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THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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Parasitoid wasps arrive to combat the emerald ash borer

At the end of July the Pokagon Department of Natural Resources received a special shipment: the eggs of two species of non-stinging wasps. These wasps will undertake the important mission of seeking out and reducing the emerald ash borer population on tribal properties.

A dozen people gathered at the DNR office to help Tribal Council member Andy Jackson bless the culturally important effort to save the tribe's ash trees, which have been used for centuries to make baskets. The ceremony (see below) sent the wasp eggs into the field with the best intentions for survival.

DNR staff placed the eggs at sites in Dowagiac, Hartford and New Buffalo. The eggs will begin hatching sometime in late August, and shortly thereafter will begin their work of attacking the eggs and larvae of the emerald ash borer before they can mature, emerge and destroy ash trees.

DNR worked with the USDA's ash borer parasitoid rearing facility in Brighton, Michigan, and was required to select sites for release, obtain a permit, and collect data at the site where the wasps will be released. The smaller species, *Oobius agrii*, looks similar to a fly and parasitizes the eggs of the emerald ash borer, while the larger species *Tetrastichus planipennis* parasitizes the larvae under the bark of the ash tree.

The DNR will continue to receive parasitoid eggs every two weeks for the duration of the summer and into the fall to best establish populations of these parasitoid wasps. As new wasp species are available, they will be incorporated into the release program.



PHS Dental Services meeting a great need

Because of the importance of and need for regular dental check ups, tribal leaders made sure the new Pokagon Health Services facility included dental services. Since the office's opening in January, hundreds of citizens and other Native Americans have proved that decision to be the right one.

"We had 455 patient appointments scheduled in July alone," said Mary-Margaret Pierce-Lambert, dental office manager.

At opening, the staff consisted of two assistants, two hygienists and a dentist. Now because of high demand, another dentist and hygienist and two patient registration clerks joined the staff.

The staff offer patients all forms of cleanings, fillings, root canals, dentures, crowns, bridges and extractions. The office has a 3D Panorex machine that x-rays the sinus cavity and integrates with software to offer improved treatment.

The connection between oral health and a person's overall physical health is profound. Dentists can screen for oral cancer, diabetes, and heart disease. Red, swollen gum tissue and

canker sores indicate that patient has increased risk to develop those conditions. Having regular oral checkups is good for health, but also self-esteem.

"There are people who have never been to the dentist who now are getting the smile they want," said Pierce-Lambert. "Since medical health and oral health go hand and hand, everything is integrated at PHS. We work with the Clinic, we work with the Pharmacy, we work with the nutritionist to ensure we meet the whole patient's need."

Staff are trained to ease into treatment with those who may be apprehensive about visiting the dentist.

"We have a really good staff that are calming and take time to discuss things," she said. "The first appointment is to meet the dentist, get x-rays, and come up with a treatment plan."

Soon a third dentist will join the staff, and construction plans are underway for a fourth operator.

Call (269) 782-4141 to make your dental appointment today.

Pokagon youth programs revving up

Pokagon teens: do you like planning or attending parties? Being outdoors? Learning about Potawatomi language and culture? Playing games? Developing new skills? Making friends?

Youth programs offer all that and more to Pokagon kids between the ages of 12–24. There are a couple of ways to get involved. Youth Council is made up of Pokagon youth who want to contribute to their community and to Indian Country. The Youth Council supports youth who are driven to be leaders in their community and in the nation, and promotes the development of future tribal leaders. Young people who want to be a representative voice for native youth and develop into future tribal leaders should check out Youth Council. Junior and Senior Youth Council meetings are held on the second Saturday of every month 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Locations will be posted at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Another option is the Pokagon After-school Program, which begins September 15 and continuing every Tuesday from 3:30–6:00 p.m. Middle and high school students are welcome to join the fun.

The program uses the teachings of the medicine wheel as a guide for each season's focus.

“During the fall season we will be promoting physical health,” said Daniel Stohrer, youth services coordinator. “We will be running or walking, and playing warrior games or lacrosse, basketball, soccer, and baseball.”

Once a month active participants can travel off campus on a field trip. The group will ride horses in September and pick pumpkins in October. Dinner will be provided each Tuesday for the youth that attend.

Recently youth have organized or taken part in many fun activities, including planning holiday parties for the community, traveling on a traditional canoe trip, playing in a national native basketball tournament, forming a lacrosse team, and meeting with national leaders in Washington D.C. If you are interested in all this, and more, contact Daniel at Daniel.Stohrer@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Rebecca Williams, youth cultural coordinator, at Rebecca.Williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

EVERY TUESDAY

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

RODGERS LAKE TEACHING CABIN

58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI

Pokagon youth middle school to high school are invited to participate in Language & Culture's after school program. Fall activities included running and walking, warrior games and a variety of sports.

Dinner is available for all youth attending the program.

Once a month, active program participants will go on a field trip. September's field trip is horseback riding. October's field trip is to a pumpkin patch and corn maze.

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

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UNITY conducting native youth survey

To learn more about today's native youth and their interests, concerns and future outlook, UNITY has teamed with The Huffington Post to survey young natives between the ages of 18 and 24. This population has a unique perspective and valuable information to share with their UNITY family and the public at large.

UNITY is a national organization that promotes personal development, citizenship, and leadership among American Indian and Alaska Native youth between the ages of 14 – 24. Its goal is to use the information gathered from the survey to help guide its future planning efforts that go into designing quality and relevant programs. The *Huffington Post* is interested in using the information as the basis for writing a general interest story about today's native youth and their experiences in growing up native in two worlds.

UNITY and The Huffington Post are requesting native youth who would like to share information about their experiences to complete and submit the survey by visiting: www.surveymonkey.com/r/B5RNTCY.

You will be requested to indicate (by checking the appropriate button) that you give permission to The Huffington Post reporter to get in contact and conduct a follow up interview. Keep in mind that not all of those who grant permission will be contacted.

If you are 18 years of age or older at the time you submit the survey and you give your permission to be contacted, please provide the contact information requested on the survey form. The submitted surveys will be maintained by UNITY. The information you submit will be shared with the reporter, but it will not contain your personal information.

After reviewing the collected surveys, the reporter will list those selected for a follow up interview and request the relevant contact information from UNITY. UNITY staff will then directly get in touch with those identified and ask for permission to share their contact information with the reporter. Upon receiving the information, the reporter will get in contact with those to be interviewed and make the necessary arrangements.



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Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Tribal Court and Council meet for annual meeting

Each year, Tribal Council and the judges and justices that serve on the Tribal Court meet for a couple of days, and this year was no different. On August 5 the two groups met to share updates on Court activities, the community, legislation, land use and future plans.

“I work with a number of tribes,” said Jill Thompkins, an associate justice for the Court of Appeals. “And this is uniquely collaborative and rare. These updates help us prepare the Court for infrastructure development.”

“The meetings are marked by a sense of mutual respect,” said Stephen Rambeaux, the Court administrator.

Along with a day of collaboration and updates with Tribal Council, the judiciary met with Pokagon elders for lunch and discussion, and toured the new Pokagon Health Center and Edawat homes.

Dreamcatchers enriches summer for Pokagon kids

How would you like to spend a couple of days a week tagging turtles, dissecting owl pellets and learning about your family’s traditional clan role? For 42 Pokagon kids in kindergarten through eighth grade, Dreamcatchers was a fun, engaging way to spend their summer break.

“This is the best one I’ve seen in my five years,” said Susan Doyle, educational associate and one of the Dreamcatchers organizers.

Each Tuesday and Thursday the students would meet at the Head Start building where educational associate Donald Sumners began their day with a prayer and smudge. Then the rest of the day took them outdoors or out of Dowagiac for hands on, STEM-oriented language and cultural activities.

“Collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources helped make it successful,” said Doyle. “They had elaborate lessons plans.”

One such experiential activity involved close examination of owl pellets to discover what the predator had eaten—a mouse, a shrew, a bird? In another, the group raised painted lady butterflies from a chrysalis and released them during the last week of Dreamcatchers. In another, the students worked with the tribe’s water quality specialist electrofishing to monitor fish population and health in tribal waterways.

Part of their time was spent working on new Court rules, revising current rules and relaying Court information to members of the judiciary.

“Much of the work we do in the Court is developing infrastructure and procedures from laws that Tribal Council has enacted,” said Rambeaux. “For example the Code of Offenses: we work with judges on rules and administrative orders for it, and then collaborate with departments to develop needed infrastructure to follow the law.”

The group traveled to Meier Gardens, Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery and Fernwood Botanical Gardens as well. One day, a raptor rehabilitator brought golden eagles, a red tail hawk, and owls to visit the students.

According to Autumn Cabrillas, another educational associate, the kids really enjoyed the Potawatomi language lessons and medicine wheel teachings, and the cultural enrichment brought out pride and family connections for some.

“We did an activity about our clans, and one student didn’t know his clan,” she said. “He went home and asked his grandmother, and came in the next day excited to share what he’d learned.”

Each week the students received small gifts—a bird, a fish—to remind them of what they’d learned.

“Now they can tell stories about their Dreamcatchers experiences,” said Cabrillas.



Tiger Challenge meets with success



Finishers of the Wellness Center Tigers Challenge kicked back and enjoyed a Detroit Tigers baseball game on Sunday, July 19.

The challenge was to walk 200 miles, and several accomplished this distance, including Lorraine Grewett—who caught a foul ball—Carey and Jack Baxter, and Jodi and Emily Warren. Wellness Center Assistant John Koehler created this incentive.

The Wellness Center is going to keep the challenges coming. This winter, they will be providing free skiing lessons and lift tickets to those who complete the next challenge, to be announced soon. Will you be up for it?

Employee weight loss challenge becomes lifestyle

Pokagon Band Tribal Police Officer Kevin Modlin was one of many employees to take the employee weight loss challenge, but he's the only one who lost 17 pounds, winning the challenge. Through his weight-loss, he received \$85 from the Wellness Center and a healthier self.

Modlin lost the most weight, but coming in second was another member of the Tribal Police Department, Officer Jason Flick.

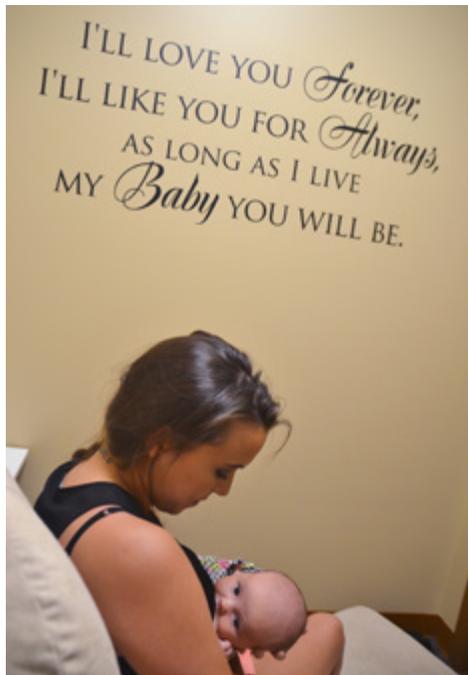
Modlin wanted a healthier lifestyle, and he saw this challenge as the perfect start. He cut down on snacks like soda, chips, and ice cream and started running outside.

When it was too cold outside, he could be found at the Wellness Center everyday. He says having that space to exercise was a big part of his success.

The Wellness Center's message board has information about the necessity of pairing healthy eating and exercise habits to lose weight and become more healthy. Modlin exemplifies how true this is.

He finished the challenge just seven pounds shy of his goal weight, a weight he has since surpassed. For Modlin, the challenge continues, as he works to lose another 15 pounds.

PHS lactation room supports moms, babies



Health Services now offers a lactation room for mothers to comfortably nurse their babies. We spoke with one tribal mother, Melinda Thompson, who uses this room, about why breastfeeding is so important to her.

Q. Why do you believe breastfeeding is important for you and/or your child?

Although breastfeeding is very demanding and can drive you almost to the brink of insanity, it is also very magical! There really are no words to describe the feeling you get when you can provide your children nourishment in that kind of way. It is an amazing way to connect with your children. It gives them strength and a sense of security. When I know my children

can sense that they are loved and secure, I just feel good, I feel whole! That's why breastfeeding is important to my family.

Q. What challenges have you faced as a breastfeeding mother?

The biggest challenge with breastfeeding for me personally is making sure I keep my supply up. I never realized how much work it really is, but I also never realized how rewarding it all would be. If I can nurse and pump an ounce or two afterward, I feel like super woman!

Q. What does it mean to you to have safe places like the Health Center Lactation Room to breastfeed your child?

I love that our clinic provides a safe place for us to nurse our babies! Some women like privacy, and sometimes you just need a quiet spot to relax and nurse. It is really comforting knowing our health clinic cares about us and has taken measures to make sure we have a place to retreat to when we need it.

Q. How has your native culture influenced your decision to breastfeed?

I've always heard the people I looked up to speaking about the importance of caring for our youth, that we need to protect them and care for them the best we can. When I became a mother, breastfeeding allowed for me to do just that. Breastfeeding is one of many powerful tools the Creator has blessed us mothers with. My hope is that more mothers will chose to breastfeed, and that people will start to see the importance of breastfeeding instead of the stigma society has created around breastfeeding. I also hope that Mothers who chose to breastfeed will have the support and respect they deserve from others around them when they decide to give their babies the gift of breastfeeding.

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.

September 10

National Childhood Obesity Month

October 8

Breast Cancer Awareness
Mammograms
Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 23–31)
Mental Health Awareness
Domestic Violence Awareness

November 12

Diabetes Awareness
Smoke Out Awareness
Lung Cancer Awareness

4th Annual Healthy Step with Education preps kids, families for school year

More than one hundred and twenty Pokagon family members gathered at Rodgers Lake in July to mark what's become the annual kick off to the new school year: A Healthy Step with Education.

"I think that's more participants than we've ever had," said educational associate Susan Doyle. "We've done this event in August and September before, but July seems to work well."

The event was held at Pokagon Health Services for the first time. Organizers hoped it would be convenient to offer a one stop shop for such services as athletics physicals, dental cleanings, moon teachings, and speech, vision, and hearing screenings. There were hair cuts, massages and of course the opportunity to register Pokagon students for pre-K-12 programs.

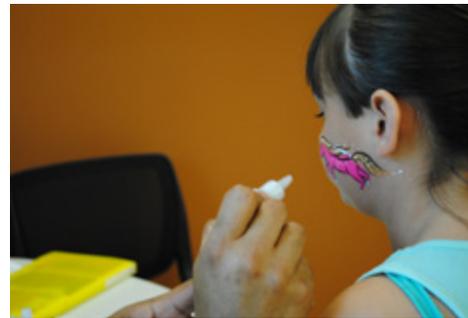
"There's so much people could get out of there," said Doyle.

Thirty people took advantage of vision screenings.

"We caught some children that did not know they needed glasses," said Liz Leffler, community health nurse and one of the organizers.

The collaborative event involved the Tribal Police offering car seat safety, Project LAUNCH's parent group, and awareness information from the domestic violence team. Healthworks kids museum brought carnival games that shared healthy messages, and lots of little ones enjoyed the face painting, bounce house, fire truck, and ambulance.

"And everyone liked the lunch of barbeque chicken," said Doyle.




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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MORE THAN FRYBREAD

LEGENDS FROM THE SKY

Friday, September 4
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Community Center
Motivational talk about following your dreams and a workshop on the process of making a movie from idea to acting, directing, camera work...

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Rodgers Lake Pavilion
Dinner

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Rodgers Lake Pow Wow Arena

Join the Department of Education and the movie's writer and director, Holt Hamilton, for a discussion and screening of *Legends from the Sky*.

Popcorn and refreshments will be served.

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Department of Education

EDUCATION PORTAL August 11

The Education Department would like to announce that the **EDUCATION PORTAL** will be ready to use for fall 2015-2016 enrollment on August 11, 2015! All citizens completing the Higher Education Scholarship or Vocational Scholarship applications should use the Education Portal to complete the scholarship process. No more emailing, faxing, or bringing in the scholarship paper work. Just send it electronically and enjoy the stress free scholarship process.

If you have any questions please contact Joseph Avance Higher Education Specialist at joseph.avance@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 782-0887 or toll free (888)330-1234.

Please spread the word!

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What's that Invasive Plant? Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)

Giant hogweed is a very harmful invasive plant species that is treated as a federal noxious weed within the United States. This plant is native to Central Asia, but has been introduced in several countries as a garden ornamental plant. **DO NOT TOUCH** this plant. The sap of the plant reacts in the sunlight and causes blisters that take months to heal and can cause long lasting scars. With the possibility of sun exposure causing additional burns and blisters for several years after. The native Cow Parsnip (*Heracleum lanatum*) is sometimes mistaken for Giant Hogweed because this native plant can produce rashes and burns from its sap, however, not

nearly as bad. Giant Hogweed grows from 6 to 18 feet tall, whereas native Cow Parsnip grows from 3 to 8 feet tall. The leaves on the Giant Hogweed are much more serrated, larger in size, and have very deep sinuses, whereas the Cow Parsnip has less serration, shallower sinuses, and generally less lobes. The stem on Giant Hogweed is green with purple blotches and stiff white hairs while the Cow Parsnip stem is most often times green and has very fine white hairs. Stay away from this undesirable plant and report it if you see it on tribal properties, so that it may be removed.



What's that Edible Plant? Chicory (*Cichorium Intybus*)



You have probably seen this plant along the roadside in many areas. Chicory is quite common and readily available for use. Young Chicory leaves and flowers can be added to salads and included in cooked recipes. Older leaves may be boiled and have a change of water in order to remove bitterness. The root of the chicory can be made into a caffeine-free coffee-like beverage by toasting the roots in the oven for an hour at 350° until the roots are dark brown, brittle, and fragrant. Grind the roots in a blender of spice

grinder and use 1 tsp per cup of water. Chicory leaves contain vitamins A, B, K, E, and C, as well as potassium, calcium, phosphorus, copper, zinc, and magnesium. Chicory can also be used for medicinal purposes with herbal teas being used as detoxifiers and strong teas being used as a compress for mild inflammation and swelling.

Hunter Safety Education Course Offered

The Pokagon Departments of Language and Culture and Natural Resources will be holding a Hunter Safety Course September 11-13 for individuals interested in obtaining hunter safety certification. There is a cap on the class of 15 individuals and children under 10 require a parent or guardian as well as the ability to pass the written or oral tests and the range field exam.

There are two options for participation: 1.) Individuals can take the three day course without cost. 2.) Individuals are also able to complete the online version of the hunter safety course (available online at <http://hunteredcourse.com/state/online-hunter-safety-course-michigan/> for a fee of 17.99 that is reimbursable for the first five individuals) and join us on the last day for the range field exam. Friday, September 11 will consist of an evening event from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, September 12 will consist of a full day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, September 13 will be the range day from 9 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. Additional information will be provided following the pre-registration period. Register online at www.pokagon.com/form/hunter-safety-course-registration.

Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Liz Serba** who answered, "I cannot be felt, seen or touched, yet I can be found in everybody. My existence is always in debate, yet I have my own style of music. What am I?" The answer was "soul."

Emily Serba has also won a gift card for her riddle being selected. Check it out:

"I have an eye, but cannot see. I am stronger and faster than any man alive but have no limbs. Who am I?"

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

Observe Wildlife from North Liberty's New Platforms

Do you like to watch wildlife? Do you like to take pictures? The Pokagon Department of Natural Resources, through the use of a Tribal Wildlife Grant, has just created two observation platforms on the North Liberty Property. The observation platforms will allow citizens to see the landscape from a bird's eye view, with each platform raising to 10 feet off the ground. The platforms will provide citizens with the opportunity to see the North Liberty property from a whole new viewpoint and possibly see wildlife that they haven't been able to see before. So, take a road trip to North Liberty, bring your binoculars, a bag lunch, wear your sunscreen, and see wildlife from a new perspective.

Discovery Kits a hit

The Department of Education appreciates all the surveys, pictures, and entries for the Discovery Kits; they are helpful for planning for next year.

Rachel Saldivar and her friends love the Xoomy. They have a plan to make some small drawings then put them all on a large piece of paper like a collage. “The LEGO Friends set is also awesome because it teaches her to follow directions. She hasn’t completed the whole thing yet, but she is working on it,” writes her parents. “Thank you for these gifts, very awesome! Rachel and our entire family feel very blessed.”

Five year-old Ari Bradshaw uses his Discovery Kit to express his knowledge and love about ocean animals. He uses the play dough to make the ocean animals and puts them in the ocean with his other sea creatures. The orange ocean animal he says is a manatee, the purple is a dolphin and the brown is an orca. The ocean is colored with sidewalk chalk on the asphalt. He uses the Lego Duplo Plane as a rescue plane to fly over the ocean to see if any ocean animals need to be rescued.

Gregg-Marie Emerick’s Discovery Kit survey was randomly selected, and she has won a \$25 gift card.



Department of Education grows Graduation Tree

The Department of Education Graduation Tree is designed to give recognition to students who demonstrate the characteristics which further the mission and goals of Pokagon Band Department of Education by completing programs that represent standards of achievement and excellence. The Department of Education would like the Graduation Tree to include every Pokagon Band graduate to be represented on the tree with a leaf placed in their honor for all degrees completed. Everyone that would like to be honored on the tree must submit an application and provide a copy of their degree to the Department of Education. Even if you have already provided an application and copy of your degree another one is required to be submitted as the past documents may have been misplaced or lost. Applications accepted year round.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

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

Upcoming Elders Tech Trainings

Workshops will take place immediately following the monthly Elders Business Meetings. Please plan on attending and bringing your Kindle and any questions you may have about this technology or any other technological concerns you may have. We will also be discussing tribal perspectives and how the media can increase participation and understanding.

Pokagon Band Project Launch
+ Pokagon Band Tribal Police

BIKE RODEO

Saturday, September 26
10:00 am–2:00 pm
Pokagon Band Head Start

- ∞ BIKE AND HELMET SAFETY
- ∞ GIVEAWAYS
- ∞ AND MUCH MORE



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DRUM CLASSES

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

2015

September 2	October 7	November 4
September 9	October 14	November 11

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

Student rental due date approaching

The deadline for student rental assistance is Friday, October 16. Students should make sure their documents are in before that date. After that date they are not eligible for the fall semester and will have to reapply in the spring/winter semester. Any questions contact Megan Rick in the Housing Department at (269) 462-4251.

Gage Street property closed September 26–27

The Department of Language and Culture will host a youth deer hunt September 26–27 on the tribe's Gage Street property. Only Band staff and event volunteers and participants can access this land beginning at noon on September 26 through noon September 27.



Departments of Education and Social Services

HARVEST DAY

Saturday, October 3
10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Dowagiac Middle School

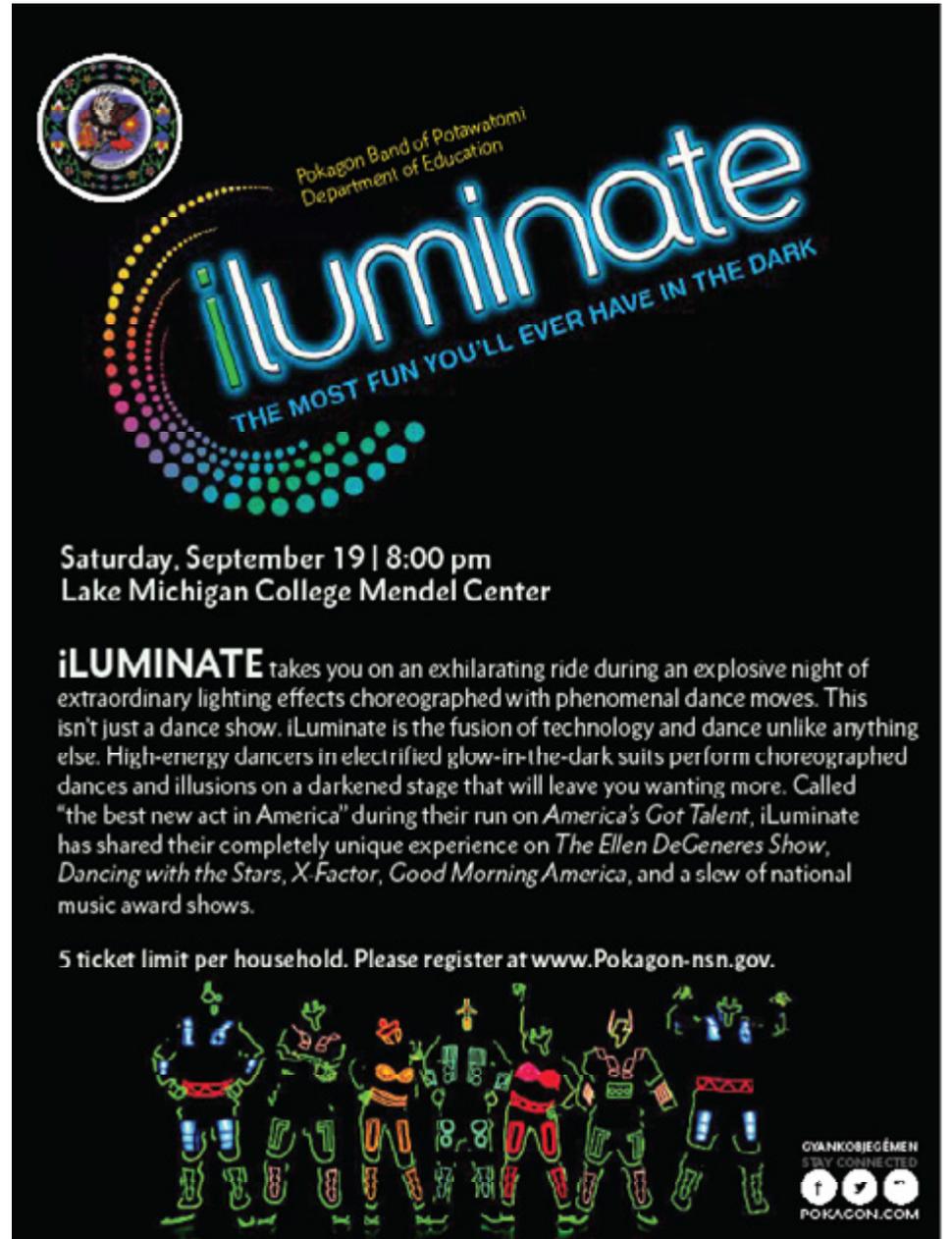
The **Early Childhood Education program** and the **Department of Social Services** welcome citizens and staff to a day of family fun.

Storyteller	Apple Bobbing	Apple Cider
Children's Costume Contest	Cornhole	Treats
Pumpkins	Crafts	And much more!

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

To RSVP, sign up at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov. For more information, contact Autumn Cabrillas at (269) 782-0887 x 197 or Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324.

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iLUMINATE

THE MOST FUN YOU'LL EVER HAVE IN THE DARK

Saturday, September 19 | 8:00 pm
Lake Michigan College Mendel Center

iLUMINATE takes you on an exhilarating ride during an explosive night of extraordinary lighting effects choreographed with phenomenal dance moves. This isn't just a dance show. iLUMINATE is the fusion of technology and dance unlike anything else. High-energy dancers in electrified glow-in-the-dark suits perform choreographed dances and illusions on a darkened stage that will leave you wanting more. Called "the best new act in America" during their run on *America's Got Talent*, iLUMINATE has shared their completely unique experience on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, *Dancing with the Stars*, *X-Factor*, *Good Morning America*, and a slew of national music award shows.

5 ticket limit per household. Please register at www.pokagon-nsn.gov.

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Adult work experience opportunity offered

The Pokagon Band has an opening for training placements with the Department of Education and Head Start. In this work skills training program, the program participant will be responsible for learning and performing clerical and receptionist skills such as directing public, assisting with initial program application process, performing customer service and data entry.

The training placement at the Department of Education will be assisting more specifically with Higher Education and the Simon Pokagon Memorial Research Library, while the training placement at Head Start will be focusing on pre-K programs.

The participant would need to meet the basic Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act placement eligibility requirements, which are being low-income,

unemployed or underemployed; be a Native American with Pokagon Band tribal preference; 18 years or older; and residing in the ten county service area. In addition, the participant must:

1. Be able to pass background checks and drug test
2. Have already obtained a GED and/or high school diploma
3. Be pursuing further educational training preferably in courses of education, child development and/or psychology

Contact Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, at traci.henslee@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4218 no later than Friday, August 21 by 5 p.m. to apply.



Newly-elected and reelected Tribal and Youth Council and Veterans Board members took their oaths of office Saturday, August 8. Thank you to these leaders for stepping up to serve the tribe.

On Wednesday, August 12 Pokagon Band presented a check for \$80,000 to Memorial Children's Hospital in South Bend from the proceeds from the 2015 Four Winds Invitational. Thanks to the many event sponsors, we've been able to support the good work of the hospital through the Invitational for four years, for a total of more than \$250,000. Memorial is undergoing a major expansion project, and this donation will help them construct state of the art facilities for excellent care for the most vulnerable community members.

Seeking art work for new Language & Culture building



The tribal government is seeking artwork created by citizens and spouses for the new Language and Culture offices.

If interested, please submit a proposal or portfolio for consideration. Work should reflect Potawatomi culture and be of the highest quality. Submissions for consideration should include your name, tribal ID number, contact information, and a detailed description of the work (materials used, size, and sketch). Submissions can be sent digitally to marcus.winchester@pokagonband-nsn.gov, jason.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov, or by mail to Marcus Winchester at PO Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Marcus at (269) 462-4224 or Jason at (269) 447-6610.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

HEALTHY LUNCH

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

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

This month's **Healthy Lunch** is **September 16**. Mark your calendar for the next lunch on October 21.

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

Zawbogya gises

Ne'me gizhek SUNDAY	Ngot gizhek MONDAY	Nizh gizhek TUESDAY	Apta gizhek WEDNESDAY
		<p>1</p> <p>Beginners Pilates Lean Lunch Red Road to Recovery Group L&C Dowagiac Language Class L&C Early Start Language Class</p>	<p>L&C Gun Lake Youth L L&C Hartford Langua Zumba L&C Dowagiac Drum</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Tribal Government closed in observation of Labor Day</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Beginners Pilates Lean Lunch Fit Kids Red Road to Recovery Group L&C Dowagiac Language Class L&C Early Start Language Class</p>	<p>L&C Gun Lake Youth L L&C Hartford Langua Zumba L&C Dowagiac Drum</p>
<p>13</p> <p>DNR Hunter Safety Course</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Fit Kids L&C Elders Language Class Auricular Acupuncture Zumba L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class Circuit Training</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Beginners Pilates SS Medicine Pouch Workshop Lean Lunch Red Road to Recovery Group L&C Dowagiac Language Class L&C Early Start Language Class</p>	<p>PHS Healthy Lunch p L&C Hartford Langua L&C Gun Lake Youth L Zumba</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Fit Kids L&C Elders Language Class Auricular Acupuncture Zumba L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class Circuit Training Tribal Government closed in observation of Sovereignty Day</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Beginners Pilates Lean Lunch L&C Youth After School Program Red Road to Recovery Group L&C Dowagiac Language Class L&C Early Start Language Class</p>	<p>L&C Hartford Langua L&C Gun Lake Youth L Zumba</p>
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September 2015

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
Language Class Language Class Singing Class 2	Fit Kids Lean Lunch SS Women's Traditional Dance Class L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training 3	Womens Water Walk Legends from the Sky Red Road to Recovery Group 4	Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Zumba 5
Language Class Language Class Singing Class 9	Fit Kids Lean Lunch Mishkowze: Childhood Obesity L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training 10	DNR Hunter Safety Course Red Road to Recovery Group 11	DNR Hunter Safety Course Tribal Council Meeting Zumba 12
Presentation Language Class Language Class 16	Fit Kids EDU + L&C Cultural Education Day Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training 17	Red Road to Recovery Group 18	Sovereignty Day Celebration L&C Language Workshop Zumba EDU iLLUMINATE 19
Language Class Language Class 23	Fit Kids Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training 24	Red Road to Recovery Group 25	SS Bike Rodeo Zumba 26
Language Class Language Class 30	October 1 Fit Kids Lean Lunch EDU Elders Workshop: Personal Development SS Women's Traditional Dance Class L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training	October 2 Red Road to Recovery Group	October 3 EDU Harvest Day Zumba

Notice of Open Positions | Ethics Board

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Not a Pokagon Band citizen;
- (b) Under the age of twenty-one;
- (c) A Public Official or Public Employee;
- (d) Employed, in any capacity, by the Pokagon Gaming Authority or Mno-Bmadsen, provided, however, that this shall not include independent contractors or volunteers of such entities; or

- (e) Employed or otherwise serves in a position with responsibilities that create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the duties and responsibilities of the Board, as determined by the Selection Committee. This subsection does not automatically prevent a Pokagon Band citizen from being appointed.

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

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

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

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

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

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

Notice of Open Positions | Election Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens who are interested in filling one Board member and one Alternate member position on the Election Board. The Board member appointment will be for an approximately two and one-half year term expiring on January 31, 2018. The Alternate member appointment is for an approximately three year term that will expire January 31, 2019.

The Election Board is a five person Board with two Alternates whose members are appointed by the Tribal Council. The Election Board is responsible for conducting Pokagon Band elections, maintaining a list of registered voters, and reviewing membership petitions, initiatives, and referendums. Alternates are not members of the Election Board, but Alternates do assist the Election Board in fulfilling its responsibilities and attend Election Board meetings. Alternates will be seated and vote in the absence of an Election Board member.

QUALIFICATIONS. To be eligible for appointment to the Election Board, either as a Board member or Alternate member, a Pokagon Band citizen must:

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Election Board members and Alternate members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Prior to any appointment, Tribal Council will make a determination whether the interested person meets the qualifications required to serve on the Election Board. In order to make this determination, all persons seeking appointment to the Election Board must undergo a limited criminal background check to be performed by the Pokagon Band Tribal Police to ensure that the candidate meets the qualifications to serve on the Election Board. Thus, all persons interested in an appointment must complete an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background.. **You must contact Kateri Dayson or Katy Morseau, the Election Clerks, at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475 to obtain an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check Form.**

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Election Board meetings, conduct elections, and perform the business of the Election Board will vary. The Election Board is typically more active during the time leading up to and during the General Election and Elders Election. Additionally, there may be Referendums, Special Elections, Petitions, and Recalls that will require Election Board action. General

Elections occur on the second Saturday of July and Elders Council Elections occur on the second Saturday of November. The dates of the Election Board meetings vary, but typically occur after 5:00 PM and are held at the Pokagon Band's administrative offices at 58620 Sink Road in Dowagiac, Michigan. On average, a Board member or Alternate member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately 10 to 25 hours per month, with the busiest time being the months of May, June, July, September, October, and November.

COMPENSATION. Board members and Alternate members are independent contractors and are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. Board members receive a stipend for each meeting and Election attended. The amount of the stipend varies, depending on the seat held, however, Board members receive a minimum stipend of \$150 per meeting. Alternate members are compensated only if seated at a Board meeting in the absence of a Board member. Board members and alternates are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

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

HOW TO APPLY. If you are interested in serving on the Election Board, you must provide a written statement of interest (identifying whether you are seeking a Board member or Alternate member position) along with a current résumé, and a completed Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background, by one of the following three methods:

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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.

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

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until both positions are filled.

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.

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

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



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Departments of Language & Culture and Social Services



Medicine Pouch Workshop

Wednesday, September 15
10:00 am

The Departments of Language & Culture and Social Services are hosting a medicine pouch making workshop with Punkin Shananaquet. This class is for women only.

What is a Medicine Pouch?

Medicine pouches are pocket sized pouches used to carry our protective medicines with us at all times. Some people carry sema in their pouch so they can say a prayer when they need to. When we make our medicine pouches we put good thoughts into each stitch.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-8998.

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES

PHARMACY EXPANDING SERVICES

Pokagon Health Services Pharmacy will soon serve tribal spouses and employees of the Pokagon Band government, Four Winds Casino, and Mno Bmadsen and their immediate family members.

Medication costs or co-pay will be the non-native patient's responsibility and is due at the time the prescription is picked up.

PHS Pharmacy will offer select over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen, nicotine patches, in addition to the prescriptions filled.

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Please contact Pharmacy staff at (269) 782-4141 for more details or one-to-one consultations about medication questions and the new services offered.



NOTICE

SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT

This Notice shall be posted in all of the public offices of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians which includes the Tribal Courthouse, the Administration Building, the office of the Social Services Department, the office of the Commodities Building, the office of the Housing Department, the office of Indian Health Services Department, the Pokagon Band South Bend satellite office, Elders Hall and the Pokagon Band Police Department.

START DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

END DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

TITLE: “RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE”

DESCRIPTION: The Court of Appeals is responsible for the establishment of general rules for practice, procedure and evidence for the Tribal Court and Court of Appeals pursuant to the Pokagon Band *Tribal Court Code* § 7A.

The purpose of this Chapter of Court Rules is to establish the procedures by which appeals are taken from final judgments, orders, or decisions of the Tribal Court to the Court of Appeals.

REVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER OF COURT RULES WERE COMPLETED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS AND SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

TRIBAL COURT Pokagon Band Tribal Courthouse

CONTACT INFO: 58620 Sink Road, P.O. Box 355

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Phone: (269) 783-0505

Fax: (269) 783-0519

E-mail: TCT.RecepVM@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

DIRECTIONS FOR OBTAINING A COMPLETE COPY OF THE PROPOSED CHAPTER OF POKAGON BAND COURT RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A copy of the proposed Chapter of Court Rules may be obtained by contacting the Pokagon Band Tribal Court Administrator at the above address, phone number, fax number, or e-mail address. A complete copy of the proposed draft will be forwarded promptly for review and comment. Comments must be submitted to the Tribal Court Administrator no later than the “End Date” specified within this Notice. All comments submitted will be considered by the Pokagon Band Court of Appeals prior to adoption of the final rules.

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE AND PROPOSED CHAPTER OF COURT RULES IS ALSO POSTED ON THE POKAGON BAND WEBSITE at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/tribal-court/court-rules.



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LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 19

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Rodgers Lake Pavilion

58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

This monthly workshop will be taught by **Carla Collins** at Rodgers Lake and the presentation is in coordination with Fall Ceremonies hosted by Traditions and Repatriations Committee.

Lunch is provided by ceremony organizers.

Any questions, please contact Rhonda Purcell, Language Coordinator, at (269) 462-4255 or rhonda.purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov.




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LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 24

12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

Elders Hall

53237 Townhall Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

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

Workshop lunch is potluck style, please be sure to bring a side dish for everyone to share. Language Program will provide the entree and drinks.

Any questions, please contact Rhonda Purcell, Language Coordinator, at (269) 462-4255 or rhonda.purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



monday

7 **closed for labor day**



14 **language**

Buffalo Pot Pie Topped W/
Biscuits
Veggie Tray
Fruit Salad
Yogurt Cup

21 **closed sovereignty day**



28

Buffalo Tips in Gravy and
Noodles
Green Beans
Coleslaw
Whole Grain Roll
Dessert

tuesday

1

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

8

BBQ Pork Chops
Baked Potato
Brussels Sprouts
Cottage Cheese and Pine-
apple
Whole Grain Roll

15

Salmon
Brown Rice
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Dessert

22

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Beets
Tomato Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Dessert

29

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia
Black Beans and Rice
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

wednesday

2

Sliced Ham
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Spinach
Cucumber Salad
Whole Grain Roll

9

Chicken Wild Rice Soup
Pinwheel Sandwiches
Relish and Veggie Tray
Strawberries

16

Buffalo Goulash
Peas
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Blueberries

23

Chicken Stir Fry over Brown
Rice
Garden Salad
Fortune Cookie
Whole Grain Roll

30

BLT on Whole Grain Bread
Baked Chips
Broccoli and Cauliflower
Salad
Fruit Salad

thursday

3 **business meeting**

BBQ Chicken
Potato Salad
Broccoli Salad
Veggie and Relish Tray
Birthday Cake

10

Beef Roast
Red Potatoes
Carrots
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

17 **social**

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

24

Pork Roast
Red Skin Potatoes
Carrots
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

friday

4

Vegetable Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Relish and Veggie Tray
Dessert

11

Italian Rustic Cod
Baked Sweet Potato
Broccoli
Coleslaw
Whole Grain Roll
Dessert

18

Baked Chicken
Baked Potato
Asparagus
Coleslaw
Whole Grain Roll
Dessert

25

Potato Soup
Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Relish and Veggie Tray
Fruit Salad

september

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

Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2014	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb	x	x
2717	Zachary T. Huffman		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 September 15 in order to make it on the October 2015 check run. Anything received after September 15 will be processed on the check run for November 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

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

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

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

Per Capita Important Dates

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

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

Tribal Council September Calendar of Events

- 1 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Closed in observation of Labor Day
- 8 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 15 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 22 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 29 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

Tribal Council October Calendar of Events

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

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

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

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

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



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language & Culture

Native Nations Youth Council

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

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

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

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

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Department of Language & Culture

THE BASICS of Basic Potawatomi Language

Thursdays

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Elders Hall

53237 Town Hall Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Basics of Potawatomi class will be taught by Kevin Daugherty for 10 weeks and will provide all the fundamentals of Potawatomi such as vowel pronunciation, tense markers, personal prefixes, and the structure of simple sentences.

NEW! Class schedule

September

Thursday, September 3
Thursday, September 10
Thursday, September 17
Thursday, September 24

October

Thursday, October 1
Thursday, October 8
Thursday, October 15
Thursday, October 22

If you are interested or want more information, please contact Rhonda Purcell, Language Program Coordinator, at (269) 462-4255 or rhonda.purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

The class also qualifies towards the Pokagon Language Incentive Program

24 Hours	Certificate of Acknowledgment
48 Hours	\$100 Gift Card
72 Hours	Personalized Language Program Jacket
96 Hours	Handmade Quilt

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Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-6882

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(269) 782-3372
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FAX (269) 782-7814

Communications
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Compliance
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

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27043 Potawatomi Trail
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Education
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(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

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

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

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

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

Human Resources
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Natural Resources
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9602
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Social Services
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Toll Free (800) 517-0777
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South Bend, IN 46614
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(269) 782-6323
Toll Free (888) 376-9988
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Tribal Police
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(269) 782-2232
Toll Free (866) 399-0161
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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.

Zawbogyas September Citizen Announcements



Samantha Pauley, 14, and her dairy cow won champion junior fair showmanship and reserve grand champion at the 2015 Cass County Fair. Samantha is the daughter of Joe and Heather Pauley, granddaughter of Scott and Connie Huston and David and Joyce Accoe, and great-granddaughter of Audrey Huston. Samantha's family has been showing at the Cass County Fair for 59 years. Great job!



On August 27 our smart, beautiful and talented daughter **Anyisia** celebrated her 12th birthday. Happy Birthday, Anyisia!! You have been a blessing to us since the day you were born! We are so proud of you!

Love you always, Mom and Daddy and Danica

Happy 60th birthday to **Gary Rider**, a great husband and father.

All our love, Jan, Derek, Devan, and Deanna



Congratulations to **Easton May** for earning the 1st place trophy at the USA BMX Buckeye Nationals for the 6 Novice Division. We are so proud of you buddy! Love, Papa, Gram, Mom, Dad & Keegan.



Sovereignty Day Celebration



**Saturday, September 19
Rodgers Lake**



30th annual Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow

Saturday, September 5–Sunday, September 6, 2015
Grand entry: Saturday at 12 + 6 | Sunday at 12

