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ND president meets with Pokagon students



Marcus Winchester-Jones and Zada Ballew, the president and a member, respectively, of the Native American Student Association at the University of Notre Dame, met recently with the university president Father John Jenkins. According to Winchester-Jones, during their meeting Fr. Jenkins thanked them for being part of the Notre Dame community and making it a better place. Winchester-Jones, who is a sophomore from Dowagiac, and Ballew, a senior from Wisconsin, gifted Fr. Jenkins with a blanket to thank the president for his support for native issues.

Ggaténmamen Gdankobthegnanêk: same pow wow, new name



The formerly named Oshke Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee decided it was time for a name change. Oshke Kno Kewéwen means “new eagle staff,” and after nine years, our number of eagle staffs have increased to two, and they are no

longer new. The new name “Ggaténmamen Gdankobthegnanêk” literally translates to, “we are honoring the ones we’re tied to through generations.”

The committee approached the Language Program and asked for a new name that means “we are honoring our ancestors,” according to Language Specialist Kyle Malott. This new name can now be used long term, and it exemplifies what the pow wow was already doing.

Each feather on the community eagle staffs represents a Pokagon ancestor, so instead of the pow wow name pointing to the staffs, themselves, it honors all ancestors—in the past and in the future.

“Always remember who has sacrificed things in their lives to get us where we are today,” Kyle said.

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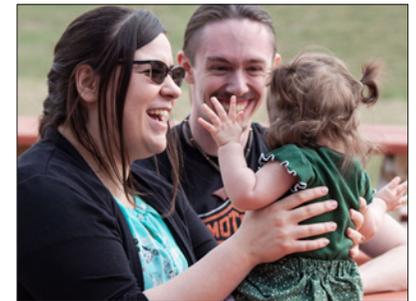
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Pokagon youth host first spring pow wow

Our Pokagon Youth Council organized a mini community pow wow this April at the Community Center. The Council wanted to provide the community with a time to connect, celebrate, and interact with others, particularly those of other generations. Turnout exceeded expectations, and the community can continue to expect events like this from our Youth Council.



Please report bird nests in unsafe places



It's that time of year: the birds are setting up shop to raise their young. If you see a bird nest being built in a location that would be deemed unsafe or unsanitary, please contact the DNR to have it removed. Additionally, if there is a nest from last year that you do not want birds nesting in again, let us know and we can remove it.

Did you know most birds are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act? This means that if a nest has eggs in it, the nest remains in place until the young have left the nest. Only

a few birds are not protected, such as the house sparrow and the European starling, so their nests can be removed throughout the nesting season. Contact DNR if you have issues with any birds nesting.

Four Winds chefs teaching monthly classes for community



Come join this great opportunity to learn, mingle, and walk away with some mouth-watering recipes. Citizens and staff are invited to the Commodities kitchen each month for a cooking class with a different chef from our Four Winds Casinos class. Fourteen people can attend each class, which will run from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

You can register for the first one by contacting Barbara Vincent at (269) 462-4275 or barbara.vincent@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Dates have not been set yet, so Barbara will contact those who have expressed interest once they are.

Ki gish zisbakwtokémen (We finished making sugar)



As spring arrived with warmer temperatures and sunny days, sugar season officially came to an end this March. We harvested our final batch of sap on March 26, and we began pulling taps on March 27. The community celebrated the end of the sugar season at the Nē Mnokmēk Celebration on April 13.

More than 100 volunteers/visitors collected 1400 gallons of sap alongside our sugar staff. From that sap, we cooked about 31 gallons of syrup and two pounds of maple sugar.

Students from Zagbēgon came out to sugar camp several times and helped collect sap, and students from our Afterschool Program helped make maple sugar. Students from the American Cultural Exchange Service (ACES) Program also visited for the third season in a row to learn about the process. Other volunteers made spoons for their feast bags as a model for larger stirring paddles.

The zisbakwet (maple sugar) and ziwagmédé (maple syrup) produced during this season is available for purchase at the Language & Culture building during regular business hours. The 8 oz bottles cost \$10 and 12 oz bottles cost \$15. The price for sugar has not yet been determined. We are only able to accept cash at this time.

Migwēth to Jefferson Ballew IV and Wahsnoday Pamp for putting in their time and energy into harvesting this first gift of the year for our community, and migwēth to everyone who visited and volunteered this season.



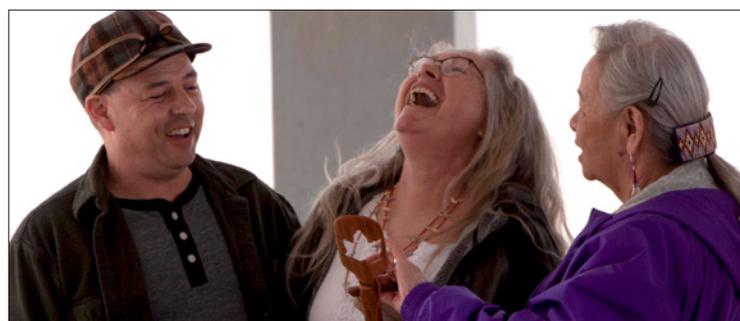
Nē Mnokmēk celebrates the gifts of spring

About 50 people gathered together for the 4th annual Nē Mnokmēk (Gifts of Spring) Celebration this April. They learned about protecting Mother Earth and celebrated the end of the sugar bush season.

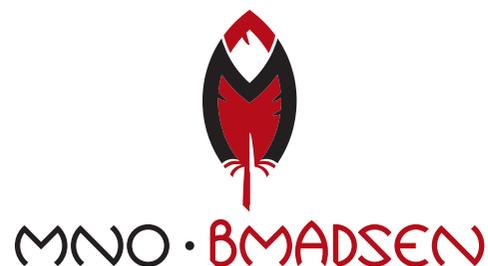
Our Department of Natural Resources (DNR) shared on plastic pollution, decomposition of everyday products, using solar energy, composting, invasive species, trees, and sugar bush. Attendees received a small bundle that included paper straws, mud balls filled with native seeds for planting, and the opportunity to paint rocks.

The Language & Culture Department provided lunch, cooked by citizen Jefferson Ballew IV. They served a multitude of delicious foods, most featuring maple syrup or a maple sugar flare. Attendees enjoyed bison roast, duck, fish, wild rice, fruit, acorn squash, several homemade soups and cookies for dessert.

Language & Culture presented to everyone the results of 2019 sugar season and thanked those who volunteered and helped make the 2019 sugar season a success.



Mno-Bmadsen Dividend Policy Advisory Committee requests applicants



the Mno-Bmadsen Board. Two vacant seats remain for tribal citizens. Tribal citizens who are interested in serving on the committee are asked to submit an application for consideration by the committee.

Purpose

The Dividend Policy Advisory Committee's purpose is to study the matter of the issuance of dividends and recommend a dividend policy to the Board of Directors in conformity with the committee's charter. In pursuit thereof, the committee will focus on two major tasks: 1. Investment and dividend analysis; and 2. Dividend policy recommendation. Following final approval of a dividend policy by the Board of Directors, the Committee shall convene annually to recommend dividend payments in accordance with same.

Meetings & Commitment

The committee is expected to meet on a monthly basis, or as otherwise determined by the committee, for the remainder of 2019. Meetings be held at the Mno-Bmadsen headquarters or possibly other locations in the southwest Michigan /northwest Indiana region. Mileage and pre-approved expenses are reimbursed for committee meetings and related work by its members.

Background

The Dividend Policy Advisory Committee ("committee") was created by the Mno-Bmadsen Board of Directors to assist the Board with the study and development of a dividend policy. The committee presently consists of three members who are directors of

Application & Appointment

Interested tribal citizens are asked to complete an application indicating their interest in serving on the committee to:

Abbie Kusch, Office Administrator

abbie.kusch@mno-bmadsen.com

269-783-4111

Please also direct any questions regarding the committee or the application process to Ms. Kusch. The committee will review applications as received and until the vacancies are filled. The Dividend Policy Advisory Committee's charter is available on the Mno-Bmadsen website: <https://mno-bmadsen.com> or upon request to Ms. Kusch may be mailed or emailed.

Community donates 46 units of blood in 2019

Pokagon Health Services (PHS) has hosted two blood drives this year, and at both drives 23 people donated one unit of blood per person, for a total of 46 donators

and 46 units of blood (42 units of whole blood and 4 units of double red cells.)

The next blood drive is May 30, 2019. Migwëthh to all who have donated!

Tribal Police celebrate officers for outstanding acts, promotions

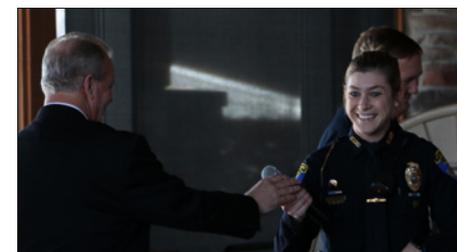
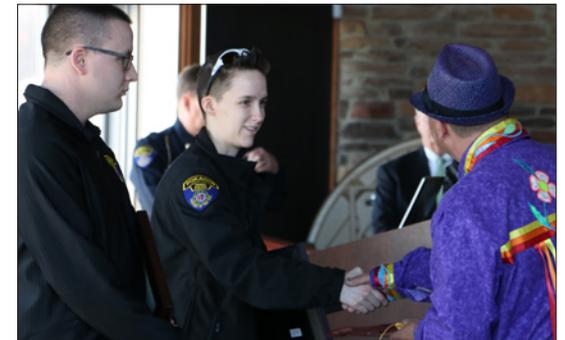
Tribal Police officers gathered for a quarterly meeting this April, where they honored four officers for life saving or outstanding acts and recognized a promotion and new officer.

Officer McKayla Lamance saved the life of a Hartford city resident from a drug overdose on February 2, 2019. Officer Lamance administered two doses of Narcan and saved his life. Officer Brody Weidner responded to a medical priority call of a full arrest/overdose and administered Narcan which also saved the person's life. Citizen Jefferson Ballew IV honored these officers with cedar eagle feathers and a hand drum song.

Officer James Ivy saved the life of a woman on February 21, 2019, in Keeler township who was having a cardiac incident. He used an AED machine on the woman, then continued CPR until an ambulance arrived. Pokagon combat veteran Anthony Foerester presented James with an eagle feather, recognizing his service to the Pokagon Band community, as well as the seven lives he's saved as a Pokagon Band Tribal Police officer.

Lieutenant Brian Beauchamp received his new badge, recognizing his promotion from sergeant to lieutenant of the detective division, and Officer Matthew Driscoll was sworn in as a new Tribal Police officer.

Officer Kristen Lamphere received her stop stick pin for an incident in which she used her stop stick equipment to stop a fleeing vehicle and was able to then make an arrest.



Selfie scavenger hunt springs citizens into the local community

The tribe's Department of Education partnered with the city of Dowagiac and Dowagiac District Library for another installment of Spring Into Your Local Library with a city-wide scavenger hunt. The object of the hunt was to capture as many selfies with the given parameters as possible under a 3-hour time limit. Tribal and local adults and children teamed up for the photo hunt the Monday morning of spring break.

"My two children had a lot fun searching for items," said Carolyn Wolf about Aden and Serenity Wolf. "(It was a) great family activity. Hope to do it next year."

The 14 items on the list ranged from getting a selfie with a public servant to getting a selfie with a yellow car. The goals of this event—in addition to providing a fun activity for local families—was to encourage older and younger generations to mingle and to learn about their town.

"We had so much fun," said Lindsay Malvitz-Morsaw, who took her four kids Meredyth, Alexander, Catherine, and Annakaye Morsaw and friend Alissa Cardenas on the hunt. "The kids loved going all around town. We loved our quick trip into the museum so much that we went back after we finished the scavenger hunt so we could explore more."

If you want to complete the scavenger hunt, you still can! Just stop by the Dowagiac District Library to get the list and complete the hunt on your own time.



Mural completed inside Zagbëgon



While students at Zagbëgon enjoyed their spring break, mural painter Alan Compo transformed the school's main hallway, filling it with depictions of current and former leaders, traditional sugar bushing, clans, and more. Hear from Elizabeth Rinehart, Zagbëgon site manager, and Alan below.

By Elizabeth Rinehart

Environment plays a huge role in a child's education. It is sometimes referred to as the "third teacher," after parents and teachers. The elements of the artwork that were chosen is intended to create an environment that reflects our Bodéwadmi culture. This is to promote familiarity with these elements as well as encourage a feeling of comfort. The past leaders of our tribe are displayed as a memorial to our ancestors and all the work they have done to get us this far. They have planted

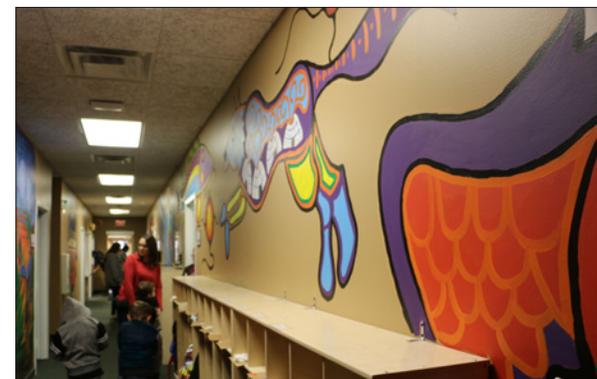
proverbial seeds. In the center of the zisbakwatokan (sugar camp) scene you see two hands holding soil with a zagbëgon (sprout), which represents how the seeds planted generations ago have grown into where we are today. The zisbakwatokan itself represents the work that it takes to progress through the educational experience. When you work diligently you receive a sweet reward that no one can take away.

By Alan Compo

Boozhoo, Niin Alan Compo ndizhinikaaz. I am an Anishinaabe artist born and raised in Grand Rapids, Mich. It has been an absolute honor to work with the staff in the Education Department to create this original mural at Zagbëgon.

Growing up in Michigan I have always been surrounded by our beautiful, functioning art within our communities. I have always been very intrigued into the amount of thought, medicine, and work that goes into such pieces of basketry, quillwork, beading, and painting, art that teaches and inspires.

The piece focuses on the Maple Sugar Moon. As these little ones and all of us go through life, we will see the hard work many things take. Just like in the harvest of the maple from the maple trees. I remember hearing a story about how Anishinaabek could drink the syrup straight from the trees long ago. Nanaboozhoo saw this and how it was too easy, so he changed the trees so we had to work to get the trees' sweet reward. Just as in life, we learn the hard work we put in often leads us to these sweet rewards.



The 13 phases of the moon can also be seen and taught through this work, along with the Seven Grandfather Teachings represented by several inspiring members of the Pokagon Band. Six of

the Potawatomi clans are represented in bright colors: turtle, bear, thunder, sturgeon, wolf, and eagle. Finally, the entryway represents the Keepers of the Fire. I also always have been fascinated with the strawberry, heart berry. Its bright red colors always remind me of fire. It is one of the first fruits you can see in a garden, and like these young children, that fire will burn within to grow, work and be inspired.

I am truly honored to have had this chance to be able to create this piece, and I know it will help get people thinking.

Chairman's Corner

As we enter my second favorite time of the year of spring/summer, things are beginning to move. April showers are bringing May flowers and pow wow season is just around the corner. Along with that is the potential for bad weather.

The worry about bad weather has impacted the discussions we have had over the past three years debating the bath houses. We have reached several resolutions only to have another consideration placed on the table that takes us back to the drawing board. I think we are finally coming to a proposition that will serve our needs. The issue that has caused the most deliberation is the idea of bathhouses that can also serve as storm shelters. We have gone from a low of \$250,000 to a high of \$3,500,000. Nothing will surprise me anymore. However, in a recent meeting with the government directors, Marcus Winchester, director of Language & Culture, proposed making one of the bathhouses a storm shelter that would be enough to protect the children during camp times. During the summer



camp period, the highest total would be about 70 children. I was told the current design would accommodate that number for shelter. During bad weather on other occasions when the numbers are higher, we have certified shelters within the Health Center and Justice Center. The Tribal Police have updated technology that will allow for enough warning during bad weather times that will allow for our guests to get to the certified shelters for protection. I think we can make this work, and I would like to thank Marcus for his very reasonable idea and his focus on protecting our young people first.

You have heard me talk or read my comments about the feasibility study we authorized this past fall. The PGA along with Four Winds staff have begun the process of reviewing options. The PGA has agreed to the concept of expansion. Nothing specific is agreed upon yet, but we will begin to share our discussions, ideas, revenue projects, and costs with citizens during the Saturday meetings. No time table has been approved as of this article. This will be communicated as we understand more and become comfortable with our decisions.

We are moving forward with two issues that have been previously discussed. One is to study the concept for separating council and the PGA. I have given this task to one of our contract attorneys, Rob Gips. Rob was the first attorney we

What's that Invasive Species? European or Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)



European or Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*) is an invasive shrub that is native to Eurasia and was introduced to the United States as an ornamental shrub, mainly for hedgerows. European buckthorn leaves out earlier in the spring than native species and retains its leaves later in the fall, helping this invasive species to outcompete. This buckthorn species produces chemicals to prevent other plants from



growing near it and negatively alters the ecosystem. European buckthorn can be found in many habitat types including wetlands, roadsides, old fields and open woods. European buckthorn is especially damaging in wetland habitats.

Leaves of this buckthorn are dark green and alternately arranged with toothed margins. The flowers are small with four green-yellow petals that occur in clusters along the stem. The fruit are only produced on female plants and turn dark purplish black when ripe. The fruit are transported into new areas by wildlife and birds. Seeds within the fruit remain viable for several years and can establish in many habitat types. The native alder-leaved buckthorn may be mistaken for European buckthorn; however, the leaf has more of a pointed tip and it is typically only found in wetland areas.

Removal of European buckthorn can be through mechanical or chemical means, depending on the number of plants found in the area. If you believe you have identified European buckthorn on tribal properties, please take pictures and report the location to the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources at (269) 782-9602.

What's that Edible/Medicinal Species? Virginia or Eastern Waterleaf (*Hydrophyllum virginianum*)



Virginia or eastern waterleaf (*Hydrophyllum virginianum*) is a perennial herb that can be found in wetter areas of hardwood forests or nearby thickets in eastern North America. The name waterleaf comes from some plants having a splashed water look to the leaves, although not all plants have this characteristic. The white watermark-like markings are more prominent on younger



leaves and leaves can lose this coloration as they mature. In early spring the rosettes of this plant appear with two to four leaves. The leaves are deeply lobed and coarsely toothed. The flowers of Virginia waterleaf range in color from white to dark violet. The flowers have five petals, are shaped like bells and the stamens protrude past the petals when in full bloom. Flowers typically bloom in mid to late spring depending on weather conditions and location.

The small leaves within the rosette can be picked and eaten raw and added to salads, soups, or sautéed. The small leaves are best, as they become more bitter with age. The flower stalks may also be used raw prior to the flowers opening. The unopened flowers can be eaten but are more edible when cooked. Virginia waterleaf can be planted in wetter areas within your own yard and there are local seed sources available if you are interested in growing this wild edible. As with any new edible or medicinal, ensure that you have a positive identification before use and use the plant in small quantities at first to make sure there are no allergic reactions.

Why are those flags on the docks? Keeping you safe

Have you ever wondered why there are flags flying on the docks at tribal lakes? The flags provide a great service to the citizens and the docks. The flags move with the wind and create shadows on the docks. The shadows and movement of the flags over the docks scares geese because they are unpredictable, and a shadow could represent a predator to them.



The flags help prevent geese from getting on the docks where they would then produce droppings. A single goose can produce as much as 1.5 pounds of droppings per day. Goose droppings can contain multiple bacteria, viruses, parasites, and fungi. These bacteria can cause sickness and disease in humans including salmonella, *E. coli*, listeria, campylobacter, coccidia, chlamydiosis, pasteuria, avian influenza, giardia, toxoplasmosis, cryptosporidium, and histoplasmosis.

By keeping geese off the docks, the docks remain clean and do not become a potential vector for disease transmission. The flags are tribal property and should not be tampered with. If the flags are tied it causes the unpredictable nature of the flag to be interrupted and allows geese to create a mess on the dock. Tying flags also causes damage to the flags and components related to the flag poles. Please respect tribal property. The flags are up to keep you safe and to keep the docks clean.

Nëm'e gizhëk SUNDAY	Ngot gizhëk MONDAY	Nizh gizhëk TUESDAY	Aptë gizhëk WEDNESDAY
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WEDNESDAY	Nyéw gízhëk	THURSDAY	Nyano gízhëk	FRIDAY	Odankè gízhëk	SATURDAY
1	PALS (Play and Learn Social) Potawatomi 201 South Bend Language Class	2	Elders Health & Wellness	3		4
8	Mkedékéwen (to fast) Potawatomi 201 South Bend Language Class Drum Class	9	Mkedékéwen (to fast) Elders Health & Wellness Youth Culture Day Pidro Card Night	10	Mkedékéwen (to fast) Traditional Pregnancy & Birth Teachings	11
15	PALS (Play and Learn Social) Débénwéthëk Parent Group meeting Potawatomi 201 South Bend Language Class	16	Elders Health & Wellness Screenagers Film	17	Lacrosse Tournament	18
22	Potawatomi 201 South Bend Language Class	23	Annual Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament Elders Health & Wellness	24	Ggaténmamen Gdankobthegnanèk Pow Wow	25
29	Blood Drive Potawatomi 201 South Bend Language Class	30	Elders Health & Wellness	31		

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.



Elders, check out the new fitness rewards

Elders can now be eligible for quarterly rewards for participation in cardio drumming and other previously-approved physical activities. To qualify for a reward elders must attend at least ten sessions during the quarter to qualify. The rewards for each quarter will be:

Quarter 1: t-shirt

Quarter 2: gym bag

Quarter 3: shorts

Quarter 4: workout pants

You must be an elder, age of 55 years or older, to receive the reward. If you have any questions, please contact PHS Wellness Center staff or Donald Summers in the Department of Education.

High School Seniors, the Education Department is here to help

The Department of Education, through the Special Request Program, offers assistance in completing your senior year and in preparing for college in the following ways:

- Academic testing
- Graduation gown reimbursement (basic cap, gown, tassel)
- Application fees, graduate school entrance fees, & exams
- Pre-requisite courses required to enter programs
- Special supplies such as nursing shoes, specialized equipment, and uniforms
- Mandatory parking fees for college students

Graduation cords will be available at the Education office or can be mailed out. We also will acknowledge your success at our Graduates Banquet June 23. The Department of Education will provide additional financial aid to eligible Pokagon citizens who are enrolled in higher education at an accredited institution, through the High Education Assistance Program (HEAP).

For more information on any of these services, please contact the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or by e-mail at marisela.goodrich@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Or you may visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/edu.

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hired back in 1996. Rob has tremendous experience in this area as he has studied the issue for other tribal clients and is very well versed in our constitution and other governing documents. We have Rob on retainer so there are no additional costs for his research. His work will hopefully set the stage to determine if this is feasible and what, if any, constitutional changes may be necessary.

The second is a thorough outside evaluation of our efficiencies in both our government and our casino properties. Rob Gips and the PGA General Counsel are developing a request for proposals to send out to identify those who are qualified for this undertaking. The request for proposal (RFP) is almost complete. As I have stated before, we have never undertaken this type of review before, and this will identify how we utilize our employees and finances. I firmly believe this is something that should be a regular process. It is important for us to be as fiscally responsible as possible. Without understanding how efficient we are with our employees and money, how can we determine our effectiveness? This is not an audit, but a review of our processes to find out if they are efficient.

A last comment I will make is that Tribal Council has made the decision to not get into the cannabis business. I want to thank Council Member Alex Wesaw for

Honoring the Graduates celebrates successes

The Pokagon Department of Education acknowledges recent graduates at a banquet in June to celebrate one of the most valuable and treasured moments in life. The banquet will be held on Saturday, June 23 from 5-9 p.m. at the Silver Creek Event Center at Four Winds New Buffalo to acknowledge all recent graduates including all the following levels of education GED, high school, college and university.

Please search the Pokagon website (www.pokagon.com) for the "Graduation Awards Application" and complete the form by June 8.

Student eligibility requirements:

- Pokagon Band citizen
- Graduated with a GED, high school diploma, Associates, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate degree
- Completed application
- Copy of diploma/degree

Printed photos may be sent to the Pokagon Education Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047. We will return them after use. Digital photos may be emailed to donald.summers@pokagonband-nsn.gov. We would still like to honor graduates who cannot attend, but remember graduates must attend the banquet to receive a graduation blanket.

leading the work group and their due diligence. This has been our worst kept secret. I think everyone knew we had been researching this issue for almost three years. At the end of the day, Council did not feel this was an appropriate venture for the Pokagon Band. In addition, there are just too many unknowns at both the state and federal government levels. The impact to our traditions and culture in contrast to the bottom line just did not add up to our Seven Grandfather Teachings, in my opinion. This was not an easy decision for many, and I know it took many of the vendors the workgroup was interacting with by surprise. For me, it was the right decision. I would like to thank everyone for their work and consideration. There are other meaningful economic ventures we can engage.

In closing, I encourage you to continue to bring your ideas to the meetings or you may also schedule a meeting—my door is always open, and my phone is always on. I return all my phone calls. I take all input seriously, and I hope it continues. You can reach me at (269) 462-5379.

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Pokagon Band Gaming Commission earns certificate of self-regulation

The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) presented a certificate of self-regulation to the Pokagon Band at the annual citizen's meeting March 23 at the Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College. The tribe's certificate of self-regulation went into effect on January 1, 2019.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi is just the fifth tribe to be granted a self-regulation certificate from the NIGC.

Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and NIGC regulations (25 C.F.R. Part 518), self-regulation status allows a tribe to regulate Class II gaming with reduced oversight from the NIGC. The Commission only issues certificates of self-regulation to a tribe that can demonstrate it has satisfied the applicable requirements, which include a three-year review to ensure its gaming activities have followed the IGRA, NIGC regulations, and the tribe's laws and regulations.

"I commend the tribe for being able to achieve self-regulation status under IGRA," said NIGC Chairman Jonodev Chaudhuri. "The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi has worked hard to reach this status and continues to demonstrate self-sufficiency and self-determination—key principles outlined in IGRA. The tribe ensures that its operations will continue to benefit its citizens and communities for years to come."

As part of the self-regulation process, the NIGC spent a significant amount of time reviewing the tribe's gaming regulatory structures. This review process ensures the tribe has conducted its gaming activity in a manner that effectively accounts for all gaming revenue; that it has a reputation for a safe, fair and honest operation; and that it is free of criminal or dishonest activities. Additionally, the NIGC confirms that the tribe's gaming operation is operated on a fiscally sound basis and that it has adequate systems for accounting, investigations, licensing and enforcement.

"We are honored to be the first tribe in Michigan and Indiana to receive a Certificate of Self-Regulation from the National Indian Gaming Commission. This achievement emphasizes the Pokagon Band's dedication and commitment to regulatory excellence and the preservation of our Tribal sovereignty," said Matthew Wesaw, Chairman of the Pokagon Band. "I want to thank the Pokagon Band Gaming Commission for their continued diligence and determination that not only made self-regulation possible but also ensures that our gaming operations are conducted honestly and free from unlawful conduct and corruptive elements."



NIGC Associate Commissioner and the Director of the Office of Self-Regulation E. Sequoyah Simermeyer presents the certificate of self-regulation to the Tribal Council at the annual meeting in March.



Pokagon Gaming Commission Executive Director Charles LeBoy and members of the Gaming Commission speak about self-regulation at the National Indian Gaming Association annual conference in April.

Veterans mark Iwo Jima anniversary



Pokagon Ogitchedaw Tom Wilson, Ralph Wilson, Leon McFall, Kookoosh mine Kchinodin (Roger Williams), and Theresa Mcfall attended the annual events in Sacaton, Arizona commemorating the 74th anniversary of the flag raising at Iwo Jima and native marine Ira Hayes, who was one of the service members featured in the iconic flag raising photograph and sculpture.

"Friday night we were honored at a dinner by the Sacaton veterans in which Ralph Wilson was given a little more appreciation for his Korean War service," said Williams. "We were joined there by our brothers and sisters from the Gun Lake and Huron Ogitchedaw. We agreed to all march in the Saturday parade together."

Pokagon Ogitchedaw also visited the Heard Museum, which features American Indian art in Phoenix, Tombstone and a gold mine in the Superstition Mountains.

HEAP DEADLINES
August 1
December 1
May 1

Know the Higher Education Assistance Program deadlines!

HEAP deadlines will be strictly enforced for the 2019-2020 academic year.
 To receive Higher Education assistance:

FALL 2019 applications must be submitted by **August 1**

WINTER or SPRING applications must be submitted by **December 1**

SUMMER applications must be submitted by **May 1**

A full application packet is required for each semester. Call (269) 782-0887 for more information. **Migwèth!**

monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday

may

6 **language**

Bean Soup
Turkey Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Yogurt & Fruit Cup

7

Pork Roast
Red Potatoes
Carrots
Tomato Salad
Whole Grain Roll

13 **language**

Ham & Au Gratin Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Tomato Salad
Strawberries
Whole Grain Roll

14

Potato Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Fruit Salad

20 **language**

Sea Bass
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Veggie Tray
Blueberries
Whole Grain Roll

21

Buffalo Stuffed Peppers
Rice Pilaf
Spinach
Fruit Salad
Whole Grain Roll

27 **language**

CLOSED
Memorial Day

28

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

1

Salad Bar

8

Salmon Patties
Mac N' Cheese
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

15

Baked Chicken
Wild Rice
Brussels Sprouts
Cucumber Salad
Whole Grain Roll

22

Chicken Tacos
All the Toppings
Red Bean & Rice
Pico De Gallo
Fruit Salad

29

Buffalo Sloppy Joe's
Baked Chips
Baked Beans
Veggie & Pickle Tray

2 **business meeting**

Buffalo Burgers
Hot Dogs
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Cake

9

Chicken Broccoli Alfredo
Bruschetta
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Fruit Salad

16 **social at the Elder's Hall**

Buffalo Goulash
Asparagus
Garlic Bread
Garden Salad
Fruit Salad

23

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Cottage Cheese & Pineapple
Whole Grain Roll

30

Chicken, Broccoli,
& Cheese Casserole
Garden Salad
Cottage Cheese
Fruit Cocktail
Whole Grain Roll

3

Pizza Day

10

BBQ Pulled Pork
Baked Chips
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Fruit Salad
Dessert

17

Buffalo Stew
Spinach
Garden Salad
Pears & Cottage Cheese
Whole Grain Roll

24

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

31

Smokey Applewood Salmon
Red Beans & Rice
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

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, pickles, and onions served with sandwiches. Bread/rolls and butter are also included. **Attention: The Business Luncheon is held at the Community Center. Social Lunch will be held at the Elder's Hall.**

Per Capita News

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

Name	Christmas 2018	Monthly Per Cap
Bobby M. Haynes		x
Carlin M. Elrod		x
Jeffery S. Morseau	x	x
Michael G. Diamond		x
Scott A. Brewer Jr		x
Shari L. Carroll		x
Steven C. Trudeau		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.



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

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

Per Capita Important Dates

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

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

Tribal Council May Calendar of Events

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

Tribal Council June Calendar of Events

- 3 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 4 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 25 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.

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

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Notice of Open Positions

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

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



I was blessed to attend a GVSU awards ceremony. Very proud of my daughter Elizabeth Michaelle Rinehart who received an award for excellence in her field of education. She was nominated by her professor.