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One Story event explores photographs of Dowagiac



The 2017 One Story season began on February 18 as 75 participants gathered together to enjoy photographs depicting historical moments in Dowagiac, Michigan. Steve Arseneau, director of the Dowagiac Area History Museum and co-author of this year's featured book *Images of America: Dowagiac* shared some of his favorite photos of the Grand Old City and told stories of the people and places in the pictures. Several audience members added family stories and personal memories to the discussion. Arseneau said there are thousands more photographs of the city, some displayed in the museum and some in the archives.

Copies of *Images of America: Dowagiac* and the supplementary book selection, *I Found No Peace* by Webb Miller are available through any of the One Story partners. As always, One Story is welcoming story submissions which will be highlighted on the website. More information is available at www.onestoryread.com.

Community enjoys shishibé at One Story event



Nearly 30 people joined the most recent One Story event of the 2017 season at Southwestern Michigan College. The afternoon began with Pokagon Band traditionalist Jefferson Ballew sharing information about Native American traditional gaming practices and how they were intended to share the wealth of the community.

Rhonda Purcell, Pokagon Band language coordinator, then explained the importance of revitalization of the Potawatomi

language and the interconnectedness of language and culture. Purcell led a game of shishibé using Potawatomi number words and words that have to do with this year's One Story theme "A Sense of Place." SMC students and faculty and Pokagon Education staff made the prizes for the game, dreamcatchers and beaded necklaces

Michigan Legal Indian Services aids citizens

“Michigan Legal Indian Services provided me last year with an estate planning. They made it layman’s terms that I could understand it. It was very efficient. We got it done in really good time, and I applaud them.” –Martha McConnell



Jack Mix contacted Yvonne Cudney of MILS for assistance with real estate paperwork, like warranty papers and a buy/sell agreement. Jack had never bought or sold property without a real estate agent, but he was hoping to save money by hedging forward without an agent. Yvonne was up to the task, and Jack was able to legally and smoothly complete his transactions, selling his home, in fact, to another tribal citizen.

“She called me almost everyday to let me know where she was at,” Jack said. “I would not hesitate to use her. She’s a great person to work with.”

Do you need advice or assistance with a legal issue? The Pokagon Band has arranged for Indiana Legal Services (via their South Bend office) to provide free legal services to Pokagon citizens (and in some cases, spouses of Pokagon citizens) in Indiana regarding certain types of legal issues:

- Guardianships and Conservatorships
- Power of Attorney (Medical and/or Financial)
- Simple Wills
- Real Estate Matters
- Landlord/Tenant Matters
- General Civil Matter Legal Advice
- Expungements (misdemeanor and low-level felony)
- Specialized Driving Permits

For more information or to arrange for an appointment, please call:

Indiana Legal Services
(574) 234-8121 | (800) 288-8121
Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
401 East Colfax, Suite 116
South Bend, Indiana 46617

Not all legal services provided include representation in court. In some instances, the available legal services are limited to document review, document preparation, and/or providing legal advice.

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Men’s and Women’s Traditional Dance Instruction



Sunday, April 23
12:00 – 5:00 pm

Language & Culture Workshop :: 59291 Indian Lake Road :: Dowagiac MI 49047

Please join **Lucinda Graverette-Smith** with the teachings and dance style for woman’s traditional and **Marcus Winchester** with the teachings and dance style for men’s traditional. Lucinda and Marcus will discuss the reasons we wear regalia and the meanings of traditional style of dance. Lucinda and Marcus have been dancing for many years and are well respected within our community.

This is an open class and all citizens are welcome. If you want to learn more about your culture and traditions, please join these wonderful teachers as they share some beautiful history, culture and their style of dance.

For more information, please contact Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 desk / (269) 462-5376 cell or email her at pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Discover Something New!

Don’t miss your chance to order a **Pokagon Discovery Kit**, available for all Pokagon youth ages birth–17 years old (by May 2017) who have an Educational Records Release on file.

visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/discovery-kit-application-2017 for online order form

If you live 50 miles or more from the administration campus, we will mail your Kit. All others must pick them up between **June 1–30**.

Discovery Kit pick up is at the Department of Education, Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm.

Online application deadline is April 30!
Kits are only available June 1–30, 2017.

Questions? Email or call Susan Doyle at susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4229.

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Healthy Lifestyles 2017 | Your Health, Your Choice



Be heart smart: foods rich in omega-3s will keep your ticker ticking

Want a delicious way to improve your heart health? Increasing your consumption of foods that are rich in omega-3 fatty acids is one of the easiest ways to decrease triglyceride levels and slow the growth of the plaque that can block arteries and increase your risk of heart attack and stroke.

The American Heart Association recommends eating two servings of fish — such as salmon, albacore tuna, lake trout, sardines and mackerel — each week. Besides fish, there are plenty of other foods that will keep your heart beating soundly:

Nuts: Walnuts, almonds, cashews, flaxseed and chia seeds are omega-3 powerhouses.

Berries: Just three servings a week of raspberries, strawberries, blackberries and blueberries can reduce the risk of heart attack in women by nearly a third.

Legumes: Black and pinto beans, chickpeas, and lentils help improve blood cholesterol levels.

Baked Dijon Salmon

Ingredients

¼ cup butter, melted	4 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley
3 tablespoons Dijon mustard	4 (4 ounce) fillets salmon
1 ½ tablespoons honey	salt and pepper to taste
¼ cup dry bread crumbs	1 lemon, for garnish
¼ cup finely chopped pecans	

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
2. In a small bowl, stir together butter, mustard, and honey. Set aside. In another bowl, mix together bread crumbs, pecans, and parsley.
3. Brush each salmon fillet lightly with honey mustard mixture, and sprinkle the tops of the fillets with the bread crumb mixture.
4. Bake salmon 12 to 15 minutes in the preheated oven, or until it flakes easily with a fork. Season with salt and pepper, and garnish with wedge of lemon.



Negative self talk: Top 10 things not to say to yourself

We tend to inflict much suffering upon ourselves through negative self-talk. It's amazing to think about the effects of words running through our minds. Here are the top ten things to avoid saying to yourself.

1. I'm not worth it. This is a direct assault on your self-esteem. Telling yourself you are not worth it only perpetuates negative beliefs you may have picked up early in life.
2. There's no use. This steals your personal power and leaves you with no motivation.
3. I can't do it. Again, disempowering. There are times when you truly cannot do something, but most of the time this one is more of a self-attack than a statement of fact.
4. I'll never follow through. This is a set up for failure before you really get started. Telling yourself you will fail before you get started is shooting yourself in the foot.
5. People won't like me. A set up for rejection; don't let it become a self-fulfilling prophecy.
6. Others are better than I am. We all tend to compare ourselves to others. Telling yourself that others are better than you is an assault on your self-worth.
7. I am not enough. A huge one for people who feel inadequate to meet the demands of life; don't reinforce it!
8. I must be perfect. The way to guarantee failure is to criticize yourself whenever you are imperfect, which is all the time.
9. My opinion doesn't matter. More low self-esteem. To say this one to yourself, you must consider yourself unworthy.
10. I'll never be any different. We say this as if we have written failure into stone. It's a hopeless thought.



Modify exercises for your needs

A lot of people start exercising in a group fitness class, or with a video, and assume it's supposed to be like Simon Says: doing all the repetitions, with the same amount of weight, at the same speed, or the same version of the move. If you aren't doing that, it means that you are probably a failure and should just give up. If that is you, change your mindset.

Exercise gives us the option to improve or to modify. A lot of videos have a modified version in them, which is great. There are reasons you may need to do so, and it has nothing to do with how fit you are or aren't. You may be a newbie to fitness and need to modify. You may be recovering from an injury or be tired from a previous workout and need to modify. Age or disease can affect your need to modify. Whatever your reason just remember, it is okay to modify!

Modify TYPE of exercise: Exercises are derived from base moves like push-ups, squats, lunges, jumping jacks, jogging. If your class is doing a push-up, lunge, or squat variation that is too hard for you, revert back to doing the basic move.

Modify WEIGHT of exercise. Either hold a lighter weight or no weight at all.

Modify RANGE of motion. Make your squats less deep. Only go a quarter of the way down in a push-up. Don't lift your knees so high up when jogging or marching in place; just try decreasing the range of motion.

Modify SPEED of motion. If the rate at which you are squatting, lunging, or bicep curling is slower than other's, who cares!? You're still moving and you're still burning calories. Do your best, and don't worry if you're slower than others.

Modify LENGTH of workout. It's best to stay for the whole class or video, because the cool-down is important, but it's ok to set a goal to last for 15 minutes and work your way up to completing the entire class. If you leave before the cool-down, stretch before you leave the gym. If you are doing a video at home, fast forward to the cool-down.



More benefits of good sleep

Sleep improves your memory. Researchers do not fully understand why we sleep and dream, but they have found that sleep plays an important role in a process called memory consolidation. During sleep your body may be resting, but your brain is busy processing your day, making connections between events, sensory input, feelings, and memories. Deep sleep is a very important time for your brain to make memories and links, and getting more quality sleep will help you remember and process things better.

Stress not only makes you miserable, it wreaks havoc on your sleep. Relax before bedtime. Develop some kind of pre-sleep ritual to break the connection between all the day's stress and bedtime. These rituals can be as short as 10 minutes or as long as an hour. Disconnect from screens or electronics; read; meditate; listen to music: these can all help you prepare for a good night's sleep.

Sugar bush season closes with 17 gallons of syrup



The sugar season was very short this year due to the weather. During the season, children from Head Start visited twice and were able to tap trees and learn sugar bush teachings. Kids from the After School Program also participated, making spiles, tapping trees, and hearing stories from Frank Barker. Patty Jo taught many people

to make candy and sugar. Boiling time improved overall thanks to the steam hood the team added to the evaporator. With a few trees still tapped, the sugar bush team will experiment with making vinegar from any additional sap.

- ❁ collected 1200 gallons of sap
- ❁ cooked 17 gallons into syrup
- ❁ bottled 13 gallons

- ❁ made 10 quarts of sugar and candy
- ❁ 212 visitors and 35 volunteers
- ❁ tapped 100 trees

- ❁ carved 2 sugar paddles



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Department of Language & Culture

Adopt-a-Highway Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, April 15
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Language & Culture office

Join our Pokagon Band Native Nations Youth Councils' Adopt-A-Highway project

We meet at the Language & Culture office and depart for highway. Breakfast and lunch provided for volunteers.

Please **RSVP** by **April 10** or for more information, please contact Rebecca Williams at (269) 462-4296 or rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

TUESDAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 17
THROUGH APRIL 25
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
RODGERS LAKE PAVILION
58620 Sink Road | Dowagiac, MI 49047

During the end of February and the month of March we will be participating in the Sugar Bush season, using our handmade Spiles and learning how to produce maple syrup. All youth participants will be able to earn a maple syrup container at the end of the season.

Dinner is available for all youth attending the program. Transportation provided as needed and help with school work provided.

For more information, please contact Daniel Stohrer at (269) 462-4225 or daniel.stohrer@pokagonband-nsn.gov



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Considering Pokégnek Édawat?



Thinking about living in a tribal village? Housing is available in Dowagiac, Hartford, and—coming soon—South Bend. The units available include a townhome with two bedrooms and one and a half bathrooms, a townhome with three bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms, elders housing, and units for those living with special needs.

Please give Monica Topash, rental property manager, a call if you're interested, at (269) 462-4270.

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Sewing 101 with Christine Daugherty



Friday, April 14 + Saturday, April 15
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm + 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Language & Culture Workshop :: 59291 Indian Lake Road :: Dowagiac MI 49047

The Language and Culture Department is offering sewing classes with renowned sewer **Christine Daugherty**. This beginners class will teach you the fundamentals of sewing machines and what they can do. You will learn to read patterns and so much more.

Space is limited, only **10 spots per class** are available, this is an **RSVP class only**.

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Serger Sewing 101 with Christine Daugherty



Friday, April 21 + Saturday, April 29
5:00 – 9:00 pm + 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Language & Culture Activities Room :: 59291 Indian Lake Road :: Dowagiac MI 49047

Please join **Christine Daugherty** in learning the fundamentals and many uses of a serger sewing machine. Space is limited, only **20 spots per class** are available and this is an **RSVP class only**.

Some material is available. For a creation of your own, you can purchase your own material. This class has special requirements in order to attend. You **must** attend the regalia class **and** sewing and serger classes in order to hold your spot.

To reserve your spot or if you have any questions, please contact Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 desk / (269) 462-5376 cell or email her at pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

Pokégnek Yajdanawa
Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Join the Pokagon Dëbënwëthëk Parent Group

Families, please come enjoy face-painting, 3-legged races, a bounce house, a magician and more at our Family Picnic.

June 24 | 11am – 2pm

Rodgers Lake

Dëbënwëthëk Parent Group is composed of parents and caregivers of children under 8 years of age and meets every third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Childcare is provided.

Check out the Dëbënwëthëk punch card. Families who attend two Dëbënwëthëk Parent Group meetings with a total of 5 or 10 Early Childhood Education events wins a prize. Turn in your punch card by Friday, December 8 to Autumn Laraway (269) 462-4327.



Please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/early-childhood-education for a list of qualifying events to attend.

Peyote stitch class a welcomed new learning opportunity



Regalia has many additions this year, and we were so fortunate to have Bill Lewis, a Pokagon citizen and well renowned beader, come and share his knowledge of the peyote stitch with us this February and March. There were 10 citizens who signed up, and they all finished the two projects they were taught, a key chain and a lighter case. The class had two workshops, five hours each. We're already asking for Bill to come back. The next workshop classes will be applique with Rhonda Purcell and Madalene Big Bear on March 19 and April 9.

Ke Gbeshmen (Dreamcatchers Culture camp) Save the Date

Think Neshnabé Be Neshnabé

Ages 13–18 | Friday, July 14 through Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Ages 5–8 | Saturday, July 22 through Monday, July 24, 2017 (Day Camp)

Ages 8–12 | Thursday, July 27 through Monday, July 31, 2017

Rodgers Lake campus closed for fasting camp



Rodgers Lake will be closed 6 a.m. April 27 – May 1 at 8 p.m. for the Mens Fasting Camp.

Access to the closed portions of the campus will be limited to Pokagon staff, volunteers, and participants in the event. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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Diabetes Program Education

Join PHS for a five week educational Diabetes Program open to tribal citizens and employees to improve their diabetes. Each class is 1.5–2 hours (time will include education, food journaling, exercise and healthy snack). A team of health professionals including a dietitian, physician assistant, pharmacist and social worker will provide information and support. A different topic will be discussed each week including:

- Week 1 **What is Diabetes?**
- Week 2 **Healthy Eating**
- Week 3 **Home blood sugar monitoring/
Balancing your blood sugar**
- Week 4 **Staying Healthy with Diabetes/
Foot and Dental Care**
- Week 5 **Mind, Spirit, and Emotion
Behavioral Health/Making Healthy Changes**



**Classes are from 3:00–5:00pm
PHS Multi-purpose room**

January 12	February 2	April 3	May 4	July 20	August 3	October 12	November 2
January 19	February 9	April 20	May 11	July 27	August 10	October 19	November 9
January 26		April 27				October 26	



Please contact Marcy Herbert, RD
at (269) 783-2472 for more information
or to sign up for a session.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children and strengthening families. April is Spring time which represents the Eastern direction, the color yellow, and the start of life in this world. The Eastern direction gives us our sacred tobacco, which is to be used in a respectful, healing way. Spring time represents renewal and the start of life both in the plant and animal world. Plants are budding and blooming all around us, while the animal kingdom brings forth new life. It's the perfect reminder to renew our commitment to serving families, but also to renew our own spirits, minds, and bodies.

We all can play a part in building community, building hope.

We must remember that when we provide children with a safe, stable, and nurturing environment they will have the ability to grow healthy and strong, emotionally, socially, and physically. Focusing on fostering healing of historical trauma brings hope and resiliency to our community. Children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the Pokagon tribe. We urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

This month and throughout the year, Pokagon Health Services encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making our communities a better place for children and families. We can help prevent child abuse and neglect by making meaningful connections with children, youth and families in our communities.

Research shows that protective factors are present in healthy families. Protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children. Nurturing and attachment, social connections, and concrete support for parents are just a few examples of protective factors that parents and caregivers can provide to their families.

According to a recent study by Kids Count, Michigan and Indiana are on the top of the list for incidences of child abuse and neglect. Child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community.



Making a report of suspected child abuse/neglect

In every state there are laws governing who should call to report child abuse and neglect, when a person should call if they witness or suspect child abuse, why a person should call child protective services, and where the agency to contact is located, and what type of legal actions happen when a mandatory reporter fails to report child abuse.

Mandated reporters in Michigan are required to make an immediate verbal report to CPS and a written report within 72 hours when they suspect child abuse or neglect. Mandated reporters must also notify the head of their organization of the report. Reporting the suspected allegations of child abuse and/or neglect to the head of the organization does not fulfill the requirement to report directly to DHS. Michigan's Mandated Reporter Hotline is: (877) 277-2585

Indiana's Mandatory Reporting laws say that each citizen of Indiana is considered a mandated reporter. While reporting child abuse is everyone's responsibility, Indiana law requires some in certain occupations to do so. These professional reporters are staff members in a medical or other public or private institution, school, facility, or agency. These reporters are legally obligated by their profession to report alleged child abuse or neglect. Indiana's reporting hotline is (800) 800-5556.

How will I know when to report?

The most common form of child abuse is neglect. Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs. A child may be left hungry or dirty, without adequate clothing, shelter, supervision, medical or health care. A child may be put in danger or not protected from physical or emotional harm. Other types of child abuse is when a parent or caregiver, whether through action or failing to act, causes injury, death, emotional harm or risk of serious harm to a child. If you are witness or suspect child abuse and/or neglect, speak up and make the call to the child abuse and neglect report hot-line in your state.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities during the month of April and throughout the year, contact Pokagon Health Services at (269) 782-4141. Or check out this resource guide, designed for service providers who work throughout the community to strengthen families, at childwelfare.com/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/resource-guide/



For more information, visit childwelfare.com/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/resource-guide/



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HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marcy Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch Wednesday, April 19 as she discusses topics around nutrition.

All healthy lunch presentations are 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in the kitchen of the Commodities Building

58650 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

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

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What's that invasive species? Kissing Bug (*Triatoma spp.*)



Boxelder bug



Kissing bug

The assassin bug *Triatominae*, better known as the kissing bug (*Triatoma spp.*), is steadily spreading across the United States and carries with it the real possibility of disease. The kissing bug can vary in color, ranging from black and red to black and orange. Sometimes this insect is confused with the native boxelder bug, so be sure that you can identify the differences. The kissing bug is known for its name due to the fact that the insect feeds on blood and typically bites around the mouth as well as the head and neck region. The insect may leave feces near where they feed, and the feces may contain *Trypanosoma cruzi*, which is the parasite that causes Chagas disease. This disease was once limited to Mexico and Central and South America, but it has now been found in more than 300,000 people in the United States. The disease may not be readily apparent, and some people can go as long as 20 years before the parasite causes major issues; however, the disease can prove to be fatal. Symptoms include pain in the gut or swelling at the bug bite. Swelling around the eye may be one of the first signs of the disease. If you find a kissing bug, do not squash the bug; rather bring it to the Pokagon Department of Natural Resources for identification.

What's that edible plant? Wild Plantain (*Plantago major* or *Plantago lanceolata*)



There are two main types of plantains that may be found growing in Michigan: the broadleaf plantain (*Plantago major*) and the narrow leaf plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*). These wild edibles are perennials that grow in a rosette form. The leaves are broad or narrow, depending on the species. One of the key identifiers of plantain is the parallel main veins of the leaves. The plant also develops a small floral head that produces small brown seeds when mature. Young plantain leaves can be utilized in salads or cooked like spinach. Leaves, roots, and seeds can also be used in teas. Poultices have been made and used for healing properties. The plant contains calcium and other minerals, as well as vitamin A. Some of the medicinal properties of this plant include it being used for antiviral, astringent, healing, and diuretic purposes. Plantains can be found in many habitats, including household yards. These plants are often overlooked and in some areas can be quite abundant. The next time you are out in your yard, look around and you may just find this wild edible gem.



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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES THROUGH TRADITION CONFERENCE

BODEWADMI CONSORTIUM
(NHBP, GUN LAKE, POKAGON)

*WORKSHOPS AND TEACHINGS FOR YOUNG
CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Saturday, August 12
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Pine Creek Indian Reservation
1485 Mno-Bmadzewen Way
Fulton, MI 49052

Pokagon historian shares tribal stories in museum program

by Ted Yoakum from Leader Publications

From the Chieftains logo affixed to the uniforms of local athletes, to the Round Oak Stove Company's famous "Chief Doe-Wah-Jack" mascot, to even the name of the city itself, Dowagiac's history is inextricably linked to the people who first called the area home centuries ago.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi today remains an integral part of the community's fabric. Whether it be supporting tribal citizens and local institutions through revenue from its Four Winds Casino chain or protecting residents through the tribal police department, support from the tribe and its members continue to bolster Dowagiac.

However, the tribe's climb to the heights it experiences today was not easy one to make.

Marcus Winchester, the Pokagon Band's director of language and culture, shared the history of the tribe — from their arrival in Michigan a millennia ago to their struggle for federal recognition during the later part of the 20th century — with visitors to the Dowagiac Area History Museum Wednesday evening. In spite of the snow flurries outside, a packed house was in attendance that night to listen to Winchester's talk, which served as the kick off to the museum's 2017 spring lecture series.

The Potawatomi people — to whom members of the Pokagon Band belong — were among the first settlers of the Great Lakes region, alongside the Ojibwe (Chippewa) and Odawa (Ottawa) nations, who migrated to the area from East Coast. The three peoples formed an alliance called the Council of Three Fires, with the Potawatomi serving as the "keepers of the fire."

While many anthropologists have said that the council was a loose union between the Native nations, Winchester contests this assertion.

"We were a very strong confederacy," Winchester said. "To this day, we have meetings under that identification. We still call ourselves 'The Three Brothers,' 'The Three Fires Confederacy.' When important decisions need to happen, we always come together to make them. If we were such a loose confederacy, how could we still exist today, under that same title?"

It was the Potawatomi who dubbed the area "Dowagiac," which loosely translates to "where to go fish" or "where to gather/harvest."

The Potawatomi did not make contact with Europeans until the 17th century, when, in spite of language and cultural barriers, they began trading with the French. They later had contact with the British, who asked for their military allegiance for their conflicts with the French, and, following their victory in the War of Independence, the Americans — who wanted their land, something the tribes were not willing to easily concede.

"Native American people were not naked, barbarian savages running around the woods," Winchester said. "The federal government calls us nations for a reason. When European powers came here, we were a very sophisticated people, with a very sophisticated way of governing ourselves, of raising our people, of taking care of our elders, taking care of people who did bad things and how we reprimanded them, how



we regulated our economies. It was very advanced and sophisticated — it just didn't make sense to Europeans."

In effort to remain on their homeland, the Potawatomi joined other tribes in signing the Treaty of Greenville in 1795, which established a boundary between lands Native American lands and those occupied by European American settlers.

In the 1822, Baptist missionary Isaac McCoy established the Carey Mission in the Niles area. Although he was supposed to help the Potawatomi living in the region by providing them with housing, livestock and other needs, McCoy ended up pocketing much of the money he received to support them, Winchester said.

"The cabins that were built for the families are said to have been so poorly made that, if it rained or snowed, the fires inside the cabins would go out," he said. "The fences that were built to keep livestock in were so bad that they blew over if the wind was hard enough."

Things got even worse for the Potawatomi when President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act of 1830, which forced many of the Native Americans to relocate west — with many perishing during the travel.

In order to spare his village a similar fate, Leopold Pokagon — the leader of a small group of Potawatomi living in what is now Bertrand Township in Niles — traveled by foot across Michigan to Detroit, to ask Catholic leaders living there to send a missionary so that his people could integrate and remain on their lands.

"At first, Father Gabriel Richard said he wanted to nothing to do with it," Winchester said. "Then, as the old story goes, Leopold dropped to his knees and starts reciting prayers. When the interpreter told Richard what Pokagon was saying, it blew him away. Leopold was reciting old Catholic prayers the tribe had learned from the French a century prior. When Richard heard that, he told Pokagon he would send a missionary back with him."

Pokagon later moved his people to what is now Silver Creek. The settlement thrived until his death in 1841, where the tribe spilt into three factions following a dispute over who should serve as their

next leader — one group remained in Silver Creek, another relocated to what is now Hartford and another moved to the South Bend area.

For the next 100 years, many of the old Potawatomi customs were driven underground or abandoned altogether by the descendants of Pokagon's village, although some kept traditions alive through basket weaving and other artwork, Winchester said.

In 1934, the U.S. government passed the Indian Reorganization Act, which ended previous policies aimed at assimilating Native American nations and instead granted them lands and sovereignty. However, due to its enactment during the Great Depression, federal funds were limited, and as a result the Pokagon Band was passed over by the legislation, Winchester said.

For the next 60 years, members of the Pokagon Band united to receive federal recognition, with many in the tribe spending years filling out paperwork and completing research for applications to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. After decades of failing to receive sovereignty through the executive branch, the tribe went through Congress instead, with several area lawmakers successfully pushing through a bill that granted the Pokagon Band federal recognition in 1994.

When President Bill Clinton signed the act into law on Sept. 21 of that year, many with the tribe traveled to Washington on their own dime to witness the historic event.

"Many were waiting outside the White House, as only a few members of tribal council were allowed into the Oval Office [for the ceremony]," Winchester said. "When President Clinton got wind that there were all these people waiting outside, he said 'bring them all in.' So the Secret Service did a background check on everyone real fast and let them in the Oval Office."

The rest is history. The tribe established its headquarters in Dowagiac, and, in 2007, established the first of its Four Winds Casinos in New Buffalo, paving the way for the economic surge the tribe has experienced in recent years.

The Dowagiac Area History Museum's lecture series continues April 5 with "World Wide Webb Miler," a talk about the famed Dowagiac journalist by area expert Jim Bussler.

Native Justice intertwines three significant elements



Editor's note: this is the second in a series of articles about the Pokagon community initiative to restore a system of native justice to its people.

The native justice initiative can be thought of like a braid: three strands woven together to make one stronger bond.

One component involves community education and awareness.

"We're trying to slowly bring this back into the community so people can become more aware of peace circles," said Stacey Gettig, assistant Court administrator for the Tribal Court and a member of the group working on the Native Justice Initiative. "We have information on our website, a video and we plan regular gatherings to educate the community about this initiative."

One such gathering: elders have been meeting monthly since December to discuss each of the Seven Grandfather teachings. During these discussions, they break down the word in Potawatomi, talk about what that word means to them, and paint rocks depicting the teachings.

A second aspect is creating tools for the Court to implement native justice for all 36 different types of cases the court hears. The Court is developing systems that are culturally and community appropriate.

"For example, before any of our hearings we always have the parties talk first, to see if they can come to a resolution," said Gettig. "They're more likely to be satisfied and stick to the agreement if it's reached this way. Approximately ninety percent of the time they're able to reach an agreement."

Gettig says the judges are inventive in their approaches to incorporating native justice tools for the Court. For garnishment matters, the Chief Judge may suggest services for job training or programs to assist the parties. For probation matters the Associate Judge might connect them to the traditional healer or other appropriate cultural opportunities.

"In probation matters, the idea is that you could rebuild yourself back into the community," said Gettig. "After dealing with addictions or violence, these are ways you kind of restore yourself in your community's eyes." Juveniles on probation will be provided a learning opportunity connecting youth to the community, culture, and the Seven Grandfather teachings.

Eventually the Court hopes to refer some matters to the community based forum instead of resolving the issues in Court. This alleviates some painful situations for kids and family members.

The community peace circle forum is the final element to this Native Justice Initiative. Although, Stacey is the support staff person assisting to breathe life into this initiative, this is separate from the Tribal Court.

"What happens in the circle stays in the circle, unless there are concerns of abuse brought out during the process, then circle keepers are required by the Ethical Guidelines to report" said Gettig. "We've had two cases referred to the circle, and two that were brought to us by a potential participant. None actually went to the circle forum yet, but at least people are aware of it and recognizing it as an option; you can refer someone you know who could benefit from the circle forum."

Circle Keepers go through ongoing training so it stays fresh. Delores "Dee" Green, who is a citizen, elder, and retired teacher, and Polly Mitchell, an educational associate with the Department of Education, recently completed their necessary state mediation observation hours and are now certified to conduct mediations in the State of Michigan.

Dee and Polly also completed 40 hours of general civil mediation training from the Southeastern Dispute Resolution Center in September of 2015 along with more than 20 other Pokagon community members.

Mitchell plans to become certified to mediate at individual education plan meetings to better represent Pokagon students and families in the educational setting and comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

"I found that in a traditional court room setting there are limitations in the outcome for each participant," said Mitchell. "In a peace keeping mediation setting, each party is able to have a voice and to collaborate together to resolve the conflict."

There's more to come, but the Native Justice Initiative has made significant strides in the Pokagon community.

"The point of a circle is to walk away with something more than you had when it began, in the adversarial court system there is always a winner and a loser. Through this initiative we are striving to create a system where everyone can have input on the outcome of their situation" said Gettig.

Announcing new conduct policy promoting wdetanmowen | respect

Potawatomi culture instills the Seven Grandfather Teachings as ideals for living mno bmadzewin, the good way of life. All seven are important; wdetanmowen, or respect, provides guidance on holding others in high regard and treating everyone with appreciation. It shows how people should conduct themselves in relation to others.

The Pokagon Band is committed to wdetanmowen, and being accessible and responsive to all citizens and visitors accessing services. The success of the tribal community depends on staff being able to work in an effective, efficient, and culturally appropriate manner. The vast majority of us demonstrate wdetanmowen regularly. On the rare occasions when some act unreasonably, those individuals violate the teaching wdetanmowen.

Most visitors who enter tribal facilities and seek to receive services act with wdetanmowen and behave reasonably, appropriately, and responsibly, even when experiencing stress, frustration, and anger. For those few times when that's not the case, Tribal Council has enacted a policy to assist government departments in managing unreasonable conduct. Such actions can threaten the health, safety and security of all and impact the ability of staff to serve citizens. Unreasonable conduct can negatively impact the ability of the Band to effectively and efficiently deliver services.

The Wdetanmowen Policy, effective April 1, 2017, helps to ensure that when confronted with unreasonable conduct, staff act fairly, consistently and appropriately, understand their roles and

responsibilities, and understand appropriate strategies, processes and procedures. Staff will be receiving training on this policy. The Policy, which clearly describes the guidelines, procedure, and appeals process, is available on the Pokagon Band website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances or you can call the Tribal Council office at (888) 376-9988 to obtain a printed copy of the Wdetanmowen Policy.

Again, we recognize and appreciate that, for the vast majority of our citizens and visitors, wdetanmowen is how they live their lives. This Policy is in place for only rare occasions and we seldom expect to invoke it.

Please contact Jason M. Wesaw or Becky Richards at (800) 517-0777 with any questions you may have.

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Apply online at fourwindscasino.com prior to attending the job fair to expedite the process.

For additional questions, please contact Lynne Foerster, Manager of Tribal Placement at lfoerster@fourwindscasino.com or 269-926-5306.

Saturday, May 6, 2017
9am – 5pm Eastern

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New Buffalo, MI 49117

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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
 Project LAUNCH + Department of Education Early Childhood Education + Pokagon Health Services

Baby Celebration

Saturday, May 6 10:30 AM
 Pokagon Band Community Center

Join Project LAUNCH, Early Childhood Education and Pokagon Health Services to honor the newest members of our tribe at our annual Baby Celebration. Families that have had new babies born January 2016-April 2017 are asked to RSVP by May 1. Babies will receive recognition and various gifts followed by a community feast in their honor. Event ends at 1:30 pm. RSVP at pokagonband-nsn.gov or contact Autumn Laraway at (269) 462-4327.

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			1 Parent Group Kalamazoo Valley Museum Trip
5 Business Lecture by Webb Miller	6 Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class	7 Circuit Training Elders Health & Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	8 Tribal Council Meeting
12 Business	13 Lean Lunch PHS Diabetes Program L&C Potawatomi 201 L&C South Bend Language Class Native Women's Film Series	14 Circuit Training Elders Health & Wellness Circuit Training L&C Sewing 101 with Christine Daugherty Red Road to Recovery Group	15 L&C Adopt-A-Highway L&C Sewing 101 with Christine Daugherty
19 Business Group Drumming To Peace by Webb	20 PALS (Play and Learn Social) Lean Lunch PHS Diabetes Program L&C Potawatomi 201 L&C South Bend Language Class	21 Circuit Training Elders Health & Wellness Circuit Training L&C Language Program Banquet L&C Serger Sewing 101 with Christine Daugherty Red Road to Recovery Group Hunter Safety	22 Hunter Safety Në Mnokmèk (gifts of spring) Celebration
26 Business Drumming Class	27 Lean Lunch PHS Diabetes Program PHS Michigan Indian Family Olympics Training L&C Potawatomi 201 L&C South Bend Language Class	28 Circuit Training Elders Health & Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	29 Celebrating Our Survival L&C Serger Sewing 101 with Christine Daugherty

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Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Department of Language & Culture

Men's and Women's Traditional Dance Instruction



Sunday, April 23
12:00 – 5:00 pm
Language & Culture Workshop :: 59291 Indian Lake Road :: Dowagiac MI 49047

Please join **Lucinda Graverette-Smith** with the teachings and dance style for woman's traditional and **Marcus Winchester** with the teachings and dance style for men's traditional. Lucinda and Marcus will discuss the reasons we wear regalia and the meanings of traditional style of dance. Lucinda and Marcus have been dancing for many years and are well respected within our community.

This is an open class and all citizens are welcome. If you want to learn more about your culture and traditions, please join these wonderful teachers as they share some beautiful history, culture and their style of dance.

For more information, please contact Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 desk / (269) 462-5376 cell or email her at pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION + DOWAGIAC DISTRICT LIBRARY

Spring into Your Local Library



SATURDAY MAY 13 10:00 AM
Dowagiac District Library 211 Commercial Street

Traditional Lifeways Workshop Jefferson Ballew, traditionalist from the Pokagon Band, will use items gathered from the earth to create a Sacred Fire. He will explain the tools and natural materials used to create the fire and the relationships we have to those items. Deep Nature Connection with Justin Lake. Through stories and outdoor activities we will learn routines that awaken our senses and help us restore our connections with the natural world. We will be exploring what it means to feel a deep sense of place.

Parents must be present with their children. This is an outdoor event near a main street in downtown Dowagiac. Bring your own chair or blanket due to limited seating. In case of inclement weather, an alternate indoor venue will be available.



Please refer to the Pokagon Band website or Facebook page for weather related updates.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Social Services

Women's Gathering

with Betty Davis *part 2*



Sunday, April 23
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail :: Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Department of Social Services is hosting a **Women's Gathering**, facilitated with Betty Davis. This event is the **second** in the **series of gatherings** throughout the year. This gathering is meant to empower women and encourage fellowship among women in the community. Tribal citizens, spouses, parents, and employees are welcome to attend, however this event is for women only.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in attending, contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Department of Education
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Débénwéthêk Parent Group



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

Débénwéthêk Parent Group is composed of parents and caregivers of children under 8 years of age and meets every third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Rachel Orvis at drorvis@gmail.com.

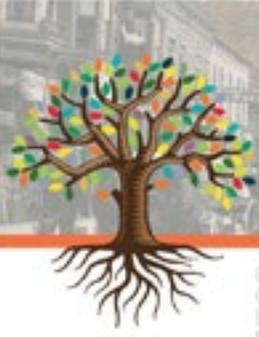
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January 18	April 19	July 19	October 18
February 15	May 17	August 16	November 15
March 15	June 21	September 20	December 13

5:30 – 7:30 pm | Head Start

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One Story (Ngot Yajmowen)
Images of America: Dowagiac by Steve Arseneau and Ann Thompson + **I Found No Peace** by Webb Miller
Events/Activities 2017

One Story is a grassroots, community-based program designed to build awareness of contemporary issues. One Story partners currently include the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Dowagiac Area History Museum, Dowagiac District Library, Dogwood Fine Arts Festival, Dowagiac Union Schools, and Southwestern Michigan College.

As we leave the woods, so beautifully described by Simon Polagan, we find ourselves in the industrial era, seeking a new identity. People, places, and stories are interconnected. The 2017 One Story book selection celebrates this by giving readers a glimpse at the growth of a small railroad town in Southwest Michigan between the 1860s and the 1940s. The book is titled *Images of America: Dowagiac*. The authors, Steve Arseneau and Ann Thompson, uses photographs from the local history museum to tell the story. Complimentary copies of *Dowagiac* are available from all One Story partners.

In addition to *Dowagiac*, One Story will explore *A Sense of Place* through the eyes of Webb Miller using his book, *I Found No Peace*. Complimentary copies of Webb Miller's book will be available beginning January 2017.

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DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM Photographs of Dowagiac
Saturday, February 18 | 1:00 pm | Dowagiac Area History Museum

The Dowagiac Area History Museum has a collection of over 6,000 photographs documenting local history. Steve Arseneau, director of the Dowagiac Area History Museum and co-author of the book *Images of America: Dowagiac*, will present a program highlighting Dowagiac's history from 1860 to World War II through photographs, including the oldest known photos of the city.

SMC Shishibé: History of Gaming and Importance of Language

Thursday, March 9 | 2:30 pm | Southwestern Michigan College Theatre in the Dale A. Lyons Building
 Prior to European arrival, gaming was a social and communal event that helped in sharing the wealth of the nation. Jefferson Ballew, Potawatomi traditionalist, will share the history of Native American gaming. Rhonda Purcell, Potawatomi language specialist, will then host shishibé, a BINGO-type game using Potawatomi language. Come to SMC for an afternoon of learning and fun!

POKAGON BAND Gwíkwé'amen

Saturday, March 18 | 11:00 am | Pokagon Band Community Center
 One Story is teaming up with the Pokagon Band Early Childhood Education Program and Department of Natural Resources along with area schools to explore sense of place with local youth.

DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM World Wide Webb Miller
Wednesday, April 5 | 6:30 pm | Dowagiac Area History Museum

Dowagiac resident and Webb Miller enthusiast Jim Bussler will present information about Miller's early days growing up in Dowagiac, his experiences as a reporter traveling the world, and his book, *I Found No Peace*. Make sure to take a look at the museum's Webb Miller exhibit before or after the presentation.

This program is part of the Spring Lecture Series. It is free to museum members and \$5 for non-members.

SACRED HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH I Found No Peace by Webb Miller Book Talk
Wednesday, April 19 | 6:30 pm | Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church

An internationally famous foreign correspondent who grew up near Dowagiac, Webb Miller traveled the world reporting on global events and was present for many unique happenings of the early 20th century. He brought information to readers that would have otherwise been unavailable. The SHM Book Discussion Group will focus on a selection of his stories and the effect of that reporting throughout the world, as well as comparing modern media coverage of similar stories. Everyone is welcome!

DOWAGIAC DISTRICT LIBRARY Spring In to Your Local Library Traditional Lifeways Workshop
Saturday, May 13 | 10:00 am | Dowagiac District Library

Jefferson Ballew, traditionalist from the Pokagon Band, will use items gathered from the earth to create a Sacred Fire. He will explain the tools and natural materials used to create the fire and the relationships we have to those items.

Deep Nature Connection with Justin Lake. Through stories and outdoor activities we will learn routines that awaken our senses and help us restore our connections with the natural world. We will be exploring what it means to feel a deep sense of place.

ONE STORY PARTNERS Epilogue Feast

Thursday, May 25 | 6:00 pm | Pokagon Band Community Center

One Story 2017 closes with a traditional Native American feast and an inspiring presentation by botanist and author Robin Wall Kimmerer. She will share knowledge on the culturally important plants of the region that provide us with gifts of medicines, wild foods, materials, and wisdom. Together we will discuss how a connection to local plants contributes to identity, well-being, and a sense of place. Robin is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Throughout 2017, we will continue gathering stories. Storytellers may use many formats including: written stories, photo essays, and audio recordings. More information is available on the One Story website or from any of the following One Story partners:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
 Kristie Bussler (269) 462-4222 or Kristie.Bussler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Dowagiac Area History Museum
 Steve Arseneau (269) 783-2560 or sarseneau@dowagiac.org

Dowagiac District Library
 Matt Weston (269) 782-3826 or mweston@dowagiacdl.org

Southwestern Michigan College
 Scott Topping (269) 782-1249 or stopping@swmich.edu



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- Severe headache, confusion, weakness or numbness
- Coughing up large amounts of bright red blood
- Vomiting blood, bleeding that will not stop, bright red blood in stool

Tribal Council does not want to alarm anyone, but wants to make sure everyone who has visited Standing Rock is aware of any "camp cough" health concerns.

Notice of Open Positions

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

- Pokagon Band Salary Commission
- Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee
- Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee
- Pokagon Bode'wadmik Ogitchedaw Board
- Traditions/Repatriations Committee
- Election Board
- Family Welfare Commission
- Food Sovereignty Committee
- Pokagon Promise
- Health Care Advisory Board

Pokégnek Bode'wadmik

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Department of Language & Culture

Blanket Shawl with Christine Daugherty + Madalene Big Bear



Friday, May 19 5:00 – 9:00 pm + Saturday, May 20 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Language & Culture Activities Room :: 59291 Indian Lake Road :: Dowagiac MI 49047

Please join **Christine Daugherty** and **Madalene Big Bear** learning to sew and design your blanket shawl. Space is limited, only **20 spots per class** are available and this is an **RSVP class only**.

Some material is available. For a creation of your own, you can purchase your own material. This class has special requirements in order to attend. You **must** attend the regalia class **and** sewing and serger classes in order to hold your spot.

To reserve your spot or if you have any questions, please contact Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 desk / (269) 462-5376 cell or email her at pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Traditional lacrosse demonstrations

Native language presentation

Overnight camping spots available on a limited basis

SATURDAY MAY 27 9:00 AM
RODGERS LAKE SPORTS COMPLEX DOWAGIAC

To register, or for more information, please contact **Dean Orvis** at (269) 462-4290 or dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov / **Daniel Stohrer** at (269) 462-4225 or daniel.stohrer@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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DRUM CLASSES

Department of Language and Culture
59291 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Please join John T. Warren at our Drum Class, this is open to all tribal citizens, spouses and other tribal affiliations. Drum class is open to all ages and is held the first and third Wednesday of every month. There are many teachings that come with this class from a great teacher.

2017

April 5	May 3	June 7	July 5	August 2	September 6
April 19	May 17	June 21	July 19	August 16	September 20

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Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Department of Language & Culture

Women's Jingle + Men's Fancy Dance Instruction



Sunday, May 7
12:00 – 5:00 pm

Language & Culture Workshop :: 59291 Indian Lake Road :: Dowagiac MI 49047

Please join **Yebishawn Oldshield** and **Jason Whitehouse**, two well respected and well renowned dancers. Come learn the teachings, style and techniques of jingle and fancy dancing.

This is an open class and all citizens are welcome. If you want to learn more about your culture and traditions, please join these wonderful teachers as they share some beautiful history, culture and their style of dance.

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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.

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Departments of Education + Social Services

Honoring our Mothers Brunch



Sunday **May 7** 11:00am – 2:00pm
Pokagon Band Community Center

The Departments of Education and Social Services are hosting a brunch to honor the moms in our lives. Registration is open to all Pokagon Band mothers (citizen and non-citizen parent, including foster parents), as well as Native mothers from other tribes. RSVP online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/honoring-our-mothers-brunch-registration-2017.

All registrations must be received by **Friday, April 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**

Space is limited, so register as early as you can! The first 25 moms to register will receive a gift.

Questions? Contact Autumn Laraway at (269) 462-4327 or autumn.laraway@pokagonband-nsn.gov, Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov, or Christynn Black at (269) 462-4336 or christynn.black@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

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Discover Something New!

Don't miss your chance to order a **Pokagon Discovery Kit**, available for all Pokagon youth ages birth–17 years old (by May 2017) who have an Educational Records Release on file.

visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education for online order form

If you live 50 miles or more from the administration campus, we will mail your Kit. All others must pick them up between **June 1–30**.

Discovery Kit pick up is at the Department of Education, Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm.

Online application deadline is April 30!
Kits are only available June 1–30, 2017.

Questions? Email or call Susan Doyle at susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4229.



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Tribal Court

Kë shobyé'amen o sen Let's Paint the Rock Workshop

Second Tuesday of the month :: 1:00 p.m.
Elders Hall

Please join members of the community in building relationships while exploring the benefits of peace circles and the grandfather teachings in these monthly workshops. Each workshop will feature a short video, an opportunity to paint a rock with a grandfather teaching and the opportunity to gather in a talking circle to share teachings and related stories that may have been passed down to us.

2017 Workshops

January 10 wédaséwën bravery	March 14 débawéwën honesty	May 9 mishkozwën strength
February 14 dëbandéwën love or sagedwën compassion	April 11 gdemagéndemowën humility	June 13 bwakawsewën wisdom

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Gettig, Native Justice Initiative Support Staff Person at (269) 783-0505.

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Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

HUNTER SAFETY CERTIFICATION RETURN TO THE WOODS 2017

April 21–23

Friday 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (Range Day)

The sessions meet at the Teaching Cabin at Rodgers Lake campground

The Pokagon Band Department of **Natural Resources** and **Tribal Police** would like to invite all Pokagon Band citizens interested in obtaining hunter safety certification to the sixth annual 'Return to the Woods' campaign. Please join us to take the initial steps necessary to obtain a Pokagon Tribal or Michigan hunting license. Participants will undergo all of the accreditation requirements necessary to obtain their hunter safety certification card as well as their bow hunter safety certification card. The completion of the class will increase your ability to obtain a tribal or state hunting license.

Meals that will be provided to participants include snacks on Friday, lunch on Saturday, and snacks on Sunday. Participants should bring weather appropriate clothing.

There is a cap on the class of 15 individuals and children under 10 require an accompanying parent or guardian. All participants must be able to pass a written or oral test as well as a range exam. There are two options for participation: 1) Individuals can take the three day course without cost, or 2) individuals may complete the online version of the hunter safety course (available online hunteredcourse.com/state/online-hunter-safety-course-michigan/ for a fee that is reimbursable for the first 5 individuals) and join us on the last day for the field exam.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at:
www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/hunter-safety-course-registration-2017
or by calling the Department of Natural Resources at (269) 782-9602.

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LEGAL AID

For Pokagon Band Citizens

Do you need advice or assistance with a legal issue?

The Pokagon Band has arranged for Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) and Indiana Legal Services (ILS) to provide free legal services to Pokagon citizens (and in some cases, spouses of Pokagon citizens) regarding certain types of legal issues:

- Guardianships and Conservatorships
- Power of Attorney (Medical and/or Financial)
- Simple Wills
- Real Estate Matters
- Landlord Tenant Matters
- General civil matter legal advice
- Expungements (misdemeanor and low-level felony) in Indiana only
- Specialized Driving Permits in Indiana only

Except for criminal matters in Pokagon Tribal Court, there are no asset or income restrictions for Pokagon Band citizens receiving this free legal service. Not all legal services provided include representation in court, in some instances the available legal services are limited to document review, document preparation, and/or providing legal advice.

For questions about Michigan or Pokagon Band law, contact

Michigan Indian Legal Services
(800) 968-6877

An MILS attorney will be at the Pokagon Community Center at least one day a week. Please call for an appointment.

For questions about Indiana law, contact

Indiana Legal Services
401 East Colfax, Suite 116
South Bend, Indiana
(574) 234-8121 | (800) 288-8121

Please call for an appointment Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

NATIVE WOMEN'S FILM SERIES



THURSDAY APRIL 13
6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER

Join the Department of Social Services for a screening of the films *Apache 8* and *Honoring our Voices*. Both films are relatively short and can be screened in less than two hours.

Apache 8 tells the tale of the formerly all-female firefighting unit who responds to calls on their reservation, as well as across the nation. This film documents the transition to a coed unit, and some of the struggles faced by the women who have become some of the country's most elite firefighters.

Honoring our Voices highlights six Native women, varying in age, and the hardships they've faced overcoming histories of violence and abuse.

This event is open to everyone, though the films may cover material that isn't suitable for all ages, so use your best judgment if bringing children. Food will be provided.

If you have any questions, contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Pokégnek Bodéwadmik Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

6TH ANNUAL A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday July 15 10:00 AM
Pokagon Health Services event ends at 3:00 PM



Save the Date

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

Please come and join in the fun.

Questions? Contact Melody Pillow at (269) 462-4441 or Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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Elders Lunch Menu | Zisbakwto gises April

monday

3

language

Buffalo Tacos with all the fixings
Hard or Soft Shell
Red Beans and Rice
Dessert

10

language

Buffalo Tips in Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Fruit

tuesday

4

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Berries
Whole Grain Roll

11

Pork Chop
Rice Pilaf
Spinach Salad
Cottage Cheese and Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

wednesday

5

Sausage and Sauerkraut
Red Potatoes
Carrots
Garden Salad
Cornbread

12

BBQ Chicken
Baked Potato
Butternut Squash
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Fruit

thursday

6

business meeting

Coulash W/ Kidney Beans
French Style Green Beans
Fruit Salad
Garlic Bread
Birthday Cake

13

Salmon
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Fruit Salad
Whole Grain Roll

friday

7

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia
Spanish Rice
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Blueberry Crisp

14 **closed for good friday**



17

language

Turkey Pot Pie Topped with Biscuits
Garden Salad
Fruit Salad

18

Cod
Sweet Potatoes
Asparagus
Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

19

Chicken Wrap
Black Beans W/ Rice
Veggie and Relish Tray
Jell-O W/ Fruit

20

social

Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Fruit Salad
Pumpkin Pie
Whole Grain Roll

21

Breakfast Bar

24

language

Marinated Chicken
Veggie Kabobs
Brown Rice
Garden Salad

25

Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes
Tri-Blend Veggies
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

26

Buffalo Pot Pie Topped With Biscuits
Garden Salad
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple
Blueberry Pie

27

Italian Turkey Stuffed Cabbage
Mashed Potatoes
Garden Salad
Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

28

Potato Soup
Fish Square Sandwich
Relish and Veggie Tray
Jell-O W/ Fruit



april

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

Per Capita News

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

Name	Christmas 2016	Monthly Per Cap
Scott Brewer, Jr	x	
Cristian Cobb	x	
Kailyn A. Currey	x	
Zachary D. Currey	x	
Mason Currey	x	
Bobby M. Haynes, Jr	x	
Anna Locklear	x	
Dominic Williams	x	
James Johnson	x	
Austin L. Northrup	x	
Peter J. Ramirez	x	
John Watson	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.

Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita payments. The following documents are needed to begin processing your per capita payments:

- A copy of your Diploma directed to the Enrollment office.
- Make sure your mailing address is up to date with the Enrollment office.
- Fill out a form for Direct Deposit and send to finance department-per capita. You may choose to have your payments either direct deposited in your banking institution or a PNC pay card.

All the forms are available on the Pokagon Band website www.pokagonband-nsn.gov. You may mail, fax or email your documents. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
 Attn: Enrollment Office
 P.O. Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI 49047
 FAX: (269) 782-1964
 Email: beth.edelberg@pokagonband-nsn.gov

The document must be received by April 14 in order to make it on the May 2017 check run. Anything received after April 14 will be processed on the check run for June 2017. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Elders Stipend increments

Elders Stipends increase each five years by \$250 starting at age 65. All elders over 65 receiving the stipend will notice an increase in their amount every five years until the amount caps at \$1,750 for those aged 85 and above. Here are the increments:

Age	Monthly Elders Stipend Amount	Age	Monthly Elders Stipend Amount
55 – 59	\$500	75 – 79	\$1,250
60 – 64	\$500	80 – 84	\$1,500
65 – 69	\$750	85 and older	\$1,750
70 – 74	\$1,000		

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, January 13, 2017	Monday, January 30, 2017	Tuesday, January 31, 2017
Monday, February 15, 2017	Monday, February 27, 2017	Tuesday, February 28, 2017
Monday, March 15, 2017	Thursday, March 30, 2017	Friday, March 31, 2017
Friday, April 14, 2017	Thursday, April 27, 2017	Friday, April 28, 2017
Friday, May 15, 2017	Tuesday, May 30, 2017	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Wednesday, June 15, 2017	Thursday, June 29, 2017	Friday, June 30, 2017
Friday, July 14, 2017	Thursday, July 27, 2017	Friday, July 28, 2017
Monday, August 15, 2017	Wednesday, August 30, 2017	Thursday, August 31, 2017
Thursday, September 15, 2017	Thursday, September 28, 2017	Friday, September 29, 2017
Friday, October 13, 2017	Monday, October 30, 2017	Tuesday, October 31, 2017
Wed, November 1, 2017*	Tuesday, November 21, 2017	Wed, November 22, 2017
Friday, December 15, 2017	Thursday, December 28, 2017	Friday, December 29, 2017

* Please note, in 2017, the November deadline for changes is November 1. This is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as it is received by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as no errors are received from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

Don't forget the Elders Stipend is taxable income; federal tax withholding forms are available from the Finance Department.

Elders receiving Supplemental Assistance Benefits will also receive this increase; they'll get the additional \$250, but their supplemental assistance will not decrease. Supplemental Assistance Benefits are not taxable.

Elders are eligible to opt in or out of the stipend program during the month they turn 55 years old. Contact the Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998 for help understanding how this increase could impact your particular situation.

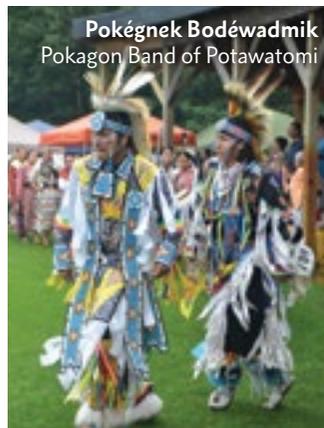
Tribal Council April Calendar of Events

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

Can't get to Elders Council business meetings? Participate via webcast

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

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



Regalia Class

Please join the Department of Language & Culture in their new workshop building to learn regalia teachings, dances, and sewing. The classes, held on Sundays, go for five months starting in January. Language & Culture staff will bring in many different instructors to teach. We have a limited supply of sewing machines, irons, beads, material, feathers and leather. You are welcome to bring your own sewing machine.

If you want something special, plan on supplying your own material. You don't have to RSVP, you can just come. We hope to see you there.

January 2017

January 8
January 22 | SKIRTS

February 2017

February 5 | SKIRTS
February 19 | PEYOTE STITCH*

March 2017

March 5 | PEYOTE STITCH*
March 19 | APPLIQUÉ*

April 2017

April 9 | APPLIQUÉ*
April 23 | LOOMING BEADING*
+ MENS AND WOMENS TRADITIONAL DANCE LESSONS

May 2017

May 7 | LOOMING BEADING*
+ MENS FANCY AND WOMENS JINGLE DANCE

May 21 | LAST CLASS POTLUCK + FEAST

All classes are 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Language & Culture Workshop :: 59291 Indian Lake Road :: Dowagiac MI 49047

Classes marked with * are limited to 10 participants. You must RSVP to attend. A waiting list is available. The dance instruction portion of the classes is open to all. If you have any questions, please contact Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 desk / (269) 462-5376 cell or email her at pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Tribal Council May Calendar of Events

- 1 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 2 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 22 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 23 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 29 Tribal Gov't offices closed in observation of Memorial Day
- 23 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

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You have **THREE**
opportunities to be
a hero this year.

Friday, May 19

Friday, August 18

Thursday, October 26

**Pokagon Health Services
Multi Purpose Room
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Sign up at MIBlood.org or contact Elizabeth Leffler
at elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov
or (269) 462-4406.

Tribal Office Directory

Administration

Information Technology
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-6882

Commodities

(269) 782-3372
Toll Free (888) 281-1111
FAX (269) 782-7814

Communications

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Compliance

58620 Sink Rd.
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27043 Potawatomi Trail
(269) 783-4157

Education

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-0887
Toll Free (888) 330-1234
FAX (269) 782-0985

Elders Program

53237 Townhall Rd.
(269) 782-0765
Toll Free (800) 859-2717
FAX (269) 782-1696

Elections

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-9475
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Enrollment

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-1763
FAX (269) 782-1964

Facilities

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

Finance

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

Head Start

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

Pokagon Health Services

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

Housing & Community Development

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

Human Resources

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
FAX (269) 782-4253

Language & Culture

59291 Indian Lake Rd.
(269) 462-4325

Mno-Bmadsen

415 E. Prairie Ronde St.
(269) 783-4111

Natural Resources

32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9602
FAX (269) 783-0452

Social Services

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-4295

South Bend Area Office

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South Bend, IN 46614
(574) 282-2638
Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 282-2974
(269) 782-8998

Tribal Council

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(269) 782-6323
Toll Free (888) 376-9988
FAX (269) 782-9625

Tribal Court

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0505/
FAX (269) 783-0519

Tribal Police

58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232
Toll Free (866) 399-0161
FAX (269) 782-7988

Tribal Council Directory

(888) 376-9988

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Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Elders Council Directory

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

Chair

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(269) 783-6828

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Maxine Margiotta
(269) 783-6102

Secretary

Judy Augusta
(269) 783-6304

Treasurer

Clarence White
(269) 876-1118

Member at Large

Cathy Ford
(269) 783-9380

Senior Youth Council Directory

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Member at large

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Youth Culture Coordinator
(269) 462-4325

Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

Zisbakwto gises April Citizen Announcements

Pokagon family,

We take this time to say wewenah igwien for help with our father's and brother's journeys.

Kevin for your help; your kindness will be cherished and remembered. Women water lifters Yebby O., Ella M., Angie F., and Lucinda S. for that water song and mde waboo; very much needed at that time.

Drummers Jason W., John W., Todd M., Jeff B., and of course Devon: beautiful songs. Firekeepers Todd M., Mingo, and all other helpers: my brother and family appreciate your dedication.

The pallbearers Thomas L., Jerry, Jeff B., Todd M., George M., and of course Dean L.: well done and very much appreciated.

Cooks Madeline B., Melissa R., Cathy F., Marie and all the other helpers: very good food, including the potatoes, and service. God love ya.

Luella S. and spouse, Cherrie and Oge, the Department of Language and Culture, Head Start, and Melissa R. for all your help at a time like this. All others I forgot to mention, we are grateful. Love to you all.

Cleora Morseau and family



Happy 68th birthday to **Big Daddy Grubb**, from all 25 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



Happy 1st birthday **Laurence Valcin**, from Mom, Dad, and Auntie Kandy.

Welcome to the world **Laurence Rick Valcin**, from your Mom and Dad.



Guy Allen Brasmer, 61, was born July 15, 1955 in Chicago, Illinois. He passed away at home in Canyon Country, California on March 8, 2017. Left to cherish Guy's precious memory are his sister, Ranella Parker; his brother-in-law, Jerry Parker; his nieces, Eliana and Esther;

his daughter, Stacy Robbins; his grandsons, Robert and Brian; and his granddaughter, Rhiana. He was an elder in the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. He served in the United States Army stationed in Germany.

During his life, he worked at various jobs including being a manager at a mobile home village where he lived for many years. He attended the Hope Vineyard Church and frequently volunteered with their outreach to the community. Wherever he was, he was a dedicated volunteer who enjoyed helping others. For the last twelve years, he also devoted himself to the care of his ailing friend.

We will remember him as being the one who would always be there for you, the one who would listen when you needed to talk, and the one who would share in the good as well as the bad times. All who knew him well will remember his ability to join in on fun times as well as making life's moments more fun. We thank God that He placed him on Earth as our brother, brother-in-law, uncle, father, grandfather, and friend. He was taken too soon and will be dearly missed!

With much love,

Ranella Parker (sister), Jerry Parker (brother-in-law), Eliana Hope Parker (niece), and Esther Grace Parker (niece)



Happy Birthday **Ron!** Love, mom dad, Tori and the girls, and the whole Rider family



Happy Birthday **Rick Rider!** Love, Diana, the boys and families



Happy Birthday **Pat Rider!** Love, Joni Jason, Ryan and the girls



Happy Birthday **Danny Vohwinkle!** Love mom, dad and the whole Rider Clan!

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

Department of Natural Resources

Family Fishing Day



Saturday **May 7** 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. | Fishing 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Gage Lake, Dowagiac, MI

Prizes • Fun Family Event • Food

- Registration is preferred. Individuals who need boats, canoes, or fishing accessories need to register before the event at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/family-fishing-day-registration-2017.
- You must wear a life jacket! No exceptions. Limited number of personal flotation devices available for those who can't provide their own.
- Limited number of boats and canoes (reserve one by pre-registering).
- You may use your own boat but the gas tank must be removed. Please note, the launch is rustic. Limit to 14-foot boats.
- Fishing poles and bait available. Participants must have a valid tribal fishing license in order to participate.
- Lunch served
- Prizes! **Grand Prize: Charter Fishing Trip for 4 on Lake Michigan**

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

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Please refer to the Pokagon Band website or Facebook page for weather related updates.



POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK

DEPARTMENTS OF NATURAL RESOURCES, LANGUAGE + CULTURE AND EDUCATION

Nē Mnokmêk (gifts of spring) Celebration + end of Sugar Season Feast



SATURDAY APRIL 22 10 am–2 pm
POKAGON BAND **RODGERS LAKE PAVILION**

There will be fun activities and learning opportunities for earth day and arbor day, giveaways, plus a celebratory end of sugar season feast.

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