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Zagbëgon students head into their new school



The school year began September 4 with a welcome in the long house for the preschoolers in the Pokagon Band's new Zagbëgon Academy, a suitable start for the preschool that will be based on Potawatomi culture and lifeways. After high fives from Tribal Council members as the students made their way into their classrooms for the first time, the teachers led the children to the newly-built long house.

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Pokagon officer promoted to Sergeant



Lieutenant Doug Callahan remembers how Eric Shaer's interest in law enforcement with the Pokagon Band, Shaer's own tribe, has been a long-standing passion.

"Eric interned with us for a couple years," Callahan recalls. "He'd hang around here for a long time, pop in, stayed really close. You could tell it was something meaningful to him."

So, when Shaer was given a chance five years ago to be part of a tribal citizen program to attend the police academy and eventually become a Pokagon Tribal Police Officer, "he jumped at the opportunity to do that," said Callahan.

Now, Officer Shaer has received a promotion to the rank of sergeant.

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Carla Getz discovers sewing and her true self

Last year, Carla Getz participated in the annual Water Walk, but she didn't own a traditional skirt of her own, so she had to buy one.

"While I had a skirt on, it just—I just didn't feel complete," Carla remembers.

This feeling stuck with her, so when the next iteration of the Regalia Class rolled around, Carla joined. She has since completed a camp dress, ribbon skirts, pucker toe moccasins, applique skirts, birch bark etching to make a medallion, red tail hawk feather fan and hairpiece, and likely more since she spoke with us.

Carla didn't grow up with this culture, didn't talk about it or experience it, so when Carla retired in 2016, she dedicated her retirement to understanding her culture, and herself.

"I don't want to die not ever knowing who I am. And that's why I'm doing this."

For the first several sessions of Regalia Class, Carla was afraid to cut her material or take any permanent actions until the teacher directly instructed her to do so. Two months in, she was cutting without fear and even bought her own sewing machine and materials to work at home.

Carla danced in her camp dress at the Grand Entry of the 2018 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow. Completing that outfit gave her the confidence to sew her own ribbons skirts at home with her new supplies.

Next up in regalia class were pucker toe moccasins. Carla worked with her leather in class, but she only could get a single, "lousy pucker" together, as she put it. So she went at it again, this time with more focus.

"I sat there, and I did it beautifully—on the wrong side of the leather," Carla laughs about this now, but at the time she had to take out her stitches and redo it. This time, though, she already knew she could create a proper pucker, and she did.

Applique skirts posed a new challenge for Carla. She had to learn how to serge, get the satin stitch all the way around.

"I've never seen an applique skirt look like this. There's no way it can be salvaged," Carla said to herself at the beginning of that class. "When I left that class that day—I had an applique skirt."

Regalia Class spurred Carla to try more. She learned birch bark etching and feather care.

"Anything that's offered—I'm there." Carla said. "I like to listen because you just hear all the stories, and the things that I missed, that I feel I missed growing up."

Carla says the relationships she's built with her community are as valuable as the traditions she's learned.

"The beauty of it has been the networking," Carla said of Regalia Class and the other workshops she's attended. "To meet all the people. I mean I've seen them all, and we say 'Hi' in passing, but we never had a chance to sit and talk. We got to do that, and in the meantime, we started trading ideas."

"I've just thrown myself into it. I decided that's it. Enough of wanting to do it," Carla said. "The only thing worse than not doing it for 56 years is not doing it for 56 years—and another day."



Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

The deadline for submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Women's Water Walk and Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow highlight weekend

Labor Day weekend for the Pokagon Band began at sunrise Friday with a ceremony at Gage Street Lake honoring the water. The 11th Annual Women's Water Walk stepped off soon after, finishing 15 miles later at Rodgers Lake. The women walkers and their supporters brought awareness to vital, life-giving water

and its care. Over the next two days, thousands of dancers, singers, artists, and attendees enjoyed the huckleberry harvest pow wow and shared in the Potawatomi festivities.



Teaching cabin repaired

Citizens and community members gathered this August to repair the teaching cabin on our Rodgers Lake campus in Dowagiac. The teaching cabin sits between the log cabins on the campground. Citizens stripped and peeled bark from

basswood, soaks the strips, then used them to tie the cabin's poles together. The teaching cabin had developed a few weak points from recent heavy rains.



Help your community raise awareness for domestic violence in October

Across the country, communities, including the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence can happen to anyone at any time. Chances are, whether you or know it or not, someone you know has experienced some form of domestic violence. While it can happen anywhere and to anyone, Native American women are especially at risk, due to issues stemming from historical trauma. According to a 2016 report

published by the National Institute of Justice, 55.5 percent of the Native American/Alaska Native women surveyed have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. This is much higher than the national average of 25 percent of all women.

The Pokagon Band Domestic Violence Program will have many events to raise awareness and encourage fellowship throughout the month of October 2018.

October 5

Ribbon Skirt making class with Erin Burggraf | 5 p.m., Community Center.

Materials will be provided, but if you have a sewing machine and supplies, please bring those.

Space is limited to the first 14 women to sign up. We ask that all participants be comfortable working with a sewing machine.

October 6

Harvest Day | 10 a.m., Dowagiac Middle School.

Fun for the whole family and open to everyone.

October 11

Healing Justice for Native Communities and Survivor Speak Out with Betty Davis | 11 a.m., Pipe Ceremony

to begin at Gage Street, followed by the event at the Community Center.

Lunch will be provided. This is open to everyone, though, due to the subject matter, isn't necessary appropriate for everyone.

Use your best judgment when bringing kids.

October 13

Love Should Not Hurt 5K walk/run | 10 a.m., Pavilion.

Registration is available online. Open to everyone.

October 18

Wind River film screening | 6 p.m., Community Center.

Dinner is provided. This event is open to everyone, but due to the subject matter, isn't necessarily appropriate for everyone.

Use your best judgment when bringing kids.

If you have any questions about upcoming events or would like to attend, please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

If someone you know is being hurt at home, let them know help is available. If it is safe for them to do so, have them call Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or e-mail at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marci Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch Wednesday, October 18 as she discusses topics around nutrition.

All healthy lunch presentations are 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in the kitchen of the Commodities Building
58650 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

For more information and to RSVP, contact Marci Herbert at (269) 782-2472 or Marci.herbert@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Youth bike to historic sites

In August Language Specialist Kyle Malott, Community Resource Officer Abi Shanahan, and Youth Services Coordinator Daniel Stohrer organized a bike trip for Pokagon youth to visit important sites in Pokagon history. Language Specialist Malott served as tour guide because of his vast knowledge of the historic events that occurred in the Niles area. The Pokagon headquarters are now in Dowagiac, however before we came to Dowagiac many villages were in Pawating, which is present day Niles.

Pokagon youth, mostly from the afterschool program, visited five locations along the St. Joseph River, which we call Senathwen zive (rocky current river). During stops the group learned about the history of the river, how it came to be called St. Joseph River, how Potawatomi use and respect our water ways. Malott also talked about nearby villages, which include Topinabee, Nanaquiba, Pokagon, and Wesaw. They visited the Fort St. Joseph marker and discussed the happenings of the fort, and then visited the archeological dig site.



Pokagon youth gets more active and confident with HLC

Citizen Steven Girard joined the Healthy Lifestyles Campaign this year to get healthier. He initially just wanted to lose weight, but since starting this journey, his goals and achievements have broadened beyond what he imagined.

Steven welcomed Stacy Young, PHS behavioral health counselor, onto this journey with him, and together they discovered all the ways Steven could achieve his goals and create new ones.

Steven started by meeting with Stacy regularly. Then he began playing sports in his free time instead of only playing video games in the evening. His gym teachers started noticing a difference, seeing that Steven was trying to get the most out of his gym classes.

“I knew I needed to put in a decent effort,” Steven said, and Stacy says he was committed from the start.

Steven says that at first, he was just balancing his unhealthy habits with new, good ones, but now he’s mostly choosing an active lifestyle, far more than his old habits.

“Instead of just sitting on my couch and playing *Call of Duty* all day, and just eating a giant meal at the end of the night and just going to bed and let that fester inside my body, I’ll eat healthier, and I’ll usually do sports a little bit and take breaks and spend time with my dad and my dog,” Steven said.

He’s been playing basketball and disk golf. He plays disk golf with his dad, which is his favorite new activity. Steven even learned how to ride a bike.

“I didn’t know that I could have a different lifestyle, but I wanted to have a better one,” Steven said.

Steven’s active lifestyle has also built his confidence. He attended Kë Gbëshmen for the first time this summer, and he went on the canoe trip with Language & Culture, his first time canoeing.

“That took a lot of confidence,” Steven said about going on the canoe trip. “I didn’t think I was going to be able to canoe, but I made it through five hours without tipping.”

Steven says he’s learned “way more” about his culture while participating in HLC and during tutoring through the Education Department. Steven completed a special project at school, constructing and displaying posters there that shared about Pokagon history, culture, and language for his classmates.

Steven’s lost weight, he’s more active, more confident, better understands his culture, and now he’s working on developing healthy sleeping patterns.

“I’ve seen a lot of growth in Steven, as far as confidence goes, and his willingness to try new things, and that’s really translated into a lot of areas of his life,” Stacy said. “His relationship with his peers and his dad and the tribe—it’s been an all-around good thing for him.”

If you want to set your own goals for a healthier lifestyle, call Pokagon Health Services at (269) 782-4141.





Department of Education
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Débénwéthêk Parent Group



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

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

For more information, please contact Rachel Orvis at drorvis@gmail.com.

2018

February 21	May 16	August 15	November 14
March 21	June 20	September 12	December 12
April 18	July 18	October 17	

5:30–7:30 pm | Head Start

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Department of Natural Resources

QUESTION AND ANSWER



The Department of Natural Resources is seeking citizen input on current and future projects. The session will begin with brief presentations from DNR staff on current projects. After the presentations, the remaining time will be for citizens to voice environmental and natural resource related concerns and for DNR staff to answer any question you may have. Topics to be covered include:

- Hunting, Fishing + Gathering
- Climate Change
- Water Quality
- Composting + Recycling
- Trails
- Prescribed Burns
- Dowagiac River Re-meander Project

Dinner will be provided.

For more information, contact the Pokagon DNR at DNR@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call (269) 782-9602.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7 5:30 PM–8:00 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

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Kë Gbëshmen hosts largest number of campers ever

Kë Gbëshmen, the Pokagon Band's summer camp, celebrated its biggest camp season ever this June and July. Kë Gbëshmen 2018 focused on Language & Culture, integrated with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics). The tribe hosted four approximately week-long sessions, each tailored for a specific age range of campers. Two of the sessions were day camps, and the other two were overnight camps.

One hundred and ninety youth ages 5–18 attended. This was the first year where camp was able to accommodate everyone who registered due to the addition of two new cabins and another week of camp. Planning for Kë Gbëshmen begins each January. If you or someone you know is interested in being a presenter or a camp counselor in 2019, please contact Rebecca Williams at rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Susan Doyle at susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Pokagon officer promoted to Sergeant, *continued from page one*

“Advancement in this department has been one of his goals, and it’s impressive to see the work and determination he’s put in to achieve that,” said Callahan.

Sergeant Shaer and Officer James Ivy—the other Pokagon citizen who joined the training program in 2012—graduated the academy, and then worked as road patrol officers while going through field training. Shaer worked the road for five years and served as a community resource officer. He took advantage of opportunities

that came his way—such additional responsibilities as defensive tactic instructor or as a member of the department’s honor guard—to increase his knowledge and better prepare himself as a supervisor.

“Shaer stood out to me when I first joined the Tribal Police because of his determination to strive to be better,” said Police Chief Bill Lux. “He put plans together himself to make sure that he improved, that he wouldn’t let adversity defeat him.”

Requirements to make sergeant include a minimum of four years’ experience as a police officer, a written computer-based assessment, and a group interview before a panel of command officers, some from other law agencies in the area.

Chief Lux also looks for characteristics like good judgement and leadership qualities.

“Law enforcement supervisors are sometimes put in difficult positions; they must make the right decisions for

the people they supervise,” said Lux. “Sergeant Shaer put himself in a good position for a promotion. He wanted to show the people of his community that he could do well in his tribe’s police force. I am very proud of him and the progress he has made and will continue to make.”

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Department of Language & Culture

A **DIBAA** (A TRUE STORY BASED ON HISTORICAL (OFTEN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE) WOULD SOMETIMES LOSE ITS DIMENSION OF TIME AND PLACE AND TURN INTO AN **ASHECHIGAN** (A PARABLE WITH A MORAL UNDERTONE) OR EVEN AN **ADITZODIPANAM** (A SACRED STORY WITH A SUPERNATURAL THEME))

IN THIS WAY, NARRATIVES BECAME **NETWIKIPIKIN** (TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS) THAT STRESSED ESSENCE RATHER THAN HISTORICAL DETAIL. THEY SERVED TO EDUCATE THE YOUNG ABOUT THEIR CULTURE AND THE HISTORY OF THEIR PEOPLE.

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Inaugural
Indigenous Film Screening
TUESDAY **OCTOBER 23** 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY CENTER 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI

Join the Department of Language & Culture for the **Inaugural Indigenous Film Screening** event. We plan to share a meal with the community and watch Adam Khalil and Zack Khalil’s (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) debut film, **INAATE/SE/**.

Adam and Zack will facilitate a Q+A after the film. Dinner will be from 6:00–7:00 pm, followed by the film screening from 7:00–8:00pm, and Q+A from 8:00–9:00pm.

View the trailer at www.inaatase.com/trailer/ and learn more about the film at its website [www.inaatase.com/] or [facebook.com/inaatase](https://www.facebook.com/inaatase).

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“The family is at the heart of the Native American cultures. There is no other work more important than fatherhood and motherhood.”
- Albert M. Pooley, Founder & President of Native American Fatherhood and Families Association

Father/Child Art Contest
Projects due by **October 31**

Even from birth, children who have an involved father are more likely to be emotionally secure, be confident to explore their surroundings, and, as they grow older, have better social connections.

Ages 4-6 Choose an option
Use a provided coloring page or choose your own that represents a memory or hobby you share and color it together OR adult can draw a picture representing memory or hobby and you can color it together.

Ages 7-9, 10-13
Use any drawing tool: pencil, crayon, marker
With your father or adult father figure (grandpa), draw a favorite moment, activity or memory that you share.

See **Community Outreach** for coloring page. To submit: on the back of the project you must include the child’s and adult’s names, child’s age, address, phone number. Completed projects can be dropped off or mailed by October 31 to PHS Community Outreach, Attn: Amber Gauthier, 26907 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI 49047. Please contact Community Outreach/Amber Gauthier with any questions at (269) 782-4897.

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Jacqueline Shagonaby Trux is Elder of the Month



Hello. My parents are George and Rachel Shagonaby. My grandparents are George Shagonaby and Theresa Morsaw. I have five children Tom, Melissa, David, Matthew, and Benjamin. They have blessed me with ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

My sisters Theresa, Pam, and I have been traditional dancers since 2004. We were dancing at a pow wow at St. Patrick's Park in 2003, and low and behold there was a man who looked just like our Dad. We looked at each other with amazement! We decided we needed to get involved and were introduced into the circle in 2004.

Event promotes family wellness

More than fifty Pokagon family members came out for the Family Wellness 5K and Scavenger Hunt organized by Social Services, Tribal Police, and PHS's Wellness Center September 15. Hunters searched for items around the Rodgers Lake campground and government campus while runners and walkers completed the 5K. Afterward, all enjoyed lunch, raffles, and other games.



Youth experience traditional travel

Our young men and women canoed down the Manistee River this August 15-17, thanks to our Department of Language and Culture and Tribal Police.

The group, which included 12 youth, Language & Culture staff and officers Kevin Modlin, Jaime Summers, and Abigail Shanahan, stayed at the Manistee National Forest at Seaton Creek Campground in Mesick, Mich. This was the first year female youth had the opportunity to attend due to Officer Shanahan being able to attend and serve as a chaperone.

A Little River Band Elder visited during the first night. He was gracious enough to share some of his teachings of the land they were visiting and shared some information about the Manistee River. He shared some of his teachings on trade and answered questions.

They spent the majority of August 16 on the Manistee River, stopping at various locations to swim, go fishing, and eat lunch. There was a wide range of canoe experience from youth never being in a canoe to youth who were experienced paddlers. Officers Modlin and Summers kayaked alongside them to assist and give instructions.

At the campsite, they discovered a swimming hole, which is where they spent the remainder of the day swimming and swinging off a rope into the water until dark.

Participants stayed in tents with no electricity or running water and prepared all their meals themselves.



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Department of Education | Early Childhood Education

Neshnabé Mbokén

A children's book club

FIRST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH | 4-5 P.M.
ZAGBĚGON AN EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Neshnabé mbokén [nesh-na-bém-bo-kén] is a children's book club, which will focus on Native American books and authors. This program is open to the public (all ages).

Neshnabé mbokén means native books in Potawatomi and includes books about natives, books written by natives, or books having to do with native context.

For more information, please contact
Erin Byrket-Burggraf at topash240512@gmail.com or
Autumn Laraway at Autumn.Laraway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

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Department of Education



Simon Pokagon Memorial Research Library

The Pokagon Band Department of Education has an online library through Overdrive. There are hundreds of Native American titles that are available digitally or by audio. Currently, this is available to Pokagon Citizens (must have enrollment number and birthdate to sign in).

How to use the library:

Go to pokagon.overdrive.com or download the Overdrive App



1. Select the **Sign In** button (top right corner)
2. Enter **enrollment number** (Type the letters PB then enrollment number. You may need to add 0s in front of enrollment number to get to 4 digits.)
3. Enter **birthdate**

If you have questions or need help, please contact Susan Doyle at Susan.Doyle@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269) 782-0887.



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What's that invasive species? Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)



Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), also known as European buckthorn, is an invasive small tree or shrub species that is native to Europe and Asia. Common buckthorn can be found throughout a significant portion of the U.S., except for states south of the 37th parallel and a few western coastal states. The common buckthorn was introduced to North America in the 1880s as an ornamental plant. Unfortunately, this tree has now become a widespread problem in the U.S. Common buckthorn shades out spring wildflowers and tree seedling because it is one of the first understory species to put out leaves in the spring. Further, this plant may produce chemicals that prevent other plants from growing near it, which reduces biodiversity. Common buckthorn is also an overwintering plant for other pests and diseases including the soybean aphid, spotted wing fruit fly, alfalfa mosaic virus, and crown fungus, which causes oak rust disease. This tree can be 10–25ft in height, and a mature tree can have a trunk up to 10 inches in diameter. The leaves of this species are dark green with toothed margins, and the branches often have thorns at their tips. Common buckthorn is a habitat generalist, being able to thrive in sunny conditions, but also able to survive as an understory species. Common buckthorn has fruits on female plants that are small and ripen from green to purplish black. These fruits are eaten by birds and small mammals, so they rapidly spread. The native species that looks similar to the common buckthorn is the alder-leaved buckthorn (*Rhamnus alnifolia*); however, this species only grows to a maximum of 3 feet when mature and grows in fens and wetlands. If found early, common buckthorn can be cut and manually removed. If mature, quicker success is made by removing the females of this species to prevent them from fruiting. Herbicide application to the cut stump may be needed to prevent regrowth.

What's that edible plant? Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*)



Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) can easily be found during the months of September and October throughout Michigan because this is when you will notice all of the fruits falling from the trees. The black walnut is a tree native to eastern North America and is highly valued as a timber species due to the dark color of the wood and the ability to easily work with the wood. Additionally, black walnuts may be grown in groves for their fruit or to create walnut syrup through a process similar to making maple syrup. Black walnut trees can grow to 120ft at maturity and have deeply furrowed bark. The leaves of black walnut are compound with 15–23 leaflets, growing up to two feet long. The fruits can grow up to 2½ inches in diameter, are green in color and grow in pairs. The husks surrounding the nuts eventually turn yellow and then black as they deteriorate. Walnuts are high in calories, protein, and good fats (omega 3 and 6 as well as mono- and poly-unsaturated), while also providing over 20 vitamins and minerals. When harvesting walnuts, it is important to wear gloves, otherwise you will stain your hands. Walnut husks have been used historically for dyeing cloth and baskets, so this could be an additional use, if desired. Harvest walnuts as soon as the outer husk begins to soften, but while it is still green. If you have a lot of walnuts already on the ground, a rolling cage nut picker may be of benefit. After removing the husk from the shell, the nuts should be cured. This can be done by placing them in a dry, ventilated area for about two weeks. Shelled nuts may be stored for up to a year in a cool, dry location. Unshelled nuts may be placed in the refrigerator or freezer to extend their lifespan. The warmer the location of storage, the quicker the nut meat will go rancid. Nuts can also be roasted lightly to extend their life. The next time you see walnuts on the ground, think about it as an opportunity for a wild edible food and gather them up. As with any new edible, ensure that you have a positive identification before consumption and utilize the edible in small quantities at first to make sure there are no allergic reactions.

Citizen comment period on 2019 tribal budget begins October 2

Pokagon citizens are invited to view the proposed 2019 tribal government budget and annual plan and submit comments and questions between October 2-31. The budget document will be available on the Pokagon website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/citizen-login; citizens will be required to login to view it.

The document is intended for Pokagon citizens only. After reviewing the budget document, citizens

can submit questions and comments through the form on the site. If your e-mail address entered does not match your address in the tribe's database, you won't be able to comment. Please call the Enrollment Office at (269) 782-1763 if you experience trouble logging in or to verify that your preferred e-mail address is in the database.

If you'd rather view a copy of the budget document in person, please come to the Administration Building

to access one. There will also be two citizen budget meetings at the Community Center: Wednesday, October 10 from 6–8 p.m., and Saturday, October 13 after the regular citizen meeting that starts at 10 a.m. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for the tribe's 2019 plan.



Please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/citizen-login

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WEDNESDAY	Nyéw gízhëk	THURSDAY	Nyano gízhëk	FRIDAY	Odankè gízhëk	SATURDAY
Wellness Language Class ning	3 PALS (Play and Learn Social) Lean Lunch South Bend Language Class Potawatomi 201 Men's Sweat	4	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training DVAM Ribbon Skirt Workshop	5	DVAM Harvest Day	6
Wellness Language Class ment Meeting	10 DVAM Healing Justice for Native Communities and Survivor Speak Out with Betty Davis Lean Lunch South Bend Language Class Potawatomi 201 Parenting Bundle	11	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Shishibé	12	Tribal Council Meeting DVAM Love Should Not Hurt 5K Run/Walk	13
Wellness Language Group ning	17 PALS (Play and Learn Social) Lean Lunch South Bend Language Class Potawatomi 201 DVAM <i>Wind River</i> film screening Parenting Bundle	18	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training	19		20
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Please check the website for the latest updates on any cancellations due to inclement weather. Visit www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov/calendar or call (800) 517-0777 for more details on these events.

Zagbëgon students head into their new school, *continued from page one*



Academy manager Liz Rinehart offered a smudge to each person entering the long house. The attendees—teachers, students, parents, and community members—offered tobacco and gathered around the fire that Jason S. Wesaw started.

“This school is all about our love for you,” he told the students. “We’re starting this school to teach you with the things that make us Potawatomi.”

Council member Andy Jackson offered a prayer.

“You are all a gift from our creator,” she said.

Sam Morseau, director of the Education Department, said he was excited for the start of school.

“At this school you get to be outside a lot, be in the trees, in the grass looking at bugs,” he told everyone.

Personal budgeting gives you control

Do you feel financially out of control? Is your spending matching your priorities? Budgeting can help. A budget helps you take control of your finances and determines how your hard-earned money is spent. Budgeting can help you build a personal savings and can help allow you to make financial decisions ahead of time, making it easier to cover all your expenses.

There is a lot of emotion involved when it comes to personal finance, so we need to be honest with ourselves when organizing them. Being true to our heritage, we need to plan properly and respect our valuable resource, our income. If we can make the commitment to ourselves, we then become examples to our friends, family, and community.

Chi Ishobak can help you with budgeting. We offer individual financial coaching that begins with a one-on-one meeting to go over your areas of concern. We will provide you with a Personal Budget Worksheet that allows you to list your expenses, starting with the most important, following up with the least important. We will provide support and help you compare your income with your expenses.

Managing our finances is easy and simple to talk about but can be quite difficult to implement. Chi Ishobak provides you with the necessary tools and support to continue an honest path to financial wellness. Together, we can help monitor your progress and achieve your personal financial goals. Call us today at (269) 783-4157.

Nearly one hundred Pokagon family members enjoy Binder Zoo excursion



The Dëbënwéthëk Parent Group organized a day for Pokagon families at the Battle Creek zoo September 8. Citizen Allen Halquist attended with his wife and kids, and his brother, niece, and nephews.

“My family had a great time,” said Halquist. “Thanks for your efforts! It was a good day.”

Pictured above on the right are Emily and Darrell Howell and, on the left, Emily, Darrell and Ethan Howell, who also enjoyed their time at the zoo.

Migwetch to everyone who came out and celebrated 24 years of Pokagon Band sovereignty!



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Elders Health + Wellness

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

Chair aerobics

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

Cardio drumming

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

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Department of Language & Culture
8th annual community celebration

Autumn Harvest

pow wow

Tuesday, November 20
12:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Community Center

The autumn pow wow held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving celebrating a successful harvest has become an annual Pokagon event. Join the fun at the Community Center. Ribbon Town is host drum.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Grand Entry: all dancers welcome

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

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Pokagon citizen discounts available at Four Winds restaurants

Effective October 1, 2018, the Pokagon Gaming Authority has arranged for all Pokagon citizens to receive a 50% discount at all Four Winds New Buffalo, Four Winds Hartford, Four Winds Dowagiac, and Four Winds South Bend designated food venues.

Below are the guidelines for receiving the discount:

- A Pokagon tribal ID card is required at time of purchase to be presented to the cashier tendering the transaction, by the citizen whose name appears on the card.
 - Required to be 21 years of age, and present a tribal ID with photo, or a tribal ID with a Driver's License or State ID with a photo.
 - The 50% discount is available for card carrying Pokagon tribal citizens only; other similar cards from other bands/tribes are not authorized for the discount.
- The card presenter (Pokagon citizen) is required to provide a signature (cashier to verify) on the receipt that is generated, acknowledging the discount.
- A Pokagon citizen, when presenting their Pokagon tribal ID card, will be eligible for the 50% discount for the following maximum number of guests per food venue, per card:

Four Winds Property Location	Food Venue	Maximum # guests	Additional Information
New Buffalo South Bend	Copper Rock Steakhouse	6 Adults	21+ years of age
New Buffalo South Bend	Timbers	6 Guests	21+ years of age after 10 pm
Hartford Dowagiac	Timbers	6 Guests	21+ years of age
New Buffalo	Hard Rock Café	6 Guests	21+ years of age after 10 pm
South Bend	Kankakee Grille	6 Guests	21+ years of age after 10 pm
New Buffalo South Bend	Buffet	Unlimited number of Guests	50% off each check
New Buffalo South Bend	White Birch Market	Unlimited number of Guests	50% off each check
New Buffalo	Room Service	Discount does not apply.	
New Buffalo	Banquets	Discount does not apply.	

- One bill for the entire party will be collected at the time of the visit. Should the check require being split for separate payment, please alert the venue Manager in advance; signature and tribal ID# are required to be listed on each check.

Save the date! 2019 Healthy Lifestyles Campaign Kick-off



Sunday, January 13 | 4 p.m.

YMCA of Southwest Michigan, St. Joseph, MI

Join us to sign up for the program and enjoy games, food, and information on healthy lifestyle changes. More to come on how to register and live a healthier life!

JOIN THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
TO RAISE DIABETES AWARENESS IN OUR COMMUNITY ON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2
SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
59900 CHERRY GROVE RD [DAILEY RD ENTRANCE] DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

LIGHT THE WAY 5K

6:30 PM
EVENT CHECK-IN, PACKET PICK UP, FACE PAINTING BEGIN

7:15 PM
WALK/RUN BEGINS

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY, NON-COMPETITIVE RUN/WALK 5K
THIS WILL BE A NIGHT RUN WITH A PORTION OF THE COURSE FEATURING EMERGENCY VEHICLES WITH FLASHING LIGHTS AND THE OTHER HALF OF THE RUN LIT BY HUNDREDS OF GLOW STICKS.

REGISTER HERE STARTING AUGUST 1
WWW.POKAGONBAND-NSN.GOV/FORM/LIGHT-WAY-NIGHT-RUN-5K-REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 17 TO GET A SHIRT. QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARCY HERBERT AT (269) 783-2472.

SPONSORED BY THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI, THE CONGRESSIONALLY ESTABLISHED SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM FOR INDIANS, NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES, AND SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE.

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Spacious rental home available in South Bend



Citizens: a four bedroom family home is available for rent in South Bend, Indiana, near the Pokagon Band's Indiana office and Four Winds South Bend. The home features two full and two half baths, a large yard, and two car garage.



Please contact Megan Rick, Rental Property Manager, for more information (269) 462-4251.



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LEGAL AID

For Pokagon Band Citizens

Do you need advice or assistance with a legal issue?

The Pokagon Band has arranged for Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) and Indiana Legal Services (ILS) to provide free legal services to Pokagon citizens (and in some cases, spouses of Pokagon citizens) regarding certain types of legal issues:

- Guardianships and Conservatorships
- Power of Attorney (Medical and/or Financial)
- Simple Wills
- Real Estate Matters
- Landlord Tenant Matters
- General civil matter legal advice
- Expungements (misdemeanor and low-level felony) in Indiana only
- Specialized Driving Permits in Indiana only

For questions about Michigan or Pokagon Band law, contact

Michigan Indian Legal Services
(800) 968-6877

An MILS attorney will be at the Pokagon Community Center at least one day a week. Please call for an appointment.

For questions about Indiana law, contact

Indiana Legal Services
401 East Colfax, Suite 116
South Bend, Indiana
(574) 234-8121 | (800) 288-8121

Please call for an appointment Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Except for criminal matters in Pokagon Tribal Court, there are no asset or income restrictions for Pokagon Band citizens receiving this free legal service. Not all legal services provided include representation in court, in some instances the available legal services are limited to document review, document preparation, and/or providing legal advice.

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.

monday

1 language

Sea Bass
Spanish Rice
Brussels Sprouts
Coleslaw
Blueberry Crisp
Whole Grain Roll

8 language

Mostaccioli with Buffalo
Meatballs
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

15 language

BBQ Chicken
Baked Potato
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

22 language

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Corn on the Cob
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

29 language

Boiled Dinner W/ Sausage,
Onions, Potatoes, Beans,
Corn, and Cabbage
Cornbread
Tomato Salad

tuesday

2

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

9

Beef Roast in Gravy with
Mashed Potatoes
Spinach
Garden Salad
Cottage Cheese and Peaches
Whole Grain Roll

16

Breakfast Bar

23

Pork Chops
Baked Sweet Potato
Collard Greens
Tomato Salad
Whole Grain Roll

30

Buffalo Tips in Gravy over
Noodles
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

wednesday

3

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

10

Chicken Quesadillas with all
the Fixings
Red Beans and Rice
Dessert

17

Venison Stuffed Peppers
Au Gratin Potatoes
Cucumber Salad
Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

24

Marinated Chicken
Baked Potato
Beans
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Fruit

31

Baked Cod
Rice Pilaf
Carrots
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

thursday

4 business meeting

Buffalo Pot Pie Topped with
Biscuits
Garden Salad
Apple Crisp
Birthday Cake

11

Sliced Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Spinach
Jell-O W/ Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

18 halloween social

Chicken Broccoli Alfredo
Carrots
Bruschetta
Garden Salad
Dessert

25

Potato Soup
Fish Square Sandwich
Veggie and Pickle Tray
Banana Pudding W/ Nilla
Wafers

friday

5

Chicken Tenders
Baked Tator Tots
Veggie and Pickle Tray
Cookie

12

Vegetable Soup W/ Rice
Egg Salad Sandwich
Relish and Veggie Tray
Fruit

19

Salmon Patties
Mac and Cheese
Brussels Sprouts
Broccoli Slaw
Whole Grain Roll

26

Salad Bar

October

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

Per Capita News

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

Name	Christmas 2017	Monthly Per Cap
Scott Brewer, Jr	x	x
Angela Case	x	
Cristian Cobb	x	x
Mason Currey	x	x
Ian Deloach	x	
Brett Gibson	x	x
Bobby M. Haynes, Jr	x	
Jeffery Morseau	x	x
Austin L. Northrup	x	x
Peter J. Ramirez	x	
Skylar Topash		x
John Watson	x	

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

Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by October 15 in order to make it on the November 2018 check run. Anything received after October 15 will be processed on the check run for December 2018. 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.

Elders Stipend increments

Elders Stipends increase each five years by \$250 starting at age 65. All elders over 65 receiving the stipend will notice an increase in their amount every five years until the amount caps at \$1,750 for those aged 85 and above. Here are the increments:

Age	Monthly Elders Stipend Amount	Age	Monthly Elders Stipend Amount
55 – 64	\$500	75 – 79	\$1,250
65 – 69	\$750	80 – 84	\$1,500
70 – 74	\$1,000	85 and older	\$1,750

Don't forget the Elders Stipend is taxable income; federal tax withholding forms are available online at www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, January 12, 2018	Monday, January 30, 2018	Wednesday, January 31, 2018
Thursday, February 15, 2018	Monday, February 27, 2018	Wednesday, February 28, 2018
Thursday, March 15, 2018	Thursday, March 28, 2018	Thursday, March 29, 2018
Friday, April 13, 2018	Thursday, April 26, 2018	Friday, April 27, 2018
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	Tuesday, May 28, 2018	Wednesday, May 30, 2018
Friday, June 15, 2018	Thursday, June 29, 2018	Friday, June 29, 2018
Friday, July 13, 2018	Monday, July 30, 2018	Tuesday, July 31, 2018
Wednesday, August 15, 2018	Thursday, August 30, 2018	Tuesday, August 31, 2018
Friday, September 14, 2018	Thursday, September 27, 2018	Friday, September 28, 2018
Monday, October 15, 2018	Tuesday, October 30, 2018	Wednesday, October 31, 2018
Thursday, November 8, 2018*	Tuesday, November 20, 2018	Wed, November 21, 2018
Friday, December 14, 2018	Thursday, December 27, 2018	Friday, December 28, 2018

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

The tribe has mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. This is information pertains to citizen not receiving payments by direct deposit or a PNC pay card or making changes to their existing direct deposit information.

Direct Deposit Form Submission

- If your form is received before the deadline date for per capita changes, the information will be entered into the system. If your test-run is error-free, then you will have direct deposit the same month.
- If you submit your direct deposit form after the deadline date; the following month, your check will be direct deposited into your bank as long as the test-run is error-free.

PNC Paycard

- In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, may elect to have a PNC pay card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month.

Federal Tax Withholding

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. All three of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov. If you have any questions, please call (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Elders receiving Supplemental Assistance Benefits will also receive this increase; they'll get the additional \$250, but their supplemental assistance will not decrease. Supplemental Assistance Benefits are not taxable.

Elders are eligible to opt in or out of the stipend program during the month they turn 55 years old. Contact the Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998 for help understanding how this increase could impact your particular situation.

To register for Elders Stipend, request a form by calling (269) 782-0765. Return the completed form to the Enrollment Office, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047 or Fax: (269) 782-1964. Forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Tribal Council October Calendar of Events

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

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

Tribal Council November Calendar of Events

- 5 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 6 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 19 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 20 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 26 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.

Notice of Open Positions

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

- Pokagon Rights Board
- Election Board
- Oshke Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee
- Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee
- Mno-Bmadsen Board
- Curriculum Committee
- Ethics Board
- Land Use Board
- Family Welfare Commission
- Tribal Art Review Committee
- Youth Council

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DÉBÉNWÉTHÈK PARENT GROUP



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Want to wear your pajamas and snuggle up with the kids for a Family Movie Night at the community center? Bring pillows and blankets to enjoy *Happy Feet* and munch on popcorn! For anyone not watching the movie, there will also be fun board games!

Friday, November 9 7:00 pm
Community Center

Débénwéthék
Parent Group

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DRUM CLASSES

Department of Language and Culture
59291 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Please join John T. Warren at our Men's and Boys Drum Class, open to all tribal citizens, spouses and other tribal affiliations. Drum class welcomes all ages and is held the first and third Wednesday of every month. There are many teachings that come with this class from a great teacher.

Any youth under 13 attending the class must be accompanied by an adult. Those drivers attending both drum classes in a month are eligible for a \$25 gas card. Dinner is provided.

2018

July 11	August 1	September 5	October 3	November 7	December 5
July 18	August 15	September 19	October 17	November 21	December 19

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



For more information, please call the Language & Culture office at (269) 462-4325 or Nicole Holloway at (269) 783-3513 desk / (269) 783-6131 cell.

Tribal Office Directory

Administration

Information Technology
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-6882

Commodities

(269) 782-3372
Toll Free (888) 281-1111
FAX (269) 782-7814

Communications

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Compliance

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Chi Ishobak

27043 Potawatomi Trail
(269) 783-4157

Education

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-0887
Toll Free (888) 330-1234
FAX (269) 782-0985

Elders Program

53237 Townhall Rd.
(269) 782-0765
Toll Free (800) 859-2717
FAX (269) 782-1696

Elections

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-9475
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Enrollment

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-1763
FAX (269) 782-1964

Facilities

57824 East Pokagon Trail
(269) 783-0443
FAX (269) 783-0452

Finance

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

Zagbëgon

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

Pokagon Health Services

58620 Sink Road
(269) 782-4141
Toll Free (888) 440-1234

Housing & Community Development

57824 East Pokagon Trail
(269) 783-0443
FAX (269) 783-0452

Human Resources

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

Language & Culture

59291 Indian Lake Rd.
(269) 462-4325

Mno-Bmadsen

415 E. Prairie Ronde St.
(269) 783-4111

Natural Resources

32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9602
FAX (269) 783-0452

Social Services

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-4295

South Bend Area Office

3733 Locust Street
South Bend, IN 46614
(574) 282-2638
Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 282-2974
(269) 782-8998

Tribal Council

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-6323
Toll Free (888) 376-9988
FAX (269) 782-9625

Tribal Court

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0505/
FAX (269) 783-0519

Tribal Police

58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232
Toll Free (866) 399-0161
FAX (269) 782-7988

Tribal Council Directory

(888) 376-9988

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(269) 783-9379
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HARVEST DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
DOWAGIAC MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Early Childhood Education program and the Domestic Violence program welcome citizens and staff to a day of family fun, including movies, crafts, activities, pumpkins, and more!

Wear your costume for a chance to win a prize. There will be a pumpkin carving contest, as well.

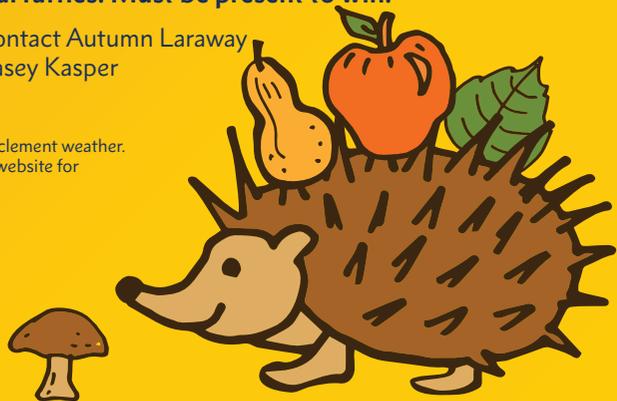
Lunch is provided.

DV education and awareness will also be offered to participants at this event.

Please register online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov by October 4 to be entered in several raffles. Must be present to win.

For more information, contact Autumn Laraway at (269) 462-4327 or Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324.

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



FATHERHOOD IS SACRED & MOTHERHOOD IS SACRED

POKAGON BAND PARENTING BUNDLE | PART III

Tuesdays + Thursdays **October 9, 11, 16, 18 + 23**
5:00 – 8:00 pm
Zagbëgon An Early Learning & Development Academy

Parents, caregivers, and any tribal citizens interested may register to attend on our website. Children are welcome. Dinner will be served.

Space is limited. Kindly **RSVP** at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov or call Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325.

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October 27 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Community Center

This event is a collaboration with Food Sovereignty Committee and Departments of Education and Language & Culture. Join us for the following:

Corn soup workshop, birch bark box etching workshop, rice processing demonstration, corn husk doll workshop, botagen workshop (traditional corn grinding tool), culinary demonstration.

You must RSVP for the workshops, limited space is available. RSVP to Nicole Holloway at (269) 783-3513 [office], (269) 783-6131 [mobile] or email at Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

12 pm | Light Lunch

5 pm | Traditional dinner + cooking demonstration
by Navajo Chef Brian Yazzie

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Pokagon Citizens ages 12–24!

Do you want to be more involved with your tribe? Have you considered joining the Youth Council?

We meet at 10 am the second Saturday each month in the Community Center | raffles at every meeting | team building | develop future tribal leaders | provide a voice for Pokagon youth | community service projects | pomote and develop Potawatomi culture, language and identity.

For more information or to join, please contact Rebecca Williams at (269) 462-4296 or rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Polly Mitchell at (269) 462-4294 or polly.mitchell@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Native Nations Youth Council