



# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

## THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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### Bad debt is history, thanks to Chi Ishobak financial coaching

Sean Winters, the executive director of Chi Ishobak, often invokes Potawatomi ancestors when talking about financial wellness.

“Our ancestors were planners,” he says. “They only took what they needed, and celebrated what Mother Earth gave us.”

Winters, who has headed the Pokagon Band’s Community Development Financial Institution for three years, says that in village days, the people’s survival depended on managing those gifts. It is different today, when the lure of easy credit promises a “buy now, pay later” lifestyle. Chi Ishobak offers financial wellness courses and individual financial coaching to help citizens who are trying to get out of debt and embrace planning for their resources. John T. Warren is one citizen who took advantage of this service, and in five months he has an emergency fund, a savings account and he’s paid off \$7,000 credit card debt.

“This whole thing has changed my life in a number of ways. I have no worries because if an emergency pops up, I’ve got it covered,” Warren said. “It really works.”

Winters cautions that it's easy to talk about, but hard to live.

“I’d been using credit cards for this and that, and had gotten turned down for loans in the past,” Warren remembered. “Sean offered help with a budget, but I wasn’t ready for it.”

But late last year, Warren knew he was ready.

“In December something hit me, and I knew I was tired of the stress and wondering where the money would come from. Sean motivated me to start it, and I haven’t stopped.”

“When you look at it on paper, I didn’t do anything; it’s all John’s work,” said Winters.

What exactly did Warren do? Made (and stuck to) a budget. Reduced eating out. Started an emergency fund. And every extra dollar went to paying off credit card debt.

Winters provided personal coaching. Not telling Warren what to do, but asking questions, gathering info, offering



options, and empowering him. Winters recognizes that it’s hard to trust someone with such a sensitive subject, but he assures confidentiality, trust, and no judgment.

“It was hard at first, but I was ready to make the commitment,” Warren said. “If my mobile bank balance doesn’t match up, if I need moral support, I call Sean, bring him in some receipts. It feels real good.”

Warren estimates that by end of May all his credit card debt will be paid, and his truck will be paid off by November. After that he’ll save three months’ worth of expenses.

“I’ve never seen anyone do this so quickly and be so committed from ground zero,” said Winters. “We saw changes within two weeks.”

Winters emphasizes that it’s all about planning, just as the ancestors knew.

“Surviving the winter wasn’t possible without planning. Today, you can experience a death of spirit under financial stress. Each week John’s posture got a bit better, and I haven’t seen him without a smile since. His pride has increased. He’s doing this not just for himself, but for his community.”

### LAUNCH program works for Pokagon kids across departments



Since receiving a large grant in 2012 from Project LAUNCH (a federal initiative that stands for Linking Actions to Unmet Needs for Children's Health), the Pokagon Band has put numerous programs in place to promote positive mental health for Pokagon children under age 8 and their families.

“We decided a good approach was funding a program that already existed, or starting or funding a program that didn’t yet,” said JT Laraway, the young child wellness coordinator with the Pokagon Social Services Department and the LAUNCH grant manager.

So the team went first to Head Start, an existing program for kids in that precise age group.

LAUNCH funded weekly mental health consultations and screenings for Head Start students and provided training promoting positive mental health for staff, parents and families.

“We wanted to help prevent kids being caught in a system of medication and treatment,” said Laraway. “Or not having medication or treatment, and dealing with that too. Our aim was to help staff navigate family challenges and teach positive ways to deal with feelings.”

Laraway reports that it’s going really well, and that staff love the consultations. Plus Head Start became a focus of a scholarly article on this approach, grabbing national recognition.

The next step was to invite Pokagon parents to a parenting program. PPP—which stands for Positive Parenting Program—is a ten-session course that pairs mothers and fathers with a trained facilitator and progresses at a pace the parents need. Two family services workers with Social Services became trained in PPP, and the results have been heartening.

“Parents really enjoy it,” said Laraway, “It has ended in several family reunifications, and an adoption.”

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## Per Capita Savings Plan under consideration

You may have read the article in last month's *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* describing a potential new savings plan for citizens. Pending approval by the voters in a referendum in July's general election, this plan lets adult Pokagon citizens choose to voluntarily defer part of all of their per capita payments each month until a set future date.

This Savings Plan puts options and choices in your hands. You choose whether to defer, how much to defer, and how long to defer. Some citizens have already considered this proposal, and have ideas about their possibilities. This Plan allows them to build a nest egg for a college education, a major purchase like a home, or save for retirement. Visit [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/capita/capita-savings-plan](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/capita/capita-savings-plan) to read their stories.

The Savings Plan would require an amendment to the Pokagon Band's Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP), adding language that allows citizens the opportunity to defer per capita payments into this Savings Plan. If the amendments are approved, the Savings Plan will take effect January 1, 2016.



For more details and frequently asked questions, visit [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/capita/capita-savings-plan](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/capita/capita-savings-plan)



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Traditions and Repatriation Committee  
Department of Language & Culture

## Summer Ceremonies & Teachings

Hosted by Fish and Turtle Clans

**Saturday, June 20**

Rodgers Lake Pavilion  
58620 Sink Road | Dowagiac, MI

**Sunrise Ceremony | 6:30 am**

Longhouse in the campgrounds  
Conducted by TBA

**Sunset Ceremony | 8:00 pm**

Longhouse in the campgrounds  
Conducted by TBA

All Water Clan pipe carriers are invited to bring their pipes to the ceremonies. Please dress for the weather and, for evening ceremonies, bring a dish to pass. For information on the ceremonies, please contact Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230.

Please note, ceremonies are restricted to Natives and spouses. There may come a day when ceremonies are open to all, but there is much healing that must take place first within the community. We ask that everyone respect this decision.

### Cultural Teachings on Clan Roles | Saturday, June 20

Language & Culture is offering teachings to the community between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. For more information about these teachings, please contact Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-5376 or [pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

### Mens Sweat and Womens Sweat | TBA

For more information about the mens sweat, please contact Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230. For more information about the womens sweat, please contact Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-5376 or [pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov).



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

## Gwikwé'amen

Honoring Our Pokagon Children (HOPC) Workshop

**Saturday, June 6, 2015**

**11:00 am–2:00 PM**

**Community Center**

27043 Potawatomi Trail | Dowagiac, MI 49047

Upon registration, families can nominate a child to be presented an HOPC award, which covers a variety of accomplishments including perfect attendance, good grades, improvement in the classroom, community involvement, athletics, dance, etc. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, and refreshments, a bouncy house, face-painting, cultural activities, raffles, etc. Children can participate in a photo shoot with Clifford the Big Red Dog.

For a description of the full meaning behind Gwikwé'amen, please see [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education)



## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa*

Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

[Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

### Havilah Beardsley House shares Potawatomi heritage



The freshly restored Havilah Beardsley House on Beardsley Street in downtown Elkhart held its grand opening on Sunday, May 3. Chairman John Warren was the first to speak, and he spoke about the deep connection this house and the Beardsley family has with the Potawatomi people from the area.

The land on which the house sits once belonged to Pierre Moran, a Kickapoo native by birth, but Potawatomi tribe leader by choice. Through either a transaction or gift, Moran gave the land to Dr. Havilah Beardsley in 1831.

Potawatomi displays can be viewed inside the house museum, open for guided tours Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Children admitted free with adult.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Department of Housing

# Pokégnek Édawat Village Annual GARAGE SALE

June 5, 6 and 7 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm

June 12, 13 and 14 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Potawatomi Trail  
(next to the Community Center off of Dailey Road)

Household items, clothes, furniture, tools and other miscellaneous items



## Walking Works Challenge still open for registrations

The 2015 Walking Works Challenge began in May, but the workouts continue through this month, concluding July 5. Pokagon Band citizens and employees are racing against other tribes in Michigan to perform the most exercise this summer.

You can join the team at [walkingworkschallenge.com](http://walkingworkschallenge.com). If you participated in the past, go to your account and click "Edit Account." Choose "2015 Tribe to Tribe Community Challenge." For team, choose Pokagon.

If you haven't participated before, click "Register Now" to begin. After adding your personal information, choose the "Michigan, Blue Cross and Blue Shield" plan, then the "2015 Tribe to Tribe Blues Community Challenge," and finally the "Pokagon Band of Potawatomi" team.



Now you're ready to record your workouts and daily steps. Visit the site during each segment to login (using the email and password you entered when you registered), and add your steps taken, minutes exercised, or miles travelled. The teams with the most recorded exercise will win cash prizes from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Our Wellness Center will use any of our winnings to offer fun programs and activities to citizens and employees.

Please contact Liz Leffler at [elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov) if you have any questions.

### Recording Segments

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| Sunday, May 24    | Begin second segment  |
| Saturday, June 13 | End of second reporting segment<br>5 p.m. deadline for reporting activity |
| Sunday, June 14   | Begin third (last) segment  |
| Sunday, July 5    | End of program<br>5 p.m. final deadline for reporting activity            |

## Mini Olympics makes for big event

The Mini Olympics may sound small, but it's a big event open to all. On Sunday, June 7, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Pokagon Sports Facility will be covered with athletes and spectators.

This day will mimic the Michigan Indian Family Olympics, with running events, softball throw, free throw challenge, tug-of-war, the long jump, and more. Healthy food and beverages will be available.

The Mini Olympics will also serve as the final qualifying event for those who have been working toward the olympics incentive package, but you do not need to be working toward the incentive package to attend.

Come participate or cheer community members on. Everyone is also welcome to attend the July Family Olympics in Mount Pleasant.

## Mishkowze | Be strong. Do well.

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

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

### June 11

Men's Health Awareness  
National Cancer Survivors

### July 9

UV Safety

### August 13

Immunization Awareness  
Ovarian Cancer Awareness  
National Suicide & Prevention Awareness

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

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

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

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



## Your love shelters our children. Pokagon Band families foster.

Neshnabe teachings say that caring for the children is everyone's responsibility. Traditionally, extended family and clan family members would take responsibility for their children if parents couldn't.

Today many Pokagon children need your help. Becoming a tribal foster parent isn't difficult. Besides getting a background check and a license, all you need is patience, caring and commitment. Licensing classes are free; many counties reimburse for child care while you take classes.

"I would suggest anybody give it a try, the process is nothing like what you might imagine," says one foster parent. "The need was greater than what you'd expect."

For this parent, one of the best parts of fostering has been seeing how happy the children are. "It opens your eyes and helps you become more involved in your own culture, and how important it is for the whole community to be a family."

To learn more about fostering Pokagon children, please contact the Department of Social Services at (269) 462-4216.

## June is Men's Health Care Awareness Month

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Did you know that men die at higher rates from the top ten causes of death than women? Men are also victims of over 90 percent of workplace deaths. Furthermore, women are 100 percent more likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and receive preventative services than men. Depression in men often goes undiagnosed, which contributes to men being four times as likely to commit suicide.

Testosterone is linked to higher levels of LDL, the bad cholesterol, and declines in the HDL, the good cholesterol. The good news is that June is the perfect time to become better educated about how to improve men's health. Join us for the June Mishkowze community health dinner series and get healthy!

The top 10 diseases that can lead to death in men are listed below:

**HEART DISEASE** Heart disease is the number one killer of men in the United States. The heart is like any other muscle, requiring blood to supply oxygen and nutrients for it to function. The coronary arteries are at risk for narrowing as cholesterol deposits, called plaques, build up inside the artery. If the arteries narrow enough, blood supply to the heart muscle may be slowed, and this slowing of blood flow to the heart causes pain, or angina. Angina should not be ignored and often is. Contact your primary care provider to discuss these symptoms if they occur.

A heart attack (myocardial infarction) occurs when a plaque ruptures, allowing a blood clot to form, which can be life-threatening. The blood clot completely obstructs the artery, stopping blood flow to part of the heart muscle, and that portion of muscle dies.

The major risk factors for heart disease include smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and family history. While one cannot control their family history, the other factors can be controlled and the risks minimized.

**CANCERS** Lung cancer is the number one killer among cancers in men, and most are preventable. Smoking causes 90 percent of all lung cancers, and while the number of smokers in the United States has decreased in the past generation, 20 percent of teenagers smoke and will be the future victims of lung cancer.

Prostate cancer affects the prostate gland. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men, and is a disease of aging and is rarely seen in men younger than 50 years of age. Often prostate cancer causes no symptoms and is diagnosed with routine screening tests including a rectal examination to feel the prostate and a PSA blood test. The cure rate for prostate cancer has increased since the wide spread use of PSA testing began.

Colon and rectal cancers tie with prostate cancer as the second most common cause of cancer deaths in men. There are few symptoms in the early stages of colon and rectal cancers, thus the diagnosis is often made by routinely screening the stool for occult blood (blood that is not visible to the naked eye but can be found by testing the stool sample) and undergoing routine screening colonoscopy. Colon cancer can be nearly completely preventable with timely colonoscopy screenings.

Living a healthy lifestyle decreases the potential risk of developing cancer. Regular exercise, a healthy diet, and avoiding toxins in the environment (including smoking and secondhand smoke) are positive lifestyle changes that the average person can control during their lifetime.

**INJURIES** Accidents happen and the key to minimizing the risk of death is to use common sense and avoid potentially dangerous situations.

Simple actions like wearing a seatbelt while in a car, wearing a helmet when cycling, skiing, skateboarding, or other activities where head injuries occur help decrease risk of death in an accident. Driving while impaired on drugs or alcohol is never acceptable and causes a dangerous situation not only for the driver but for those around him. Most accidents happen around the house and routine prevention can help decrease those accidents. Easy fixes include making sure that floors aren't slippery or wet, stair railings are secure, and walks and driveways are well maintained and well lit at night. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors can only work if their batteries are fresh.

**STROKE** A stroke occurs when blood supply to part of the brain is disrupted, causing brain cells to die. Blood flow can be compromised by a variety of mechanisms. This can occur because blood supply has been cut off (ischemia) or because there has been bleeding in the brain (hemorrhage). The risk factors for stroke are the same as for heart disease: smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and family history.

**CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)**

Emphysema and chronic bronchitis are the two types of COPD and both are most commonly caused by smoking. Due to the toxins in smoke, the lung tissue is



damaged and loses its ability to transfer oxygen from the inhaled air into the blood stream. Symptoms of COPD include shortness of breath and wheezing. COPD increases the risk of lung infection including pneumonia.

**DIABETES** The pancreas makes insulin to help cells use glucose for energy. Diabetes describes the situation where insulin function in the body is abnormal.

- Type 1 diabetes usually occurs in people younger than 40 where the body's immune system destroys the insulin producing cells in the pancreas.
- More than 80 percent of people with diabetes have type 2 diabetes. Poorly controlled diabetes increases blood sugar levels in the bloodstream and in the long-term, affects the small blood vessels in the body, which can lead to multi-organ failure. Poorly controlled diabetes can cause vascular disease leading to heart attacks, strokes, limb amputations, kidney failure, blindness, and nerve damage (diabetic neuropathy). Diabetes prevention and control include eating a well-balanced diet, maintaining a healthy weight, and routinely exercising, and keeping active.

**INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA** A healthy lifestyle and healthy body makes for a strong immune system that can fight common infections like influenza (flu). It is important to follow public health recommendations for routine immunizations to reduce the risk of contracting the flu, and its complications such as pneumonia.

**SUICIDE** Thoughts of self-harm are not normal. They should not be ignored by a man or his family or friends, and should be considered an emergency situation. Depression can become overwhelming and potentially life-threatening. Men with depression may be able to function reasonably well on a day to day basis and may be reluctant to seek help. It may take a crisis situation to finally get a man to agree to get medical, psychological, and counseling assistance. Symptoms of depression may be subtle and arise slowly.

**KIDNEY DISEASE** The kidneys filter impurities from the blood and dispose of them in the urine. They are also important in maintaining electrolyte balance in the blood. Even in healthy people, aging gradually decreases the efficiency of kidney function. Kidney failure is often a result of years of poorly controlled high blood pressure and diabetes. In the United States, approximately 26 million people have chronic kidney disease.

**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE** Dementia and Alzheimer's disease describes a gradual loss of cognition and intellectual ability including language, attention, memory, and problem solving in an otherwise healthy person. The cause is unknown and there is no cure. Recommendations to decrease the risk of dementia include avoiding smoking, and keeping blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes under control. Physical and mental fitness may help prevent dementia; keeping socially active may also help.

Screenings and tests that men should receive:

- Weight and BMI testing
- Lab work (cholesterol levels, glucose, and other labs per your provider)
- Blood pressure
- Colorectal cancer screening age 50 if no family history
- Depression screenings
- Skin exams by a dermatologist
- Prostate exams

Contact your health care provider for additional information on what diseases you should be screened for and ways to keep yourself healthy.

## Turtle monitoring season begins



The Pokagon Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is starting a turtle monitoring project. Aquatic turtles will be trapped at Rodgers Lake, Gage Lake, Sassafra Lake, and small ponds in Hartford and other tribal properties. Turtles will not be harmed, just captured, microchipped (so we can identify each individual if we recapture them), and released. The objective of the monitoring project is to estimate turtle population size on tribal lands.

This is a great opportunity for tribal citizens to get involved in a DNR project and learn about turtles. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the DNR at (269) 782-9602 to get on the e-mail notification list for trapping dates, times, and locations.

The DNR is also interested in monitoring box turtles. Box turtles are a species of concern in Michigan, with biologists noticing fewer of them in recent years. If you see a box turtle, please report it to the DNR. You can do this by calling (269) 782-9602 and sharing when and where you saw the turtle. The DNR will use this information to target locations where we have reports of turtles for further research and monitoring.

## Re-establishing northern white-cedars on tribal properties



The Pokagon Department of Natural Resources recently thinned and cleared one acre of forested land south of the Pow Wow circle. The purpose for the clearing was to begin re-establishing Northern White-Cedar on tribal properties. The DNR held a tree planting ceremony on April 17, where the planting circle was blessed and the first tree was ceremonially planted. Following that, an additional 450 trees were planted within the circle and 250 trees were planted outside the circle for future cedar projects this year. The cedar circle is surrounded by an eight foot fence and an outer brush circle to protect the trees from being eaten. There is one main entry gate into the circle, to also help eliminate the possibility of trees being eaten.

The DNR is looking to make additions to the circle this year, possibly adding a bench, arch, and a bent tree in the center of the circle. The cedars are very small and will need nurturing and time to grow. This is the first circle the DNR has created and will also help to serve as a research circle, to see what conditions within the circle allow for the best growth, so that conditions can be replicated in additional cedar circles in the future. The cedars within the circle will provide future generations with the ability to harvest the great medicine. The DNR would like to especially thank everyone that came out and blessed the circle and helped to plant trees. Thank you!

## What's that invasive plant? Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)

Introduced from Europe as a culinary herb and medicinal plant in the mid-1800s, garlic mustard is now a serious threat to native species in the Pokagon Band's ten county service area. Garlic mustard can be found in almost any environment and crowds out native and rare species wherever it grows. Entire forest floors can be composed of garlic mustard once the plant is established. Garlic mustard is a prolific seeder, meaning that it has many seeds that are easily spread. The seeds hitchhike on any human or animal passing by. Garlic mustard is a biennial plant, meaning that it takes two years for the seeds to grow into mature plants that can produce seeds. The plant is unpalatable to most grazing animals and wildlife, so it is one of the plants left behind after grazing animals move through an area. Additionally, this plant produces toxins that prevents other plants from growing nearby. Garlic mustard flowers are white and have four petals, the green leaves smell slightly of garlic when crushed. The best way to control garlic mustard is through mechanical removal on an annual basis. Once pulled, the garlic mustard must be burned or thrown away because it will re-establish and seed out even if left in a weed pile. If you see garlic mustard, pull it out by the roots and dispose of it properly. Help prevent the spread of invasive species in your natural resources.

## What's that edible plant? Wild asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*)



Asparagus is a perennial plant that grows with stout stems and a branched, feathery, foliage appearance when mature. Asparagus has been used as a vegetable and a medicine historically. Asparagus has diuretic properties and a delicate flavor. This plant is mainly eaten when it is young because once the flowers bloom and the foliage begins looking more fern-like, the stems become woody. Asparagus is low in calories and sodium, but is a good source of for a variety of vitamins and minerals including vitamin B6, calcium, magnesium, thiamine, and zinc. However, if you have a history of gout, asparagus should be restricted because of purine content. Asparagus grows wild in the fields and ditches throughout Michigan and is also a cultivated crop in many areas of Michigan. The best time to pick asparagus is in May, when the stalks are new and tender, however the best time to see asparagus is after it has gone to seed and is feathery/ferny looking, especially in the fall when it turns bright yellow. So, if you don't find it this spring, keep an eye out in the fall to be able to know where it will grow next year.

## Gage Lake to be partially closed

On April 13 through Resolution No. 15-04-13-01, Tribal Council approved the partial closure of Gage Lake, effective until further action by Tribal Council. This closure order closes the two-acre portion of Gage Lake depicted in the picture. The Department of Natural Resources has posted signs and has placed buoys up on Gage Lake to mark the closed section of the lake. This closure should help support reproducing populations of fish at Gage Lake and assist fish in the lake to grow and develop into larger sizes for fishing.

### Teri (Theresa) Barber is elder of the month



I was born in Dowagiac to Mary Ann Cushway and John O’Keefe. My Pokagon family includes 12 siblings consisting of 8 sisters and 4 brothers. I moved to Elkhart, Indiana at the age of five, when I was adopted into the family of James and Edna Barber, and their two sons. I lived in Elkhart until 2013 when I moved back to Dowagiac to reside in a duplex at Pokagonek Édawat – you may see me there on any given day, completing my three mile per day walk, as healthy living and fitness are high priorities that I pursue vigorously.

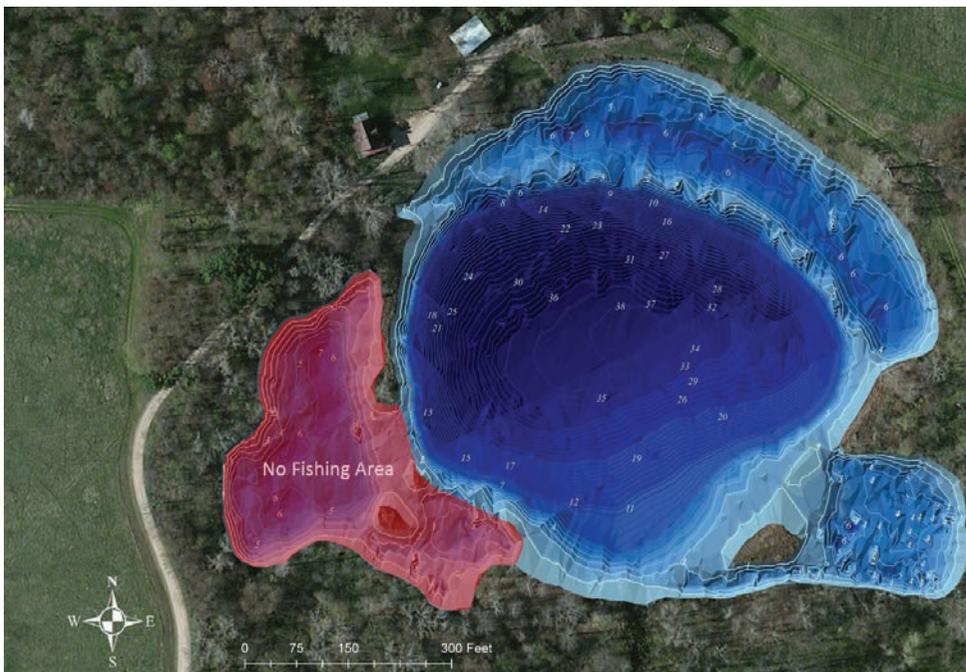
I was reunited with my birth family in 2006 and at that time, found the ‘missing piece’ of my life’s puzzle (my

Native heritage). Many questions were answered and mysteries solved, and I have embraced my ancestry and heritage.

I am the administrative assistant and office manager at Mno-Bmadsen, where I have worked for four years. Prior to that, I worked at Four Winds Casino Resort/ New Buffalo for three years, in the W-Club and as administrative assistant in Guest Services.

I currently serve on the Election Board and have also served as secretary of the Enrollment Committee, secretary of the Curriculum Committee, and as an alternate on the Election Board. I possess a strong desire to give back to our tribal community which promotes such honorable virtues as the Seven Grandfather Teachings, and has given so much to me.

### Depth profile created for Gage Lake



The Pokagon Department of Natural Resources has created a depth profile (bathymetry) map of Gage Lake. Using a Sontek RiverSurveyor, 12,000+ points were collected over a five-hour time period. The data collected was then entered into ArcGIS software to create the map. Profile contours are in one-foot intervals and show a maximum depth of 38 feet for Gage Lake. This information will help citizens see the depths in the lake and assist in fishing site selection. This information will help the DNR during their water sampling efforts and also assist with additional modeling that may be completed regarding Gage Lake in the future.



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE +  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## ONGOING ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

- WHO:** Elders ages 60+
- WHAT:** Oral History Interviews
- WHERE:** Elders Hall, or location of elder’s choice
- WHEN:** Every Monday afternoon. Appointments may be accommodated

The Pokagon Potawatomi Tribal Historic Preservation Office, with guidance from the Elders Committee, will be starting an ongoing project to record the stories of our elders. These stories will be stored in the Pokagon Potawatomi Archives so that the future generations will always know the history of their grandparents. Interview topics will be picked by the elders and in the setting of their choice.

If you are interested in making an appointment, or have any questions, please call Marcus Winchester at (269) 462-4224

## Potawatomi tribes announce architecture, engineering, and construction joint venture

Greenfire Management Services, LLC, a subsidiary of the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, announced recently it has formed a joint venture with Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering, LLC, (7GenAE), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mno-Bmadsen, the non-gaming economic development enterprise of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

The 7Gen-Greenfire joint venture will focus on delivering design and construction services to federal, state and local agencies. Together Greenfire and 7GenAE will act as a full-service contractor with capabilities to assist clients throughout the country. From project conception to completion, the joint venture offers design, design-build, construction management and general contractor services.

7GenAE was founded in 2012 in Kalamazoo, Michigan and is a tribally-owned, 8(a), Small Disadvantaged, HUBZone business that provides architecture, engineering, and construction services. The firm specializes in serving the federal, state, municipal, commercial and tribal markets. Greenfire, established in 2010, has grown into a leading construction management and owner representation firm with a client portfolio that includes major construction projects for some of the Midwest's most successful property developers, as well as the Forest County Potawatomi (FCP).

“Our two firms share similar core values and operating philosophies,” said Greenfire President Kip Ritchie. “Like Greenfire, 7GenAE excels at delivering projects that are sustainable and energy efficient, while positively impacting the local community and supporting the socially responsible efforts of the architectural, engineering and construction industry.”

Added Troy Clay, CEO of Mno-Bmadsen the parent company of 7GenAE, “We look forward to collaborating with Greenfire on a broad range of projects for both public and private clients. Our overarching philosophy is unwavering. Excellence in architectural planning and design, civil engineering, and construction, no matter the project, is achieved only through holistic collaboration that maximizes value for clients, users and the public.”

The 7Gen-Greenfire Joint Venture has offices in Virginia, Wisconsin and Michigan.

### About Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering, LLC

Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering, LLC (7GenAE) was founded in 2012 and is a Tribally-Owned, 8(a), Small Disadvantaged, HUBZone and DBE business that is wholly owned by Mno-Bmadsen, the economic development enterprise chartered by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. The principals of Seven Generations have more than 75 years of combined experience in planning, architecture, interior design, civil engineering, transportation planning, and construction. The firm specializes in federal, state, municipal, commercial and tribal markets. More information on 7GenAE is available at [www.7GenAE.com](http://www.7GenAE.com)

### About Mno-Bmadsen

Mno-Bmadsen is the economic development enterprise chartered by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi to establish and grow for-profit business for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians with a focus on long-term sustainability in all endeavors. Since creation, the tribe has embraced a network of self-sustaining trade and self-reliance within its community. Mno-Bmadsen is the next step in sustaining the tribe through mergers, acquisitions and investments that will allow them to continue to thrive in the centuries to come. More information on Mno-Bmadsen is available at [www.Mno-Bmadsen.com](http://www.Mno-Bmadsen.com).

### About Greenfire Management Services, LLC

Greenfire Management Services, LLC (“Greenfire”) is a construction management and owner’s representative firm located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Greenfire is a wholly owned company of the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation (“PBDC”) and is a state-certified, Native American-owned company. For more information, visit [www.greenfirellc.net](http://www.greenfirellc.net).

### About The Potawatomi Business Development Corporation

The Potawatomi Business Development Corporation is owned and operated by the Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin. The Corporation seeks to diversify the tribe’s business interests beyond gaming in an effort to secure the future of the tribe for the next 7 generations and beyond. In addition to Greenfire Management Services, business holdings include: Potawatomi Federal Solutions, 1Prospect Technologies, Data Holdings, Advancia Corporation, Advancia Aeronautics, Potawatomi Training, Advancia Technologies and Redhawk. For more information on the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation visit [www.potawatombdc.com](http://www.potawatombdc.com).

## Pokagon and Michigan State University begin agricultural partnership



Pokagon Band is developing a plan to expand the tribe's agricultural program, and has partnered with Michigan State University for ideas and assistance. Today government manager Jason M. Wesaw and Becky Richards, compliance officer, met with MSU trustee Dianne Byrum, John Norder, director of Native American Institute, and agriculture faculty members John Whims, William Knudson and Molly Woods, in Lansing to hammer out more details. The tribe has more than one thousand acres of land that could be managed for agriculture, and the opportunities for citizen jobs, sustainability and economic development have great potential. Stay tuned for more good news about this growing (pun intended!) initiative.

## Education news

### Help honor the graduates

The Pokagon Band Department of Education acknowledges recent graduates at a banquet Saturday, June 20 from 12-3 p.m. at the Community Center in Dowagiac, MI. This year the Education Department is recognizing all recent graduates of the following levels of education: GED, high school, college and university. If you have not yet sent your RSVP kindly do so by June 11 before 5:00 p.m.

Please keep a look out for the "Honoring the Graduates" form on the Pokagon Band website under the Education Department, and notifications on social media.

### Tech trainings offered at Elders Business Meetings

The workshops have been planned to coincide with the monthly Elders Business Meetings and will take place immediately following the meeting. There will be a sign up sheet available at the Elders Business Meeting and an announcement will be given of the availability. Please plan on attending and bringing your Kindle and any questions you may have about this technology or any other technological concerns you may have.

### Department of Education installs a Graduation Tree

The Department of Education Graduation Tree will display every Pokagon Band graduate with a leaf placed in his or her honor representing all degrees completed. The tree gives recognition to students who demonstrate the characteristics which further the mission and goals of Pokagon Band Department of Education by completing programs that represent standards of achievement and excellence.

Everyone that would like to be honored on the tree must submit an application and provide a copy of their degree to the Department of Education. Even if you have already provided an application and copy of your degree, another one is required to be submitted as the past documents may have been misplaced or lost. Applications will be accepted year round.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

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

## Pokagon students enjoy a good story

Pokagon Band Head Start students traveled to Dowagiac's Beckwith Theater and heard storyteller Tim Lowry of South Carolina perform a variety of interactive children's stories on May 13. The field trip was made possible by the Dogwood Fine Arts Festival, Project LAUNCH, and the Pokagon Band's Early Childhood Education program.



## Want to improve your math Compass test score?

The Pokagon Band Department of Education is looking for 11th and 12th grade students interested in attending a Math Boot Camp at Southwestern Michigan College. Students will attend a six day boot camp which will focus on math concepts and test taking strategies. This boot camp is stress free, student friendly refresher math class taught by SMC instructors that will improve your child's Compass score and expose him or her to a college classroom setting. Students interested in attending should contact Polly Mitchell at polly.mitchell@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4294.

### Another fun kiddie concert planned

Did you and your family have a chance to enjoy Wild Kratts Live! in April? The Early Childhood Education program has more fun to come. Keep an eye out for more details about joining us for The Pop Ups in concert! The Pop Ups (Jason Rabinowitz and Jacob Stein) are a musical duo scheduled to perform in August at Southwestern Michigan College! Check 'em out: [www.thepopups.com](http://www.thepopups.com)

### Summer Dreamcatchers workshops registration open for high school students

Workshop One: Math Boot Camp

The Math Boot Camp is a refresher math class that reviews basic math concepts, teaches test-taking strategies, and prepares students to take the Compass placement test. Boot Camp is designed and led by SMC math instructors. This camp is open to 11th and 12th grade students. Dates of this two week course are June 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, & 25 from 9-11 am.

Workshop Two: Service Learning

The service learning project is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience and teach civic responsibility and strengthen community. In this workshop students will develop and complete a service learning project. Dates: TBA.

Workshop Three: College Visit

Interested in attending college after high school? Consider taking a college visit. College visits are beneficial for college planning and preparation for several reasons. They will help a student make a connection on how certain degrees majors and programs offered at the college can assist them with their career goals. They also provide students with an opportunity to learn about: Campus life, requirements for admission and financial aid. Dates: TBA



Register at <http://www.pokagon.com/government/departments/education/k-12th-grade/dreamcatchers>



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture

## DRUM CLASSES

### South Bend Drum Class

3733 Locust Road  
South Bend, IN 46614  
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

2015

June 3 August 15 October 7  
July 1 September 2 November 4

### Dowagiac Drum Class

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

2015

June 10 August 12 October 14  
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For more information, please contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 or [nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

## Native artist visits One Story community

By John Eby, reprinted from Southwestern Michigan College website



*Editor's note: Mockups were given to community members to decorate as part of the One Story reading project. Art and illustration are a theme in this year's One Story selection *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie.*

Louie Gong didn't mind being called "the Shoe Guy" until he learned it meant "little chicken" in Cantonese.

For the founder of Eighth Generation, eight had been a lucky number in the Chinese language because, when spoken, it sounds like the word for prosperity.

"I'm Chinese, Native, French and Scottish," the Canadian American visual artist said April 14 at Southwestern

Michigan College's Academic Speaker Series in the theatre of the Dale A. Lyons Building on the Dowagiac campus.

Gong, of Seattle, admired Mockups community members created for One Story.

Mockups originated in 2012 as a do-it-yourself art toy based on his work with youth and a desire to make the experience personalizing blank white shoes more accessible.

Last May Eighth Generation launched the Inspired Natives Project, selecting two participants. The Inspired Natives Project is both a business initiative and an educational initiative. By collaborating with select arts entrepreneurs to manufacture products, Gong hopes to expand regional appeal of the Eighth Generation brand while simultaneously increasing arts entrepreneurs' capacity and educating the public about tangible costs of cultural appropriation.

Like Gong a few years ago, they struggled to meet demand with their handmade goods because knowledge about how to develop products based on their art — and capital needed to do so — was largely absent in their communities, so they help each other grow.

Inspired Natives are individuals whose work appears when in-house designers at mainstream companies Google "Native art" for inspiration, with the result more "Native-inspired" goods on the market ultimately squeeze out Native artists.

Born in British Columbia on Aug. 8, 1974, Gong lived with his Chinese grandfather and Native grandmother.

When he was 11, they moved to the Nooksack tribal community near Everson, Wash., where Gong stayed until he finished graduate school.

"I hadn't thought about Vans since eighth grade, when they were the most popular shoe. Everybody had them, it seemed, but me. I was never able to attain them because I grew up poor.

"One night, while watching 'Family Guy,' with the only light in the living room from the TV, I grabbed a pair of plain Vans, put them on my chest while I was lying on the couch and began doodling. I just wanted to express myself in an organic way. When I wore them to Muckleshoot College the next day, people saw them, thought they were 'sick' and wanted to know how to get a pair. My art wasn't very good at that time. They were drawn to the message embedded in the merger of this traditional art form, contemporary influences and the pop culture icon, the Vans."

In his "whirlwind experience" since, Gong exhibited at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and his Facebook fan page reached 70,000.

"More importantly," he said, "I've been able to take this thing I really love doing, which inspires people to go home, look in the mirror and ask, 'Who am I?' and make a sustainable living."

Gong is known for merging traditional Coast Salish art with influences from his urban environment.

Eagles, wolves, frogs and hummingbirds become abstract designs adorning custom shoes.

"Maybe I'm 20 years behind in my exploration because the arts weren't present in the school where I grew up. Or maybe I'm really lucky I didn't find the arts until I was 34 years old," Gong said. "At 34, all of a sudden I had this passion for doing art. The vehicle that made this niche go was 20 years of professional experience. I knew how to manage projects and to talk about my work. I've had this since I was young, but it wasn't nurtured."

The Port Gamble S'klallam Skate Park he designed showed up April 12 in the 2015 World of Red Bull commercial premiered during the MTV Movie Awards.

"When I do projects for women, they expect me to design with flowers, butterflies, pretty things," he said. "I don't think about what other people expect, but the reality of my experience. Women are strong leaders and hungry for products that represent a multi-dimensional view of who they are."

"When you create original art and someone appreciates it, it feels really good," Gong said. "My focus in workshops is creating a positive gateway experience for young people around art and identity."

One Story partners include SMC, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Dowagiac Area History Museum, Dowagiac District Library, Dowagiac Dogwood Fine Arts Festival and Dowagiac Union Schools.

## Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Eva Hoekstra** who answered, "What does not live but can die?" The answer was "battery."

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

**When you went into the woods you got me.**

**You hated me yet you wanted to find me.**

**You went home with me because you couldn't find me.**

**What was I?**

Mail or e-mail your correct answer to [susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto: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 Language & Culture

# DÉMEN GISES june LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 20  
12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Rodgers Lake Pavilion  
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join **Carla Collins** for the June language workshop led by our apprentices teaching what they are currently learning while living with our fluent speakers in Northern Wisconsin.

This event is a pot luck. Please bring a side dish to pass. L&C will provide the entrée and drinks.

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Department of Language & Culture

# ABTÈNIB GISES july LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 25  
12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Rodgers Lake Pavilion  
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join **Kyle Malott** for the June language workshop led by our apprentices teaching what they are currently learning while living with our fluent speakers in Northern Wisconsin.

This event is a pot luck. Please bring a side dish to pass. L&C will provide the entrée and drinks.

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|   | <p>1</p> <p>Body Pump<br/>L&amp;C Elders Language Class<br/>Booty Boot Camp<br/>Fit Kids<br/>Auricular Acupuncture<br/>Zumba<br/>L&amp;C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p>                                      | <p>2</p> <p>Lean Lunch<br/>Fit Kids<br/>L&amp;C Youth After School Program<br/>Red Road to Recovery Group<br/>L&amp;C Dowagiac Language Class<br/>L&amp;C Early Start Language Class</p> | <p>Body Pump<br/>Fit Kids<br/>L&amp;C Hartford Language Class<br/>L&amp;C Gun Lake Youth<br/>Zumba</p>                       |
| <p>7</p> <p>Édawat Garage Sale<br/>MIFO   Mini Olympics</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Body Pump<br/>Summer College Internships begin<br/>L&amp;C Elders Language Class<br/>Booty Boot Camp<br/>Fit Kids<br/>Auricular Acupuncture<br/>Zumba<br/>L&amp;C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Lean Lunch<br/>Fit Kids<br/>Red Road to Recovery Group<br/>L&amp;C Dowagiac Language Class<br/>L&amp;C Early Start Language Class</p>  | <p>Body Pump<br/>Fit Kids<br/>L&amp;C Hartford Language Class<br/>L&amp;C Gun Lake Youth<br/>Zumba</p>                       |
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| <p><b>Culture Camp: grades 6–12</b></p>                     |   |  |  |
| <p>21</p>   | <p>22</p> <p>Body Pump<br/>L&amp;C Elders Language Class<br/>Booty Boot Camp<br/>Fit Kids<br/>Auricular Acupuncture<br/>Zumba<br/>L&amp;C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p>                                     | <p>23</p> <p>Lean Lunch<br/>Fit Kids<br/>Red Road to Recovery Group<br/>L&amp;C Dowagiac Language Class<br/>L&amp;C Early Start Language Class</p>                                       | <p>Body Pump<br/>PHS Healthy Lunch<br/>Fit Kids<br/>Zumba<br/>L&amp;C Hartford Language Class<br/>L&amp;C Gun Lake Youth</p> |
| <p><b>Culture Camp: grades 2–5</b></p>                      |   |  |  |
| <p>28</p>   | <p>29</p> <p>Body Pump<br/>L&amp;C Elders Language Class<br/>Booty Boot Camp<br/>Fit Kids<br/>Auricular Acupuncture<br/>Zumba<br/>L&amp;C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p>                                     | <p>30</p> <p>Lean Lunch<br/>Fit Kids<br/>Red Road to Recovery Group<br/>L&amp;C Dowagiac Language Class<br/>L&amp;C Early Start Language Class</p>                                       | <p>Body Pump<br/>Fit Kids<br/>Zumba<br/>L&amp;C Hartford Language Class<br/>L&amp;C Gun Lake Youth</p>                       |

# June 2015

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| <p>3</p> <p>Language Class<br/>South Language Class</p>                   | <p>4</p> <p>Lean Lunch<br/>EDU Elders E-Reader Workshop<br/>L&amp;C South Bend Language Class<br/>Circuit Training</p>                    | <p>5</p> <p>Body Pump<br/>Édawat Garage Sale<br/>Red Road to Recovery Group<br/>Elder and Child South Bend Cubs Game</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Édawat Garage Sale<br/>Gwikwé'amen: Honoring Our Pokagon Children<br/>Zumba</p> |
| <p>10</p> <p>Language Class<br/>South Language Class</p>                  | <p>11</p> <p>Mishkowze: Cancer Survivors &amp; Men's Health<br/>Lean Lunch<br/>L&amp;C South Bend Language Class<br/>Circuit Training</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Body Pump<br/>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>  | <p>13</p> <p>Tribal Council Meeting<br/>Zumba</p>   |
| <p>17</p> <p>Language Class<br/>South Language Class</p>                  | <p>18</p> <p>Lean Lunch<br/>L&amp;C South Bend Language Class<br/>Circuit Training</p>  | <p>19</p> <p>Body Pump<br/>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>  | <p>20</p> <p>Zumba<br/>Language Workshop<br/>Honoring the Graduates Banquet</p>             |
| <p>24</p> <p>presentation<br/>Language Class<br/>South Language Class</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Lean Lunch<br/>L&amp;C South Bend Language Class<br/>Circuit Training</p>  | <p>26</p> <p>Body Pump<br/>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>  | <p>27</p> <p>Zumba</p>  |
| <p>July 1</p> <p>Language Class<br/>South Language Class</p>              | <p>July 2</p> <p>Lean Lunch<br/>L&amp;C South Bend Language Class<br/>L&amp;C Potawatomi Language Talking Circle<br/>Circuit Training</p> | <p>July 3</p> <p>Tribal Government offices closed in observance of Independence Day</p>                                  | <p>July 4</p> <p>Independence Day</p>   |

## LAUNCH program works for Pokagon kids across departments, *continued from page one*

Several LAUNCH-funded services are now offered via Pokagon Health Services. Behavioral Health counselor Shaun West is certified in Infant Mental Health (see related article from August 2014's *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*), and this credential allows Behavioral Health to see kids under five. Through the Reach Out and Read initiative, PHS health care providers give books to kids when they come in for their annual well child visit.

"This reinforces literacy, which is an indicator of good mental health," said Laraway.

"And reading is a developmental milestone."

LAUNCH funding has also made it possible for PHS to hire an integrative care specialist. This specialist acts as an intermediary for a high-need patient until an appointment can be made with Behavioral Health. This addition earned PHS's clinic the highest distinction of integrative care according to the U.S.'s Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration. Additionally, community health nurses now use LAUNCH funding to promote breast feeding, purchase more breast pumps to loan, and better supply the maternal infant health program.

"LAUNCH funds these programs, and plays a behind the scenes role in helping them administer services," said Laraway.

As for community events, LAUNCH supports many: the annual baby celebrations, the historical trauma community conversations and the literacy event May 16 all promote positive mental health for children and their families. And the Education Department has a staff person focusing on programming for birth to 4th grade, so that service aligns with LAUNCH. The Gwíkwé'amen workshops are a good example of this teamwork.

"We collaborate on a lot," Laraway said. "It's definitely making an impact."

Keep up with all that LAUNCH is planning here: [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/social-services/programs/project-launch](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/social-services/programs/project-launch)

## Pokagon Lego League team celebrates in Schaumburg

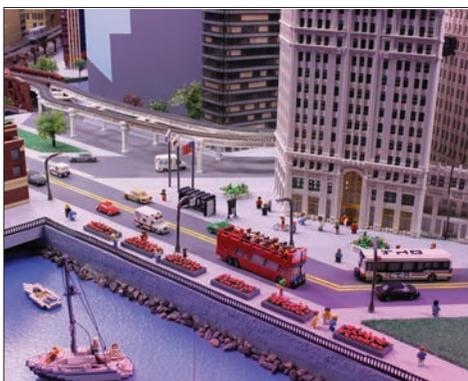
Lego League team members and their families traveled to Schaumburg, Illinois for a fun-filled day April 25. The group boarded the Pokagon Band bus in the early morning. The first stop was lunch at GameWorks restaurant and arcade, followed by LegoLand Discovery Center and gift shop. At the Discovery Center, our young Lego enthusiasts were able to see what cool projects can be made using nothing but Lego blocks. The next stop was the

Woodland Mall Lego Store where the team members spent gift cards on new building kits.

The kids were overflowing with excitement to get home and start playing, but before that could happen, there was one final stop to make: Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament! Everyone enjoyed eating foods from the Middle Ages, such as "dragon wings" directly with their hands...no utensils allowed. As course after course was served, a live tournament of

games played out in the arena. There was jousting, horseback riding, sword fighting, and falconry. The Lego team joined in the revelry as they cheered

for their Yellow Knight to be the victor. It was a happy and tired bunch who pulled into Dowagiac that night- a group of friends brought together by the love of Legos.



## Notice of Open Alternate Position | Election Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens who are interested to fill one Alternate member position on the Election Board. This appointment will be for an approximately four year term that will expire January 31, 2019. The Election Board is a five person Board with two Alternates whose members are appointed by the Tribal Council. The Election Board is responsible for conducting Pokagon Band elections, maintaining a list of registered voters, and reviewing membership petitions, initiatives, and referendums. Alternates are not members of the Election Board, but Alternates do assist the Election Board in fulfilling its responsibilities and attend Election Board meetings. Alternates will be seated and vote in the absence of an Election Board member.

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

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

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** A potential appointee must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will interview potential appointees for the Alternate position, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive such requirement. The Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will interview potential appointees. Prior to any appointment, the Tribal Council will make a determination whether the interested person meets the qualifications required to serve as an Alternate on the Election Board. In order to make this determination, all persons seeking appointment must undergo a limited criminal background check performed by the Pokagon Band Tribal Police to ensure that the candidate meets the qualifications to serve. Thus, all persons interested in appointment must complete an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background. **You must contact Kateri Dayson or Katy Morseau, the Election Clerks, at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475 to obtain an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check Form.**

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Election Board meetings, conduct elections, and perform the business of the Election Board will vary. The Election Board is typically busier during the time leading up to and during the General Election and Elders Election. Additionally, there may be Referendums, Special Elections, Petitions, and Recalls that will require Election Board action. General Elections occur on the second Saturday of July and Elders Council Elections occur on the second Saturday of November. The dates of the Election Board meetings vary, but typically occur after 5:00 PM. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately 10 to 25 hours per month, with the busiest time being the months of May, June, July, September, October, and November.

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

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Alternates are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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

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

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

Email: [Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov)

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

**DEADLINE.** This posting will remain open until filled.

## Notice of Open Positions | Pokagon Promise Committee

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for four (4) Committee member positions on the Pokagon Band Promise Committee (the "Committee"). The Pokagon Promise Committee is responsible for:

- Re-establishing the historical relationship with the University of Notre Dame.
- To assure Potawatomi values are infused in tribal policies and each instructional program offered by the tribe.
- Participate in coordinating efforts of committees, boards and commissions so they match needs and request of Tribal Council.
- Participation in any events or outside meetings with other entities that take place.
- Giving input on decisions made by the Committee

**TIME COMMITMENT.** Committee Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings, which are typically held at 5:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at the Band's administrative offices located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan.

**EDIBILITY.** All persons who wish to serve as a Member of the Committee must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizen; (b) read and review all documents and other information provided to Committee members; (c) attend Committee meetings; (d) actively participate in work of the Committee; (e) provide thoughtful input to the deliberations of the Committee; (f) work towards fulfilling the Committee's purpose and work plan; (g) execute and return to the Tribal Council Chairperson, the Committee Member Commitment Pledge; and (h) Perform such other duties as may be specified by the Committee, required under Pokagon Band Law or as expressly directed by Tribal Council.

**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.

**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.** Terms of office for Board members are three (3) years. There is no limit to the number of terms that a Board Member may serve on the Board..

**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 Pokagon Band's website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances).

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

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

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

Email: [Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov)

**QUESTIONS.** All questions concerning the Committee or this Notice may be directed to Kelly Curran, at (269) 782-6323 or [kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov). Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Board pursuant to any previous posting, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice.

**DEADLINE.** This posting shall remain open until filled.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Pokagon Health Services

## HEALTHY LUNCH

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

All healthy lunch presentations are 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in the kitchen of the Commodities Building

58650 Sink Road  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

The menu for the **June 17 Healthy Lunch is Zucchini Lattas**. Mark your calendar for the next lunches on July 15 and August 19.

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

## Notice of Open Position | Gaming Commissioner

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving as a member of the Pokagon Band Gaming Commission (“Commission”). The Commission is a three person body that is an independent and autonomous political subdivision of the Pokagon Band. The Commission is responsible for ensuring that all gaming activities within the Pokagon Band’s jurisdiction are conducted in conformance with the Pokagon Band Gaming Regulatory Act, the Gaming Compact between the Pokagon Band and the State of Michigan, and the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Additional information regarding the Commission is available on the Band’s website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov).

**ELIGIBILITY.** In addition to the qualifications set forth below, as required by subsection 3.07(b) of the Pokagon Band’s Gaming Regulatory Act, candidates for the Commission shall have experience and training of sufficient scope, depth and relevancy to enable him/her to fulfill his/her duties as shown through at least five (5) years experience in gaming or other regulatory affairs, public accounting or business finance, public or business administration, judicial or dispute resolution services, criminal justice, civil or criminal investigation, or law. A bachelor’s degree in a relevant area of study is required.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Commissioners are appointed by the Tribal Council and serve (3) three year terms of office. A Commissioner must meet all applicable licensing standards under the Gaming Regulatory Act as determined through a comprehensive background investigation to be conducted prior to appointment.

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The Commission typically meets two (2) consecutive days per month (typically Tuesday and Wednesday), primarily during the day at the Commission offices in New Buffalo Township. Additionally, one day per month (typically the Monday before the Tuesday and Wednesday Commission meetings) the Commission also meets with the Tribal Council in Dowagiac, Michigan. Commissioners may spend additional time of approximately 16 hours per month in Commission business outside of meetings.

**STIPEND.** This is not a full time position and Commissioners are not eligible for any Pokagon Band employee benefits. Commissioners are compensated as independent contractors at rates that fall within a grid established by the Tribal Council that ranges from \$1,125 to \$1,250 per meeting day, with one travel day.

**QUALIFICATIONS.** As provided in subsection 3.07(a) of the Band’s Gaming Regulatory Act, no person shall serve on the Commission if that person is:

- (1) Under the age of twenty-one (21);
- (2) A member or officer of the Tribal Council;
- (3) A Judge or employee of the Tribal Court;
- (4) Employed by any Gaming Operation;

- (5) Resides in the same household with a person employed as a Primary Management Official or Key Employee of any Gaming Operation;
- (6) Has a direct or indirect financial interest in the Gaming Operation, including any Management Contractor, or a direct financial interest in any Gaming Supplier. For purposes of this Section, (i) direct financial interest shall not include the right to per capita distributions of Gaming revenues pursuant to the IGRA but shall include direct ownership of stock in a publicly traded company and, (ii) indirect financial interest shall not include ownership of any mutual funds that hold such stock.
- (7) 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 Commission, as determined by the Tribal Council; or
- (8) Unable to establish and maintain eligibility to serve as a Gaming Commissioner under the requirements set forth in this Section.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Gaming Commissioners 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](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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

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

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

Email: [Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov)

As stated above, prior to appointment, a comprehensive background investigation will be conducted by the Tribal Police to determine whether the potential appointee meets all applicable licensing standards under the Gaming Regulatory Act. Therefore, a potential appointee must obtain from, complete, and return to the Tribal Police, all required background investigation forms.

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

**QUESTIONS.** Questions concerning the position and this announcement may be directed to John Roberts, Executive Director of the Commission, at (269) 926-5485.

**DEADLINE.** This posting shall remain open until filled.

## Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* are not original.

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

## Notice of Open Position | Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow Committee

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for two Committee member positions and two (2) alternate positions on the Pokagon Band Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee is responsible for organizing and conducting the annual traditional pow wow on Memorial Day weekend on behalf of the Band.

**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 throughout the year, with additional meetings as needed in the 2 or 3 months prior to the Pow Wow. Committee members are also expected to perform set-up duties prior to the Pow Wow and carry out various duties needed for the Pow Wow throughout the Pow Wow weekend. Committee Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings, which are typically held at the Band's Administration Building located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan.

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

**ELIGIBILITY.** All persons who wish to serve as a Member of the Committee must: have appreciation and respect for the traditions and culture of the Pokagon Band, and should support the continued growth and vitality of the Pokagon Band community.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Committee Members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Committee must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will

review the letters of interest and résumés; provided, however, that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Please note that the Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider appointments to the Committee.

**TERM.** There is no limit to the number of terms a member can serve on the Committee.

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

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

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

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

Email: [Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov)

**DEADLINE.** This posting shall remain open until filled.

**QUESTIONS.** All questions concerning the Committee or this notice maybe directed to Andy Jackson at [andy.jackson@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:andy.jackson@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

## Notice of Open Position | Traditions/Repatriations Committee

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for two (2) Committee member positions and one (1) alternate position on the Pokagon Band Traditions/Repatriation Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee has the responsibility of advising the Band on cultural issues, and for reviewing and acting on repatriation issues on behalf of the Tribe. The Committee works closely with the Department of Language and Culture, and serves as the advisory body to the Pokagon Band Historic Preservation Office (THPO).

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

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

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

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

**TERM.** There is no limit to the number of terms a member can serve on the Committee.

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

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

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

Email: [Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Jessica.Howell@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](mailto:kevin.daugherty@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for one (1) Committee member 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.

## Notice of Open Alternate Position | Enrollment Committee

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Enrollment Committee. There are two seats on the Enrollment Committee that will be available. The Enrollment Committee is a five member Committee. The responsibilities of the Enrollment Committee include, but are not limited to: (a) oversight, review, and recommendations to the Tribal Council on all applications for enrollment, (b) making recommendations to the Tribal Council on enrollment policies, laws, and citizen actions, (c) maintaining the Current Roll, and (d) aiding the Pokagon Band's Enrollment staff in the administration of the Pokagon Band's enrollment laws and procedures.

**ELIGIBILITY.** In order to be eligible for appointment to the Enrollment Committee, one must be a Pokagon Band citizen. Although not required for appointment, the following skills are preferred: (a) detail-oriented, (b) achievement-oriented, (c) ability to work with the highest level of confidentiality and discretion, and (d) have a good knowledge of math fundamentals.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Committee 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.

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Enrollment Committee meetings and perform the business of the Enrollment Committee will vary. Enrollment Committee meetings are typically held in the evening on the second Monday of each month at the Pokagon Band's administrative offices located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan. On average, a Committee member can anticipate a total time commitment of approximately five to ten hours per month.

**COMPENSATION.** Enrollment Committee members are independent contractors and compensated for service to the Enrollment Committee at rates established by the Tribal Council. Currently, Committee members are

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

**TERM.** There is no limit to the number of terms a member can serve on the Committee.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As 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](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances).

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

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

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

Email: [Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov)

**QUESTIONS.** All questions concerning the Committee or this notice maybe directed to Beth Edelberg at [beth.edelberg@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:beth.edelberg@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

**DEADLINE.** This posting shall remain open until filled.

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 Enrollment Committee business, in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

**CONFIDENTIALITY.** Committee members are prohibited from disclosing confidential information.

**TERM.** The term of office for Enrollment Committee members is two years.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Enrollment Committee members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Pokagon Band's website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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

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

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

Email: [Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Jessica.Howell@Pokagonband-nsn.gov)

**QUESTIONS.** If you have questions concerning the Enrollment Committee, please contact the Enrollment Committee Chairperson, Michaelann Gartner, by telephone at (269) 470-6171 or by email at [michaelann.gartner@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:michaelann.gartner@pokagonband-nsn.gov). For additional information about the Enrollment Committee, you may also consult the Band's Enrollment Ordinance, which is posted on the Pokagon Band's website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances).

**DEADLINE.** This posting shall close at 5:00 pm on August 1, 2015.

# Elders Lunch Menu | Démén gises June

## monday

1 **language**

Pork Roast  
Red Potatoes  
Cabbage and Carrots  
Fruit Salad  
Dutch Apple Pie  
Roll

8 **language**

Buffalo Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Corn  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

15 **language**

Beef Pot Pie Topped W/  
Biscuits  
Veggie Tray  
Fresh Fruit  
Rye Bread  
Dessert

22 **language**

Buffalo, Bean, and Rice  
Layered  
Burrito Casserole  
All the Toppings  
Garlic Bread  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

29 **language**

Chef's Choice

## tuesday

2

Fish Fillet  
Spanish Rice  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

9

BBQ Pork Chops  
Baked Potato  
Brussels Sprouts  
Cottage Cheese and  
Pineapple  
Roll and Dessert

16

Salmon  
Brown Rice  
Broccoli  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

23 **wii games**

Brats on a Bun  
Sauerkraut  
Baked Chips  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Dessert

30

Buffalo Tips in Gravy and  
Noodles  
Green Beans  
Coleslaw  
Roll  
Dessert

## wednesday

3

BBQ Chicken  
Potato Wedges  
Corn on the Cob  
Cottage Cheese  
Fruit Cocktail  
Roll

10

Chili Cheese Dogs W/ Bun  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Broccoli and Cauliflower  
Salad  
Jell-O W/ Fruit

17

Buffalo Meatballs in Goulash  
Peas  
Cucumber Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert

24

Chicken Stir Fry over Brown  
Rice  
Garden Salad  
Fortune Cookie  
Roll  
Dessert

## thursday

4 **business meeting**

Grilled Burgers and Dogs  
Baked Beans  
Potato Salad  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Birthday Cake

11

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Asparagus  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

18 **social + craft day**

Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Tri-Blend Vegetables  
Tomato Salad  
Pumpkin Pie  
Roll

25

Beef Roast  
Potatoes  
Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

## friday

5

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

12

Italian Rustic Cod  
Baked Sweet Potato  
Corn  
Coleslaw  
Roll  
Dessert

19

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes  
Mixed Greens  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

26 **a.m. cards + p.m. movie**

Vegetable Soup  
Tuna Fish Croissant  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Berries



Photo by KRoark

# June

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

## Per Capita News

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Are you eligible for certain Michigan tax exemptions?

If you are an enrolled Pokagon citizen, and you live in the tribe's Tax Agreement Area (as is defined in the State Tax Agreement between the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the state of Michigan), then please fill a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Application to see if you are eligible to start receiving these benefits. The application is available online here: [www.pokagonbandnsn.gov/departments/finance/state-tax-agreements](http://www.pokagonbandnsn.gov/departments/finance/state-tax-agreements)

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

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

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

## Per Capita Important Dates

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

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

## Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

## Tribal Council June Calendar of Events

- 1 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 2 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m..
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 22 Tribal offices closed for Memorial Day holiday
- 23 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 22 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 23 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

## Tribal Council July Calendar of Events

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

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

## Can't Get to Elders Council Business Meetings? Participate Via Webcast

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

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

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

## Train Together for the Family Olympics

**What:** Michigan Indian Family Olympics, something for all ages. All Michigan Tribes participate

**When:** leading up to Summer 2015



Participate in three of the training events offered and receive a gift incentive. Involvement in one school sport can substitute for one of the three trainings. These events are open to Native Americans and their families, and Pokagon Band staff and their families.

### Training Schedule

#### April 2015

★ April 16 | Pokagon Health Center | 5:30p.m.–6:30p.m.

#### June 2015 Mini Olympics

June 7 | Rodgers Lake sports court | 2:00p.m.–4:00p.m.



★ new or rescheduled date

4TH ANNUAL

## A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday, July 25, 2015

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Health Services Building



The Department of Health Services and the Department of Education invite you to the fourth 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 PreK–12 Program registration
- Vision & Hearing Screenings
- Smoke House with Local Fire Department
- Ambulance
- Hair Cuts
- Face Painting
- Cultural Craft & Developmental Assessments
- Bounce House
- Massages
- Cultural Teachings
- Health Works! Kohl's Fit Festival
- Sports Physical (First come, first serve, limited space. Bring your schools form)
- Speech Screenings
- Sports Tournaments
- Car Seat Safety
- Dental Check Ups for Children
- Lunch
- Prizes

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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Enrollment  
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Finance  
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Tribal Police  
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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.

## Congratulations Sarah Ballew, '15 University of Michigan graduate!

Sarah earned a bachelors degree with honors in environmental science. She'll be moving to Seattle soon to begin a job as a project coordinator at Envirolssues Inc., a consulting firm creating sustainable infrastructure projects for government and businesses and bridging the gap between firms and the community. At Michigan, Sarah served as co-chair of the Native American Student Association for three years and pow wow chair for two years. Last summer she interned for Colorado Senator Mark Udall and worked on energy, health and women's issues.

Good luck Sarah! Love, your proud Pokagon family



## Barbara Warren receives lifesaving award

On March 22 Barbara Warren was traveling home from the hospital after being seen for a fall. She and her husband Jimmy Ballew saw a woman trying to flag them down before she collapsed. Many people might have continued driving, but they stopped to see if she was ok. Barbara is a former nurse with Emergency Room experience. She was able to keep herself together, provide initial care, contact emergency services, and get the victim to provide vital information all while she was herself medicated from her own injury. L. Paul Bailey, sheriff of Berrien County, Michigan cited and commended Warren for her outstanding action in an emergency, and presented her with an award May 7 at the Berrien County Commissioners meeting.



## Congratulations Shanta Wesaw-Clark

Physician Assistant Program  
Northwestern University Chicago  
Feinberg School of Medicine Class of 2015

And thank you, Michael Clark  
For supporting and believing in her.

Love,  
Dad and Mom



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Social Services

# Mom to Mom SALE

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

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

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

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

## Happy 21st Birthday Bradley Keith Piper

Love,  
your family!!



## In memory of Duane Allen Matlack

April 12, 1981–May 2, 2015

Son of Brenda Reynolds and grandson of Dorothy Hiler Reynolds

