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Pokagons soon to unveil Enhanced Tribal ID Card

For the past six months, tribal government staff have been working with federal officials from the Department of Homeland Security to develop a new tribal ID card that can serve as a travel document and state identification under certain circumstances. The Pokagon Band is one of only five tribes in the U.S. and the first in Michigan to develop a so-called Enhanced Tribal ID Card, or ETC.

A tribe is a sovereign nation, and this ETC strengthens Pokagon sovereignty by allowing Pokagon citizens to use these cards as their primary identification. It is available to Pokagon citizens who are United States or Canadian citizens. It cannot be used as a driver's license, but it will be accepted in lieu of a passport when entering the U.S. from Canada, Mexico, Caribbean islands and Bermuda by land or sea. The ETC is a secure, highly tamper resistant card that contains multiple layers of overt, covert, and forensic security features.

The card can be accepted for such official federal purposes as entering a federal building and boarding commercial airline flights. The ETC can be used for certain state actions, like registering to vote and voting. ETCs can be used anywhere you'd normally use a driver's license for identification: proving Pokagon citizenship for food discounts

at Four Winds, for check cashing, checking into a hotel, all except for driving a car. For fuel discounts citizens must still use their ID card with the magnetic stripe.



A test at the Canadian border in June ensured a smooth working process, so now Pokagon citizens of any age can apply for their own ETC by making an appointment with the Enrollment Office at (269) 783-3519. Citizens will need to complete an ETC application form, provide certified copies of certain documents, and submit to an interview, photo and thumbprint capture.

The Pokagon government's ETC process validates citizens' enrollment, but if a problem arises during the use of the ETC, any issues must be settled between the citizens and the federal or state agency (i.e. Homeland Security).



Pokagon podcast launched and native radio programming on WVPE

The Band now has its own podcast, called "Yajmownen," which means "stories" in Potawatomi. In each episode, you'll hear stories of citizens reconnecting with the culture, traditions being reignited, and so many more stories of our vibrant community. The first episode is about traditional harvesting and the Band's drive toward sustainability.

You can download these podcasts from iTunes or the Pokagon Band website by searching "Yajmownen."

You can listen to more native radio every Saturday night from 9:00-11:00 p.m. on WVPE 88.1 HD2. Two shows from Native Voice One, a Native American radio network, now air these hours.

The first show is Earth Songs, a one-hour mix of blues, folk, jazz, country, reggae, and hip-hop music from modern Indigenous artists. The second is Voices from the Circle, which also offers native music—traditional and contemporary—as well as entertainment, storytelling, poetry, and pow wow information. You can also listen live on the radio, WVPE app, or on your computer at wvpe.org.

Sia White, youngest in Regalia 101, completes her fancy dance regalia

Sia White owns years of regalia outfits that others made for her, each marking a season of pow wows. This year, Sia wanted to make the clothing she holds so dear herself—so she did. Just before her 10th birthday, Sia sewed the final stitches into her orange and teal dress, shawl, and leggings and debuted her finished regalia at this spring's Oshké Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow.

"I really wanted to learn how to sew, and I really thought that this would be fun and cool," Sia said.

Sia created her apparel during the last iteration of the Regalia 101 class, provided by the Language and Culture Department. At the classes, Sia learned to sew on a machine after only ever sewing projects by hand. Karla Arndt helped with the applique; Barbara Ann Warren sewed moccasins for her when Sia's skin had an allergic reaction to the leather while Sia sewed them, adding orange beading for a finishing touch.

The process was challenging, but Sia was focused on learning all she could and completing her regalia in full. She carefully stitched all the colorful ribbons into her shawl. She chose fancy dancing in part because she knew the regalia that accompanies it and thought it was beautiful.

"We had several people say, 'Well she's too young to really realize what it's all about,' but she's not," said Barbara White, Sia's grandmother. "She worked on her stuff, so she knows how important this stuff is and what it takes to make (it)."

Barbara and John White took Sia to regalia classes and wanted to bring her last year, but the weather was too harsh. Sia says her grandparents, parents, and instructors supported her during the class. "(My parents) told me I was doing a good job," Sia said. "My instructors also encouraged me because I was the youngest person in the class, and I was the only one to actually finish."



Sia beaded one earring, but didn't quite finish the second in time. That's when the rest of the community stepped in. Bob and Beth Moody gifted her bright, beaded earrings; her Uncle Clarence White made her a fan of red-tailed hawk feathers. She received a single hawk feather for her accomplishment, and Barbara Ann gifted her a wooden box to keep all her treasured gifts safe.



Breastfeeding Classes

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

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

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



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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM
 POKAGON BAND HEAD START
 HONORING OUR CHILDREN

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Béshkwéthithêk Mawtheshnëwen

Saturday, August 20, 2016
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Community Center
 27043 Potawatomi Trail | Dowagiac, MI 49047

Welcoming expectant families, as well as all caregivers, to join us for an exclusive parenting event to learn more about cultural teachings, key parenting topics, and much more! Lunch is provided.

Registration opens July 18.

For more information, please contact Autumn Laraway: (269) 462-4327 or Autumn.Laraway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

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Boykin spaniels sniff out turtles on Pokagon property

John Rucker lives near woods in Tennessee with his Boykin spaniels. One day after running around outside, the dog returned proudly with a box turtle in his mouth. John praised him, but didn't think much of it, until this random occurrence became habitual. Now, John owns more than a dozen Boykins trained to catch turtles, and six roamed our properties this June.

The Pokagon Department of Natural Resources has been catching and recording information about our turtle population for more than a year now. As landscapes have changed across the region, with increased farming and leveling, turtles are searching for suitable habitats. The population in the US and in Michigan especially has decreased, so our DNR is working to stop that decrease on our properties.

They are first trying to understand the turtle populations on our properties. They want to determine how many

turtles we have, where they are living, and what they need to survive. To do this, the DNR is catching and tagging them, but trapping has been a tricky process.

"If we find them, it's just (that) we get lucky," said Vic Bogosian, natural resources manager. "The dogs can smell them."

With their keen sense of smell and love of turtles, the Boykin spaniels ended their 11-day visit with catching 61 box turtles, of which only four were found by people. By comparison, DNR found 13 box turtles without the dogs while actively searching May through September last year, including turtles community members brought to them.

The dogs confirmed that the turtle populations on our Hartford and New Buffalo properties are minimal to none, while the Dowagiac population is large enough to focus efforts on maintaining and improving a habitat for the turtles.

The dogs recovered painted and box turtles, and they'll retrieve any type of turtle besides snapping. Other trainers work with border collies because they are easier to train. They help with conservation by scaring away geese or hunting invasive species. These dogs, however, didn't need training to find turtles; it came naturally.

"They're just good at it," Vic said. "It's something they love to do."

The dog's unique soft mouth keeps a turtle safe inside, and they are bred to not chomp down on what they're carrying. Future work with box turtles by the DNR will focus on determining their habitats and prey items so DNR can manage the tribe's lands to offer better resources to them. The dogs will return next year to sniff out more turtles on our land.



If you find a turtle on or near tribal property, bring it to the DNR office so they can tag it. If you find a turtle nesting (laying eggs), tell DNR right away. They will place a small fence around the eggs to protect them from predators like racoons and skunks.

Think of monarch butterflies as you harvest milkweed



After a long winter of protein-heavy meals and more sedentary, indoor lives, the spring season would find Potawatomi busy at sugar bush, and then—in mid-May—harvesting milkweed.

"Milkweed is cleansing," said Patty Jo Kublick, cultural activities coordinator. "It helps detox and rebalance us after a season of less activity and high fat food."

Traditionally, Potawatomi make soup from milkweed, a creamy concoction to which some add vegetables or smoked meats. It is a feast dish commonly served at summer ceremonies.

"There's a certain time to harvest milkweed," said Kublick. "Make sure the seed pods are as big as a quarter or bigger."

After a certain point, the milkweed becomes toxic. Milkweed is the primary food source of monarch butterflies. Monarchs acquire these toxins, which then protects them from predators.

Reviving traditions like making milkweed soup is important to the Pokagon Band, but be sure not to over harvest so that milkweed is here for next seven generations, cautions Jennifer Kanine, director of the Department of Natural Resources.

"If you're out gathering milkweed for soup, be mindful of how much you take," advises Kanine. "If you see six milkweed plants, take only three."

Monarch butterfly populations are currently in great decline. Kanine says there's a

shortage of pollinators like bees and butterflies in general, but specifically monarchs are threatened. Therefore it's crucial to protect milkweed; without milkweed there can be no monarchs.

The DNR is planting pollinator mixes—seeds of plants that bees and butterflies consume—on tribal land this year attempting to attract and support pollinators.

"We need the milkweed to do it, it's a life tie," said Kanine. "If there are no pollinators we don't have seeds. Plants without a seed can't reproduce; cross pollination is essential for life, so our dependence on pollinators is crucial."

Also included in this effort: DNR is working with As It Should Bee Apiary to reestablish bee populations on tribal lands. Bees have experienced a more than a 40 percent decrease in their population nationwide. If you see white hives on tribal land, stay away! As there are no honey bees native to North America, these apiaries house Russian bees, a species of bee able to withstand a mite that is plaguing bee populations right now.

These Pokagon efforts are part of a traditional ecological knowledge initiative, reigniting understanding of native plants and their use. If you're interested in learning more, join the Band every other Saturday for traditional harvesting: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/calendar

Also, see a related article on page 1 about the tribe's upcoming podcast on the topic of traditional harvesting.

Two new Potawatomi language classes offered this fall

Potawatomi language learners will soon have new opportunities to practice Bodëwadmimwin, in addition to the language classes the Pokagon Band currently offers.

A Potawatomi class at Hartford High School will be held during the school day's fourth period. If a student is interested in scheduling for this class, he or she should contact a counselor for scheduling. This class is open to high school students who are attending other area high schools if they are able to arrange transportation. Contact Superintendent Andrew Hubbard at (269) 621-7001 or hubbarda@hpsmi.org for more information.

Southwestern Michigan College is running a Potawatomi language course in the Fall 2016 semester. HUMA199 will run Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:40 to 2:10 p.m. Prospective high school early college students or dually enrolled students should contact their counselors or Jason Smith, Director of Admissions at SMC, at (800) 456-8675 ex. 1238 or jsmith07@swmich.edu.

All other students should register online or direct questions to Scott Topping, Dean of Arts and Science, at (800) 456-8675 ex. 1249 or stopping@swmich.edu.

Any students with any questions about these language classes can also contact Polly Mitchell at (269) 462-4294.

Submit a t-shirt design for the DV Awareness Month contest

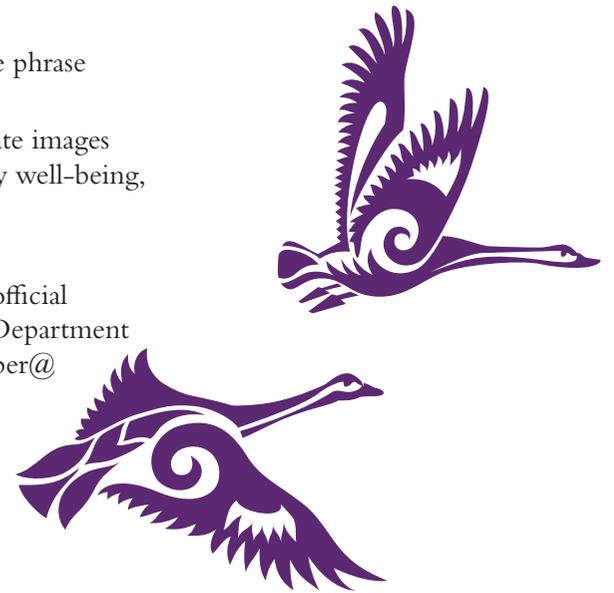
October is only three months away, and the Domestic Violence Team is gearing up to make sure this year's events are better than ever! This year we are holding a design contest for community members to design the purple t-shirts we give away at events. The winner of the contest will receive a \$50 gift card as a token of our appreciation. A short summary of the rules are listed below. All entries must be received by Friday, August 19 at 5 p.m. to Casey Kasper in Social Services. The winner will be notified during the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa pow wow on Labor Day weekend.

Summary Requirements

- The contest is open to Pokagon Band citizens only.
- The shirt must be purple with white screen printing.

- The design must incorporate the swan and the phrase "Love Should Not Hurt."
- The design needs to be positive and incorporate images that bring to mind empowerment, community well-being, and strength.
- No graphic violence or images.

If you have any questions or for a copy of the official rules, please contact Casey Kasper in the Band's Department of Social Services at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

DRUM CLASSES

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

2016

July 6 August 3 September 7 October 5 November 2 December 7
July 20 August 17 September 21 October 19 November 16 TBD

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Native Nations Youth Council

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

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

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

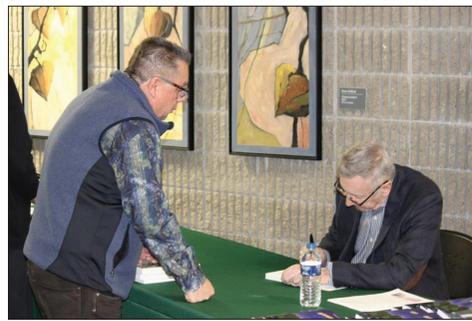
Please contact Rebecca Williams to join or for more information at (269) 783-9265 or rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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

One Story (Ngot Yajmowen) 2016 comes to a close



The featured book this year was *Queen of the Woods* by Simon Pokagon. Many new experiences and new friends were gained through events based loosely on themes from the book. Here are some highlights from this year's events:

Significance: Creative Project Centered on the theme Significance, participants shared their unique stories of what is important to them in the form of short narratives, essays, poems, and art canvases. The community book and art project are currently on display at the Dowagiac Area History Museum. Writings are still being accepted and will be included in the book as they are submitted.

Archaeology of the American Fur Trade The Dowagiac Area History Museum hosted Dr. Michael Nassaney who shared his vast knowledge of the American fur trade, with a focus on an archaeological dig site by the St. Joseph River. Two Pokagon Band citizens shared their personal experiences about this specific dig during the One Story historical bus tour later in the season.

Leave No Trace: Wildlife Presentation The Pokagon Department of Natural Resources provided an interactive presentation about respecting Mother Earth. Attendees of the quarterly Gwikwé amen event and One Story participants worked together to find ways people can keep the planet clean, use resources wisely, and leave no trace.

Imprints Presentation Pokagon Band citizen Dr. John Low visited Southwestern Michigan College to speak about his book, *Imprints: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians & the City of Chicago*. The information he shared was enriched and enhanced by photographs of actual events. Participants were provided with complimentary copies of *Imprints* which Dr. Low signed after the presentation.

New Works of the Potawatomi: A Survey of Traditional + Contemporary Art Practices The Southwestern Michigan College Art Gallery housed an exhibit of Potawatomi art from long ago and today. The purpose of the show was to explore how native people created art in the past and how they continue to do so. Some of the methods are traditional and some have evolved with the availability of new materials and technology. Several of the artists were on-site during the Open House celebrating the exhibit.

The 1893 Chicago Columbian Exposition Presentation World's Fair enthusiast Karen Nicholson spoke to a packed house at the Dowagiac Area History Museum. She shared her vast knowledge of the World's Fair held in Chicago. She spoke in depth about the events that occurred, using information from her research and from the book, *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. Ms. Nicholson included Simon Pokagon's involvement with the fair in her discussion.

Spring Into Your Local Library One Story partnered with Project LAUNCH, the Pokagon Band Early Childhood Education Program, and the Dowagiac District Library for a week-long, digital storytelling event. Participants met with N'DigiDreams, a digital storytelling company, during the week to formulate and create their stories using words, music, and photographs. A film festival was held at the library the following Saturday to showcase the completed stories to the public.

Pokagon Band Historical Bus Tour Participants enjoyed a three hour bus tour to six locations in Niles and Dowagiac that have great historical significance for Potawatomi people. Marcus Winchester, director of the Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture, guided the tour, giving information and answering questions along the way. The tour, including a map made especially for the occasion, visited the locations in chronological order to help tell the story of the highlighted events. The response from all participants was positive and many are requesting more information and other tours in the future.

Epilogue Feast Just as the epilogue of the book ends the story, the Epilogue Feast finished our One Story season. People gathered together at the Pokagon Band Community Center for an evening of celebration. A feast was prepared and served by Alycia Atkinson, consisting of traditional Native American foods, including buffalo and corn soup, among other favorites. Language Apprentice Kyle Malott spoke about his experience in Crandon, Wisconsin where he is immersing himself in a study of the Potawatomi language. He will eventually come back to the local area to share his knowledge of the language with the community. The Epilogue Feast also held the unveiling of the Significance art project and book, and several writers shared their Significance submissions with the audience. The last part of the evening was filled with a Native American drum and dance demonstration, emceed by Jefferson Ballew who used this opportunity to help participants gain an understanding of the aspects of pow wow.

Thank you to everyone who participated in One Story 2016; we hope you learned a lot and had a great time. The One Story Committee will be meeting soon to choose the book selection for One Story 2017 and to create a new list of events for the public to enjoy. Watch for information coming this fall!

Looking to refinance a high interest rate auto loan? Chi Ishobak can help

Are you currently paying sky high interest rates for your new car? Do you owe more than your car is worth? Are high car payments putting you and your family in a financial bind? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, Chi Ishobak may be able to provide an affordable alternative.

It is easy to fall in love with a new car that has all the latest features and luxury, but that all comes at a cost. Sometimes in the heat of the moment, we think we can afford something new and we forget to look at the interest rate and terms that accompany all new cars.

When you borrow money for an automobile at a high interest rate, it is easy to become upside down, or your loan balance is higher than your new car is worth. This offers few options for selling or trading-in your vehicle. Take a moment to review your financing statement and verify the current interest rate and terms of your automobile loan.

Chi Ishobak may be able to assist tribal citizens with re-financing opportunities who are committed to high-interest rate auto loans. “We try to find as many



options as possible for our citizens.” stated Eric Stovern, financial services manager. “Our goal is create capacity for tribal families and lower car payments definitely helps.”

Chi Ishobak has helped dozens of tribal citizens re-finance their automobiles and save much needed time and money in the process. Building capacity begins with proper financial planning, and re-financing your current auto loan is a huge step in the right direction.

If you have any questions or would like additional information on the programs offered by Chi Ishobak you use

the contact information listed below:

Chi Ishobak, Inc.
P.O. Box 766
27043 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 783-4157
www.chiishobak.org

Auto refinance FAQs from Chi Ishobak

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)?

A Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) is a specialized financial institution that works in market niches that are underserved by traditional financial institutions. CDFI's provide a unique range of financial products and services in economically distressed target markets.

Who is Chi Ishobak?

Chi Ishobak (pronounced CHEE-is-oh-bock), or big cabbage, is a United States Treasury certified Native CDFI and a Michigan 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Chi Ishobak provides enrolled tribal citizens of Michigan tribes with access to affordable capital for business loans and individual financial development through collaborative and education-oriented lending services. Chi Ishobak practices responsible lending in order to protect loan capital for future generations of tribal citizens.

What does Chi Ishobak offer?

Chi Ishobak offers commercial loans for small-business expansion or start-up. Chi Ishobak offers consumer loans for automobile purchases and credit building efforts.

Chi Ishobak offers small-business development services designed to assist tribal entrepreneurs with legal formation, business plan development, financial projections, and loan packaging. Business development services are available whether or not you are seeking a loan.

Chi Ishobak offers financial wellness education designed for Native Americans. It is vital to provide citizens with the tools necessary to manage personal financial resources responsibly. Fundamental topics such as savings, communication with money, budgeting, debt-management, and buying behavior can help citizens establish healthy financial habits. Drawing upon the successful techniques of our ancestors gives us all the information and strength needed to be successful in today's environment.

How do I apply for a loan?

The application process begins by contacting Chi Ishobak for an intake evaluation to review the potential project, request, or purchase. A loan application packet will be provided to secure all necessary documentation to evaluate the loan request. All applications are reviewed by Chi Ishobak's Loan Committee. Chi Ishobak staff will provide information and answers to all relevant questions during the loan application process.

How do I utilize the development services?

You can take advantage of small-business development resources or financial wellness resources by contacting Chi Ishobak for an intake evaluation which is used to identify current capacity and to formulate a unique plan of action. Chi Ishobak's process consists of gathering as much information as possible, offering different alternatives, and to empower tribal citizens to achieve their financial goals.

How do I contact Chi Ishobak?

You can contact Chi Ishobak by any of the following:

Phone: (269) 783-4157

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

What's that invasive species? Beech Scale (*Cryptococcus fagisuga*)



The beech scale (*Cryptococcus fagisuga*) is a tiny soft-bodied insect that feeds on the American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*). The beech scale ranges from 0.5mm to 1.0mm in size, which is about half the width of a penny or a little over twice the thickness of your fingernail. The beech scale is native to Europe and was introduced into the U.S. via infected beech saplings in Maine during the 1930s. All insects are female able to reproduce without a male insect. Only the immature scale have legs and are able to crawl; once maturity is reached the adults are legless and unable to move on their own.

The beech scale causes what is known as beech bark disease. The insect feeds on the trees' sap and produces a white woolly looking waxy coating that makes the tree appear to have white fuzzy vertical stripes on its' trunk. The scale are moved around mainly via cut firewood and wind dispersal. Following the scale infection on the tree, a fruiting fungus from the *Nectria* genus is able to colonize the beech tree in the areas that the scale fed. The *Nectria* fungus is a decaying fungus that may be identified from black tar-like spots on the bark or pinkish white spores or pink to red fruiting bodies protruding from the bark. If infections are small, American beech can fight the fungus however, with larger infections, most trees die within 3-6 years following the scale establishment.

Beech trees that fight the disease complex have multiple cankers and a rough bark versus the traditional smooth beech bark. The beech scale is currently present on beech trees in the Pokagon service area in Allegan County, but not currently present on any tribal properties. The Pokagon DNR is monitoring the American beech on tribal properties for any signs of the beech scale. Please help protect your beech trees, don't move firewood.

Don't forget to update with Pokagon Health Services

Patients who are eligible for the Purchased/Referred Care program (formally Contract Health Services) are required to update their files with Pokagon Health Services every year during their birthday month in order to remain eligible. We have recently switched to a new medical record software, and patients will need to come to the office to sign paperwork and have documents scanned into the new system. Please make sure you bring the following documents with you to update:

- Tribal ID or letter of enrollment
- Proof of insurance or valid Medicaid denial
- Current driver's license, state ID, or one proof of address that is not personal or Pokagon government mail (i.e. utility bill)

For questions about updating your file, please contact Patient Registration at (269) 782-4141. If you have questions about the Purchased/Referred Care program, please contact Priscilla Gatties at (269) 462-4403.

What's that edible plant? Wild strawberries (*Fragaria vesca* or *Fragaria virginiana*)



There are two main species of wild strawberries that can be gathered and eaten in Michigan, the woodland strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*) and the Virginia strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*). Both types of strawberries can be found in fields, along trails, and in sunny areas. The strawberries spread by runners along the ground and from the seed bank. Wild strawberries look like those you find in the store except for the fact that they are quite a bit smaller. Wild strawberries will continue to bloom for 3-4 months after the beginning of the fruiting season. Strawberry plants have leaves of three, white flowers having five petals, and the berries hang from a stem. These should not be confused with mock strawberries which have yellow flowers, the fruit points upward towards the sky, and when the fruit is crushed it does not smell like strawberries. Wild strawberries contain antioxidants, vitamins C, K, B5 and B6, as well as magnesium and potassium. The berry isn't the only part of the plant that is edible, strawberry plant flowers and leaves can be used fresh or dried to create a medicinal tea that provides vitamins and has been used mainly as a diuretic, but also as an ailment soothing tea.



Traditional Harvesting and Gathering

Saturdays through December

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Meet at Language & Culture offices

Open to all tribal communities, artisans, gatherers, harvesters, cultural gardeners, citizens and spouses.

June 11 and 25

September 10 and 24

December 3 and 17

July 9 and 23

October 8 and 22

August 6 and 20

November 5 and 19

All who want to connect with their culture and tradition are welcome to join our artisans harvesting indigenous plants, wood, mushrooms, seeds, and medicines. Come identify plants and learn when to harvest them and how to cook them from some of the best in the field. Experience what our ancestors gathered and made that still grow on our land today.

Please be prepared for an outdoor experience you will never forget. Bring boots, a knife, a container for your harvest, sunblock, and bug spray. Dress for the weather. Presenters will have a first aid kit, but bring an epi pen if you need one.

Call the Language & Culture office at (269) 462-4325 or contact Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 office / (269) 462-4303 or pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov and Rebecca Williams at (269) 462-4296 office / (269) 783-9265 cell or rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Register for your Kindle for the Elders August workshop

The next Elders Quarterly Workshop is Friday, August 19 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pokagon Band Department of Education will be providing 50 Kindle Fires to 25 registrants who attend the workshop and 25 to those who cannot attend because they live out of the service area or are disabled.

This program has been successful at getting as many Kindles into the hands of elders who wanted to learn this new technology. The goal is to identify all those that have not yet received a Kindle and get them one before this program enters into its next phase. Please register if you want a Kindle and have not yet received one, so that you do not miss out on this marvelous opportunity.

Please register for a Kindle Fire HDs to receive one at the workshop. The registration form can be found online at the Pokagon Band website; just type in August Kindle workshop in the search bar. The deadline to register is Wednesday, August 17 at 5:00 pm., and only those that have not yet received a Kindle may register.



Copper Bucket Earring Workshop

Facilitated by Joy Duff

Saturday, August 13 2016

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Rodgers Lake Pavilion

Joy Duff will be teaching a copper bucket earring making workshop for women in the community. She will also be sharing teachings on the importance of caring for the water.

We will be having a potluck style lunch, so bring a dish to pass if you are able to.

This class is open to women only and spaces are limited!

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

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Try July's riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Kayley Gillette**. She correctly answered, "I have a head but no body. I have a heart but no blood. Just leaves and no branches, I grow without wood. What am I?" The answer is "lettuce."

No one submitted a riddle for the month, so check out the random riddle below:

What is at the end of a rainbow?

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



Department of Education

STEM Day Camp

Monday, August 8 – Friday, August 12

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Friday will end at 1 p.m.)

Event will be held at the Pokagon Band Community Center



The Michigan K–12 Department of Defense STEM Program is coming to the Pokagon Band. Native middle school students are invited to join a week long STEM day camp.

Online Registration starts July 1

www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/stem-day-camp-registration

Transportation may be available.

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



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

Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Candi Wesaw is elder of the month



Candi Gnew Mshkeke, Washkbek (Ngot) Wesaw ndizhnecaus, neshnabekwé, Hartford, MI. Mshiki Mneshé Pené! ndojbyamen nin miné ndemwemagnek.

My name is Eagle Medicine Candi (the first) Wesaw. I am Pokagon Potawatomi. My family is from Hartford, MI. Turtle Island forever!

Hartford is my home town, although I have lived in the Grand Rapids area most of my life because, like so many other natives across our homelands had to, we moved to a large city for work, etc. I now reside in New Buffalo, MI

I am a citizen of the Pokagon nation although I am also Nottawaseppi Huron, Potawatomi and Little River Odawa. I am one daughter of 15 children of the late Martin and Viola Wesaw, Sr. (Ben). I have four children, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and two great Azhenik. They are my greatest legacy and without a doubt the greatest contribution to this world I could possibly make. (Ijlyasm)

Both of my parents were born around the time of the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, also known as the Snyder Act, and during the assimilation period (1790–1920), meaning they both went to boarding schools, my dad went to Mount Pleasant, and my mom went to Holy Childhood.

My father and his family were first speakers of our language, and some of the last first speakers from the Pokagon Band. Sadly, they have all joined the ranks of ngetzim (ancestors). I am grateful to all of them for retaining our language through boarding school and beyond. They are the reason I incorporate our language into my work and my family whenever possible.

I've had a few day jobs through the years, including G.E. Aviation from where I'm retired, cultural associate for the tribe, and even a short position at our family business. I recently got a certificate for floral design to supplement my retirement years.

Even though I grew up in an urban setting, I have always been much more interested in picking up whatever pieces of ngetzim (my ancestors) ways as possible, and incorporating that into my life as much as possible.

I come from a family of talented artists and have been dabbling in the arts all my life. I have a vast interest in my culture, heritage and the arts. I love all sorts of mediums, including fine, textile, and traditional native arts. My most recent adventure includes wire wrapping. Through my artwork I have picked up much about the people, cultures, and traditions that originate from Mshiki Mneshé (Turtle Island). I do however like to incorporate contemporary styles with a nod to traditional arts as much as possible.

One of my many adventures through my art is my longest project to date. It is also one of the biggest and I feel most important art projects I have ever worked on. I call it the Neshnabek (Potawatomi) Project. It is illustrating curriculum written by a Chicago area Montessori teacher, who was interested in teaching her students about the local natives, who happen to be Neshnabek. She put together a well-received curriculum and asked me to illustrate it for her.

This 15+ year project has become a big piece of my art legacy, because it is one piece of the beginning of telling our side of our story, one that is more accurate and more informative than what the majority of students in this country know about us! The illustrations will belong to my children and grandchildren, but the stories are about and belong to every Neshnabek ever.

Wéwéne, Neshnabé Pené!

Gnew Mshkeke, Washkbek (Ngot) Candi Wesaw



Department of Education

Win a Kindle Fire

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

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

Entries must be received by Friday, August 5, 2016.

Please send your entries to:

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

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

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Notice of Open Positions | Pokagon Rights Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Rights Board (the “Board”). There are two (2) Alternate Member positions currently vacant. The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created through enactment of the Pokagon Rights Board Code (the “Code”). As provided in the Code, the Board’s duties include: (a) researching and investigating aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; (b) compiling and cataloging information and documents related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; and (c) making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites. The Board is comprised of five persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band’s Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two Alternate Members who are also expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member. The Code is available on the Pokagon Band’s website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

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

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

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as Board Member or Alternate Member must be a Pokagon Band citizen who: (a) is at least twenty-five (25)

years of age; and (b) possesses expertise, knowledge, skills, and professional and personal experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Board.

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

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

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

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

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

Notice of Open Position | Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from the Pokagon Band Citizens to fill a vacancy on the Pokagon Band Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board. The Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board is responsible for Promoting and celebrating Ogitchedaw, Honor the past Ogitchedaw and preserve honor for the future Ogitchedaw, Consult with the Tribal Council regarding policies, programs, and concerns regarding the Ogitchedaw. The Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board meets the first Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM, at The Pokagon Community Center in Dowagiac MI. Including meeting preparation, other Pokagon Band Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 8–10 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw include:

- A. represent the Organization
- B. preside at all meetings of the Board
- C. call meetings of the Board, in accordance with this Code and any applicable Pokagon Band law
- D. submit at each meeting such recommendations and information as he or she considers proper concerning the affairs and policies of the organization,
- E. and perform all other duties as may be directed by the Board.

COMPENSATION. The Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board Wkema are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$225.00 per month. In addition, The Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board business.

ELIGIBILITY. To serve as a Wkema of the Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board a Band member must be an organizational member Pokagon Band Pokagon Bode’Wadmik Ogitchedaw Board.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a public Official Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board 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, 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. The Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There is currently one vacant seat on the Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for a 3 year term of office.

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

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

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. Questions concerning the Pokagon Bode’wadmik Ogitchedaw Board or this notice may be directed to Mark Wilson, Secretary, at (269) 352-0494 or Mark.Wilson@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Notice of Open Positions | Ethics Board

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

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

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

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

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Ne'me gizhek SUNDAY	Ngot gizhek MONDAY	Nizh gizhek TUESDAY	Apta gizhek WEDNESDAY
3	4 Tribal Government offices closed in observation of the Fourth of July holiday.	5 Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch L&C Big Kids Summer Language Class L&C Youth Summer Language Class L&C Little Kids Summer Language Class Red Road to Recovery Group L&C Potawatomi 101 L&C Adult Language Class: Dowagiac	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness L&C Summer Language Class
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6 Wellness Language Course: Hartford	7 Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch Summer Language Course: South Bend L&C Potawatomi 201	8 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Red Road to Recovery Group	9 Elections L&C Traditional Harvesting
13 Wellness	14 Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch L&C Potawatomi 201 HR Apprenticeship Annual Awards Banquet	15 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	16
20 Wellness Language Course: Hartford	21 Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch Summer Language Course: South Bend L&C Potawatomi 201	22 Michigan Indian Family Olympics Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	23 PBTP Bike Rodeo L&C Traditional Harvesting
27 Wellness	28 Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch	29 Circuit Training (AM) Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	30

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 Alternate Positions | Land Use Board

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

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

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

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

Notice of Open Alternate Positions | Pokagon Promise

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letter of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill 1 seat on the Pokagon Promise Committee (1 Alternate). 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) One position is 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email: Jessica.Swisher@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Pokagon Promise Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There is currently 1 seat on the Pokagon's 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's 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.

Notice of Open Positions | Curriculum Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill three (3) Committee member positions on the Pokagon Band Curriculum Committee (“Committee”). The Committee is responsible for developing proposed curriculum for a proposed school for Pokagon Band citizens. The Committee is looking for someone with the knowledge, skills, experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Committee.

TIME COMMITMENT. The Committee meets approximately one to two times per month and additional times as may be needed to fulfill Committee duties. An Alternate member shall fulfill the duties of a Committee member in the absence of a Committee member after being recognized and seated by the Chairperson of the Committee. Committee members and Alternate members are expected to attend all Committee meetings, and Alternate members will be seated and vote in the absence of a Committee member(s). Committee Members and Alternate Members will spend approximately 6 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. Responsibilities include:

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

COMPENSATION. Committee members are independent contractors and compensated for service to the Curriculum 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 personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Curriculum Committee business, in accordance with the Pokagon Band’s Travel Policy.

Notice of Open Position | Chi Ishobak, Inc.

POSITION DESCRIPTION. Chi Ishobak is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to serve as a member of the Chi Ishobak Board of Directors. Chi Ishobak is a Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that serves the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians whose mission is to provide Tribal citizens with access to affordable capital for small-business loans, small-business development, consumer loans, and individual financial development through collaborative and education-oriented lending services, and to practice responsible lending in order to protect loan capital for future generations of Tribal citizens. The Board meets approximately once a month, depending on the needs of the Board. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Chi Ishobak office in the Community Center.

COMPENSATION. Chi Ishobak Board of Directors does not receive compensation. Board members will be entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings.

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as a committee member must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizen; and (b) be at least twenty five (25) years of age.

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. Committee members serve a term of three (3) years, there is no limit to the number of terms that an Alternate member may serve on the Committee.

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

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

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

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

DEADLINE. This position shall remain open until filled.

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

ELIGIBILITY. Candidates will preferably have the following:

- a) Demonstrated experience in one or more of the following: finance, banking, lending, small-business development, business ownership, and household financial development;
- b) Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills;
- c) Pokagon Band member; and
- d) Over the age of twenty-one (21).

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. All Directors will be appointed by the existing Directors in office.

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

Mail: Joe Silvia, Chi Ishobak Secretary/Treasurer
P.O. Box 766
Dowagiac, MI 49047

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Tribal Art Review Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill a vacancy of the Pokagon Band Tribal Arts Review Committee. There is (1) one alternate position vacant. The Tribal Art Review Committee is responsible for procurement of artwork from tribal citizens for various tribal venues and events as well as mounting several art shows annually. The Tribal Art Review Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at the Community Center then following month the Committee meets on the first Saturday at Four Winds New Buffalo. Including meeting preparation, other Tribal Art Review Committee business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 5 hours per month fulfilling their responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Alternate include:

- (a) Read and review all documents and other information provided to Committee Members;
- (b) Attend Committee meetings;
- (c) Actively participate in the work of the Committee;
- (d) Provide thoughtful input to the deliberations of the Committee;
- (e) Work towards fulfilling the Committee's purpose and Work Plan;
- (f) Execute and return to the Tribal Council Chairperson, the Committee Member Commitment Pledged; and
- (g) Perform such other duties as maybe be specified by the Committee, required under Pokagon Band Law or as expressly directed by the Tribal Council.

COMPENSATION. Tribal Art Review Committee Alternates are eligible to receive mileage for traveling to meetings. (If the Alternate is recognized and seated as a Committee Member for that meeting will receive the amount of 75.00 for that meeting.)

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as a member of the Tribal Art Review Committee must:

- (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizen;
- (b) be in the local area; and

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Traditions/Repatriations Committee

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

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

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

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

- (c) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (d) Be available to attend monthly meetings; and
- (e) Be able to travel for meetings.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Tribal Art Review Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There is currently one vacant seat on the Tribal Arts Review Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for an unlimited term of office.

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

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

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

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

Email: Jessica.Swisher@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Questions concerning the Tribal Art Review Committee or this Notice maybe directed to Angie Rice, Committee Chairwoman, by phone at (574) 993-1798 or by email at Angela.Rice@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

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

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

Eligibility. All Directors must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
2. Have a high school diploma, high school equivalency diploma, or general education development certificate; and
3. Have either: (1) a minimum of ten (10) years of experience in private sector management, business administration, accounting, or law, or (2) (a) a minimum of five (5) years of experience in private sector management, business administration, accounting, or law, and (b) a bachelor's degree; and
4. Have the ability to exercise sound judgment in matters related to the objectives of Mno-Bmadsen; and
5. Have a knowledge or a willingness to acquire knowledge of Pokagon history and culture; and
6. Not have been convicted within the last ten (10) years of a crime subject to imprisonment for a term of one (1) year or longer, excepting those crimes determined by the Tribal Council to relate to the furtherance of the Band's tribal sovereignty rights; and

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

Appointment Process and Length of Term. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by nomination of the Board of Directors and appointment of Tribal Council.

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

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

How to Apply. To be considered for appointment to the Board, please forward your resume and a letter of interest along with a completed application in PDF format to: hr@mno-bmadsen.com.

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

Notice of Open Position | 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 Alternate position 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 maybe directed to Marcus Winchester at Marcus.Winchester@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Review the Elders programs and policies

Emergency Assistance Program

Funding for this program is limited; Pokagon Elders 55 years and older must exhaust all other Pokagon Band assistance programs before seeking this emergency assistance. If you have received assistance from other programs of the year you will not qualify for this program. The program does not go by elders' income if funded exclusively through fund raising activities of the Elders Council. This does not cover utilities, rent or back rent payments, mortgages payments any type of insurance payments, and automobile repair. Emergency Assistance will not exceed \$500 per elder or elder household each year. Additionally, certain documents must be submitted with a completed application. Elders Council reviews the application and all required documents whether an elder is eligible or denied. Elders wish to apply should review the entire policy, available at Elders Hall.

Elders Trip Policy

Pokagon Elders 55 and older are eligible to participate in trips. The spouse of an elder may accompany the elder on the trip, regardless of whether the spouse is a tribal citizen or an elder. You must be self-sufficient or accompanied by a spouse who is able to provide all necessary assistance, participate in all activities and functions scheduled. Single elders will be paired up with female/female or male/male. All the trips require deposits to confirm your spot. Elders are welcome to review the entire policy, available at Elders Hall or at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/elders-council/upcoming-elders-events-and-projects.

Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) Policy

Conferences are held three times a year April, July and October. Before being eligible to attend these conferences Pokagon Elders are required to attend four business meetings, which are scheduled every first Thursday of the month. Must be self-sufficient or accompanied by a spouse who is able to provide all necessary assistance. Must attend the entire M.I.E.A conference during scheduled times and pay a deposit to confirm your spot. The MIEA policy can be picked up at the Elders Hall or viewed www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/elders-council/upcoming-elders-events-and-projects.

Elders Calendar

Pokagon Band Elders Council makes a calendar each year showing activities or events throughout the year. We try to get in as many faces of our elders and new faces for this memory calendar for you to enjoy. You are welcome to contribute new pictures but they may not necessarily be used.





BOYS WITH BRAIDS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

POKAGON COMMUNITY CENTER | 27043 POTAWATOMI TRAIL | DOWAGIAC MI 49047

WHAT Boys with Braids is a gathering to share teachings about the sacredness of hair, to foster a sense of pride for boys who choose to grow their hair long and to use education as a means to increase self-confidence.

WHO Males of youth, adult, and elder ages with long and short hair. All future and former long-haired males and their supportive friends and family. Teachers, social workers, coaches and leaders will also be invited to attend and learn more about Neshnabé culture.

3:00 PM	Welcome Song + Event Presentation
5:00 PM	Sacramento Knox Native Motivational Speaker
5:45 PM	Prayer and Feast
6:45 PM	Honor Song and Dance

Event sponsored by Pokagon Band LAUNCH Program, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Departments of Language & Culture + Education, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Cultural & Historic Preservation Office + Education Office.

Feast sponsored by Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Huron Band Cultural and Historical Preservation Office.





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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Elders Health + Wellness

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

Chair aerobics

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

Cardio drumming

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

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free } For Pokagon Band Citizens LEGAL AID }

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.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

Traditional Healing Services

at Pokagon Health Services

Our ancestors had their own methods of healing, given to them by the Creator, using plants and other natural elements. In fact, many medicines widely used today are derived from plants.

Patients of Pokagon Health Services can now take advantage of these on their wellness journey by meeting with a traditional healer at PHS. Keith Smith of the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe has spent 25 years learning traditional medicine practices from elders, teachers and advisors.

To meet with him for the following services, please call (269) 782-4141 to schedule your appointment.

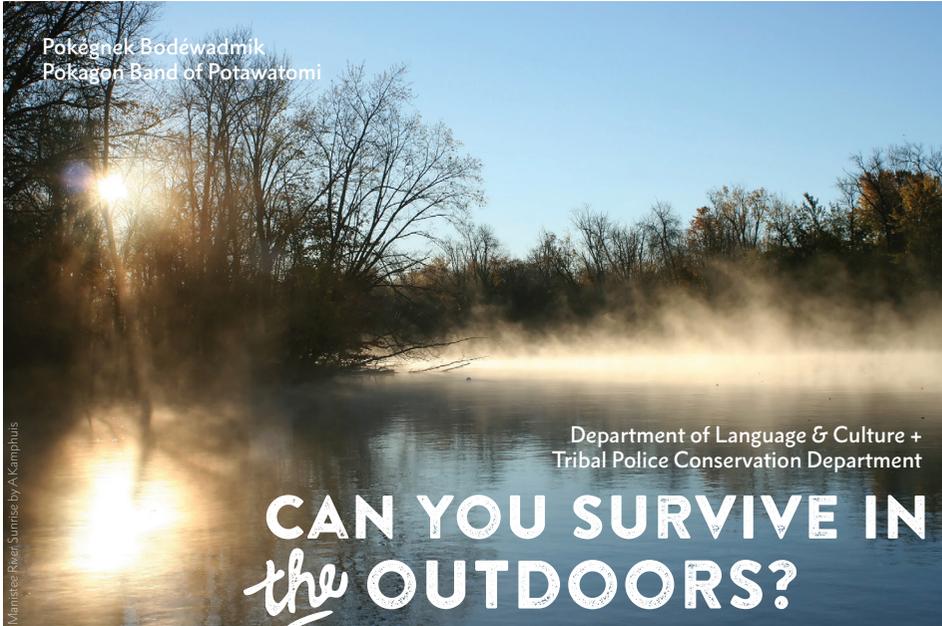
- Herbal and plant-based treatments
- Health education
- Disease prevention
- Sweat lodges
- Naming, and other culturally significant services

Please remember to bring sema (tobacco) to pass when meeting with the traditional healer.



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Department of Language & Culture +
Tribal Police Conservation Department

CAN YOU SURVIVE IN the OUTDOORS?

WANT TO FIND OUT IF YOU COULD MAKE IT THROUGH ONE DAY OF TRADITIONAL TRAVELING?

**DISCOVER THE ANSWER
AUGUST 17-19, 2016**

Language & Culture and the Tribal Police Conservation Department is hosting a Traditional Travels Canoe Trip on the Manistee River near Mesick, MI August 17-19. This adventure consists of two nights spent rustic tent camping (no electricity or running water) at Seaton Creek Campground. One full day will be spent canoeing down the Manistee River. During our stay the young men will receive teachings such as plant identification, survival skills and proper canoeing skills. Other activities consist of swimming and fishing.

This event, with **only 10 spots available**, is open to young men between the ages of 13-18. Participants will be required to follow all safety guidelines, rules, and regulations.

RSVP by contacting Daniel.Stohrer@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or by calling the Department of Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325.



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

Elders Lunch Menu | Abtëñib gises July

monday

july

4

Closed
Independence Day

11 **language**

Buffalo Stroganoff
Asparagus
Tomato Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Fruit

18 **language**

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia
Brown Rice
Squash
Garden Salad
Fruit

25 **language**

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

tuesday



5

Baked Chicken and Stuffing
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Fruit

12

Salmon Fillet
W/ Citrus Pepper
Wild Rice Quinoa
Tri-blend Vegetables
Coleslaw
Dessert

19

Marinated Beef Rib Eye Steak
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Carrots
Cucumber Salad
Whole Grain Roll

26

BBO Chicken
Spanish Rice
Green Beans
Broccoli and Cauliflower
Salad
Whole Grain Roll

wednesday

6

Salad and Fruit
Bar

13

Pork Roast
Potatoes
Carrots
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

20

Turkey Pot Pie W/ Biscuits
Veggie Tray
Jell-O with Fruit

27

Beef Roast
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Carrots
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

thursday

MIEA | July 17-20
Gathering | July 25-29

7

business

Grilled Pork Chops
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Fruit Salad
Birthday Cake

14

Goulash
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Fruit

21 **social**

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

28

Pizza Day

friday

1

Buffalo and Veggie Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Veggie and Relish Tray
Strawberry Pie

8

Sea Bass
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Chickpea and Cucumber
Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Blueberry Pie

15

Chicken Salad Sandwich
W/ Grapes and Pecans
Baked Chips
Relish and Veggie Tray
Dessert

22 **annual picnic**

Ribs and Chicken
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Fruit and Veggie Trays
Cheese Cakes

29

Bean Soup
Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Veggie and Relish Tray
Fruit

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

Per Capita News

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

Name	Christmas 2015	Monthly Per Cap
Kailyn A. Currey	x	
Zachary D. Currey	x	
Austin L. Northrup	x	
Michael L. Starrett	x	
John Watson	x	
Peter J. Ramirez	x	
Bobby M. Haynes, Jr	x	

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

Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

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

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

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

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

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

Per Capita Important Dates

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

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

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

Tribal Council July Calendar of Events

- 4 Offices closed in observation of Independence Day
- 5 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Elections**
- 11 Tribal Council Hiatus
- 13 Tribal Council Hiatus
- 14 Tribal Council Hiatus
- 20 Tribal Council Hiatus
- 21 Tribal Council Hiatus
- 25 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 26 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

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

Tribal Council August Calendar of Events

- 1 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 2 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 22 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 23 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 29 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 30 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

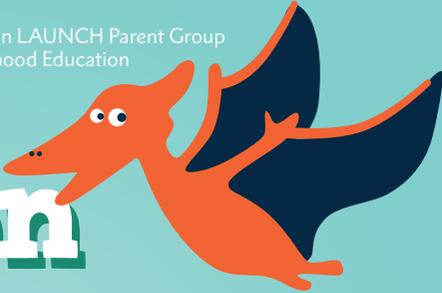
Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

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



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Social Services | Pokagon LAUNCH Parent Group
Department of Education | Early Childhood Education

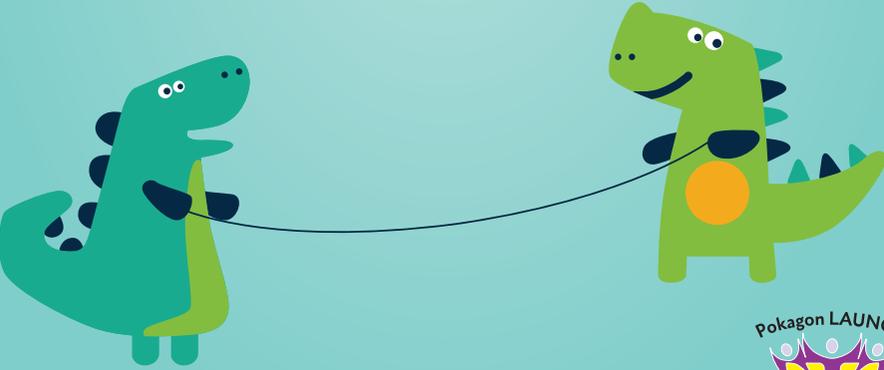
Pokagon Play Group



Every first Tuesday + every third Thursday
9:30 am - 11 am
Location to be determined

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 (712) 420-3322 for more information.



Pokagon LAUNCH
Parent Group

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5TH ANNUAL A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday, August 6, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Pokagon Health Services



The Department of Health Services and the Department of Education invite you to the fifth annual **A Healthy Step with Education**. This day will be filled with health education, screenings, PreK-12 program registration and activities. This event is for the whole family, birth to elder. It is open to all tribal citizens, employees and their families.

- Department of Education's 2016-2017 registration
- Cultural craft
- Biking
- Visions screenings
- Free massages
- Bounce house
- Activities with local fire departments
- Free hair cuts
- Games
- Ambulance
- Cultural healer
- Lunch
- Cultural activity
- Caricature
- And much more

Please come and join in the fun.

Questions? Contact Liz Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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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.

Abtëñib gises July Citizen Announcements



Cushway, Gibson, O'Keefe Family Reunion 2016

July 9, 2016

Rodgers Lake Pavilion,
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI

Contact Person: Carol Martin (269) 519-2127

Happy late birthday, Lee Falk. 71 years old on
June 19, 2016

Love, your family

Overnight camp to focus on traditional Potawatomi women's teachings

The Language and Culture Department invites young women ages 13–18 to a traditional retreat made up of fun Potawatomi cultural activities. Teachings involving women's experiences, language, traditional foods, outdoor survival skills, and roles in Potawatomi society will excite and educate all that attend. Other activities include nature walks, plant and medicine identification, crafts and more. Sign up today for the first-ever young women's traditional retreat—only ten spots available!

Wednesday, August 17–Friday, August 19 | Rodgers Lake campground

Kindly RSVP to Rebecca Williams at rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269)783-9265.



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Pokagon Band Tribal Police

BIKE RODEO

SATURDAY, JULY 23

10:00 AM

POKAGON BAND HEAD START

LEARN BIKE SAFETY + RIDING SKILLS

BRING YOUR BIKE + HELMET. PBTP WILL HAVE FREE HELMETS, IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, PLUS SNACKS + DRINKS.

ENTER RAFFLE FOR ONE BOY'S BIKE + ONE GIRL'S BIKE.

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31ST ANNUAL

Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow

Saturday, September 3–Sunday, September 4, 2016