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April 15 is Right around the Corner: Do You Know Where to Get Tax Info?

It happens each year, but that doesn't make it any easier or more pleasant: April 15 is the date for submitting annual tax documents to state and federal governments. Read on for information on whom at the Pokagon government to contact if you need answers on tax filing questions for Minors Trust, per capita and stipend payments, W-2s or 1099s. (But keep in mind tribal government staff aren't tax consultants or preparers. If you have in depth questions, you may need to contact a tax professional.)

For Michigan state tax agreements and information on Michigan state tax withholdings, contact Julie Rodriguez at (269) 462-4210.

Rachel Sheeley can answer questions about 2013 tax withholdings for per capita or other 1099 reported stipends. Reach her at (269) 462-4207.

Paul Lauridsen can assist on payroll and stipend payment withholdings for employees and members of any Pokagon Boards, Councils, Commissions or Committees. Please contact him at (269)462-4211.

Providence First is the trustee for the Pokagon Band's Minors Trust. You can speak to a representative there by calling (800) 350-0208. The per capita payments for the minors are deposited in the Pokagon Minors Trust before the money is taxed. The money held for the benefit of the minor child is invested without tax consequences until the money is distributed. The money in trust is not taxed until it is taken out of trust. When you receive money from the trust or a payment is made to someone else (for example, a store or an orthodontist) on your behalf, that money is considered to be federally taxable income. The IRS knows per capita is taxable income and aggressively monitors the tax procedures,

withholdings and payments of these per capita trusts. Further, there are many tax forms required to be filed with the IRS and also issued to tribal citizens.

Form 1041: First, the Minors Trust needs to file tax returns, even if taxes are not owed. Providence Trust files a master tax return on the IRS Form 1041 for the trust each year.

Form 1099s: Also, IRS Form 1099s need to be issued each year to every tribal citizen that receives both adult and/or trust per capita distributions. This requires having accurate information maintained in the Pokagon Enrollment office or collecting Form W-9s to ensure proper matching of citizen names and particularly social security numbers with data filed on annual IRS tax forms. You may receive multiple 1099s from both the tribe and Providence First, depending on where per capita payments are coming from.

Tax Withholding: Another tax process that requires careful attention is required tax withholdings. When the distribution amounts reach certain levels, tax withholdings are required under specific IRS tables for Native American per capita payments and such withholdings must be paid to the IRS in a specific way and time. Tribal citizens currently have the option to select from several percentages of federal withholdings they would like for their adult per capita and related stipend payments. Currently the tribe does not offer any ability to withhold for state purposes, due to the wide array of citizens across the United States.

Payroll Tax Withholdings: If you receive a W-2 from the tribe and need to adjust your federal or state withholdings, then the proper W-4 needs to be completed and filed with Lori Harris in the Department of Human Resources.

Pokagons Honor Co-Editor of Cohen's Handbook

Tribal Council, Tribal Court and the Pokagon Promise committee honored Dean Nell Jessup Newton of the Notre Dame Law School at a dinner March 6 for her work in editing *Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law*, a preeminent resource used throughout Indian Country. The dinner was held at the Morris Inn on the campus of Notre Dame.

Jason S. Wesaw began the evening with an honor song for Dean Newton. The group commissioned Wesaw to create a pottery piece to be gifted to the Dean for her important legal work with Native Americans.

The group gathered after the dinner below a photo of the Notre Dame Golden Dome: left to right: Ed Williams,

general counsel of the Pokagon Band, Stephen Rambeaux, court administrator of the Pokagon Tribal Court, Matt Martin, VP of security at Four Winds Casino Resort, Judy Winchester, Chairman John Warren of the Pokagon Band, Acting Treasurer Tom Topash of the Pokagon Band, Dean Newton, Michaelina Magnuson-Martin, Andrea Topash-Rios, associate professional specialist at Notre Dame, Paul Shagen (Bay Mills), associate general counsel of the Pokagon Band and adjunct law instructor at Notre Dame, Tim Sexton, associate VP of Public Affairs at Notre Dame, and Jason S. Wesaw.



Pokagon Youth Learn from UNITY Midyear Conference

Marcus Winchester remembers when he was 16 and he attended a UNITY conference. “It made an impression on me to see that many Indian kids, all there in the same place to figure out how to improve their communities,” he recalled.

Winchester recently revisited that experience, but as an advisor for a group of Pokagon youth at the UNITY Midyear Conference in Washington, D.C. February 26 to March 2. He accompanied Collin Church and Robert and Daniel Dick to the conference. UNITY formed in 1976 to foster the development of American Indian youth and build a strong, unified, and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement.

“The topics were different, and felt relevant to their lives,” Winchester said. “There was an energy; they had a DJ playing music in between sessions. I liked the way things were communicated.”

Winchester says that among the advisors there was a strong sense of networking, and they discussed cultural exchanges between tribal youth councils. He also noticed that the majority of the advisors mentioned that they attended UNITY when they were younger.



For Collin Church, one highlight was meeting with Michigan Senator Carl Levin at his Capitol Hill office. “I asked him about college tuition, and the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, which is based on blood quantum. When eventually no one meets that blood quantum, what is the future of higher education for natives?”

The Pokagons visited with staff from the Center for Native American Youth while in DC, and toured the Resource Center at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian.

“That was my favoring part of the trip,” said Winchester. “We saw old ribbons shirts, bandolier bags, and cradle boards from the Great Lakes area. Most were Potawatomi.”

“I liked getting to know other natives, and learning about their struggles,” said Church. “We shared some of our stories, like offering community service hours, and providing more opportunities to be involved.”

UNITY is currently seeking Native American youth between the ages of 14 to 25, who have shown a commitment to serving their communities, to apply to their 25 Under 25 program.



Visit <http://unityinc.org/> to learn more.

New Website Design Unveiled

If you haven’t been to the tribal government’s website www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov in a while, you’re in for a brand new experience. The site has been undergoing a redesign lately, and we think you’ll like the results. The new design features expanded cultural and relevant citizen content, plus more opportunities to feature photos—and in the future—audio and video. The navigation is easier too: more ways to find the information you’re looking for. We’ll also be rolling out more webforms soon, to make submitting information and applying for programs or services paperless.

For Pokagon citizens, the login information is different as well. No longer will you need to create an account and wait for (and remember!) a password to be able to see the citizen-only content. All you need to do is enter your Last Name, your Date of Birth and your tribal ID number in the fields provided, and for the next 24 hours you can see minutes and webcasts of Tribal Council meetings. Then once that 24 hours is up, you simply can resubmit that same information to view those protected pages.

We look forward to your feedback!



WANT TO FIND OUT IF YOU COULD MAKE IT THROUGH ONE DAY OF TRADITIONAL TRAVELING?

DISCOVER THE ANSWER
MAY 17–18, 2014

The Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture youth programs is partnering with our Department of Natural Resources, the Tribal Police and the State of Michigan to offer a Traditional Travel down an eight-mile section of the Manistee River.

This event is open to all Native youth between the ages of 12–24.

We will honor the water, learn the importance and significance of water travel, feast mother earth for the things she provides, camp overnight in a rustic area, and fish in a traditional way.

The participants will learn survival skills and traditional teachings.

Participants will be required to follow all safety guidelines, rules, and regulations.

RSVP by contacting Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or by calling the department of language and culture at (269) 462-4325

This event will be limited to the first 15 participants.



Manistee River Sunrise by A Kamphui

Even 7 to 10 Percent Weight Loss Can Prevent Problems Caused by Obesity

By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Obesity, having excessive amounts of body fat, is not just a cosmetic concern. It puts you at risk for heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure. Providers will often use a formula of height and weight to give them a body mass index (BMI) scale to determine if you're obese:

BMI	Weight status
Below 18.5	Underweight
18.5 — 24.9	Normal
25.0 — 29.9	Overweight
30.0 and higher	Obese
40.0 and higher	Extreme obesity

BMI is not a measure of the percent of body fat you have. It is a general tool, and your provider will be able to tell if you are obese and at greater risk for having health problems due to your weight. The good news is that even a seven to ten percent weight loss can improve or prevent the health problems associated with obesity.

Although there are genetic and hormonal influences on body weight, obesity occurs when you take in more calories than you burn through exercise and normal daily activities. Your body stores these excess calories as fat. Obesity usually results from a combination of causes and contributing factors, including:

- **Inactivity.** If you're not very active, you don't burn as many calories. With a sedentary lifestyle, you can easily eat more calories every day than you use through exercise and normal daily activities.
- **Unhealthy diet and eating habits.** Having a diet that's high in calories, eating fast food, skipping breakfast, eating most of your calories at night, drinking high-calorie beverages and eating oversized portions all contribute to weight gain.
- **Lack of sleep.** Getting less than seven hours of sleep a night can cause changes in hormones that increase your appetite. You may also crave foods high in calories and carbohydrates, which can contribute to weight gain.
- **Certain medications.** Some medications can lead to weight gain if you don't compensate through diet or activity. These medications include

some antidepressants, anti-seizure medications, diabetes medications, antipsychotic medications, steroids and beta blockers.

- **Medical problems.** Obesity can sometimes be traced to a medical cause, such as Prader-Willi syndrome, Cushing's syndrome, polycystic ovary syndrome, and other diseases and conditions. Some medical problems, such as arthritis, can lead to decreased activity, which may result in weight gain. A low metabolism is unlikely to cause obesity, as is having low thyroid function.
- **Genetics.** Your genes may affect the amount of body fat you store and where that fat is distributed. Genetics may also play a role in how efficiently your body converts food into energy and how your body burns calories during exercise. Even when someone has a genetic predisposition, environmental factors ultimately make you gain more weight.
- **Family lifestyle.** Obesity tends to run in families. That's not just because of genetics. Family members tend to have similar eating, lifestyle and activity habits. If one or both of your parents are obese, your risk of being obese is increased.
- **Quitting smoking.** Quitting smoking is often associated with weight gain. And for some, it can lead to a weight gain of as much as several pounds a week for several months, which can result in obesity. In the long run, however, quitting smoking is still a greater benefit to your health than continuing to smoke.
- **Certain medications.** Some medications can lead to weight gain if you don't compensate through diet or activity. These medications include some antidepressants, anti-seizure medications, diabetes medications, antipsychotic medications, steroids and beta blockers.
- **Age.** Obesity can occur at any age, even in young children. But as you age, hormonal changes and a less active lifestyle increase your risk of obesity. In addition, the amount of muscle in your body tends to decrease with age. This lower muscle mass leads to a decrease in metabolism. These changes also reduce calorie needs and can make it harder to keep off excess weight. If you don't control what you eat as you age, you'll likely gain weight.



- **Social and economic issues.** Certain social and economic issues may be linked to obesity. You may not have safe areas to exercise; you may not have been taught healthy ways of cooking, and purchasing healthier foods. In addition, the people you spend time with may influence your weight — you're more likely to become obese if you have obese friends or relatives.

Being obese increases your chances of developing certain complications, such as high cholesterol and triglycerides, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease or stroke. But even if you have one or more of these risk factors, it doesn't mean that you're destined to become obese. You can counteract most risk factors through diet, physical activity and exercise, and behavior changes:

- Start making healthy changes in your diet, such as eating more fruits, vegetables and whole grains and reducing portion sizes. Eat a healthy, nutritious breakfast daily.
- Track how much you're eating or drinking each day so that you get a sense of how many calories you're taking in. It's easy to underestimate how many calories you actually take in every day.
- Begin increasing your activity level. Try to get up and move around your home more frequently. Start gradually if you aren't in good shape or aren't used to exercising. Even a ten minute daily walk can help. If you have any health conditions, or if you're over 40, talk to your doctor before you start a new exercise program.

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 citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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Project LAUNCH Offers Parenting Tips

By JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator



The Positive Parenting Program, or Triple P, is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs, backed up by more than thirty years of ongoing research. Triple P gives parents simple and practical strategies to help them confidently manage their children's behavior, prevent problems developing and build strong, healthy relationships. Triple P is currently used in 25 countries and has been shown to work across cultures, socio-economic groups and in all kinds of family structures.

Triple P is distinctive in that it is not a one-size-fits-all course. Rather, it is a system that offers increasing levels of support to meet parents' different needs. Parents can choose anything from one-off public seminars or self-help books and DVDs to more intensive group courses or individual counselling sessions.

Triple P has also been designed as a population-based health approach to parenting typically implemented by government bodies or NGOs (non-government organizations) across regions or countries with the aim of reaching as many people as possible. It is often delivered through health, families or education departments. Practitioners come from a range of professions and include doctors, nurses, psychologists, counsellors, teachers, teacher's aides, police officers, clergy, social workers and health support workers. The concept, once again, is to provide easy access, support and choice for parents. Here are some parenting tips from Triple P:

1. When your child wants to show you something, stop what you are doing and pay attention to your child. It is important to spend frequent, small amounts of time with your child doing things that you both enjoy.
2. Give your child lots of physical affection – children often like hugs, cuddles, and holding hands.

3. Talk to your child about things s/he is interested in and share aspects of your day with your child.
4. Give your child lots of descriptive praise when s/he does something that you would like to see more of: "Thank you for doing what I asked right away."
5. Children are more likely to misbehave when they are bored, so provide lots of engaging indoor and outdoor activities for your child: playdough, coloring, cardboard boxes, dress up, cubby houses, etc.
6. Teach your child new skills by first showing the skill yourself, then giving your child opportunities to learn the new skill. For example, speak politely to each other in the home. Then, prompt your child to speak politely (say "please" or "thank you"), and praise your child for his/her efforts.
7. Set clear limits on your child's behaviour. Sit down and have a family discussion on the rules in the home. Let your child know what the consequences will be if s/he breaks the rules.
8. If your child misbehaves, stay calm and give him/her a clear instruction to stop misbehaving and tell what you would like done instead ("Stop fighting; play nicely with each other." Praise your child if s/he stops. If s/he does not stop, follow through with an appropriate consequence.
9. Have realistic expectations. All children misbehave at times and it is inevitable that you will have some discipline hassles. Trying to be the perfect parent can set you up for frustration and disappointment.
10. Look after yourself. It is difficult to be a calm, relaxed parent if you are stressed, anxious, or depressed. Try to find time every week to let yourself unwind or do something that you enjoy.

For more information on Triple P, Positive Parenting Program, please call: JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator, (269) 462-4450.



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The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language and Culture invites you to

Experience Drummond Island this Summer

July 9 – 13, 2014

Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering

Immerse yourself in the rich diversity of traditional arts, crafts, and natural wonders of the Great Lakes region...

Spend four days working directly with the region's most noted traditional artists, craftspeople, historians and naturalists in small group settings—with dozens of workshops for both adults and children. Forge your own bark awl, help build a fully functional spruce bark canoe, etch a birch bark basket with an Odawa artist, work with a master falconer, explore the waters around Drummond island in a replica 1870s wooden ship, and take home an assortment of beautiful and functional traditional crafts and new skills. Evenings feature acoustic music, stargazing and traditional storytelling by campfire.

Eligibility for travel, which includes, transportation, lodging, meals, registration fee, and cost covered for up to five classes.

Eligibility includes attending 10 language classes between April 2014 and June 2014, if you live in the service area. Classes are held in Dowagiac, South Bend, Hartford, and Hopkins.

Youth must attend Youth Council meetings in person or through Skype through June and receive their community service hours set by the youth cultural coordinator.

You must also attend at least five community events sponsored by the Department of Language and Culture before the end of June 2014.

Events must be documented, endorsed, and verified by the department staff to be eligible.

Questions? Please contact the Department of Language and Culture (269) 462-4325.

Eligible Language & Culture events: 14 weeks of language (held in Hopkins, Dowagiac, Hartford & South Bend), 14 weeks of drum class (held in Dowagiac, Hartford, and coming to Hopkins), 3 Youth Council meetings, April 12 (1–4pm) Easter Party at Hartford High School, April 12 (4 pm) 3-on-3 Basketball tournament at Hartford High School, April 28 (5pm) Pow Wow Club at Community Center, May 8 (5:30–7:30pm) Olympic Training at Community Center, May 10 (9:30 am –?) Fishing Tournament at Gage Street, May 26 (8 am) Veterans Parade in downtown Dowagiac by Harding's, May 31 (10 am) Lacrosse Tournament at Rogers lake, June 1 Mini Olympics time & location TBA, June 17–20 Culture Camp (2nd grade–5th), June 23–27 Culture Camp (6th grade –12th)

Department of Information Technology

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



Celebrate Earth Day

Saturday, April 26
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pokagon Band Administration Building
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI

Recycle your old electronics.

Join the Pokagon Band to promote environmental responsibility and properly dispose of all unwanted computer-related equipment and electronics.

Hamburgers, hotdogs and cold drinks will be served.

Items Accepted

- Computers
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Printers/Scanners
- TVs
- VCRs
- DVD Players
- MP3 Players
- Gaming Systems
- Cell Phones
- Video Equipment
- Keyboards
- Mice
- Pagers
- Cameras

Items NOT Accepted

- Appliances
- Typewriters
- Auto Stereo Systems
- Non-Cellular phones
- Salon Equipment

For more information, please contact the Information Technology Dept at (269) 462-4269.

2014 Young Native Writers Essay Contest Underway

The contest is designed to encourage young Native American writers to explore their heritage. It is open to Native American high school students from all native communities.

For 2014, students are being asked to write about one or more of the cultural images, symbols or art forms that have been historically developed by their community (American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian) to communicate a particular message or value or serve a specific purpose. Essays are to be 1,200 words or less and should cover the following:

- Describe the image(s), symbol(s) or art forms selected;
- Explain how it was originally developed or used by the community;
- Reflect on the student's own experience about it, including thoughts and feelings; and
- Suggest why or how it is still relevant today.

This contest is co-sponsored by the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). Contest winners will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a week of activities. The essay submission deadline is April 22.

Those students who are interested in participating can visit the Holland & Knight Young Native Writers Essay Contest website, www.nativewriters.hklaw.com, for official contest rules and to view past winning essays. All essays must be submitted electronically by the entry deadline, April 22, 2014, through the contest website. Up to five contest winners will be announced in mid-May.

During the week of July 20, 2014, the contest winners will receive an all-expenses-paid "Scholar Week" trip to Washington, D.C. The group's activities will include an honor ceremony at NMAI; a tour of the NMAI Cultural Resources Center where tribal objects can be viewed and studied; educational symposia for students and their teachers; and a tour of the U.S. Capitol. Winners will also receive a \$2,500 scholarship to be paid to the college or university of their choice.

The contest debuted in 2006 in Red Lake, Minnesota, in response to the March 2005 shooting by a Red Lake High School student of five fellow students, a teacher, a security guard, members of his family and then himself. Holland & Knight's Charitable Foundation developed this contest with the hope that the Red Lake community would find healing by promoting its rich culture and traditions. In the following years, the program has evolved to serve all Native American communities.



HARTFORD HOUSING FORUM

Saturday, April 26
10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
Hartford High School cafeteria
121 School Street Hartford, MI 49057

Interested in living in a tribal village in Hartford, Michigan? The Housing Department is looking for your ideas about future tribal developments there. Add your thoughts to the discussion about what type of Pokagon community in Hartford you and your family would like to see.

Lunch will be served.

While you are attending, don't forget to sign up for a chance to win* an iPad or a gift card to the Four Winds Casino.

*Must be 18 years or older and present to win.



Pokagon Health Department
Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

Keep our water safe. Put unwanted medications in their place.

Don't throw your old drugs down the drain or in the toilet. Pokagon Band Pharmacy is now a disposal location for unused drugs through the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program. Operated by Great Lakes Clean Water Organization, this program collects and properly disposes of unwanted/unused drugs in a safe and approved manner to help keep water clean and untainted by chemicals.

Bring your unwanted/unused medications to the Pokagon Band Pharmacy at 57392 M-51 South, Dowagiac, MI 49047 anytime Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Yellow Jug Old Drugs containers and contents are picked up at pharmacies and are then transported to a Waste-to-Energy facility for secure and assured destruction.

Language and Culture Sponsorships Offered

The Department of Language and Culture believes in the importance of allowing Pokagon citizens the opportunity to experience Native American celebrations across the country while also representing the beautiful culture of the Pokagon Potawatomi. L&C is delighted to offer sponsorships for tribal citizens to attend pow wows, demonstrations, and other cultural events. To apply for a sponsorship, please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/language-and-culture or call the office at (269) 462-4325 for applications.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/language-and-culture

"Healing the Scars" Mt. Pleasant Boarding School Trip Planned



The Veterans and Youth Councils will be participating in the annual boarding school remembrance ceremony in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

This ceremony honors those who were victims of the boarding school and remembers the many children who died while attending the school.

The "Honoring, Healing & Remembering" ceremony happens the same day every year to commemorate the last operational day of the boarding school: June 6, 1934.

If you would like to partake in this healing ceremony please contact one of our veterans or the department of language and culture at: (269) 462-4325

Parade Participants Wanted

If you can sing, dance, drum, rattle, or wave we would like to invite you to participate in one or both of these amazing opportunities.

During the month of May, the Pokagon Band has been invited to partake in two of the areas premier parades:

Blossomtime Parade May 3

The Blossomtime Parade is the oldest and largest multi-community parade in Michigan and travels from Saint Joseph to Benton Harbor on May 3.

Honoring our Veterans Parade May 26

The city of Dowagiac 'Honoring our Veterans' Parade begins on the main street of Dowagiac and ends with a special ceremony at the Riverside Cemetery on May 26.

Language and Culture Seeking Adults to Share Skills with Youth

Do you have skills and energy to share with Pokagon youth? The Department of Language and Culture is compiling a pool of background-screened adults who could be on call to volunteer with our youth programming. If you hunt, fish, garden or gather; if you can teach art, drumming or another cultural talent; if you can coach lacrosse, basketball, or baseball, our kids and our tribe needs you. Some opportunities will be paid, others are volunteer. Contact the Language & Culture department (269) 462-4325 for more information.

2014 North American Indigenous Games



The 2014 North American Indigenous Games is July 20-27 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Native athletes ages 13-19 can compete in 15 different sports. If you'd like more info, visit www.regina2014naig.com or contact Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator at (269) 462-4290.



www.regina2014naig.com



Are you looking for a way to help others?

Auxiliary Tutors Wanted for the PreK-12 Program

The Pokagon Band Department of Education is looking for qualified tutors to work with Pokagon students (pre-kindergarten - 12th Grade) both in and out of the ten-county service area.

Qualified candidates will have a current teaching certificate or a Bachelor's degree with an academic area of focus. Tutors are hired as private contractors. A completed background investigation through the Department of Human Resources is required.

If you or someone you know may be interested in tutoring, applications are available on the web at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Please contact the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or by email at Kristie.Bussler@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Pokagon Band tribal preference hiring policy applies.



ELDERS: LET'S GET IN THE GARDEN!

Youth Council is sponsoring a gardening initiative. They will be helping ten Elders who would like to grow a garden but need a hand tilling the land and planting the seeds. Youth will also help keep it weeded.

For those that live in urban areas, or do not have tillable property, we will help you start a bucket garden for your porch.

If you are 55 or older and are interested, or know of someone who might be, please fill out the form below and send it by April 26 to Dean Orvis, 58620 Edwards St., Dowagiac, MI 49047. Or you can e-mail it to Dean.Orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Questions? Please call (269) 462-4325.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Tribal ID #: _____ Are you 55 or older? Y N

Would you like a Bucket Garden or do you have property that can be tilled? _____

Workshops Give Citizens Financial Wellness Understanding

Chi Ishobak understands the traditional Pokagon values of proper planning and resource management. We also understand the emotion felt when facing financial adversity. In order to be in control of our personal finances, we need to learn to properly plan and allocate those finances so that we don't waste our most precious resource, our income. Identifying our financial behaviors is a critical step in this process. Chi Ishobak is committed to providing information, resources, and the necessary support to Pokagon citizens to help break the cycle of financial adversity. This includes cultural relevance, savings, cash flow planning, debt management, the value of credit, and the emotional side of money.

Chi Ishobak's next Financial Wellness Workshop will be held at the Community Center in Dowagiac on April 5 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There is no registration fee, but advance registration is required for planning. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

If you are unable to attend, Chi Ishobak will conduct additional workshops at regular dates and times throughout the season. Chi Ishobak also provides individual financial coaching for tribal citizens that might not be able to make scheduled workshops or do not feel comfortable in the workshop environment.

To register for the April 5 workshop or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chi Ishobak at your convenience.

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Pokagon Business Owner Information Needed for Citizen Business Directory

Chi Ishobak is still working to update the 2012 Citizen Business Directory. Please contact Chi Ishobak if you:

1. Would like to update our business information.
2. Would like to list your business if not currently listed.
3. Know of a tribal business that may be interested in being listed.

Regardless of industry or market, if you would like your Pokagon owned business to be listed in the Citizen Business Directory, please submit the following information:

- Business name
- Pokagon owner's name
- Business address
- Business phone number
- Business email
- Business Website
- Business description

Please send all information to:

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FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 5, 2014
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Chi Ishobak and the Pokagon Band Department of Housing have collaborated to introduce a new financial education program for Pokagon Band citizens. More than just information, this program is designed to identify financial behaviors and the cultural relevance associated with them. This workshop will cover five key areas that address the basic aspects of personal financial management and provide participants with the tools and processes to take control of their financial health. These areas include: savings, communication, budgeting, debt, and purchase behaviors.

- Lunch will be provided
- There is no registration fee
- Please call to confirm attendance

For more information, please contact Chi Ishobak, Sean Winters at (269) 783-4157 or at sean.winters@chiishobak.org



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

Train Together for the Family Olympics

What: Michigan Indian Family Olympics, something for all ages. All Michigan Tribes participate

When: leading up to Summer 2014



Participate in three of the training events offered and receive a gift incentive. Involvement in one school sport can substitute for one of the three trainings.

These events are open to Native Americans and their families, and Pokagon Band staff and their families.

Training Schedule:

January 2014

- ★ January 4 | Community Center | 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m.
- ★ January 25 | Hartford High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- ★ January 26 | Camp Beech Point 3212 125th Ave Allegan MI | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

March 2014

- ★ March 7 | Community Center | 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.
- ★ March 26 | Hopkins High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- ★ March 29 | Hartford High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

April 2014

- ★ April 12 | Hartford High School | 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

May 2014

- ★ May 8 | Community Center | 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.



★ new or rescheduled date

Dreamcatchers, a Native Youth Summer Enrichment Program, Starts July 7

The Dreamcatchers Program is a unique opportunity for students to enhance their educational experience through our own tribal history. Focusing on culture will enrich tribal identity and promote awareness to others in the surrounding community. This opportunity is open to any Pokagon Band student registered in K-12th grades, as well as children of Pokagon Band employees who would like to learn more about the history of the Three Fires.

The course is based on Tribal Sovereignty curriculum being developed by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. Supplemental curriculum created by Chi Ishobak, the Four Winds Casino Resort, and local higher education organizations that involve principles of experiential learning which allow students to explore career fields in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The foundation of the curriculum includes four main topics, which are Reclaiming Our Identity, Rethinking History, Self-Determination, and Moving Forward.

Details of the program:

Mondays–Thursdays, July 7–August 1

At the Pokagon Band Head Start Building, Rodgers Lake Property, Dowagiac
9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dreamcatchers I: K–1st Grade Tuesday & Thursday

Dreamcatchers II: 2nd–4th Grade Tuesday & Thursday

Dreamcatchers III: 5th–7th Grade Tuesday & Thursday

Dreamcatchers IV: 8th–12th Grade Monday, Wednesday, Friday

The Dreamcatchers application packet and a copy of the students' current shot and immunization records must be in the Department of Education Office by Monday, May 15. These forms can be returned by mail, dropped off, or faxed to (269)782-0985 at the Department of Education.

Transportation and classroom space is limited. Transportation will only be provided on Tuesday and Thursday (Dreamcatchers I–III) Students will be placed in the order that their applications are received. When spaces are full, children will be placed on a waiting list.

Applications received after May 15 will only be considered if class space is available and transportation may or may not be available. If you do not hear from the Department of Education by May 15 that we have received your application, please contact us.

The Department of Education looks forward to sharing a successful summer enrichment program with your family.

Head Start Celebrates Reading Month and Dr. Seuss

March was reading month, so the Pokagon Head Start students focused on literacy throughout the month. On March 4 the children enjoyed green eggs and ham for their breakfast in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. During that day they read his stories and created some fun projects. The students will be focusing on letters of the alphabet throughout the remainder of the year.

Regalia Needed

The program is looking for donated regalia. If you have regalia or shawls that your child has outgrown or you do not use anymore, the Head Start children would be honored to have these items in their classrooms. If you have any items that you are willing to donate please contact Samantha Townsend at the Center or by e-mail at samatha.townsend@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Thanks to Ruth Saldivar for the donations that you have given to our school.

Happy birthdays to Mrs. Hope April 1, Colin Dayson April 5, Noah Szczechowski April 23, and Mrs. Tracy April 24.

Calendar of Events

March 31–April 6: Spring Break

April 7: School resumes, book order money due

April 24: Family Fun Night 6–8 p.m.

May 15: Last day of school

June 2: application deadline for school year 2014–2015



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Senior Youth Council

Easter Party



Saturday
April 12, 2014
1:00-4:00 pm

Hartford High School
121 School Street
Hartford, MI, 49057

RSVP: pokagon-band-easter-party.eventbrite.com

3-on-3 basketball tournament to follow the party. For more information, email collin.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Department of Language & Culture
Sacredness



What is it? What does it mean to be sacred, to have sacred items, to be a part of something sacred?

The Department of Language & Culture wants to help define this for our community with an essay contest. The age categories are 18 and under, and 19 and older. A gift card will be awarded, through a drawing, for each category.

Submissions are due May 1. Each essay should be under 500 words.

Submissions may be published in the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*.

Please submit essays through email to:
Nicole.Holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov
or mail to:
Department of Language & Culture
58620 Sink Road Dowagiac, MI 49047

For more information call Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325.

Upcoming Department of Social Services Events

The Department of Social Services is sponsoring several events for the community. Please see details below. Please RSVP to Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324, as spaces may be limited.

Daisy Chain Bracelet Workshop | April 16, | 10:00 am–12:00 pm)

Linda Yazel will teach a small group to make daisy chain bracelets. This program is for women only. Space for this program is extremely limited. Please contact Casey Kasper to RSVP or for more details.

**Love Should Not Hurt 5K/1 Mile Fun Run/Walk
April 26 10:00 am | Rodgers Lake**

The Department of Social Services is hosting a 5K/1 Mile Fun Run/Walk for community members. This event is open to participants of all ages and athletic abilities. Registration is available on the Pokagon Band website. Please register by April 18 in order to receive a tee shirt. If you do not register by then you are not guaranteed a shirt.

Applique Class | April 27 1:00 pm–5:00 pm | Community Center

This class teaches women in the community to make traditional appliques for dance shawls and skirts. Please bring sewing supplies and a dish to pass, if you are able to do so. Contact Casey Kasper for more details.

Purple Shawl Workshop | May 18 1:00 pm–5:00 pm | Community Center

The Department of Social Services is hosting one last Purple Shawl workshop before the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow. Please bring a friend and a dish to pass. You do not need to be a domestic violence survivor to attend. Contact Casey Kasper for more details

The Band's Gage Street Property will be closed during the Family Fishing Tournament Saturday, May 10 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Join Pokagon Health Services, Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Education and Language & Culture

Family Fishing Tournament

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. at Gage St. Lake

Fish Tales

-  Registration is required. Onsite registration is available.
-  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 canoes (reserve one by pre-registering).
-  You may use your own boat but the gas tank must be removed. Please note, the launch is very rustic. Limit to 14-foot boats.
-  Fishing poles and bait available.
-  RSVP online at Family-Fishing-Tournament.eventbrite.com
-  Check out the Bass Masters truck and boat

For more information, contact Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator, at Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or call Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325

Prizes • Fun Family Event • Food
Grand Prize Charter Fishing Trip for 4 on Lake Michigan



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Ne'me gizhek SUNDAY	Ngot gizhek MONDAY	Nizh gizhek TUESDAY	Apta gizhek WEDNESDAY
		<p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs ¹</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C Dowagiac Language Class (11)</p> <p>L&C Class Early Start Language (11)</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>L&C South Bend Drumming</p>
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Events April 2014

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
<p>Mens & Boys</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Financial Wellness Workshop</p> <p>5</p>
<p>Language Class (1)</p> <p>Mens & Boys Drumming</p> <p>Youth Language Class</p> <p>9</p>	<p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (11)</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Tribal Council Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting</p> <p>Senior Youth Council Easter Party</p> <p>Train Together for the Michigan Indian Family Olympics</p> <p>12</p>
<p>Language Class (2)</p> <p>Youth Language Class</p> <p>Arts & Crafts Workshop</p> <p>16</p>	<p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (12)</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>Presentation</p> <p>Language Class (3)</p> <p>Youth Language Class</p> <p>23</p>	<p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (1)</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>25</p>	<p>EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance</p> <p>Love Should Not Hurt 5K/1 Mile Fun Run/Walk</p> <p>26</p>
<p>Language Class (4)</p> <p>Youth Language Class</p> <p>30</p>	<p>GED Morning & Afternoon Labs</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class (2)</p> <p>May 1</p>	<p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>May 2</p>	<p>May 3</p>

Required Documentation for Contract Health Services Coverage

Patients need to provide the following documentation to be considered for Contract Health Services:

1. Tribal ID or letter of enrollment
2. Drivers license or state ID
 - If you do not have a driver's license or state ID with your current address listed, a proof of address is required (i.e. recent utility bill with your name and address, voter registration card, etc. It cannot be tribal or personal mail.)
3. Current health insurance cards
 - If you are currently uninsured, you will have 30 days to apply for Medicaid. Our Medicaid application specialists can assist you.

For our Medicaid Application Specialist to assist you with your application, you will need to bring the following documentation:

1. Proof of identity and family relationships for all household residents (tribal ID, drivers license or state ID)
2. Social security card/number for everyone applying for benefits within household
3. Proof of income for all household residents (paycheck stubs, per capita, unemployment, social security, disability or pension award letter, self-employment records of income.)
4. Proof of resources for all household residents (checking and/or savings account statements)

Please call (800) 440-1234 with any questions.



One Story (Ngot Yajmowen) The Round House by Louise Erdrich Events/Activities 2014

onestoryread.com

SMC **Read 100 Class** Spring Semester Gail Shirey

SMC **Special Topics in History Class** Native American History Spring Semester Dr. Jeff Dennis

SMC and POKAGON BAND **Potawatomi Living Arts** Hosted by Southwestern Michigan College
Dream Catchers Craft Class

January 29 | 1:00-2:00 pm | SMC Student Activity Center with Jefferson Ballew
Join a Pokagon Band artist in making a dream catcher.

Cultural Awareness: Pow Wow History and Etiquette Presentation

January 29 | 2:30-3:30 pm | Dale A. Lyons Theatre SMC

Jefferson Ballew from Pokagon Band will explain history, significance and etiquette of pow wows and their regalia, song, dance and storytelling.

DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM **Potawatomi Cultural Teachings and Traditional Medicines**
February 8 | 1:00 pm with Andy Jackson

DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM AND DOWAGIAC DISTRICT LIBRARY **Book Talk: The Round House**

April 16 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Dowagiac Area History Museum

All members of our local community are invited to share their opinions and experiences of Louise Erdrich's novel The Round House. This event will feature a group discussion and light refreshments.

DOGWOOD FINE ARTS GALLERY **Potawatomi Art Exhibit and Sale Open House**

Thursday, April 24 | 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. | Huntington Bank Building, 207 Commercial Street, Dowagiac

Life is Art exhibit opening and artists reception, featuring the works of Potawatomi artists. Pottery, clothing, baskets and other objects have evolved out of functional and ceremonial necessity over generations. Experience materials provided by Mother Earth interwoven with contemporary materials expressed in a uniquely native way. Exhibit continues through May 22.

POKAGON BAND **Sugar Bush**

Date and time to be determined by the weather

POKAGON BAND **Discussion of Native Jurisdiction and Other Legal Issues**

May 8 | 5:30-7:00 pm | Pokagon Band Community Center with Annette Nickel

The presentation will provide an overview of the complex topic of criminal jurisdiction within Indian country, as discussed in the book *The Round House*.

SMC **Library Book Talks for Spring Semester** with Katharine Landstrom

POKAGON BAND **Memorial Day Pow Wow** Memorial Day weekend 2014

DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM **Michigan State University Native Quilting** TBD

DOGWOOD FINE ARTS COMMITTEE **Culinary Anthropologists from Red Mesa** See dogwoodfinearts.com for details.

POKAGON BAND **Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow** Labor Day Weekend 2014



3-on-3 Family Basketball Tourney

April 12 2014 Hartford High School
4:00 PM tip off 115 School St. Hartford, MI

This event is open to the whole family. Pre-register for the double elimination bracket by March 15 and receive a free t-shirt. Late registration entries all play single elimination. Registration is free for Native participants. Non-native teams are welcome with a \$20 registration. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each division.



Mens + Womens divisions

15 and under

16-20

21-34

35 and over

To register: pokagon-band-3-on-3.eventbrite.com

Questions? Contact Dean Orvis (269) 462-4290
or email dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning Neshnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.



Chi Ishobak (pronounced Chee Ish-o-bock), means "Big Cabbage" and is the Pokagon Band's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Chi Ishobak provides Pokagon citizens with access to affordable capital for the purposes of business start-up or expansion and individual financial development through education-based lending services.

• COMMERCIAL LOANS

• CONSUMER LOANS

• INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

• FINANCIAL EDUCATION

For questions and additional information regarding Chi Ishobak, please contact:
Sean Winters - Executive Director
(269) 783-4157
sean.winters@chiishobak.org
www.chiishobak.org

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Rights Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill one vacant Alternate Member position on the Pokagon Rights Board (the "Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created through enactment of the Pokagon Rights Board Code (the "Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching and investigating aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; (b) compiling and cataloging information and documents related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; and (c) making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites. The Board is comprised of five (5) persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four (4) Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two (2) Alternate Members who are also expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). One of the two Alternate Member positions is currently vacant. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as may be needed to fulfill Board duties. Alternate Members are also expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Pokagon Rights Board Code is available on the Pokagon Band's website.

COMPENSATION. Alternate Members are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as an Alternate Member must be a Pokagon Band Citizen who: (a) is at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and (b) possesses expertise, knowledge, skills, and professional and personal experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Board.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by from the Band's website.

CONFIDENTIALITY. All Board members, including Alternate Members, are prohibited from disclosing confidential information, which will include information related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites.

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Land Use Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill one (1) vacant Alternate Member position on the Pokagon Band Land Use Board ("Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created by the enactment of the Pokagon Band Land Use and Conservation Code ("Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching, preparing and making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the classification, reclassification, transfer and acquisition of Pokagon Band land; and (b) researching and developing a Long Term Land Acquisition and Development Plan to guide future growth and to establish goals and priorities for the use of Pokagon Band land. The Board is comprised of five (5) persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four (4) Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two (2) Alternate Members who will be expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). One of the two Alternate Member positions is vacant. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as needed to fulfill Board duties. Alternate Members are also expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Land Use and Conservation Code is available on the Band's website.

COMPENSATION. Alternate Members are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. Any person who wishes to seek appointment to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizens; (b) be at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and (c) possess expertise, knowledge, skills, and professional and personal experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Board.

HOW TO APPLY. Please submit letters of interest along with a current résumé to:

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. The Tribal Council will appoint a person to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment as an Alternate Member must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council.

TERM. The term of office for an Alternate Member of the Board is three (3) years; however, because this appointment is to fill a vacancy, the appointment will be for the remainder of the existing term of office, which will expire on May 21, 2015. There is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member may serve on the Board.

DEADLINE. This position shall remain open until filled by appointment by the Tribal Council.

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Pokagon Rights Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy on the Board, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Pokagon Rights Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Board, the Land Use and Conservation Code, or this Notice may be directed to Steve Winchester, Council Member and Land Use Board Chairman at (269) 591-0119 or Steve.Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by from the Band's website.

HOW TO APPLY. Please submit letters of interest along with a current résumé to: Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. The Tribal Council will appoint a person to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment as an Alternate Member must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council.

TERM. The original term of office for an Alternate Member of the Board is three (3) years; however, because this appointment is to fill a vacancy, the appointment will be for the remainder of the existing term, which will expire on November 9, 2016. There is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member may serve on the Board.

DEADLINE. This position shall remain open until filled by appointment by the Tribal Council. Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Land Use Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy on the Board, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Land Use Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice. **QUESTIONS.** All questions concerning the Board, the Land Use and Conservation Code, or this Notice may be directed to Steve Winchester, Council Member and Land Use Board Chairman at (269) 591-0119 or Steve.Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Honoring Our Mothers

The Pokagon Band Domestic Violence Team would like your help creating a video featuring Pokagon mothers and mothers of Pokagon citizens. Please submit some of your favorite pictures of your mom. We do not have any specific criteria for photo submissions and invite you to be creative. Please note that your mother does not have to be a domestic violence victim or survivor to be included; this video is intended to highlight the beauty of mothers in the Pokagon community. Written messages can be submitted, but are not guaranteed to be added to the video. If you would like to participate, please contact Katy Morseau-Rader at Katy.Morseau@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269) 782-8998 for the photo release form needed to participate. The deadline for photo submission and release form is May 1.

Cultural and Activity Presenters Wanted

The Domestic Violence Program is looking for cultural and activity presenters to run monthly presentations. You do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to get involved, however we do ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper, victim services manager/case worker at (269) 462-4324 or via e-mail at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Apprentice Program Contact Changed

Carpenters apprentices and those interested in the apprenticeship program: Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, is the new contact for the apprenticeship program. You can reach her at traci.henslee@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4227.

All Pokagon Veterans Invited

Come and join us! We have now scheduled two meetings a month:

First Thursday of each month, 2:00 p.m., Community Center, Dowagiac
Second Saturday of each month (after Council meetings), at 2:00 p.m., Community Center, Dowagiac

Look for updates on our Pokagon website, via e-mails or our own Facebook page: The Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans.

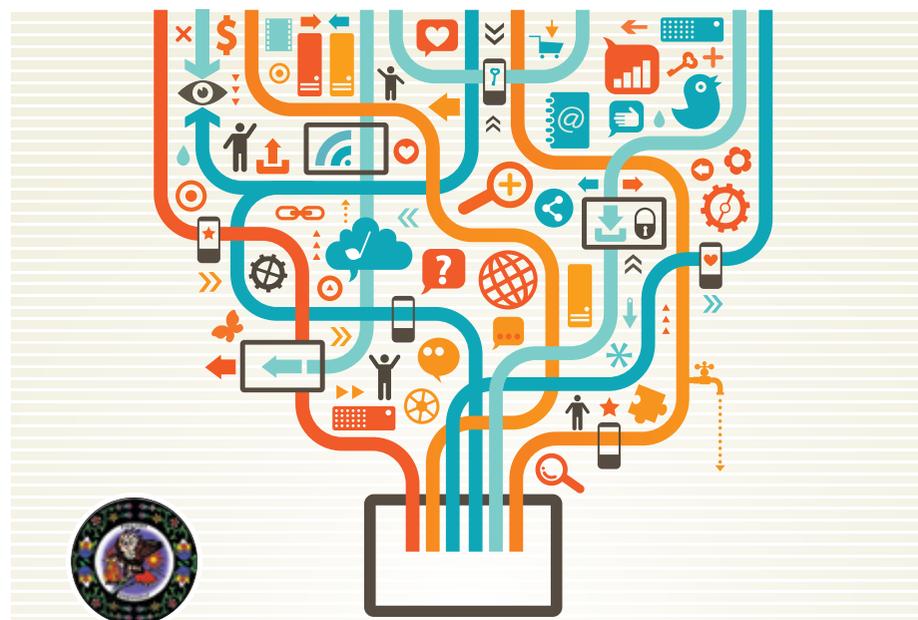
Hope to see you there!!

Riddle

**Pronounced as one letter,
And written with three,
Two letters there are,
And two only in me.
I'm double, I'm single,
I'm black, blue, and gray,
I'm read from both ends,
And the same either way.
What am I?**

Mail in your correct answer or e-mail it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. WAIT... another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle and if your riddle is selected for the next newsletter, you will win a gift card.

Last month's riddle winner is **Esther Parker**, who answered "What's bigger than you, but doesn't weigh anything?" The answer is: your shadow.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education

Computer Classes

Saturday, April 12, 2014 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Microsoft Excel	Saturday, June 14, 2014 10:00 am – 2:00 pm MS PowerPoint/Publisher	Saturday, August 9, 2014 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Review
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Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Chad Dee in the Education Computer Learning Lab.

Please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday (April 9 for MS Excel, June 11 for MS PowerPoint/Publisher and August 6 for Review classes) by calling (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220 to receive a gas card and arrange any needed child care for ages 2-14.

This project is made possible by a grant from



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education

Career Workshop

Saturday, January 11 10:00 am – 2:00pm	Saturday, March 8 10:00 am – 2:00pm	Saturday, May 10 10:00 am – 2:00pm
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Online Job Search, Resume Submittal & Using Social Networking

Dealing with Barriers to Employment

Interview Skills

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (Jan 8, Mar 5 and May 7) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

This project is made possible by a grant from



Notice of Open Position | Health Board

The Pokagon Band is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Health Board. The Tribal Council will fill one seat on the Health Board that is vacant.

POSITION DESCRIPTION. As provided in Section 2 of the Health Board Ordinance, the Health Board is organized for the purpose of:

- A. Assisting the Pokagon Band Health Services Department in the preparation of a comprehensive health plan for the community. The Health Board works jointly with the Director of Health Services to assess the health needs of the Pokagon Band community and to prioritize services to assure that those needs are being met;
- B. Assisting with the development and review of fair, ethical and proper policies for the delivery of health services to eligible clients;
- C. Deciding which medical procedures will be covered by limited funding and establishing medical and dental priorities within those procedures;
- D. Implementing when necessary, a Contract Health Committee under Indian Health Services guidelines to oversee the quality and quantity of care delivered through Community Health Service funds;
- E. Serving as an appeals board for health services delivery issues in accordance with the requirements of the Health Board Ordinance; and
- F. Providing such other information or engaging in such further health services related activities as Tribal Council may direct.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BOARD. Each Health Board Member shall:

- A. Be responsible for being informed in Pokagon Band Health Services and Indian Health Services policies and procedures as they relate to duties called for under this Ordinance;
- B. Make a good-faith effort to attend all Health Board meetings; and
- C. Maintain the strictest of confidentiality standards in carrying out the duties established by this Ordinance. Each Board Member must sign and abide by a statement acknowledging the standards of confidentiality required for serving as a Board Member, as outlined in Section 4 of the Health Board Ordinance. Board Members shall sign such a statement upon appointment and renew such statement whenever reappointed.
5. Not have been convicted within the last ten (10) years of a crime subject to imprisonment for a term of one (1) year or longer, excepting those crimes determined by the Election Board to relate to the furtherance of the Band's tribal sovereignty rights.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings and perform the business of the Health Board will vary. The dates and times of Health Board meetings vary, but they typically occur every second and fourth Monday of each month, at 5:00 p.m., at the Band's Administration Building. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately four – six hours per month.

Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

COMPENSATION. Members of the Health Board are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150 per meeting (the Health Board member may receive additional compensation if he or she is the Chairperson or an Officer of the Health Board). In addition, Health Board members shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties in accordance with Section 17 of the Health Board Ordinance.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS AND TERM LENGTH. Appointments to the Health Board are made by the Tribal Council. While Health Board members serve a two-year term of office; this appointment is to fill a vacancy for the remaining term of office that concludes February 2016.

ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE ON THE HEALTH BOARD. In order to be eligible for appointment to the Health Board, one must:

- A. Be a Pokagon Band Citizen;
- B. Not have an immediate family member currently serving on the Health Board; and
- C. Not be an employee of the Band's Department of Health Services.

HOW TO APPLY AND DEADLINE. If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Health Board, you must provide a written statement of interest along with a current resume with your name, address, and telephone number to:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Attn: Kelly Curran
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Questions concerning the Health Board may be directed to Matt Clay, Chairman of the Health Board, at (269) 462-4250, or matt.clay@pokagonband-nsn.gov. The Health Board Ordinance is available at the following internet address: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Health Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Health Board, you must reapply as provided in this notice.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Members of the Health Board are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

The posting shall be open until April 30, 2014.

Tribal Court Notice

Mail sent to the Respondent by ordinary first-class mail on February 28, 2014 was returned by the U.S. Postal Service on March 10, 2014 with a Return to Sender label that stated "moved, left no address" and "unable to forward." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because there is no valid address for the Respondent. Two cases have been filed in the Tribal Court against the Respondent.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

CASE NO. 14-2625-PCDCS and 14-2626-PCDCS

58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

NOTICE OF

(1) ORDERS TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

(2) TWO (2) PETITIONS/AFFIDAVITS TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Charles Brian Gillan II

Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that two (2) Petitions/Affidavits to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support were filed with the Tribal Court on March 7, 2014.
2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy delinquent court-ordered child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. See 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
4. Orders to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments have been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The Orders to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments have been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for

distributions of per capita payments.

5. You now have two (2) open cases filed in this Court regarding the withholding and redirection of per capita payments to satisfy delinquent child support. These cases are Case Nos. 14 2625 PCDCS and 14 2626 PCDCS.
5. An Order to Withhold, Redirect and Apportion Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered in both Case No. 14-2625 and 14-2626-PCDCS by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:
 - a. RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or
 - b. ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.
6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the recognition of the foreign court orders with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
 - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
 - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
7. Unless you file an objection to the enforcement of the foreign court orders, the Order to Withhold, Redirect and Apportion Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support in either case will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the delinquent court-ordered child support until such time as the delinquent child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
 - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
 - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the Orders to Withhold, Redirect and Apportion Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support should not be granted in either case by this Court.





2014 Summer Youth Culture Camp

This year's Culture Camp will feature several Neshnabé specialists from the Pokagon Band. The Camp's focus is on our traditional language, customs, and wellbeing while creating a fun and exciting camp experience for everyone. You are invited to partake in this thrilling mix of hands-on activities and interactive learning. Registration is based on a first-serve basis. Stay tuned for registration to open later this spring.

Come learn the traditional way to make moccasins, lacrosse sticks, black ash baskets, rattles, drum sticks, bead work, shawls, bird houses and more.

Campers enjoy a variety of activities like these from past camps: Language lessons, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, physical fitness, traditional games, creating a newsletter, cultural teachings, financial responsibility, summer ceremonies and more.

Session One	Session Two
2nd - 5th grades	6th - 12th grades
Tuesday, June 17 - Friday, June 20	Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27

Registration opens April 7 online or by request via email or phone.

Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

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 Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas					Monthly Per Cap
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	x	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	x	
1598	Siloman Askin Temple					x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	x	x
2429	Larry Pierce Jr.					x	
2595	James Hamstra				x	x	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	x	x
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					x	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

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 checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
 Attn: Enrollment Office
 P O Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI 49047
 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by May 15 in order to make it on the June 2014 check run. Anything received after May 15 will be processed on the check run for August. 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.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27, 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

* Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, 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 my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call 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 I receive it 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 I do not receive any errors 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.

Tribal Council **April** Calendar of Events

- 1 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 8 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 15 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 22 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 29 Gaming Authority Closed, 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.

Tribal Council **May** Calendar of Events

- 5 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 6 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 17 Quarterly Legislative Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 19 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 20 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 26 Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed, 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.

To hear what is being served for the elders lunches in April, please call (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 noon.

ATTENTION: Pokagon Band College Bound Students and K-12 Students.

The Michigan Indian Elders Association are once again offering two award programs this year.

For the K-12 student: The Incentive Program is for the K-12 students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period and to recognize students who achieve all As for a marking period. Students will be awarded for each qualified entry up to the minimum available funds in the program.

The deadline for the K-12 incentive program is April 1, 2014.

For the college bound student: Winners are selected by a panel of judges. You have the chance to receive a \$500 to 1,000.00 scholarship. Students must complete the application form, available at the Pokagon Band Education office, and submit it with required documentation.

The deadline for application of this program is June 20, 2014.

Applications for both programs are available at MichiganIndianElders.org.

Blood Pressure

Native American adults are **1.3** times more likely to have high blood pressure.

120 / 80 normal blood pressure is at or below

Native American adults are almost **2x** more likely to die from diabetes-related complications.

FASTING BLOOD SUGAR SHOULD BE BELOW

↓ 100 mg/dL



Blood Sugar

**Cholesterol Levels**

TOTAL CHOLESTEROL LEVEL

↓ 200 mg/dL

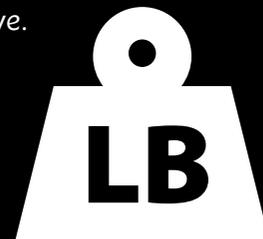
↑ HDL (GOOD! CHOLESTEROL)
40 mg/dL

↓ LDL (BAD! CHOLESTEROL)
130 mg/dL

Traditionally, Native Americans were very active.

Body Mass Index (BMI)

underweight <18.5
normal weight 18.5-24.9
overweight 25-29.9
obese 30 or greater



30% OF NATIVE AMERICAN ADULTS ARE OBESE.



take action

Know Your Numbers

POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES

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

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58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Chi Ishobak
415 E Prairie Ronde Street
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Education and Training
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

Election
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(269) 782-9475
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Enrollment
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(269) 782-1763
FAX (269) 782-1964

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

Health Services /
Behavioral Health
57392 M 51 South
(269) 782-4141
Toll Free (888) 440-1234
FAX (269) 782-8797

Housing & Facilities
27043 Potawatomi Trail
(269) 783-0443
FAX (269) 783-0452

Human Resources
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(269) 782-8998
FAX (269) 782-4253

Language & Culture
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(269) 782-9602
FAX (269) 783-0452

Mno-Bmadsen
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Natural Resources
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Social Services
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South Bend, IN 46614
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Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 282-2974
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(269) 782-6323
Toll Free (888) 376-9988
FAX (269) 782-9625

Tribal Court
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Tribal Police
58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232
Toll Free (866) 399-0161
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Elders Council Directory

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Member at large

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Dean Orvis

Youth Cultural Coordinator
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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.

Zisbakdoké Gises April Citizen Announcements



Recently Western Michigan University commemorated the service, commitment, and legacy of **Paul Source**, a Pokagon, a three-year letter-winning wide receiver on the WMU Broncos football team in the 1980s, and the first FBI agent in Michigan history to die in the line of duty. The University dedicated a plaque in Paul's honor, presenting one to his family during the presentation, and another that will be permanently placed in the W Club Room on campus.

At Benton Harbor High School, Paul earned All-State accolades and followed that up as an All-Mid American Conference wide receiver. Paul became an officer with the Uniformed Division of the U.S. Secret Service, and protected President George H.W. Bush. Paul earned six outstanding performance awards during his FBI years and was a 19-year veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In March of 2009, Paul died while serving in the Violent Crimes Division of the Detroit Police Department. As a Bronco, husband, father, and agent, Paul exemplified the FBI motto of Fidelity – Bravery – Integrity.

Happy 10th birthday April 18 **Justin Davidsons**. Hope you have a great day!
Love, Mom, Dad and Owen

Congratulations **Adrianna** and **Brianna Morseau-Mares**, both 6th grade students at Hartford school who made on the honor roll for the second semester. Keep up the good work!

Love, your Tia Georgiana



*You are invited to celebrate
the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education*

High School Graduates Class of 2014

*Friday, June 20
Pokagon Band Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI*

*5:00 p.m. Refreshments
6:00 p.m. Dinner*

*Hosted by Department of Education
Kindly R.S.V.P. to Connie Baber (269) 782-0887
or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov*

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POKAGON CITIZENS SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Interested in applying for the summer internship at Four Winds?

This program is open to all Tribal Citizens that are enrolled in college.

- 8 week program (June-July 2014)
- Paid internship, with housing and clothing stipend, and mileage.

- Must be 18 years of age or above, enrolled full time into college for Fall 2014.

For more information, please contact:

Jessica Christner
Director Tribal Placement and Development
269.926.5336

Application deadline April 30, 2014.
Apply online at www.fourwindscasino.com.