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Pokagon Band contributes \$860,000 to the City of South Bend and local non-profits

Funds are part of a voluntary local agreement now in its second year.

The Pokagon Band presented checks totaling \$860,000 to South Bend Mayor James Mueller and representatives from several area non-profits on Wednesday, February 19 at a ceremony at Four Winds South Bend. This annual contribution, now in its second year, is part of a voluntary local agreement between the Pokagon Band and the City of South Bend. The City of South Bend along with the non-profits each receive a share of the funds on an annual basis to assist with their operations and programs. This contribution is in addition to two percent of gaming revenue that is provided to the city.

More than 100 people attended the event which included members of the Pokagon Tribal Council and Elders Council, community leaders, business leaders, non-profit and charitable organizations, and several members of the South Bend Common Council. Several media outlets including three local television stations and the South Bend Tribune were also on hand to capture the event and conduct interviews.

Speaking at the ceremony, Chairman Wesaw said, "The Pokagon Band is very fortunate and proud to be able to make these annual contributions to the City of South Bend, the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County, YWCA of

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Chairman's Corner



In case you have some difficulty following my message for this article, do not be too troubled; I am having difficulty putting my thoughts in a logical order. Let me apologize up front, my intent is not to offend anyone. My thoughts are based on my observations and are not intended to be disparaging or judgmental. I have to admit, based on some of the past council meetings, I am becoming very concerned on the direction WE are headed. I often wonder on my drive home, what more WE can do to present a more positive message to our citizens. Just when I think WE are headed in a good direction, WE hit a speed bump, which seems to be getting bigger and bigger and I start

second guessing and asking myself, what is the motivation? Why are WE so quick to become agitated and judgmental with our fellow council members, employees, and tribal citizens while WE are doing the business of the people who elected us to the office WE hold? In a time when I hoped WE could embrace the philosophy of "C.A.R.", communication, accountability, and respect, WE seem to be heading in the opposite direction. In a previous council session I had hoped to add a "T" to the acronym, for "Trust." Clearly, it would appear WE have work to do, but it is something WE can accomplish if that is what WE desire.

I had the opportunity to visit my old church this morning and I thought the message was very appropriate for what I feel is happening to US. The message was on "criticism." After listening to the words and supporting scriptures, I was able to draw a correlation to what WE seemed to be experiencing during many of the council meetings. We seem to be quick to attack, become unprofessional, disrespectful, and more intent on personal agendas based on old experiences, than working together to move forward. I know the past can be hard to forget/forgive, but based on these experiences, WE know what we must do so that WE do not repeat the past or allow it to be repeated. Now, before people start to second guess my intent, I firmly believe that WE have the same purpose and desire the same outcomes, WE just have not figured out how WE get there as a team. That can easily be accomplished if WE are tolerant, respectful, utilize good listening skills, communicate our intent clearly and concisely, and keep our focus on what is best for our community. I have always hoped WE can move as a team but to do that WE cannot always put ourselves first. The intent should not always be about getting "my way," but to focus on what is best for the Pokagon Band. This should not be problematic if WE emphasize what is best for the whole. I realize it is not always easy, but there is more joy in observing the accomplishment when you know you have put others first. I will get off my stump now, but hope WE can have further discuss in a positive environment.

The pillars that were agreed to many years ago still exist. They remain, healthcare, education, and housing. Council is beginning to access the job opportunities that exist with a concentration on what can council do to help our citizens find work and stay on the job. What are the road blocks to finding employment and staying employed? The availability of housing is another item on our radar as well as continuing education. All of these will require revenue.

As our citizenship continues to grow and council has accepted the task of finding additional revenue to support and sustain that growth. Council is vetting several ideas which appear to have great promise. We will provide additional information as council continues to advance the concept of a development authority that can/will produce additional revenue.

As I have mentioned several times, I am very concerned about our revenue and the probability that we are going to quickly outgrow that revenue due to our citizen growth. Based on this reality, council is taking the initiative now, rather than later, to identify ways to be more efficient. Some of the decisions we are in the process of implementing have created negative feedback. That is normal, there is no good way to make reductions, but we must stay ahead of the issues. This is not personal, but is necessary to provide for our citizens. The council and our citizens are facing a time of major decisions as we continue to work to find additional resources to help improve the lives of our citizens. These are not always easy decisions but that is why we signed up to represent our tribe. The options that we

have vetted are interesting, in particular the ideas involving economic development, albeit, on a much smaller scale than Mno Bmadsen. This is not a competition with Mno, just our desire to create revenue to supplement our ability to continue to provide benefits to the citizens. I appreciate the work of our council in their desire to move our tribe forward.

The efficiency study is almost complete and should be presented to council in early March. Shortly after that we can share the results with our citizens. This is a very important effort for us to be more proficient in our search to be better in our fiduciary responsibility.

I hope that when you are reading this article we will have rolled out our new communication opportunity. You will find it on the website and it will provide an opportunity for updated information, the ability to ask questions directly to council members, and to view council minutes much faster than currently exists. As stated in previous articles this is part of our strategic initiative on communication. To that end, despite Communication being currently understaffed, the remaining personnel has been working with our public relations specialist, David Gutierrez, Information Technology Director, Jody Osbon, interim director, Lisa Vetne, and our subcontractor Ranga, for a more efficient way to get information to our citizens. Timing is important, in my opinion, or the information is stale. I will be very interested in your feedback.

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,

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK TRIBAL POLICE

Walk with Officer Abby



Enjoy a morning stroll

through Dowagiac
Pokégnek Édawat with
Tribal Police Officer
Abigail Shanahan.

**Meet at the Community
Center every Monday
at 10 a.m. from May 11
through September 7.**

Also meet Officer Abby at these locations:

Hartford Village

May 5 & July 8 at 10 a.m.

South Bend Village

June 17 & August 26 at 10 a.m.

Pokagon Youth Participate in Mock Trial Hosted by the Pokagon Tribal Court

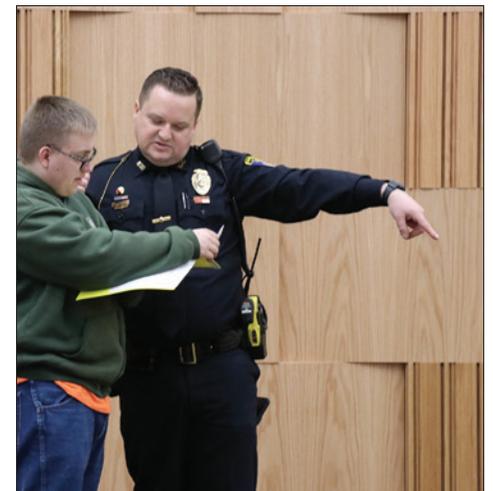
By Stacey Rock

On January 28, 2020 Pokagon youth who attend the after-school program had the opportunity to participate in a Mock Trial that was hosted by the Pokagon Band Tribal Court. Prior to developing the scenario for the Mock Trial, the youth were asked what kind of topics they would like to hear. The topic that was chosen involved a fire that was left unattended at a Pow Wow and got out of control due to dry weather conditions. The juvenile defendant in the mock trial was charged with the crime of Negligent Arson.

Prior to beginning the trial, all the youth were assigned different roles to play. Some were prosecutors, some were defendants, one sat with the Judge, there was the defendant, victims, witnesses, concerned family members and jurors. While much of the process was scripted, the youth were given the opportunity to breathe life of their own into the trial, and they did.

Some of the youth who participated aspire to work in the judicial system in the future and this was an enlightening experience for them. Ultimately the jury came out with a verdict of guilty, but this was a very enjoyable experience for all involved, including the defendant. Some of the youth expressed that they look forward to doing this again in the future!!

On February 25, 2020 the youth from the program will also have the opportunity to work out that same issue in a Peace Circle. This will provide them with the opportunity to see how you can come up with different outcomes when you talk through your community issues versus using an adversarial system.



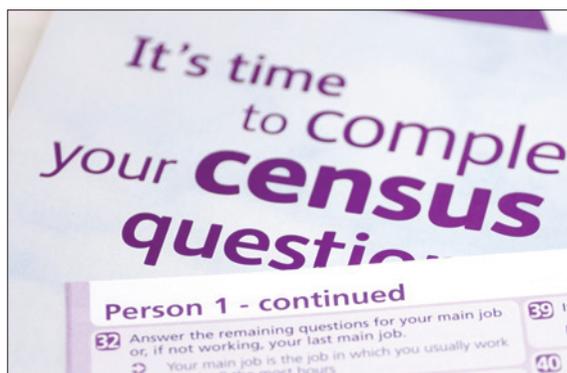
Long Term Land Plan Input Opportunities

The Community Development team is seeking Pokagon Citizen input on the development of the Long Term Land Acquisition and Development Plan (Land Plan) following the provisions of Article Four of the Constitution. This is the second step in this process. The first step was completed on September 10, 2019 by Tribal Council when it officially classified more than 6,600 acres of land following Article Four requirements. The next step is to carry that work forward by identifying how the Pokagon Band land and resource base should be managed over the next 20+ years, including how the initial classifications should change over time.

The Land Plan, which must be updated every five years, includes goals, strategies, objectives, and tactics. These are intended to further the acquisition, protection, and development of Pokagon Band lands and resources. Infrastructure, services, and priorities are also included as they relate to the land and resources controlled by the Pokagon Band.

Community Development team members will be available at the Annual Meeting to provide further information and to receive comments and suggestions. This will improve the Land Plan before it is presented to the Land Use Board, and ultimately, to Tribal Council for final approval. To obtain a paper or electronic copy of the current Review Draft prior to the Annual Meeting, please contact Tribal Planner, Bob Torzynski at (269) 462-0688.

2020 Census: Your Participation Counts!



The U.S. Census Bureau is embarking on its 2020 Census. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the federal government has counted the U.S. population every 10 years since 1790. The 2020 Census will count all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico,

American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

The Census provides critical data that lawmakers use to determine how much federal funding goes to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources.

The results of the Census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The data is also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

The Census is very important for Pokagon Citizens as it not only provides an opportunity to showcase how our community has grown, but also to focus attention on what our needs are.

In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. By April 1, 2020, every home will have received an invitation to participate. You will have three options for responding: online, by phone, or by mail.

The U.S. Census Bureau is also recruiting individuals to fill hundreds of thousands of temporary positions across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. If you are interested in applying to assist with the 2020 Census, you can do so by visiting the jobs section of the U.S. Census Bureau website: 2020census.gov/jobs.

If you have any questions related to participating in the 2020 Census, please contact Bob Torzynski at (269)782-4896 and Robert.Torzynski@PokagonBand-nsn.gov. There will also be a Census information table set up at the next Annual Meeting, March 28, 2020 at the Family Activity Center, 58620 Sink Road in Dowagiac.

Honoring the Graduates Celebration

The Pokagon Band Department of Education would like to acknowledge recent and past graduates by hosting a banquet in June that celebrates their success. The banquet will be held on Sunday, June 21, 2020 from 1-5 p.m. at the Silver Creek Event Center within Four Winds New Buffalo. We encourage all to take part in this celebration for our Pokagon Band graduates.

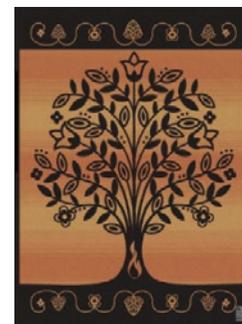
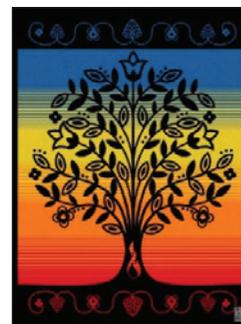
The education department is acknowledging all recent and past graduates including the following levels of education GED, High School, College and University.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

- Pokagon Band Citizen
- Graduated with a GED, High School Diploma, Associates, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate degree
- Complete the Graduate Submission Form with a copy of Diploma/Degree

Time Frame: Applications accepted year-round on the Pokagon Band website.

Digital photos may be emailed to Donald.Sumners@pokagonBand-nsn.gov. Please RSVP to this email address by June 8th, 2020 if you would like to attend the banquet. Also please clarify if you are a graduate or a guest to celebrate our graduates. We would still like to honor graduates who cannot attend but remember graduates must attend the banquet to receive a Graduation Blanket.



Every citizen who graduates with a degree of higher learning is eligible to receive a Blanket designed by 8TH Generation (one time only)

LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Zisbakwtokéwen - Making Maple Sugar
Please join our sugar leads and the Department of Language & Culture at the Rodgers Lake campground for the 2020 community sugar bush.

We will be collecting sap and making syrup and sugar through the season.
Volunteers are always needed. the sugar bush hours of operation will vary because the weather determines when the sap will be flowing.

Please contact Nicole Holloway
at (269) 783-6131 or Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov before stopping by to see if we are operating at that time. If you are interested in receiving notifications via text, email, or by phone regarding the hours of operation and workshops, please notify Nicole of your preferred contact information.

Minors must be accompanied by and adult. All volunteers will be asked to complete a participation waiver. A sex offender registry background check will also be required for frequent volunteers in accordance with our Child Safety Zone policy.

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Be Sure To Vote!



2020 marks a big election year as we have the Presidential election as well as races for the Governor of Indiana, and Senate and House seats in both Michigan and Indiana, all on November 3.

If you haven't registered to vote yet or want to see if you are registered to vote in Michigan, please visit the Michigan Voter

Information Center at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/>. To check and see if you are registered to vote in Indiana, use the Indiana Voter Portal www.indianavoters.in.gov. Both websites allow you to register to vote online.

We all have a responsibility to our fellow Native Citizens to vote. Our votes ensure that our voices are heard and the priorities of Native American Citizens are recognized. The margin of victory in many close elections can be less than half of a percent. The Native American vote can make a difference determining public policy.

Also, if you have an interest in helping the Native American vote, please visit Native Vote, a non-partisan initiative that helps Tribes appoint a coordinator to ensure voter registration and participation. You can also register to vote on their website! More information can be found at www.nativevote.org.

Michigan Residents: Sign Up To Be On The Permanent Absentee Voter List

With the passage of Proposal 3 in the November 2018 General Election, all registered voters in the state of Michigan can now request an absentee ballot without providing a reason for the request. Also, all registered Michigan voters can request to be placed on the Permanent Absentee Voter List if their city or township maintains one.

By signing up for the Permanent Absentee Voter List, you will automatically receive an absentee voter ballot application for every election. If you choose to return the application, you will receive a ballot as soon as they are available.

More information on Absentee Voting in Michigan may be found at Michigan.gov website: www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716_8728-21037--,00.html

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.



FOUR WINDS SUMMER INTERNSHIP

This paid internship program is for Pokagon Band Citizens, tribal spouses, and custodial parents who are currently enrolled in an accredited college/university and are 18 years of age or older

The eight-week program will begin on June 3rd and run through July 31st. The internship is for students with future goals of permanent employment at Four Winds Casino or as a means to build valuable work experience

Departments available for Internship

- Facilities
- Finance
- Food & Beverage
- Hotel
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Marketing
- Entertainment
- Security
- Slots

Incentives

- Housing Stipend up to \$400
- (for those that meet requirements)*
- \$250 Clothing Stipend
- Mileage Reimbursement up to \$225

Application deadline, May 8, 2020

Please apply online at www.fourwindscasino.com

For more information, please contact

Madolyn Wesaw @ 269-926-5249 mwesaw@fourwindscasino.com

*Certain restrictions apply



YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth Council Food Drive

Benefiting the Center for the Homeless
in South Bend, Indiana

**Participate in a great cause,
without having to battle the weather!**

On March 4

Youth Council will distribute shopping bags to all houses in the Village.* Simply fill that bag with any non-perishables for donation.

On March 17

Leave the filled bag on your porch by 4 p.m. for Youth Council to return for pick-up.

Have more to give? Feel free to use any spare bag or box from your home in addition to the bag provided.

*No registration or sign-up required.



Pokagon Band Graduate Tree

The Pokagon Band Graduate Tree is intended to celebrate the educational accomplishments of all Pokagon Citizens. Any citizen who has graduated with an Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate degree will have a leaf engraved in their honor. The list below contains current Pokagon Citizens with a leaf in their honor (Associate-Silver, Bachelors-Gold, Master/Doctorate-Copper). If you see an error or do not see a leaf for you listed, please email Marisela. Goodrich@PokagonBand-nsn.gov along with a copy of your diploma to be added or corrected on the tree.



Associate Degrees (47)

Alexandria Sharp - Wake Technical Community College 2015
 Amy Jones - Kalamazoo Valley Community College 2008 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Ashleigh Holovack - Valencia College 2014
 Brandon Rapp - Bay Mills Community College 2005 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Cathy Gwilt - Anderson College 1985
 Christine Daugherty - Bunker Hill Community College 1993
 Constance Taylor Southwestern Michigan College 2019 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Deborah Mahoney - Grand Rapids Community College 2006
 Derek Carpenter-Southwestern Community College 2011
 Devin Boehm - Lake Michigan College 2019 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Donald Sumners - Bay Mills Community College 1997
 Gregg Marie Middleton - Michiana College 2000
 Heather Pauley - University of Phoenix 2008
 Heather Weber - Lake Michigan College 2016
 Heidi Lay - Grand Rapids Community College 2004
 Jennifer Jo Laura - Laramie County Community College 2014 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Jessica Brown - Kalamazoo Valley Community College 1995
 Jessica Fink - Baker College 2011
 Jessica Lynn Howell -Southwestern Michigan College 2017
 Jessica Perez - Southwestern Michigan College - 2011
 Jodi Johnson - Tarrant County College 2010 (Feb. 2020 order)
 John Mirage Morseau - Southwestern Michigan College 2013 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Julie Stauffer - Southwestern Community College 2000
 Katy Morseau Rader - Southwestern Michigan College 2014
 Kendra Benstine - Lake Michigan College 2018
 Kyle Marlott - Southwestern Michigan College 2012
 Lesley Cody - Muskegon Community College 2016 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Louis Hill - Valencia Community College 2009 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Louis Hill - Valencia Community College 2010 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Martha Olson - Kalamazoo Valley Community College 2009
 Megan Rick - Southwestern Community College 2015
 Melissa Newcomer - Southwestern Michigan College 2002
 Michael A. Warren - Southwestern Michigan College 2014
 Michelle Baugher - Kaplan University 2009
 Misty Ledesma - Lake Michigan College 2000
 Myriah Williams - Grand Rapids Community College 2013 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Naomi Sanderson - Black Hawk College 2013 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Nicole Arredondo - Arkansas State University Beebe 2015 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Rhonda Wesaw Lake Michigan College 1985
 Rhonda Wesaw - Lake Michigan College 1986
 Samantha Adams - Calhoun Community College 2013
 Samuel Morseau - Northwest Indian College 2010
 Tabatha Johnson - Baker College 2013

Teresa Magnuson - Bay Mills Community College 2001
 William Feathers - Kalamazoo Valley Community College 2011
 Victoria Daigle - Cowley College 2019 (Feb. 2020 order)
 Jenny McGinnis - Baker College 2017

Bachelor's degrees (145)

Abby Gephart - Western Michigan University 2006
 Adam Molnar - Auburn University 2009
 Alexis Caldwell - Barry University 2007
 Alicia Magnuson - Kendall College 2011
 Allen Halquist - Messenger College 2012
 Allen Halquist - Messenger College 2013
 Allison Grigonis - University of California 2006
 Allyson Bofo - Indiana University Purdue Indianapolis 2010
 Alys Alley - University of Michigan 2012
 Amber Ann Rose Morseau -Eastern Michigan University 2016
 Amber Smith - Michigan State University 2010
 Amelia Harp Northwest Indian College 2013
 Amelia Molnar - Ohio State University 2015
 Andrew DeLange - University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point 2019
 Ana Magnuson - Ferris State University 2009
 Angus Chingman - Central Michigan University 2012
 Ann Banghart - Western Michigan University 2012
 Ann Hinegardner - Indiana University 2003
 Ann Puruleski - Ferris State University 2014
 Ashley Farver - Western Michigan University 2015
 Ashley Spear - Ferris State University 2010
 Ashley Topash - University of Norte Dame 2008
 Audrey Raich - Western Michigan University 2010
 Autumn Cabrillas - Florida State University 2009
 Blaire Rodriguez - Rutgers State University of NJ 2011
 Branden Stewart - GrandValley State University 2010
 Brenda Musel - Winona State University 2000
 Brian Gephart - Martin Luther College 2010
 Bruce Molnar - Indiana University 1977
 Carla Getz - Michigan State University 1988
 Casey Kasper - University of Michigan 2008
 Cassondra Church - Michigan State University 2015
 Charla McKimmy - Minot State University 2015
 Charles Reisdorf - University of Michigan 2010
 Christine Daughtery - Michigan State University 1978
 Christine Daughtery - Simmons College 1995
 Collin Banghart - Michigan State University 2016

Conrad Church - Grand Valley State University 2007
Corey Price - Western Michigan University 2002
Corinne Kasper - Dartmouth College 2017
Cory Wesaw - Western Michigan University 2012
Dana Peterson - Ashford University 2013
David Garza - Liberty University 2011
David Molnar - Ball State University 1981
David Smith - Central Michigan 2011
Deborah Mahoney - Grand Valley State University 2009
Deidre Ecker - Indiana University, SB 2015
Derek Carpenter - Ferris State University 2016
Devin Boehm - Lake Michigan College 2019
Devan Rider - St. Petersburg 2011
Donald Sumners - Lake Superior State University 2002
Dorothy Wesaw - Bemidji State University 1998
Dorothy Wesaw - Westwood College 2012
Elizabeth Dimeo - University of Florida 2000
Emily Mannisto - Northern Michigan University 2015
Eric Morris - Florida Gulf Coast University 2008
Erica Stone - Western Michigan University 2012
Frances Daugherty - San Francisco State University 1987
Gary Rider - Michigan State University 1981
Heather Farver - Western Michigan University 2011
Heather Mays - Williamson College 2015
Hollie Rader - Clemson University 2007
Holly Drake - Western Michigan University 2002
Jacquès Short II - Michigan State University 2015
Jacquès Short, I - Spring Arbor University 2003
James Schwake II - Andrews University 2014
Jamie D. Bradford - Western Michigan University 2018
Jamie Goss - Western Illinois University 2012
Jarod Zimmerman - Indiana University 2014
Jason M. Wesaw - University of Phoenix 2010
Jason Murphy - Argosy University 2019
Jeffrey P. Zimmerman Jr - Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University 2004
Jenae Zimmerman - Indiana University 2014
Jennifer Marcussen - Kendall College of Art and Design 2016
Jennifer Peters - Michigan State University 1999
Jeri Harp - Anderson College 1981
Jessica Brown - Davenport University 1998
Jessica Morsaw - Grand Valley State University 2003
Jessica Wesaw - Indiana University 2010
Jodi Johnson - Texas Wesleyan University 2016
John Laraway III - Spring Arbor University 2011
John Morseau - Michigan State University 2014
Jordan Wiggins - Western Michigan University 2009
Joseph McGinnis - University of Michigan - Flint 2015
Joshua Price - Western Michigan University 2005
Joshua Brown - Grand Valley State University 2011
Justin Lewis - Full Sail University 2015
Justin Peters - Eastern Michigan University 2008
Justin Quigno - Western Michigan University 2010
Kathleen Klemm - Western Michigan University 2011
Kathryn Adams - Michigan State University 2009
Kayla Villegas - Western Michigan University 2019
Kayla Rose Weaver - Eastern Michigan University 2013
Kelsey Wesaw - Northern Kentucky 2010
Konstance Birks - University of Colorado 2010
Kristie Bussler - Western Michigan University 1998
Leonard Church - Grand Valley State University 1996
Linda Mangus - Ohio State University 1990
Loren Gustafson - Grand Valley State University 2008
Maggie Parrish - Hope College 2005
Marchell Wesaw - Harvard University 1989
Marcus Winchester - Michigan State University 2011
Marie Willis - University of Michigan 1989
Mark Parrish - Western Michigan University 1979
Matthew Hillyer - University of Michigan 2011
Melisa Zimmerman - Saint Mary's College 2007
Melissa Cieszko - California State University- Fullerton 2014
Melissa A. Tabaszewski - Central Michigan University 2002
Michael Bickel - Western Michigan University 2013
Michael Lee Kasper - Dartmouth College 2011
Michael Lee Zimmerman Jr - Eastern Michigan University 2010
Michael Lee Zimmerman Sr - Ferris State University 2010
Michael Sharkey - Ferris State University 2017
Michael Newcomer - Western Michigan University 2016
Michelle Baugher - Kaplan University 2011
Misty Ledesma - Western Michigan University 2012
Monica Topash - Northern Michigan University 2009
Monica Topash - Western Michigan University 2010
Natalie Stauffer - University of Cincinnati 2013
Nicolle DeMarsh - Eastern Michigan University 1997
Raquel Burton - Ball State University 2009
Rebecca Drake - Western Michigan University 1993
Renee Gaipa - Indiana University 2010
Richard Newcomer IV - Western Michigan University 2014
Ronald L. Morseau Jr - Ferris State University 2016
Ryan Gray - Kendall College 2005
Samuel Morseau - Evergreen State College 2012
Sara Stover - Bucknell University 2004
Scott Gephart - Western Michigan University 2015
Scott Wilson - Bob Jones University 2000
Sean Winters - University of Toledo 2003
Serrina O'Brien - Michigan State University 2014
Shandiin Church - Grand Valley State University 2016
Shata Huffman - Western Michigan University 2015
Shavaugn Birks - Marietta College 2015
Shayla Rider - Arizona State University 2010
Sheri Alexis - Grand Canyon University 2010
Stacey Gettig - Davenport University 2013

Pokagon Band Graduate Tree, continued from page seven **Attention High School Seniors**

Stephanie Mannisto - Northern Michigan University 2015

Stephanie Rider - University of Phoenix 2006

Steven Winchester - Spring Arbor University 2012

Teresa Magnuson - Michigan State University 2003

Thomas Winchester - School of Visual Arts 2008

Timothy Lee - Western Michigan University 2015

Zoe Wolverton - Full Sail University 2018

Master's/Doctorates (43)

Abby Gephart - Andrews University 2010

Alexis M. Caldwell Rodriguez Western Governors University 2019

Alexis Wesaw - Georgia State 2010

Alys Alley - Syracuse University 2015

Amanda Chingman - Oakland University 2014

Amy Verbos - University of Wisconsin 2003

Amy Verbos - University of Wisconsin 2009

Audrey Raich - DeVry University 2013

Branden Stewart - Ball State University 2012

Brandon Tanner - Sherman College 2004

Bruce Molnar - Indiana Wesleyan University 2007

Carla Getz - Western Michigan University 1995

Carla Getz - Western Michigan University 2006

Casey Kasper - University of Michigan 2012

Cathy Stone - Indiana University 2006

Christine Daugherty - Western Michigan University 2005

Donald Summers - Western Michigan University 2009

Douglas Klemm - Western Michigan University 1977

Elizabeth M. Rinehart - Grand Valley State University 2019

Gary Rider - Michigan State University 1987

Gerald Molnar - Indiana University 2010

Greg Morris - Andrews University 2010

James Topash Jr - Ferris State University 1999

Janae Winchester - Florida Atlantic University 2009

Jeffrey Zimmerman Jr - East Carolina University 2009

Jeffrey Zimmerman Jr - Wake Forest University 2012

Jeri Harp - Indiana University - School of Law 1984

John Low - University of Chicago 2001

John Low - University of Michigan 2011

Justin Quigno - Michigan State University 2015

Kathryn Adams - Michigan State College 2013

Kelsey Wesaw - University of Cumberland 2014

Leonard Keith Church - Fuller Theological Seminary 2007

Linda Magnus - Indiana University 2003

Marshall Wesaw - Northeastern University School of Law 1993

Matt Clay - Western Michigan University 2009

Marie J. Willis - Western Michigan University 2019

Matthew B. Hillyer - Tulane University 2019

Michael Tucker - University of Wisconsin 2015

Raquel Burton - Valparaiso University 2013

Shanta Clark - Northwestern University 2015

Stephanie Deandra Licko - University of Wisconsin-Madison 2018

Teresa Magnuson - Michigan State University 2009



Here are some programs available from the Department of Education. Through the Special Request Program, each academic year \$500 is available to assist you in completing your senior year and preparing for college in the following ways:

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

There are funds available through the Educational Excellence Initiative (EEI) by having a completed Educational Excellence Initiative pre-application (to be submitted with grades and attendance for entire school year; if letter grades are not given, then a grading scale needs to be attached). Seniors need to submit a high school diploma before they can receive a check (only seniors receive a check), ACT/SAT test scores (must not have submitted scores for EEI before; only one ACT and one SAT will be accepted). Graduation honor cords will be available at the Education office and are available to be mailed out the application is available online. The Department of Education will also provide additional financial aid to eligible Pokagon Band Citizens that are enrolled in higher education at an accredited institution, through the High Education Assistance Program (HEAP).

*Note that the EEI program for grade submission will begin June 2020 and end October 1, 2020. Submissions past the deadline date will be subject to denial.

For more information on any of these services, please contact the Department of Education at (888)330-1234, (269)782-0887, or by e-mail at Marisela.Goodrich@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

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Déwégaskéwen

learn songs

with instructor John T. Warren

hear teachings

men and boys

DRUM CLASS

L&C Workshop, 51211 Indian Lake Road

All classes are from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Men and boys from the community may come hear teachings, learn songs, and understand how to conduct themselves as singers with instructor John T. Warren. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Women are welcome to attend with participants as chaperones or guests. A light dinner will be provided. Anyone who attends both classes in one month will receive a \$25 gas card.

JANUARY 23 & 30
FEBRUARY 20 & 27
MARCH 19 & 26
APRIL 23 & 30
MAY 21 & 28
JUNE 18 & 25

No RSVP required. Please contact Nicole Holloway with any questions at (269) 783-3513, (269) 783-6131, or nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

What's that Invasive Species? Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)



Bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*) is an invasive plant that is native to Europe, Asia, and Africa. This invasive thistle is currently found on every continent except Antarctica. Bull thistle is a biennial plant, which means that during the first year of growth it exists as a basal rosette with many leaves with spines and only grows a vertical stem during the second year of growth. During the second year this thistle can grow up to 6 feet tall and can have many branches. The leaves are



coarse on top and soft on the bottom with a spine at each tip. Each terminal globe is a cluster of magenta pink flowers that will eventually mature into seeds that can be carried by the wind. This plant prefers sunny, open areas, but can tolerate a wide range of habitats from moist to dry soils. Bull thistle can rapidly colonize disturbed soil areas and may form dense stands where it occurs, dominating the vegetation in an area and crowding out native species.



In small quantities, bull thistle can be mechanically controlled through multiple mowings or cutting the plant just below the soil level with a shovel, preventing the plant from flowering. If you believe you have identified bull thistle on tribal properties, please take as many pictures as possible, contact the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources, and report where the plant was located.

What's that Edible/Medicinal Species? American Mountain-Ash (*Sorbus Americana*)



American Mountain-Ash (*Sorbus Americana*), also known as a rowan tree, is a tree that typically grows 15-20 feet in height but may grow as tall as 30 feet in some locations. American mountain-ash is not a true ash, instead this tree belongs to the rose family. This native tree grows in wetter areas including swamps and stream banks, but can also be found planted as an ornamental in yards. The leaves on this tree are compound, approximately 12" long, and have 11-17 leaflets. American mountain-ash is attractive to humans, bees, and birds because the tree produces large clusters of white flowers that turn into orange to red



fruits that are attractive and edible. The berries on this tree can be picked before or after a heavy frost, dependent upon how they are to be used. American mountain-ash berries can be dried, made into jellies or jams, pickled, or used in a similar manner as recipes with cranberries. The berries on American mountain-ash may be a bit tart depending on when they were harvested, so maple syrup, honey, or pairings with fruit can be beneficial. As with any new edible or medicinal, please 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.



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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.**

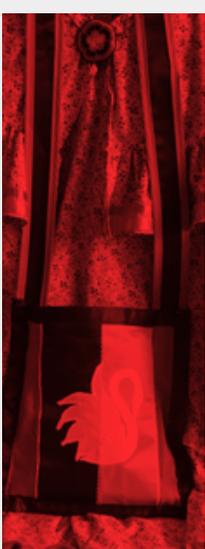
January 12 and 26
February 9 and 23
March 8 and 22
April 5 and 19
May 3 and 10











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 LANGUAGE & CULTURE



MKEDÉKÉWEN

Pokagon Potawatomi Spring Fasting

A RITE OF PASSAGE

FOR YOUNG BOYS, GIRLS, WOMEN & MEN

The Department of Language & Culture and traditional healer Keith Smith invites citizens and their families to participate in Mkedékéwen for a rite of passage.

If you or your child are interested in participating, please contact Rebecca Williams at Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4325.

MAY 7-11
RODGERS LAKE CAMPGROUND

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The Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources has recently begun managing the tribe's forests

We have used forest thinning practices to cut down trees in places where they are overstocked (which just means that there are too many trees in too small of an area). While it may seem like a negative action when you notice an area where many trees have been cut down, this is actually a useful way to reset a forest's growth and help some trees to grow stronger.

Trees are like any other plant. They need water, sunlight and the proper soil nutrients to survive and grow. Unlike animals, plants must acquire all their resources in the place that they are rooted. If a seed tries to grow somewhere that is too dry or is nutrient poor, it will not thrive, and it may die before living its full life. When forests are overstocked, the overall health of the forest stand is reduced because there are many trees competing for the same amount of sunlight, water, and nutrients. By removing some of these trees we allow others to grow.

We make these plans based not only on what the current condition of the forest, but also on what the forest was. We look at historic aerial imagery to understand the recent history of the landscape. Individual trees are selected to be cut based on

their health, species, wildlife use, safety concerns, and the density of trees around them. Trees that are in poor health or that pose a hazard to human safety are marked for removal. Trees that provide wildlife benefit (like food from seeds or a nesting location) are left in place. There are also maps of pre-contact vegetation that are available online, and we use those to determine what kind of forest used to be present in guiding our decisions for how we manage the forest today.

The lumber from cut trees will be available to Pokagon families as firewood in the fall of 2020. Non-firewood portions like the crown will be mulched and used for landscaping or other environmental purposes. Some portions of some trees may be left where they fall to provide habitat for wildlife that uses coarse woody debris or that needs dead trees to feeding and nesting. In this way we not only improving the health of the forest, but we do not allow anything to go to waste as a result of our actions.

If you have any questions about forest management practices carried out by the Pokagon DNR, please contact us at (269)782-9602.

Pokagon Band kicks-off Sugar season with Annual breakfast

The following text is from a Leader Publications article published on January 22, 2020

By Hannah Holliday

www.leaderpub.com/2020/01/22/pokagon-band-kicks-off-sugar-season-with-annual-breakfast

It can be a long journey for sap from a Dowagiac tree to be turned into fresh maple syrup.

Yet, it is an annual endeavor the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians celebrates each year during sugar bush season. Volunteers step in, come together and tap anywhere from 75 to 100 trees, depending on the season, to create gallons of bottled syrup, maple sugar and candy.

This year, the Pokagon Band will kick-off sugar season with its sixth annual pancake breakfast hosted by the Department of Language and Culture at 10 a.m. Saturday at 59291 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac. At the breakfast, attendees will hear of volunteer opportunities with the Pokagon Band's 2020 sugar season.

"It takes a lot of help from our citizens and volunteers in order to make it happen," said Nicole Holloway, a cultural activities coordinator.

Holloway said the work that comes along with sugar season can be difficult for only one or two people. By hosting the pancake breakfast and inviting the community to try real maple syrup, citizens learn more about how sugar season works. They can also sign up to receive notifications regarding the hours of operation and possible breakout workshops.

During sugar bush season, an evaporator, which is essentially a large wood burning stove with pans located on the top, cooks sap after it is collected from Dowagiac trees.

"Basically, its evaporating all of the water out of the sap in order to make it to where it's just the sugar content and a little bit of water. That makes it syrup," Holloway said.

Sugar leads are responsible for going out to the site every day and collecting what sap is available on the trees after they are tapped. On a daily basis, the tribe collects anywhere from 40 to 200 gallons of sap a day, depending on the weather conditions, Holloway said.

Weather is an important variable, she said, as the sap needs to be cooked the same day it is extracted. If sap sits out and gets to a temperature above 32 degrees, bacteria will develop in the sap and eat away at the sugar content.

Cooking the sap requires patience as 60 gallons of collected sap is equivalent to one gallon of maple syrup, Holloway said.

"The process is long, and its hard," Holloway said. "It also gives you an idea of why maple syrup is so expensive if you buy the real maple syrup."

Holloway said volunteers will help with stirring the evaporator, which must be constantly stirred, checking sap buckets and emptying them into a larger container to prepare for the cooking process and working in the on-site kitchen to keep the bottling process clean and sanitary.

"It is all food that we are working with, so we do have food grade containers, and we are ServSafe certified, so all those things come into play when you are making sure the kitchen stays safe," Holloway said.

On average, Holloway said the season has five to 10 volunteers who come out on a daily basis and work for 20 to 40 hours a week. On the evenings and weekends, other people come and check the site out too, she said.

The season also attracts anywhere from 150 to 200 visitors, including classes from St. Mary's and Dowagiac High School, who come out to volunteer and learn. The after-school programs offered for the youth in the Pokagon Band also allow children to help out. The Zagbëgon Early Learning and Development Academy also volunteers on a regular basis with the different stages, along with Pokagon government volunteers and people who work with the government.

"Sometimes, a lot of people come out just for the experience and just to see how it's done," Holloway said.

So far this season, none of the trees have been tapped because of unseasonably warm weather. However, Holloway remains hopeful after this past weekend brought freezing temperatures.

Those interested in volunteering during sugar bush season can call or text Nicole Holloway at (269) 783-6131.



Department of Language and Culture hosted its Inaugural Community Scanning Night

By Blaire Topash-Caldwell

On Thursday January 30th, the Department of Language and Culture hosted its Inaugural Community Scanning Night. The event was inspired by a much-needed push to digitize old family photos belonging to Pokagon Citizens so that they can be preserved for future generations.

“A lot of people have old family photos in their possession, but may have forgotten who’s in them,” explained Archivist, Blaire Topash-Caldwell. “But luckily, a lot of us are related and have distant cousins or aunts who can identify the individuals pictured. These identifications and the stories provided by our citizens about the people and locations photographed lend to our rich cultural and historical archive of knowledge. We want those stories so they can be shared fifty years, a hundred years and more down the road.”

Photographs scanned at the Department of Language and Culture are saved in the tribe’s Archives. Citizens are also given a CD with all the high-resolution photographs saved on them so they can digitally save them as well as get additional photographs printed.

While the event on January 30th was not well-attended, Pokagon Citizens came into the Department of Language and Culture over the following days to digitally donate some incredible photographs. Those recent donations and hundreds more can be viewed on the tribe’s online Archives and Dictionary website, www.Wiwkwebthegen.com.

Donations of items, stories, photographs, and more can be made to the tribe by contacting Blaire Topash-Caldwell at Blair.Topash@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269)782-4882.



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Gdedésêk

Little Otters

After School Program for Tribal youth ages 5-11

Beginning January 9 | Thursdays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Family Activity Center

Weekly activities will include:
Seasonal teachings, language, wellness, nutrition, and outdoor activities

A healthy meal is available for all youth attending the program.

To register your child, transportation or general questions please contact Rebecca Williams

For more information, please contact Rebecca Williams at (269)462-4296 or Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or contact Susan at Susan.Doyle@PokagonBand-nsn.gov contact

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Nê Mnokmêk & Ki Gish Zisbakwtokémenu

Gifts of Spring & We Finished Making Sugar



Saturday, April 18 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Rodgers Lake Pavilion

Enjoy Earth Day and Arbor Day activities and learning opportunities, giveaways, and a celebratory End of Sugar Season Feast.

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Full Moon] March 2020

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25	<p>Blood Drive</p> <p>Gdedésèk (Little Otters)</p> <p>Afterschool Program</p> <p>Negosèk Kë Ndëwabmamen (Let's look at stars)</p> <p>South Bend Language with Christine Morseau</p> <p>Déwégéwen (Drum Class)</p> <p>Language with Kevin Daugherty</p>	26	<p>Elders Health & Wellness</p>	27	<p>Annual Meeting</p>	28
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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.

Pokagon Band contributes \$860,000 to the City of South Bend and local non-profits, continued from page one



North Central Indiana, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Jobs for America's Graduates Indiana, the Bowman Creek Project, Beacon Children's Hospital, South Bend Community School Corporation, and South Bend Venues, Parks & Arts for the renovation of Howard Park. These important organizations play a vital role in serving the community and we look forward to seeing what programs and initiatives they have planned for 2020."

Newly elected Mayor of South Bend, James Mueller said, "The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi have been a generous partner in our community, and we are grateful for their contributions to improve our city's parks, open spaces, and neighborhoods. We look forward to continuing this great partnership into the future."

Organizations that were on hand to receive checks included:

- The Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County will receive \$100,000 over five years. The annual amount of \$20,000 will be used for academic enrichment programming.

- The YWCA of North Central Indiana will receive \$125,000 over five years. \$20,000 of each annual amount will be applied to crisis services programs to help clients work toward self-sufficient and violence-free lives. \$5,000 will be applied to children's services to ensure the safety of children, mitigate toxic trauma, and break the cycle of violence.
- The Food Bank of Northern Indiana will receive \$100,000 over five years. The annual amount of \$20,000 will be used for the Senior Nutrition Program, and an additional 200 seniors who will receive a 7 – 10 lb. bag of assorted food items. The Senior Nutrition Program currently serves 750 seniors a month. This program serves low-income seniors in Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Starke and St. Joseph Counties.
- Jobs for America's Graduates Indiana will receive \$250,000 over five years. The annual amount of \$50,000 will be used to identify youth that need services via mobile units, Goodwill, and Youth Service Bureau street programs including staying in school, career training and guidance.
- The Bowman Creek Project will receive \$500,000 over five years to revitalize Bowman Creek and catalyze social, economic and environmental sustainability in the surrounding community.
- Beacon Children's Hospital will receive \$500,000 over five years for an expansion that includes the General Pediatrics Unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic, Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NIC), all-private patient rooms, playrooms, teen hideout spaces, Family Enrichment Centers, roof gardens and a two-story glass ceiling Atrium.
- The South Bend Community School Corporation will receive \$500,000 over 5 years, for dual language immersion, a summer academy, and national board certification for teachers.
- South Bend Venues, Parks & Arts will receive \$2,225,000 over 5 years for the renovation of Howard Park.

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SPRING INTO YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

MONDAY, APRIL 6 • 10 A.M.
DOWAGIAC DISTRICT LIBRARY 211 COMMERCIAL STREET

CALLING KIDS OF ALL AGES!

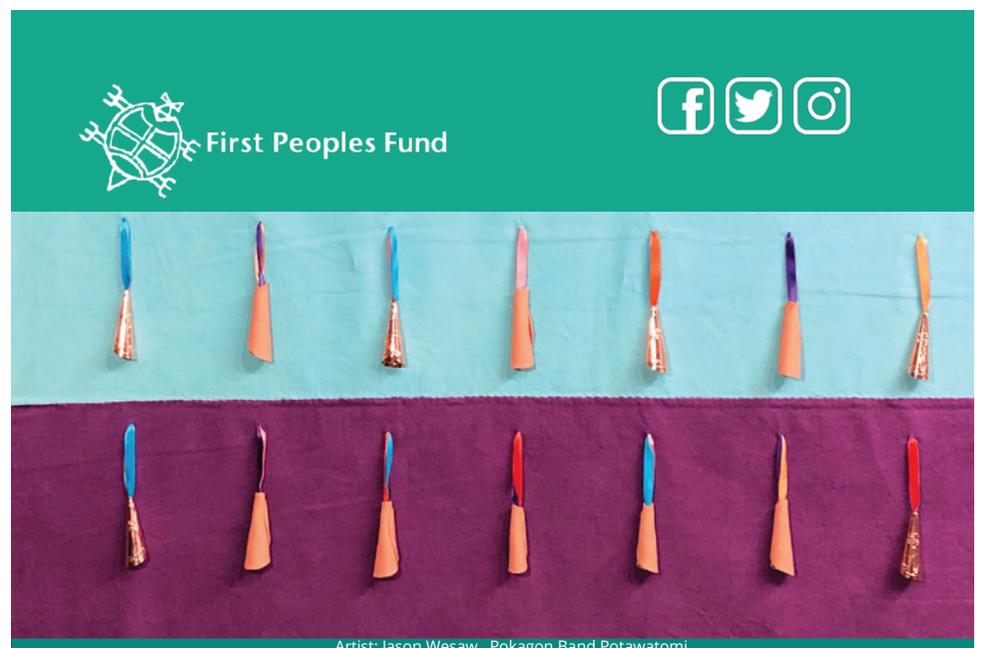
Team up with your favorite adult and join us for a Seek and Find adventure throughout Dowagiac. All journeys lead to a prize at the end!

BE SURE TO LOOK OUT FOR WALDO WALKING, DOWNTOWN DOWAGIAC, PASSING OUT BOOKS.

Registration is highly recommended since participation is limited. RSVP online before March 30. Search "Local Library" on www.pokagonband-nsn.gov to register.

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Artist: Jason Wesaw, Pokagon Band Potawatomi

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Learn how to budget your business, create a portfolio, reach your audience, market your art, price your art and more!

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9:00 am - 4:30 pm

April 9-10, 2020

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Kalamazoo, MI 49007



Contact Hillary Presecan at (605) 348-0324 or Micky Martin (574) 401-2388 for more information.

Softball Clinic: A Smashing Success!

By: Dean Orvis



The Pokagon Band Wellness Center hosted its first softball clinic in the new Family Activity Center on February 8th for Pokagon Citizens and members of the local community. The event was facilitated by college coaches and athletes as well as a professional ballplayer who has retired and now coaches in Benton Harbor. Twenty-five aspiring athletes were led through a series of warm-ups, drills, and sessions specific to their positions. The clinic allowed seasoned athletes to improve their skills while showcasing their abilities, and sparked interest and desire in young players just beginning their softball journey.

The event elicited a variety of responses from participants. One participant, Kiera Clay exclaimed, "I loved it!" while others detailed how much they learned in the various sessions. Sierra Carpenter, a high school sophomore, enjoyed the new pitching drills she learned and the confidence she gained by pitching to a college catcher while receiving input from a college coach. Cheyenne Orvis was heard telling her mom, "It was super fun and I learned a lot!" All the athletes enjoyed the experience and left with renewed enthusiasm and a commitment to stay active.

The softball clinic was free to all Pokagon Citizens and children of employees. We are grateful for the opportunity to host these opportunities for our youth. Stop by the Wellness Center to learn more about our next softball clinic, the upcoming basketball and soccer clinics, and our many events throughout the year. The next big event will be our 3-on-3 basketball tournament on March 14. This event is open to individuals of all ages and abilities. Please contact the Wellness Center at (269)783-2460 for more details.



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 SOCIAL SERVICES

Kids Club

**MONDAY 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
April 13 - June 1**

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 March 31
Transportation is available;
please call for additional information.

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March is National Nutrition Month

Are you tired of short-term outcomes from fad diets?



Creating improved health and wellness through a Total Body Diet will give you a lifestyle of building a healthy way of living. The Total Body Diet is a lifestyle that will give you vitality and freedom to make food choices and help you build a positive relationship with food.

12 Rules to Live By:

1. Set one realistic health and wellness goal today.
2. Fuel your brain with carbohydrates like fruit, vegetables and whole grains.
3. Free your home and office of foods with a lot of added sugar, fat and salt.
4. Plan at least one vegetarian meal a week.
5. Add a variety of whole grains, fruits, vegetables, fat-free or low-fat dairy, and lean proteins into your day.
6. Stay hydrated by drinking water instead of sugary drinks. Keep a reusable water bottle with a straw handy.
7. Make physical activity part of your daily routine by choosing activities that you enjoy and can do regularly.
8. Increase fiber by incorporating more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, nuts, seeds and beans, peas and lentils.
9. Sit less daily, walk in place during commercials, work with a standing desk, walk during lunchtime.
10. Take your time when eating, it takes 20 minutes to feel full.
11. Don't give up if you hit a bump in the road. Keep your goals in mind and move forward.
12. Aim for 7 to 9 hours of restful sleep per night.

Resource: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Hunters Be Sure to Report Your Harvest



The Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources wants to remind all our hunters that new regulations require you to report your harvest, or lack thereof, made on tribal properties by March 31st of this year. If you received a hunting tag you need to report if you filled it or not. We have received a handful of the self-addressed postcards back in the office, however, some of you forgot to put names or IDs on those cards, so you may need to report again when you come in. You can report your harvest in person, online, via email, phoning in your information or via the self-addressed postcard sent to you in late 2019. If you have any additional questions, please contact the DNR main office at (269)782-9602.

Pokagon Band Potawatomi Department of Language and Culture Notice of Request for Proposals

Woodland-style Artist Renditions of Potawatomi Constellations.

Bid must include representative sketches of design, color scheme, requested payments, cost of supplies, and time to completion. Please submit your bid to Blaire Topash-Caldwell, Archivist for the Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture at Blair.Topash@PokagonBand-nsn.gov by Monday March 30 at 5 p.m. EST. Late submissions will not be considered. Please refer to the Potawatomi Constellation Star Map for additional information and the Ojibwe Sky Star Map - Constellation Guidebook: An Introduction to Ojibwe Star Knowledge for similar artist renditions of constellations.

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Please join us for the annual

Baby Celebration

Saturday, April 25 • 11a.m.-1:30p.m.
Pokagon Family Activity Center
at Pokagon Health Services

The Departments of Natural Resources, Education and Pokagon Health Services invite you to honor the newest members of our tribe at our annual Baby Celebration.

Families that have welcomed babies between January 2019 and March 2020 are asked to RSVP by April 12. Babies, mothers and fathers will receive a small gift followed by a community feast in their honor.

Search "baby celebration" on pokagon.com to RSVP, or call Autumn Laraway at (269) 462-4327. RSVP is required to attend.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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We Are
All Having Fun

May 10 | 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

Just Dance: 1-2:30 p.m. • Lunch Break: 2:30-3:30 p.m. • Pokagon Trivia: 3:30-5 p.m.

Register at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov
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What are the FICO changes?



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How New FICO changes may lower or boost your credit score

About 40 million Americans will see their FICO score increase by 20 points or more because of the change to the FICO rating system, while another

40 million will experience a decline by at least 20 points. Another 30 million will notice smaller changes either way, said Dave Shellenberger, vice president of product management at FICO.

Who will the new FICO score hurt?

The new score will judge certain risky behaviors more harshly. For instance, if you accumulated balances on your credit cards over the last 24 months, that will hurt your score. Previously, the FICO score reflected your current balance, and not the history of your growing credit card debt.

Another potential red flag is personal loans. If you consolidated credit card balances into a personal loan and then subsequently racked up new credit card debt, your score would reflect a riskier borrower.

Who will the new FICO score help?

The new score will be more forgiving of other behaviors that may be considered risky by earlier score versions.

For example, if you run up your credit card balances over Christmas or on a summer vacation, but it's a one-time spike, that won't hurt your FICO score as much. That's because the model can look back on historical balances and see this is not a consistent pattern.

Change 'bound to happen'

A number of changes in the credit landscape prompted FICO to rebuild its score, an undertaking the company does every five years or so. Its score is the most widely used rating by lenders to determine who to lend to and at what interest rate.

The new score now utilizes so-called trended data in a person's credit report that shows a person's credit performance over the last two years. It also provides more granular data such as the amount you paid toward your credit card. FICO also reflects major changes in credit reports in the last few years due to regulations and settlements. Tax liens, judgments, and medical collections paid by insurance have been removed from credit histories altogether, while defaulted medical debt can't show up on a report for at least six months.

"If you do these three things over and over again, over time your credit will be just fine."

Pay your bills on time, all the time.

Keep balances on your credit cards well below their limits.

Don't apply for too much credit, too often.

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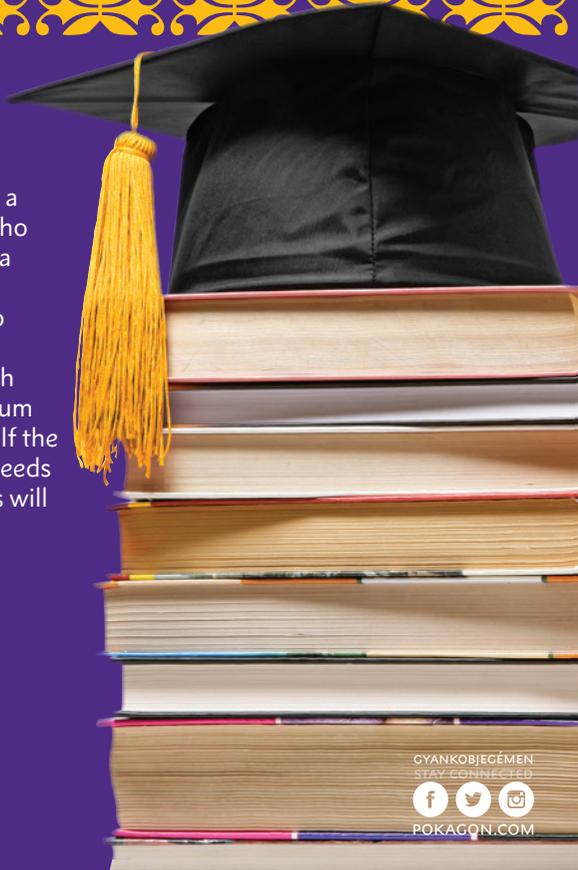
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APPLY FOR MIEA student incentive awards

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) student incentive program recognizes students who achieve all A's for a marking period and students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period. There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. An award of \$25 is given to each qualified entry up to the minimum available funds in the program. If the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery.

Applications are due March 22, 2020.

For more information, search "MIEA" on pokagonband-nsn.gov



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Discover something new!



Don't miss your chance

Available for all Pokagon Youth, 17 and under (by May 2020) who have a 2019-2020 Educational Records Release on file. Discovery Kits are an age-appropriate assortment of games, activities, and toys that keep youth engaged during summer months. Kits are educational, focusing on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) subjects.

Register Search "Discovery Kit 2020" on pokagonband-nsn.gov

April 30 is the online application deadline. If you live 50 miles or more from our Rodgers Lake campus, we will mail you your kit. All others must pick them up between June 1-30 at the Department of Education, Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Spoon and Paddle Workshop



To coincide with the 2020 Sugar Season, the Culture Program hosted a Wooden Sugar Spoon and Sap Stirring Paddle Workshop instructed by Nick Dillingham. The workshop was held at Rodgers Lake Pavilion over the course of two days and included 10 participants who all worked to make a spoon or paddle using only hand tools. Pokagon Sugar Bush management is still in operation and the sap continues to

flow. We will conclude our season with the annual End of Sugar Season Feast on April 18th in collaboration with DNR's Nē Mnokmēk event. If you are interested in volunteering during the 2020 sugar season please contact Nicole Holloway at (269)783-6131 or by email at or Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Mno-Bmadsen's Pathways Program Partners With Baird To Offer Scholarships

Mno-Bmadsen's Pathways Program which provides our citizens with a means of access to resources and tools that help them earn gainful employment within the Mno-Bmadsen family of companies, its partners and network, has partnered with Baird this year to award two Pokagon Citizens in their junior or senior year of college with a \$5,000 scholarship. The two recipients of the scholarship were selected by a committee comprised of Mno-Bmadsen, the Pokagon Department of Education and Baird. We are proud to announce that the recipients are Marcus Winchester-Jones and Walker Adams.

Marcus Winchester-Jones currently lives in South Bend, Indiana. He's attending the University of Notre Dame and studying Finance and Chinese. Marcus is part of many clubs and has held many positions within each one of them. He's the former president and current treasurer of the Native American Association of Notre Dame, former Diversity Council Chair of Black Cultural Arts Council, and the current treasurer of the Wabruda. He is also a member of the Black Student Association. He believes that his time as a member of these clubs have helped him build upon his professionalism and leadership skills, as well as become more connected with both his Native and Black culture. Family is the most important thing to Marcus as he is the middle child of five and has two loving parents. He believes the attention and care he received from his loved ones has helped shape the person he is today. Marcus is continuously working to give back to his community, but one of his proudest experiences was when he traveled to Milwaukee with some of our Tribe's youth and spoke to them about his Summer working at Baird as an intern. When asked what was the one thing he wanted to include in the article, he said he his love for his mom, dad, Maddie, Brandon, Jacki, and Josh.

Walker Adams is in his junior year at Chico State University in Chico, California. He is studying Project Management and spends his time in three clubs: Investment Club, Real-Estate Club, and College Young Life. One of the most important things to him is the relationship he has with his family. His biggest accomplishment was when he biked across the country, a total of 4,200 miles. He and his brother raised over \$20,000 for their family's charity, Bridging the Gap, which supplies and supports clean water efforts in third world countries. Walker aspires to become a pilot, as he already has his pilot license. Coupling his career with a business degree will allow him to continue his family's charity and life as a pilot. Lastly, as part of a team, he raised over \$120,000 for clean water efforts for the charity World Vision, by climbing Mt Kilimanjaro.

We'd like to thank Baird for providing this scholarship opportunity to our students. Baird is a privately held trusted financial partner who offers private wealth management, asset management, investment banking, capital markets and private equity services.

For more information regarding scholarship opportunities and Mno-Bmadsen's Pathways program, please contact: pathways@mno-bmadsen.com or visit <https://mno-bmadsen.com/pathways-mno-bmadsen/>.

Indiana University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology Seeks Summer Fellows

The Indiana University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (IUMAA) in Bloomington Indiana is inviting Native Americans to apply for summer fellowships in museum studies, curation, exhibition and museum management. Two fellows will be selected to work alongside professional museum staff to handle regional archaeological and broader ethnographic collections for documentation. Although these fellowship opportunities are open to all Native peoples from anywhere in North America, preference will be given to college students.

The duration of the award is ten weeks and will start in the summer of 2020. It carries a stipend of \$10,000 and the first payment will occur after the fellows arrive at the IUMAA to begin their fellowships. A portion of the stipend can be used for travel arrangements prior to arrival in Bloomington. The purpose of the stipend is to offset the costs of travel, housing, and expenses. It is also important to note that the financial award is considered taxable income.

According to IUMAA its archaeological and ethnographic collections are "among the largest in the midcontinent, and feature a wide array of objects, artifacts, maps, and associated records. The museum features over 2 million artifacts and data from the Angel Mounds Site in Evansville, Indiana, and over 30,000 ethnographic pieces from across the world." IUMAA is preparing for renovations that require it to move its collections off site for more than a year. Exhibitions will be set to re-open when renovations are complete in 2022.

Application Guidelines

Application materials should be submitted via email, however hard copy applications will be accepted if they arrive at the IUMAA office on or before March 20. All applicants must submit:

- A letter of interest explaining archaeological or museum experience and professional goals in museum or collections work
- A resume
- Contact information for two people who are willing to submit confidential letters of reference
- Proof of Native ancestry consisting of either copy of a Tribal Enrollment Certificate or a statement outlining Native ancestry and community involvement

Selection Criteria Will Also Include:

- Level of archaeological experience
- Museum or collections experience
- Current field of study

If you plan to apply, please submit your information by March 20, 2020 to the following contact:

Edward Herrmann (email to: edherrma@indiana.edu)

Executive Director, IUMAA

416 N. Indiana Ave.

Bloomington, IN 47408

Notifications to regarding applications will occur in mid-to late April.

More information on the Indiana University Museum of Archeology and Anthropology can be found at www.iucaa.iu.edu.

November 1, 2019 through April 1, 2020

Pokagon Band Elders

SNOW REMOVAL REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip Code: _____

Phone No: _____ Tribal ID: _____

THIRD PARTY SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip Code: _____

Phone No: _____ Business Name: _____

Pokagon Band Elders anywhere in the U.S may be reimbursed for snow removal services provided to their residence by third party service providers. The maximum reimbursement an Elder may receive over the entire season is \$200 per household.

You are responsible for finding your own third party snow removal service provider. You will not be reimbursed if you are the person who removed snow from your own driveway. Except for those residing at Phase II (Rent to Own), those residing at Pokagon Band Housing are ineligible for reimbursement, as the Pokagon Band already provides snow removal.

To be eligible for reimbursement, you must complete and return this application. Additionally, you must include the invoice(s) or receipt(s) from third party service provider. All invoices or receipts must be from the third party service provider and not the Elder. We may contact your third party snow removal provider for verification. Incomplete applications, applications without invoice(s)/receipt(s), and applications received after April 15th 2020 will not be processed.

The completed application with accompanying invoice(s)/receipt(s) must be returned to:

Elders Council / P.O.Box 180 Dowagiac Michigan 49047. Any questions call Elders Hall

(800)-859-2717 or (269)-782-0765

By my signing below, I certify that all information provided on this application is true/correct.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

monday

2 language

Salisbury Steak
Au Gratin Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad

9 language

Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Broccoli
Garden Salad

16 language

Bean Soup
Ham or Turkey Sandwich
Veggie Tray
Italian Pasta Salad
Apple Sauce

23 language

Chicken & Wild Rice Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Fruit Cocktail

30 language

Broccoli & Cheddar Soup
Fish Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Yogurt

tuesday

3

Baked Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Brussels Sprouts
Broccoli Slaw
Whole Grain Roll

10

BBQ Pork Chops
Quinoa
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

17 Saint Patrick's Day

Corned Beef
Seasoned Red Potatoes
Sautéed Cabbage
Garden Salad
Lime Jell-O

24

Pork Roast
Quinoa
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

31

Spaghetti & Meatballs
French Style Green Beans
Garlic Bread
Garden Salad
Fruit Salad

wednesday

4

Salad Bar

11

Chicken Noodle Soup
Ham or Turkey Sandwich
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Yogurt

18

BBQ Pulled Chicken
Baked Beans
Baked Chips
Veggie & Pickle Tray

25

Mexican Casserole
Mexican Rice
Tortilla Chips
Fruit Cocktail

thursday

5 business meeting

Goulash
Garlic Bread
French Style Green Beans
Garden Salad
Fruit Salad
Tiramisu/ Snacks

12

Buffalo Burgers
Baked Beans
Tater Tots
Veggie & Pickle Tray

19

Sea Bass
Spanish Rice
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

26

Breakfast

friday

6

Pizza Day

13

Salmon Patties
Mac N' Cheese
French Style Green Beans
Garden Salad

20 social

Bring in your
Famous Soup or Chili
for the Cookoff Contest!

27

Tuna Casserole
Green Beans
Tomato Salad
Applesauce
Whole Grain Roll

march

The **Business Meeting** will be held at the Community Center at 10 a.m.
The **Chili Cookoff** will also be held at the Community Center starting at 11 a.m. on March 20. Please do not arrive before 11 a.m. Thank you.

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 Elders Hall 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
Patricia Klemm		x
Brandi Nelson		x
Michael Hewitt		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, March 13	Monday, March 30	Tuesday, March 31
Wednesday, April 15	Wednesday, April 29	Thursday, April 30
Friday, May 15	Thursday, May 28	Friday, May 29
Monday, June 15	Monday, June 29	Tuesday, June 30
Wednesday, July 15	Thursday, July 30	Friday, July 31
Friday, August 14	Thursday, August 27	Friday, August 28
Tuesday, September 15	Tuesday, September 29	Wednesday, September 30
Thursday, October 15	Thursday, October 29	Friday, October 30
Friday, November 13	Tuesday, November 24	Wednesday, November 25
Tuesday, December 15	Wednesday, December 30	Thursday, 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.

Michigan Indian Legal Services Sponsors

“What to Do When Stopped by the Police”

PRESENTED BY ATTORNEY
ROBYN MCCOY

WHEN: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 7 PM
WHERE: Pokagon Band Tribal Court 58620 Sink Rd.,
Dowagiac, MI 49047

What Would You Do If You Are Stopped or Arrested by the Police:

- * AT SCHOOL OR ON THE STREET?
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For more information contact Norika Kida Betti & Hank Fields at probono@mils3.org or by phone at (800) 968-6877.







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.

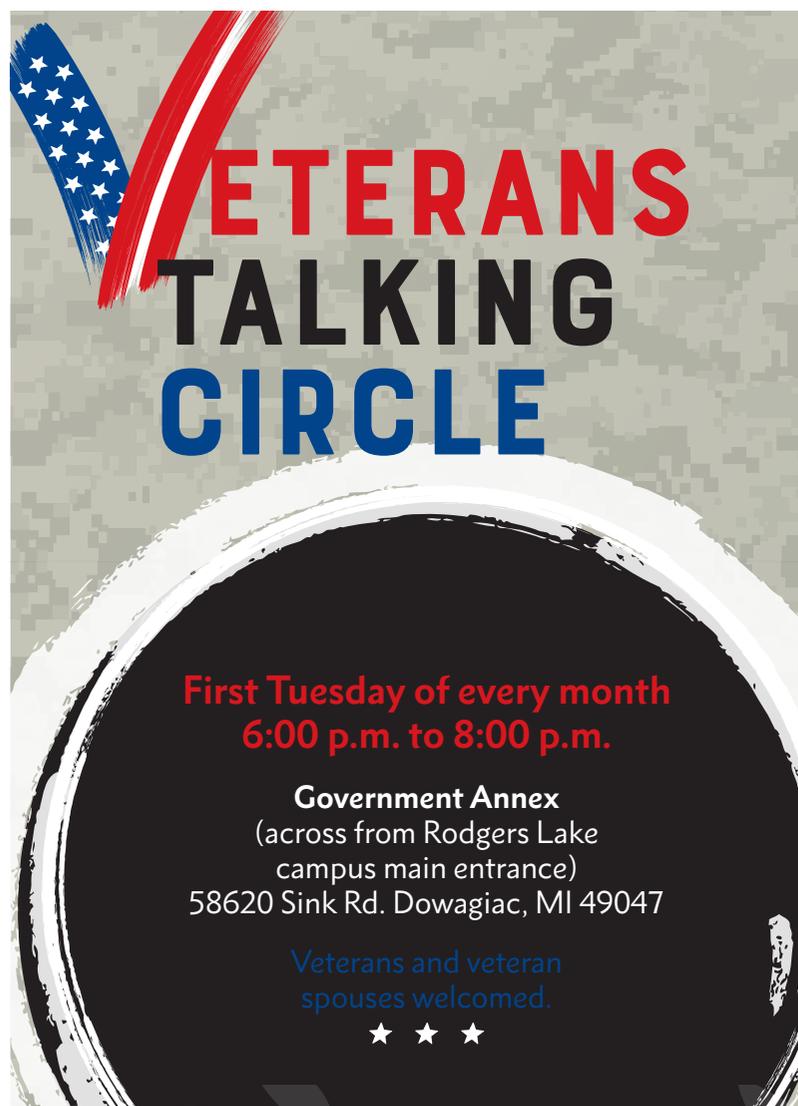
Tribal Council March Calendar of Events

- 2 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 3 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 6 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Justice Center Training Room, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Citizen Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 23 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
NO GAMING AUTHORITY MEETING DUE TO TRAVEL
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 28 Tribal Council Annual Meeting, Pokagon Family Activity Center, 10 a.m.
- 30 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 31 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.

Tribal Council April Calendar of Events

- 6 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, Tentative
- 11 Tribal Council Citizen Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Wind South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, Tentative
- 20 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Wind New Buffalo
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Wind South Bend
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration
- 30 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, Tentative

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



**VETERANS
TALKING
CIRCLE**

**First Tuesday of every month
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Government Annex
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campus main entrance)
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9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
PHS Multi-Purpose Room
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Join other parents and children ages 0-8 for an opportunity to engage with one another in play and learning activities.

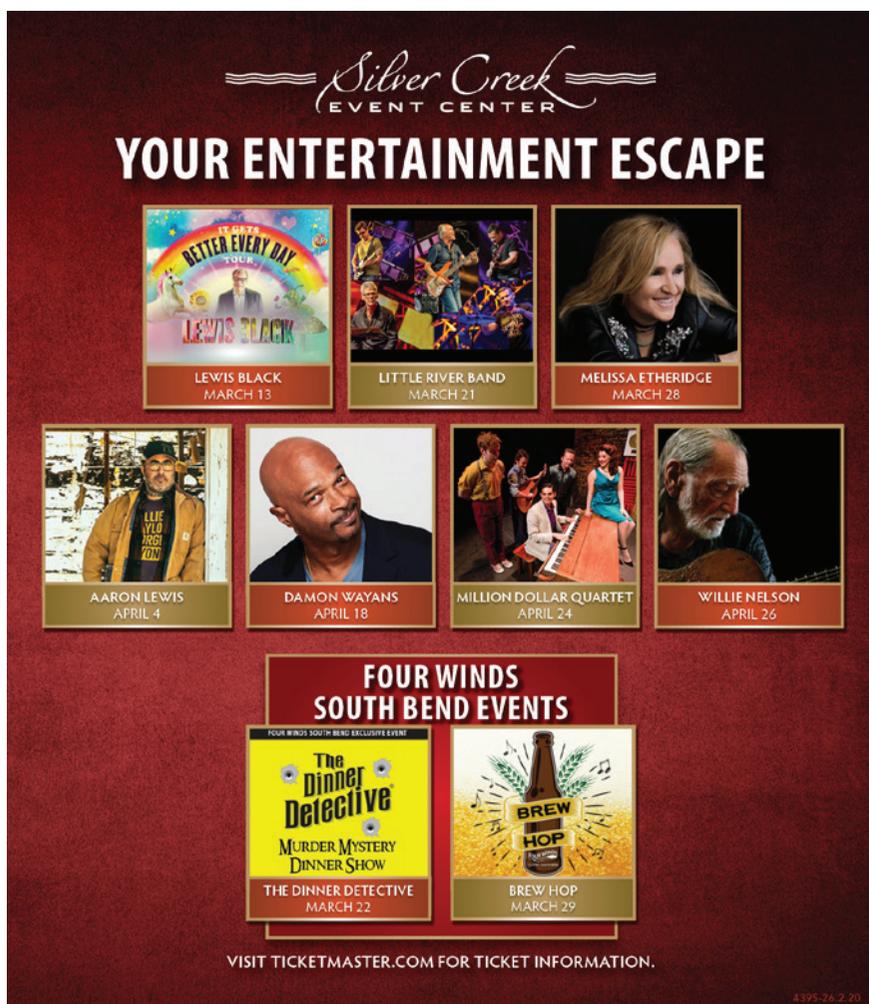
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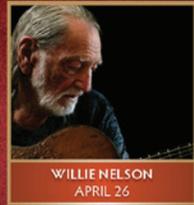
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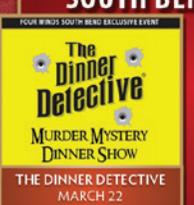


**Silver Creek
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YOUR ENTERTAINMENT ESCAPE

 LEWIS BLACK MARCH 13	 LITTLE RIVER BAND MARCH 21	 MELISSA ETHERIDGE MARCH 28	
 AARON LEWIS APRIL 4	 DAMON WAYANS APRIL 18	 MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET APRIL 24	 WILLIE NELSON APRIL 26

**FOUR WINDS
SOUTH BEND EVENTS**

 THE DINNER DETECTIVE MARCH 22	 BREW HOP MARCH 29
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VISIT TICKETMASTER.COM FOR TICKET INFORMATION.

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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
- Election Board
- Enrollment Committee
- Food Sovereignty Committee
- Development Authority, Board of Directors
- Ethics Board
- Ggatenmamen Gdankobthegnanek Pow Wow Committee
- Health Advisory Board
- KBMK Pow Wow Committee
- Land Use Board
- Rights Board
- Salary Commission

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK LANGUAGE & CULTURE

SHISHIGWEN WORKSHOP

MARCH 14 | 1P.M. - 5P.M.
Language & Culture Activity Room



Join us at Language & Culture to make your own rattle. This workshop will be instructed by Jason and Gerald Wesaw. Men and women are welcome to participate. Everyone will leave with a finished shishigwen. All participants will be required to stay until their rattle is complete. All participants under the age of 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

There is limited space available in this workshop, RSVP is required. Please contact Nicole Holloway at Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or 269-783-3513 if you are interested in participating.

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The family of Ruth (Morsaw) Froberg would like to thank ALL of you for your support, kindness, and prayers for Ruth this past year. Ruth lost her battle to cancer in December. "Being a part of the Pokagon Community, is a good definition of family, and we felt the love from all of you! May the Creator continue to watch over us ALL," Migweth, from Ruth's family.



The Gallegos family spotted Eagles were located near the bridge on Peavine Road.

LANGUAGE & CULTURE

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Let's look at stars



Please join the Department of Language & Culture for a meal, a special presentation, and star gazing with telescopes. Michael Wassegijig Price (Wikwemikong First Nations) will be giving a presentation on Neshnabé astronomy and assisting with identifying Neshnabé constellations in the night sky.

**Thursday, March 26 • 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. • Language & Culture Activity Room
59291 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac**

Dinner from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Presentation and star-gazing from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The majority of this event will take place outside. Please dress accordingly. Event will occur no matter the weather.

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PHS WELLNESS CENTER

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

To register, contact the Wellness Center or email Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Where Pokagon Band Family Activity Center

When March 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Who Open to everyone

Entry Fee This tournament is free for members of the Healthy Lifestyle Campaign, and \$10 for individuals from the general population or \$30 per team.

Scoring Teams will play games that reach 15 points or 20 minutes, whichever comes first. You may have up to five players on your roster.

Divisions Choose your preferred division: Mixed youth, Men's, Women's, Coed, Elders, and Generational, and winners of each division will receive prizes.

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