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## Per Capita Savings Plan: Instead of spending it, save it

Tribal Council is exploring new ways to support and nurture the Pokagon community and give citizens more opportunities for self-sufficiency. If you were at the Annual Meeting, you saw Treasurer Eugene Magnuson's presentation on a new Per Capita Savings Plan. Pending approval by the voters in a referendum in July's general election, this plan lets adult Pokagon citizens choose to voluntarily defer part or all of their per capita payments each month until a set future date.

Like the Pokagon Band's Minor's Trust, but for adult citizens, like a 401K, but more flexible, this Savings Plan allows citizens to build a nest egg for a college education, a major purchase like a home, or save for retirement. Putting part or all of your per capita payment into this Savings Plan reduces taxes on your current income, which could impact qualification for certain income-eligible service programs. Any money put into the Savings Plan grows tax free until you choose to withdraw it.

Money you put into the Savings Plan will be placed in a trust with Providence First, the same trustee of the Minor's Trust, and invested according to your choices. You'll receive quarterly statements showing your investment performance.

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. The Tribal Council proposed amendments to the RAP, but the amendments will not be effective unless approved by the voters in a referendum during the July 2015 general election. If the amendments are approved, the Savings Plan will take effect January 1, 2016.

This Savings Plan puts options and choices in your hands. You choose whether to defer, how much to defer, and how long to defer. Even if you don't plan to defer any of your per capita payments now, supporting the referendum to amend the RAP for this Savings Plan allows your fellow Pokagon

citizens that option now, and allows you to have that option should you choose later.

For answers to frequently asked questions about the plan, please visit [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/capita/deferred-capita](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/capita/deferred-capita). You can also contact Fred Lamble, tribal advisor, at (574) 276-0509 or [Fred.Lamble@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Fred.Lamble@PokagonBand-nsn.gov) for more detail.

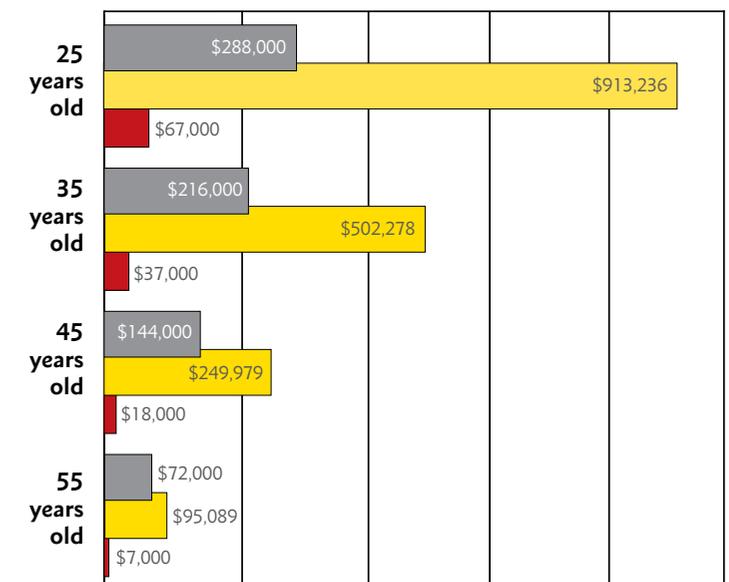
### How can my savings grow?

ASSUMPTIONS:

Annual Contribution: \$7,200 per year

Annual Return: 5%

Contribute to: Age 65



NOTE: These are estimates only and are not intended to be guarantees of future value.

- Amount contributed into Plan
- Amount of estimated distribution @ age 65
- Estimated annual income for 20 years

## Mno-Bmadsen making plans for D.A. Dodd, Inc.

Mno-Bmadsen, the Band's non-gaming economic development enterprise, announced the acquisition of mechanical contractor D.A. Dodd, Inc. on April 7. D.A. Dodd, a mechanical contractor, provides services including plumbing, heating, cooling, refrigeration, industrial process piping installation, design/build and service for commercial, industrial and institutional customers, typical services for the industry.

"This acquisition represents an important component of our growing Seven Generations building solutions group," said Troy Clay, chief executive officer of Mno-Bmadsen. "D.A. Dodd's mechanical contracting and facilities management services, as well as their offices throughout the region, add a valuable dimension to Seven Generations' operation that includes architecture, engineering, and construction."

D.A. Dodd has worked on the Four Winds Casinos projects numerous times. They will continue to do so as work arises, as well as be involved with the development of the South Bend property, according to Mno Business Analyst Mike Kasper.

The company has a consistently strong revenue stream; even through the recession, they turned a profit. Now, their profits will be Mno's, and in turn, the Band's.

The consistent revenue was only part of their allure. They have a good name in the area and able managers, David A. Dodd, chief executive officer, and Mark McKnight, president, who are staying onboard.

"When Mno looks to acquire a company, we look for a strong management team that will stay in place post acquisition," Kasper said.

He sees this consistency in leadership as a way to continue the good work of the company.

D.A. Dodd uses union labor, so citizens who receive union training and join can seek work at the company.

This new business also further invests us in the community as we partner with local businesses and provide jobs.

Kasper says the addition of D.A. Dodd is a big step forward for Mno and the Band.

## Easter Egg Hunt brings Pokagon families together.



One of the written purposes of the youth councils is “Providing opportunities for Pokagon Band and Native youth to interact for fun and fellowship,” and this event fulfilled that purpose beyond their expectations.

More than 300 people attended, participating in the hunts, face painting, raffles, and more.

The hunts were divided into age groups, and the favorites of the spectators were the youngest age group and the elders. The Youth councils thanked the elders for participating with Four Winds Casino gift cards and quilts.

Prizes from the raffles and giveaways were all items families could enjoy together, such as board games, family-friendly DVDs, and restaurant gift cards.

Language students attending the monthly workshop saw the Community Center transform from a classroom to a community celebration, and they stayed to join in the fun. Many community members also came early to help set up.

Youth Cultural Coordinator Becky Williams was impressed with the support she felt for the youth councils and the event.

Be watching for updates on the youth councils’ next big event, the All Tribes Lacrosse Tournament, happening in May.

## Education Department organizes indigenous education conference.



Presenter Emily Proctor, an educator at Michigan State University Extension, spoke about the 4-H Citizenship and Tribal Citizenship Academies and how to replicate the program within other communities.



Presenter Vaughn EagleBear, an entertainer from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, taught ways to improve social skills, break from comfort zones, and work with others.



Pokagon Band elders received free Kindles and learned how to use them at the Elders Kindle Workshop, a breakout session of MTED.

## 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:

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## Annual citizens meeting held at Lake Michigan College



Citizens filled their bags with gifts and information from the departments represented at the 2015 annual meeting. Four Winds Casinos, Mno-Bmadsen, and government departments presented 2014 accomplishments to those in

attendance. If you haven't seen the 2014 Annual Accomplishment Report, view it on our website at [www.pokagon.com/annual-accomplishment-report](http://www.pokagon.com/annual-accomplishment-report)



## 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.

## Dowagiac Middle School receives grant after Bent Tree's nomination

Bent Tree Market nominated Dowagiac Middle School for the 2014 Educational Alliance Math & Science Grant from ExxonMobil, and the school succeeded in winning a total of \$500.

Each year, ExxonMobil awards \$500 grants to 4000 schools. The marketing director at J & H Family Stores, the entity that assists Bent Tree as an ExxonMobil carrier, Abby Hoppen, oversaw the nomination. Hoppen was impressed by the opportunities at the middle school and thought they'd be a great fit for the grant, she says.

The award is meant to be used to promote math and science among young children. The middle school will be using the funds

to purchase magazines with math related content for the math classrooms. According to Principal Matt Severin, the department chairs presented him with this idea.

"We're always looking for that nonfiction piece," Severin says, excited to provide the students with reading material about math.

"It was just a very nice surprise to have a community who supports our schools and our kids."

The Bent Tree Market is owned by the Pokagon Band's economic development entity, Mno-Bmadsen, and operates an ExxonMobil gas station.



## Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is May 7



Pokagon Band Project LAUNCH is joining more than 1,100 communities across the country to mark National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, highlighting the importance of positive mental health from birth.

For the past three years, Pokagon Band Project LAUNCH has offered young children, youth, and young adults with mental health and substance use challenges in the Pokagon community the services and support they need to meet their goals at home, at school, and in the community. Research has shown that young adults (ages 18–25) taking part in community-based treatment programs achieve positive outcomes in behavioral and emotional health, daily life skills, employment, enrollment in school, and reduced homelessness.

"Awareness Day is an opportunity for us to join with more than a thousand communities across the country in celebrating the positive impact that we can have on the lives of children, youth and young adults when we are able to integrate positive mental health into every environment," said JT Laraway, young child wellness coordinator. "When we focus on building resilience and social-emotional skills in young children from birth, we can help young children, youth, and their families thrive."

## Pokagon to serve on Michigan Council



Gov. Rick Snyder recently appointed Michael Kasper to the Michigan Council on Arts and Cultural Affairs. Kasper is a business analyst with Mno-Bmadsen, the Pokagon Band's economic development organization.

The 15-member council, housed in the Michigan Economic Development Corp., helps create an environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity to support Michigan's quality of life and economic vitality.

Kasper formerly served as a private wealth management intern for UBS Financial Services. Kasper was named a Native American 40 Under 40 in 2012 from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise, served as president of the Dartmouth Boxing Club, and is currently a board member of the Pokagon Constitutional Review Board. Kasper earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Dartmouth College.

"Michigan has a rich artistic history and I am confident these appointees will do great work to continue supporting our state's diverse and vibrant cultural activities," Snyder said.

## 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.

### May 14

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

### June 11

Men's Health Awareness  
National Cancer Survivors

## 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 KBMK Pow Wow Committee. If so, when and in what capacity;
- If you have photos from past KBMK 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.

## Support Group for domestic violence survivors to begin in May

Domestic violence was once seen as a private matter, a family issue, and something that victims should be ashamed of. We now know that domestic violence doesn't just impact the victim, but rather family, friends, and others around both the abuser and the victim. This is an issue that affects the whole community, not just an individual. As a community, we strive to support victims and hold abusers accountable for their actions.



In order to create a safe space for survivors to come together and share their experiences, the Domestic Violence Program will begin offering a drop-in support group for women in the community who have experienced or are currently experiencing domestic violence. The group will

meet bi-weekly for the month of May starting on May 4, 2015, then weekly starting Monday, June 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Department of Social Services. Locations and times may change, depending on the needs of the group. This support group is meant to be a safe space, so we ask that all participants do not share any information about participants with others.

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

## Department of Natural Resources News

### Searching for survivor Black Ash

As the flowers begin to bloom and the leaves begin to unfurl from their buds, keep in mind your natural resources. The Pokagon Department of Natural Resources is seeking information regarding any surviving black ash trees. The DNR would like to treat any surviving black ash trees that have not been treated yet and would like to know of each tree's location in order to be able to collect seeds for the future. The DNR is currently geographically marking and placing tags on all previously treated black ash tree, but would like to treat additional new trees this year if possible. Please call the Pokagon Department of Natural Resources at (269) 782-9602 if you know of any surviving black ash that could be treated, monitored, and/or provide seeds for the next generation.

### What's that? A trap?

The Department of Natural Resources will begin placing bright green funnel traps out on tribal lands in an effort to determine the density of emerald ash borers on multiple tribal lands. This will be the first year of a multiple year survey. If you find a green trap, please leave the trap where it is. If the trap has come off of the stand or if the white cup is missing on the bottom give your DNR office a call, (269) 782-9602.

### Looking for signs of Beech Bark disease

The Department of Natural Resources is currently watching for any signs of Beech Bark disease on tribal lands. Beech Bark disease is a combination of effects from a tiny insect which is followed by a fungus. The tiny insect is called a scale. The immature scale will float on the breezes and can also be spread by moving firewood. Once the immature scale reaches a American beech tree it will attach to the tree by a feeding tube, lose its legs and begin to grow. The time until death of a tree can take up to 19 years. American Beech trees with Beech Bark disease will have small scale insects on them that secrete a white waxy substance, making the tree look fuzzy. A fungus can easily colonize the tree after the scales have been feeding on them and cause further damage to the tree. More information can be found at the US Forest Service's website, <http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/bbd>. Please contact the DNR if you suspect that a beech tree on tribal lands may be infected with this forest pest.

### DNR volunteer opportunity

Do you like to be outdoors? Would you like to help volunteer with the turtle project or bird surveys? The DNR has multiple project opportunities for individuals that are interested in helping out and many of these projects will occur on a yearly basis. Give the DNR a call today, get your name placed on a volunteer list, and we will contact you as soon as projects start: (269) 782-9602.

### DNR recycling collection

The Department of Natural Resources will be accepting the following items at its office for recycling and proper disposal between April 1 and May 15:

From Your Home	From Your Garage	From Your Garden	From Your Workshop	Miscellaneous
Aerosols	2-Cycle gas mixes	Algaecides	Adhesives & Cements	Disposable propane cylinders (less than 20# tanks)
Ammonia	Antifreeze	Ant & roach powder	Alcohols	Dry cleaning solvent
Batteries all types	Brake fluid	Bug sprays	Artists' paints	Hobby chemistry sets
Carpet cleaners	Car wax	Fertilizers	Creosote	Hot tub chemicals
CFL & LED bulbs	Degreasers	Fly strips	Cutting oil	Lighter fluid
Chlorine bleach	Diesel fuel	Fungicides	Mineral spirits	Mercury
Drain cleaners	Engine cleaners	Garden dusts & sprays	Model paints	Photographic chemicals
Dyes	Fiberglass epoxy	Insecticides	Muriatic acid	Swimming pool chlorine
Floor care & floor wax products	Gas/diesel additives	Rat & rodent poison	Naptha	Thermostats
Furniture polish	Gasoline	Round Up	Oil-based paints	Thermometers
Insect sprays	Kerosene	Weed killers	Paint brush cleaner	White gas
Lamp oils	Metal polishes	Misc. chemicals	Polyurethane coatings	
Moth balls & flakes	Radiator flushes		Rust remover	
Oven cleaners	Rubbing compounds		Strippers	
Scouring powders	Starting fluid		Sulfuric acid	
Smoke detectors	Transmission fluid		Thinners	
Spot & stain removers			Varnishes	
Spray dust cleaners			Wood preservatives	
Upholstery cleaners			Wood stain	

## Got Medicaid? Then take advantage of its transportation benefit

In 2008 the federal government mandated that every state would provide free transportation services for Medicaid eligible recipients. So if you have active Medicaid, you automatically become eligible for transportation services through your Medicaid Managed Care Plan (HMO). If you have a straight Medicaid plan, you are eligible for transportation through your local Department of Human Services (DHS) office.

If you have a Medicaid HMO Plan, call the non-emergency transportation scheduler toll free phone number on your Medicaid HMO card. If you have straight Medicaid you can contact your Medicaid caseworker directly to assist in scheduling Medicaid transportation to your medical appointments.

Your Medicaid transportation services can take you to and from most of your medical appointments (except for emergencies). Some plans offer transportation to dental appointments. You can get transportation to and from Pokagon Health Services and medical appointments referred out by your PHS Primary Care Physician.

Below is a list of medical services that Medicaid transportation offers:

- Inpatient and outpatient hospital services (including surgeries)
- Doctors appointments
- Laboratory appointments
- X-ray appointments
- Pharmacy for prescription refills
- Vision and eyeglasses exams
- Specialists (OB/gynecologists, podiatrist, dieticians, etc.) appointments

## May is Stroke Awareness Month

A stroke is an interruption of the blood supply to any part of the brain. A stroke is sometimes called a brain attack because a blood vessel in the brain is either blocked or bursts open.

**Ischemic stroke:** Ischemic stroke occurs when a blood vessel that supplies blood to the brain is blocked by a blood clot. This may happen in two ways:

- A clot may form in an artery that is already very narrow. This is called a thrombus. If it completely blocks the artery, it is called a thrombotic stroke.
- A clot may break off from another place in the blood vessels of the brain, or some other part of the body, and travel up to the brain to block a smaller artery. This is called an embolism. It causes an embolic stroke.

**Hemorrhagic stroke:** Hemorrhagic stroke occurs when a blood vessel in part of the brain becomes weak and bursts open, causing blood to leak into the brain. Some people have defects in the blood vessels of the brain that make this more likely. The flow of blood that occurs after the blood vessel ruptures damages brain cells.

**Risk factors for a stroke:**

- High blood pressure
- Atrial fibrillation
- Family history
- Heart disease
- High cholesterol
- Increasing age
- Alcohol use
- Bleeding disorders
- Cocaine use
- Head injury

**Signs and symptoms:**

- Change in alertness (including sleepiness, unconsciousness, and coma)
- Changes in hearing
- Changes in taste
- Clumsiness
- Confusion or loss of memory
- Difficulty swallowing
- Difficulty writing or reading
- Dizziness or abnormal sensation of movement (vertigo)
- Lack of control over the bladder or bowels
- Loss of balance

- Chiropractic appointments
- Maternity care: prenatal visits and labor/delivery
- Family planning appointments
- Mammograms/pap and pelvic exams
- Medical supply companies
- Physical/occupational and speech therapy
- Behavioral health counseling
- Dental appointments for adults with Healthy Plan of Michigan & Children with Medicaid Delta Dental

You will be able to set up your own ride by calling your HMO plan directly, specific to your schedule. PHS transportation services is a service of last resort. So if you have an HMO Medicaid transportation plan, we ask that you please use this alternate resource first. Medicaid transportation is a service obligated to meet your transportation needs covered by your HMO Medicaid plan.

To find out more about Medicaid and Medicaid transportation services, you can also contact your local Department of Human Services. If you live in Indiana, the contact information for your Medicaid is through Family and Social Services Administration at (800) 403-0864. If you live in Michigan you can find your local Department of Human Services office by calling (888) 642-7434.

If you are in need of assistance with addressing your Medicaid needs or transportation, please contact Carlos Aguayo, Pokagon healthcare navigator, (269) 462-4418 or Melody Pillow, Pokagon medical social worker (269) 462-4441.

- Loss of coordination
- Muscle weakness in the face, arm, or leg (usually just on one side)
- Numbness or tingling on one side of the body
- Personality, mood, or emotional changes
- Problems with eyesight, including decreased vision, double vision, or total loss of vision
- Sensation changes that affect touch and the ability to feel pain, pressure, different temperatures, or other stimuli
- Trouble speaking or understanding others who are speaking
- Trouble walking

### Treatment:

A stroke is a medical emergency.

Clot-busting drugs (thrombolytic therapy) may be used if the stroke is caused by a blood clot. Such medicine breaks up blood clots and helps restore blood flow to the damaged area. However, not everyone can receive this type of medicine.

- For these drugs to work, a person must be seen and treatment must begin within 3 hours of when the symptoms first started. A CT scan must be done to see whether the stroke is from a clot or from bleeding.
- If the stroke is caused by bleeding rather than clotting, clot-busting drugs (thrombolytics) can cause more bleeding.

Other treatments depend on the cause of the stroke:

- Blood thinners such as heparin or warfarin (Coumadin) may be used to treat strokes due to blood clots. Aspirin or clopidogrel (Plavix) may also be used.
- Other medications may be needed to control other symptoms, including high blood pressure. Painkillers may be given to control severe headache.
- In some situations, a special stroke team and skilled radiologists may be able to use angiography to highlight the clogged blood vessel and open it up.
- For hemorrhagic stroke, surgery is often required to remove blood from around the brain and to repair damaged blood vessels.
- Surgery on the carotid artery may be needed.



## May is National Blood Pressure Awareness Month

One out of every ten Americans has high blood pressure. Many of those with high blood pressure don't even know they have it. Most of the time there are not any signs or symptoms. Heart attack and stroke are often the first indication of a problem.

Monitoring your blood pressure is key to detecting an issue. Pokagon Health Services offers free blood pressure checks at the Elders Hall on most business meeting days, which is every third Thursday of the month (staff permitting). Also you can check

your blood pressure at local pharmacies, with an at home monitor, and at the PHS clinic. Blood pressure is considered high if the top number is over 140 or the bottom number is over 90. Normal is considered 120/80 but experts say that the lower, the better.

Don't be alarmed if you have one abnormal blood pressure reading. This just means we need to evaluate you for possible hypertension. This does not mean you have hypertension, but does



merit a proper examination to rule it out. Blood pressure readings can vary 10–20 points within a few minutes, and the best way to diagnose blood pressure is the average of repeated blood pressure readings.

Blood pressure can be managed with diet, exercise, low sodium intake, and medications. If your blood pressure goes untreated, you are putting excess strain on your heart. This can lead to serious health issues such as heart disease, stroke,

congestive heart failure, kidney disease, and heart attack. About ninety percent of adults ages 45–64 will develop high blood pressure during the remainder of their life.

If you have any questions, please contact the PHS clinic at (269) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234. We have four nurses, a nurse practitioner and a medical doctor available for any questions you may have.

## Becky Price is elder of the month



Becky Price is one of seven siblings; Lynn, Jackie, Diane, Joan, Rosemary and Georgia. She is the mother of three wonderful sons, Corey, Jared, and Josh and two daughter-in-laws, Erin and Nicole. Becky is blessed with 5 grandchildren, Micah, Nadia, Makenna, Zaya, and Cannon. Becky's mother, Georgia (Topash) Davidson was an active member of the Elders Program before her demise from diabetes complications.

This enhanced Becky's compassion for diabetes awareness within our Pokagon Community. She was asked in 2013 to present at the National Indian Health Board in Washington DC, Capitol Hill, to support and

advocate for renewal funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

In July Becky celebrates her 18th anniversary as community health nurse for the Pokagon Health Services, and will be retiring to pursue other ventures, staying close to the Pokagon Community she loves. Becky has devoted her 62 years of life in helping and caring for others. Becky states it has been the best time in her life working for our community and watching the Pokagon Health Services (PHS) grow and develop. She is appreciative and honored to have been a small part in this development of one of the finest holistic health programs established. Becky stated we are a healthier community and are blessed to call PHS our medical home.

We wish Becky well and hope to continue to see her familiar face among our community family.



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



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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

Join Pokagon Health Services, Department of Natural Resources,  
the Department of Education and Language & Culture

## Family Fishing Tournament

**Saturday, May 16, 2015**

**Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m.**

**Gage St. Lake**

### Fish Tales

-  Registration is required. Onsite registration is available.
-  You must wear a life jacket! No exceptions. Limited number of personal flotation devices available for those who can't provide their own.
-  Limited number of canoes (reserve one by pre-registering).
-  You may use your own boat but the gas tank must be removed. Please note, the launch is very rustic. Limit to 14-foot boats.
-  Fishing poles and bait available.
-  RSVP online at [Family-Fishing-Tournament.eventbrite.com](http://Family-Fishing-Tournament.eventbrite.com)

 Check out the Bass Masters truck and boat

For more information, contact Rebecca Williams, youth cultural coordinator, at [Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov) or call Language & Culture at (269) 782-8998.

**Prizes • Fun Family Event • Food**

## May is Women's Health Care month

Women should be aware of many health topics to keep themselves healthy over a life time. Some of these you may know about, and others you may not be aware of, but this list will help women keep track of their health care needs. Many of these

### Heart Disease

For women the signs of a heart attack or heart disease are not always as easy to pinpoint. . Back pain for no reason or a bout of nausea or shortness of breath can be signs of heart issues in a women. In the U.S., heart disease claims more victims than any other cause of death, accounting for 25 percent of deaths in women each year. Women need to be especially careful because they are less likely than men to experience the signature crushing chest pain, making them less likely to rush to the hospital after the onset of symptoms. By the time most women reach the emergency room, the damage is severe. Two-thirds of women fail to make a full recovery after a heart attack, making heart disease the leading cause of disability in women.

Reduce your risk of heart disease by leading a healthy lifestyle. Obesity, high blood pressure and high cholesterol all contribute to heart disease. Other risk factors: smoking, stress, depression, obesity and low estrogen levels affect women far more than men. To avoid this silent killer, eat a healthy diet, exercise at least thirty minutes most days of the week and stop smoking and avoid secondhand smoke.

### Osteoporosis

You won't feel it at first, but eventually you'll start to notice the effects: stooped posture, back pain or perhaps lost height. Osteoporosis is a disease in which bones become so weak and brittle that falls or even bending over can cause a fracture. Of the ten million Americans suffering from this disease, 80 percent are women.

You reach peak bone strength in your twenties, but with age, your bones slowly weaken. If your bone density falls too low, you are at risk for osteoporosis. The best way to fight osteoporosis is to build up strong bones, which you can do best before age thirty. Eat a calcium and vitamin-D-rich diet and engage in weight-bearing exercise like walking, running or weight lifting. Avoid heavy drinking, smoking and medications like prednisone, all of which make it more difficult for your body to increase bone strength.

### Gynecologic Cancers

Gynecologic cancer starts in a woman's reproductive organs, and the five main types of gynecologic cancers cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, vulvar. Some forms of gynecologic cancer are more likely to develop if you get certain forms of the human papillomavirus

(HPV), a sexually transmitted infection; for instance, nearly all cases of cervical cancer are caused by HPV.

Lower your risk of cervical, vaginal and vulvar cancers by getting the HPV vaccine, which is most effective when administered to girls at age 11 or 12. Unfortunately, cervical cancer is the only form of gynecologic cancer that can be caught through screenings, so it's important to pay attention to your body and take action if you notice something out of the ordinary. Be especially attentive if you are over thirty years old, as age increases your risk of cancer. Regular pelvic exams and pap smears can catch cancer early. Talk with your doctor, who can tell you how often to get these tests.

### Breast Cancer

You may feel a lump in your breast, or perhaps there's a change in the look or feel of your breast, or fluid coming from your nipple. One in eight women develop breast cancer at some point in their life. In breast cancer, a handful of abnormal cells start growing wildly out of control. Breast cancer can either start in the milk-producing regions of the breast or in the tubes that bring milk from the breast to the nipple. Sometimes the cancer cells stay in the region where they first developed and the cancer is called noninvasive; other times, breast cancer becomes invasive, or metastatic, moving to other parts of the breast or body.

Know your risk factors so you can work with your doctor on proper screening and monitoring. Women over fifty are at high risk. Additionally, breast cancer is partly genetic; you have a higher chance of developing the disease if you have a family member with breast cancer or if you have mutations in the genes. Estrogen plays a role, so women who do not have children before age 30; who started their periods before age 12; or went through menopause after 55 are at increased risk. Eat healthfully and exercise to avoid becoming overweight. Limit alcohol. If you are between the age of 50 and 74, get a mammogram at least every other year, and remember: cancer caught early is easier to treat.

### Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus, and Multiple Sclerosis

As a group, autoimmune diseases are three times as common in women than they are in men. Most scientists believe estrogen to be the culprit for the gender bias. Estrogen encourages the immune system, which is great when you're trying to fight off a cold. However,

conditions are affected by the hormone estrogen, which at ideal levels builds strong bones, protects against heart disease and makes your immune system strong.

when the immune system goes haywire, estrogen adds fuel to the flame by spurring on the destructive activity.

Rheumatoid arthritis tends to strike between ages 40 and 60, but you can lower your risk if you avoid smoking. Lupus tends to start between the ages of 15 and 45 and is more likely to affect people of African, Asian, Latino or Native American descent. Your chances of getting MS are increased if you are between the ages of 20 and 40, are caucasian, or have a family member with the disease. While there is no known way to prevent these diseases, medications can help manage symptoms.

### Thyroid Disorders

Nestled at the base of your neck, your thyroid gland keeps your metabolism in balance by releasing hormones that control the rate at which your body burns energy. Some thyroid disorders, like Graves' disease, cause your thyroid to pump out too much thyroid hormone.

These disorders, termed "hyperthyroidism," speed up your metabolism. Other thyroid disorders, like Hashimoto's thyroiditis, cause hypothyroidism they lower your levels of thyroid hormone and thus slow your metabolism.

Get tested regularly if a family member has a thyroid disorder or if you are over age 60. There are many treatment options for thyroid disorders, and screening can catch the disease in its tracks.

### Endometriosis

The telltale sign is pelvic pain: menstrual cramps that are worse than usual, or pain during sex. It might be more painful to go to the bathroom during your period, or you might have bleeding between periods. However, some women experience no symptoms and discover they have endometriosis only when it is diagnosed as the cause of their infertility. More than five million Americans suffer from endometriosis, a problem unique to women.

You have a higher risk of developing endometriosis if your periods last more than seven days; if your cycle is 27 days or less; if you have never had children; or if one of your family members has the disease. Endometriosis is not well understood, so there are no clear ways to prevent the disease. However, there are many treatments, like hormonal birth control, that can alleviate symptoms.

### Migraines

About three out of four people with migraine problems are women. The problem might lie with changes

in estrogen levels. More than half of women with migraines note that their migraines are linked to their menstrual cycles. Migraines tend to strike right before your period, when estrogen levels are at their monthly low. High estrogen levels may protect against headaches, while low estrogen levels worsen them. That explains why pregnancy when estrogen levels are high tends to improve migraines, while perimenopause (the years leading up to menopause, when estrogen levels fluctuate) tends to make them worse and more frequent.

Some foods are triggers for migraines. Watch out for alcohol, caffeine and processed foods, and try not to skip meals. Stress, certain medications, and changes in sleep patterns can also play a role. Drugs that include hormones, such as birth control pills or hormone replacement therapy, can make migraines worse, though some women experience an improvement.

### Depression

One in eight women, twice the number of men develop depression at some point in their life. This may be due in part to changes in sex hormones like estrogen. Certain life events, like puberty, pregnancy and PMS, cause major changes in estrogen levels, which might disrupt the brain chemicals that regulate mood.

The people most resistant to depression are those with good self-esteem and strong friendships. A strong social support network can help you recover from traumatic life events. Take steps to control stress, especially between ages 25 and 44, when you are most susceptible to depression. If you think you may be depressed, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

### Screening tests to help keep you in good health are listed below:

- Regular physicals
- Vital sign checks
- Depression screenings
- Labs: (such as glucose testing, cholesterol, and other tests your provider recommends)
- HPV vaccinations in teens
- STD screenings
- Pap smear
- Skin cancer screening
- Eye exams
- Mammogram in your 40s
- Colonoscopy in your 50s
- Bone mineral density in your 60s
- Flu vaccine annually
- Pneumonia vaccine in your 60s
- Shingles vaccine in your 60s

## Historical trauma community conversation furthers healing

By JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator

On April 2 the Pokagon Band Department of Social Services and Pokagon Project LAUNCH hosted an event facilitating discussions about historical trauma.

The conversation was hosted by JT Laraway and led by Hunter Genia. Genia is on the board of the Saginaw, Swan Creek and Black River Bands of Ojibway. In this conversation, Hunter offered an opportunity to learn and share knowledge of historical trauma intervention, healing, and experiences.

Through this conversation, many feelings were conveyed; some shared tears, anger, laughter, and acceptance. We learned that all of these feelings and emotions must occur to help us on our journey to Mnobmadzèwen. The event was an overall success and only the beginning of a much deeper community conversation.

## Rodgers and Gage Lakes properties closed for Fishing Derby, Culture Camp

Tribal Council passed a resolution to close all portions of the Band's Gage Street property and Rodgers Lake property, including the campground, during the upcoming Fishing Derby and Culture Camp. Access to the closed portions of the two properties shall be limited to Band staff, volunteers and participants in the events.

### Fishing Derby | Gage Lake closed

The entire day of Saturday, May 16

### Culture Camp | Rodgers Lake closed

8:00 a.m. on June 13 until 8:00 a.m. on June 19

8:00 a.m. on June 21 until 8:00 a.m. on June 26

The Language and Culture Department will post notices at appropriate locations informing the public and Band citizens of the closure. Please contact the Language and Culture for any questions at (269) 782-8998.

## Math Boot Camp offered for 11th and 12th graders



Interested in increasing your math placement test score on the Compass Test?

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 increase your child's compass score and will expose them to a college classroom setting. Students interested in attending should contact Polly Mitchell at [polly.mitchell@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:polly.mitchell@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or (269) 462-4294.



Department of Human Resources

## Carpenter Apprenticeship Program Openings Available

An apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job learning and related classroom instruction in a highly skilled trade. It is a four year program with 8,000 hours total of on-the-job training and 39 credit hours.

### Requirements:

- Pokagon citizen or spouse of a Pokagon citizen
- High school diploma or GED
- 18 years of age or older

In addition, to move through the Selection process, you will need to complete an Apprenticeship application, TABE Assessment with a minimum score of 9.0 and an online OSHA Hazard Recognition Training for the Construction Industry Course with a minimum exam score of 70%.

Enrollment is now OPEN and we are taking applications for the next class year starting tentatively in October.

Find the **application and learn how to apply here:**  
[www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/business-community/apprenticeship-program](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/business-community/apprenticeship-program)

Contact Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist at (269) 462-4227 or Jim Dybevik, director of human resources at (269) 462-4265 if you have any questions regarding the Apprenticeship Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



## Finding Dawn Film Screening

Friday, May 29, 2015

6:00 pm

Community Center

The Department of Social Services is hosting a screening of *Finding Dawn* for community members. *Finding Dawn* is a 2006 film by Christine Welsh (Métis) that highlights the lives of Dawn Crey, Ramona Wilson, and Daleen Kay Bosse, three of the estimated 500 women who have gone missing or were murdered in Canada in the past 30 years. This is a very serious issue that has received relatively little recognition in the media.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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## June celebration will honor Pokagon graduates

The Pokagon Band Department of Education acknowledges recent GED, high school and university graduates at a banquet in June celebrating this valuable and treasured moment in life. The banquet will be held on Saturday, June 20 from 12–3 p.m. at the Community Center in Dowagiac.

Please keep a look out for the Honoring the Graduates form on the Pokagon Education Department webpage, the Facebook page, and notifications on the Pokagon Band website.

## 2015 Financial Wellness Workshops

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

Saturday, February 7 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
 Saturday, May 2 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 1 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
 Saturday, November 7 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Community Center 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI 49047

- Lunch will be provided
- There is no registration fee
- Please call to confirm attendance

For more information, please contact Sean Winters at (269) 783-4157 or at [sean.winters@chiishobak.org](mailto:sean.winters@chiishobak.org).

## Upcoming Programs with the Department of Social Services

The Department of Social Services is hosting a variety of different programs over in April and May. For more details check out the events listed below. There's sure to be something for everyone! We hope to see you there.

### Family Wellness 5K Run/Walk and Informational Open House (May 2, 10 AM, Rodgers Lake)

Looking for a fun activity for the whole family? Dust off those running shoes and come to the Family Wellness 5K Run/Walk hosted by the Department of Social Services! This is a non-competitive, family friendly event. All fitness levels are welcome to come. Staff from different programs in Social Services will be available to answer any questions you have about services as well.

Registration is available online at <http://pokagonband-nsn.gov/calendar/event/family-wellness-5k>. If you need a paper copy of the registration form please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov). Anyone who is registered by April 17 will receive a shirt. You are still welcome register up until the day of the event; however you will not be guaranteed a shirt.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

### Finding Dawn Film Screening (May 29, 6 PM, Community Center)

The Department is hosting a screening of Finding Dawn for community members on Friday, May 29, 2015 at 6 PM at the Community Center. Finding Dawn is a 2006 film by Christine Welsh (Métis) that highlights the lives of Dawn Crey, Ramona Wilson, and Daleen Kay Bosse, three of the estimated 500 women who have gone missing or were murdered in Canada in the past 30 years. This is a very serious issue that has received little recognition in the media.

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## Culture Camp registration opens May 15

Please go to the Eventbrite links below to register your child according to his or her grade. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Language and Culture Department at (269) 783.2499 to register your child.

### Grades 6–12th | June 14–18

Out of Service Area [eventbrite.com/event/16578863828/](http://eventbrite.com/event/16578863828/)  
 In Service Area [eventbrite.com/event/16578785594/](http://eventbrite.com/event/16578785594/)

### Grades 2–5 | June 22–24

Out of Service Area [eventbrite.com/event/16578290112/](http://eventbrite.com/event/16578290112/)  
 In Service Area [eventbrite.com/event/16578727420/](http://eventbrite.com/event/16578727420/)



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## DRUM CLASSES

**South Bend Drum Class**  
 3733 Locust Road  
 South Bend, IN 46614

6:00 pm–8:00 pm

2015

May 6 June 3 July 1

**Dowagiac Drum Class**  
 Department of Language & Culture  
 586853 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

6:00 pm–8:00 pm

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May 13 June 10 July 8

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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).



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## REGALIA 101 CLASSES

**H**ave you ever wanted your own regalia to dance at powwows but didn't know how to make one or don't have the ability financially? Then this is your program!

We are inviting individuals who want to learn basic sewing, beading or other skills to start and finish their own unique regalia.

May

Sunday, May 3

Sunday, May 17

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

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

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### Carpenter apprentices latest project: a break room for the maintenance barn



The Pokagon carpenters apprentices have been at work on another project, this time in the maintenance barn by the DNR offices. The crew built the frame work, added insulation, hung dry wall, worked on the ceiling, installed the electrical wiring and put in doors and windows. The expanded break room will serve as

a spot for the grounds, maintenance and facilities crews. All three of the fourth year students, five of the third year students, and five of the second year students participated in this project.



## Purple Shawl Workshop

Sunday, May 3  
1:00–5:00 p.m.  
Community Center

27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Domestic Violence Team is hosting a Purple Shawl Workshop during Language and Culture’s regalia making class.

We wear our purple shawls in the arena to honor the memory of those we have lost to domestic violence, to show support for our community members who may be experiencing violence at home, and to celebrate the strength of DV survivors. This year we will be honoring those survivors at Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen during the Saturday session at 2:30 pm. You do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to participate.

You do not have to be an experienced seamstress and all supplies are provided. We do ask that you bring a dish to pass if possible.

If you are interested in attending or have more questions, please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462.4324 or [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov)

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# Events May 2015

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
		<p>1</p> <p>Body Pump Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>SS Family Wellness 5K Zumba One Story To Honor and Comfort: Native Quilting Traditions</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Language Class L&amp;C South Bend Language Class</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Lean Lunch EDU Elders E-Reader Workshop L&amp;C South Bend Language Class L&amp;C Potawatomi Language Talking Circle Circuit Training</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Body Pump Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Tribal Council Meeting Zumba</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Language Class L&amp;C South Bend Language Class</p>	<p>14</p> <p>EDU Preschool Graduation Mishkowze: Stroke, Sports Fitness, Blood Pressure &amp; Women's Health Lean Lunch L&amp;C South Bend Language Class One Story From Stereotype to Superhero: The History of Native Americans in Comic Books Circuit Training</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Body Pump Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Zumba Family Fishing Tournament Language Workshop</p>
<p>20</p> <p>presentation Language Class L&amp;C South Bend Language Class</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&amp;C South Bend Language Class L&amp;C Potawatomi Language Talking Circle Circuit Training</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Body Pump Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Zumba Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Language Class L&amp;C South Bend Language Class</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&amp;C South Bend Language Class L&amp;C Potawatomi Language Talking Circle Circuit Training</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Body Pump Red Road to Recovery Group Finding Dawn film screening</p>	<p>30</p> <p>L&amp;C All Tribes Lacrosse Tournament Zumba</p>

## Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Liz Serba** who answered, "What goes up the more it comes down?" The answer was umbrella, but there were no correct responses. Liz's answer "see-saw" was a really good guess.

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

**"What does not live but can die?"**

Mail or e-mail in 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.



The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture invites you to

## Experience Drummond Island this Summer

**July 29 – August 2, 2015**

Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering

**The deadline, June 1 at 5:00 p.m., is approaching fast.**

Immerse yourself in the rich diversity of traditional arts, crafts, and natural wonders of the Great Lakes region...

Spend five days working directly with region's most noted traditional artists, craftspeople, historian and naturalist in small group settings with dozens of workshops for both adults and children. If you have met the requirements, the event includes transportation, lodging, meals, registration fee, and cost covered up to five classes.

- You must attend ten (10) language classes between March 1 – June 1, 2015, if you live in the service area. Classes are held in Dowagiac, South Bend, Hartford, and Hopkins.
  - You must also attend five (5) community events sponsored by the Department of Language and Culture before June 1, 2015. Each individual person and each family member must meet the requirements to qualify. There will be no exceptions for this event. Events must be documented, endorsed and verified by the Department staff to be eligible.
  - Youth must attend Youth Council meetings in person or through Skype through May and receive their community service hours set by the youth cultural coordinator. Please contact Rebecca Williams Youth Cultural Coordinator to find out the requirements for the youth programs.
  - The Language and Culture Department will sponsor three (3) families (up to 6 family members) outside the ten (10) county service area to attend.
  - Eligible Language and Culture events: language classes (held in Dowagiac, Hartford, Hopkins and South Bend), drum class (held in Dowagiac and South Bend), Regalia 101 (four-hour class counts as two workshops), sugar bush if you volunteered more than 75 hours or joined in the paddle, spoon and cedar fan workshops these would count toward your workshop count.
- If you have questions, interesting in be sponsored or are on target for meeting the requirement please call the Department of Language & Culture and talk to Nicole Holloway to verify your eligibility. She will then mail you a registration packet that must be completed and sent back to reserve your spot. Space is limited, so don't delay.

Questions? Please contact the Department of Language and Culture (269) 462-4325 and [nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov).



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

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COURT  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
CASE NO. 15-3186-PCDCS  
58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047  
Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

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

To: Austin Scott Antisdell  
Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on April 6, 2015t.
2. Tribal law **mandates** that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy delinquent court ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, *Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act*.
4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
5. **An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:**
  - a. **RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or**
  - b. **ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.**
6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court orders with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and **MUST** demonstrate that the:
  - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
  - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court orders, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply **ALL** of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and **MUST** demonstrate that:
  - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
  - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUHARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

## 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 3:30 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.



# ALL TRIBES LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

MAY 30 10:00 AM | RODGERS LAKE, DOWAGIAC



Please join us as we kick off the season with family friendly tribal tournament. Each tribe may bring more than one team. However each team should have a minimum of 7 players. This event is for the whole family. Trophies for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. There is no registration fee and you receive a free T-shirt if you preregister your team before May 20.

There will be three categories:

- A YOUTH TEAM** kids under the age of 13
- B LEAGUE** for beginner level players
- C LEAGUE** for advance level players

Teams are all co-ed.

Register online: [eventbrite.com/event/16578359319/](http://eventbrite.com/event/16578359319/)

Please e-mail [Rebecca.Williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or call (269) 783-2499 for more information.

## Notice of Open Position | Bodéwadmik Ogitchedaw Board of Directors

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Bodéwadmik Ogitchedaw Code (“Code”) established the Pokagon Bodéwadmik Ogitchedaw as a subordinate committee (“Organization”) of the Tribal Council. The purpose of the Organization is, among other things, to promote and celebrate the Ogitchedaw, honor the past Ogitchedaw and preserve honor for the future Ogitchedaw, as well as to consult with the Tribal Council regarding policies, programs, and concerns regarding the Ogitchedaw. Under the Code, the Organization is governed and managed by a Board of Directors (“Board”). The Tribal Council will soon be making two appointments to the Board. The following positions will be available for appointment: Secretary and Treasurer. The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens interested in seeking appointment to the Board.

**ELIGIBILITY.** In order to be eligible for appointment to the Board, the Code requires that a Pokagon Band citizen must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age; and
2. Be a member of the Organization

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION.** Membership in the Organization is open to any Pokagon Band citizen who:

1. Is at least 18 years of age,
2. Possesses a discharge other than dishonorable from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, National Guard, or Reserves of the United States, or is currently serving in the National Guard or any branch of the United States military reserves; provided, however, that if one has a dishonorable discharge, he or she may be admitted at the discretion of the Board upon  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority approval.

In order to be admitted as a member of the Organization, an eligible Pokagon Band citizen must submit a completed application and such applicant must be approved for membership by the Board. An application for membership in the Organization may be obtained by contacting the Wkema of the Board, Scott Brewer (269) 845-5824 or Rusty Green, at (317) 691-0086 or at [Glgreen27@comcast.net](mailto:Glgreen27@comcast.net). Completed applications must be filed with the Board. Completed applications are processed and placed before the Board for approval.

**TERM.** Terms of office for Board members are three years. There is no limit to the number of terms that a Board member may serve.

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings, and perform the business of the Board outside of meetings will vary. Currently, the existing Board members meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Pokagon Band’s Community Center. Meetings are typically held at 2:00 p.m. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately 15 hours per month, including meeting time.

**COMPENSATION.** The Board members are independent contractors and paid at rates established by the Council for their service on the Board. Currently, the Secretary and Treasurer positions are each paid \$150 per

Board meeting. In addition, Board members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend Board meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Pokagon Band’s Travel Policy.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Appointments to the Board are made by the Tribal Council. Before any Pokagon Band citizen is appointed to serve on the Board, the Tribal Council will verify a potential appointee meets the qualifications mentioned above for appointment. Anyone not meeting the eligibility requirements shall not be considered for appointment to the Board.

All persons who wish to be considered for appointment must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest of those seeking appointment to the Board; provided the Tribal Council may waive this requirement for good cause. 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. The Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will review the written statements of interest of those seeking appointment to the Board.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Board 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)

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 Commission, you must reapply as provided in this Notice.

**QUESTIONS.** For additional information or if you have questions concerning the Organization or the Board, please contact the Wkema of the Board, Rusty Green, at (317) 691-0086 or at [Glgreen27@comcast.net](mailto:Glgreen27@comcast.net).

**DEADLINE.** Friday, May 29, 2015 by end of working day, 5:00 p.m.

## 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 | 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.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture

## YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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

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

For more information, please contact Daniel Stohrer at (269) 462-4226  
or [daniel.stohrer@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:daniel.stohrer@pokagonband-nsn.gov)



## 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:

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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 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).

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**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 Positions | Curriculum Committee

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band members to fill vacancies on the Pokagon Band Curriculum Committee. Three terms have become expired and need to be filled. The Curriculum Committee is responsible for establishing a tribally operated daycare and/or school(s) with culturally based academics and extracurricular activities. The Curriculum Committee meets once per month on the second Monday of each month at the Language and Culture building. Including meeting preparation, other Curriculum Committee business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 6 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. Responsibilities include:

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

**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 may be compensated as independent contractors for service to the curriculum committee at rates

**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:

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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.

established by the Tribal Council. Curriculum Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Curriculum Committee business.

**ELIGIBILITY.** To serve as a member of the Curriculum Committee, a Band member must:

- (a) Be a high school graduate
- (b) Be willing to travel
- (c) Passionate about educational issues.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Curriculum Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There are currently three seats on the Curriculum Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for 3 years term of office.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As a Public Official, Curriculum 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).

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

**QUESTIONS.** Questions concerning the Curriculum Committee or this Notice may be directed to Michaelina Martin at [micky.martin@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:micky.martin@pokagonband-nsn.gov). This position shall be open until filled.

**DEADLINE.** Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2015.

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

# may



4 **language**

Buffalo Stuffed Peppers  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob  
Fruit Salad  
Cornbread

11 **language**

Bean Soup  
Roast Beef on a Bun  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Strawberries

18 **language**

Buffalo Tips in Gravy and Noodles  
Spinach  
Garden Salad  
Cherry Pie  
Cornbread

25 **closed for memorial day**



5

Perch Filet  
Rice Pilaf  
Carrots  
Coleslaw  
Fruit  
Roll

12 **st patrick's day**

Turkey Breast in Gravy over Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad  
Blueberry Pie  
Cornbread

19

Salmon Patty  
Mac and Cheese  
Corn  
Veggie Tray  
Fruit  
Roll

26

Buffalo Goulash  
Peas and Carrots  
Tomato Salad  
Peach Cobbler  
Garlic Bread

6

Roasted Chicken  
Baked Potato  
Broccoli  
Cucumber Salad  
Dessert  
Roll

13

Buffalo Spaghetti  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Dessert  
Garlic Bread

20

Baked Chicken  
Stuffing  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Broccoli  
Jell-O W/Fruit  
Roll

27

BBQ Pork Chop  
Baked Potato  
Collard Greens  
Garden Salad  
Dessert

7 **business meeting**

Meatballs in Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Fruit Salad  
Cottage Cheese  
Birthday Cake

14

Chicken Wings  
Baked Curly Fries  
Peas  
Coleslaw  
Dessert  
Roll

21 **social**

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes  
Butternut Squash  
Spinach Salad  
Yogurt W/Fruit Cup  
Roll

28

Turkey Sliced in Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Veggies  
Garden Salad  
Roll

8 **community center**

BBQ Pork on a Bun  
Baked Chips  
Baked Beans  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Peanut Butter Cookie

15 **movie day**

Sea Bass  
Baked Potato  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Melon  
Roll

22

Boiled Dinner W/Beans, Sausage, Cabbage, Onion, Corn, and Potatoes  
Garden Salad  
Dessert  
Cornbread

29

Cold Tuna, Noodle, Egg, and Pea Plate over Lettuce and Tomato  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Strawberry Pie

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.**

## New Christmas Check Procedure Adopted

Effective December 15, 2014 Tribal Council has adopted a procedure regarding Undeliverable Gifts (Resolution 14-12-15-01). These procedures will be applied to old Christmas checks the Department of Finance has been unable to deliver to the respective Pokagon citizen. These Christmas checks will revert to the Band after one year should they remain unclaimed, similar to the practice of holding on to Per Capita checks for 12 months. For those citizens listed below, for whom a Christmas check is still outstanding from November of 2013 or prior, you have until March 31, 2015 to update your address with Enrollment, otherwise the funds will be forfeited as allowed under the new procedures.

## 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 May 15 in order to make it on the June 2015 check run. Anything received after May 15 will be processed on the check run for July 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.pokagonbandnsn.gov/departments/finance/state-tax-agreements](http://www.pokagonbandnsn.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

## 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
<b>Monday, November 2, 2015*</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 24, 2015</b>	<b>Wed, November 25, 2015</b>
<b>Friday, December 4, 2015*</b>	<b>Thursday, December 17, 2015</b>	<b>Fri, December 18, 2015</b>

\* 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.pokagonbandnsn.gov](http://www.pokagonbandnsn.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.

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@pokagonbandnsn.gov](mailto:Julie.Rodriguez@pokagonbandnsn.gov).

## Tribal Council May Calendar of Events

- 4 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 5 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m..
- 11 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 12 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 18 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 19 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 25 Tribal offices closed for Memorial Day holiday
- 26 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.

## 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.

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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## 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

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## A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday, July 25, 2015

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Health Services Building



## Save the Date

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.

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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Elders Program  
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(269) 782-0765  
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Elections  
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Enrollment  
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Head Start  
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Health Services  
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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.

# Gtegan gises May Citizen Announcements

**Morseau/Morsaw Family Meeting**  
 Sunday, May 24 | 5:00 p.m.  
 Rodgers Lake Pavilion

Open discussion on having a family reunion and what kind of activity we will be having at our family reunion. If you have any questions, please contact

Lucinda Graverette-Smith  
 Cell (269) 3301677  
 Home (269) 782-4047

Cathy Ford  
 Cell (269) 783-9380  
 Home (269) 462 – 9943



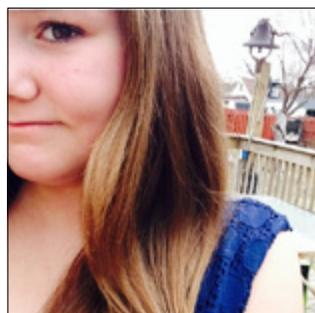
Happy Birthday to the bestest Auntie ever!! Enjoy your day and we love you!!

Love,  
 Jessie, Darrell, The E's (Ethan and Emily) Bubba (Darrell)



Happy 17th birthday to my daughter **Jazlynn Nicole Hemsley** May 4, and congratulations on all you've excelled in and your many talents (including playing snare drum, cymbals, piano, guitar, and saxophone)! From being elected president of the junior class at Benton Harbor High School, to serving as an integral part of the drumline, to earning the honor of drum major for the marching band, to winning a disc jockey award in a radio talk show competition, we're so proud of you!

Joy Noble



Happy 13th birthday **Caitlin Williams!**

Love your fam & your clan



## 2015 Oshke Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow Volunteers Wanted

**Saturday–Sunday, May 23–24, 2015**  
 Rodgers Lake Pow Wow Pavilion

### Volunteer Opportunities

Golf cart driving	50/50 Raffle ticket sales	Security patrol
Parking	Transport trolley supervision	Dancer registration
Camping registration		Dancer payouts
T-shirt sales		

Shifts are generally 4 hours. Volunteers receive a t-shirt and a Saturday (4:30 p.m.) meal ticket.

If interested in volunteering or for more information, contact **Marchell Wesaw** at (269) 462-4204 or [marchell.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:marchell.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov).



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## 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)

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## GTEGAN GISES may LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

**Saturday, May 16**  
 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.  
**Elders Hall**  
 53237 Town Hall Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

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



**Oshke Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow**  
**Saturday, May 23–Sunday, May 24, 2015**