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Regalia Class participants experience Potawatomi collection at Eiteljorg Museum

By Archivist Blaire Topash-Caldwell



Earlier this year, the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis, Ind. acquired more than 400 historic objects made by Indigenous peoples in the Great Lakes area. Because the collection includes dozens of items of appliqué, dedicated participants of Kë Wzhetomen Mizhathëwen, regalia making class, visited the Eiteljorg to see some of these items in person.

The collection features beadwork sashes, appliqué blankets/skirts, moccasins, feast bags, and more. These items were sold to the museum by a private collector named Richard Pohrt Jr., who inherited the collection from his father, Richard Pohrt Sr.

While museums have a long and problematic history of cultural theft, private collectors are not accountable to the same laws that museums are today. This means that priceless cultural items are often stored in poor conditions and mishandled by private collectors. So, while the ideal case would be that these items never left the communities that made them, making sure they are taken out of private auction and collection is the next best strategy. Unlike private collections, museum items are accessible to Native peoples who want to see them, and some are eligible for repatriation.

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Chairman's Corner



It is with great sadness that I begin this article offering my sincerest condolences to Councilperson Andy Jackson in the loss of her husband, Mike Jackson. I did not know Mike well, but I did see that he was one of the most energetic people I knew. Mike never sat still, he was always seemed to be working on something that was helpful to someone else. The other thing I noticed about Mike was his devotion to his family. Mike will be missed but not forgotten. I pray the Creator grants Andy peace and comfort as she goes through this very difficult time.

As we are entering my favorite time of year, Christmas, it is a time to remember with fondness all of the positive events that have occurred this past year. It has been a year of many accomplishments and undertakings. The tribe and our citizens are facing a time of major decisions as we work to find additional resources to help improve the lives of our citizens. Council is exploring several options and are prepared to embark as soon as we have all the information necessary. These are not always easy decisions but that is why we signed up to represent our tribe. I personally am excited about the options that we face and appreciate the work of many on our Council in their desire to move our tribe forward.

The tribe recently re-engaged with the National Congress of American Indians. If you remember, the organization was experiencing some difficulty handling personnel issues. The Pokagon Band was upfront that this was unacceptable behavior and until the organization properly dealt with complaints of harassment, we would no longer be a member. In review of NCAI's changes, Council has agreed to renew their membership. Many attended the annual meeting this past October. The atmosphere, in my opinion, was a noticeable improvement. I have met the new CEO Kevin Allis on several occasions. I like the direction Kevin is taking the organization, and it is clear that he has gained the confidence and support of the employees and the member tribes.

On October 31, Governor Gretchen Whitmer held her first Governor/Tribal Accord, hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe in Mt. Pleasant. I think I have only missed one or two accords, and this was the most well attended accord in my memory. There is great anticipation that Governor Whitmer will be receptive to tribal issues and consultations. She signed a new and improved consultation directive during this meeting and to date, has been available to meet with tribal leaders. Details of her new Directive is printed on page 4 in this paper.

I want to submit a recent article that I read in one of the blogs that I review. I thought it was interesting. Some of you may agree, others not, but it is something to ponder. This article was written by a 26 year-old MBA student. It's a short article but definitely worth a read.

My Generation is Blind to the Prosperity around Us

I'm sitting in a small coffee shop near Nokomis, Florida trying to think of what to write about. I scroll through my newsfeed on my phone looking at the latest headlines of presidential candidates calling for policies to "fix" the so-called injustices of capitalism. I put my phone down and continue to look around.

I see people talking freely, working on their MacBooks, ordering food they get in an instant, seeing cars go by outside, and it dawned on me. We live in the most privileged time in the most prosperous nation and we've become completely blind to it.

Vehicles, food, technology, freedom to associate with whom we choose. These things are so ingrained in our American way of life we don't give them a second thought.

We are so well off here in the United States that our poverty line begins 31 times above the global average. Thirty-one times! Virtually no one in the United States is considered poor by global standards. Yet, in a time where we can order a product off Amazon with one click and have it at our doorstep the next day, we are unappreciative, unsatisfied, and ungrateful.

Our unappreciation is evident as the popularity of socialist policies among my generation continues to grow. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez recently said to Newsweek talking about the millennial generation, "An entire generation, which is now becoming one of the largest electorates in America, came of age and never saw American prosperity."

Never saw American prosperity? Let that sink in. When I first read that statement, I thought to myself that was quite literally the most entitled and factually illiterate thing I've ever heard in my 26 years on this earth. Many young people agree with her, which is entirely misguided.

My generation is being indoctrinated by a mainstream narrative to actually believe we have never seen prosperity. I know this first hand, I went to college, let's just say I didn't have the popular opinion, but I digress.

Why then, with all of the overwhelming evidence around us, evidence that I can even see sitting at a coffee shop, do we not view this as prosperity? We have people who are dying to get into our country.

People around the world are destitute and truly impoverished. Yet, we have a young generation convinced they've never seen prosperity, and as a result, we elect some politicians who are dead set on taking steps towards abolishing capitalism. Why? The answer is this, my generation has only seen prosperity. We have no contrast. We didn't live in the Great Depression, or live through two world wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War or we didn't see the rise and fall of socialism and communism.

We don't know what it's like to live without the internet, without cars, without smartphones. We don't have a lack of prosperity problem. We have an entitlement problem, an ungratefulness problem, and it's spreading like a plague.

I committed to a couple of initiatives that are continuing to move forward. The first is an evaluation of the separation of council and the Pokagon Gaming Authority. I think a draft of that is about complete and we should be receiving the assessment soon. The second is the efficiency study. We hope to sign the contract with a company the first week in December. The results of that study should be very helpful to us as we evaluate our operations. I appreciate the interest of the PGA in this effort.

As always, I appreciate the suggestions that have been provided, I take all input seriously, and I hope it continues. Remember, it is a great day to be a Pokagon, my door is always open, and my phone is always on. I return all my phone calls.

Thanks,

TDP Banquet recognizes participants' accomplishments

By Laura Sharkey



Each year the Tribal Development Program (TDP) hosts a banquet intended to recognize the prior year's TDP participants' accomplishments. TDP recognizes participants who have continued in their educational goals by honoring those who have received either their GED, Associate degree,

Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or their Doctorate degree. TDP also recognizes participants who obtain certifications that are not required for their position but will assist them in obtaining future goals. Participants who complete the Dale Carnegie Course, external Leadership Trainings, Developing the Leader Within You (Management Course) courses are also recognized.

TDP recognizes the Top 10 participants for the year and acknowledges the Highest Achiever. The banquet is a time to come together and celebrate and support one another's accomplishments. More importantly, it is a time to give thanks as tribal employees to our Pokagon Gaming Authority and Four Winds Management for their support and acknowledgement of such a wonderful program.

Inaugural Pokagon Economic Gathering brings together native entrepreneurs

By Micky Martin

On October 26, Mno-Bmadsen, the nongaming investment arm of the Pokagon Band, hosted its first ever Pokagon Economic Gathering. With four tracks, five panelists, one key-note speaker, four award recipients, 16 breakout sessions, 20 vendors, and 130 participants, Mno-Bmadsen is proud to announce the inaugural economic event a success.

The day started off with registration and breakfast, where guests received a conference tote full of swag. Ribbon Town sang a welcome song during the opening ceremony and Pokagon veterans posted the flags. After a motivational and positive speech by Mno-Bmadsen's CEO Troy Clay, attendees made their way to desired breakout sessions. There were four tracks: Entrepreneurship, Pathways Career Guidance, Youth Leadership, and Traditional Culture.

During the luncheon panel, Lynette DeRose from Supporting Strategies, David Martin from Bicycle Tattoo and Bear Clan Creative, Denise Martin from Painted Ponies and Carla and Woody Steingold from Bneshi Mijem gathered on stage to talk about their experience as tribal business owners. They discussed time management and the process of starting up their own companies. All five panelists shared their personal experiences to provide insight for the benefit of other prospective entrepreneurs in the audience.

After the luncheon panel, guests could attend two additional rounds of breakout sessions, followed by an hour of social networking with an appearance from the Native magician John Sturk. Guests conversed with Trade Show vendors, all of which were also Native American business owners. Many people discovered businesses within the tribal community they weren't aware of beforehand.

Afterward, dinner was served. Plaques and beautiful wool blankets from 8th Generation were presented to the Good Path Awards recipients. David Martin was the recipient of the Outstanding Entrepreneur Award, John Pigeon received the Outstanding Leader Award, Marcus Winchester-Jones received the Emerging Leader Award and Clarence White was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Gary 'Litefoot' Davis ended the evening with an engaging and heartfelt speech. He spoke about his experience as a Native rapper, actor and entrepreneur, walking the audience through his life achievements. It was an motivational and eye-opening experience to hear Gary Davis speak about his path of entrepreneurship and branding.

Mno-Bmadsen would like to thank the Four Winds Casino Resort staff, Trade Show vendors, panelists, volunteers and attendees who helped make this event a success. Support from the Pokagon community for Mno-Bmadsen and the Pokagon Economic Gathering is greatly appreciated! Mno-Bmadsen looks forward to the continued journey of economic investment and diversification through the tribe on the good path to good business.



Elders: help Council choose activities for 2020

Elders, if you have suggestions for trips for 2020, please contact Beth at Elders Hall at (269) 782-4890. We will begin planning activities for next year soon.

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK NATIVE NATIONS YOUTH COUNCIL

Community KARAOKE night

Community Center | Friday, December 13
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Whether you want to show off your skills or just sing a few tunes, you can join the Native Nations Youth Council for this evening of talent and karaoke. Our live DJ will play music, and dinner and beverages will be provided.

RSVP not necessary but appreciated by December 13 to youth.council@pokagonband-nsn.gov. For more information, call the Department of Language & Culture at (269) 462-4296.

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Tribes, Michigan commit to strengthen communication

Chairman Matt Wesaw and other leaders of Michigan tribal nations attended a recent summit with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, at which they signed Executive Directive 2019-17. The executive directive reaffirms and extends Michigan's commitment to recognize the sovereignty and right of self-governance of Michigan's federally-recognized Indian tribes and orders each state department and agency to adhere to these principles.

The directive ensures members of Michigan's federally recognized tribes have a seat at the table in state government. The governor appointed Wenona Singel, a citizen of Little Traverse Bay Bands, as her advisor on tribal-state affairs, the first tribal citizen to hold this position in Michigan history.

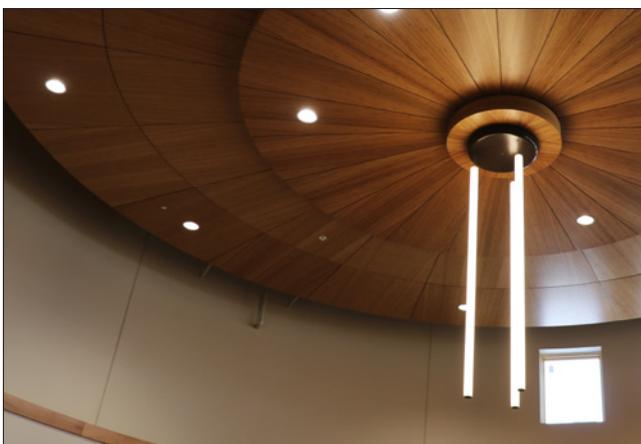
"It was very positive," said Chairman Wesaw. "Now the consultations with the state follow more closely with the federal consultation guidelines."

It's also the first executive directive to require training on tribal-state relations for all state department employees who work on matters that have direct implications for tribes.

Please join the Pokagon Band to celebrate the grand opening of the new Justice Center.

Wednesday, December 11 | 10:30 a.m.

Rodgers Lake | 58620 Sink Rd. Dowagiac



Looking for construction work? Contact Mno-Bmadsen



Mno-Bmadsen's Pathways program is open to all citizens, spouses, custodial parents, and other Native Americans looking for construction work. If you are interested in learning about trades within the community even with little to no experience, you're eligible to sign up. Profiles must be up to date to be considered for labor requests.

OSHA 10 is a requirement to be considered for placement on our tribal construction projects. Pathways will be hosting an OSHA 10 training in the near future. Stay tuned for a determined date and time. In order to participate in the OSHA training, you must contact the Pathways program.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out!

Rhonda Rose, Pathways Manager, Mno-Bmadsen

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Elders invited to technical training classes



Elders, have you ever wanted to learn more about technology but never had the opportunity to learn? The Department of Education would like to give you (and your spouse) that chance. Come learn about subjects like using browsers, searching the web, passwords, cybersecurity, phone security, and operating Windows. The classes will be held at the Department of Education's Training Room at 3:00 p.m. on these dates:

December 5 - **Windows 10: Start Menu and Desktop**

December 19 - TBD

Please contact Donald Summers at (269) 462-4237 with questions.

Potawatomi Language course available on Mango Languages App



After months of collaboration between our tribe's Language Program and Mango Languages, a language-training company, the first chapter of our Potawatomi Language Course has launched. This is the first of ten chapters planned for phase one of the course.

The first Bodéwadmimwen Language App the Language Program launched focuses solely on vocabulary, but this new app course teaches phrases and sentence structure. The Language Program realized that not only as a Band, but as a Potawatomi Nation, there is no set curriculum for teaching Potawatomi to new language learners.

"I knew we needed to head into a direction that was going to utilize technology to help us identify how we structure Potawatomi curriculum that advances learners and assess their progression," said Rhonda Purcell, language coordinator.

Rhonda tasked citizen Corinne Kasper, a graduate from Dartmouth with a degree in linguistics, with identifying a developer the Language Program could partner with. Rhonda and her team quickly realized that language course app developers did not want to work with a language like Potawatomi that has such a small audience. Duolingo gave no response, but Mango did.

The Language Program entered a contract with Mango Languages after speaking before Tribal Council to request the needed funds. Tribal Council approved their request, and they are now continuing work on the nine other chapters set to be released by the end of next year, which is phase one.

"When you lose a language, you can also lose all that is tied to it, including culture, history, wisdom, community..." said Mango Languages CEO Jason Teshuba, "for that reason, we're very passionate about helping the Potawatomi preserve their voice."

Hartford High School and Southwestern Michigan College will be implementing the Mango learning system to streamline lesson planning and enhance student engagement and proficiency.

The first chapter teaches conversational language that learners can use in real life immediately. Those who complete all ten chapters, Rhonda says, will have a well-rounded grasp of the structure of Potawatomi.

"This is truly something I wish I could've had access to when I started learning this language," Rhonda says about the course.

This first phase teaches "survival language," as Rhonda puts it, which will include phrases and questions that learners will need for any conversation. The next phases will dive deeper and teach more descriptive language, though Rhonda says learners will not gain fluency through this app.

"Fluency cannot be created through technology," Rhonda says. "Fluency comes from face to face interactions. Emphasis, sounds, tonal fluctuation, and more can only be learned from genuine conversations, Rhonda explained. Otherwise, "you'll sound exactly like the technology that you're learning from."

This course will ensure all citizens, no matter where they live, can learn our Potawatomi language.

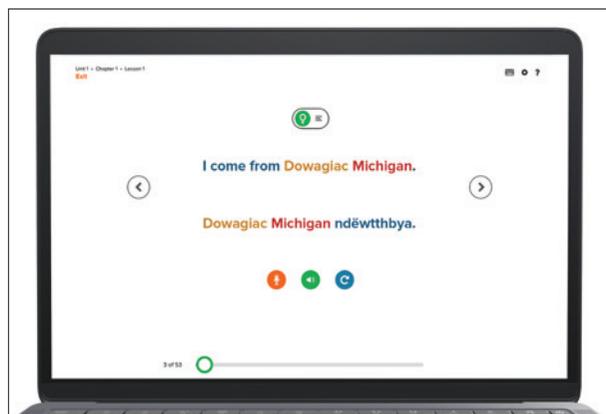
"We're always striving to create meaningful language learning resources that help move us toward our goal as a Potawatomi speaking community and nation," Rhonda said.

Rhonda says other Potawatomi nations are eager to use the course we're creating, and she hopes it will inspire other nations to invest in language learning.

"No one Band is going to save this language," Rhonda says.

The Potawatomi Language course is available for free to everyone. Mango Languages previously partnered with the Cherokee Nation to create a Cherokee language course.

All ten chapters will be published by the end of 2020 on a staggered released. The Language Program plans to continue working with Mango Languages to create many more chapters after the initial ten for our Potawatomi app course.



Light the Way 5K welcomes 166 runners

The Light the Way 5K is now a beloved annual tradition, and this year was no different as 166 community members braved the cold to run this course and support Diabetes Awareness Month. Families and friends enjoyed painting faces and walking and running together.

Elders: Save the date for upcoming trip

Thursday, December 12



We'll be taking a bus from the Community Center to visit the South Bend History Museum, Studebaker Museum, Oliver Mansion, and finish with lunch at Tippecanoe Place. Sign up with Beth Warner at the Community Center anytime, or call her at (269) 782-4890. More details to follow.

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Gdedésék
Little Otters

Kick off this new cultural and wellness programming series for our Pokagon youth in 2020 with a dinner and informational meeting.

Thursday, January 2 | 5p.m. - 7p.m.
Family Activity Center | 32652 Kno Drive

Register on Pokagon.com
Search "little otters"
Please RSVP by December 13.

Gdedésék is an after school program for 5 to 11 year-old youth of the Pokagon Band community. They will learn language and culture, talking circles, wellness/nutrition, and etiquette.

Questions? Contact Rebecca.Williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov
or Susan.Doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Nine citizens make hand drums at Déwégaskéwen workshop

By Nicole Hollway

Citizens Gerald Wesaw and Jason S. Wesaw led a drum making workshop for nine citizens this November, hosted by the Language & Culture Department.

Gerald prepared kits ahead of time for each participant so everyone had all of the materials needed to complete a hand drum. Jason shared the story of how men were gifted the drum by women, and he instructed participants in how to care for their drums once completed.

Together, the grandfather and grandson duo worked to instruct and assist each person who was making a drum. It was an honor to have them lead this workshop together. Everyone left with a lot of knowledge, good experiences, and a finished hand drum of their own. Ktthe migwetth to Jason and Gerald for sharing your knowledge and skills with our community.

217 Pokagons
have already spoken.
Have you?



I wish more would attend and give input.

We need more single-family rentals and elders houses that are not income based.

How about an assisted living combined with a day care?

SPEAK TODAY.

Give your input before December 31 and make sure your opinions are heard too.

Visit www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov and search "community circle" or follow the QR code below.



To use this QR code, open your phone's camera, center the QR code in your camera view, then tap the web address that appears on your screen.



Tribal citizens open virtual reality entertainment company with the help of Chi Ishobak



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Pokagon citizens Matt and Micky Martin opened Espin VR, a family-friendly virtual reality center, this October in Mishawaka with help from Chi Ishobak, the tribe's non-profit financial organization.

"Espin in the Potawatomi language means raccoon," Micky said. "Raccoons' mischievous and curious nature is the perfect word to illustrate the experience that our VR center will provide!"

Targeting South Bend, Mishawaka and Granger, Espin VR can host birthday parties, team building workshops, or be a destination for activities during school breaks. Whether you are looking for mischief, adventure, or exploring the unknown, Espin VR can design an unforgettable experience. With 12 interactive stations and more than 30 fully immersive and interactive games, visitors can schedule times or simply walk-in.

The Martins were ready for their entrepreneurial journey, with their backgrounds in gaming, hospitality and computer science, when they presented their idea to Executive Director Sean Winters at Chi Ishobak

"We met with Sean and he directed us to the right program," Matt said. "We worked with Carolyn Rourke, their small business development specialist for coaching on our business plan and setting up funding. They really helped us understand the business side of providing a high-end entertainment venue."



EspinVR

"We're very excited about helping the Martins launch Espin VR," Sean said. "We're here to assist tribal citizens with access to affordable capital, and we'll continue to help with future business planning as they grow. We see great success in their business."

Chi Ishobak is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2009 promote the improvement of the financial capacity of all tribal members by equipping them with the skills, knowledge and confidence that they need to make informed judgments and to make effective decisions with respect to their current and future personal and household circumstances. Chi Ishobak provides tribal citizens with the tools and opportunities needed for meaningful lives and self-sufficiency, whether through employment, self-employment, or traditional life-ways.

By building capacity for tribal citizens, Chi Ishobak is helping rebuild the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi as well as Indian Country into supportive and nurturing communities, strong in language and culture. For more information, visit their website www.chiishobak.org.

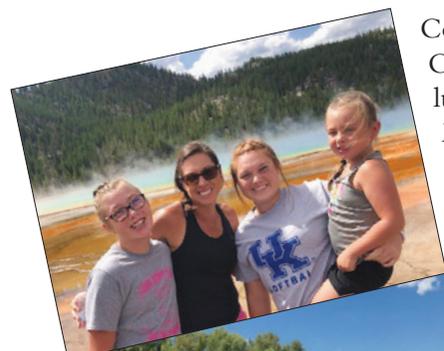
Book your to Espin VR on their website, www.espinvr.com, and be sure to stop by at 605 W Edison Rd Ste K, in Mishawaka, IN.



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HLC Jump In January right around the corner

Are you ready for Jump In January? If you haven't joined the HLC movement, you'll want to in 2020. All participants who register and measure by January 17 will get an HLC gift representing each of the four pillars: physical, nutrition, emotional, and rest. And then participants will be entered into a drawing for a fun winter activity package: a ski, snowmobile, ice fishing, or sleigh ride weekend or tickets to an NBA game. Three 2020 HLC participants will win their choice of these prize options. These winners and the two 2019 HLC Grand Prize winners will be announced via webcast Monday, January 20 at 7 p.m. Tune in to see who the lucky winners are by visiting www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov.



Committed HLC participants Christina Carpenter and Marcy Herbert were the two lucky grand prize winners for 2018's campaign. Marcy opted to take advantage of the cruise package, while Christina and family traveled to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

Christina's favorite memories were sharing the activities with her kids.

"The kids didn't get bored at all, not one time did they complain. The bonding was great—and no arguing! To have the five of us to experience this once in a lifetime trip was amazing.

"We saw moose, black bear, elk, buffalo were everywhere. We went on a four-hour rafting trip to see the Grand Tetons.

"I work out in the gym, but with all the walks and the up-and-down to the waterfalls, I burned more calories. But you just want to keep going, it is so amazing."

Be sure to finish the year strong and focused on your health goals. The last 2019 measurement dates will be December 2-13, so visit the Wellness Center then to check in on your progress and—if you've measured during the last three quarters—qualify for your chance to win the 2019 grand prize.



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Health Lifestyles Campaign participants!

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



Veterans Day marked with appreciation lunch, Navajo code talker visit

After the Tribal Council meeting Saturday, November 9, citizens honored Pokagon veterans with a lunch and recognition ceremony thanking them for their service.

The following week Navajo code talker Peter MacDonald Sr. visited in what is likely the last trip one of these WWII native marines will make to our area. MacDonald was here to speak to several community groups. He was the guest of honor of Pokagon veterans November 13 at a dinner at the Community Center before speaking at Southwestern Michigan College that evening. MacDonald and his fellow Navajo marines called upon their native language during World War II

to transmit top secret messages in the Pacific. The Navajo code is the only code in modern military history to never be broken. Its use saved hundreds of thousands of American lives and shortened the war in the Pacific.

On November 16, the Indiana Native American/Indian Affairs Commission hosted a veterans ceremony at the Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette. Chairman Wesaw provided remarks to those attending, and the ceremony honored Native American Indian women veterans. Pokagon Gayle "Rusty" Green was among those recognized.

For arthritis relief, jingle some bells



Are you one of the millions of Americans suffering from joint pain and arthritis? This bothersome aching can range from a simple annoyance to excruciating pain and often dictates how we move through the day. You may avoid that walk with the dog, gardening, playing your favorite sport, or enjoying our njansék. There is an effective prescription for most of your joint pain: regular movement.

It has been repeatedly proven that regular movement can help relieve joint pain and arthritis, whether in your ankle, knee, hip, shoulder, elbow, or wrist. During the month of December, Pokagon Health Services is providing you with Jingle Bells against Arthritis bracelets. Strap one of these bracelets on your wrist or ankle to remind yourself of the benefits of movement. Keep those bells jingling this holiday season and enjoy the many benefits of movement while spreading holiday cheer! Read on for why exercise is so helpful.

When exercise is performed properly it can become a long-lasting way to subdue your joint and arthritis pains. Although it might seem exercise would aggravate your aching joints, this is not the case:

- It increases the strength and flexibility of the muscles and connective tissue surrounding the joints. For example, when thigh muscles are stronger, they can help support the knee, thus relieving some of the pressure on that joint.
- Exercise relieves stiffness, which itself can be painful. The body is made to move. When not exercised, the tendons, muscles, and ligaments quickly shorten and tense up. But exercise — and stretching — can help reduce stiffness and preserve or extend your range of motion.
- It boosts production of synovial fluid, the lubricant inside the joints. Synovial fluid is essential to bring oxygen and nutrients into joints. Thus, exercise is like WD-40 for your joints, keeping them "well-oiled."
- It increases production of natural compounds in the body that help with pain management. In other words, without exercise you are more sensitive to every ache. With it, you have a heightened level of natural pain protection.
- It helps you keep your weight under control. This helps relieve pressure in weight-bearing joints, such as your hips, knees, and ankles.

If all this still isn't enough, consider the following: exercise also enhances the production of natural chemicals in the brain that help boost your mood. You'll not only feel better, you will become happier. Your health, your choice.



COMMUNITY SCANNING NIGHT

THURSDAY JANUARY 30 | 6 - 8 P.M.

Department of Language and Culture
59291 Indian Lake Road Dowagiac, MI 49057

Scan old family photos, take home high-resolution digital copies on CD, see over 400 historic photos already digitally donated by other Pokagon citizens; Dinner provided at 6 p.m.

Contact: **Blair Topash-Caldwell**
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Regalia Class participants experience Potawatomi collection at Eiteljorg Museum, *continued from page one*

Scott M. Shoemaker, citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and curator of Native American Art, History, and Culture at the Eiteljorg, is collaborating with various tribes for repatriation, exhibition, programming, and education around the objects in the Pohrt Collection.

As part of a thank-you for their hard work in making last year's Zagbëgon graduates' regalia, Nicole Holloway, cultural activities coordinator, and Blaire Topash-Caldwell, archivist, collaborated on organizing this trip for the group. On October 22, the group interacted with dozens of Potawatomi bandolier bags, sashes, appliqué blankets, moccasins, and more. Soaking in the inspiration and designs of their ancestors, the seamstresses and artists are ready to apply what they've learned from the trip.

The Pohrt Collections is unique because Potawatomi materials are not popularly collected in large museums, so a lot of our ancestral designs and methods of construction have been forgotten. It is hoped that this visit and future work inspired by the collection will revive a strong Potawatomi tradition of sewing, beadwork, weaving, and design for Pokagon citizens.



monday

2 language

Chicken Tenders
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Veggie & Pickle Tray

9 language

Taco/ Nacho Bar

16 language

Bean Soup
Ham or Turkey Sandwich
Veggie Tray
Greek Pasta Salad
Cookie

23 language

Broccoli & Cheddar Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Mandarin Oranges

30 language

Salisbury Steak
Scalloped Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Broccoli Slaw
Whole Grain Roll

tuesday

3

Pork Roast
Seasoned Red Potatoes
Carrots
Coleslaw
Whole Grain Roll

10

Ham in Au Gratin Potatoes
Carrots
Cucumber Salad
Apple Sauce
Whole Grain Roll

17

Artisan Mac N' Cheese
Asparagus
Garlic Bread
Garden Salad
Fruit Salad

24

Closed

wednesday

4

Vegetable Soup
Ham or Turkey Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Fruit Cocktail

11

BBQ Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Broccoli & Cheese
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

18

Salmon Patties
Rice Pilaf
French Style Green Beans
Broccoli Slaw
Whole Grain Roll

25

Closed

thursday

5 business meeting

Goulash
Asparagus
Garlic Bread
Garden Salad
Fruit Salad
Tiramisu/ Snacks

12

Buffalo Stroganoff
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Fruit Cocktail
Whole Grain Roll

19

Salad Bar

26

Smokey Applewood Salmon
Artisan Mac N' Cheese
Collard Greens
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

friday

6

Pizza Day

13 Meal served 10 a.m.

Breakfast Sandwiches
French Toast Sticks
Cereal
Breakfast Granola Bars

20 Christmas Party

Appetizers/Prime Rib
Fried or Baked Chicken
Baked Potatoes/Sweet
Potatoes/Stuffing/Gravy
Corn/Green Bean Casserole
Garden Salad/Rolls/Cake

27

Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

dec

The Business Meeting
and Elder's Christmas Party
will be held at the
Community Center.

Closed

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 are held at the Community Center and 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.

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
Virgle O. Edwards		x
Thomas Mix		x
Patricia Topash		x
Cory Ridenour		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
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.

Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* are not original.

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such

as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.



REQUIREMENTS:

- Pokagon Citizen
- Cumulative College Grade Point Average of 2.5 or Higher
- Entering His or Her Junior/Senior Year of College
- Has an Interest in Business and/or Finance

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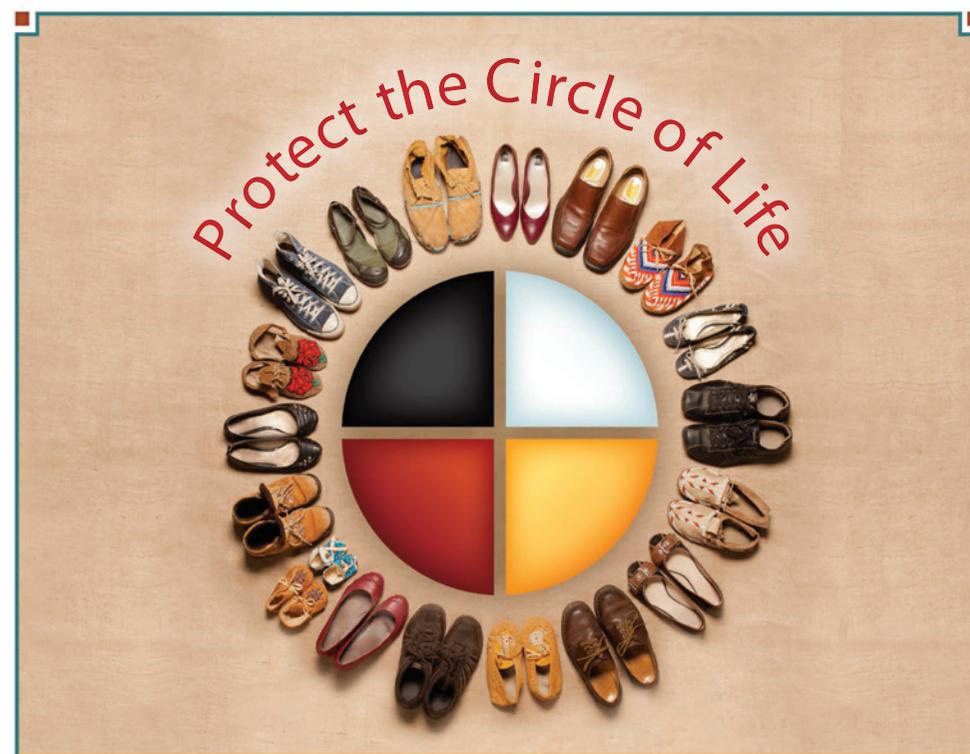
Submit your application to Pathways at:

Pathways@Mno-Bmadsen.com

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, contact Heather Farver at (269) 487-9131

Applications can be found at: <https://mno-bmadsen.com/pathways-mno-bmadsen/>

Deadline: January 1st 2020



Your Flu Vaccine Protects Me My Flu Vaccine Protects You

Pokagon Health Services FLU SHOTS | Beginning in October

Pokagon Band Citizens/Native American established patients and household members, and employees are eligible. Please bring any insurance information.

Flu shots are available while supplies last beginning in October by appointment Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. You can also get your vaccine at your regularly scheduled appointment. Community Outreach nurses will give flu vaccines at the monthly Elders Business Meeting at the Community Center in November.

Call (269) 782-4141 to schedule yours today



Learn more at www.cdc.gov/flu or call 1-800-CDC-INFO

Tribal Council December Calendar of Events

- 2 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 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.

Tribal Council January Calendar of Events

- 6 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Citizen 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.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.

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

HEAP DEADLINES
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:

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. **Migwëthh!**

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SOFTBALL

CLINIC FEBRUARY 8 2020

POKAGON WELLNESS CENTER

Strengthen your softball skills and mental tenacity at this one-day softball clinic, consisting of three sessions: batting, pitching, and fielding/base running, broken up with nutrition education and physical/mental conditioning. You may register for one or more sessions for \$35 per session or all three for \$90.

Early registration for citizens opens Dec. 1, then employee children may register starting Dec. 25, and the general population may register on Jan. 1. This clinic is limited to the first 30 participants of each session.

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POKAGON BAND TITLE VI
Indian Education Grant Program

How to Apply
Fill out an Educational Records Release and Title VI ED 506 Form (both can be found on the Pokagon Band website. Questions? Email susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call 269-782-0887.

Who is eligible

1. A member of an Indian tribe or band
2. A descendent of a parent or grandparent who meets the requirements in (1)
3. An Eskimo, Aleut, or Alaska Native

Programs/Events/Services offered to participants

- \$150 school supply stipend
- Tutoring from a Pokagon Band auxiliary tutor or tutoring facility
- Student Advocacy Services
- Join Youth Council
- Title VI Public Hearing
- Attend Pokagon Band Department of Education events, [includes: Kë Gbëshmen (Culture Camp), STEM camp, Youth Lock In, A Healthy Step with Education]

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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.

- Curriculum Committee
- Enrollment Committee
- Ethics Board
- Ggatenmamen Gdankobthegnanek Pow Wow Committee
- Pokagon Band Health Care Advisory Board
- KBMK Pow Wow Committee
- Land Use Board
- The Pokagon Bode'wadmik Ogitchedaw Board
- Rights Board
- Salary Commission
- Tribal Art Committee

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Let's Make Regalia

Kë Wzhetomen Mizhathëwen

Please join us at this year's series of regalia making workshops. The instructors focus on assisting participants in making traditional regalia for men and women while sharing the necessary regalia teachings on how it should be worn and cared for. We have a limited supply of sewing machines, irons, and materials. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own sewing machines and materials if possible. There will be instructors available to assist with sewing and measuring to create patterns.

No RSVP is required. Meals are potluck, so please bring a dish to pass.

Classes will be held at the **Language & Culture Activity Room: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**January 12 and 26
February 9 and 23
March 8 and 22
April 5 and 19
May 3 and 10**

Tribal Citizens, Spouses, and Parents/Guardians of Tribal Children are welcome to attend.
**Please refer to the Indian Arts and Crafts Act regarding the federal laws that protect Native American artisans and the penalties for violating them.

Please contact Nicole Holloway at 269-783-3513 (desk), 269-783-6131 (cell) or Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov for any questions.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Breastfeeding & Breast Cancer Awareness Shawl Workshop | Regalia Workshop at Language & Culture

Join us in creating your own shawl to bring awareness to the importance of breastfeeding and breast cancer awareness. These shawls will be danced at Pokagon Band's pow wows. We will make our shawls as part of Language & Culture's ongoing regalia making workshops beginning in January and continuing through May.

**Join us at noon to 5pm :
January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23,
March 8 and 22, April 5 and 19, May 3 and 10**

Shawl and appliqué materials will be provided. For more information, contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 783-3513 office or email Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov. For additional questions, please contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406.

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DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Pokagon Wawyéwgawen

Join us in singing, dancing and feasting as we celebrate our ancestors who have traveled through the Western Door.

Saturday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Family Activity Center
58620 Sink Road Dowagiac MI 49047

A Wawyéwgawen (Round Dance) is a time to celebrate the community and enjoy each other's company while remembering loved ones who have passed on. Our teachings tell us that the spirit world has daytime during our night time, therefore, we Round Dance into the night to celebrate with the spirits of those who have passed on. All Round Dances are long memorable nights of singing, dancing and feasting with the spirits.

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony	9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Singing and Dancing begin	12:00 - 2:00 a.m. Singing, Dancing, Apple Dance, and Community Giveaway
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Thibèkwè Community Feast for the spirits	11:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Community Competitions and Midnight Snack	

Due to limited space, Great Lakes Native vendors will be on an invite-only basis.

Competition Categories Best Turbin Best Belt/Sash Best Mocs Best Hair-Bag Moccasin Game Winner Take All	Hotel Holiday Inn Express 1000 Moore Drive, Niles, MI (269) 684-0300
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For more information, please contact the Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4325.

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POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION + DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TRIBAL ART COMMITTEE

GWIKWÉ'AMEN HOLLY FAIR & ART EXTRAVAGANZA

**Saturday, December 7
11 a.m. - 3p.m.**

Elders will provide Hot Dogs and Chili

Open to the public

Dowagiac Middle School
57072 Riverside Dr.

Enjoy holiday shopping from our Tribal Artists with free gift wrapping, make and take crafts, and have your picture taken with Santa!

Bake Sale

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