



# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

## THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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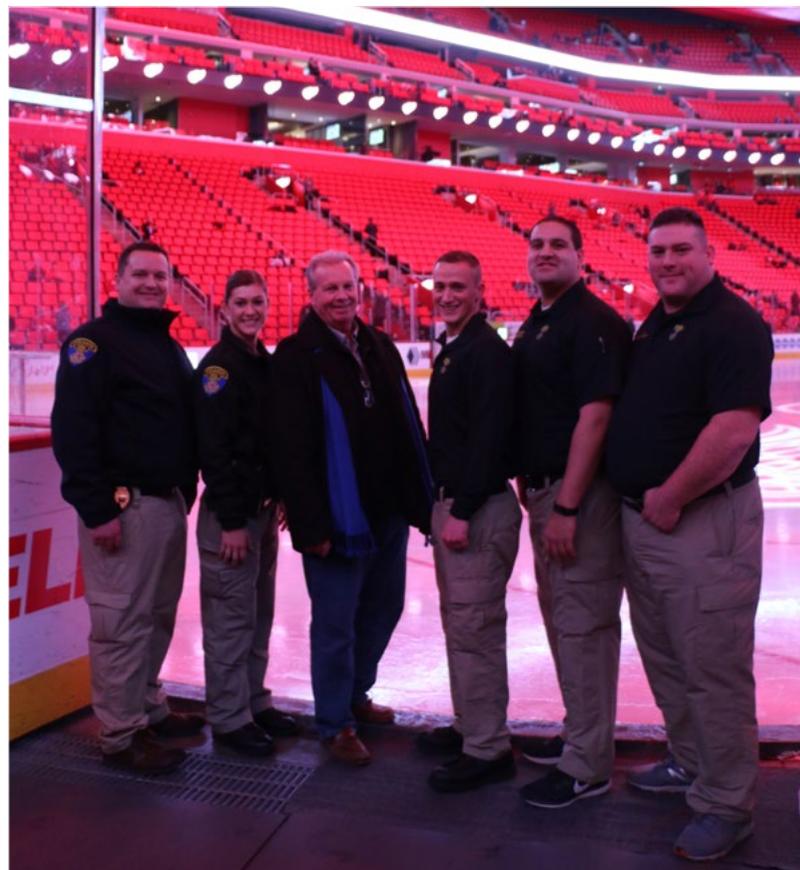
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### Tribal Police Honor Guard present colors at Detroit Red Wings hockey game



Before the start of the Thursday, February 22 Detroit Red Wings game versus the Buffalo Sabres, a group of Honor Guard members presented the colors as the National Anthem rang from the stadium speakers. This was the first ever Honor Guard from a tribal police department to present at the stadium, and they hail from our very own Pokagon Band Tribal Police Department (PBTPD).

PBTPD Chief Bill Lux heard from Dan Foley, retired officer from the Wyandotte Police Department, last November about presenting colors at the Little Caesars Arena, where the Red Wings play. Foley coordinates with Michigan Honor Guards every year for the team's Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Foley trained all six of the PBTPD Honor Guard officers,

as he conducts all honor guard trainings in Michigan. Our officers attended in 2017 and early 2018 on the military base in Alpena, Mich. They have since served at fallen officer funerals, in parades, and now at a professional hockey game.

Officers Kristen Lamphere, Justin Pangle, James Ivy, Richard Newcomer, and Jacob Stark marched the American, Michigan, and Pokagon Band flags and two ceremonial rifles onto the ice. Officer Jordan Miller is also part of our honor guard, but was unable to attend.

Chief Lux and Foley serve on the Sheriffs and Municipals Memorial Assistance Response Team together, which conducts funerals for officers killed in action.

### Michigan Indian Elders Association offering college scholarship



The Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) every year offers Pokagon students a college scholarship. Pokagon Elders Council matches the amount the student who qualifies for this program receives. You can pick up the application at the Department of Education office at the Administration Building or get the application on the website.

The application contains details for the student to follow. The deadline is June 15, 2018 and will be announced at the July M.I.E.A. Conference.

 [michiganindianelders.org/student.php](http://michiganindianelders.org/student.php)

### Wild game dinner brings families together

Fifty-eight people attended the recent Fathers Wild Game Dinner at the Community Center. Families enjoyed meals featuring bison, played games, and discussed how important fathers and father figures are in a child's growth and

development. "We screened clips about fathers, and people really liked those," said organizer and community health nurse Elizabeth Leffler.




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Pokagon Health Services

# HEALTHY LUNCH

**Join Marci Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch Wednesday, April 18 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 Marci Herbert at (269) 782-2472 or [Marci.herbert@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Marci.herbert@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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## Karen Councilman is Elder of the Month



Bozho,

Karen Ndezhnekas Councilman. My parents were William Sr. and Gilberta Swisher. I have five siblings: Ramona (deceased) William Jr., Chester, Dennis, and Mary (deceased).

I have lived in Dowagiac, Michigan most of my life. I graduated from Dowagiac Union High School. My grandfather Michael Wilson was on Tribal Council as secretary and then as co-chair.

My husband David Councilman and I have been married for 41 years. We have two beautiful daughters: Samantha

(Brian) Townsend and Tia (David) Parker. We have four wonderful grandchildren: Justin, 14, Jordan, 12, Chloe, 11 and Braylan, 10.

I enjoy knitting, plastic canvas, cardio drumming, elders trips and needlepoint. I've worked for the tribe as a transporter and helped open our casinos in New Buffalo, Hartford, and Dowagiac, and I volunteer at pow wows. Migwetch.

## Census project is in the home stretch

Since the launch of the 2018 Tribal Census a month ago, more than 40 percent of citizens have voiced their opinions and shared information with their tribe. Of the more than 3,300 surveys mailed, almost 800 have been completed online, while nearly 500 paper copies have been filled out and mailed back.

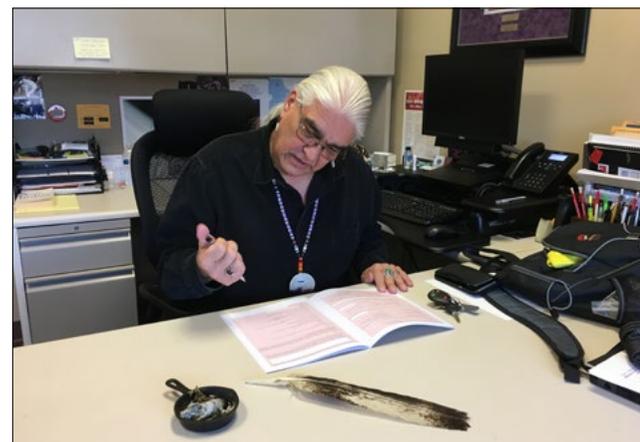
Were you one of them?

If not, now is the time to make your voice heard. The first 500 who completed the survey have already received their \$50 gift card. Each citizen who completes a census form will be entered to win one of ten \$1000 prizes. The earlier you respond, the better your chance of being one of the winners.

Complete and return the survey in the envelope provided, or you can access the online form at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/census-2018](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/census-2018) and respond electronically. Either way, the Pokagon Band wants to know your thoughts and information (which will be kept confidential) to be able to more effectively plan future programs, services, and developments.



[www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/census-2018](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/census-2018)



## Improve your credit score. It can be done

There are several ways to improve your credit score. Begin by aiming towards the scoring models when computing your credit score.

**Payment history:** Have you paid your bills on time?

The answer to this question plays a significant factor in your credit score. Paying your bills after the due date, credit accounts being referred to collections due to nonpayment, or declaring bankruptcy affect your credit score negatively. The best way to maintain a good credit score is to always pay your bills on time.

**Credit Limits:** Are you close to reaching the credit limits on your credit cards?

If you answered yes, it is possible this will have a negative effect on your credit score. Having credit cards is not bad, but to ensure that you are doing the most for your credit score, keep a low balance. Keep your total balance of all credit cards less than 30 percent of your available limits to positively impact your credit score.



**CHI ISHOBAK**

**Credit Inquiries:** Have you applied for new credit recently?

Scoring systems will consider the amount of credit inquiries on a person's credit report. Applying for too many new accounts in a short time could have a negative effect on your credit score. Keep your credit inquiries to a minimum when attempting to raise your credit score. A credit inquiry will remain on your credit history for two years, so fewer than two inquiries is most desirable within this two-year period.

**Credit Accounts:** How many credit accounts do you have? What kinds of accounts?

Take into consideration when attempting to get financing that some scoring models consider loans from finance companies poorly and may have a negative effect on your credit score. Having established credit accounts is a positive factor, however having too many card accounts may also affect your credit score negatively. Be vigilant and keep the number of open card accounts to a minimum to ensure maintaining a good credit score.

Credit scoring systems are complex. If you need assistance or have questions on ways to improve your credit score, please call our office at (269)783-4157. Chi Ishobak is here to assist you with your financial needs. We're only a phone call away.

## 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](mailto:Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

## What's that invasive species? European Swamp Thistle (*Cirsium palustre*)



European swamp thistle (*Cirsium palustre*), also known as European marsh thistle, is an invasive thistle species native to Europe. European swamp thistle was first reported in the U.S. in the early 1900s and first recorded in Michigan in 1934. This thistle may be confused with the native swamp thistle (*Cirsium muticum*) since the two plants grow in similar environments, however, the native swamp thistle has no spines along its stem. Where European swamp thistle occurs, it can outcompete native vegetation. This thistle grows in areas with damp soils and can readily colonize disturbed soils. Plant growth ranges from four to six feet in height. Flowers are typically less than a half inch across and purple in color. The stem is typically thick with spiny lengthwise wings, a key identifying factor between the native and invasive swamp thistle. If this invasive species is found early, it can be controlled through hand-pulling or digging up the rosettes. If larger groupings have developed, chemical treatment is an option. If you think you see European swamp thistle, please either collect a specimen and bring it in to the Department of Natural Resources or take pictures and report the plant's location to the Department of Natural Resources for further investigation.

## What's that edible plant? Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)



Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*) is a common native perennial wildflower that grows in rich, well-drained soils and can be found throughout much of Eastern North America. Boneset may be found in fields and along hedgerows, growing in the sun. Boneset has lanceolate shaped oppositely arranged leaves and a thick, hairy, central stem. The plant can reach up to four feet in height. White flowers form in clusters and bloom in midsummer to early fall. Leaves and flowers are best harvested just prior to the flowers blooming in midsummer, when the bugs have affected them the least. Since boneset has a bitter taste, it is often blended with berries or other wild herbs to smooth the taste. Leaves and flowers are utilized in teas, fresh or dried. These teas cause sweating and have been used to break fevers from dengue and West Nile virus. This plant is also known to boost the immune system and have antibacterial properties. The tea should be used sparingly, as it has laxative affects in large quantities or may cause nausea. Boneset has also been used in poultice form to help heal broken bones and treat influenza. As with any new edible, be sure to have a positive identification before consumption and use it in small quantities at first to make sure there are no allergic reactions.



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# HUNTER SAFETY CERTIFICATION

## RETURN TO THE WOODS 2018

**June 15–17**  
**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 '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 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/](http://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-2018](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/hunter-safety-course-registration-2018)  
 or by calling the Department of Natural Resources at (269) 782-9602.

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Department of Language & Culture

Join the Department of Language and Culture for

# Shishibé

Potawatomi Language Bingo

**FRIDAY APRIL 13 6:00 PM**  
COMMUNITY CENTER

**Come join us for this fun gathering. Pizza and sides start at 6:00 pm and Shishibe Bingo begins at 7:00 pm. The evening ends at 9:00 pm.**  
**Please contact [Carla.Collins@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Carla.Collins@PokagonBand-nsn.gov) with any questions regarding this event.**

Background image is George Winter sketch of Potawatomi traditional gaming gathering.

## Notice of Administrative Changes for Resident Tribal Members

As part of the tax agreement between the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and the State of Michigan, a Pokagon citizen may qualify for certain exemptions from some Michigan taxes, defining the qualified tribal citizen as a Resident Tribal Member (RTM). Resident Tribal Member (RTM) refers to those citizens whose principle place of residence is within their own tribe's negotiated agreement area, and that have been added to the official RTM list maintained at the State of Michigan.

### Auto Enrollment

Previously a tribal citizen was required to fill out a Resident Tribal Member Application to become an RTM, and be placed on the tax agreement benefits eligibility list at the State of Michigan.

Beginning February 1, 2018, the Pokagon Band Finance Department will automatically add all citizens who live in the agreement area to the Active RTM list at the State of Michigan, thus qualifying them for the available tax exemptions. A pre-application is no longer required.

To remain on the list of Active RTMs, it is critical that the RTM maintain a current physical address on file with the Pokagon Enrollment Office. The physical address should be the address of the primary permanent residence of the RTM. This address must also be a deliverable address.

RTMs will remain on the list at the state and remain eligible for the tax agreement RTM benefits, until they either move out of the tax agreement area or they cannot be reached to update their address if it becomes undeliverable. In these instances, the citizen's RTM status will be deactivated both at the tribe and at the State of Michigan. The citizen will be notified of such change, if the tribe has the necessary resources in the citizen's enrollment file, to make it possible for the Pokagon Finance Department to reach them.

For more information please contact Julie Rodriguez in the Pokagon Finance Department, or visit the Pokagon Band website.



[www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/michigan-tax-agreement-benefits](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/michigan-tax-agreement-benefits)

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# Neshnabé Mbokén

A children's book club

FIRST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH  
4:00 – 5:00 P.M. | DOWAGIAC DISTRICT LIBRARY

Neshnabé mbokén [nesh-na-bém-bo-kén] is a children's book club, which will focus on Native American books and authors. This program is open to the public (all ages).

Neshnabé mbokén means native books in Potawatomi and includes books about natives, books written by natives, or books having to do with native context.

For more information, please contact  
Erin Byrket-Burggraf at [topash240512@gmail.com](mailto:topash240512@gmail.com) or  
Autumn Laraway at [Autumn.Laraway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Autumn.Laraway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov).

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Parent Group

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Department of Natural Resources

## Family Fishing Day

Saturday June 2 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.  
Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac, MI

Prizes • Fun Family Event • Food

- Pre-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-2018](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/family-fishing-day-registration-2018).
- You must wear a life jacket! No exceptions.
- 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 is provided.
- Prizes!

**Grand Prize: Charter Fishing Trip for 4 on Lake Michigan**

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

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## How the Salary Commission creates recommendations for Tribal Council compensation

The Salary Commission is an independent Pokagon Band governmental body, which is constitutionally (see Article X, Section 7 on page 23 of the Constitution) required to make compensation recommendations for specific elected and appointed positions in the Pokagon Band's government. The Salary Commission Code provides the standards and procedures by which the Salary Commission conducts its business and makes compensation recommendations to the Tribal Council.

Pursuant to the Salary Commission Code, the Salary Commission must: (1) perform a compensation study, (2) present a report for citizen input containing the Commission's proposed compensation recommendations, and (3) present to Tribal Council a final report containing the Commission's compensation recommendations for Council's approval or rejection.

At least every three years the Salary Commission provides Tribal Council with compensation recommendations. The initial Salary Commission report recommending a new compensation structure for the Tribal Council was issued by the Commission in November, 2012 and adopted in December of 2012, for implementation after the elections in 2013. The Salary Commission provided its most recent recommendations in December 2015, which were approved by the Council. The Salary Commission will working on its next compensation recommendations this year, and provide them to Tribal Council later in 2018.

Compensation is divided into Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation. The Base Compensation portion is paid without regard to meeting attendance. The Meeting Compensation portion, however, would be based solely upon meeting attendance. The more meetings that a Tribal Council member does not attend, the lower the Meeting Compensation amount such member will receive.

### Amount of Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation

Table 1 below identifies the amount of Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation for each Tribal Council position as currently being paid. This level of pay will continue until July 15, 2018, at which time it will be adjusted by the published Consumer Price Index for 2017 of 2.1%. This new compensation rate will again continue until the next Tribal Council election on July 13, 2019.

Table 1: Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation

Position	Base Compensation	Maximum Annual Meeting Compensation	Maximum Total Annual Compensation
Chairperson	\$59,434.41	\$10,488.43	\$69,922.84
Vice Chairperson	\$33,547.69	\$8,386.92	\$41,934.62
Treasurer	\$41,547.69	\$7,266.11	\$48,440.75
Secretary	\$38,634.08	\$6,817.78	\$45,451.85
Councilperson	\$16,352.02	\$7,008.01	\$23,360.04

Additionally, each Tribal Council member may choose to receive health, vision, and dental insurance coverage.

In 2012, Tribal Council approved recommendations to establish compensation for the Pokagon Gaming Authority Board of Directors. These recommendations included not only a compensation increase from the previous \$60 per meeting, but also training requirements for serving as a member of the PGA Board. The compensation structure for the PGA Board is that each member is entitled to receive \$1,000 per month, not to exceed \$12,000 annually during any calendar year. The monthly payment will be reduced for each absence from a PGA Board meeting. Each monthly payment is divided by the number of meetings held by the Board during the month. And the payment factor will be paid based on the meeting attended.

The members of Pokagon Band Boards, Council, Commissions, and Committees are compensated as follows:

BCCC	Chair	1 Officer	3 Members
Boards	\$225.00	\$187.50	\$150 each
Elders Council	\$225.00	\$187.50	\$150 each
Commissions	\$225.00	\$187.50	\$150 each
Committees	\$112.50	\$93.75	\$75 each

The following BCCC's are covered under this compensation structure:

Boards	Commissions	Committees	Councils
Election Board	Family Welfare Commission	Enrollment Committee	Elders Council
Finance Board	Salary & Wage Commission	Pow Wow Committees	
Veterans Board		Pokagon Promise Committee	
Land Use Board		Traditions and Repatriations Committee	
Ethics Board		Tribal Arts Review Committee	
Pokagon Rights Board		Curriculum Committee	
Health Advisory Board		Food Sovereignty Committee	
		Celebrating Our Survival Committee	

## Pokagon elders schedule two future trips with Signal Travel

The Elders Council announces two elders trips this year. The first trip will be five days and four nights on the following itinerary: a one night stay in Manistee, Michigan, crossing Lake Michigan on the ferry the S.S. Badger, a stay in Wisconsin Dells, and then to Green Bay Wisconsin, then depart to Munising, Michigan for a Pictured Rocks boat cruise and then to Sault Ste. Marie Michigan before returning home.

One group of elders will follow this itinerary on a bus from June 19 to June 23. A second group of elders will follow the same itinerary June 26 to June 30.

Later this summer, the Elders Council has scheduled another trip with Signal Travel: 11 days and 10 nights visiting South Dakota, North Dakota, and the Crows Fair Pow Wow in Montana.

The first group will go August 11 to 21, and the second group travels August 12 to 22.

To go on the trips, Pokagon elders will have to register for a random trip drawing. You will not have the option to pick what dates of either trip to go on. If your name is not drawn, you will be added to an alternate list and will be called in the order the names were drawn. Only Pokagon elders are eligible to participate on the trips. Only spouses of Pokagon elders can accompany them, no boyfriends, girlfriends or live-in partners can participate in the trips. Singles will be paired up female/female and male/male in double occupancy rooms.

Elders will receive more detailed information after the drawing April 12.

## Shop the PHS Optical sunglass sale

Thursday, April 26 | 3:00-7:00 p.m.

PHS Multipurpose Room

Vendors from Kasperek Optical will be here with full selection of their sunglass lines:

Vera Bradley and Realtree, prices starting at \$65

Badgley Mischka and Trina Turk, prices starting at \$91

Randolph prices starting at \$98

Wiley X at exclusive pricing, only available at PHS Optical

Discontinued products from Vera Bradley and Badgley Mischka starting at \$20

Sale open to all Pokagon citizens, their families, and employees of Pokagon government and businesses.

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



Saturday April 21  
10 am–2 pm

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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## Elders Health + Wellness

Monday, Wednesday + Friday  
11:00 – 11:45 am  
PHS Wellness Center

### Chair aerobics

Whether seated, supported by a chair or standing free, participants engage in strength training, flexibility, and balance exercises while benefiting from a cardio workout.

### Cardio drumming

Express yourself, release stress and aggression, and sweat and sing along. Anybody can do it, there is no right or wrong way to do cardio drumming. Standing or sitting cardio drumming is for everyone. All classes are to accommodate to our Pokagon Elders

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Nëm'e gizhëk SUNDAY	Ngot gizhëk MONDAY	Nizh gizhëk TUESDAY	Aptë gizhëk WEDNESDAY
1	2 Circuit Training Open L&C Language Class Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Beginners Yoga Auricular Acupuncture Zumba L&C Znëget 1 + 3, Nithansêk & Penothésêk Language Classes Tribal Council Special Session	3 Lean Lunch Afterschool Program Penothiyêk Language Class Tone Up! L&C Dowagiac Language Class	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Neshnabé Mbokén L&C Znëget 2 Intermediate L&C Men and Boys Day
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# Events April 2018

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Please check the website for the latest updates on any cancellations due to inclement weather. Visit [www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov/calendar](http://www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov/calendar) or call (800) 517-0777 for more details on these events.

## Tribal properties closed for upcoming cultural events

During the upcoming Fasting Camp and Kë Gbéshmen activities, Tribal Council has closed portions of Gage and Rodgers Lakes, including the campground, to all who are not Pokagon Band staff, volunteers, or participants in these events.

For the Fasting Camp, Rodgers Lake will be closed May 3 at 7 a.m. until May 8 at 5 p.m.

During Kë Gbéshmen, Rodgers Lake will be closed:

- 7:00 a.m. on June 20 until 9:00 p.m. on June 21
- 7:00 a.m. on June 25 until 9:00 p.m. on June 30
- 7:00 a.m. on July 5 until 9:00 p.m. on July 7
- 7:00 a.m. on July 10 until 9:00 p.m. on July 14
- 7:00 a.m. on July 17 until 9:00 p.m. on July 20

And the Gage Street property will be closed:

- 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on June 27
- 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on June 29
- 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on July 6
- 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on July 11
- 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on July 13
- 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on July 18

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# Kë Gbéshmen Camp

Think Neshnabé Be Neshnabé

**Ages 13–18 Monday June 25–Saturday June 30**

**Ages 5–8 (Day Camp) Thursday July 5–Saturday July 7**

**Ages 8–12 Tuesday July 10–Saturday July 14**

**Ages 9–13 (Day Camp) Tuesday July 17–Thursday July 19**

Look for staff job postings on **March 1**. Camper registration begins **May 4**.

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Pokagon Health Services

## PHS invites you to **babysitting basics**

**June 18 – 21 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**June 22 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**PHS Multi Purpose Room**

Are you a Pokagon citizen between the ages 11 to 14 who is interested in earning spending money by babysitting?

You'll hear about child care and development from nurses and cultural specialists, learn fire safety from fire fighters, safety from Tribal Police Officers and earn a CPR certification.

Kindly **RSVP** by **June 10**.

The class has a maximum of 15 students, and class will not be held if fewer than five students register.

**RSVP to Angelina Herman at (269) 783-2485 office or contact her for more information.**



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## POKAGON SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Interested in applying for the summer internship at Four Winds Casinos? Please see requirements below for participation in this paid internship which offers a clothing stipend, mileage to and from work, and housing\*.

Pokagon Band Citizens, Spouses or Custodial Parents are eligible for the summer internship program

Enrolled full time in an accredited college/university for the fall of 2018

8 week program (June 4 - July 27, 2018)

Must be 18 years of age or older

For more information, please contact:

**Lynne Foerster**  
**Manager of Tribal Placement & Development**  
**W: 574-444-6219**  
**C: 269-426-1407**  
**lfoerster@fourwindscasino.com**

Application deadline April 20, 2018  
 Apply online at [www.fourwindscasino.com](http://www.fourwindscasino.com)

\*Certain restrictions apply



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## DRUM CLASSES

Department of Language and Culture | 6:00 pm–8:00 pm  
 59291 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Please join John T. Warren at our Men's and Boys Drum Class, open to all tribal citizens, spouses and other tribal affiliations. Drum class welcomes 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.

Any youth under 13 attending the class must be accompanied by an adult. Those drivers attending both drum classes in a month are eligible for a \$25 gas card. Dinner is provided.

2018					
January 3	February 7	March 7	April 4	May 2	June 6
January 17	February 21	March 21	April 18	May 16	June 20

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For more information, please call the Language & Culture office at (269) 462-4325 or Nicole Holloway at (269) 783-3513 desk / (269) 783-6131 cell.

### Notice of Open Positions

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

- Ethics Board
- Pokagon Rights Board
- Election Board
- Pokagon Band Salary Commission
- Oshke Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee
- Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee
- Pokagon Promise
- Tribal Arts Review Committee
- Youth Council



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Department of Language & Culture



This spring the Department of Language and Culture invites Tribal Members and their families to participate in Mkedékéwen for a rite of passage.

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

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# Elders Lunch Menu | Zisbakwto gizes

## monday

2 **language**

Buffalo pot pie topped with biscuits  
Garden salad  
Cottage cheese  
Blueberry pie

9

**language**

BBQ chicken  
Baked potato  
Butternut squash  
Garden salad  
Roll

16

**language**

Buffalo lasagna  
Green beans  
Garden salad  
Garlic bread

23

**language**

Salad bar

30

**language**

Buffalo burgers  
Hot dogs  
Baked chips  
Baked beans  
Veggie and pickle tray

## tuesday

3

Italian turkey stuffed peppers  
Au gratin potatoes  
Tomato salad  
Roll

10

Buffalo tips with noodles and gravy  
Broccoli slaw  
Cottage cheese and fruit  
Roll

17

Pork roast  
Red potatoes  
Carrots  
Garden salad  
Roll

24

Marinated chicken  
Mashed sweet potatoes  
Coleslaw  
Fruit  
Roll

## wednesday

4

Pork Chop  
Mashed potatoes  
Gravy  
Spinach salad  
Fruit  
Roll

11

Turkey and vegetables over rice  
Garden salad  
Fortune cookie  
Dessert

18

Chicken wrap  
Black beans and rice  
Veggie and pickle tray  
Jello with fruit

25

Buffalo, potato and vegetable soup  
Pinwheel sandwich  
Veggie and pickle tray  
Fruit

## thursday

5

**business meeting**

Goulash  
Green beans  
Garden salad  
Fruit Salad  
Garlic bread  
Cake

12

Beef roast  
Mashed potatoes  
Carrots  
Cucumber salad  
Fruit  
Roll

19

**easter social**

Ham  
Mashed potatoes  
Stuffing  
Green bean casserole  
Crescent rolls

26

Pork steak  
Spanish rice  
Black beans  
Fruit  
Roll

## friday

6

Sea bass  
Spanish Rice  
Asparagus  
Garden salad  
Roll

13

Breakfast bar

20

Potato soup  
Turkey sandwich  
Veggie and pickle tray  
Dessert

27

Fish  
Baked potato  
Asparagus  
Fruit  
Roll

# 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 2017	Monthly Per Cap
Scott Brewer, Jr	x	x
Angela Case	x	
Cristian Cobb	x	x
Mason Currey	x	x
Ian Deloach	x	
Brett Gibson	x	x
Bobby M. Haynes, Jr	x	
Jeffery Morseau	x	x
Austin L. Northrup	x	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](http://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](mailto:beth.edelberg@pokagonband-nsn.gov)

The document must be received by April 13 in order to make it on the May 2018 check run. Anything received after April 13 will be processed on the check run for June 2018. 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 – 64	\$500	75 – 79	\$1,250
65 – 69	\$750	80 – 84	\$1,500
70 – 74	\$1,000	85 and older	\$1,750

Don't forget the Elders Stipend is taxable income; federal tax withholding forms are available online at [www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov](http://www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov).

## Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, January 12, 2018	Monday, January 30, 2018	Wednesday, January 31, 2018
Thursday, February 15, 2018	Monday, February 27, 2018	Wednesday, February 28, 2018
Thursday, March 15, 2018	Thursday, March 28, 2018	Thursday, March 29, 2018
Friday, April 13, 2018	Thursday, April 26, 2018	Friday, April 27, 2018
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	Tuesday, May 28, 2018	Wednesday, May 30, 2018
Friday, June 15, 2018	Thursday, June 29, 2018	Friday, June 29, 2018
Friday, July 13, 2018	Monday, July 30, 2018	Tuesday, July 31, 2018
Wednesday, August 15, 2018	Thursday, August 30, 2018	Tuesday, August 31, 2018
Friday, September 14, 2018	Thursday, September 27, 2018	Friday, September 28, 2018
Monday, October 15, 2018	Tuesday, October 30, 2018	Wednesday, October 31, 2018
<b>Thursday, November 8, 2018*</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 20, 2018</b>	<b>Wed, November 21, 2018</b>
Friday, December 14, 2018	Thursday, December 27, 2018	Friday, December 28, 2018

\* Please note the November deadline for changes is November 8. This is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

## Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

The tribe has mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. This information pertains to citizen not receiving payments by direct deposit or a PNC pay card or making changes to their existing direct deposit information.

### Direct Deposit Form Submission

- If your form is received before the deadline date for per capita changes, the information will be entered into the system. If your test-run is error-free, then you will have direct deposit the same month.
- If you submit your direct deposit form after the deadline date; the following month, your check will be direct deposited into your bank as long as the test-run is error-free.

### PNC Paycard

- In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, may elect to have a PNC pay card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month.

### Federal Tax Withholding

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. All three of the above stated forms are available online at [www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov). If you have any questions, please call (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

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.

To register for Elders Stipend, request a form by calling (269) 782-0765. Return the completed form to the Enrollment Office, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047 or Fax: (269) 782-1964. Forms are available online at [www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov)

## Tribal Council April Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 6 p.m.
- 3 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

## 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.

## Tribal Council May Calendar of Events

- 1 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 6 p.m.
- 8 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 15 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 22 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 28 Government offices closed in observation of Memorial Day
- 29 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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.



# Leadership 1.0 April-June

**LEADERSHIP 1**  
Monday April, 2, 3p –5:30p FWNB  
Friday, April 13, 10a-12:30p **FWSB**

**LEADERSHIP 2**  
Thursday, April 19, 1:30p-4p **FWSB**  
Thursday, May 3, 10a-12:30p FWNB

**LEADERSHIP 3**  
Monday, April 30, 10a-12:30p **FWSB**  
Thursday, May 3, 1p-3:30p FWNB

**LEADERSHIP 4**  
Tuesday, May 15, 1p-3:30p **FWSB**  
Friday, May 25, 9a-11:30a FWNB

**LEADERSHIP 5**  
Friday, May 25, 12:30p-3:00p FWNB  
Friday, June 1, 1p-3:30p **FWSB**

**LEADERSHIP 6**  
Thursday, May 31, 2:30p-5:00p FWNB  
Wednesday, June 6, 10p-12:30p **FWSB**

**LEADERSHIP 8**  
Friday, June 22, 9:00a-11:30p FWNB  
Wednesday, June 27, 10a-12:30p **FWSB**

**LEADERSHIP 1 – Communication & Cooperation**  
This course introduces participants to the importance of teamwork, flexibility and strategic thinking.

**LEADERSHIP 2 – DISC Profile**  
Participants learn about effective communication and identify their own communication style by using the DISC® profile assessment.

**LEADERSHIP 3 – Living the Core Values**  
Participants discuss Four Winds core values of teamwork, respect, integrity and fun and learn why listening and providing clear direction and feedback are crucial to good management.

**LEADERSHIP 4 – Coaching & Listening**  
Participants learn how to delegate, in order to free up time to listen, coach and provide feedback to staff. A 5 step coaching model is presented.

**LEADERSHIP 5 – Emotional Intelligence**  
Participants learn how to avoid emotional hijack during stressful situations, and the important role of emotional awareness and competencies in leadership.

**LEADERSHIP 6 – Emotional Intelligence II – Horse & Rider**  
In the second EI class, participants learn the four premises of Emotional Control, that events are neutral, and that we each have control over how we react and feel.

**LEADERSHIP 8 – Social Intelligence**  
Building on Emotional Intelligence with revolutionary science, this class helps you understand how you can increase your social awareness and improve your relationship management – to help you and your staff SHINE!

Leadership classes are required and paid for Four Winds staff at the Lead level and above. Classes are paid for Tribal Development Participants, Job Coaches, Instructors, and staff attending in house certificate programs or other college classes and receiving tuition reimbursement from Four Winds.

**All staff are welcome to attend; fill out a Training/Payment Request Form (Everyone Drive/Forms) and get your manager's approval to enroll. You may be required to take the course on your own time.**

Please contact the Training Coordinator at x5234 to enroll. (03/02/18)



## 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.  
(269) 782-8998

### Chi Ishobak

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

3733 Locust Street  
South Bend, IN 46614  
(574) 282-2638  
Toll Free (800) 737-9223  
FAX (574) 282-2974  
(269) 782-8998

### Tribal Council

58620 Sink Rd.  
(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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### Elders Representative

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Judy.Winchester@pokagonband-nsn.gov

### Executive Secretary

Kelly Curran  
(269) 591-0604  
Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

## Elders Council Directory

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

### Chair

Maxine Margiotta  
(269) 783-6102

### Vice Chair

Julie Dye  
(269) 462-1004

### Secretary

Judy Augusta  
(269) 783-6304

### Treasurer

Clarence White  
(269) 876-1118

### Member at Large

Cathy Ford  
(269) 783-9380

## Senior Youth Council Directory

### Chairman

Michael Gamache  
Michael.Gamache@pokagonband-nsn.gov

### Treasurer

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Andy.Murray@pokagonband-nsn.gov

### Secretary

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### Member at large

Skyler Daisy  
Skyler.Daisy@pokagonband-nsn.gov

### Member at large

Robert Dick  
Robert.Dick@pokagonband-nsn.gov

### Member at large

Rebecca Williams  
**Youth Culture Coordinator**  
(269) 462-4325

# Zisbaktwo gizes April Citizen Announcements



Congratulations to our son **Matthew Cummins** on his advancement to state for youth wrestling! We are so proud of you and love you very much!

Love, Mom, Dad, Brie and Riley



Happy Birthday to my Grandma, **Stella Heffington**!! We love you so much!  
Love, Matt, Amanda, Briann, Matthew and Riley



Happy Birthday to our very special sister, mom, aunt and friend. You are a very important part of our family. Our family is very proud of you and wish you the very best on your very special day!

Love, your sister Sue  
P.S. Now, let's celebrate!

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



# Baby Celebration



APRIL 21 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
POKAGON COMMUNITY CENTER

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



Families that have welcomed babies born January 2017 through March 2018 are asked to **RSVP by April 6**. Babies will receive recognition and a small gift followed by a community feast in their honor.



**RSVP** at our website or by calling  
Autumn Laraway at (269) 462-4327.



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Department of Language & Culture



# Archives Open House

Wednesday April 11, 2018 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Language & Culture **Multi Purpose Room** 59291 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac, MI

Join the Department of Language & Culture for the archives open house. We plan to share a meal with the community and bring important cultural and historical artifacts out of the archives for the public to view. In recognition of springtime and the eastern cardinal direction of the medicine wheel, this quarter's open house theme is Youth. We will be discussing traditional Potawatomi parenting practices, raising children from a traditional mindset, how assimilationist policy disrupted these practices, and how we can nation-build by revitalizing these practices.

Dinner will be from 6:00–7:00 pm. Objects will be on view from 7:00–9:00 pm.

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

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