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Four Winds South Bend honored at Chamber Salute to Business event



The South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce awarded Four Winds South Bend and the Pokagon Band the Economic Impact Award at its annual Salute to Business awards luncheon Tuesday, February 12. The event celebrates two businesses and three individuals who demonstrate leadership and make an economic impact in St. Joseph County, Indiana. A sold-out record crowd just shy of 1,000 people jammed into the South Bend Century Center to recognize award recipients and listen to a conversation with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, moderated by Chamber President and CEO Jeff Rea.

Holcomb spoke about his Next Level Agenda, which included discussion on economic development and teacher pay raises. In addition to the conversation with the governor, Alex Wesaw, acting Tribal Council treasurer, accepted the award on behalf of the Pokagon Band and Four Winds.

“This land has always been our home. In fact, you could say that the Pokagon Potawatomi people were the first economic drivers of this area, building villages along the St. Joseph River, trading, and establishing relationships with some visitors who went on to create other community institutions,” said Wesaw, during his remarks following the award. “Because of our heritage, giving back and being good neighbors is important to us.”



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Jim Thunder shares winter stories with community

Pokagon community and friends gathered inside the Language and Culture building to hear the old Potawatomi winter stories spoken by fluent Potawatomi speaker, Jim Thunder Sr., who traveled from northern Wisconsin. The old stories, which have been passed down for decades and shared between generations, are only spoken when the snow has settled upon Gokmeskinan (our grandmother the earth).

It is storytelling and the togetherness of friends and family that ensures a community is warm through the long, cold winter months. Stories that Jim shared included Why the Rabbit Has a Short Tail, The Beautiful Woman and the Frogs, Why the Raccoon Has Dark Eyes, and more. Migwetth to Jim Thunder Sr. and Colin Wesaw for sharing these stories with us.



Meet the Pokagon Band Gaming Commission



From left to right: Cassie Alley, Richard Klemm, Bruce Molnar, Charles LaBoy

The Pokagon Band Gaming Commission (PBGC) is an autonomous governmental subdivision of the tribe. It is the Commission's responsibility to regulate all gaming conducted on tribal land and to regulate alcohol at all properties, including the Bent Tree Market. Its duty is to ensure that all gaming conducted within the tribe's sovereign land is conducted in compliance with the Pokagon Band Gaming Regulatory Act, the Regulations, the Compact, the National Indian Gaming Regulatory

Act, regulations promulgated by the National Indian Gaming Commission and other applicable tribal and federal laws.

The PBGC's primary office and hearing room are in the HR building at the New Buffalo casino property. It also has a small office within each casino property which house the inspectors assigned to those facilities.

The Commission employs 46 people and are proud that 31 percent of them are tribal citizens. Tribal Council appoints three Commissioners to three-year staggered terms to oversee the PBGC. All three of our current Commissioners are Pokagon citizens. They are Chairman Richard Klemm, Vice-Chair Cassie Alley,

and Commissioner Bruce Molnar. The PBGC executive director, Charles LaBoy, is responsible for day-to-day oversight of the Commission. Executive Director LaBoy supervises the five divisions within the Commission. They are:

- Administration provides support to the PBGC staff and ensures efficient Commission operations.
- Audit provides effective monitoring of the daily casino operations to ensure integrity and compliance with laws and regulations.
- Licensing & Investigation investigates Pokagon gaming establishments for licensing purposes and employee and supplier candidates to ensure that the casino hires staff and vendors with veracity and honesty. They also investigate violations of regulatory laws and regulations.
- Compliance & Enforcement provides continuous monitoring of casino operations. They are present during significantly sensitive shipments such as gaming machines and have many other responsibilities to ensure safety of the employees and the integrity of operations.
- Gaming Technology provides network security, external communication security, periodic computer safety training, and updates staff on the latest developments concerning gaming technology, computer equipment, and related security matters.

Proper regulation of gaming is essential to ensure that gaming is conducted honestly and free from unlawful conduct and corruptive elements. It is the mission of the PBGC to protect tribal assets and ensure the integrity of the gaming enterprise through effective regulation and the practice of the Seven Grandfather teachings.

Tribal Police lead safety drills

Active shooter training on tribal land involves government and Four Winds



Part of the Pokagon Tribal Police Department's mission is to keep Pokagon land and the people on it safe. That has meant organizing active shooter training and drills: during the last year government staff have participated in active shooter training with Lt. Ben

Graves, a firearms and active shooter trainer. And the security team at Four Winds mandates that Lt. Graves conduct active shooter training with them once a year.

After construction on Four Winds South Bend finished, Pokagon Tribal Police took the opportunity in the empty, still unopened space to conduct an active shooter drill with St. Joseph County and South Bend police departments. Then, to involve casino team members, Tribal Police Officers suggested that the Four Winds HR building was a good spot for a staff training, since it wouldn't affect guest experience.

"We planned this over the course of three months with casino security, HR, risk management, surveillance, and Tribal Police," said Lt. Graves. "We laid all the details out to the team."

Detective Lt. Steve Rider mapped out much of the planning and detail for the event. Leading up to the drill, the Four Winds HR department announced the event to all employees and invited volunteers from other departments to participate or observe. The day of the simulation, Friday, January 25, Lt. Graves conducted a two-hour active shooter training for 70 staff members. He then explained to the group the aspects of the drill they'd participate in next.

"I told the participants to pretend like you're at work, and when the shooter comes in, have a plan and test if your plan works," he said.

"Afterward we got together as a group and discussed what we saw, what we learned, what we experienced. After lunch we did a second scenario and debriefed those lessons learned and listened to employees' ideas for expanding different security measures.

"It went very well," Lt. Graves said. "We did scenarios with two different approaches, entries, police responses, and conclusions. And like every time I've done this, people were nervous at the beginning, but afterward were begging for more training and information."

"Our main learning objective was to ensure our staff was aware of their surroundings and they knew the appropriate actions to take, in case of an active threat situation," said Torie Winchester, Four Winds HR vice-president. "Our staff felt comfortable with the trainer and now feel that they are more conscious of their surroundings. We feel that the training was an overall success and brought heightened awareness to staff in the event of a potentially dangerous situation."

In the future, Lt. Graves hopes to see staff participating in table top exercises, including responding to incidents, setting up incident command centers, and working from the crisis simulation through returning to normal operations.

"This activity really exemplified how the government and casino can work together to make all our properties safe," he said.



Additional gas station available for tax exempt fuel sales to citizens

The Keeler Super Store Gas Station now offers fuel discounts for Pokagon citizens. It is located at 84060 County Road 687, Hartford, Michigan. Stay tuned for another announcement soon about a station in Edwardsburg that will be offering motor fuel discounts to tribal citizens.

Mno-Bmadsen acquires Enmark Tool & Gage

Investment firm continues to build its manufacturing portfolio

Mno Bmadsen, the non-gaming investment arm of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, has acquired a majority stake in Enmark Tool & Gage. The deal closed on February 1.



Enmark is a leading provider of precision machining services focused on large, highly-complex parts and components for an array of sectors. The company serves blue chip customers in the aerospace, automotive, defense and machine tool industries worldwide.

"Enmark's expertise in precision machining of large, high-geometric dimensioning and tolerance components and assemblies fit seamlessly into our manufacturing portfolio known as Mno-DREK," says Dave Razzano, chief executive officer of the group. "Enmark makes

both new and replacement parts, as well as refurbishes and rebuilds entire sub-assemblies, thus enabling the company to service all of the components through the entire lifecycle of the end product."

Enmark is a third-generation family-owned business that was founded in 1951. Today, operations of the company are executed by brothers Gary and John Enmark out of the Fraser, Michigan headquarters. Gary and John took over



the business in the early 1970s and have overseen significant expansion since then, including a dramatic transition to larger, value-added machined components from gages and fixtures, and completing the facility expansion that boasts a climate-controlled 44,000-square foot factory poised to manage further growth.

"The investments we have completed during the last several years have positioned

Enmark for continued progress with both existing accounts and new accounts," says Gary Enmark, president of Enmark. "We are honored to partner with Mno-Bmadsen as Enmark joins the family of companies and takes its next step in its evolution."

Plans for Enmark include Gary and John continuing to operate the company for the next three years, ensuring business-as-usual, continuity and a seamless transition when Mno-Bmadsen takes over day-to-day management of the company through Mno-DREK.

"Our investment in Enmark further expands our fast-growing manufacturing portfolio in a successful and strategically-located business in the Detroit metro area," says Troy Clay, Mno-Bmadsen president and chief executive officer. "As a tribally-owned business, Enmark, like all our family of companies, enjoys significant tax advantages in the form of United States government privileges, immunities, and rights expressly granted through the Mno-Bmadsen charter. This is a major economic advantage to working with Mno-Bmadsen that other bidding companies cannot offer."

Mno-Bmadsen is the non-gaming investment arm of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This independently managed instrumentality was launched in 2012 with the mandate to diversify the Tribe's business interests, revenue streams and wealth for future generations. Headquartered in Dowagiac, Michigan, Mno-Bmadsen's key strategic investment goals are to buy, hold, and grow its portfolios, which currently are services, manufacturing, and real estate. To learn more, please visit www.Mno-Bmadsen.com.

Mno-DREK is a leading manufacturing holding company in the Midwestern United States. Founded in 2017 through the partnership between Mno-Bmadsen and DREK Holdings, Mno-DREK's portfolio is comprised of Michiana Global Mold, Accu-Mold, and Enmark Tool & Gage. The company is based in Mishawaka, IN.

Pokagon youth learns to walk again



In October of 2016, citizen Caiden Baxter called his mom on a friend's phone and said, "I am paralyzed from the waist down." His mom thought it was a joke at first, but he assured her he was serious. Caiden's life changed in an instant. He was driving a four-wheeler with a friend, and suddenly he crashed and the vehicle landed on top of him. He was paralyzed, but

after two and a half years of pushing his limits, his life is changing yet again.

In the moments after the crash, Caiden reached into his pocket for his phone, and he knew he was paralyzed because he couldn't feel his hand touch his leg. He says he pushed past fear to focus on getting help.

Medics airlifted Caiden to the intensive care unit in Indianapolis, and there he began his long recovery. Caiden's doctor explained to Caiden's mom, Lori Baxter, that the odds of Caiden ever walking again was one in five, then he asked her if she understood. Lori said, "Yes, you just told me my son is the one in five." She said she knew her son and that he wouldn't settle for just walking "household distances." She was right.

Caiden kept pushing. Any exercise sequence the physical trainer showed, Caiden doubled the reps. He says he kept positive and never settled for the easiest option. Lori says she pushed him to do more than the doctors said that he could, and in each check-up, he surprised his doctors and exceeded their expectations for what was possible.

"It's a lot easier to keep pushing forward when you know you have a lot of people there to support you and who are just as excited for your recovery as you are," Caiden said.

Caiden was bedridden, then confined to a wheelchair, then up with a walker, then with crutches, and now, he uses a single crutch to stabilize himself.

Caiden looked to mentors like Dr. Feranmi Okanlami, who at the time coached the local River City Rollers, a wheelchair basketball team, then inspired Caiden to follow him to California to participate in Project Walk, an activity-based rehab facility.



Now, people are reaching out to Caiden for inspiration and help, like one man on Instagram who fell down the stairs and joked his biggest regret was that he didn't have a good story to tell about his injury like a four-wheeler accident, but who ultimately benefitted from talking with a fellow fighter.

Caiden's next goal is to walk without leg braces as he finishes his last year of high school and looks toward college, where he plans to major in pre-med to become a doctor, himself.



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Join us for a Community Mini Pow Wow

Nim'édiwen – pow wow/dance

Saturday, April 6 • Pokagon Band Community Center • 12:00 p.m.



HOST DRUM
RIBBON TOWN
SINGERS

HEAD MALE
TODD MILLER

HEAD FEMALE
AMANDA GALVAN

HEAD JR. MALE
ZACHERIA SALANO

HEAD JR. FEMALE
SYDNEY OLSON

HEAD VETERAN
DALE ANDERSON

Grand Entry at 12:00 p.m. • Feast at 6:00 p.m.

Limited Vendor Spaces Available

Doors Open at 11:00 am

All singers and dancers welcome.

If you have any questions, please call (269) 462-4325 or email Youth.Council@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Hosted by the Pokagon Band Native Nations Youth Council

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Discover something new!

Don't miss your chance

to reserve a Discovery Kit, available for all Pokagon youth, under the age of 17 (by May 2019), who have a 2018–2019 Educational Records Release on file. Discovery Kits are an age-appropriate assortment of games, activities, and toys that keep youth engaged during summer months. Kits are educational, focusing on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) subjects.

Register Search "**Discovery Kit 2019**" on pokagonband-nsn.gov

April 30 is the online application deadline.

If you live 50 miles or more from our Rodgers Lake campus, we will mail you your kit. All others must pick them up between June 3–28 at the Department of Education, Monday–Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Are You Ready to Refinance Your Auto Loan?



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When you borrow money to buy a car, your auto loan isn't a life sentence. You can potentially save money with a better loan, so it's always worth evaluating whether refinancing makes sense.

Refinancing a car means a new loan is used to pay off an existing one, with the vehicle as collateral. A refinanced auto loan might lower your monthly car payment because of a lower interest rate or a longer loan term, or both.

Three Potential Outcomes of Refinancing an Auto Loan

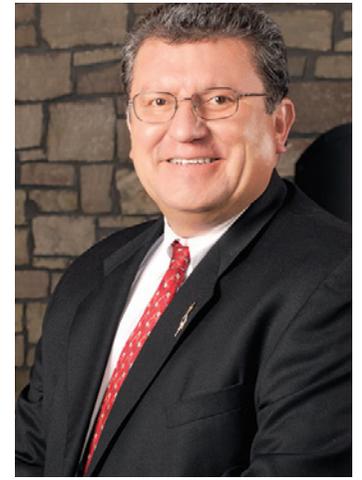
- 1. Lower monthly payment** A lower payment could result from dropping the interest rate, extending the duration of the loan, or both.
- 2. Lower interest rate** When a refinanced loan comes with a lower rate than the current note, it may reduce the total interest paid over the life of the loan, in cases where the term is not extended or extended by much. Interest rates will vary according to the lender, market rates and factors like a borrower's credit score.
- 3. Different loan duration** *Longer* - Extending the loan term means the loan amount will be paid back over a greater period of time, reducing the monthly payment needed to meet that sum. However, it might also mean you end up paying more for your car in total, including interest, by the end. *Shorter* - A loan can also be refinanced to shorten the term, such as when a borrower is seeking to pay off the debt more quickly and save. Depending on the interest rate, a shorter loan may raise the monthly payment but reduce the total interest paid.

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Chairman's Corner

Let me begin by saying this will be one of my shorter articles. It is 4 a.m., five hours before my article is due to Communications, and I am sitting in a hotel room in Indianapolis trying to meet my obligations. The weather has had a significant impact on our ability to get some things done, and I feel somewhat behind. Having said that, I wish to recognize a number of our staff and leadership teams who continued to provide services to our citizens despite the polar vortex temperatures. Our Tribal Police never had a break. They needed to be ready to respond to the call. Thank you all for your service and willingness to step up. In addition to the obvious, we had staff from Facilities and Housing who had significant responsibilities to clear buildings and property of snow and ice to keep our citizens safe. Thanks to those who checked on our elders to make sure they were taken care of, and that includes tribal citizens who took it upon themselves to make welfare checks too. We also had staff from our clinic and pharmacy who braved the weather and roads to make sure our people did not run out of their prescription medication. I know there were others, but I wanted to recognize the dedication and commitment of our employees who did not hesitate to help. If you are part of that group, chi migwetth you for your service.



The weather has placed Council behind in some of our goals and it has made recent meetings a bit longer than normal, but I want to thank them for their commitment. We are shorthanded, but things are moving along, and our ability to work more closely together is improving. I would credit our recent leadership/teambuilding training with helping us foster that change. Dr. Karen Goodnight, of Goodnight Consulting, a Native firm, did a wonderful job in leading us in training on the book *Five Dysfunctions of a Team*. We will be scheduling some follow-up training with her, and I look forward to developing a better team philosophy while Council members are still able to focus and support their issues of priority.

The feasibility study that we authorized this past fall is completed and the PGA has begun the process of reviewing options. I look forward to the time we can share the study with our citizens as we study how/when we can move forward. This will be communicated as soon as we can prepare a schedule.

We are moving forward with two issues that have been discussed recently. One is to put in place a workgroup to evaluate (we have done it once before) the viability of separating the Pokagon Gaming Authority from the Tribal Council. The research hopefully will determine if this is feasible and what, if any, constitutional changes may be necessary. The second is a thorough outside evaluation of our efficiencies in both our government and our casino properties. We have never undertaken this type of review before, and this will identify how we use our employees and finances. I firmly believe this is something that should be a regular process. It is important for us to be as fiscally responsible as possible. Without understanding how efficient we are with our employees and money, how can we determine our effectiveness? This is not an audit but a review of our processes to find out if they are efficient.

I encourage you to continue to bring your ideas to the meetings, or you can also schedule a meeting; my door is always open, and my phone is always on. I return all my phone calls. I take all input seriously, and I hope it continues.

Thanks,

Department of Language & Culture

Pokagon Band Lacrosse Team

April 10 through May 15, 2019
Wednesdays | 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Pokagon Community Center

Team meeting/meet Coach Tyler Nunez
March 27, 2019 | 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Pokagon Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Youth are invited to join the team. Equipment will be provided and is required to be worn during practices. **However, participants must provide and wear their own mouth guard.** For more information, contact Daniel Stohrer at (269) 462-4225.



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Kë Wzhetomen Mizhathëwen (let's make regalia) is still open to participants

This year's Regalia Class is teaching a group of citizens to design and create their own regalia. You can still come to the March, April, and May classes and create a ribbon skirt.

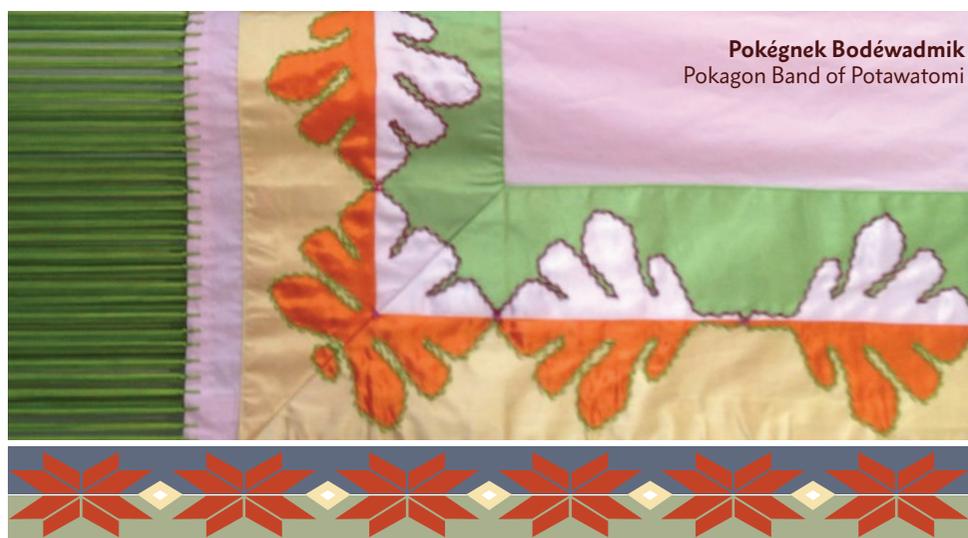
March	April	May
Sunday, March 10	Sunday, April 7	Sunday, May 5
Sunday, March 24	Sunday, April 28	Sunday, May 19 (last class potluck and feast)



HEAP - Higher Education Assistance Program deadline is August 1



This year, the Department of Education will require all applicants to complete and submit all HEAP program forms before the deadline of August 1. Beginning with the Fall 2019 term, this application deadline will be strictly enforced, and no funding will be considered after that date. Make plans now to get your application forms in with plenty of time to spare! Call Education at (269) 782-0887 with any questions.



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Regalia Workshop

This year the regalia workshops will focus on sewing, applique, ribbon work, making traditional regalia and traditional ceremony clothing. We have a limited supply of sewing machines, irons, and materials. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own sewing machines and materials if they have it. There will be instructors available to help with sewing and measuring to make patterns. New this year: Track 1 is for people who just want to make ribbon skirts or camp dresses and Track 2 for the returning participants who have already made those pieces.

No RSVP needed. We hope to see you there. Meals are potluck, please bring a dish to pass.

January	March	May
Sunday, January 13 Sunday, January 27	Sunday, March 10 Sunday, March 24	Sunday, May 5 Sunday, May 19 (last class potluck and feast)
February	April	
Sunday, February 3 Sunday, February 24	Sunday, April 7 Sunday, April 28	

All classes are 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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If you have any questions, please contact Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or Nicole Holloway at (269) 783-3513 or email her at nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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



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Selfie Scavenger Hunt

Kids of all ages: choose one of the favorite adults in your life (grandparent, parent, teacher, etc.) and ask them to team up with you for a scavenger hunt that will take you on an adventure all through Dowagiac. Your adventure will lead to a prize at the end for everyone participating. Dress for the weather!

Pre-registration is highly recommended since participation is limited. RSVP online before March 29. Search "Local Library" on www.pokagonband-nsn.gov to register.

MONDAY **APRIL 1** 10:00 AM
Dowagiac District Library 211 Commercial Street



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

Don't miss the Michigan Indian Elders Association Student Incentive Program

Every year the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) recognizes students in first through 12th grade who achieve perfect attendance and students with straight A's in fourth through 12th grade. The student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight A's for both marking periods.

The Pokagon Band Elders Council will again this year match each Pokagon student's awards from the Michigan Indian Elders Association. Applications are now available on the Michigan Elders Association website (www.michiganindianelders.org/student.php), or you can pick up an application at the Education Department in the Administration Building, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, Mich.

A parent must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program application for the student to qualify for award. The deadline is March 15 at 5:00 p.m. Address to mail application is on the form, and results will be announced in April at the MIEA conference.



Do you have old family photos that you would like digitized?

The Department of Language and Culture is looking for old photos of Pokagon families to add to the Pokagon Language, History, and Culture Archives. Select photos may be placed for display in local museums, tribal government buildings, or other places as well as uploaded online at Wiwkwébhègen (www.pokagon.libraries.wsu.edu). If you are interested, please contact Blaire Topash-Caldwell at the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 782-4882. Appointments can be made with Blaire to have the photos digitized on site at L&C as well as have your digitizations copied to a CD for your personal use.

Take someone on a life-long learning adventure. Be a Tutor.

To assist eligible students, elders, and Four Winds employees, the Pokagon Band Department of Education offers tutoring in a variety of subject areas. For more information, see the Tutoring Program flyer below or visit the Pokagon Band website and enter Tutoring in the search bar.

The Department of Education is looking for tutors, especially those with higher level math and science skills. Tutors who are Pokagon citizens qualify for the Pokagon Preference. For more information, please call Kristie Bussler at (269) 462-4222.

If you or your child have used tutoring services and would like to share a success story, we would love to hear about it. Feel free to send photos, too. We look forward to celebrating your success with you! Send stories and photos to Kristie.Bussler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Kë Nadmadmen Let's Help Each Other Department of Education Tutoring Program

Student Eligibility Requirements

- Pokagon citizens in Pre-Kindergarten–12th Grade
- Pokagon citizens working toward a GED
- Pokagon Elders ages 55 and over
- Four Winds employees (Pokagon citizens and spouses or custodial parents of Pokagon citizens) wanting to improve and refine academic skills
- Four Winds employees (Pokagon citizens and spouses or custodial parents of Pokagon citizens) working toward a GED

Tutoring Options

AUXILIARY TUTOR
Certified teacher (individual with a current teaching certificate) or
Individual with Bachelor's Degree with academic area of focus or
College student currently enrolled in Bachelor's Degree program and has successfully completed 60 or more credits
Pay for Auxiliary Tutors is \$40 per one-hour tutoring session

ACCREDITED LEARNING CENTER
Facilities which employ certified teachers or certified tutors to work with students on core academic areas, study skills, or test preparation

Program Funds
\$2,500 per School Year

Time Frame
August 1 – July 31

For more information, please contact Kristie Bussler at (269) 462-4222 or Kristie.Bussler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov.



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January 11 + 18 | February 8 + 15 | March 15 + 29
10AM–4PM Community Center [27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac]

Gather with women in the community to participate in craft and sewing activities while learning about building healthy relationships with yourself and others.

Space is limited to the first 15 women who register, and we ask that you attend each session. Please bring a dish to pass and a craft activity to share and wear comfortable clothing.

Registration is available on the Pokagon Band website or by calling (269) 462-4324. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or Casey.Kasper@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

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Nëm'e gizhëk SUNDAY	Ngot gizhëk MONDAY	Nizh gizhëk TUESDAY	Aptë gizhëk WEDNESDAY
3	4 Open L&C Language Class Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Auricular Acupuncture L&C Znëget 1 + 3, Beginner & Kids Language Classes Beginners Yoga Zumba	5 Big Kids Language Class L&C Dowagiac Language Class Tone Up! Family Fitness Class	Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Neshnabé Mbokén L&C Znëget 2
Regalia Class 10	11 Open L&C Language Class Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Auricular Acupuncture L&C Znëget 1 + 3, Beginner & Kids Language Classes Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Systems Training Beginners Yoga Zumba	12 Big Kids Language Class L&C Dowagiac Language Class Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Systems Training Tone Up! Family Fitness Class	Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training L&C Znëget 2 Drum Class
17	18 Open L&C Language Class Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Auricular Acupuncture L&C Znëget 1 + 3, Beginner & Kids Language Classes Beginners Yoga Zumba	19 Big Kids Language Class L&C Dowagiac Language Class Tone Up! Family Fitness Class	Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training L&C Znëget 2 Archives Open House
Regalia Class 24	25 Open L&C Language Class Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Auricular Acupuncture L&C Znëget 1 + 3, Beginner & Kids Language Classes Beginners Yoga Zumba	26 Big Kids Language Class L&C Dowagiac Language Class Tone Up! Family Fitness Class	Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Pokagon Band Lacrosse Meet the Coach L&C Znëget 2

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WEDNESDAY	Nyéw gízhèk THURSDAY	Nyano gízhèk FRIDAY	Odankè gízhèk SATURDAY
		1 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Wild "Game" Night	2
Illness 6	7 Gwikwé'amen Literacy Event Indigenous Film Screening L&C South Bend Language Class L&C Potawatomi 201	8 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness	9
Illness 13	14 Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Systems Training L&C South Bend Language Class Drum Class L&C Potawatomi 201	15 Kwéwèk Gízhèk Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness	16 Community Talent Show
Illness 20	21 Débénwéthèk Parent Group Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class L&C Potawatomi 201	22 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness	23 Annual Meeting
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Please check the website for the latest updates on any cancellations due to inclement weather. Visit www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov/calendar or call (800) 517-0777 for more details on these events.

Pokagon Land Use Board begins land classification project

As required by the Pokagon Band Constitution, the Pokagon Band Land Use Board, supported by the Community Development team, has initiated the Pokagon lands classification project. The goal is developing recommended classifications for the more than 6,500 acres of tribal land for Tribal Council consideration by June 2019.

These classifications, which include commercial, non-commercial, and land preserves, will establish land use planning in the best interest of the Band and for future generations. They will also inform the development of the constitutionally-required land plan. This plan guides future growth and establishes goals and priorities for the use of tribal land and resources.

For further information on the land classification project, including citizen participation opportunities, please contact Tribal Planner Robert Torzynski at (269) 462-0688.

Compete in the Wellness Center's Indoor Triathlon



Come into the Wellness Center between March 1–30 to compete in their indoor triathlon. You will have 70 nonstop minutes to complete the following: 10-minute swim, 30-minute bike ride and a 20-minute walk/jog/run. Top three finishers in each age category are awarded medals and prizes. Five age categories per gender.

The winner will be the individual who completes the 10-minute swim and then goes the furthest combined distance on the bicycle and treadmill. Clydesdale participants (225+ lbs. male and 185+ lbs. female) may choose either the recumbent bicycle or upright bicycle, all other participants will use the upright bicycle.

Complete rules and scorecards are available at the Wellness Center. Please see a member of the Wellness Center staff with any questions or concerns.

November 1st 2018 through April 1st 2019

Pokagon Band Elders

SNOW REMOVAL REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip Code: _____

Phone No: _____ Tribal ID: _____

THIRD PARTY SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip Code: _____

Phone No: _____ Business Name: _____

Pokagon Band Elders anywhere in the U.S may be reimbursed for snow removal services provided to their residence by third party service providers. The maximum reimbursement for any one of snow removal is \$25 per household and the maximum reimbursement an Elder may receive over the entire season is \$175 per household.

You are responsible for finding your own third party snow removal service provider. You will not be reimbursed if you are the person who remove snow from your own driveway. Except for those residing at Phase II (Rent to Own), those residing at Pokagon Band Housing are eligible for reimbursement, as the Pokagon Band already provides snow removal.

To be eligible for reimbursement, you must complete and return this application. Additionally, you must include the invoice(s) or receipt(s) from third party service provider. All invoices or receipts must be from the third party service provider and not the Elder. We may contact your third party snow removal provider for verification. Incomplete applications, applications without invoice(s)/receipt(s), and applications received after April 15th 2018 will not be processed.

The completed application with accompanying invoice(s)/receipt(s) must be returned to:

Elders Council / P.O.Box 180 Dowagiac Michigan 49047. Any questions call Elders Hall

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

By my signing below, I certify that all information provided on this application is true/correct.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Know how to safely dispose of medication

Bring unwanted medications to PHS for proper, safe disposal

U.S. waterways are monitored for nearly 80 harmful substances to ensure water is clean and safe for Americans. Some prohibited materials include bacteria, viruses, pesticides and metals, all of which gets extracted and/or treated in water treatment plants prior to arriving into homes and businesses.

Unfortunately, a worrisome item that sewage treatment plants cannot remove from the water are pharmaceutical substances. Some of this is uncontrollable and enters the sewage system in the form of human waste or medicated ointments washed off in the shower. However, most medicines entering the waterways are from leftover and expired medications flushed down the toilet. A study conducted by Harvard Medical School estimates that nearly 50 percent of all medications (over the counter and prescription) are discarded this way.

To protect Mother Earth, we need to limit the amount of medication flushed into waterways. The best way to discard of unused or expired medication is to bring them to PHS Pharmacy or drop the medication into the Red Med Box in the PHS rotunda. A third option would be to dissolve any medication in a small amount of water then dump the dissolved contents into kitty litter or coffee grounds and throw in the regular trash.

Please never put medications down the sink or the toilet; both contaminate the waterways.



POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES
WELLNESS CENTER

FAMILY FITNESS CLASS



WHO
Families with children (any age)

WHAT
60 minutes of activity

WHEN
Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
beginning March 5

HOW
Structured exercise classes for
both parents and their children

WHERE
Parents will be in the Wellness Center
and Youth in the Multipurpose room

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What's that Invasive Species? Circular Hemlock Scale or Shortneedle Conifer Scale (*Dynaspidotus (Nuculaspis) tsugae*)



The Circular Hemlock Scale also known as the Shortneedle Conifer Scale (CHS; *Dynaspidotus (Nuculaspis) tsugae*) is an invasive armored scale insect, native to Japan, that negatively affects trees in the pine family including eastern hemlock, spruces, and firs. CHS has been identified as being found in the same areas as the hemlock woolly adelgid and the elongate hemlock scale,

both being invasive hemlock pests, so they may be spread at the same time if hemlock products are moved. The circular hemlock scale female is 1 to 1.3mm in length and, when found, is on the underside of the hemlock needle. The scales are tan to brown in color with females being circular in shape while males are more oval shaped. The center of the scale is pointed and lighter in color. Dispersal to new trees usually occurs in the nymph stage where the winds and animals (mainly birds) disperse them. However, CHS can be spread by moving infected tree parts to new locations, as seen in recently due to infected Christmas wreaths. CHS populations build on trees and feed on the hemlock with piercing mouthparts resulting in dead and dying needles and branches which eventually leads to the tree's death. There are a few native ladybeetles that prey on the scale, but not enough to reduce populations. Mechanical removal of trees or targeted pesticide treatment may be necessary to reduce populations and prevent them from spreading. Once established in forests, this insect is difficult to remove and control, however, ornamental infestations may be better controlled by applying horticultural oils. If you believe you have identified circular hemlock scale on tribal properties, please take pictures and report the location to the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources at 269-782-9602.

What's that Edible/Medicinal Species? Jack Pine (*Pinus banksiana*)



Jack Pine (*Pinus banksiana*) is a species of evergreen tree that is found along the western shorelines of Michigan as well as in the northern half of the lower peninsula and the upper peninsula. Jack pines are usually small to medium sized trees that prefer dry, sandy, or rocky sites. These trees prefer open and sunny habitats. Jack pine forests are planted and heavily managed in

many areas in Michigan to help with species recovery of the Kirtland's warbler. Jack Pine can be identified by their needles occurring in clusters of two that are 1 to 2 inches in length. Jack pine cones are specially adapted to fire landscapes, where some of them remain closed and on the tree for up to 20 years or until a fire dissolves the resin and opens the cone. Other cones on the tree develop and produce seed during their second year. Although these cones produce seed, the open cone can still be found on the tree for years. The ever-present cones, the location, and the smaller size of the tree are the main identifying characteristics. The parts of the jack pine that are utilized for edible or medicinal use are the cones, needles, inner bark and pitch. The young cones can be cooked and eaten. The needles are utilized for use in tea. The inner bark can be used in survival situations and eaten raw or dried and pound into a powder for use as a thickening agent. Pitch can be boiled off the cones and used as an external ointment. Historical uses were for fighting colds or respiratory complaints and as an antiseptic or diuretic. When gathering any wild edibles, be sure to leave behind enough for the next generation, utilize whatever you harvest and only harvest what you need and will use. As with any new edible or medicinal, ensure that you have a positive identification before use and utilize the plant in small quantities at first to make sure there are no allergic reactions.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Gwikwé'amen Literacy Event

Thursday, March 7
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Zagbëgon Academy



READING IS FUN

BOOK FAIR

DISCOVER NEW STORIES



FAMILY READING



Pop by Zagbëgon Academy for a literacy event
featuring book fair services and more!

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Prizes • Fun Family Event • Food

FAMILY FISHING DAY

AT RODGERS LAKE, DOWAGIAC, MI

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 | 8:00AM-1:00PM

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M. | FISHING 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

- Pre-registration is preferred. Individuals who need boats, canoes, or fishing accessories need to register before the event
- You must wear a life jacket! No exceptions.
- Limited number of boats and canoes. To pre-register, search "Family Fishing 2019" on pokagonband-nsn.gov.
- You may use your own boat but the gas tank must be removed. Please note, the launch is rustic. Limit to 14-foot boats.
- Fishing poles and bait available. Participants must have a valid tribal fishing license in order to participate.
- Lunch is provided.
- Prizes!

GRAND PRIZE: CHARTER FISHING TRIP FOR 4 ON LAKE MICHIGAN

For more information, contact DNR at DNR@PokagonBand-nsn.gov
or (269) 782-9602.

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monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

march



1

Pork Steak
Baked Potato
French Style Green Beans
Garden Salad
Apple Crisp
Whole Grain Roll

8

Pizza Day

15

Corned Beef
Red Potatoes
Cabbage, Onions, Carrots
Spinach Salad
Rye Bread
Green Jell-O with Pears

22 **social**

Bring in your favorite
Soup or chili for the
famous **cook-off contest**
at the community center.
Prizes awarded!

29

Sea Bass
Rice Pilaf
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

6

BBQ Chicken
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Spinach
Coleslaw
Whole Grain Roll

13

Turkey Pot Pie Topped
with Biscuits
Garden Salad
Cottage Cheese & Peaches

20

Buffalo Taco Bar

27

Buffalo Taco Bar

4 **language**

Broccoli & Cheddar Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray

11 **language**

Buffalo Stew
Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad
Cornbread
Fruit Salad

18 **language**

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Cucumber Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Dessert

25 **language**

Chef's Choice

7 **business meeting**

Salmon Patties
Spanish Rice
Broccoli Slaw
Snacks
Birthday Cake
Whole Grain Roll

14

Vegetable & Barley Soup
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Yogurt & Fruit Cup

21

Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Tri-Blend Veggies
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

28

Breakfast Bar

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 the Enrollment Office at (269) 782-1763 or the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

Name	Christmas 2018	Monthly Per Cap
Abigail S. Taylor		x
Amanda R. Perry		x
Aubrey A. Winnell		x
Audriannah L. Linn		x
Bobby M. Haynes		x
Brandon A. Bontrager		x
Brayden E. Topash		x
Brody R. Winnell		x
Carlin M. Elrod		x
Carol L. Bohannon		x
Cassandra L. Jackson		x
Clara A. Abercrombie		x
Cody L. Bevins		x
Dakota L. Ezzell		x
David D. Hicks		x
David D. Paul		x
Diane M. Ketchum		x
Dosha M. Harrell		x
Douglas E. Hinegardner		x
Evan C. Brown		x
Felicia C. Barnard		x
Gregory J. Marunycz		x
Isaac M. Morseau-Ketola		x
Jael N. Ellis		x
James E. Morris		x
Jason J. Hyepock		x
Jeffery S. Morseau	x	x
Jesse A. Reisdorf		x
Jesse D. Ballew		x

Name	Christmas 2018	Monthly Per Cap
Jessica K. Anthony		x
Jessica R. Barnard		x
Joan M. Sturm		x
John D. Watson		x
John R. Winchester		x
Keith W. Rider		x
Krystin M. Whitmire		x
Lindsey A. Varela		x
Makailah M. Holman		x
Michael G. Diamond		x
Monica J. Van Steenberg		x
Nina S. Van Steenberg		x
Oliver G. Bounds		x
Peneshi M. Snay		x
Rachelle L. Stover		x
Randolph E. Ballew		x
Raymond D. Tanner		x
River L. Bussing		x
Rozlynn R. Collett		x
Ryan E. Spicher		x
Rybert J. Easley		x
Scott A. Brewer Jr		x
Scott A. Sigfrids		x
Shayna R. Gessner		x
Sheldon W. Novencido		x
Steffan K. Gonzalez		x
Stephanie M. Smith		x
Steven C. Trudeau		x
Tara L. Ferguson		x
Thomas . Sturgeon		x
Triton R. Brecht		x
Tuesday E. Yates		x
Tyler D. Vogler		x
Wesley G. Gessner		x
William J. Morris		x

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

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, March 15	Thursday, March 28	Friday, March 29
Monday, April 15	Monday, April 29	Tuesday, April 30
Wednesday, May 15	Thursday, May 30	Friday, May 31
Friday, June 14	Thursday, June 27	Friday, June 28
Monday, July 15	Tuesday, July 30	Wednesday, July 31
Thursday, August 15	Thursday, August 29	Friday, August 30
Friday, September 13	Thursday, September 26	Friday, September 27
Tuesday, October 15	Wednesday, October 30	Thursday, October 31
Thursday, November 14	Tuesday, November 26	Wednesday, November 27
Friday, December 13	Monday, December 30	Tuesday, December 31

* Please note the November deadline for changes is November 8. This is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

Tribal Council March Calendar of Events

- 4 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 5 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 11 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 18 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 19 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 23 PBOPI Annual Meeting, Lake Michigan College, 10 a.m.
- 25 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 26 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Community Center, 6 p.m.

Tribal Council April Calendar of Events

- 8 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 22 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 29 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 30 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.

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

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POKAGON SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Four Winds Casino Tribal Development Program is pleased to offer a paid internship program for Pokagon Band Citizens, Tribal Spouses, and Custodial Parents who are currently enrolled in an accredited college/university.

The eight-week program is for students with future goals of permanent employment at Four Winds Casino or as a means to build valuable work experience.

June 3 – July 25, 2019

Must be 18 years of age or older

Housing stipend for those meeting requirements

Clothing stipend

Mileage reimbursement

For more information, please contact:

Serrina Malott
Manager of Tribal Placement and Development
W 269-926-5657 • C 269-405-2506
smalott@fourwindscasino.com

Madolyn Wesaw
Manager of Tribal Placement and Development
W 269-926-5249 • C 269-405-2469
mwesaw@fourwindscasino.com

Application deadline, April 20, 2018. Apply online at www.fourwindscasino.com

Certain restrictions apply

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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Tribal Police Department

Rape Aggression Defense Systems

Basic Physical Defense for Women

March 11 + March 12, March 14

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm each day
PHS Multipurpose Room

Could you effectively defend yourself if you were attacked?

Pokagon Tribal Police Department is offering Women's Self Defense classes. R.A.D (Rape Aggression Defense) Systems is the largest women's self defense system in the country, which has established the standard of R.A.D.

R.A.D. is a program of realistic, practical, self defense tactics and techniques. The class is broken into three sessions for a total of nine hours. This comprehensive course for women begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance strategies, while progressing to the basics of hands-on training. The majority of time is spent practicing self defense for confrontations of all types.

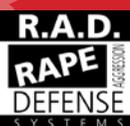
Classes are FREE and include a free lifetime return and practice policy.

Pre-registration is required. Participants must be at least 16 years of age or older. (Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian). Register online on our website | www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/rape-aggression-defense-training-2018-registration.

To register, or for more information please contact:

Abigail Shanahan, Community Resource Officer, Pokagon Tribal Police
Abigail.Shanahan@PokagonBand-nsn.gov
(269) 782-2232 x511 office
(269) 240-1038 cell

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Department of Education
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Débénwéthêk Parent Group



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

Débénwéthêk Parent Group is composed of parents and caregivers of children under 8 years of age and meets every third Thursday of the month.

Childcare is provided.

2019

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

5:30 – 7:30 pm | Zagbëgon: An Early Learning & Development Academy

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Administration

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Human Resources

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Toll Free (800) 517-0777
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Language and Culture

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(269) 462-4325

Mno-Bmadsen

415 East Prairie Ronde Street
(269) 783-4111

Natural Resources

32142 Edwards Street
(269) 782-9602
Fax (269) 783-0452

Pokagon Health Services

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(269) 782-4141
Toll Free (888) 440-1234

Social Services

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Toll Free (800) 517-0777
Fax (269) 782-4295

South Bend Area Office

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South Bend, Indiana 46614
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Toll Free (800) 737-9223
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58620 Sink Road
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Judy Augusta
(269) 783-6304

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Clarence White
(269) 876-1118

Member at Large

Cathy Ford
(269) 783-9380

Notice of Open Positions

The following Boards, Committees and Commissions are looking to fill open positions. Please see the Pokagon Band website or the **Legislative Edition** for more information.

- Ethics Board
- Election Board
- Salary Commission
- Tribal Art Review Committee
- Mno-Bmadsen Board of Director Position
- Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee
- Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee

Nē Mnokmēk Celebration

GIFTS OF SPRING
& Ki Gish Zisbakwtokēmen
WE FINISHED MAKING SUGAR

Saturday, April 13
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Rodgers Lake Pavilion

Enjoy Earth Day and Arbor Day activities and learning opportunities, giveaways, and a celebratory end of sugar season feast.

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Please join
the Department of
Language & Culture for
**our indigenous film
screening event.**

Thursday, March 7
6-9 p.m.

Language & Culture
Multi-purpose room



INDIANS + ALIENS

We plan to share a meal with the community and watch two episodes of **Indians + Aliens: Close Encounters of an Aboriginal Kind.**

Co-director, writer, and host **Ernst Webb** will facilitate a Q+A after the film.

Dinner will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m., followed by the film screening from 7:00-8:00 p.m., and Q+A from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Learn more about the film at its website
www.indiansandaliens.net
or www.resolutionpictures.com



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POKAGON BAND
NATIVE NATIONS YOUTH COUNCIL

Community Talent Show

All ages welcome!

Mdagwéwen mawtheshnowen
A gathering to have fun

March 16, 5-7p.m.

Pokagon Band Community Center

Featuring DJ Roger Rader

Light refreshments will be served

Awards

Best in Show from South Bend, Dowagiac, and Hartford

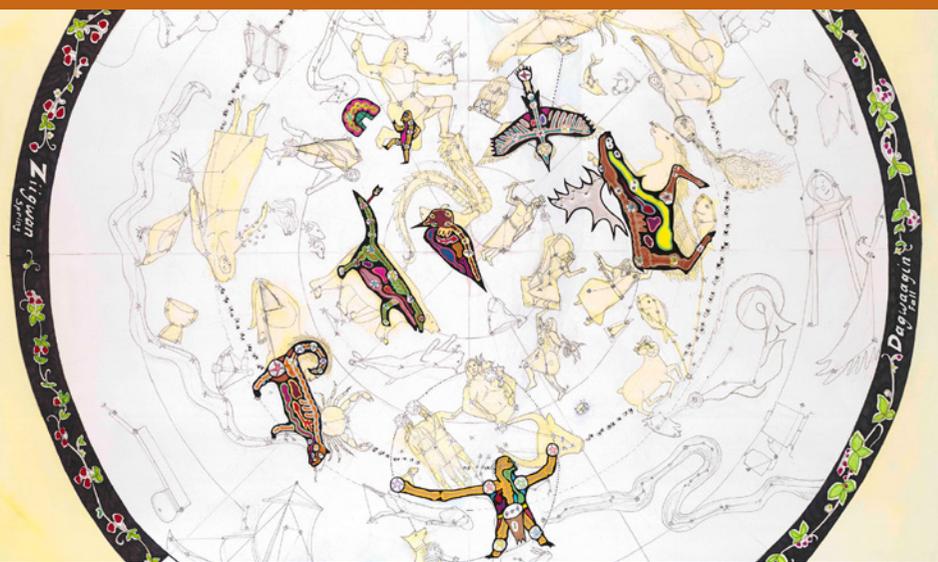
Best Singer • Best Dancer • Best Comedy Act • Best Joke

For more information, please email
Youth.Council@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



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Archives Open House



Neshnabe Star Knowledge is this quarterly open house's theme. Please join the Department of Language & Culture for a special presentation, a meal, and important and historical archival artifacts on view. Michael Wassegijig Price (Wikwemikong First Nations) will be giving a presentation on Neshnabe astronomy.

Wednesday, March 20, 2019–6 p.m.–8 p.m.

Language & Culture Activity Room
59291 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac, Michigan

Dinner from 6 p.m.–7 p.m.

Objects on view from 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

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