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General Election results certified by Election Board

The tribe's Election Board certified the 2019 General Election results on Wednesday, July 17 after the polls closed on Saturday, July 13.

Elected as the Tribal Council Vice Chairman is Andrew Bennett. Andrew currently serves as the chairperson for the Enrollment Committee, a position he will abdicate to join Tribal Council. James Olds will complete the one-year term left in the position of Treasurer, and Anita Morales and Mark Parrish will start their Three year terms as Members-At-Large.

Newly elected officials will be sworn in at the August 3 Tribal Council meeting at the Community Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Other members of the 11-member Tribal Council who were not up for re-election are Chairman Matthew Wesaw, Secretary Kelly Curran, Elders Representative Colin Wesaw, and Members-At-Large Andy Jackson and Gary Morseau. Acting Vice Chairperson Steve Winchester and acting Treasurer Alex Wesaw will return to their positions as Members-at-Large.

Ogitchedaw share history and honor service members in France

By Anthony Foerster, Chairman of the Ogitchedaw Veterans Board



Honoring Native American Soldiers at American Cemeteries

The Pokagon Band Ogitchedaw travelled to France this June for the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. We visited Potawatomi veteran graves and partook in the honor ceremonies.

World War II was a culmination of evil intentions carried out to their fullest potential. Many nations cried out for liberation from occupation of the Axis powers. We experienced the emotional outpouring of a grateful people who are committed to never forgetting the people who liberated them. All with whom we met understood the honor in the sacrifice of men who left the safety of the United States to serve in horrible conditions against an entrenched enemy.

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Chairman's Corner

First let me offer my apologies for missing the last couple of editions. I cannot offer you a good excuse. Let me start off with some very positive shout outs from the month of June. The Pokagon Band has placed a very high priority on education, and I personally am very proud of each and every accomplishment of our citizens who pursue their education. You may have recently read about Hailee Ettinger in one of the Monday morning Bodéwadmik Blasts or in last month's newsletter. She just recently completed her GED and two college-ready scores. I find it very exciting when our citizens continue their educational goals, regardless of age or situation.

One of the best ways to enhance your quality of life is to continue your education and improve your skill set to be more marketable. You are never too old to go to school, and our Education Director, Sam Morseau, and his team are just the people to assist you. Congratulations Hailee on your accomplishment, and I hope you are not stopping.

A second shout out goes to Paige Warren. Paige is a young tribal citizen who just played in the Four Winds Invitational Symetra Golf Tournament. Paige has a very impressive golf resume already. Paige will be entering her junior year of high school in Baltimore, Maryland. At 16, she is a very accomplished golfer and gained valuable experience playing with her peers in our tournament. We expect to see Paige back every year until she becomes a regular on the tour, which should not be too long. Best of luck, Paige. We are proud to call you one of our own.



The third shout out goes to Jordan Brewer. Jordan is a local tribal citizen, graduating from St. Joe High School (Michigan), who went on to play baseball at the University of Michigan. Jordan is the nephew of Scott Brewer, Senior Vice President at Four Winds. Jordan was chosen as the Big Ten Player of the Year and was one of the team leaders who carried them to the College World Series final game. They fell a game short, but it must be a memory he will never forget. In addition, Jordan was drafted in the third round by the Houston Astros, has signed a contract, and is now playing in the farm system. Best of luck, Jordan, and keep talking about your "roots."

The election is now over, and Council is back to full strength after having vacancies for the last year. Welcome to newly elected Vice Chair Andrew Bennett, Treasurer James Olds, and Members-At-Large Anita Morales and Mark Parrish. Council looks forward to sharing the work load. I would also like to offer my thanks to Deb Williams for her service. Deb was appointed to fill the seat of Roger Rader until the election. Other thanks go out to acting Vice-Chair Steve Winchester and acting Treasurer Alex Wesaw. Through their willingness to step up, Council was able to maintain our responsibility. I also appreciate that Andy Jackson is willing to continue as the Vice President of the PGA. Thanks, and congratulations to everyone.

You have heard me talk or read my comments about the feasibility study that 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 our citizens during the Saturday meetings. We currently are looking to share the results of the study, revenue projections, and so forth on August 24. I believe we have secured one of the Dowagiac school buildings for this presentation. Detailed information should be forthcoming.

We continue to move forward with two issues that have been previously discussed. One is to study the concept for separating Council and the PGA. Council has given this task to one of our contract attorneys, Rob Gips; Rob was the first attorney we hired back in 1996. Rob has tremendous experience in this arena, 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 have developed a request for proposals which has been given to firms with experience in this area. 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.

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 may reach me at (269) 462-5379.

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

STEM CAMP

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 – FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 | 9–10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT OR WILL LEAVE FROM THE POKAGON BAND COMMUNITY CENTER.

The Michigan K–12 Department of Defense (DoD) STEM Program is coming to the Pokagon Band once again! Native students ages 10–15 are invited to join this week-long day camp.

YOUR CHILD WILL EXPERIENCE:

- STEM activities with DOD STEM teachers
- Educational trips to Notre Dame
- STEM day with Mno-Bmadsen subsidiaries

To register search "STEM" on pokagon.com (starting June 28).
Transportation may be available.
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Kë Pkëbthegémen group harvests and prepares milkweed

The first outing of the Kë Pkëbthegémen “Lets Pick Things” series focused on identifying, harvesting, and cooking nenwesh "milkweed". The class started off the season with 12 participants heading to our Gage Street property where they saw an abundance of milkweed growing. That first week, the florets on the milkweed had not popped, so Madalene Big Bear taught everyone how to harvest the top leaves of the plant to use in a soup.

The second walk of the season was spent harvesting the milkweed florets around the Language and Culture buildings. Following both of the walks, the group returned to Language and Culture to prepare the florets by frying them with butter.

The group carefully only harvested enough for themselves to sample. Monarch caterpillars feed on the leaves of the milkweed, and it is the only host plant for that butterfly species. Since milkweed is critical for the survival of the monarch butterflies, the class was instructed to be sure to always leave plenty of the plant behind for the monarchs' benefit.

The harvesters also learned that the white sticky sap that is released from the broken stem of the plant is a natural remedy for the removal of plantars warts.

All participants were strongly encouraged to visit DNR to obtain their own harvesting and gathering permits so that they may harvest for personal use. Please see the tribe's website for the current Harvesting and Gathering Rules and Regulations or contact the Pokagon DNR office.

Please join us for the final walk on August 25 at noon at Language and Culture.




DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE



Join the Department of Language and Culture for

PIDROCARDNIGHT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13 7:00 P.M.
LANGUAGE & CULTURE ACTIVITY ROOM

Pidro is a card game that was heavily played in our Potawatomi communities throughout Michigan and Wisconsin. It's a game that has almost been forgotten. Come out and learn how to play this game that our parents and grandparents used to play. Evening ends at 10:00 p.m.

Please contact Carla.Collins@PokagonBand-nsn.gov with any questions regarding this event.

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Attention Boarding School Survivors

If you attended a Native American Boarding School, Mission School, or Indian Residential School as a child, the Elders Council and Education Department wish to identify and recognize boarding school survivors for your struggle and perseverance in a difficult chapter of our history. Please contact Donald Sumners to be included at Donald.Sumners@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4237.

Ogitchedaw share history and honor service members in France, *continued from page one*

We visited the grave of PFC Edward Moran Winchester, who is buried in an American cemetery in Epinal, France. Our trip was also impacted by our WWI veterans. We visited the site where one of our warriors was killed in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in 1918. At the time of WWI and WWII, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi did not exist as a tribal entity, so I will reference individuals who served during these periods as members of the Potawatomi Nation. We will find that some of these individuals were claimed primarily by our sister tribes of the Gun Lake Band and/or the Nottawaseppi Huron Band at a later date. Some were eligible for multiple tribal affiliations in the Potawatomi, Odawa, Objibwa or Oneida nations.

Initially our trip involved an overnight stay in Epinal, France, the final resting place of one of our own: Edward Moran Winchester. He was killed in action on January 25, 1945, during the third bloodiest campaign in U.S. Armed Forces history where 19,276 U.S. military members died. He was less than 3 1/2 months away from VE Day, (Victory in Europe Day, May 8, 1945). On the day that Edward was killed, he was enduring 14 degree weather and two feet of snow. About 45 minutes from his final resting spot, we visited the exact place he was killed. There are remnants of the bridge still existing. We spent time there reflecting, giving good thoughts to honor his sacrifice. Later that evening we shared a meal with the family that has pledged to visit his grave as one of their own family members. We expressed our appreciation on behalf of the tribe for performing that duty to our warrior by giving some traditional gifts to the family. I also explained to them some of the traditional teachings behind the ceremony that we performed. I let them know that normally this was forbidden, but because they assumed a family role and a tribal duty, we honored them by sharing it with them.

We have some other names for service during WWII. Calvin Whitepigeon, (later claimed by the Huron Potawatomi) and Martin Wesaw (Pokagon Potawatomi) who were participants during the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944. Albert Trevan, with unknown tribal affiliation, served in the US Army Field Artillery in the North African Theatre. He was Roger Williams' uncle and is buried in a Potter's Field at Riverside Cemetery in Hamilton, Mich. He was a Prisoner of War, reported MIA October 26, 1944 in Italy. He was held at Stalag 7A in Moosburg, Bavaria. Richard L. Rider served in the mechanized infantry in the US Army. He served in the North African Theatre. He was reported MIA on February 26, 1944, in Italy. He was held at Stalag 7B in Memmingen, Bavaria. He is buried in Florida. Anthony Lewis served in the US Army Air Force with the Ninth Air Force Group during the Ardennes Campaign. Here are many others who served in WWII:



Saluting Charles and saying goodbye

US Navy

Alvia Max Starrett
Louis Lee Topash
Phillip Maurice Winchester
James Lewis
Clifford Lee Gwilt
Thomas Wesaw, Jr.

US Army

Julius Edward Williams
Victor Starrett
Lawrence O. Starrett, Sr.
Gene Alexis
Lorenzo Trevan
John Richard Winchester
Francis Harold Winchester
Harold Thomas Winchester
Joseph Rufus Winchester
Paul "Bud" Gibson
Raymond Morseau, Sr.
George W. Morseau
Francis Gordon Wesaw
Clarence Delbert Wesaw

US Army Air Corps

Dan Topash
Phillip Maurice Winchester
Harry M Wesaw
Mark Alexis

US Marine Corps

Robert Topash
Joseph Pokagon Stephens

Mitchell Lewis
Andrew Sturgeon
Robert Cushway
Edward Cushway
Don Smith
Leo Rider
John Ride
Leonard Henry Church
John Willis
Michael B. Wilson



Pokagons with Charles Shay at Utah Beach Celebration



Honoring Native American Soldiers at American Cemeteries



Pokagons at Utah Beach Celebration



Honoring Native American Soldiers at American Cemeteries



Celebrations at Utah Beach and at Charles Shay Memorial Park

This is not a comprehensive list. This is based on the names given us through the family feathers. There were other names given, but tribal affiliation could not be proven at this time.

Next, we made a trip to where Henry Quigno, who served in WWI, was killed in action during the bloodiest military campaign in U.S. Armed Forces history: the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. He was killed on October 4, 1918, just south of Exermont, France. We researched the war documents and were able to identify where his unit started on the morning of October 4, 1918, and where the unit ended up that evening. There is nothing but a field there now. WWI ended on November 11, 1918. He was 5 weeks away from the end of the war. Henry had two other brothers who served during WWI: Peter Quigno, who served in the US Army infantry in Russia and died several months after returning from the war, and James Quigno, who served in the US Navy. Scott Williams and Thomas Wesaw, Sr. also served in the US Army in WWI.

We traveled from the east side of France to the West side. We had a rigorous itinerary with ceremonies and meetings with dignitaries as we learned about the valor of our WWII warriors. We met with a grateful people who have pledged to never forget their liberators. This attitude was best captured in a movie screening that we saw called "A Girl Who Wore Freedom."

France honors all WWII veterans who fought in France with the Legion of Honor Medal. This makes those men honorary knights of France. There is no higher honor. Everyone in the French military is mandated to salute all men wearing this medal.

We stopped in Rouen. There is a cathedral there built in 1122. One side of it is full of pock marks made from machine gun bullets from WWII. Evidence of medieval life can be felt in the ancient architecture of the buildings and churches. If one looks hard enough, they can find signs of the world wars. It is hard to conceive the way of life while occupied by a foreign nation.

On a final note, the population there is very aware of our history as Native Americans. As much as they love the American liberators, they abhor the history of genocide associated with the United States of America. Because they know our history, they hold Native American liberators in the highest regard. They cannot comprehend why Native Americans would serve in the military of the country that used the same military to carry out genocide and policies of termination. They are intrigued by our culture. They attribute our culture with strength, and they recognize our grandfather teachings akin to the code of chivalry.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this honor. I would be glad to speak with anyone who would like to know more.



Honoring Pokagon Citizen Grave of Edward Moran Winchester



Celebrations at Utah Beach and at Charles Shay Memorial Park



Honoring Native American Soldiers at American Cemeteries

Tribal Police honored in Dowagiac



The Dowagiac City Council honored 11 service personnel for saving lives in Dowagiac at the council's Monday, July 8 meeting, and Tribal Police officers were among those honored. The Director of Public Safety Steve Grinnwald awarded all involved with lifesaving awards.

Tribal Police Officer Richard Newcomer aided in performing CPR and administering AED assistance to a Dowagiac woman who was unresponsive and not breathing in October 2017. The woman made a full recovery and is alive and well. James Ivy and Tribal Police Officer Brian Costa were the first on a scene in February 2018, when a Dowagiac man suffered a heart attack. They started CPR immediately, and other officers arrived and were able to administer the AED. The man has since recovered from the incident.

Our Tribal Police Department regularly recognizes Tribal Police officers who save lives while on duty. They receive certificates and cedar eagle feathers during award ceremonies.

Citizen input needed for the next phase of community growth



The Community Development team wants to hear from you! What types of housing would you like to see developed in the future? How would you prioritize spending for new government facilities? What are your ideas for future community parks and recreation projects?

Now is the time to make your voice heard. Below are the dates and times for upcoming Community Circle meetings. Please come and bring your family.

During these meetings planning team members will engage citizens using an online tool that helps guide discussions around budgetary considerations and lifestyle preferences. And for those who live too far to travel to these meetings, you will be able to provide your input online! Keep an eye on the Pokagon website's homepage Community Development page for more information.

Attendees will have the added opportunity to engage face to face with planning team members and fellow attendees.

You provided input via the 2018 Census, now help us take community planning to the next stage – deciding what we build and when. See you there!

Date & Time	Venue & Location
August 7 4 p.m.-7 p.m.	Hartman Conference Center 690 N Eastern Ave. Allegan, MI
August 14 4 p.m.-7 p.m.	United Methodist Church 425 E Main St. Hartford, MI 49057
August 21 4 p.m.-7 p.m.	Pokagon Community Center 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI 49047
August 28 4 p.m.-7 p.m.	Four Winds Casino New Buffalo
Sept. 7 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Hartford High School 121 School St. Hartford, MI 49057
Sept. 28 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pokagon Community Center 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI 49047

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Kids Club

MONDAY 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
AUGUST 5 - OCTOBER 7

Kids Club is a weekly program for children ages 6–12 who have experienced family violence. Kids are able to meet with a small group of kids with similar experiences to share feelings and express themselves through planned activities. We help them recognize what they are feeling and learn that mean and hurtful behavior is not okay. Topics range from recognizing feelings, defining violence, fears and worries, family relationships, and creating a safety plan. All services are confidential.

If you have any questions, contact Samantha Hickok at (269) 462-4442 or Samantha.Hickok@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Deadline to sign up is July 26
Transportation is available;
please call for additional information.

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Educational Release for 2019–2020 now available

The Educational Release for the 2019–2020 school year is available starting August 1, 2019 online and in the Education office. If you would like this emailed or mailed to you, please contact the Department of Education at (269) 782-0985. The form has been updated, so please be aware filling out the previous 2018–2019 form will not be accepted. To receive the \$150 stipend, you must submit the new form. In addition, the forms that will be updated are Special Request, Enrichment, and Educational Excellence Initiative.

First Family Dance delights

“My family had a blast. They danced and played with the other kids. For the future, I hope more people attend this event. It is fun for the kids!”

-Jessica Swisher, tribal citizen who attended the June 29 event.



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Touch-A-Truck

Saturday, August 17 • 9 a.m. -12 p.m.
**Downtown Dowagiac,
 Parking lot next to Twistee's**

Join us for a fun, free, hands-on opportunity for the whole family to explore a vehicles, like police cars, construction equipment, and other cool vehicles from those who protect, build, and serve our community! Professionals who use these vehicles will be present to answer questions and demonstrate how each vehicle works.

Event is open to the general public.

Hosted by the Pokagon Band Dëbénwéthêk Parent Group + the Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce Rod and Roll Classic Auto Show

If you are interested in providing a vehicle for this event, please contact Rachel Orvis at drorvis@gmail.com.

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POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Gwi yathdamen shodë ga zhëwébêk

We will tell stories of what happened here.

Depart from L&C on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 9:30 a.m.
 Trip ends at 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a day trip along the St. Joseph River to explore and learn more about significant moments in the tribe's history. We'll be making several stops at such places as the Allouez grave, Fort St. Joseph, the Fort St. Joseph dig site, and more, where instructors will take time to teach about the spot. Lunch included.

You may meet group at L&C to depart with the group, or you may meet us at 510 North Front Street Niles at 10 a.m.

Please contact Daniel Stohrer to RSVP at Daniel.Stohrer@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4225.

Let's explore Pokagon historical sites together!

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Tribe honors graduates



By Marisela Goodrich

I was able to attend the Honoring Our Graduates Banquet to celebrate my brother-in-law Hunter Goodrich in honor of his high school graduation from Buchanan High School. I enjoyed the food and getting to see the variety of graduates who could make it down with their families to celebrate their achievements. My son really got into the story told passionately by Colin Wesaw. My son was flapping his arms and pecking like the eagles in the story who thought they were chickens. We are looking forward to attending the banquet again once Hunter graduates from Western Michigan University where he'll be attending in the fall.

Department of Natural Resources seeks to gather fisheries information



The DNR is starting a new volunteer program to better understand and sustain fisheries in Pokagon Band lakes. On the information boards at Gage, Sassafra, or Rodgers Lake, there will be an envelope with volunteer fish survey cards to be filled out by those fishing on these lakes. Next to the envelope will be a drop box for those surveys. Information on how to fill out survey cards will be posted in the information boards and on the back of the survey cards.

Department of Natural Resources is trying to capture information including species caught, sizes of fish, and whether the fish were kept or released. This information will assist the DNR in making informed fisheries management decisions in the future.

Next time you're out at one of your Pokagon Band lakes, check it out and help in managing our fisheries for future generations. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources at (269) 782-9602 or fill out a suggestion form on DNR's webpage.

Elders Kindle Fires available

The Pokagon Band Education Department is happy to announce that there are still Kindles available to our tribal elders. Elders can interact technologically with their friends and families from the convenience of their own homes.

To reserve a Kindle for yourself, search "Kindle registration" on our website.

This is on a first come first serve basis, so please don't hesitate to register.

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KĒ PAMSHKAMEN LET'S CANOE

Wednesday, August 21 – Friday, August 23

Experience a two-night rustic camping trip with your fellow Pokagon youth (ages 13–17) at the Seaton Creek Campground along the Manistee River.

You'll fish, swim, canoe, prepare meals, and spend time with your peers.

There are 20 spots available (10 males and 10 females). Reservations will be closed as soon as all 20 spots have been filled.

To reserve a spot on this trip, please contact Youth Services Coordinator Daniel Stohrer at Daniel.Stohrer@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269) 462-5844.

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Naganzet**
[The one who leads]



Pokagon youth are invited to run for the title of Little Ms and Mr Pokagon Naganzet, where they will act as a representative for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Male and female candidates must be the ages of 7–12. Candidates should be able to demonstrate confidence, knowledge of our language, culture, and history. The event will take place at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow this Labor Day weekend.

Candidates must be enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. (Please bring tribal ID).

For more information, please contact Rebecca Williams at (269) 782-8998 or rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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What's that Edible/Medicinal Species? Black Trumpet (*Craterellus spp.*)

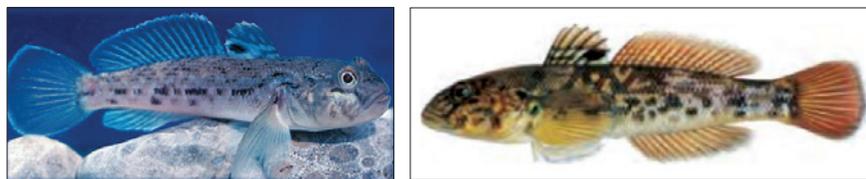


There are multiple chanterelle species (*Craterellus spp.*) that are referred to as black chanterelles or black trumpets in the United States. All of these mushrooms are edible. Black chanterelles are mushrooms that are medium in size and black to grey or dark brown. These mushrooms are tubular shaped when younger and expand to a be shaped somewhat like a trumpet as they age, which is why they are called the black trumpet mushroom. Black chanterelles do not have true gills or pores on the underside of the mushroom. As the mushroom ages, the top will become ruffled, making it hard to find amongst dead leaves in the forest.

Chanterelles most often grow in forests with oak and beech. Black chanterelles fruit in the summer from late June through September. When picking, these mushrooms should have a fruity smell. Before eating, it is best to cut these mushrooms in half to wash out any debris that's collected inside the trumpet shaped body. Black trumpets contain iron, calcium, vitamin C, and magnesium.

These mushrooms keep their flavor when dried and can be powdered and used in recipes or reconstituted in soups. These mushrooms can be reconstituted in warm water and utilized the same as fresh trumpets, including in pastas and rice dishes. As with any new edible or medicinal, ensure that you have a positive identification before use and utilize in small quantities at first to make sure there are no allergic or adverse reactions.

What's that Invasive Species? Round Goby (*Noegobius melanostomus*)



The Round Goby (*Noegobius melanostomus*) is an invasive fish species that is native to Eurasia, including the Black Sea and Caspian Sea. The round goby was introduced to the Great Lakes region via the release of ballast water from transport ships. This species can rapidly increase in numbers and crowd out native species. The Johnny darter and mottled sculpin are two native species that can be harmed by the round goby.

The round goby is known to grow up to 12 inches in length, however, it has only been found up to 7 inches in length within the United States. The round goby can be identified by the black spot on the rear of the first dorsal fin as well as having fused pelvic fins, unlike native species. The young round goby is grey in color and they acquire black and brown splotches as they age. If you believe you have identified a round goby, please bring it in to the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources and report where the fish was found.

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MONDAY
AUGUST 12 -
FRIDAY AUGUST 16
8A.M. - 4 P.M.

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& Auction

HOUSEWARES, HOME, OFFICE FURNITURE AND
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NEW LOCATION 26907 Potawatomi Trail (Multi-purpose Building)

Contact Kristie Partridge with any questions at (269) 462-4323



Department of Education
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Débénwéthêk Parent Group



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

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

Childcare is provided.

2019

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

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

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



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Nëm'e gizhëk SUNDAY	Ngot gizhëk MONDAY	Nizh gizhëk TUESDAY	Aptë gizhëk WEDNESDAY
4	5 Open Language Class Day Language Class STEM Day Camp Elders Health & Wellness Kids Club Auricular Acupuncture Znëget 1 + 3, Kids Language & Wénpenet Language Classes	6 STEM Day Camp Big Kids Language Class Dowagiac Language Class	STEM Day Camp Elders Health & Wellness Neshnabé Mbokén Znëget 2 Language Class Community Circle in...
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Please check the website for the latest updates on any ca

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WEDNESDAY	Nyéw gízhëk THURSDAY	Nyano gízhëk FRIDAY	Odankè gízhëk SATURDAY
	1 PALS (Play and Learn Social) Historical Bike Trip Potawatomi 201 South Bend Language Class	2 Elders Health & Wellness	3 Tribal Council Meeting
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14 Basketball Camp ness lass Hartford	15 Inventory Sale PALS (Play and Learn Social) Débénwéthëk Parent Group meeting Potawatomi 201 South Bend Language Class	16 Inventory Sale Elders Health & Wellness	17 Touch-A-Truck A Healthy Step with Education Minor Mudder
21 canoe) ness lass Dowagaic	22 Kë Pamshkamen (let's canoe) Cooking Class Potawatomi 201 South Bend Language Class	23 Kë Pamshkamen (let's canoe) Elders Health & Wellness	24
28 ness lass New Buffalo	29 Potawatomi 201 South Bend Language Class	30 Elders Health & Wellness	31 Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow

Cancellations due to inclement weather. Visit www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov/calendar or call (800) 517-0777 for more details on these events.

Pokagon Olympic team returns with medals

By Dean Orvis, Wellness Center coordinator

The Michigan Indian Family Olympics brings together tribal citizens from all corners of the state for two days of family-friendly competition in Michigan's largest Native American sporting event.

The annual event draws more 1,000 participants to Central Michigan University in a display of athletic prowess, competitive spirit, and tribal teamwork. The tribe vs tribe challenge is a fun way to compete against citizens from sixteen other tribal nations while keeping an emphasis on inclusiveness and family fun.

This year, the Pokagon Band earned medals in nearly every age category, from infants to elders. We are especially proud of our elders this year as they brought home a combined eighteen medals! The wide range of medal winning by Pokagon citizens demonstrates our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles and fun fitness throughout the Native American community.

If you would like to help us reach our goal of being the overall first place tribe in Michigan at next year's Olympics, contact a member of the Wellness Center staff. All participants receive a custom team uniform, and transportation is available to the games. Regardless of your age or ability, there are events designed for you at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics!



Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

How to buy a used car



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Shopping for a used car is like going on a treasure hunt. There are amazing deals out there, and with the emergence of the Internet as a car shopping tool, you have every chance of finding a good deal on a car that meets your needs and fits your budget.

There are plenty of incentives to buy used instead of new: It will save you money on car insurance, registration, taxes and depreciation, which is the loss in a car's value due to wear and tear over time. It also makes sense because cars have never been more reliable. It's not unusual for some vehicles to be trouble-free for well over 100,000 miles.

Here are a few steps you'll need to take to buy a car.

Set your budget

Decide how much you can spend on a car and how you're going to pay for it.

Choose the right car

Pick the right model based on your needs.

Check reliability and ownership costs

Choose a car that's less likely to break down — and won't break the bank.

Locate good used cars

Search online classifieds or do it the old-fashioned way by walking the car lot.

Price the cars

Use pricing guides and find out what experts say the car you've chosen is worth.

Check the vehicle history report

Use the car's vehicle identification number to see its history.

Contact the seller

Save time by calling the seller and asking questions before you take a look.

Go on a test drive

Decide if this is the right car for you and if it's in good shape.

Negotiate the best price

Use the information you've gathered in your car search to agree to a fair price.

Close the deal

Whether you're on the car lot or buying from a neighbor, you have to handle the payment and paperwork correctly.

As always, Chi Ishobak exists to help you manage your financial resources in today's world. From business consulting and Small Business Loans, to Consumer Loans and Financial Wellness coaching and workshops, we stand by ready to assist.



Call Chi Ishobak Today! (269) 783-4157 | www.chiishobak.org

Get help acquiring a CDL License for the Pokagon buses



If anyone is interested in training to drive the Pokagon buses, we can help! This does not guarantee steady work for the tribe, but it will make you eligible for hire.

For assistance, contact Tracy Henslee in Human Resources to apply for reimbursement for cost of licensure. Then, get a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

booklet and a commercial license permit from a Michigan Secretary of State office. Finally, you can contact Kris Partridge at (269) 462-4323 to arrange a CDL road test with a Pokagon bus.

Earn the Tribal Leadership Certificate at Southwestern Michigan College



If you're interested in contributing to your tribal government or tribal enterprise, consider sharpening your skills while studying for the Tribal Leadership Certificate that the Pokagon Band helped develop at SMC. Students gain a broad understanding of business and specific applications in tribal settings.

Classes include accounting, business management, Native American history and policy, and proposal writing. Introductory and intermediate Potawatomi language classes taught by Pokagon citizen Kevin Daughtery can be taken as part of the certificate.

This fall semester the following courses will be offered at SMC's Dowagiac campus: Potawatomi Language 101 Tuesday and Thursday 2:20 - 3:50 p.m., Native American History Tuesday and Thursday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., and Educational Exploration Thursday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. with Department of Education's own Polly Mitchell.



Contact Polly at (269) 462-4294 for more information.

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMİK DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Q & A

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10 | 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER



The Department of Natural Resources is seeking citizen input on current and future projects. The session will include brief presentations from DNR staff on current projects and time for citizens to ask questions and voice environmental and natural resource related concerns. Dinner will be provided. Topics will include:

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

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

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Living with Wildlife: Virginia Opossum



The Virginia opossum is a generalist that can be found living near humans and in areas where there are human developments. If you live in an area where there are food opportunities or fields, forests, and water sources, then you are likely to encounter a Virginia opossum from time to time.

Virginia opossums are quite unique, being the only marsupial (pouched mammal) found in

North America and having the most teeth of any North American mammal (50). Further, they have digits on their front and back feet for grasping and a prehensile tail that can be used to help them climb and hold on to tree branches. Opossums give birth to young the size of a jelly bean, which then crawl through the mother's fur and into the pouch to suckle and continue to develop. When frightened, an opossum will play dead, meaning their tongue will hang out, they will go very still, they produce a foul odor, and either close their eyes or have a fixed gaze. Virginia opossums can play dead for hours, if necessary. Opossums are nocturnal, meaning that they are typically most active between dusk and dawn.

Virginia opossums eat grass, nuts, fruit, worms, snakes, mice, birds, roadkill, ticks and other insects. However, Virginia opossums are very adaptable and will take advantage of any food source left out. Make sure that you are not inadvertently feeding Virginia opossums. Are you feeding the birds? Opossums are attracted to any bird food that falls on the ground. Do you feed your pets outside? Leaving pet food outside overnight or in a container that is accessible by wildlife encourages wildlife to be in your yard and in close contact. Opossums are also attracted to garbage, so you should make sure that your trash receptacle is closed and unable to be tipped over or accessed by opossums. By eliminating non-natural food sources, opossums are less likely to cause damage and encounter humans or pets. Opossums can carry diseases such as leptospirosis, tuberculosis, tularemia, sarcocystosis, spotted fever, toxoplasmosis, coccidiosis, trichomoniasis, and Chagas disease. Rarely, opossums may also carry rabies. By maintaining an unattractive environment for opossums, you and your pets are less likely to encounter them and have any potential problems with them. Let's help keep wildlife wild by doing our part. Help keep opossums safe and wild by removing food or water sources in your own yard.

PHS & EDUCATION
8TH ANNUAL
**A HEALTHY
STEP WITH
EDUCATION**

Saturday, August 17
10 a.m. - 1p.m. at Pokagon Health Services

The Department of Education and Pokagon Health Services invite you to A Healthy Step with Education. This day will be filled with health education, screenings, PreK-12 program registration, and activities. This event is for the whole family, birth to elder. It is open to all tribal citizens, employees, and their families.

Please come and join in the fun.
Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887.

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PHS Wellness is hosting a Minor Mudder immediately following A Healthy Step

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES

**MINOR
MUDDER**

Saturday, August 17
at the Pokagon Band Wellness Center
immediately following A Healthy Step
approximately 1:15 p.m.

The Minor Mudder is a 1.5 mile trail through ten obstacles designed for youth between the ages of 4-14 to have fun and display teamwork, bravery, and kindness.

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Come celebrate the 25th anniversary of the reaffirmation of Pokagon sovereignty

Enjoy lunch, kids activities, cultural workshops, and more as we celebrate 25 years of sovereignty. Register your family online at www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov by searching “sovereignty.” Pre-registration will guarantee that you’ll receive a t-shirt and that it will be in your desired size.



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.

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK LANGUAGE & CULTURE

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LET'S PICK THINGS



Morel



Bergamot



Milkweed



Chicken of the Woods



Leeks

A wild food harvesting activity

Join the Department of Language & Culture for nature walks learning about foods and medicines growing around us. We will demonstrate how to harvest, clean, store, and cook in-season plants.

We will provide the basic tools needed to harvest. Please dress for the outdoors. A light lunch will be provided before the activity. Our traditions tell us not to harvest in the rain, so cancellations due to weather are possible.

June 2 • June 30 • July 28 • August 25

12 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Language & Culture Multi-purpose room
59291 Indian Lake Road

Please contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 783-3513 (desk), (269) 783-6131 (cell) or Nicole.Holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov for more information or to check for cancellations.



PHS WELLNESS + EDUCATION

Mental Toughness Basketball Camp

Join professional and collegiate athletes from across the United States and Europe for an experience emphasizing mental toughness and using the disciplines of the game to improve yourself.

Every participant will receive a highlight video, healthy, organic snacks, and a t-shirt

\$120 per child
scholarships available for Pokagon Band youth

Limited to 25 youth

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Boys and Girls
entering 4 - 12 Grade
August 13 - 14 from 8:00 a.m. - noon
Pokagon Band Family Activity Center

To Register
Search “basketball camp” on
pokagon.com to register.

Call Dean at (269) 462-4290 or email Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov with questions



monday

wednesday

thursday

friday

august

Attention: Until further notice lunch will be held at the Community Center.
NO August Business Meeting.



5 language

Chicken & Wild Rice Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Peaches

6

Beef Roast
Rice Pilaf
Asparagus
Coleslaw
Whole Grain Roll

7

Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

8

Goulash
Corn
Garlic Bread
Garden Salad
Fruit Salad

9

Salad Bar

12 language

Chicken Pot Pie Pasta
Biscuits
Corn on the Cob
Garden Salad
Fruit Salad
Fruit Salad

13

Elder's Talking Circle
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Taco Tuesday

14

Broccoli Cheddar Soup
Ham or Turkey Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Mandarin Oranges

15 social

BBQ Pulled Pork
Baked Beans
Tater Tots
Baked Chips
Veggie & Pickle Tray

16

Buffalo Potato Casserole
Broccoli & Cheese
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

19 language

Smokey Applewood Salmon
Spanish Rice
Broccoli & Cheese
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

20

Buffalo Burgers
Baked Beans
Tater Tots
Veggie & Pickle Tray

21

Breakfast Bar!

22

Chicken, Broccoli
& Cheese Casserole
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Peaches

23

Pork Roast
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Brussels Sprouts
Tomato Salad
Fruit Cocktail

26 language

Bean Soup
Ham or Turkey Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Yogurt

27

Salisbury Steak
Scalloped Potatoes
Peas
Broccoli Slaw
Whole Grain Roll

28

Buffalo Stuffed Peppers
Au Gratin Potatoes
Green Beans
Pasta Salad
Whole Grain Roll

29

Chicken Broccoli Alfredo
Seasoned Red Potatoes
Bruschetta
Garden Salad
Fruit Cocktail

30

Sea Bass
Wild Rice
Cauliflower
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, pickle, and onions served with sandwiches. Bread/rolls and butter are also included.

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
Scott A. Brewer Jr		x
Carlos A. Hernandez		x
Daniel L. McNew		x
Jesse D. Ballew		x
Virgle O. Edwards		x
Thomas J. Kasack		x

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

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive changes/updates/additions	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
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.

NOTICE

OF:

(1) DEADLINE TO FILE OBJECTION(S);

AND

(2) ENTRY OF ORDER BY THIS COURT TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS

To: Veronica N. Jackson (fka Diamond)

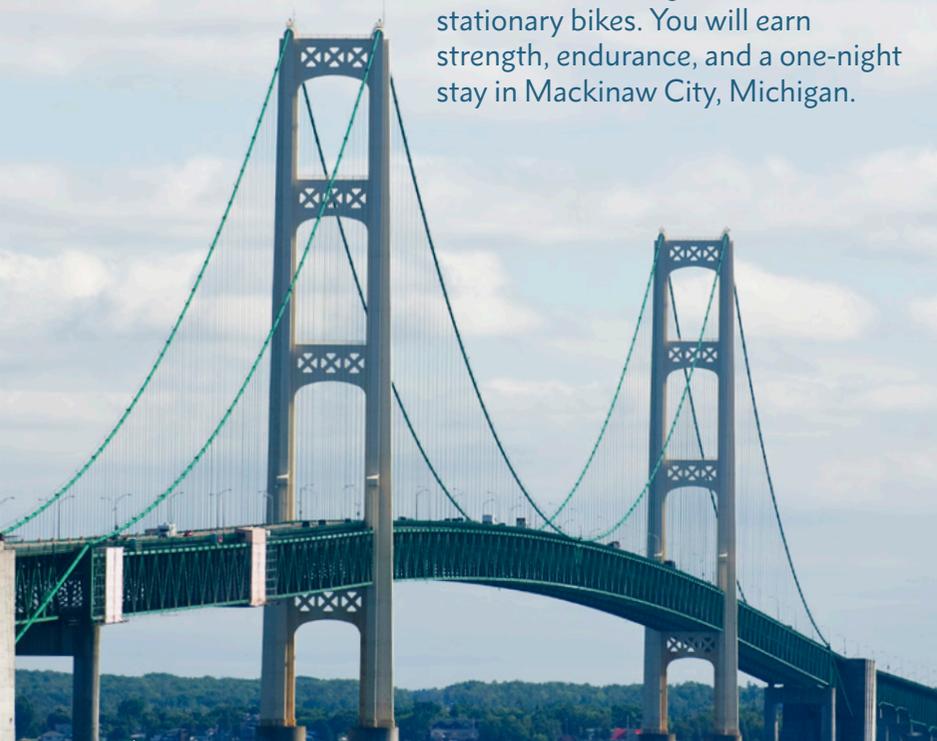
1. Notice is hereby given that a Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support was filed with the Tribal Court on June 18, 2019.
2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy delinquent court-ordered child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. See 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
4. An Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
5. An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:
 - a. RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or
 - b. ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.
6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the recognition of the foreign court orders with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
 - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
 - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
7. Unless you file an objection to the enforcement of the foreign court orders, an Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the delinquent court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the delinquent child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
 - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
 - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support should not be granted by this Court.

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Bike to the Mighty Mac

JUNE 1 to AUGUST 31

Bike 325 miles (the distance between Dowagiac and Mackinaw City) in three months using Wellness Center stationary bikes. You will earn strength, endurance, and a one-night stay in Mackinaw City, Michigan.



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Hotel stay must be booked by December 13 and used no later than March 31, 2020.

Tribal Council August Calendar of Events

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

Tribal Council Septemeber Calendar of Events

- 3 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 23 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 30 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.



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. **Migwèthh!**

MNO-BMADSEN IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE INAUGURAL POKAGON ECONOMIC GATHERING

"A Day of Networking and Immersion to Empower You for Business and Career Success"

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Four Winds Casino Resort - Silver Creek Event Center

Keynote Speaker

Gary "Litefoot" Davis- Actor, Musician, Businessman

Pokagon Band is rich with economic opportunities available through Mno-Bmadsen, affiliated businesses, Chi Ishobak, tribal government, and entrepreneurship. Pokagon families and community members are invited to the Pokagon Economic Gathering (PEG) designed to showcase the many economic opportunities available within the Pokagon community. PEG will feature a trade show with Native American-owned businesses as well as breakout sessions focusing on small-business ownership, Pathways career guidance, youth leadership, and more!

THIS IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT. CHILDCARE WILL BE OFFERED FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-12. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Registration is now open!

www.pokagoneconomicgathering.com



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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.

- Traditions/Repatriations Committee
- Food Sovereignty Committee
- Pokagon Band Land Use Board
- Salary Commission
- Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee
- Chi Ishobak, Inc.
- Pokagon Rights Board
- Mno-Bmadsen Board of Director Position Announcement
- Ggaténmamen Gdankobthegnanèk Pow Wow Committee
- Ethics Board
- Tribal Art Review Committee



Mno Dbeshkan Henry Glynn! Turning One Year Old on August 31. We love you so much!
-Mom & Dad



To my brother and sister Bobby and Kelli Linn, Thank you for being the greatest siblings ever!! This past year has been so hard; thank god we have had each other every day in every way. Both of you remind me of the

most wonderful woman, Momma. I am grateful I get to see her everyday in both of you. I love you SO much, always and forever!!

Baby Sister, Mardi

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**THAYEK GINAN GDĒ
MDAGWĒMEN**

**We Are
All Having Fun**

Aug. 11, 2019 | 1-5 p.m.
Community Center

All are invited to join the fun. Three teams will compete for prizes in two competitions using the Nintendo Switch.

Age Categories
Youth Council: ages 24 and under
Tribal Council: ages 25-54
Elders Council: ages 55 and above

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Come join us for

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POTAWATOMI LANGUAGE BINGO

Pizza will be served at 6 p.m., and Shishibé bingo begins at 7 p.m.

Friday, September 6

6 P.M. - 9 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER
27403 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI 49047

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34th Annual

**KEE BOON MEIN KAA
2019 POW WOW**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Singing Contest
HOST DRUM Whitefish Jr's
DRUM JUDGE Harvey Dreaver
 1st \$7000 | 2nd \$6000 | 3rd \$5000 | 4th \$4000
 Minimum of 6 singers. Absolutely no drum hopping.
 Drum split for non placing drums.

Dance Contest
GOLDEN AGE CATEGORIES (60+)
 1st \$1000 | 2nd \$800 | 3rd \$600 | 4th \$400
 Men's Combined, Women's Combined

JR (18-39) • SR ADULT (40-59) CATEGORIES
 1st \$1000 | 2nd \$800 | 3rd \$600 | 4th \$400
 Men's Traditional, Grass, Fancy
 Women's Traditional, Jingle, Fancy Shawl

TEEN CATEGORIES (13-17)
 1st \$400 | 2nd \$300 | 3rd \$200 | 4th \$100
 Boys' Traditional, Grass, Fancy
 Girls' Traditional, Jingle, Fancy Shawl

JR CATEGORIES (6-12)
 1st \$200 | 2nd \$150 | 3rd \$100 | 4th \$50
 Boys' Traditional, Grass, Fancy
 Girls' Traditional, Jingle, Fancy Shawl

TINY TOTS (5 AND UNDER)
 Paid Daily

Committee Specials (13+)
**JOHN BUSH MEMORIAL
MENS WOODLAND SPECIAL**
 1st \$1500 | 2nd \$1000 | 3rd \$800 | 4th \$600

RED DRESS SCRUB SPECIAL
 1st \$1500 | 2nd \$1000 | 3rd \$800 | 4th \$600

SWEET HEART SPECIAL
 1st \$1000 | 2nd \$800 | 3rd \$600 | 4th \$400

WOMEN'S OLD STYLE JINGLE SPECIAL
 1st \$1000 | 2nd \$800 | 3rd \$600 | 4th \$400

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 Rhonda Purcell (269) 462-4255
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