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Tribal Council this September unanimously expressed their support for the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's peaceful opposition to the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) and the ongoing fight for environmental and cultural justice. In December, Council sent nine citizens, spouses, and employees to Sacred Stone Camp to lend support, aid, and a trailer full of supplies.

The group accomplished this goal, leaving firewood, warm clothes, food, their own tent, cots and sleeping bags. They volunteered, making food for campers, chopping wood, and contributing as needs arose.

Daniel Stoher, youth services coordinator, was the only non-citizen in the group, and he felt honored and humbled to represent the tribe at Standing Rock. The entire group expressed thankfulness to be a part of what they did and appreciative of the trust from Tribal Council that they would represent the Band well.

They picked up firewood in Fargo, North Dakota three hours from Sacred Stone Camp. When they arrived, they pitched their tent, but couldn't set up the wood-burning stove they brought for warmth, so they relied on small propane tanks and sleeping bags to keep warm.

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Indiana homeland restored, celebrated in South Bend

On Friday, November 18, Chairman John P. Warren received news from leadership at the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the BIA had approved the tribe's application to take into trust 166 acres of Pokagon Band land in the city of South Bend. Four years since the application had been submitted—and hundreds of years in the making—this historic decision restores the Pokagon Band's ancestral homeland in South Bend and marks the first sovereign tribal land in the state of Indiana.

At a celebration and media event Tuesday, November 29 at Four Winds Field, the Band marked the occasion with drumming and singing, and remarks thanking citizens and area partners. Tribal Council ceremonially gifted blankets to South Bend and Indiana leaders who had supported the progress of the project. The tribe shared plans for the tribal village, which will begin with six homes by mid-2017, and could eventually include 44 housing units and a community center along with facilities for health services and other tribal government programs. A police substation will be built on adjacent land. Construction started the next day.

"This approval will help break down barriers to services for our tribal citizens and enable us to build the necessary healthcare, family services, education facilities, and homes," said Chairman Warren.

The following week the Gaming Authority and Four Winds leadership hosted a media event to detail Four Winds South Bend. The first phase will have 175,000 square feet and



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Are you living a healthy lifestyle?

As we begin 2017, many people are thinking about starting something fresh. Some decide to work out more, stop smoking, or eat less. In each of those instances, intentions are good. “I’m going to do...” We can all fill in the blank with our New Year’s resolution or goal for 2017. However, most people have completely reverted to old habits by the end of January, and are left feeling defeated.

Pokagon Health Services would like to help you overcome this struggle. We can help people with a goal plan, an eating plan, and we can put you on a fitness program specifically designed for you. We want you to have great success in overcoming the obstacles when trying to make a healthy lifestyle change. PHS staff are ready to help each person come up with a plan to create higher levels of success through the Healthy Lifestyles Campaign. We’re using the term healthy lifestyles and not diet, because diets can do more harm than good, but a lifestyle change is long term.

This campaign will help all who participate in four key areas: Physical, Emotional, Nutritional, and Rest. We have a network in place to help participants stay accountable, we have prizes for those who participate, and our goal is to see healthy improvements in the lives of everyone in the Pokagon family. We are trying to take a more proactive approach to improving health outcomes as opposed to just giving



medication or putting on Band-Aids, because these are not long-term solutions. We could reduce over 40 percent of the prescriptions dispensed at PHS if we all improved lifestyles. Wouldn’t it be great to live prescription free, or at least greatly reduce your need for medication?

There will be many advantages for those who participate in the Healthy Lifestyle Campaign. What is the important thing for you? Is it becoming more active? Is it wanting to spend more quality time with family? Whatever drives your desire to improve your health, PHS will help you along this journey. You will not be alone. Our motto for the campaign is “Your Health, Your Choice.” Nobody

should care about your physical well-being more than the person looking at you in the mirror. The PHS team cares too, and that is why we want you to be a part of the inaugural Healthy Lifestyles Campaign to see you make a positive change.

Do not feel defeated this year. Be a part of the HLC and make the changes in your life that are needed, because it’s Your Health, Your Choice.



Please register now at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/healthy-lifestyles-campaign-pre-registration

Community gearing up for 2017 One Story project

The following article by Ted Yoakum first appeared in the Dowagiac Daily News and is reprinted with permission from Leader Publications.



Earlier this year, members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi asked local readers to share a single story focused on the majesty and beauty of the area the Native American tribe has called home for centuries. Organizers with the 2017 One Story | Ngot Yajmowen program assembled at the Dowagiac

Area History Museum Tuesday morning to finalize plans for the upcoming series of events, which will take place from February through May next year.

Like in previous years, the series of lectures and activities will focus on themes loosely tied to a book the community is asked to read. Next year, the community is asked to read a book about another place near and dear to their hearts — Dowagiac. For next year’s program, the One Story committee — comprised of leaders with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, City of Dowagiac, Dowagiac Area History Museum, Southwestern Michigan College and the Dowagiac District Library — selected *Images of America: Dowagiac*, a 2005 nonfiction book featuring photos from Dowagiac’s storied history, co-authored by local museum director Steve Arseneau and former director Ann Thompson.

“We are really excited to feature a photo essay book for the 2017 program,” said Kristie Bussler, the educational resource specialist with the Pokagon Band and lead organizer of the One Story program. “We think it will be interesting to all our readers, from youth to the elderly. In fact, some readers may even recognize their ancestors in some of the photos.”

Next year will mark the fourth anniversary of the One Story program, which was inspired by a national shared reading program called the Big Read. For the 2016 program, organizers selected Simon Pokagon’s novel *Queen of the Woods* as the centerpiece work, offering several programs based around themes presented in the story. As Pokagon — the son of the local tribe’s founder, Leopold — set his story in the Michiana area, One Story organizers wanted to select another book showcasing the local area for the next rendition of One Story, Bussler said.

On top of reading the selected book, participants in the upcoming program will again be asked to share their own personal stories about the place they consider home. People can weave these tales in several different ways, including writing, photography, video or audio, Bussler said. “We are encouraging everyone to participate in this program,” she said. “We want people to know that they do have a story to tell, and we want to hear it.”

Information about next year’s events will be posted on the One Story project website, onestoryread.org. People will be able to pick up copies of *Images of America: Dowagiac* from the Pokagon Band headquarters, the Dowagiac District Library, the Dowagiac Area History Museum and Southwestern Michigan College.

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

Pokagon citizens, employees represent tribe at Standing Rock, *continued from page 1*



“Everybody knew it wasn’t going to be a fun time or time off work,” Daniel said. “Everybody here gave up a little bit, but the things that we gave up are not even close to what the people have given up who have been here, some since April.”

The Pokagon group met others from Michigan, citizens of the Saginaw Chippewa, Gun Lake, Nottawaseppi Huron tribes, as well as non-citizens from the state. Citizen Becky Williams and citizen-spouse Alicia Atkinson spent most of their time in the Michigan cooking tent, according to Daniel. Others split the wood they brought, transported water to the medical tent, and Daniel says everyone pitched in where needed.

“Everyone was there to protect the water, and everybody understood that goal and came together to accomplish that goal,” he said.

Daniel anticipated seeing people very much in need at the camp, but surprisingly to him, that wasn’t the case thanks to all the donations of supplies, time, and resources.

Sacred Stone Camp is home to an estimated 4,500 people, and the Pokagon group spotted housing of all types, single tents, military tents, and even more permanent structures with siding and roofs. The water protectors clearly have no plans to leave.

“It was an overwhelming feeling seeing all our brothers and sisters coming together for a common goal, but there’s still a bigger fight that needs to be fought,” Becky said.

The Pokagon group was at the camp the day the Army Corps of Engineers rejected the permit application for the current DAPL route. The scene leading up to the announcement struck the group just as powerfully as the announcement, itself.

The more than 2,000 native and non-native veterans—massively larger than the number expected—prepared to stand at the front lines, but the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman called them back, in hopes of promoting peace over conflict.

He called all campers to join hands in a circle that stretched through the camp. As the final campers joined the circle, the news came out that the route was rejected.

The decision to reject the pipeline is a step in the right direction, but this struggle for water protection and indigenous rights is not over.

“Just because the permit was denied, doesn’t mean they’re going to stop,” Becky said.

And in fact the drilling company has not stopped their drills, paying the fines instead. Becky is eager to return, to continue in the ongoing fight for our tribal land, water, and rights.

Sugar Season 2017 encompassing fewer trees, more stories



The 3rd Annual Community Sugar Bush Season is kicking off this month at a pancake breakfast, Saturday, January 21. Cultural Activities Coordinator Patty Jo Kublick hopes to offer corn flour pancakes at the event, with corn flour from our friends at Gun Lake. That is not certain, but the community can absolutely expect syrup made last season to top their flapjacks.

The first year sugar bushing opened to community involvement, we tapped 150 trees; last year we increased to 250, and this year we're taking a step back to about 150 trees. This is due to the fact that 250 trees were too much to manage with the amount of volunteers the program had last year. If more volunteer, the number of trees tapped will follow.

The sugar program will continue to involve our Head Start children, focusing on passing knowledge of sugar bushing to the next generation and beyond. Sugar bushing is a traditional Native American practice, a blood memory.

Kublick hopes to include story sharing opportunities during Saturday sugar workshops throughout the season, expected to run from February 10 to April 1.

If you would like to contribute your own knowledge by leading a workshop or if you would like to receive certain teachings surrounding sugar bush, contact Patty Jo at (269) 462-4303 or pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Round Dance celebration brings good medicine



This year's Round Dance brought in more than 150 people from across the United States and Canada. Several renowned award-winning singers were featured throughout the night. The theme of this year's dance was to honor our singers for their gift of bringing good medicine to the people.

Language book series available for purchase



The Language Program has a supply of new and updated Jim Thunder language series, which consists of *Books 1, 2, and 3*. The Program also has Jim Thunder's book titled *Medicines of the Potawatomi* which provides information about and Potawatomi language on traditional medicines that have been used for many generations. The cost of Jim Thunder's three book series is \$15, and the medicine book is \$5.

If you are interested in purchasing these materials from the Pokagon Language Program, please email us at rhonda.purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call (269) 462-4255.

January is cervical health month

When cancer starts in the cervix, it is called cervical cancer. Cervical cancer is highly preventable in most Western countries because screening tests and a vaccine to prevent human papillomavirus (HPV) are available. When found early, cervical cancer is highly treatable and curable.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is found in about 99 percent of cervical cancers. There are over 100 different types of HPV, most of which are considered low-risk and do not cause cervical cancer. High-risk HPV types may cause cervical cell abnormalities or cancer.

HPV is estimated to be the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States. In fact, by age 50 approximately 80 percent of women have been infected with some type of HPV. The majority of women infected with the HPV virus do not develop cervical cancer. For most women, the HPV infection does not last long; 90 percent of HPV infections resolve on their own within two years. A small number of women do not clear the HPV virus and are considered to have persistent infection. A woman with a persistent HPV infection is at greater risk of developing cervical cell abnormalities and cancer than a woman whose infection resolves on its own. Certain types of this virus are able to transform normal cervical cells into abnormal ones. In a small number of cases and usually over a long period of time (from several years to several decades), some of these abnormal cells may then develop into cervical cancer.

About 13,000 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed in 2016. Of those 13,000, 4,100 women will die from cervical cancer. Cervical cancer was once one of the most common causes of cancer death for American women. That has declined by 50 percent due to increased use of the Pap test over the past 40 years. This screening can find changes in the cervix before cancer develops and/or find it in its most curable stage.



In the U.S., Hispanic women are most likely to get cervical cancer, followed by African Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders, and Caucasians. American Indian and Alaskan natives have the lowest risk of cervical cancer in this country.

Risk factors

- Smoking
- Immunodeficiency disease (HIV/AIDS)
- Using birth control pills for a long period of time (five or more years)
- Having given birth to three or more children
- Having several sexual partners
- Being overweight

Decrease your risk

The HPV vaccine is recommended for 11–12 year old girls and boys or women under 26. The HPV vaccine is given as three shots over a six month period. It is recommended that females get the same vaccine brand for all three doses, whenever possible. Also:

- Use condoms during sex
- Limit your number of sexual partners
- Not smoking

So while January is Cervical Health Month, PHS urges women to get screened regularly starting at age 21, to vaccinate, and don't wait to call your doctor if you're concerned.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Department of Language & Culture

3rd annual

PANCAKE

Breakfast

Please join the Language & Culture staff for the kick off to this year's Sugar Season beginning with a pancake breakfast.

Staff will collect the contact information (email + phone numbers) of those interested in participating in the 2017 sugar season.

January 21, 2017
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail



If you have any questions please contact the Department of Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 / pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Language and Culture team move into new building



You can now find the staff of the Department of Language and Culture in their newly-completed building. Though still part of the Rodgers Lake campus, the building can be accessed via Indian Lake Road. This phase of the complex includes two buildings: an administrative office and a workshop facility. Classes such as drumming and regalia making will now be held in the workshop.

Come by for a visit and enjoy the fire. The new address is:

59291 Indian Lake Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047



Apply now for 2017 Summer College Internship Program

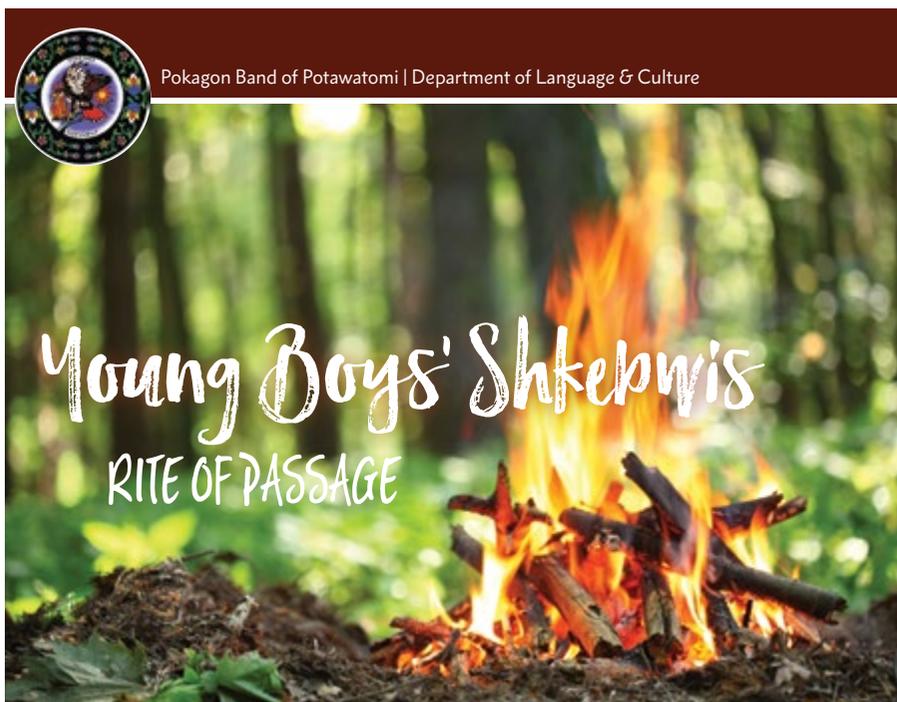
Interested in applying for the 2017 Department of Education's Summer College Internship Program? Please visit the Pokagon Band Careers Page located at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/business-community/career-opportunities at the end of January for the online application.

The Summer Internship Program is a competitive, paid, eight-week summer internship program for Pokagon citizens who are currently attending college or will be attending school in the fall 2017 semester. The internship will run from June 5 through July 28. Job placements will be in various tribal offices in Dowagiac, Michigan. Possible placements include the following departments: Housing, Health Services, I.T., Social Services, Human Resources, Education, Natural Resources, Tribal Court, Communications, Tribal Police, Finance, and Language and Culture. Additionally, interns may find placement at Mno Bmadsen, Pokagon Fund and Chi Isobak.

New this year is Southwestern Michigan College housing and reimbursement of air travel to and from the internship through Education's Special Request Program for interns up to \$500 who have not used these funds. If you are interested in earning college credit, please contact the appropriate office at your institution and forward the requirements to the Department of Education. If you have any general questions about the college internship, please contact Polly Mitchell at the Department of Education at (269) 462-4294 or e-mail polly.mitchell@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/business-community/career-opportunities



This fall the Department of Language and Culture's Youth Cultural Program invites young boys who are transitioning to young men during their Shkebwis and their family for a rite of passage kchitwaa mkadekwein | fasting ceremony.

If you or your child is interested in participating, please contact Rebecca Williams at rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov or at (269) 462-4296.

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Mkadeké o zétsi
Moon time
Berry fast teachings

Girls and young ladies entering puberty and interested in beginning their traditional berry fasts are invited to learn more about this rite of passage, the teachings of moon time and berry fasts.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rebecca Williams at rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov or at (269) 462-4296.

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What's that invasive species? Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*)



Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*), also known as “coypus” or “swamp beavers,” are native to South America and were originally brought to the United States in 1889 for the fur market. Following the fur market collapse, thousands of these mammals were released into the wild. Although the nutria is currently not detected in Michigan, this mammal is on the invasive species watch list in Michigan because of the potential damage it would cause. Nutria feed on a number of native species roots and tubers and can change the hydrology of wetlands and marshes. Nutria cause damage by undermining river banks and causing increased erosion. Nutria are typically found in ponds, drainage canals, swamps, marshes, and rivers. The nutria looks similar to a muskrat, but is much larger in size. Distinguishing characteristics of nutria include a length of approximately 2 feet, having long, white whiskers on either side of the nose, a thick rat-like tail that is covered in bristly hairs, and large yellow or orange incisors. If you think you see nutria on tribal properties, please take as many pictures as possible and contact the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources at (269) 782-9602.

What's that edible plant? Wild Rose (*Rosa spp.*)



There are many species of wild roses (*rosa spp.*) that grow outside. Throughout the year, different parts of the rose can be eaten and used as medicine. Wild native roses typically have five petals and are pink, but they can range in color from white (rare) to deep purple. Each species of rose has a slightly different flavor dependent upon location, soil type, and depth of color. When the flowers are in bloom, the petals are edible. You can eat them raw or turn them into jams or teas. You can also create rose oil from its petal, which has been used historically for ailments including headaches, depression, and nausea—among others. After the flowers fall off the plant, the rose hip remains behind and can be collected throughout the fall and winter. Do not eat rose seeds within the rose hips, as they contain cyanide. The flesh of rose hips can be eaten raw, used to create jams/jellies, syrups, teas, or dried and used in recipes as a powder or dried fruit. Rose hips are high in vitamin C and also contain vitamins A, E, K, and complex B, as well as the minerals calcium, iron, and phosphorous. Rose hips are also rich in antioxidants and contain carotenes. As always, be sure to positively identify your plants before consumption and be aware of where you are picking your roses to ensure that your roses have not been sprayed by pesticides or herbicides, as this makes plants inedible.

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DONATE
Blood



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

Friday, January 13

Friday, March 17

Thursday, October 26

Friday, May 19

Friday, August 18

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

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

Elders Technology Training Day offered

Pokagon Elders who are in need of technology training and wish to receive additional support services from the Department of Education on Kindles, cell phones, personal computers or any other technical devices, please join us.

January 19, 2017 We'll cover setting up online bill pay on any device that has an app or web browser capable of online bill pay. Meet at the Education Training Room 3 to 4:30 p.m.

February 16, 2017 We will go over safe internet browsing practices and how to safely use the internet with a better chance of avoiding viruses, spyware, and malware. Meet at the Education Training Room 3 to 4:30 p.m.

March 16, 2017 Topic to be determined, meet at the Community Center 3 to 4:30 p.m.

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Diabetes Program

Education

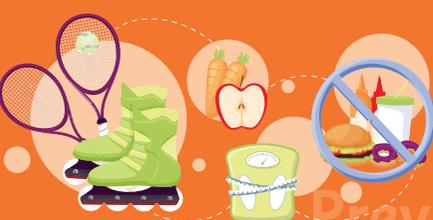
Join PHS for a five week educational Diabetes Program open to tribal citizens and employees to improve their diabetes. Each class is 1.5–2 hours (time will include education, food journaling, exercise and healthy snack). A team of health professionals including a dietitian, physician assistant, pharmacist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

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



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

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



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

Prevention



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Social Services

Women's Gathering

with Betty Davis

Friday, January 20
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Community Center

27043 Potawatomi Trail :: Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Department of Social Services is hosting a Women's Gathering, facilitated with Betty Davis. This gathering will be to empower women and encouraging fellowship among women in the community. Tribal citizens, spouses, parents, and employees are welcome to attend, however, this event is for women only.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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

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HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marcy Herbert, Pokagon Band dietitian, for a healthy lunch Wednesday, January 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 Marcy Herbert at (269) 782-2472 or marcy.herbert@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Michigan Indian Elders Association offers student incentives and scholarships

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA), every year offers two award programs to Pokagon students. In 2017, the Elders Council will match each student's MIEA award.

The Incentive Program applies to grades 1-12 for perfect attendance and grades 4-12 for straight As (A, A-, A+). A parent must complete the application for the student, which will have the qualifications in more detail. An update application for 2017 will be at the Education Department in the Administration building, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, or you can get the application on the Michigan Indian Elders Association web site. It must be received or postmarked no later than March 15. Applications received/postmarked after March 15 will not be accepted. Award winners will be announced in April, at the MIEA Conference.

In the Scholarship Program, you must complete the application answering all questions/requests that apply and supply all requested supporting documentation. The updated application for 2017 will be at the Education Department in the Administration building or you can get on the Michigan Indian Elders Association web site. As of now, the applications for the scholarship program are not available. It will be posted as soon as Elders Council receives the information.

June 25-29, 2017

+ The Office of Native American Programs at Central Michigan University invite all Native American students interested in exploring life at college to apply for the week-long camp. North American Indigenous Summer Enrichment Camp (NAISEC) aims to expose young Native people to higher education and improve participants' understanding and perceived ability to succeed in a college setting. Native American students entering 8th - 12th grades in Fall 2017 are eligible to apply.

The first 20 students who return completed applications will be accepted in to the program. Students will be housed in a residence hall and involved in activities within Central Michigan University's campus. Registration fee \$25.

+ Why to apply

- Academic Understanding** - proper note taking, exam preparation, using resources such as the library
- Cultural Understanding** - receive lessons on Anishinaabe language, history, and current issues
- Preparing for College** - attend workshops with admissions, career services and financial aid
- Critical Thinking** - students will be challenged to look at issues from multiple perspectives rather than one
- Learning Community** - students will work on team building skills and will understand the value of working together

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS AND RETURN THE APPLICATION BY MAY 26, 2017

CMU is an AA/EO institution, providing equal opportunity to all persons, including minorities, females, veterans and individuals with disabilities.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP



NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS
110 BOVEE UNIVERSITY CENTER
MOUNT PLEASANT, MICHIGAN 48859
PHONE (989) 774-2508 • FAX (989) 774-1727
cmich.edu, Keyword: NAISEC

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Skirts and Leggings Class



January 22 + February 9
All classes are 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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

Please join two of our traditional dancers, Barbara Ann Warren and Jefferson Ballew IV, at our 3rd annual Regalia Class held at our new Language & Culture building. Barbara Ann will be teaching the ladies how to make traditional skirts with the teachings behind woman's skirts and Jefferson will be teaching traditional leggings with the traditional teachings.

No RSVP needed for this event. Lunch will be available to all participants and, if you like, please bring a dish to pass also.

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

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Tribal Council members meet with Indiana leaders



In December Tribal Council members Eugene Magnuson, Steve Winchester, Matt Wesaw, and Roger Rader met with Indiana state legislators Sen. Jim Merritt, Sen. Jack Sandlin, Rep. Bob Cherry, and Rep. David Frizzell.

They also attended a Legislative Conference during which they met with Governor-elect Eric Holcomb, pictured above, and heard from the Keynote Speaker Doris Kearns Goodwin.



DRUM CLASSES

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

6:00 pm–8:00 pm

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

2016

December 7
December 21

2017

January 4
January 18

February 1
February 15

March 1
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Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* are not original.

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK | POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE

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SATURDAY 02 • 11 • 17 | 7:00 PM

**STUDENT RECREATION CENTER
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

2000 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI, 49008

Key Note Speakers

One Chance Leadership (Chance Rush and Marcus Guinn)

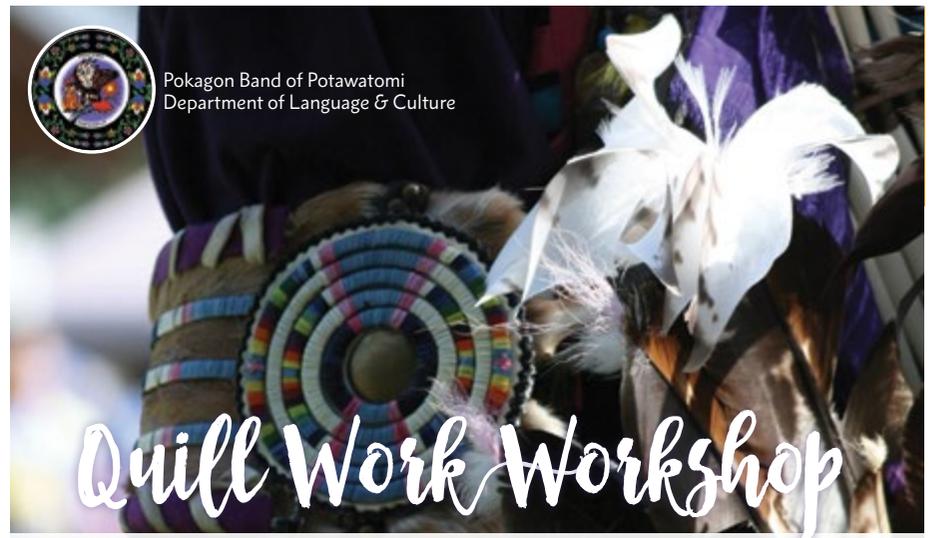
ages 12–18 • all tribal youth can bring one non-tribal friend • swimming • rock-climbing • dodge ball • basketball • volleyball • lacrosse • beadwork • ping-pong • movies • hand drum • teachings and contest.

dinner provided saturday night • breakfast sunday morning

You must RSVP and submit permission and event participation agreements to attend. **RSVP at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/annual-lock-registration.** Permission slips and event participation agreements are also available at the L&C offices and at the venue the evening of the event.

Transportation from Dowagiac to Kalamazoo and back is available for youth that would like a ride. The bus will be leaving at 6:00 p.m. from the Community Center. The bus will arrive back to the Community Center at approximately 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

for more information, please contact daniel stohrer at (269) 462-5844 or rebecca williams at (269) 462-4296



**January 13–22 | February 17–18 | March 18–19
Language & Culture Workshop**

Please join artist **Dana Warrington** as he teaches interested participants the art and techniques of wrapped quill work.

This is a 10-day workshop, with 2 follow up workshops. Our objective is to stir interest and produce quill work artisans within our community.

Space is limited to

10 Adults with a \$25.00 refundable deposit, upon completion of the 10-day workshop

10 Youth ages 12–17 at no cost, but a commitment and interest for learning

For more information, please contact Rebecca Williams at rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4296.

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



POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK | POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
DÉBÉNWÉTHÉK PARENT GROUP



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 *The Secret Life of Pets* and munch on popcorn! For anyone not watching the movie, there will also be fun board games!

**Saturday, February 11 | 7:00 pm
Community Center**



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education | Early Childhood Education

PALS

Play and Learn Social



Every first Tuesday + every third Thursday
9:30 am – 11 am
PHS Multi Purpose Room

Join other parents and children ages 0 – 8 for an opportunity to engage with one another in play and learning activities.

Contact Rachel Orvis at drorvis@gmail.com for more information.



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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Ne'me gizhek SUNDAY	Ngot gizhek MONDAY	Nizh gizhek TUESDAY	Apta gizhek WEDNESDAY
1	2 Government offices closed for the New Years holiday	3 Lean Lunch Red Road to Recovery Group Tone Up! L&C Little Kids Language Class: Dowagiac L&C Adult Language Class: Dowagiac L&C Big Kids Language Class: Dowagiac	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training L&C Men and Boys D
8 L&C Regalia 101 Mens Sweat Lodge	9 Circuit Training Elders Language Class L&C Department Language Class Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Beginners Yoga Auricular Acupuncture Zumba	10 PALS (Play and Learn Social) Let's Paint the Rock Workshop Lean Lunch Red Road to Recovery Group Tone Up! L&C Little Kids Language Class: Dowagiac L&C Adult Language Class: Dowagiac L&C Big Kids Language Class: Dowagiac	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training
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January 2017

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
4 Illness Drumming Class	5 Lean Lunch L&C Potawatomi 201 L&C Adult Language Class: South Bend	6 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	7
11 Illness	12 Lean Lunch L&C Adult Language Class: South Bend L&C Potawatomi 201	13 Blood Drive Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	14 Tribal Council Meeting
18 Illness Group Drumming Class	19 PALS (Play and Learn Social) Lean Lunch EDU Elders Technology Training Class L&C Potawatomi 201 L&C Adult Language Class: South Bend	20 Circuit Training Women's Gathering with Betty Davis Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	21 L&C 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast
25 Illness	26 Lean Lunch L&C Adult Language Class: South Bend L&C Potawatomi 201	27 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	28
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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 or call (800) 517-0777 for more details on these events.

Notice of Open Positions | Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for (1) One Officer positions and (1) Alternate Positions that are open on the Pokagon Band Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee (the “Committee”). The Committee is responsible for planning and conducting the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow held each year at the Rodgers Lake campus (Dowagiac, Michigan) on the Saturday and Sunday directly before Memorial Day.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Committee meetings and perform the business of the Committee will vary. The Committee meets approximately once each month. The closer it gets to the Pow Wow dates, however, the Committee typically meets more than once a month. Further, this is a working Committee, so members are expected to be available for assigned duties Friday night through Sunday evening of the Pow Wow. Committee Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings, which are typically held at the Band’s Administrative Center located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan.

COMPENSATION. Committee Members are independent contractors and compensated for service to the Committee at rates established by the Tribal Council. Currently, Committee Members are compensated in the amount of \$75 per Committee meeting. In addition, Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Committee business in accordance with the Band’s Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as a Member of the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizen; (b) actively participate in planning discussions; (c) be physically present and able to help out with assignments Pow Wow weekend; (d) be able to endure Pow Wow conditions (long days, rain, heat, humidity, etc.); (e) be able to maintain a sense of humor and propriety when the day gets long; and (f) enjoy working with the public.

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

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

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

Fax: (269) 782-9625
Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council

Email: kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Committee Members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Committee must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and résumés; provided, however, that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Please note that the Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider appointments to the Committee.

TERM. There is no limit to the number of terms a member can serve on the Committee.

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Committee or this notice maybe directed to Marcus Winchester at Marcus.Winchester@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Notice of Open Positions | Traditions/Repatriations Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for one (1) Officer Position and one (1) Alternate Position on the Pokagon Band Traditions/Repatriation Committee (the “Committee”). The Committee has the responsibility of advising the Band on cultural issues, and for reviewing and acting on repatriation issues on behalf of the Tribe. The Committee works closely with the Department of Language and Culture, and serves as the advisory body to the Pokagon Band Historic Preservation Office (THPO).

TIME COMMITMENT. The Committee meets approximately once each month to address general cultural issues and once per month to address issues with the THPO. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Committee meetings and perform the business of the Committee will vary. The Committee may also meet at additional times as needed to fulfill Committee duties. Committee Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings, which are typically held at the Band’s Administration Building located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan.

COMPENSATION. Alternate members may be compensated as independent contractors for service to the Committee at rates established by the Tribal Council, only if seated at a Committee meeting in the absence of a Committee member. Currently, Committee members are compensated in the amount of \$75 per Committee meeting. In addition, Alternate members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Committee business in accordance with the Band’s Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as an Alternate member of the Traditions/Repatriation Committee must be a Band citizen and have an interest in and respect for the traditions, culture, history, and language of the Pokagon Band and the Potawatomi Nation. Familiarity with the cultural teachings and practices of the Potawatomi is appreciated. Prospective members must be flexible in meeting times and locations, and be able to handle several projects at once.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Committee Members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Committee must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and résumés; provided, however, that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Please note that the Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider appointments to the Committee.

TERM. There is no limit to the number of terms a member can serve on the Committee.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Band’s website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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

Mail: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan

Fax: (269) 782-9625
Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Committee or this notice maybe directed to Kevin Daugherty at kevin.daugherty@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Notice of Open Positions | Pokagon Band Salary Commission

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens to fill two vacancies on the Pokagon Band Salary Commission (“Commission”). The Commission is an independent board required by the Pokagon Band Constitution and created by the adoption of the Salary Commission Code (“Code”). The Commission is a five- person Commission and responsible for preparing recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the compensation levels to be paid to the Tribal Council, Pokagon Band Judges, and such other elected or appointed positions as may be designated by the Tribal Council.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Commission meetings and perform the business of the Commission will vary as the Commission meeting dates and times vary depending upon the needs of the Commission, which meets more often as the Commission prepares and presents their recommendations to the Tribal Council; however, the Commission meetings are typically held at the Pokagon Band’s Community Center in Dowagiac, Michigan. Apart from time spent at Commission meetings, Commission members may spend additional hours per month engaged in other Commission activities. The Code is available on the Pokagon Band’s website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

COMPENSATION. Commissioners are compensated in the amount of \$150 for attending each Commission meeting. In addition, Commission members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Commission business in accordance with the Pokagon Band’s Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. To serve as a Salary Commissioner, a Pokagon Band citizen must:

- (a) Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age;
- (b) Not be incarcerated for any criminal conviction;
- (c) Not have been convicted within the last ten (10) years of a crime subject to imprisonment for a term of one (1) year or longer, excepting those crimes determined by the Election Board to relate to the furtherance of the Band’s tribal sovereignty rights; and
- (d) Not be a member of the Tribal Council, the Tribal Judiciary, the Election Board, an Officer of the Elders Council, or any Personnel Committee the Tribal Council may establish, or an employee of the Band.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Any Pokagon Band citizen interested in being appointed to the Commission must complete an “Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check” Form and pass a limited background check performed by the Pokagon Band Police Department to ensure that the citizen meets the qualifications to serve on Commission. A copy of the Form can be obtained by contacting Jessica Swisher, Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Council by telephone at (888) 376-9988 or email at Jessica.Swisher@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

All persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Commission must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and resumes; provided, that the Tribal Council may, for good cause, waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact Jessica Swisher, the Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Council, who will share this information with the Tribal Council. Please note that the Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider appointments to the Commission.

TERM. Salary Commissioners are initially elected by the citizens to three year terms of office. No citizens sought either of the two Commission seats that were to be filled by the July 2016 General Election. Therefore, there will be two Commission seats vacant as of the Regular (Saturday) Tribal Council Meeting in August 2016. The two vacant seats will be filled by Tribal Council appointment and will have approximately three years remaining on their term.

ETHICS REQUIREMENT. As Public Officials, Salary Commissioners are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics, which includes certain limitations in § 8.15 on appointments and employment applicable to Public Officials. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Jessica Swisher, Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Council at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Pokagon Band’s website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

HOW TO APPLY. Citizens who meet the qualifications, and are willing to be considered for appointment to the Commission, must submit to the Pokagon Band, all of the following: (a) a letter of interest, (b) a current résumé, and (c) a completed “Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check” Form, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Fax: (269) 782-9625

Email: Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

DEADLINE. This posting shall be open until all positions are filled.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Commission, the Salary Commission Code, or this Notice may be directed to the Chairperson of the Commission, Jim Tabaszewski, at jtab55@hotmail.com.

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Promise

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letter of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill two (2) Committee seats and one (1) Alternate seat on the Pokagon Promise Committee. The Pokagon Promise Committee is responsible for assuring that Traditional Native American philosophy be a part of all Departments of the Pokagon Band. A main goal is to assure a level playing field between community institutions and the Band. The Pokagon Promise Committee meets the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building. Including meeting preparation, other Pokagon Promise Committee business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 2 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The responsibilities of the positions being filled include:

- (a) Three positions are open on this committee. Members must have sufficient background to be able to contribute to development of programs and services within the tribe. As important is the melding of Native services with those in the broader community.
- (b) The position is an Alternate position to fill in when a quorum cannot be established.

COMPENSATION. Pokagon Promise Committee members are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$75.00 per meeting unless the individual holds Chairperson position (\$112.50 or Secretary position \$93.75). In addition, Pokagon Promise Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Pokagon Promise Committee business.

Notice of Open Position | Family Welfare Commission

POSITION DESCRIPTION. In order to protect the best interests of our children, the Pokagon Band Tribal Council formed the Family Welfare Commission by ordinance and resolution, on November 6, 2001. The Commission was designed, not only, to protect the best interests of Pokagon Band children, but also to: Promote the stability and security of Pokagon Band families; Recommend to the judicial and administrative agencies involved, a course of action for the guidance and care of Pokagon Band children which most preserves the unity of the family; Recommend actions that will best serve the cultural, spiritual, emotional, mental and physical welfare of the child; Recommend a continuum of services for Pokagon Band children and their families with emphasis whenever possible on prevention, early intervention, and community based alternatives; Recognize and acknowledge the cultural traditions of the Pokagon Band for child-rearing and family preservation. The Family Welfare Commission Ordinance is available at the following internet address www.pokagon.com under Tribal Codes and Ordinances.

COMPENSATION. Family Welfare Commissioners, appointed at-large are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150, for attending each Family Welfare Commission meeting. In addition, Commission members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Family Welfare Commission business.

ELIGIBILITY.

- A. A Commissioner may not also be a member of Tribal Council.
- B. An individual considered for appointment must be an enrolled Tribal member, at least 18 years of age, with knowledge and experience demonstrated through educational, occupational or volunteer activities in the following areas:
 1. childhood education;
 2. childhood development;
 3. Pokagon Band or other tribal customs and traditions pertaining to child rearing;
 4. governmental and private programs to assist children and families in need; and
 5. individual and family dysfunction, the types, causes, and treatment.
- C. Neither an employee nor the spouse of an employee of the Band or of the federal government, or a state or local government, who is involved with or possibly involved, with the delivery of services relating to child welfare matters within the scope of the Commission duties and authority may be appointed or serve as a Commissioner.
- D. Immediate family members, as defined in the Pokagon Band Child Protection Code, of any family may not serve simultaneously on the Commission.

ELIGIBILITY. To serve as a member of the Pokagon Promise Committee, a Band member must be a tribal citizen in good standing.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Pokagon Promise Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There are currently three seats on the Pokagon Promise Committee.

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

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

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

Questions concerning the Pokagon Promise Committee or this Notice may be directed to Kelly Curran at (888) 376-9988 or by e-mail at Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. Pokagon Promise Committee members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Band's website.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION.

- A. Commissioners must sign and abide by a statement acknowledging the standards of confidentiality required for serving as a Commissioner.
- B. Commissioners must submit to and pass a background check conducted by the Tribal Police Department subject to such written guidelines or procedures as may be established by the Tribal Police Department. The background check serves the purpose of assisting the Tribal Council in determining whether a prospective Commissioner could pose any risk to the safety or welfare of a child or may otherwise be unsuitable for appointment to the Commission. The background check shall include the Commissioner's criminal history, including any arrest record and history of investigation by State Systems for suspected child abuse or neglect. A background check shall be conducted prior to the appointment or re-appointment of every Commissioner.
- C. Every Commissioner shall be of good character and reputation, shall not associate with dishonest or disreputable persons, and shall exhibit high moral standards at all times.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Appointments to the Family Welfare Commission are made by Tribal Commission. Each Commissioner shall serve a term of three (3) years.

TERM. There is no fixed term for Alternate members. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member can serve on the Committee.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Alternate members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Band's website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

HOW TO APPLY. Please submit application, which may be obtained through the Department of Social Services to:

Mark Pompey, Director of Social Services
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Questions concerning the Family Welfare Commission, may be directed to the Director of Social Services, Mark Pompey, at (269) 462-4277 or mark.pompey@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. As Public Officials, Family Welfare Commissioners are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics, which includes certain limitations in § 8.15 on appointments and employment applicable to Public Officials. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or Edward Williams at (269) 783-0970.

Notice of Open Position | Election Board

The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens who are interested in filling one (1) Alternate member positions on the Election Board. Provided below is information regarding the Election Board and how to be considered for an appointment.

ELECTION BOARD AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. The Election Board is a five person Board with two Alternates whose members are appointed by the Tribal Council. The Election Board is responsible for conducting Pokagon Band elections, maintaining a list of registered voters, and reviewing membership petitions, initiatives, and referendums. Alternate members are expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board member.

QUALIFICATIONS. To be eligible for appointment to the Election Board, either as a Board member or Alternate member, a Pokagon Band citizen must:

1. Be an eligible voter of the Band;
2. Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age;
3. Not be incarcerated for any criminal conviction;
4. Not be presently a member of or candidate for Tribal Council, the Tribal Judiciary, the Ethics Board, or the Salary Commission; and
5. Not have been convicted within the last ten (10) years of a crime subject to imprisonment for a term of one (1) year or longer, excepting those crimes determined by the Election Board to relate to the furtherance of the Band's tribal sovereignty rights.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Election Board members and Alternate members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Prior to any appointment, Tribal Council will make a determination whether the interested person meets the qualifications required to serve on the Election Board. In order to make this determination, all persons seeking appointment to the Election Board must undergo a limited criminal background check to be performed by the Pokagon Band Tribal Police to ensure that the candidate meets the qualifications to serve on the Election Board. Thus, all persons interested in an appointment must complete an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background. **You must contact Kateri Dayson or Katy Morseau, the Election Clerks, at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475 to obtain an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check Form.**

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Election Board meetings, conduct elections, and perform the business of the Election Board will vary. The Election Board is typically more active during the time leading up to and during the General Election and Elders Election. Additionally, there may be Referendums, Special Elections, Petitions, and Recalls that will require Election Board action. General

Elections occur on the second Saturday of July and Elders Council Elections occur on the second Saturday of November. The dates of the Election Board meetings vary, but typically occur after 5:00 p.m. and are held at the Pokagon Band's administrative offices at 58620 Sink Road in Dowagiac, Michigan. On average, a Board member or Alternate member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately 10 to 25 hours per month, with the busiest time being the months of May, June, July, September, October, and November.

COMPENSATION. Alternate members are independent contractors and are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. Board members receive a stipend for each meeting and Election attended. The amount of the stipend varies, depending on the seat held, however, Board members receive a minimum stipend of \$150 per meeting. Alternate members are compensated only if seated at a Board meeting in the absence of a Board member. Board members and alternates are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

ETHICS REQUIREMENT. As public officials, Alternate members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

TERM. The term of office for an Ethics Board member is three years.

HOW TO APPLY. If you are interested in serving on the Election Board, you must provide a written statement of interest along with a current résumé, and a completed Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan

Fax: (269) 782-9625
Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

QUESTIONS. If you have questions concerning the Election Board, please contact the Election Board office at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475. For additional information about the Election Board and the election process, you may also consult the Band's Election Code, which is posted on the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until all positions are filled.

Notice of Open Alternate Positions | Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for two (2) Committee member position and two (2) Alternate position on the Pokagon Band Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee is responsible for planning and conducting the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow held each year at the Rodgers Lake campus (Dowagiac, Michigan) on the Saturday and Sunday directly before Memorial Day.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Committee meetings and perform the business of the Committee will vary. The Committee meets approximately once each month. The closer it gets to the Pow Wow dates, however, the Committee typically meets more than once a month. Further, this is a working Committee, so members are expected to be available for assigned duties Thursday through Sunday evening of the Pow Wow. Saturday and Sunday are 12-hour day commitment. Committee Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings, which are typically held at the Band's Administrative Center located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan on the third Tuesday of the month.

COMPENSATION. Committee Members are independent contractors and compensated for service to the Committee at rates established by the Tribal Council. Currently, Committee Members are compensated in the amount of \$75 per Committee meeting. Alternates are not paid for attending meetings if the full Committee is present. In addition, Committee members and Alternates are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Committee business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as a Member of the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizen; (b) actively participate in planning discussions; (c) be physically present and able to help out with assignments Pow Wow weekend; (d) be able to endure Pow Wow conditions (long days, rain, heat, humidity, etc.); (e) be able to maintain a sense of humor and propriety when the day gets long; and (f) enjoy working with the public.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Committee Members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Committee must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and résumés; provided, however, that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Please note that the Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider appointments to the Committee.

TERM. There is no limit to the number of terms a member can serve on the Committee.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Committee members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Band's website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

HOW TO APPLY. Pokagon Band citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the Board, either as a Board Member or Alternate Member, must submit a letter of interest (identifying whether you are seeking a Board Member or Alternate Member position) along with a current résumé, by one of the following three methods:

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

Fax: (269) 782-9625
Attn: Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Committee or this notice maybe directed to Andy Jackson at Andy.Jackson@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Notice of Open Alternate Positions | Food Sovereignty Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill vacancies on the newly created Food Sovereignty Committee. Five committee positions including Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Member-At-Large, and two Alternate positions are currently vacant. The Food Sovereignty Committee is responsible for restoring traditional food teachings and increasing the availability of traditional food for Band citizens. The Food Sovereignty Committee is expected to meet once a month on dates, times and locations yet to be determined. Including meeting preparation, other committee business and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 6 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities.

COMPENSATION. Food Sovereignty Committee members may be compensated as independent contractors at rates established by the Tribal Council. In addition, Food Sovereignty Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Food Sovereignty Committee business.

ELIGIBILITY. To serve as a member of the Food Sovereignty Committee, a person must:

- (a) Be a Pokagon Band citizen, spouse, or band employee
- (b) Be at least 18 years of age
- (c) Possess a passion for traditional ecological knowledge

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Food Sovereignty Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There are currently five seats on the Committee and two alternate positions that will be filled by Tribal Council.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Food Sovereignty Committee members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Band's website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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QUESTIONS. Questions concerning the Food Sovereignty Committee or this Notice may be directed to Michaelina Martin at micky.martin@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Mark Parrish at mark.parrish@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Indiana homeland restored, celebrated in South Bend, *continued from page 1*

include 1,800 Class II gaming devices, four restaurants, a player's lounge, a coffee shop, two bars, a retail outlet, and approximately 4,500 parking spaces including an enclosed parking structure. The casino is scheduled to be complete in early of 2018 and will employ approximately 1,200 people. Approximately 700 jobs will be created during construction.

“Over the last two centuries, the Pokagon Band ceded over 5.2 million acres of our homeland to the United States. 185 years later, as we reclaim only a modest portion of our homeland, we take comfort in knowing how proud our ancestors would be of this historic achievement,” said Bob Moody, Vice-Chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. “Restoration of our homeland will preserve our legacy for the next seven generations of Pokagon citizens and ensure that our ongoing economic contributions to South Bend will continue to grow.”

The land is located between Prairie Avenue, U.S. 31, and Locust Road in South Bend. For daily views of progress on the site development, visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/indiana-land-restoration.

Pokagon South Bend Duplex



Pokagon South Bend Townhome




Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi | Tribal Court

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Let's Paint the Rock

Workshop



Second Tuesday of the month
Elders Hall

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

2017 Workshops

January 10 wédasewën bravery	March 14 dëbwéwën honesty	May 9 mishkozwën strength
February 14 dëbandëwën love or sagedwën compassion	April 11 gdemagëndëmowën humility	June 13 bwakawsewën wisdom

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



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik | Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

Breastfeeding Classes

March 9 + August 25 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Pokagon Health Services
Multi purpose Room

PHS is holding two breastfeeding classes this year and they are open to anyone, including grandmothers, grandfathers, parents, etc., who would like additional information regarding breastfeeding. The class will cover the importance of breastfeeding, benefits, studies, the how to and much more.

Everyone who completes the program will receive a free Pack 'n Play. Space is limited so you must RSVP to attend.



RSVP to Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 office
or contact her for more information.

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monday

2

language



9

language

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

16

closed MLK Jr Day



23

language

Ham in Scalloped Potatoes
Carrots
Coleslaw
Fruit Salad
Whole Grain Roll

tuesday

3

Buffalo Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Dessert

10

Beef Roast
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Carrots
Cucumber Salad
Dutch Apple Pie
Whole Grain Roll

17

Pork Roast
Red Potatoes
Cabbage
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

wednesday

4

Chili Cheese Dogs W/ Bun
Veggie and Relish Tray
Fruit
Cupcake

11

BBQ Chicken
Baked Potato
Spinach
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

18

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia
Spanish Rice
French Style Green Beans
Tomato Salad
Whole Grain Roll

thursday

5

business meeting

Buffalo Goulash
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Fruit
Birthday Cake

12

Pork Chop
Rice Pilaf
Brussels Sprouts
Coleslaw
Whole Grain Roll

19

social

Chicken
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Corn
Fruit Salad
Whole Grain Roll

friday

6

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

13

Bean Soup
Low Sodium Turkey Sandwich
Veggie and Relish Tray
Cookie

20

Salmon Patty
Macaroni and Cheese
Asparagus
Broccoli Slaw
Whole Grain Roll

27

Sea Bass
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Broccoli
Fruit Cup
Whole Grain Roll

january

31

language

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

Chicken and Rice Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Relish and Veggie Tray
Fruit

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

25

26

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

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.

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

Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by February 15 in order to make it on the march 2017 check run. Anything received after February 15 will be processed on the check run for February 2017. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Per Capita Important Dates

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

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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



Department of Education
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Débénwéthêk Parent Group



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

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

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

2017

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

5:30–7:30 pm | Head Start

Events may be canceled due to inclement weather.
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Tribal Council January Calendar of Events

- 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.
- 30 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 31 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Tribal Council February Calendar of Events

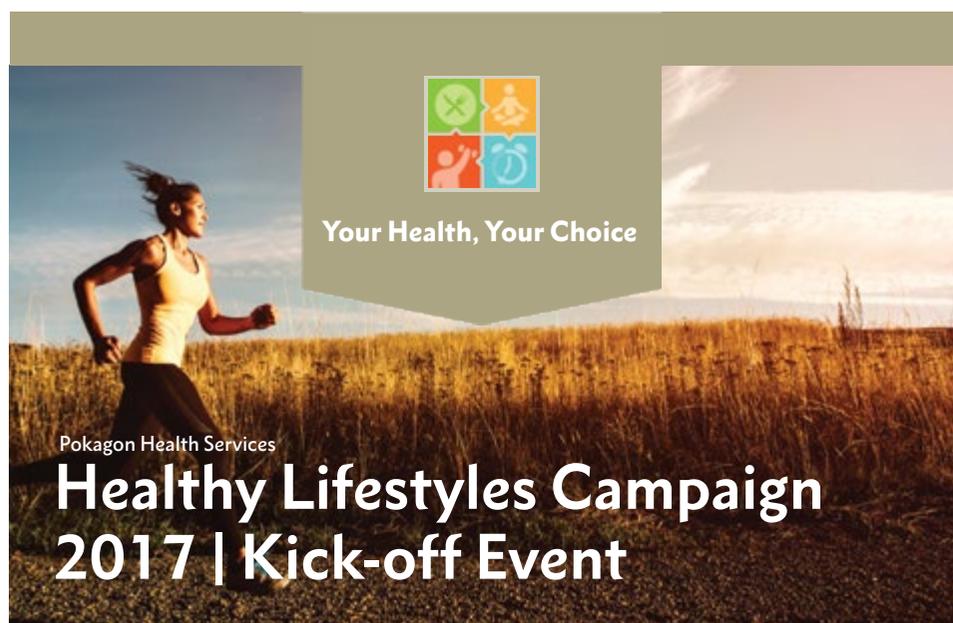
- 6 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 7 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four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

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

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

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




Your Health, Your Choice

Pokagon Health Services
**Healthy Lifestyles Campaign
 2017 | Kick-off Event**

Healthy Lifestyles 2017 is designed to inspire and empower our people to healthier lifestyles.

**Kick-off | January 22
 2:00 pm–5:00 pm
 Silver Creek Event Center
 Four Winds Casino and Resort, New Buffalo**

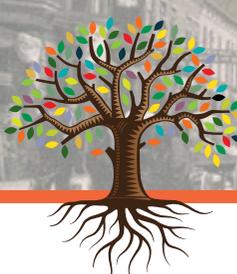
RSVP (+ register for the campaign) online at
www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/healthy-lifestyles-kick-event-rsvp
 or by calling PHS at (269) 782-4141.

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.
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One Story (Ngot Yajmowen)
Images of America: Dowagiac by Steve Arseneau and Ann Thompson + *I Found No Peace* by Webb Miller
Events/Activities 2017

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

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

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

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

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

SMC Shishibé: History of Gaming and Importance of Language
Thursday, March 9 | 2:30 pm | Southwestern Michigan College Theatre in the Dale A. Lyons Building
 Prior to European Arrival, Gaming was a social and communal event that helped in sharing the wealth of the Nation. Jefferson Ballew, Potawatomi Traditionalist, will share the history of Native American Gaming then Rhonda Purcell, Potawatomi Language Specialist, will host shishibé, a BINGO-type game which utilizes the Potawatomi Language. Come to SMC for an afternoon of learning and fun!

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

DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM World Wide Webb Miller
Wednesday, April 5 | 6:30 pm | Dowagiac Area History Museum
 Dowagiac resident and Webb Miller enthusiast, Jim Bussler, will present information about Miller's early days growing up in Dowagiac, his experiences as a reporter traveling the world, and his book, *I Found No Peace*. Make sure to take a look at the museum's Webb Miller exhibit before or after the presentation.

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

Tribal Office Directory

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FAX (269) 782-0985

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Head Start

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58620 Sink Road
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Elders Council Directory

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(269) 783-6828

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Maxine Margiotta
(269) 783-6102

Secretary

Judy Augusta
(269) 783-6304

Treasurer

Clarence White
(269) 876-1118

Member at Large

Cathy Ford
(269) 783-9380

Senior Youth Council Directory

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Member at large

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Rebecca Williams

Youth Culture Coordinator
(269) 462-4325

Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

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

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

Kché Mko gises January Citizen Announcements

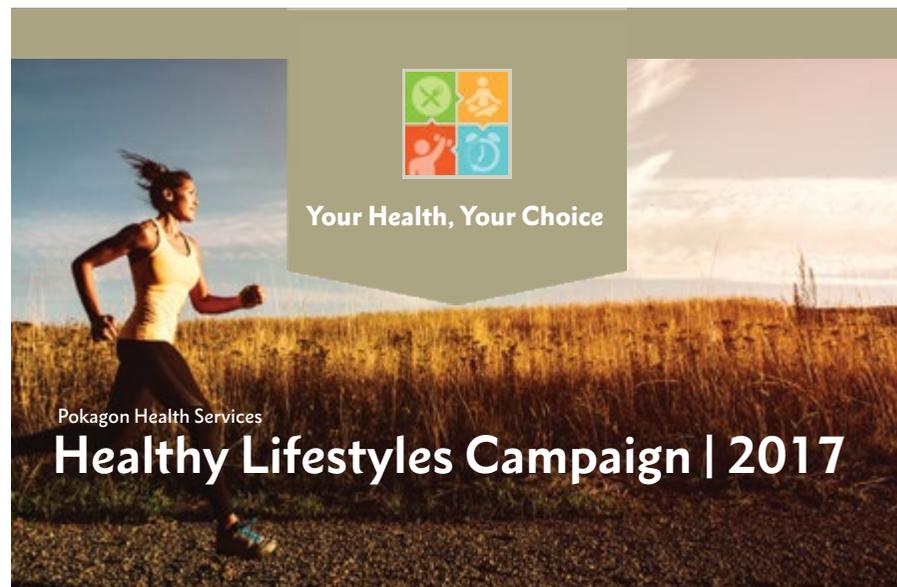


Happy 9th birthday to my beautiful daughter, **A'zhani**. I can't believe how lady like you are becoming. Growing more and more beautiful by the day. I am glad nashimado has blessed me with you.

I love you very much. I hope you enjoy your special day!

Hugs and kisses. xoxo

Love, Mom, Inteus, Michael, Grandma and Grandpa



Pokagon Health Services Healthy Lifestyles Campaign | 2017

Healthy Lifestyles 2017 is designed to inspire and empower our people to healthier lifestyles.

Pokagon Health Services will be launching a year-long campaign in January 2017 designed to inspire and empower our people to healthier lifestyles. The goal is to get as many citizens, PHS patients, and staff from the tribal government to improve their health through four main areas: physical, emotional, rest, and nutrition.

We hope you participate and let us help you choose a good path for your health.

Register to start your healthy year online at
www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/healthy-lifestyles-campaign-pre-registration
or by calling PHS at (269) 782-4141.

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Sugar Tree Tapping Ceremony

Sugar season is upon us! Please join us for the ceremonial first tree tapping and collect sap as long as Mother Earth allows. Come learn sugaring teachings and process. Please watch for more details on sugar bush and sugar tool making workshops.

For additional information, contact Patty Jo Kublick (269) 462-4303 or Nicole Holloway (269) 783-6131 at the Department of Language & Culture.

Friday, February 10
12:00 p.m.
Rodgers Lake Pavilion
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

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Wild Game Dinner

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017 * 6:00—8:00 PM * COMMUNITY CENTER

Pokagon Health Services invites all tribal fathers, father figures and their families to join them for a wild game dinner. The evening includes a presentation and other fun activities, including giveaways.

Kindly RSVP by **March 10** to Ingrid Gschwind at (269) 783-2478 or ingrid.gschwind@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

PHS Fatherhood Initiative



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