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Choosing a career path can be a confusing and sometimes daunting task for tribal citizens. That is why the Mno-Bmadsen Pathways Program goes the extra mile to help all citizens, young and old, to explore the options available to them for a fulfilling career.

On June 28, Mno-Bmadsen treated nine young tribal citizens to a day of learning, food, and fun when they visited with Local 172 Pipefitters/Plumbers at their training facility. Participants were able to gain hands-on insight into working in this trade. Our citizens enjoyed demonstrations and a lively Q&A with representatives from Local 172 and D.A. Dodd, part of Mno-Bmadsen's family of companies.

Our group was also accompanied by Heather Farver, Mno-Bmadsen's human resources director, Rhonda Rose, the Pathways manager, Alan Halquist, the

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Chinese scholar visits Pokagon Potawatomi nation

In July the Pokagon Band welcomed Wen Peihong, a Chinese scholar currently completing a translation of Simon Pokagon's 1899 novel *Queen of the Woods* into Mandarin Chinese. Wen learned more about the people and culture while meeting with the tribal archivist, interviewing Pokagon tradition bearers, and observing a language class.

A professor at China's Southwest University for Nationalities, Wen researches indigenous and ethnic minorities and their cultural preservation and revival efforts. Dr. John Low, a Pokagon Band citizen and professor at Ohio State University, met Wen at an international conference on ethnic minority languages and invited her to his Potawatomi community.

Wen spent the last year visiting and studying in the U.S. and meeting with other native communities. Translating *Queen of the Woods* is complicated, as each Chinese symbol represents syllables in English words. Wen and her colleague, Aku WuWu, a poet who writes in the Yi language, are very interested in preservation and promotion of Yi, and in Native Americans as an ethnic minority. WuWu is the author of *Coyote Traces*, a book Wen helped translate about the Yi and the indigenous people of American and the interconnections between cultures and languages.

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Pokagon veterans mark 74th D-Day anniversary in Normandy



Three Pokagon veterans represented their Potawatomi nation in June at the marking of the 74th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. This year's events paid special homage to the native service members who fought to liberate France in World War II.

Anthony Foerster, Dean Orvis, and Matt Swisher traveled to France with the community eagle staff to attend the days of ceremonies. According to Foerster, each town in the Normandy province has at least one monument dedicated to the remembrance of the specific military unit that liberated them from the German occupation. He says the people of Normandy have pledged to never forget.

"There were all generations represented at each event from little children to WWII survivors. They pass that appreciation to the next generation, and have them pledge to do the same for the next generation," said Foerster.

"The French people spoke of the bravery, 'warrior spirit,' and unparalleled valor of great Native American men," said Orvis. "The respect and admiration they showed us was overwhelming."

It's estimated that 500 native troops landed at Normandy during the D-Day operations in June 1944. Foerster said that the mayor of city of Carentan, where the 101st Airborne monument stands, told attendees at their ceremony about the damaging U.S. Indian policies, and that the French people of Normandy were eager to learn about indigenous American culture.

"We played drum music over a tiny phone speaker," he said.

Foerster's research has identified two Potawatomi warriors at Normandy in 1944: Calvin White Pigeon, U.S. Army, and Martin Wesaw, U.S. Navy. Orvis, who spent more than ten years teaching high school students about world wars, felt he had a thorough understanding of what it must have been like for the men and women involved. But once in Normandy, he found that knowledge was inferior to experience.

"I gained an unheralded perspective as we walked across Utah and Omaha Beach and spoke with the men who waded through the bloody, shark-infested waters as artillery rained down upon them in June 1944. These stories and celebrations are an inspiration to overcome our fears, fight evil with confidence, and do our best with every opportunity."

The veterans ask anyone who has knowledge of a Native American who was at D-Day to please contact them to verify service and add their name to the list for special recognition. The group hopes to have a larger showing at next year's 75th anniversary commemoration.

"I am hopeful our Ogitchedaw can experience this firsthand as we have been invited to participate in next year's tribute to our fallen brothers," said Orvis.



To see more photos of the veterans' visit provided by the Trickster Art Gallery in Illinois, visit www.flickr.com/photos/146835213@N06/collections/72157696484108061/



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marci Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch Wednesday, August 15 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

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Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Raquel Burton recognized as emerging leader in the gaming industry



Global Gaming Business magazine has named Pokagon citizen Raquel Burton, vice president of compliance at Four Winds Casino Resort, as one of their 40 under 40. Each year, candidates for this honor are nominated and selected from nearly one hundred gaming leaders. Once selected, they are recognized in the magazine prior to the Global Gaming Expo in October.

Burton joined Four Winds as one of the first student interns in June 2008. She went on to obtain her undergraduate degree in legal studies and political science from Ball State University in 2009

and returned to Four winds to work in the Legal Department as the first legal affairs administrator.

She graduated from Valparaiso University Law School in 2013 with her Juris Doctorate. After passing the Michigan bar examination, she took over the role of director of compliance in March 2014. Since then, Burton has been promoted to director of legal affairs in 2015 and most recently vice president of compliance in May 2017.

According to Burton, Pokagon citizens looking to start, change, or advance their careers should consider Four Winds a great option.

“Even if you’d never planned to be in the gaming industry, or don’t think it’s right for you, you may be surprised at what you find,” she said. “The opportunities for education and experience in management and beyond make it a great option for any citizen. There truly is something for everyone; if you’re willing to work hard, the sky is the limit.”

Mno-Bmadsen hosts Local 172 tribal youth tour *continued from page 1*

Department of Education manager, Francis Kasper, the college and career readiness associate, Mark McKnight, president of D.A. Dodd, Jason Demeyer, D.A. Dodd vice president, Nick Funkhouser, D.A. Dodd project manager, and Broc Buczolich, the apprentice coordinator from Local 172. All in attendance enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Four Winds South Bend Buffet and made their way downtown to attend a Cubs game at Four Winds Field.

We strongly encourage all citizens to register for our program by visiting www.mno-bmadsen.com/pathways or calling us at (269) 783-4111. We will work together to build a customized career path just for you.

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Open Fire Cooking Workshop

Learn to cook dinner over an open fire

Language and Culture invites you to participate in cooking dinner over an open fire. Gary Morseau Sr will instruct and assist individuals and families in cooking dinner over an open fire pit. We will provide various kinds of meat and sides for dinner. Bring yourself and your family to enjoy a night of cooking over an open fire pit, with dessert to follow (also cooked over the fire). Please feel free to bring a dish to pass. Family friendly games will be available.

RSVP required and event is limited to 20 people. RSVP by contacting Rebecca Williams at Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or Nicole Holloway at Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov / (269) 783-6131.

August 25 | 4:00 pm–7:00 pm
Rodgers Lake Pavilion Dowagiac, MI

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“The family is at the heart of the Native American cultures. There is no other work more important than fatherhood and motherhood.”
- Albert M. Pooley, Founder & President of Native American Fatherhood and Families Association

Father/Child Art Contest

Projects due by October 31

Even from birth, children who have an involved father are more likely to be emotionally secure, be confident to explore their surroundings, and, as they grow older, have better social connections.

Ages 4-6 Choose an option
Use a provided coloring page or choose your own that represents a memory or hobby you share and color it together OR adult can draw a picture representing memory or hobby and you can color it together.

Ages 7-9, 10-13
Use any drawing tool: pencil, crayon, marker
With your father or adult father figure (grandpa), draw a favorite moment, activity or memory that you share.

See Community Outreach for coloring page. To submit: on the back of the project you must include the child's and adult's names, child's age, address, phone number. Completed projects can be dropped off or mailed by October 31 to PHS Community Outreach, Attn: Amber Gauthier, 26907 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac MI 49047. Please contact Community Outreach/Amber Gauthier with any questions at (269) 782-4897.

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Grand Kankakee River Marsh partnerships and collaborations developing



The Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources and the Conservation Fund co-hosted a meeting at the Band's North Liberty property in June to develop partnerships with groups interested in restoring the Grand Kankakee River Marsh. The gathering brought together likeminded groups to discuss possibilities of collaboration and partnerships that could help restore the wetlands along the Kankakee River.

Indiana State Representative Ryan Dvorak and representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Izaak Walton League, the Shirley Heinze Land Trust, and the St. Joseph County Conservation District also attended the meeting. The group discussed possibilities of future land acquisitions directly adjacent

to the North Liberty property as well as additional property acquisitions and enhancements up and down river of the Band's property. Following discussions of future planning of the marsh restoration, attendees toured the Band's North Liberty property to show partners the restoration efforts on the property.

Once one of the largest freshwater wetland complexes in the United States, referred to as the "Everglades of the North," the Grand Kankakee Marsh encompassed over 500,000 acres. During the late 1800s and early 1900s the Kankakee River was dredged, straightened and the marshes were drained and converted to agricultural fields. Today, less than one percent of the marsh remains, but many tribal,

state, federal, and local groups would like to restore the Marsh. Land acquisitions within the Kankakee River floodplain could restore wetlands along the Kankakee River.

Wetlands are important features in the landscape that provide ecological benefits to both people and wildlife. Wetland restoration along the Kankakee River can help protect and improve water quality, provide fish and wildlife with habitats, and assist in storing floodwaters while maintaining surface water flow during dry periods.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Want to wear your pajamas and snuggle up with the kids for a Family Movie Night at the community center? Bring pillows and blankets to enjoy *Cars 3* and munch on popcorn. Come early and bring your own box to decorate and create your own "car" for our drive in movie! Limited number of boxes will be available to decorate at the movie. Decorating supplies will be provided for all. For anyone not watching the movie, there will also be fun board games. RSVP on our website to be entered in a raffle.

Friday, August 10 7:00 pm
Community Center



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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Department of Language & Culture

Mkedékéwen to fast A RITE OF PASSAGE



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 or at (269) 462-4325.

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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Family wellness 5K and 1-mile scavenger hunt coming next month

Lace up your walking shoes and join the Department of Social Services, Pokagon Health Services, and Tribal Police for the Family Wellness 5K run/walk and 1-mile scavenger hunt, held on Saturday, September 15 at the Rodgers Lake Pavilion. Packet pickup begins at 8 a.m. at the Pavilion. Both events will begin promptly at 9 a.m., so please be sure to get there early, as the entrance will be blocked off at 8:45 a.m. to keep all participants safe.

Stick around after you've crossed the finish line for a picnic lunch, raffles, and games. This event is open to the whole family.

Registration is available on the Pokagon Band website. Be sure to register by Thursday, August 30 to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Anyone who registers before the August 30 deadline will get an extra raffle ticket.

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

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+ Dowagiac District Library

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 or
Autumn Laraway at Autumn.Laraway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

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Inventory Sale + Auction

Office furniture and supplies, household goods, camping, etc. Something for everyone.

Monday + Tuesday Tribal Citizens
Wednesday + Friday Open to the public

New this year! We are hoping to be able to accept debit and credit card payments along with cash.

July 30–August 3, 2018
8 am–4 pm
National Copper Building | 415 Praire Ronde, Dowagiac
Sale entrance is through the west dock off Louise Street

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Is it time to refinance your auto loan?



Auto loans, along with your home mortgage, are among the most popular loans in today's market. Cars make it convenient to get to work, to get to the grocery store, anywhere. It has been reported that a record 107 million Americans have auto loan debt, according to data released by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. That is about 43 percent of the entire adult population in the United States.

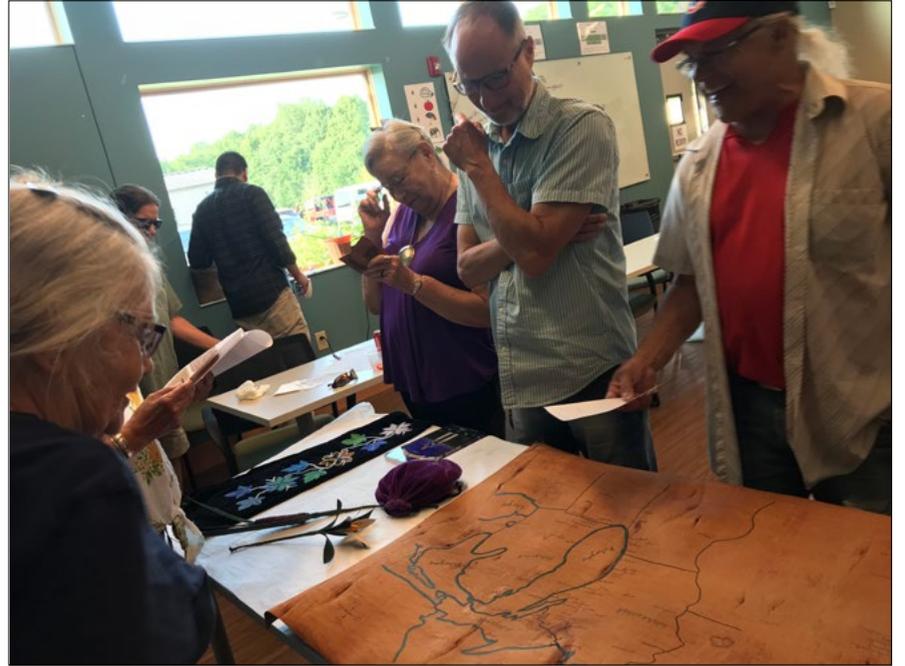
Auto loans, along with your home mortgage, are among the most popular loans in today's market.

If you are currently paying high interest rates, owe more than your car is worth, or your payments are putting you in a financial bind, we may be able to provide an affordable alternative.

It is Chi Ishobak's mission to provide all tribal citizens, Pokagon Band government employees, and Four Winds Casino employees with the tools and opportunities for meaningful lives and self-sufficiency. By working with you to re-finance your auto loan, you have the potential of 1) lowering your payments 2) reducing the length of your loan or 3) both.

Chi Ishobak has been able to refinance the auto loans for many of our clients, saving them money and shortening their loans. If you are in need of this same assistance, remember that we are only a phone call away. Call us at (269) 783-4157 to start taking the next steps to financial independence.

Archives Open House launches summer exhibit “Neshnabé Ké”



Neshnabé Ké loosely translates to “Potawatomi Earth” or “Homeland.” Summertime is welcomed by spending time outdoors and cooling off in our lakes. Language & Culture invited the community to take a closer look at some items in this exhibit at the most recent

Archives Open House, and anyone may stop by the Language & Culture offices to see this exhibit on display now until fall.

The Birch-Bark Booklets of Simon Pokagon

The following is an excerpt from an article written by Pokagon Archivist Blaire Topash-Caldwell, published in the July/August issue of Michigan History Magazine. Kyle Malott and Carla Collins assisted in the translation of the place names covered in the article.

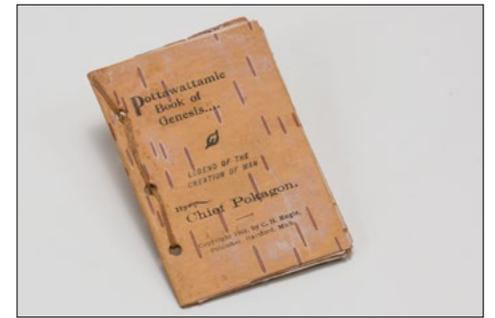
The state of Michigan gets its name from the Indigenous peoples of the Great Lakes. Mzhigénak, in Potawatomi, or mzhigénêng, in Odawa—both of the Algonquian language—mean “the place that has been clear-cut.” That jarring place-name refers to Michigan’s changing landscape in the early years of the United States, as large amounts of clearcutting for farming and development were underway. Many Indigenous peoples—Miami, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, Odawa, and others—stood witness to the unprecedented ecological, political, and social changes occurring around them.

For Native-American communities in the Great Lakes region, or Neshnabék, the nineteenth century was defined by the end of European alliances and the beginning of American expansion into their territories. The Potawatomi in particular established successful trade relationships with the French during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and later with the British in the early nineteenth century. But, after the War of 1812, the Americans, unlike the French or the British, were not as interested in trade with the Great Lakes Native communities as they were with their land and resources.

Extreme dispossession contextualized the Native experience during the late 1800s. Traditional Potawatomi placenames were overwritten by foreign English-language ones. A denial of Native-American participation in important historical processes, their removal west, environmental clearcutting, archeological destruction, and Native-American grave-robbing also occurred.

Those issues all influenced the provocative texts Simon Pokagon published in birch-bark booklets at the end of the nineteenth century. Pokagon was the son of Potawatomi Chief Leopold Pokagon and Elizabeth (Kettesse) Topinabee. Simon Pokagon is often referred to as “the Last Hereditary Chief of the Potawatomi.” However, traditionally, Potawatomi communities have complex, stable, and refined leadership roles—and hereditary chiefs are not one of them. Nonetheless, Pokagon was an important intellectual, activist, and writer.

Pokagon was born sometime in 1830 near Bertrand and died on January 28, 1899, in Hartford, Michigan. He married Lonidaw Angeline, for whom he dedicated his most famous work, *Ogimawkwe Mitigwaki*, or *Queen of the Woods*. The descendants of his father’s village are presently called the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians—a federally recognized tribe in Southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana. The tribe avoided removal to Kansas and Oklahoma because of Chief Leopold’s role in the 1833 Treaty of Chicago.



Pokagon’s writing resisted anti-Native Victorian zeitgeist, advocated for the rights of the environment, and reclaimed Indigenous space in Michigan in ways that still permeate throughout history to affect readers today.

Because he was a prolific writer and Native-American activist, Pokagon spoke at the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition as an invited lecturer. Similar to his writings, he spoke about loss of land, racial and religious injustice, and treaty rights, and he fought for Native-American religious thought and logic systems to be treated as equally valid to those of the Western world.

The reason Pokagon chose to print his stories and oral histories on birch paper was not just a creative or aesthetic rationale, but a political one. His papers pay homage to traditional uses of birch paper for the Potawatomi, as noted below.

“My object in publishing the Red Mans Rebuke on the bark of the white birch tree, is out of loyalty to my own people.... Out of this wonderful tree were made hats, caps and dishes for domestic use, while our maidens tied with it the knot that sealed their marriage vow; wigwams were made of it, as well as large canoes that outrode the violent storms on lake and sea; it was also used for light and fuel at our war councils and spirit dances. Originally the shores of our northern lakes and streams were fringed with it and evergreen, and white charmingly contrasted with the green mirrored from the water was indeed beautiful, but like the red man this tree is vanishing from our forests.”

– Simon Pokagon, *The Red Man’s Rebuke*



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August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Native newborns were breastfed after birth for at least two years and often longer traditionally. Nursing both a newborn and a toddler was very common in our culture. Breastfeeding is the natural, physiological way of feeding infants and young children, and human milk is the milk made specifically for human infants. Formulas made from cow's milk or soybeans are only superficially similar; advertising which states otherwise is misleading.

Breastfeeding should be easy and trouble free for most mothers. A good start helps to ensure breastfeeding is a happy experience for both mother and baby. Feeding your infant provides more than just good nutrition. It also gives you a chance to hold your newborn close, cuddle him, and make eye contact. These are relaxing and enjoyable moments for you both, and they bring you closer together emotionally.

Breastfeeding protects infants and mothers in several ways, providing healthy lifestyles for both. Listed are all the ways breastfeeding helps and is protective to both mother and child; these protective factors are not found in formula.

If you would like breastfeeding support for you or your family member, please contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406. Pokagon Health Services next breastfeeding class is August 23 from 1-4 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room (participation interest pending). RSVP with Elizabeth today.

Benefits for the Breastfeeding Baby

Immune system: Responds better to vaccinations. Human milk helps to mature immune system. Decreased risk of childhood cancer. Human milk contains antibodies, and live cells which protect infants and children.

Skin: Less allergic eczema.

Joints and muscles: Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis is less common.

Throat: Less likely to require tonsillectomies.

Bowels: Less constipation.

Urinary tract: Fewer infections

Digestive system: Less diarrhea, fewer gastrointestinal infections. 6 months or more of exclusive breastfeeding reduces risk of food allergies. Less risk of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis in adulthood.

Appendix: Children with acute appendicitis are less likely to have been breastfed.

Kidneys: With less salt and less protein, human milk is easier on baby's kidneys.

Respiratory system: Breastfed babies have fewer and less severe upper respiratory infections, less wheezing, less pneumonia and less influenza. Decreased asthma.

Mouth: Less need for orthodontics in children breastfed for a year. Improved muscle development of face. Subtle changes in the taste of human milk prepare babies to accept a variety of solid foods.

Higher IQ: Cholesterol and other types of fat in human milk support the growth of nerve tissue.

Endocrine system: Reduced risk of getting diabetes.

Eyes: Visual acuity is higher.

Ears: Fewer ear infections.

Decreased chance of death due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and of becoming obese later in life



Benefits for the Breastfeeding Mother

- Reduced risk of breast and ovarian cancer
- Reduced risk of anemia
- Protection against osteoporosis and hip fracture later in life
- Helps return mother's body to its pre-pregnant state. Promotes uterine contractions, which helps the uterus contract back down to pre-pregnancy state. This helps to aid in decreased bleeding after pregnancy.
- Decreases chances of getting postpartum depression or postpartum adjustment disorder
- Have increased self-confidence and a strong bond with their children
- Women who breastfeed for a year or more are 10 to 15 percent less likely to develop high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, and cardiac disease when menopausal than women who had been pregnant, but never breastfed.

Tribal Police celebrate achievements



Life Saving Awards

Officer David Duis
Officer James Ivy
Officer Joel Lewis
Officer Brody Weidner

Promotions

Sgt. Eric Shaer (Road Patrol)
Sgt. Justin Weber
(Detective Division)

Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) certification earned

Officer Brian Costa
Officer Eric Kaser
Lt. Steven Rider

Special Law Enforcement Commissions (SLEC) status earned

Lt. Steven Rider
Lt. Benjamin Graves
Sgt. James Wilkins
Sgt. Eric Shaer
Officer James Ivy
Officer Brian Costa
Officer Eric Kaser

Oath of Office

Officer Brian Matthews
Officer Travis Parrish

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Neshnabé Mbokén

Cake with an Author

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5 | 4:00–6:00 PM | COMMUNITY CENTER

Neshnabé mbokén is celebrating its one year anniversary! Meet Aaron Martin, pokagon author, as he shares his new children's book *A Gathering is Happening Today* with the community.

Please RSVP online to be entered in a raffle.

Neshnabé mbokén is a children's book club with a focus on Native American books and authors. This program is open to the public (all ages).

For more information, please contact Erin Byrket-Burggraf at topash240512@gmail.com or Autumn Laraway at Autumn.Laraway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

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Parent Group



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Department of Education | Early Childhood Education
Débénwéthék Parent Group

Visit Binder Zoo

Saturday, September 8 | 11:00 am
Binder Zoo | 7400 Division Drive | Battle Creek MI 49014

Débénwéthék Parent Group invites you to come enjoy a day at the Binder Zoo. Everyone will meet at the zoo. Admission is free and gift cards for food will be available to those pre-registered online by September 1.



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What's that invasive species? Porcelain-berry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*)



Porcelain berry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*) is a member of the grape family that is native to Northeastern Asia. Porcelain berry has been sold as an ornamental due to the bright colors of the berries on the vine dating as far back as 1870.

Currently, this species is found along the eastern coast as well as in Michigan and Wisconsin. Being a member of the grape family, porcelain-berry looks a lot like wild grape species found in Michigan, however, when the berries are ripe they range in color from blue to pink or purple. Leaves have three main lobes and can range in shape from small sinuses to very deep and distinct lobes. With Southwestern Michigan being a great place for grapes to grow, there is also a high potential for this invasive species to take over. This vine is an aggressive invader and is able to climb on any surface. Porcelain berry can cover and kill other native vegetation, creating a monoculture. Wildlife, including birds and small mammals, are attracted to the seeds and can disperse the seeds in their droppings.

Manual removal can be used to cut and remove vines and should be done in the spring to prevent flowers and berries from forming or in the fall to prevent future growth. If the infestation is large, chemical treatment in combination with cutting is the best method to get this invasive vine under control. If you think you see porcelain berry on tribal properties, 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? Reishi (*Ganoderma sessile*, *Ganoderma tsugae*)

Reishi mushrooms are mushroom species that can be found in the late summer and early fall in Michigan. There are multiple species of reishi mushrooms (*Ganoderma sp.*), with the two most common species being *Ganoderma tsugae*, growing mainly on hemlock trees, and *Ganoderma sessile*, lacking a main stem.



Reishi mushrooms are polypores (meaning many pores) with a bright white pore surface that bruises brown when touched or scratched.

While growing, the leading edge of the mushroom is white and turns a dark red brown as it gets older. Reishi are typically found at the base of dead and dying trees or on dead and downed wood. Be sure to harvest reishi mushrooms that are fresh and not past their prime. If you find reishi mushrooms remember where you found them, as they will grow in the same area for multiple years. Reishi are usually harvested with a knife or scissors.

The leading edge can be cut and eaten, however, most *Ganoderma* are dried and then ground to create a tea or tincture. Ailments addressed by this mushroom include arthritis, insomnia and diabetes. Additionally, the tea or tincture of reishi is thought to provide antibiotic properties. When harvesting, please make sure to leave plenty for the next person and next generation. As with any new edible, ensure that you have a positive identification before consumption and utilize the edible in small quantities at first to make sure there are no allergic reactions.



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Elders Health + Wellness

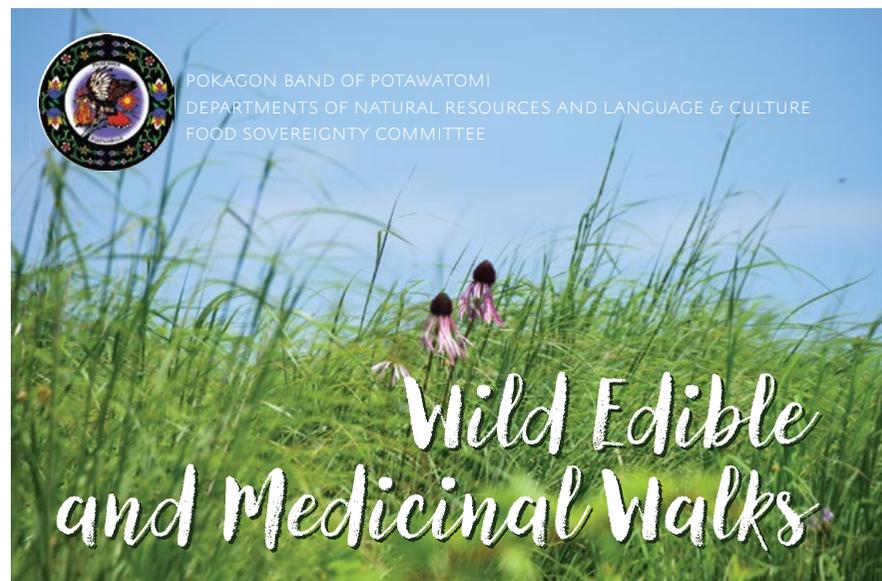
Monday, Wednesday + Friday
11:00 – 11:45 am
PHS Wellness Center

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



POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
DEPARTMENTS OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND LANGUAGE & CULTURE
FOOD SOVEREIGNTY COMMITTEE

Wild Edible and Medicinal Walks

ALTERNATING TUESDAYS 5:30 PM
MEET AT DNR | 32142 EDWARDS ST

Do you want to learn about wild edibles or medicinal plants? Come join us as we walk through the fields and forests on tribal properties identifying wild edible and medicinal plants. We will discuss what plants are edible, how to identify them, where to find them, and some of their potential uses.

Gathering baskets and hand tools will be available for use during our excursions.

We'll have snacks provided and start walking at 5:30 pm. Depending on what plants are available and where we travel on tribal properties walks could last until 8:30 pm or later.

Tuesday, July 3

Tuesday, July 17

Tuesday, July 31

Tuesday, August 7

Tuesday, August 21

Please refer to the Pokagon Band website for weather-related updates.

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WEDNESDAY		Nyéw gízhëk	THURSDAY	Nyano gízhëk	FRIDAY	Odankè gízhëk	SATURDAY
1	Illness Intermediate Language Class	PALS (Play and Learn Social) L&C Bike Trip STEM Day Camp Lean Lunch Men's Sweat L&C South Bend Language Class L&C Potawatomi 201	2	Circuit Training STEM Day Camp Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training PHS Red Road to Wellbriety	3	STEM Day Camp	4
8	Illness Intermediate Language Class	Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class L&C Potawatomi 201	9	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training PHS Red Road to Wellbriety Family Movie Night	10	Tribal Council Meeting	11
15	Illness Intermediate Language Group Drumming	L&C Traditional Travels PALS (Play and Learn Social) Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class L&C Potawatomi 201	16	L&C Traditional Travels Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training PHS Red Road to Wellbriety	17		18
22	Illness Intermediate Language	Lean Lunch PHS Breastfeeding Class L&C South Bend Language Class L&C Potawatomi 201	23	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training PHS Red Road to Wellbriety	24	Healthy Step with Education Pokagon Quadrathon	25
29	Illness Intermediate Language Class	Lean Lunch Men's Sweat L&C South Bend Language Class L&C Potawatomi 201	30	Traditional Womens Water Walk Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training PHS Red Road to Wellbriety	31	Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow	sept 1

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

PHS holds first Babysitting Basics class

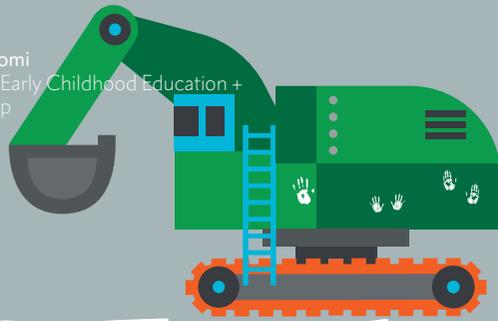
Eleven youth, ranging in ages from 11–17, participated in the tribe’s first ever safe sitter class the week of June 18. They had a busy week of learning how to take care of our most prized possessions. The week was filled with hands-on learning about the basics of taking care of babies/children such as changing diapers, feeding

babies, the importance of safe sleep, and basic child development. We were very fortunate to welcome Lakeland Health to the class to teach First AID and CPR. All kids passed and earned their certificates and cards for both CPR and First Aid. Other visitors shared information and education on fire safety

(Dowagiac Fire Dept.), language and culture (L&C), safety in the home (Tribal Police), and food safety (dietician). We thank everyone who helped with this class. Safe sitter was a success, and we look forward to next year’s course!



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education Early Childhood Education +
Débénwéthêk Parent Group



Touch-A-Truck

Touch-A-Truck is a fun, free hands-on opportunity for the whole family to explore an assortment of vehicles, including police cars, construction equipment, and many other unique vehicles from those who protect, build and serve our community! Professionals who use these vehicles will be present to answer questions and demonstrate how each vehicle works.

Event is open to the general public.

Saturday, August 18

9:00 am – noon (Sirens start at 10:00 am)

Hosted by the Pokagon Band Débénwéthêk Parent Group +
the Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce Rod and Roll Classic Auto Show
Downtown Dowagiac



If you are interested in providing a vehicle for this event, please contact Rachel Orvis at drorvis@gmail.com.

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



DRUM CLASSES

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

6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Please join John T. Warren at our 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

July 11	August 1	September 5	October 3	November 7	December 5
July 18	August 15	September 19	October 17	November 21	December 19

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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.

First Family Fun Fest offered a full day of activities for all ages



by Autumn Laraway and Dean Orvis

Between the Mini Olympics Training Session and Minor Mudder, Dėbėnwėthėk Parent Group co-hosted a healthy Family Picnic with PHS and the Wellness Center. Families participated in various outdoor activities, such as water balloon volleyball, bean bag toss, and frisbee. Kids also played in an obstacle bounce house and sat for face-painting. Please visit our website for more opportunities to spend quality time with your family and create meaningful experiences together at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/early-childhood-education.

The second annual Minor Mudder drew more than 50 youth to complete its 1.1 mile obstacle course through water, woods, and lots of mud. Despite the cool, rainy weather, the kids were excited and prepared to challenge themselves. We were excited to watch them overcome their fears as they waded through the muddy waters, belly crawled through the mud, and glided down the 100 foot slip-n-slide.

This annual challenge is designed for youth between the ages of 4–14 years and focuses on teamwork, bravery, and having fun. We are looking forward to another great Minor Mudder in 2019 and hope the kids will agree with this year’s participants who said things like: “I never thought I could ever do that,” “That was awesome,” and “I slid so far!” We are excited to continue offering adventure and motivation to our Pokagon youth through these challenges and activities.

The Minor Mudder course was also offered to all campers participating in the 2018 Kė Gbėshmen Culture Camp. This event is made possible by the dedicated assistance of the Wellness Center, Pokagon Health Services, the Department of Education, our Department of Natural Resources, the Facilities Department, our Pokagon Tribal Police, and all of the individuals who worked together to make this a memorable event. Migwetch for participating, and we hope to see you all competing again next year.

Healthy Lifestyle Campaign celebrates quarterly winners



Healthy Lifestyle Campaign participants continue to show up to the Wellness Center and go after their health goals. Keep working hard, and help us congratulate this quarter’s prize winners.

2nd Quarter Winners

Jill Byrket Kayak

Lisa Adair Golf Clubs

Heather Byers 4 person Raft

Mary Eccles Smart Watch

Emily Miller Smart Watch

3rd Quarter Measurement Dates

September 4–14

Prairie Avenue Beautification Project completed in South Bend



The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi completed the Prairie Avenue Beautification Project by raising the flags on the site's flagpoles July 16. Pokagon Band Chairman John P. Warren, Four Winds Casinos Chief Operating Officer Frank Freedman and City of South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg presided over the official ceremony near the entrance of Four Winds Casino South Bend.

The Prairie Avenue Beautification Project was planned with the City of South Bend, St. Joseph County and the Pokagon Band to enhance the four quadrants of the U.S. 20/31 Bypass Interchange on the western side of the city, making it a

gateway for all visitors. As part of the project, four large, cedarwood flagpoles were installed, along with decorative landscape bricks, on/off ramp enhancements, road resurfacing, and new traffic signals.

Over 20 veterans of the United States military, including six from the Pokagon Band, joined to perform a ceremonial flag raising at this morning's event. A traditional Pokagon drum song was performed during the ceremony.

Mno-Bmadsen featured in journal



COVER STORY



Troy Clay

Planned Success

MNO-BMADSEN FUELS MULTIMILLION POKAGON PORTFOLIO IN SIX YEARS

BY LEVI RICKERT

The history of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, based in Dowagiac, Michigan, is one of survival for much of the past two centuries. Collectively, the members of the tribe stayed together in southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana to retain their tribal identity despite not being formally acknowledged by the federal government.

It was not until 1994 that the tribe obtained its federal reacknowledgment through an act of Congress that was signed by President Bill Clinton. The tribe utilized grants to build homes and help with housing for tribal citizens. Back then, the tribe provided health services and social services, but, not long after that, the idea of gaming came to the forefront of the discussion and it became a real and viable economic alternative for the band's leadership.

Tribal leadership identified land near New Buffalo, an hour from Chicago, to build its first casino, Four Winds Casino. The proximity to Chicago was a real plus for the Four Winds in that the casino

Check out the July 2018 *Tribal Business Journal* featuring an interview with Troy Clay about Mno-Bmadsen and its family of companies. View the full article online by visiting the link:

 tinyurl.com/ycunla6d

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.

- Pokagon Rights Board
- Election Board
- Oshke Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee
- Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee
- Mno-Bmadsen Board
- Curriculum Committee
- Enrollment Board

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Diabetes Program

Education

Join PHS for diabetes education open to tribal citizens and their families. Each class is 2 hours and there will be a different topic each month. See the times and topics below and please RSVP if you are interested in attending these classes. You can attend one or all of the classes. Classes may be canceled due to lack of participation.



PHS Multi-purpose Room
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI

July 10	9am – 11am	Diabetes Basics Taught by PHS nursing staff
August 14	9am – 11am	Medications and complications Taught by a PHS pharmacist
September 11	9am – 11am	Nutrition Taught by PHS Registered Dietician
October 9	2pm – 4pm	Diabetes Basics Taught by PHS nursing staff
November 13	2pm – 4pm	Medications and complications Taught by a PHS pharmacist
December 11	2pm – 4pm	Nutrition Taught by PHS Registered Dietician

Please contact Elizabeth Leffler, RN at (269) 462-4406 for more information or to sign up for a session.

Prevention



THURSDAY AUGUST 2 9:30 AM L&C

Join Language & Culture for a youth bike ride in Niles, MI along the St. Joseph River.

During this trip our Language Specialist, Kyle Malott will be identifying and talking about culturally significant spots along side the St. Joe River.

A few of the identified locations we will be learning about are Topinabee and his village, why the St. Joe river is called Senathwen Zibe, Allouez grave, Fort St. Joe marker and dig site along this river. There will be 10 bikes available for youth to use during this trip.

- 9:30 AM Depart from L&C
- 10:00 AM Arrive at Niles to begin Bike Tour
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 2:00 PM Arrive back to L&C

RSVP by contacting Daniel.Stohrer@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or the Department of Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325.

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

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august

6 **language**

Mostaccioli with Buffalo Meatballs
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

13 **language**

BBQ Chicken
Baked Potato
Spinach
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

20 **language**

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Corn on the Cob
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

27 **language**

Marinated Pork Chops
Italian Pasta Salad
Black Beans
Fruit Salad
Whole Grain Roll

7

Beef Roast in Gravy with Mashed Potatoes
Spinach
Garden Salad
Cottage Cheese and Peaches
Whole Grain Roll

14

Breakfast Bar

21

Pork Steak
Baked Sweet Potato
Spinach
Tomato Salad
Whole Grain Roll

28

Brats on a Bun
Sauerkraut
Veggie and Relish Tray
Baked Chips

1

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

8

Chicken Tacos with all the Fixings
Hard or Soft Shell
Red Beans and Rice
Dessert

15

Buffalo Stew
Broccoli and Cauliflower
Salad
Jell-O W/Fruit
Cornbread
Dessert

22

Baked Cod
Rice Pilaf
Carrots
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

29

Marinated Chicken
Baked Potato
Baked Beans
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

2

Chicken Broccoli Alfredo
Carrots
Bruschetta
Garden Salad
Dessert

9

business meeting

Goulash
French Style Green Beans
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit
Garlic Bread
Birthday Cake

16

Sliced Beef in Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Blueberry Pie
Whole Grain Roll

23

social

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

30

Tuna, Pea, Egg, and Shell
Noodle Cold Plate
Wheat Crackers
Veggie Tray
Jell-O W/Fruit

3

Chicken Broccoli Alfredo
Carrots
Bruschetta
Garden Salad
Dessert

10

Pizza Day

17

Salmon Patties
Mac and Cheese
Brussels Sprouts
Broccoli Slaw
Whole Grain Roll

24

Salad Bar

31

Chef's Choice

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	
Skylar Topash		x
John Watson	x	

You can update your address on the PokagonBand-nsn.gov website under Citizens > Enrollment or phone (269) 782-1763 for an address form by mail.

Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by June 15 in order to make it on the July 2018 check run. Anything received after June 15 will be processed on the check run for August 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.

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
Thursday, November 8, 2018*	Tuesday, November 20, 2018	Wed, November 21, 2018
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 is 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.

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

Tribal Council August Calendar of Events

- 6 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 6 p.m.
- 7 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 20 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 21 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 27 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 28 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

Tribal Council September Calendar of Events

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

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT
PUBLICATION OF HEARING

To: **THE MOTHER, CASSANDRA LYNN JACKSON, AND THE FATHER, CHRISTOPHER TYLER JACKSON**

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing regarding a *Supplemental Petition Requesting Termination of Parental Rights of Mother, Cassandra Lynn Jackson, and Father, Christopher Tyler Jackson* will be held on **August 23, 2018** at **1:00 p.m.** at the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Court, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047, before the Honorable Michael Petoskey, Chief Judge, for the following purpose:

The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether your parental rights should be terminated.

It is therefore ordered that Cassandra Lynn Jackson and Christopher Tyler Jackson personally appear before the Court at the time and place as stated above.



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

**DISCOVER THE ANSWER
AUGUST 15–17, 2018**

Language & Culture and the Tribal Police Conservation Department are hosting a Traditional Travels Canoe Trip in Huron-Manistee National Forest at Seaton Creek Campground (Mesick, MI) August 15–17. This adventure consists of two nights spent rustic tent camping (no electricity or running water). During our stay the young men and women will receive teachings such as plant identification, survival and proper canoeing skills. Other activities consist of swimming and fishing.

This event, with **only 15 spots available**, is open to young men and women between the ages of 13–18. Participants will be required to follow all safety guidelines, rules, and regulations.

RSVP by contacting Daniel.Stohrer@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or by calling the Department of Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325. This trip fills quickly.



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

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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
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Nmégwzé gizes August Citizen Announcements



So proud of our son, **James Robert Jasper!** He was recognized for Perfect Attendance (all four years) and as a Presidential Scholar from Reed Middle School in Bridgman. On June 9th, he also became a member of the Brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow (National Honor Society of The Boy Scouts of America) which focuses on cheerful service. Congratulations! Love, Mom and Dad

Happy 6th Birthday **Kensington!** Love, grandma, grandpa, dad, uncle Jay, aunt Carrie, and Addie



Happy Birthday **Trenton.** Love, grandma Juju and poppa Don



Happy Birthday **Casey, Matt, and Ricky Rider!** Love, papa Rick and grandma Diana



Bozho thayék,
Nanaquiba Soraya Malott
nde zhnēkas
gēno o ndodém
Pawating
ndē wtthbya.
Bodéwadmí

Odawa Ojibwe Myaamia Apache Persian German Scottish Irish minē French ndaw. Aptēnib gizes é gothék ndatso nseth nyéw gwnégwzet ngi dbeshka. Zénba odanék ga the ndadzéyan. Kyle Malott minē Serrina Malott (O'Brien-Tarazandepour) zhenkazwik gi ngetsimék.

*Hello everyone, I am called **Nanaquiba Soraya Malott** I am eagle clan i am from Niles, MI. I am Potawtomi Odawa Ojibwe Myaamia Apache Persian German Scottish Irish & French. I was born on July 14th in South Bend, IN. My parents are Kyle Malott & Serrina Malott (O'Brien-Tarazandepour)*

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LITTLE MS + MR POKAGON NAGANZET [THE ONE WHO LEADS]

Pokagon youth are invited to run for the title of Little Ms and Mr Pokagon Naganzet, where they will act as a representative for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Male and female candidates must be the ages of 7–12. Candidates should be able to demonstrate confidence, knowledge of our language, culture, and history. Dance exhibitions will take place at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow this Labor Day weekend.

Candidates must be enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. (Please bring tribal ID).

For more information, please contact Rebecca Williams at (269) 782-8998 or rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



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

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Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow

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+ SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

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