educational Resource Specialist, at (269) 462-4222.

Title VII

The Title VII is a federal grant that helps local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, postsecondary institutions, and other entities toward the goal of ensuring that programs

that serve Indian children are of the highest quality and provide for not only the basic elementary and secondary educational needs, but also the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of these children.

Starting 2015, The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education is teaming up with Match-e-be-nash-she-wish (Gun Lake) Band of Pottawatomi and Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi as a consortium to identify and service all the Native American students in the three tribes’ service areas.

Enrichment Program Expansion of Services

Due to overwhelming success, the Department of Education will be expanding our Enrichment Program from 5–12th grade to Kindergarten to 12th grade.

The goal of the Enrichment program is to provide the opportunity for Pokagon youth anywhere in the United States to participate in an Enrichment program, such as band camps, art camps,

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Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

New Pokagon Tribal Police Officer Puts on Badge



(L-R) Jason Wesaw, Officer Richard Newcomer, Sgt. Ben Graves and Lt. Rich Killips

Richard Newcomer stepped into the Administration building on December 8 yet another time. He was familiar with the grand rotunda and the people working inside, but on that Monday, he entered as an employee of the Pokagon Band for the first time.

Officer Newcomer is now a Tribal Police officer, currently in Tribal Police's FPO program

as part of his four months of training. He graduated from the police academy at Kalamazoo Valley Community College on November 24 and accepted a job with the Band.

"That was the one application I filled out," Newcomer said. "I was pretty much determined."

He's wanted to work for the band for about as long as he's wanted to work in law enforcement, his junior year of high school. His senior year, he took his first off campus class and interned with the Tribal Police Department. He interned two more years and was able to really see what working in the department would be like.

He kept daily logs of what happened, assisted the officers in any way he could, and as a result, got to know all of the officers.

"It's kind of felt like I've been a part of them for a while," Newcomer said.

He was impressed with the officers' three-county jurisdiction and the collaboration that resulted between officers from those counties. Tribal Police have

a close relationship with the Cass County officers, Newcomer said. Newcomer also likes the freedom the cross-county jurisdiction offers.

"You aren't just stuck in one city," he said, "driving around in circles."

Newcomer is still learning from his fellow officers, being schooled on how to react in myriad situations. In police academy, he learned much of this, too. He also had physical training such as running, teamwork exercises, shooting and law classes.

"Being new, I want to receive every single call I can, so when I'm on my own, I'll know what to do," Newcomer said.

After his training, Newcomer hopes to be stationed in Hartford because there seems to be more activity there, he believes.

Most of all, Newcomer wants to work for his own people and give back to the community that has always been there for him and that he's been involved with for a long time. As a youth, he attended Senior Youth Council meetings and helped plan Christmas and Easter parties.

He hopes to get to know the younger tribal members and garner a positive reputation in the community as an officer so people will know, if they ever need help, he's there for them.

"People are not that trustworthy of police these days, it seems like, but I don't want people to think that way," he said, about himself and the rest of the Tribal Police officers.

Newcomer aspires to becoming a sergeant one day, and he plans to retire from the Tribal Police Department, but not for a while. Look for Newcomer in a Tribal Police vehicle soon.

Connie Baber Retiring from Education Department

After five years with the Department of Education, I will be retiring on January 29. It is with excitement yet sadness that I start this new chapter of my life. The excitement will be in having the time to travel and relax with my husband, and the sadness will be in leaving my co-workers and the citizens.

When I first arrived the Department of Education was located in a small modular trailer and my first job duties were to help us move into the beautiful, newly-built Administration building. How quickly things changed in five years.

I have enjoyed working with so many different families and watching their children grow. The tribe has made it possible to offer so many great programs to the citizens and everyone should be so proud of what has been accomplished.

I have made many lifelong friends during my time with the Pokagon Band and hope to stop in from time to time just to stay in touch.

Megwetch (Thank you), Connie Baber



Wellness Center Hours and Memberships

The Wellness Center opened December 1. Hours are 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday and closed on Sunday. Please see Dean Orvis or any of the Wellness staff or call (269) 782-4141 to register for your membership or for more information.



Smoke Signals

January 29 | 6:00 pm
Southwestern Michigan College
Student Activity Center
58900 Cherry Grove Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047

One Story partner Southwestern Michigan College hosts a free showing of Sherman Alexie's movie, *Smoke Signals* (PG-13), which is based on his book, *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*. Free refreshments will be served. Doors open at 6:00 pm and movie begins at 6:30 pm.



One Story is a grass roots 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, Dowagiac Dogwood Fine Arts Festival Committee, Dowagiac Union Schools, and Southwestern Michigan College.

This year's book selection is *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. Alexie is a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian who grew up in Wellpinit, Washington on the Spokane Indian Reservation. The novel is based on Alexie's own experiences and utilizes words and pictures to tell the story of a young Indian boy who leaves his school on the reservation to attend an all-white school. The 2015 One Story events are based on various themes explored in Alexie's semi-autobiographical book.

Dr. Moore Wins Award from American Public Health Association

Patricia Moore, DPM, the podiatrist who sees patients at Pokagon Health Services, received the John and Janet Carson Award for Advocacy in Podiatric Public Health at the American Public Health Association's conference in New Orleans in November.

Dr. Moore has been heavily involved with the podiatric health section of the APHA, including serving as the section chair and a current action board member. The podiatric section of the APHA conducts grass roots lobbying and advocacy for podiatric issues within the scope of public health. The award recipient is voted on by other members of the section.

"I have been a leader in the organization and in this section," said Dr. Moore. "Podiatrists want to present our issues and our patients to the public health community, and have a seat at the table."

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month



There are five main types of cancer that affect a woman's reproductive organs: cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar. As a group, they are referred to as gynecologic (GY-neh-kuh-LAH-jik) cancer.

When cancer starts in the cervix, it is called cervical cancer. Cervical cancer is highly preventable in most Western countries because screening tests and a vaccine to prevent human papillomavirus (HPV) infections are available. When cervical cancer is found early, it is highly treatable and associated with long survival and good quality of life.

Two screening tests can help prevent cervical cancer or find it early:

- The Pap test (or Pap smear) looks for precancers, cell changes on the cervix that might become cervical cancer if they are not treated appropriately.
- The HPV test looks for the virus (human papillomavirus) that can cause these cell changes.

The Pap test is recommended for all women between the ages of 21 and 65 years old, and can be done in a doctor's office or clinic. If you get the HPV test along with the Pap test, the cells collected during the Pap test will be tested for HPV at the laboratory. Talk with your doctor, nurse, or other health care professional about whether the HPV test is right for you. When you have a Pap test, the doctor may also perform a pelvic exam, checking your uterus, ovaries, and other organs to make sure there are no problems. There are times when your doctor may perform a pelvic exam without giving you a Pap test. Ask your doctor which tests you are having, if you are unsure.

You should start getting regular Pap tests at age 21. The Pap test, which screens for cervical cancer, is one of the most reliable and effective cancer screening tests available. The only cancer for which the Pap test screens is cervical cancer. If your Pap test results are normal, your doctor may tell you that you can wait three years until your next Pap test.

If you are 30 years old or older, you may choose to have an HPV test along with the Pap test. Both tests can be performed by your doctor at the same time. If your test results are normal, your chance of getting cervical cancer in the next few years is very low. Your doctor may then tell you that you can wait as long as five years for your next screening. But you should still go to the doctor regularly for a checkup.

If you are 21–65 years old, it is important for you to continue getting a Pap test as directed by your doctor—even if you think you are too old to have a child or are not having sex anymore. If you are older than 65 and have had normal Pap test results for several years, or if you have had your cervix removed as part of a total hysterectomy for non-cancerous conditions, like fibroids, your doctor may tell you that you do not need to have a Pap test anymore.

Please call Pokagon Health Services at (269) 782-4141 if you have any questions about women's health.

The APHA conference brings together some of the country's top public health policy makers, including officials from the Center for Disease Control, the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services and the office of the Surgeon General. At this conference public health experts come together for lectures, continuing education, networking, research, and lobbying.

"We know that our patients suffer from chronic diseases and it's important for podiatrists to speak out for our patients to get a share of the resources."

One of the main objectives of podiatrists is to prevent amputations.

Dr. Moore also has served as mayor and city commissioner for Buchanan, Michigan during the past ten years.

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science camps, sports camps, career camps, Workshop, Pre-College classes, summer school, conferences, Life Skills programs, such as Drivers Training, music lessons, musical instruments, etc. Contact Connie Baber for more information.

Citizen Portal Implementation

Starting in mid-February, we will be going "Live" with our Pokagon portal! Students will have the opportunity to apply and update scholarship applications on-line. Students will be able to electronically send the yearly application, book stipend, unmet needs, class schedule, and grades. This will make the scholarship process more manageable and make the confirmation and scholarship processing much faster. Look for the Citizen Portal and complete your 2015 application scholarship on line!! Contact Joseph Avance for more information.

College Preparatory Workshops

The Continuing Education Program will be offering the following workshops.

- College Prep Workshop#1: The purpose of this event is to educate parents to the importance of meeting deadlines for testing and college applications.
- College Prep Workshop #2: The purpose of this event is to help students and parents understand the costs and differences between choosing to attend community colleges, state colleges and state universities.
- College Prep Workshop#3: The purpose of this event is to address three main criteria: One is to introduce new students and parents to college campus life and the admission process, the second type of visit is for academic advising of students who are currently attending school, and the third type of visit is to build relationships with organizations on college campus to insure student success.
- College Prep Workshop #4: The purpose of this event is to assist higher education students who plan to attend college. The program gives a second chance for students to complete their Higher Education Scholarship.

Vocational – Technical Scholarship Increase

The Department of Education is proud to announce that we will be increasing our Vocational-Technical Scholarship from \$2000/year to \$4000/ year.

The goal of the Vocational – Technical Scholarship is to provide guidance and support to tribal Citizens obtaining Vocational – Technical Training and assistance with FAFSA application is provided if requested. Contact Joseph Avance for more information.

Technology Stipend Modification

The Department of Education has redesigned the Technology Assistance Stipend to better fit citizen needs. The Technology Assistance Program is now only offered to Pokagon Band citizens in our Dual Enrollment Program. Contact Polly Mitchell for more information.

Elders Services Workshops

The purpose of the Elder Services Program is to develop positive educational experiences to Pokagon Elders 55+ years of age. In addition to collaborating on several different projects, the Elders Services Program will be offering workshops on Online Library and e-books, Tribal Perspectives Curriculum, Personal Development with Technology and Introduction to Social Media.

January is National Eye Health Care Month

Eye problems can occur at any age. Newborns and elders are two groups that can often be affected.

Problems can go undetected in children, and many vision problems begin at an early age. But if they are discovered quickly, action can be taken to correct those problems. Eye issues are a lot easier to correct in the young when found early, so it is important to bring in your children in for routine eye exams. Common eye problems are nearsightedness, crossed eyes (also called strabismus) or astigmatism, and amblyopia, also called lazy eye.

Even if you think you or your children don't have eye trouble, it is a good idea to have an eye exam. Eye exams look at your overall health, not just diseases of the eye. Diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol are all diseases that eye care specialists can detect from an eye exam. Citizens of all ages should receive eye exams every other year unless the eye doctor needs to see them more often.

Citizens with an optical prescription can get a free standard, pair of glasses. They do not need to be established with the Pokagon Clinic. The citizen is responsible for any extra costs. If they are requesting an optical exam, please call a Referral Specialist at (269) 782-4141. This program is open for spouses of citizens with a prescription for glasses, but they will have to pay the full cost of the glasses through the PHS optical program, which is cheaper than outside optical programs. Please contact Amanda Kedik, Optical Specialist, at (269) 462-4208 with questions.

Pokagon citizens who are eligible for Purchased/Referred Care can contact a Referral Specialist at (269) 782-4141 to be referred for a routine eye exam. PHS can refer to RX Optical or Smoke Vision in Dowagiac. You can also contact one of our PHS providers with questions or concerns. Just call the Clinic and the receptionist can connect you.

Signs and Symptoms

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| Frequent blinking | Eye lash loss |
| Watery Eyes | Eyes are different colors |
| Blurry Vision | Floater in vision |
| Red Eyes and Blood Shot Eyes | Light Sensitivity |
| Itchy Eyes | Grittiness |
| Bulging eyes | Halos around lights |
| Bump on eye | Lazy Eye |
| Bump on eye lid | Night Vision Problems |
| Burning sensation | Pain in eyes |
| Cloudy Vision, double vision, or a change in vision | Pupils enlarged or small |
| Crusty Eye Lids or a discharge from the eyes | Pupil white |
| Crossed Eyes | Spots on eyes |
| Droopy eye lids | Sticky eyes |
| Dry Eyes | Tunnel vision |
| | Vision loss |
| | Yellow eyes |



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Snow Snake Workshop

January 4, 2015
1:00 pm–5pm
Language & Culture offices
 58653 Sink Road
 Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join **Kevin Finney** for a hands on workshop making snow snakes. The class is open. Please bring your family for a day of learning and community.

For more information, call Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
 Department of Language & Culture

DRUM CLASSES

South Bend Drum Class
 3733 Locust Road
 South Bend, IN 46614
 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

2015
 January 7 March 4
 February 4 April 1

Dowagiac Drum Class
 Department of Language and Culture
 586853 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047
 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

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

Pokagon DNR Monitors and Tests Tribal Waterways

On one of the first snowy days of the season the Pokagon Department of Natural Resources ventured out and performed water quality and fish sampling in several streams on tribal properties. The DNR crew spent the entire day sampling, a project which is funded through the EPA Clean Water Act grant within the DNR. Sampling the fish determines the quality of habitat that is available within the streams. The fish were captured using an electrofishing method, they were then identified to species, measured for length and weighed. The electrofishing method

temporarily slows the fish so that they are able to be captured in a net, then after measurements, the fish are returned to the same waters from which they came. The most interesting aspect of the day was when DNR crew members were able to identify young of the year trout while sampling, indicating that the trout are reproducing naturally in the stream.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi ELDERS SNOW REMOVAL MONETARY REQUEST

This program reimburses Pokagon elders anywhere in the U.S. for residential snow removal services. You are responsible for finding your own service provider. This program does not cover shoveling or snowblowing, or elders living at the Pokégnek Édawat village or complexes where this service is already provided for you. This is for residences, not businesses. Call Elders Hall at (800) 859-2717 or (269) 783-6102 with questions.

Name: _____ Current Address: _____
 City: _____ State & ZIP Code: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Tribal ID #: _____

SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Current Address: _____
 City: _____ State & ZIP code: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Business Name: _____

Please complete the above application and send it, along with your service provider's invoice or receipt, to Elders Council P.O Box 180, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047. No hand written, unofficial receipts will be accepted.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

By signing, I agree that all information provided on this form to be true and correct. I verify that I am the head of household of this residence. I understand this request is limited to up to \$25 per request, and that I am responsible for any amount greater than \$25. I understand that the request is limited to \$150 one time use throughout winter 2015.

 To download a PDF of this application, visit pokagon.com/citizens/milestones/55-and-over



Department of Natural Resources

Comment Period Open for Hunting and Gathering Rules and Regulations

Open Comment Period December 8 – January 12, 2015

The Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment regarding the Hunting and Gathering Rules and Regulations brought before Tribal Council on November 24. The open comment period will begin December 8 and continue through January 12, 2015.

The DNR will provide printed copies of the Regulations, the Hunting and Gathering Code and associated maps at the Administrative Building, the DNR office, and the Tribal Police Department. Citizens can access the Regulations, Code and maps via the Band's website at www.pokagon.com/government/departments/natural-resources. Only Pokagon citizens may submit written comments regarding the Hunting and Gathering Rules and Regulations.

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Written comments may be delivered in person to the Department of Natural Resources at 32142 Edwards Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

Faxed comments may be sent to (269) 782-1817.

E-mailed comments may be sent to Jennifer.Kanine@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

In order to be considered, written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2015. For more information, please call the DNR office at (269) 782-9602.

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Elders First Quarter Workshops Scheduled for 2015

The New Year has just gotten brighter for the Elders Program in the Department of Education. We are proud to host these learning opportunities throughout the year. The first set of workshops will concentrate on Social Media and explore such channels as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The workshops have been planned to coincide with the Monthly Elder Business Meetings and will take place immediately following the meeting. Please plan on joining the workshop and explore all the possibilities Social Media can provide.

Intro to Social Media

January 8 Community Center, 3:00–4:00 p.m.
February 5 Community Center, 3:00–4:00 p.m.
March 5 Community Center, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Firewood Gathering Info Available at DNR

The Department of Natural Resources Firewood Program that distributed cut wood to citizens has ended. There is still much downed wood on tribal land, and if you are interested, we are more than happy to direct you to easily accessible areas to gather wood for your use. For more information contact your DNR office at (269) 782-9602.

Pokagon Health Services Enacts No Show Policy

A “No Show” occurs when a patient with an appointment at Pokagon Health Services fails to present for an appointment within 15 minutes after the appointment time, unless the patient cancelled the appointment at least 24 hours prior to the appointment time. This policy aims to deter No Shows, ensuring that appointments are available for other patients.

Health Services uses advance appointments as the primary means of scheduling patient visits. Accordingly, any patient who No Shows must reschedule the appointment.

Any patient with three No Shows will be placed on same-day call status for a period of six months. Any patient on same-day call status will not be eligible to schedule appointments in advance, but rather, must call in for same day care, subject to appointment availability.

At the end of the six month same-day call status period, a patient will be eligible to schedule appointments in advance, and the number of No Shows for the patient will be reset to zero. Although Health Services will continue to call and confirm appointments with patients two days prior to each appointment, patients are solely responsible for arriving on-time for all appointments.

A copy of the policy is available here: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/health-services/clinical-services-and-programs/clinic



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

CRAFT WORKSHOP

MONDAY-FRIDAY*

9:00 AM-4:00 PM**

LANGUAGE & CULTURE OFFICE

58653 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Language & Culture is offering a Make + Take Craft Workshop for tribal citizens and family members to learn or hone craft skills like, but not limited to, beading, regalia design, making or repair.

The workshop is open Monday-Friday (*weekends by appointment), 9:00 am-4:00 pm or **additional times by appointment.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (269) 462-4325.

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Sunday, January 18
1:00 pm

Friday, January 23
10:00 am

The Department of Social Services is hosting a One Stroke painting workshop with tribal artist Angie Rice.

What is One Stroke?

One Stroke painting allows the artist to “load” a single paintbrush with multiple colors, giving the work of art a more lively and shaded effect with just a single stroke!

This program is for women only and spaces are extremely limited, so contact Casey Kasper to RSVP today at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov for questions regarding the location.

One Stroke painting by Madison Cabrillas.

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College Prep Workshop | January 17

This workshop is to educate parents whose 11th and 12th grade students are planning to attend college during the 2015 academic year. This workshop will focus on the importance of meeting deadlines for testing, FAFSA and college applications. In addition, parents can discuss the costs and differences between

attending community colleges, state colleges and state universities. This Higher Education workshop will be held January 17 at the Department of Education Conference Room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Polly Mitchell at (269) 462-4294.

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January 2015

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
	<p>1</p> <p>Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (9)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>L&C Youth Lock-in</p> <p>L&C Moccasin-making Workshop</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Language Class (10)</p> <p>Girls & Boys</p> <p>South Language Class</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (10)</p> <p>EDU Elders Intro to Social Media Workshop</p> <p>Mishkowze: Optical & Cervical</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Tribal Council Meeting</p> <p>Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Language Class (11)</p> <p>South Language Class</p> <p>Girls & Boys Drumming</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (11)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>The Circle, Healing and Native Justice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>The Circle, Healing and Native Justice</p> <p>EDU College Prep Workshop</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Language Class (12)</p> <p>South Language Class</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (12)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>SS One Stroke Painting Workshop</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Language Class (1)</p> <p>South Language Class</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (1)</p> <p>One Story Movie Showing</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>31</p>

What to Know Before You File 2014 Tax Returns



Are you a Resident Tribal Member?

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

If you have any questions regarding the tax agreement or your RTM status or benefits, please call Julie Rodriguez at (269) 462-4210 or e-mail her at Julie.Rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

If you are a Resident Tribal Member

On Line 20 of Schedule 1, Page 2 of the State of Michigan 1040 Form is the RTM exemption under a state/tribal tax agreement. Not all Pokagon citizens are automatically qualified for this tax exemption. The Pokagon citizens qualified to claim these tax exemptions are those who are Resident Tribal Members (RTMs). RTMs are only those Pokagon citizens who live in the designated tax agreement areas and are on the registered list that the Pokagon Band Department of Finance sends to the State of Michigan.

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

If you are a qualified RTM you will receive a package in January 2015 pertaining to filing taxes for 2014 from the Pokagon Band Finance Department.

Please make sure and know your status before you file your income taxes.

Avoid a health care tax penalty: tribal citizens are not automatically exempt.

The Affordable Care Act includes a tax penalty to all those who do not have health insurance. However, Native Americans can apply for the Indian Status Exemption. If you don't fill out the form to prove that you are native, you could face a penalty of up to \$695 per adult and \$347 per child each year when filing your taxes.

- You are exempt for life when you file this form.
- Elders who have Medicare A or Veterans benefits do not have to fill out the Indian Exemption form. Elders who are under 65-years-old and uninsured should file this form.
- You can still buy insurance on the Health Insurance Marketplace if you file this form.

Pokagon Health Services can help you file for the Indian Status Exemption. You can pick up the Indian Status Exempt form at Pokagon Health Services. Staff will make a copy of your tribal ID card and mail it, and your completed form, for you. If you have any questions or need help filling out the form, please contact Pokagon Health Services at (269) 782-4141.

Student Rental Deadline Approaching



All students going back to school this upcoming semester must turn in all documentation to the Pokagon Band Housing Band no later than Friday, February 13, 2015.

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.

Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Linda Laraway** who answered, "Why is Rudolph so good at playing trivia?" The answer was "He nose a lot."

Lake Serba has also won a gift card for his riddle being selected. Check it out.

What do you get from sitting on the ice too long?

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

Dental Program Opening January 13 at Pokagon Health Services

Beginning January 13 Pokagon Health Services will open its dental program for Pokagon citizens and citizens of any federally-recognized tribes. Appointments will be offered Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursdays 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The new dental suite features five dental chairs. This means Health Services will be able to provide high quality direct dental care including cleanings, periodontal treatment, fillings (both amalgam and composite), root canals, crowns, bridges, dentures/partials, and extractions. The facility will use the latest in such technology as 3-D Panorex x-rays, which show a more accurate comprehensive picture of oral and maxo-facial conditions, a carries detector, and an inter-oral x-ray.

The dental staff at PHS includes Tricia Rader, dental registration, Skylar Herman and Jennifer Edelberg, dental assistants, Tracey Crosno and Ginny Rice, dental hygienists, and Dr. Seth Griffin, dentist.

Currently, if you're a Pokagon citizen or a citizen of a federally-recognized tribe, you can receive dental services. Also as of January 13, any dental referrals for specialty dental care must come from a PHS dentist.

All direct dental services will be free for Pokagon citizens and all members of federally-recognized tribes, as part of the Indian Health Services guidelines. There will be no co-pay, nor limits on direct services that PHS can provide in the Health Center.

A person's oral health is often an indicator of other systemic health problems, so staying current with dental care keeps people healthier. Visiting the dentist for regular cleanings, x-rays, and checkups is an important step in preventing major health problems. Having dental care at the Health Center will improve collaboration between dentists and primary care providers in the Clinic, and truly offer the integrated care and holistic approach to wellness that is the goal of Pokagon Health Services.

Share Your Story for Womens History Month

To celebrate Women's History Month in March, Marchell Wesaw would like to collect historical stories of Pokagon women's leadership and courage. If you have a story or photo to share about a Pokagon woman, or if you would like to help with the project, please contact Marchell at mhell3wesaw@hotmail.com or at (574) 339-4648.

Mishkowze | Be strong. Do well.

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

January 8

Eye Health
Cervical Health Awareness

February 12

American Heart Awareness
Dental Health

March 12

Colorectal Cancer Awareness
Nutrition Month

April 9

Alcoholism Awareness
Every Kid Healthy
National Addictions

May 14

American Stroke Awareness
Sports Fitness
National Blood Pressure Awareness
Women's Health Care Month

June 11

Men's Health Awareness
National Cancer Survivors

July 9

UV Safety

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

August 13

Immunization Awareness
Ovarian Cancer Awareness
National Suicide & Prevention Awareness

September 10

National Childhood Obesity Month

October 8

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

November 12

Diabetes Awareness
Smoke Out Awareness
Lung Cancer Awareness

December 10

Drunk & Drugged Driving Month

Medicare Part B Information for Elders

If you wish to be reimbursed for Medicare Part B, please send Beth Warner, Elders Specialist, a copy of your Social Security Statement. Statements can be mailed to:

Elders Program
PO Box 180
Dowagiac MI 49047

Or they can be faxed to (269) 782-1696. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Beth Warner at (269) 782-0765.

Elders Reading Program Launching

At the December 4 Elders Business Meeting, the Department of Education presented information on the Elders Reading Program, which will use Kindle Fire HDs. The presentation demonstrated this technology so Elders will feel comfortable with this device.

The first Elders Reading Program meeting will be April 15 from 4:00–5:15 p.m. at the Silver Creek Event Center, Four Winds New Buffalo. The Pokagon Band Department of Education will also be hosting the Michigan Tribal Education Directors Association (MTED) Conference during that time.

Registration for the Program and the Kindle Fires is necessary to receive the devices at the workshop. The registration will be announced soon and leave plenty of time to register.



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Pancake Breakfast

JANUARY 24, 2015
10:00 AM–NOON
COMMUNITY CENTER
27043 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join Language & Culture for a pancake breakfast to discuss the needs for the gwi zisbakwtokemen | we will make sugar season. This event is open to anyone interested in the upcoming sugar season

For more information, contact Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 or pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

EVERY TUESDAY
4:00 PM – 6:00 AM
LANGUAGE & CULTURE OFFICE
58653 Sink Road | Dowagiac, MI

Pokagon youth middle school to high school are invited to participate in Language & Culture's after school program. Get assistance with homework, if needed, play video games, try cultural outdoor activities and crafts in a fun and safe environment.

For more information, please contact Daniel Stohrer at (269) 462-4225 or daniel.stohrer@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

1 closed | new year's day 2 closed | new year's holiday

january

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5 language

Buffalo Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

6

Chili Cheese Dogs W/ Bun
Relish Tray
Broccoli Salad
Fruit
Red Velvet Cupcake

7

BBQ Chicken
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

8

business meeting

Buffalo Goulash
Broccoli
Fruit Salad
Garlic Bread
Cake

9

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Roll
Strawberry Pie

12 language

Pork Chops
Dressing
Corn on the Cob
Coleslaw
Blueberry Muffin
Fruit

13

Bean Soup
Turkey and Cheese Sandwich
Relish and Veggie Tray
Dessert

14

Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce,
Tomato, Onion, and Cheese
Hard or Soft Shell
Black Beans and Rice
Banana Pudding W/ Nilla
Wafers

15

Cornish Hen
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Corn
Garden Salad
Blueberry Pie
Roll

16

Salmon Patty
Macaroni and Cheese
Asparagus
Tomato Salad
Roll

19 closed | mlk, jr. day



20

Turkey Stuffed Cabbage
Mashed Potatoes
Garden Salad
Fruit
Roll

21

Pork Roast
Red Potatoes
Peas
Garden Salad
Roll
Peach Pie

22

Buffalo Stew
Broccoli and Cauliflower
Salad
Jell-O W/ Fruit
Cornbread
Dessert

23

Sea Bass
Spanish Rice
Garden Salad
Corn on the Cob
Dessert
Roll

26 language

Buffalo Chili
Garden Salad
Corn Bread
Fruit
Ice Cream

27

Beef Liver and Onions
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

28

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia
Baked Potato
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

29

Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Waldorf Salad
Roll

30

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
Butternut Squash
Broccoli Slaw
Fruit
Cookie
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. Photo of MLK, Jr Selma to Montgomery March: Jack Rabin collection on Alabama civil rights and southern activists, 1941-2004 (bulk 1956-1974), Historical Collections and Labor Archives, Eberly Family Special Collections Library, University Libraries, Pennsylvania State University.

Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas					Monthly Per Cap
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	x	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	x	x
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					x	

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

Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

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

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

The document must be received by January 15 in order to make it on the February 2015 check run. Anything received after January 15 will be processed on the check run for March 2015. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 5, 2014	Thursday, December 18, 2014	Friday, December 19, 2014
Thursday, January 15, 2015	Thursday, January 29, 2015	Friday, January 31, 2015
Friday, February 13, 2015	Thursday, February 26, 2015	Friday, February 28, 2015
Friday, March 13, 2015	Monday, March 30, 2015	Friday, March 28, 2015
Wednesday, April 15, 2015	Wednesday, April 29, 2015	Thursday, April 30, 2015
Friday, May 15, 2015	Thursday, May 28, 2015	Friday, May 30, 2015
Monday, June 15, 2015	Monday, June 29, 2015	Tuesday, June 27, 2015
Wednesday, July 15, 2015	Thursday, July 30, 2015	Friday, July 31, 2015
Friday, August 14, 2015	Thursday, August 27, 2015	Friday, August 29, 2015
Tuesday, September 15, 2015	Tuesday, September 29, 2015	Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Thursday, October 15, 2015	Thursday, October 29, 2015	Friday, October 31, 2015
Monday, November 2, 2015*	Tuesday, November 24, 2015	Wed, November 26, 2015

* Please note that the deadline to receive changes for December 2014 is December 5. In 2015, the November deadline for changes is November 2. This is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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



Pokagon Band Youth Council

Crazy Amazing Coat (Hats + Scarves + Gloves) Sale

Language & Culture Office | 58653 Sink Road, Dowagiac
 Monday–Friday 9:00 am–4:00 pm | Various weekend hours TBA

Youth Council is selling a variety of winter outerwear (subject to availability) in a wide selection of men's and women's adult sizes. First come, first serve. Prices start at \$5.00. One per person and you must be present to make a purchase. Coats will not be delivered. **Contact L&C for more information at (269) 462-4325.**

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

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 TRIBAL COURT
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 CASE NO. 14-3009-PCDCS
 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

NOTICE OF

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

To: Michael Anthony Sisk
 Respondent's Name

- Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on November 19, 2014.
- Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy delinquent court ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
- Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, *Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act*.
- An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
- An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:**
 - RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or**
 - ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.**
- You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court orders with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and **MUST** demonstrate that the:
 - foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
 - foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
- Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court orders, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply **ALL** of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and **MUST** demonstrate that:
 - you do not owe a **DELINQUENT** child support obligation; or
 - redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an **EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP** to your health or general welfare.
- If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

Tribal Council January Calendar of Events

- 5 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 6 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 19 Offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 20 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 26 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.

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

Tribal Council February Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 3 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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



January 3, 2015

1:00 pm–5pm

Language & Culture offices

58653 Sink Road
 Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join instructor **Frank Barker** for a hands on workshop making pucker toe moccasins. The class is limited to 20 people, first come first serve, and you must register to participate.

Register online at pokagon.com/form/moccasin-workshop or by calling or emailing Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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
415 E Prairie Ronde Street
(269) 783-4157

Education and Training
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

Finance
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-1028

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

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

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

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

Language & Culture
58653 Sink 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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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.

Kché gises January Citizen Announcements

In memory of **Joseph M. Quigno**

We know when the wind blows its gentle kisses, when it rains its soft tears and when it snows, it's a cold reminder of how precious and short life truly is. We know you're roaming with the buffalo, soaring with the eagles and living in the presence of our Great Spirit. Happy birthday dad, December 15. You're gone but never forgotten.

Love,

Your children Joe, Rhonda, Karla, Jonn and families



Happy 8th Birthday, November 29, to **Joseph Winchester**

Love you, Grandma Judy and Aunt Jenna



Happy 6th Birthday, January 19, to **Alivia Winchester**

Love you, Grandma Judy and Aunt Jenna

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REGALIA 101 CLASSES

Have you ever wanted your own regalia to dance at powwows but didn't know how to make one or don't have the ability financially? Then this is your program! We are inviting individuals who want to learn basic sewing, beading or other skills to start and finish their own unique regalia.

The Department of Language & Culture would also like to invest in your commitment by reimbursing the first 5 people who complete their full regalia will be eligible for reimbursement up to \$500.

January
Sunday, January 11
Sunday, January 25

February
Sunday, February 1
Sunday, February 15

March
Sunday, March 8
Sunday, March 22

April
Sunday, April 5
Sunday, April 19

May
Sunday, May 3
Sunday, May 17

All classes are 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the
Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI 49047

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Native Justice Community Advisory Group

The Circle, Healing and Native Justice Community Presentation

January 16 and January 17, 2015
5:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.
Elders Hall

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In this seminar lead by **JoAnne Cook** and **Paul Raphael** we'll explore the life cycle teachings to see what's missing in your life and community. Rebuild your relationship on a foundation that creates a holistic transformative journey to one's self, family and community.

Explore how we once had a healthy community based on the seven grandfathers teachings and how we were forced to become less than our aspirations.

Dinner is provided on January 16 and lunch is provided on January 17.

Please RSVP to Stacey Gettig, Native Justice Initiative Support Staff, at (269) 783-0505 or stacey.gettig@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Get Snowed In with Pokagon Band Youth LOCK IN

SATURDAY
JANUARY 3-4, 2015
7:00 PM-7:00 AM

ages 12-24 • dinner • cultural teachings • language events • make and take • speakers and discussions on professional development • breakfast

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