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Pokagon citizens gain education benefits from partnership with Lake Michigan College

On Tuesday, June 9 leaders from the Pokagon Band and Lake Michigan College came together at the Community Center to sign and celebrate a new partnership. The finalized Memo of Understanding between the two organizations creates a framework supporting the educational journeys of Pokagon citizens and staff, and LMC's new Hanson Technology Center.

The initiative, following two years of planning and development, is scheduled to be ready for students during the fall of 2017. One advantage of the program will be that all Pokagon citizens, staff, or custodial parents of Pokagon children will be part of a 10-student cohort, taking the same classes at the same time, working on projects together. This will provide more peer and cultural support to the students, and the group can better access assistance from Education staff. Pokagon citizens, staff and custodial parents can take advantage of this connection with LMC through three educational avenues.

First, apprenticeships: Mno Bmadsen's businesses Accu-Mold and D.A. Dodd both need a high-skilled manufacturing work force. Citizens interested in such industrial apprenticeships as Computer Aided Design (or CAD) after finishing their high school diploma can take part in this program, attend courses at LMC, and eventually earn an associates degree, or higher. The collaboration with LMC will allow citizens to gain leadership education after completing their technical training through emerging union partnerships.

"So they will not only learn to run the plastics injection for molding, but play a leadership role after completing this program," said Sam Moreseau, director of Education.

Another pathway is tribal leadership and development. Meant for those interested in working for the government, this cohort would study tribal sovereignty, Potawatomi culture, and the intricacies of tribal law and government-to-government relationships. With the recent opening of the Pokagon Health Center, along with rapid expansion of services, the partnership ensures the Band will have resources and educational opportunities for staff to attain advancement in health, dental, and medical billing. Finally, citizens and staff interested in careers at Four Winds could take advantage of studies in gaming, hospitality and culinary management.

As part of this partnership, the Pokagon Band is a major supporter of LMC's new Hanson Technology Center. LMC broke ground on the Center in May, and when complete it will serve as an education and training hub for a new generation of skilled manufacturing and energy workers. Pokagon apprentices will be able to learn in the Center's open, flexible classrooms and labs, and Pokagon businesses will benefit from a stream of qualified, ready to work graduates of the Center. The donation amounts to \$50,000 annually from both the government and Four Winds over the course of five years.

The Education Department will play a big role in each cohort's progression. All applications and assessments will come via Education Department staff, and cohorts will have an educational associate to assist them, in addition to an LMC staff support. Each cohort will complete a final project at the end of each trimester—called a capstone project—that will be a real world example of how they could improve whichever business or government program they'll eventually work for.

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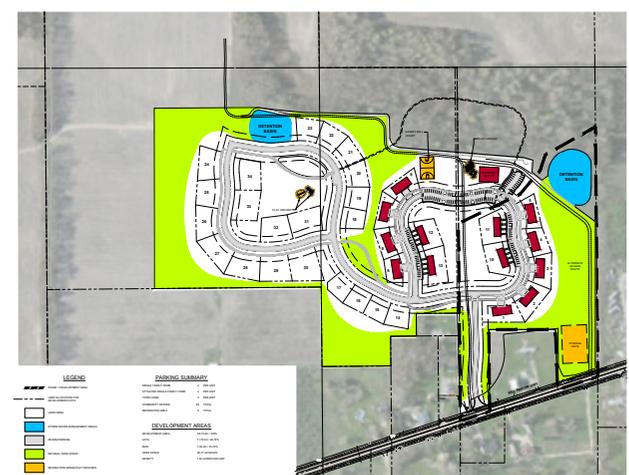
Hartford village development moves ahead

The Department of Housing is finishing up plans for Pokégnek Edawat Hartford. The village concept, like Edawat Dowagiac, will be built in phases, and phase one includes four town home units (with a mix of two or three bedrooms) and four duplex units. Half of the units are designated for elders and the rest open to others.

In a series of town meetings, Housing staff used resident input to improve plans to meet citizens' needs. They received such feedback as having full-size washers and dryers instead of stacked units, locating the laundry appliances downstairs, adding storage sheds on patios for storage, widening the patios, and switching from laminate flooring to ceramic tile.

A couple of units will feature handicap accessible designs, including roll in shower units, lowered counters, sinks, and cook tops, under-the-counter microwaves, four foot wide doorways, more electrical outlets in the master suite for charging medical equipment, and larger garages for special vehicles.

Currently 21 elders and 18 others are on the waiting list, so demand is high according to Housing Director Jim Coleman. With good weather phase one homes should be ready by spring 2016. Phase two would see more homes;



phase three includes a community center and parks; phase four would build out the loop to the west. The project is joint funded from BIA road funds, HUD housing funds, and tribal general funds.

A new Tribal Police substation will be part of Edawat Hartford. According to Police Chief William Lux, an agreement with the Van Buren County Sheriff allows one of their deputies to use the Tribal Police substation.

Tribal Leadership certificate program now available at SMC

Through the Band's partnership with Southwestern Michigan College, an educational program in tribal leadership open to citizens, staff, and custodial parents of Pokagon children begins in the fall 2015.

Courses included are Principles of Accounting I, American Indian Studies and Policy, Marketing, Micro and Macroeconomics. These represent just 16 of the 28 total required credits.

Professors and experts will teach the classes. Pokagon Band Associate General Counsel and Adjunct Law Professor at Notre Dame Paul Shagen is one of the instructors you'll recognize, as well as Director of Social Services Mark Pompey. Dr. Scott Topping, One Story board member and dean of SMC's School of Arts & Sciences, is the program advisor.

The program is open to ten students per group, or cohort. The first cohort is already full with such tribal citizens and employees as Linda Cook, Dean Orvis, and Rhonda Purcell.

Purcell was already attending SMC when her advisor suggested she pursue the Tribal Leadership Certificate. Now, with only five classes to go, Purcell will be the first graduate of this certificate program.

She says the paid educational leave plays a big part in her being able to go back to school and become more knowledgeable and equipped to lead the Language Program, pairing her experiential knowledge with educational instruction.

"I value my family time more than any other time that I have, so I probably would not go back to school if I didn't have four hours during the workday," Purcell said.

Purcell and Cook qualify for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, which they credit as another push to sending them back to school.

Cook has attended a few colleges in the past, but she has not attained a complete degree, making the Tribal Leadership Certificate a culmination of her previous studies. She sees it as an opportunity for personal and professional growth, as well as an opportunity to be an example for the youth.

"The appeal to me was really the education piece," Cook said. "We always have to continue to gain and increase knowledge."

The Education Department oversees the application process, according to Director of Education Sam Morseau, "Each applicant will meet with an educational associate to determine academic needs, and assessments will be offered by SMC, if needed."

After completion of this program, a Band staff member will receive a two to four percent salary increase.

Financial assistance for this program is available through existing scholarship opportunities in the Education Department. Contact them with any questions and visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/higher-education for more details.



View the qualifications for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver on the Michigan Department of Civil Rights website: www.michigan.gov/mdcr

Gtegan | Garden planted at Rodgers Lake

The Band has made strides to be fiscally sustainable, and now we are planting the seeds to achieve the same sustainability in agriculture.

One step was creating a community garden, called Gtegan. The garden is planted in three hip-high raised beds, built by Pokagon apprentices, located in between the Administration and Health Center buildings. Growing inside are vegetables like tomatoes, squash, and lettuce and herbs like basil and oregano.

The garden is completely organic--from the soil, to the seeds, to the starter plants--a chief goal of the work group who led this initiative. This garden is a taste of what's to come for the Band.

In the works for 2016 is opening an agriculture department within the tribal government. This department would manage the farms the tribes now leases, taking them back to grow crops for tribal use. The plan is to farm organically. Changing the fields over will take three years, as will organic certification, according to Compliance Coordinator Becky Richards.

Richards explained that when the tribe acquired all these lands, we were not in a position to tend to the farms. We first needed to establish our government and programs. Now, she says, we're in a stable place to begin this endeavor.

"Everything is in a good progression in the other departments," Richards said. "I think the government is strong to where we can add another department. I think it's good timing."

Agriculture development will strengthen the Band and ensure our future, according to Richards.

"It's not about the money," she said. "It's about the jobs and the type of product that we can produce and supply to our businesses and to our members."

A citizen caretaker for the garden has been hired from the temporary employment pool, and from ingredients in garden, Richards plans to host a soup and salad meal for community members, timing dependent on when the garden produces.



Council adopts Social Media Policy; E-Newsletter is in the works

As more and more communication moves online and goes digital, so will the tribe's communication efforts. Not only does this save money, but it preserves Mother Earth by reducing paper use and waste. The government is exploring sending the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* electronically, and wants to gauge citizen interest in receiving a copy of the newsletter via e-mail, rather than receiving a printed copy in the mail. There are no plans to eliminate printed, mailed copies; we'd just like to know if citizens would rather not get the print copy and would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically.

Please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/electronic-communications-survey and take a short survey to let us know your thoughts. We'll also ask you to enter your e-mail address where you'd like to receive the e-newsletter and other electronic communications once they are available. We appreciate your interest!

In other communication news, the Tribal Council recently adopted Social Media Site Use policy. This policy governs how users interact with the Pokagon tribal government on its Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr and other blogging or social networking sites. This policy is posted at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/communications, and we encourage anyone who is a user of a Band social media site to read the policy carefully.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/electronic-communications-survey

Mishkowze | Be strong. Do well.

Join the staff at Pokagon Health Services to better understand your health, take steps to improve your wellness, and support others in their efforts. We'll meet at 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Pokagon Health Center to hear from experts on health topics of the month, to share a meal and to give prizes.

July 9
UV Safety

August 13
National Suicide & Prevention Awareness
Immunization Awareness
Ovarian Cancer Awareness

September 10
National Childhood
Obesity Month

Constitutional Review Board July & August Meetings

Citizen input meetings on the Pokagon Constitutional Review

Saturday, July 18 | 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Citizen comments on Constitutional Review Board's Recommendations

Wednesday, August 19 | 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

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27043 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI 49047



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE +
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ONGOING ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

WHO: Elders ages 60+

WHAT: Oral History Interviews

WHERE: Elders Hall, or location of elder's choice

WHEN: Every Monday afternoon. Appointments may be accommodated

The Pokagon Potawatomi Tribal Historic Preservation Office, with guidance from the Elders Committee, will be starting an ongoing project to record the stories of our elders. These stories will be stored in the Pokagon Potawatomi Archives so that the future generations will always know the history of their grandparents. Interview topics will be picked by the elders and in the setting of their choice.

If you are interested in making an appointment, or have any questions, please call Marcus Winchester at (269) 462-4224



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

DRUM CLASSES

Department of Language and Culture
58653 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047
6:00 pm–8:00 pm

2015

July 1	August 15	September 2	October 7	November 4
July 8	August 12	September 9	October 14	November 11

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For more information, please contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 or nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Grigonis named to senior post in Obama administration

Pokagon citizen Alison Grigonis recently was named senior director for the Office of Cabinet Affairs, serving as liaison between the president and his cabinet, coordinating communications, policy, and logistics and managing issues that involve multiple federal agencies.

Grigonis works on Indian affairs as well as issues related to the departments of Education, the Interior, Health and Human Services, Transportation along with EPA, HUD, NASA, and the Social Security Administration. Prior to her cabinet affairs appointment, Grigonis served as a legislative assistant for U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND). Before that

she worked as a staff attorney at the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Born in Muskegon, Michigan, Grigonis mostly grew up in San Diego, California. In 2006 Grigonis received a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in American Indian and indigenous studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. In 2010 she earned her law degree at the UCLA School of Law.



Read more at indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/06/11/alison-grigonis-named-senior-director-cabinet-affairs-160684



MockUps a huge hit



Toddlers through elders decorated these shoe art pieces this spring to represent their unique identities. The shoes were then displayed at several One Story events, and Louie Gong, the MockUps creator (pictured), admired our community's talent and creativity when he was in town. He said that our collection of MockUps was the largest one he has ever seen gathered together in one location. He was very pleased!

If you participated in the MockUps project and would like to pick yours up, they are available at the Pokagon Department of Education; ask for Kristie Bussler. The next One Story book selection will be announced this fall, and its exciting events will begin January 2016.

Per Capita Savings Plan calculator helps figure savings projections

By now you've probably read on the tribal website or in the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* about a potential new savings plan for citizens. Pending approval by the voters in a referendum this month's general election, this plan lets adult Pokagon citizens choose to voluntarily defer part of all of their per capita payments each month until a set future date. If you visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/capita/capita-savings-plan in early July, you'll find a calculator ready to show you what's possible to earn over time with a potential investment. Use the calculator to input the age when you might start saving, how much you'll save, and the age when you would begin withdrawing the savings, and you can see the possibilities. Of course the results are estimates only, and not guaranteed value. But the calculator gives an idea of the potential.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/capita/capita-savings-plan

Eugene Magnuson elected treasurer to MAST Board of Directors



Eugene Magnuson accepted the position of treasurer on the governing Board of Directors for the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) after this year's election.

MAST represents the 35 federally recognized tribes in Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. It supports those tribes through the passing of resolutions that address the needs and concerns of the tribes, which are then presented to leaders on Capital Hill.

"It gives the Midwest tribes a larger platform or voice to share concerns," Magnuson said.

MAST collaborates with other native agencies such as Native American Financial Officers (NAFOA) and the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA). The

organization sometimes aids tribes outside the Midwest, recently passing a water rights resolution for an Apache tribe in Arizona.

"I wanted to be a part of MAST and get to know concerns of Indian country outside of Michigan," Magnuson said.

Magnuson wants to bring the message of economic diversification from gaming to MAST.

"Economic development and diversification from gaming is critical for the Pokagon tribe, and I know it's important for other tribes," he said. "We can't rely on gaming forever. We need to diversify and get other ventures and businesses, non gaming."



You can learn more about MAST on their website <http://m-a-s-t.org>.

DV Awareness Month t-shirt design contest planned

October is only three months away and the Domestic Violence Team is gearing up to make sure this year's events are better than ever! This year we are holding a design contest for community members to design the purple t-shirts we give away at events. The winner of the contest will receive a \$100 gift card as a token of our appreciation. A short summary of the rules are listed below. **All entries must be received by Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to Casey in Social Services.** The winner will be notified during the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa pow wow on Labor Day weekend.

Summary Requirements

- The contest is open to Pokagon Band citizens only.
- The shirt must be purple with white screen printing.
- The design must incorporate the swan and the phrase "Love Should Not Hurt."
- The design needs to be positive and incorporate images that bring to mind empowerment, community well-being, and strength.
- No graphic violence or images.

If you have any questions or for a copy of the official rules, please contact Casey Kasper of the Band's Department of Social Services at (269) 462-4324 or [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

What's that Invasive Plant? Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)



Although its purple flower spikes may look pretty, purple loosestrife is far from harmless. Purple loosestrife is native to Europe and parts of Asia, but has been introduced in the United States as well as several other countries.

Purple loosestrife is currently

found in all but three counties in the state of Michigan and about half the counties in the state of Indiana. The plant thrives in wetland areas and along roadsides making it a competitor for many native species. Purple loosestrife is capable of outcompeting native plants as well as causing changes to water levels by collecting silt and debris. Purple loosestrife is not utilized by birds or aquatic animals and many avoid the stiff stems when loosestrife is established. When purple loosestrife takes control waterfowl populations tend to decline in the area. Keep an eye out for this plant. Hand pulling is an effective means of removal in small areas. Large areas may require the introduction of a European insect, the purple loosestrife beetle, which feeds exclusively on purple loosestrife plants.

What's that Edible Plant? Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*)



Dandelions can be found in many types of environments and for an extended period of time throughout the year. Dandelions that grow in the wild are the best for harvesting and utilizing. The dandelion is a known diuretic and provides a source of calcium, vitamin C, and vitamin A, iron, and potassium. Dandelions have many edible uses including making various drinks from plant and flower parts, salads from the green leaves, fried dandelion heads, and eating the roots like carrots. Dandelion greens should be harvested when there is a rosette of leaves on the ground before the flower bud appears or they may be bitter. Small buds can be eaten in salads. Roots can be baked and ground into a coffee substitute or can be used for teas. Flower heads can be breaded and fried, or used to make yellow colored dye.

It's Trapping Season

The Pokagon Department of Natural Resources has several types of traps that are currently set or being set on rotational basis on tribal properties. The traps that are being set are to catch different types of animals and insects for survey and identification purposes. These traps will help the Band establish baseline data for fish, turtles, and insects. Additional trapping surveys may be initiated in the near future. The traps that are placed in the field are marked by tags, stickers, or markers that they belong to the Pokagon Department of Natural Resources. If you come across any of the traps please leave them where they are so that we can create accurate estimates of populations and help to manage your natural resources for the next seven generations.

Elders Kindle trainings planned for July

Two of the interns working in the Education Department this summer will grace the July elders business meeting. Their presentation will cover some of the uses Kindles have to offer such as crossword puzzles, solitaire, Sudoku and many other apps.

The Kindle workshops will take place immediately following the elders business meetings. Please plan on attending and bringing your Kindle and any questions you may have about this technology or any other technological concerns you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Barb Pasquill** who answered, "When you went into the woods you got me. You hated me, yet you wanted to find me. You went home with me because you couldn't find me. What was I?" The answer was splinter.

Emily Serba won a gift card for her riddle being selected. Check it out:

If you remove the first letter, a bit remains.

If you remove the second, bit still remains.

After much trying, you might be able to remove the third one also, but it remains. It dies hard?

Mail or e-mail in your correct answer to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

Information for upcoming Elders trips

Chicago, September 27–30

Agawa Canyon Train Tour, October 5–7

Itineraries and details for both trips will be mailed in the months to come, but we wanted to inform you now about passport requirements for the Agawa Canyon trip, on which we will travel by train to Canada.

- Pokagon citizens can show your tribal ID card to cross the U.S. border into Canada.
- Non-Pokagon spouses / Michigan residents who do not have an enhanced Michigan driver's license will need to show their U.S. passport, passport card, or NEXUS card to cross into Canada.
- Non-Pokagon spouses who don't reside in Michigan will need to show either their U.S. passport, passport card, or NEXUS card to cross into Canada.

If you need to get a passport, it's best to start the process early, allowing at least four to six weeks before the trip. You can call the National Passport Information Center at (877) 487-2778 or visit travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html for more information.

Anyone with a DUI on record will not be allowed entry into Canada. Those with criminal records must have a waiver before they can enter Canada. Please allow six to eight weeks for processing the waiver application.

If you have any questions, please call Elders Council Chair Stanley Morseau (269) 783-6828 or Vice-chair Maxine Margiotta (269) 783-6102.

DNR Volunteering Opportunity

Want to learn more about insects? There are opportunities to learn more about both aquatic insects and terrestrial insects at the Pokagon DNR. Work is completed in a lab type setting and includes using microscopes and keys for identification purposes. Give the DNR a call today and learn some new skills (269) 782-9602.

Bird surveys inform DNR staff of trends, how to increase bird populations

The hobby of bird watching provides more than a peaceful afternoon to participants. The Pokagon Department of Natural Resources is spending a day every month in this activity, collecting data about the bird populations on tribal lands.

With a Circle of Flight grant--in addition to the grant that funded the bird and duck boxes--the DNR is surveying tribal properties to determine how large the bird population is, what types of birds are living here, and where the birds are living.

In the same respect as the turtle monitoring, the DNR hopes to notice trends about bird populations. The insights they gain will allow the department to ensure we are providing adequate environments for the birds to live here.

Over time, we will be able to recognize any alarming population decline, for example, and in response take action to prevent the decline.

Natural Resources Manager Vic Bogosian explained that the wetland bird population is declining globally because their preferred habitats are disappearing as man converts them into farm land and other developments. The tribe's land in North Liberty is one of the few wetlands left in this region, which is why a large group of cranes were seen there last migration.

Bogosian invites all community members interested in birds to join him at his monthly surveys. He'll show you the ropes and help you identify the birds you see and hear.

"I've had to brush up on my bird call skills," he says.

Please call the DNR if you would like to participate at (269) 782-9602.



A pair of **bluebirds** behind the tribal administration building.



A pair of **sandhill cranes** near Dowagiac.



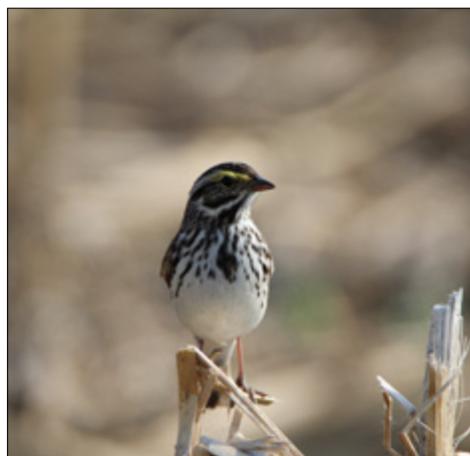
This grassland nesting bird, called a **dickcissel**, was seen at North Liberty.



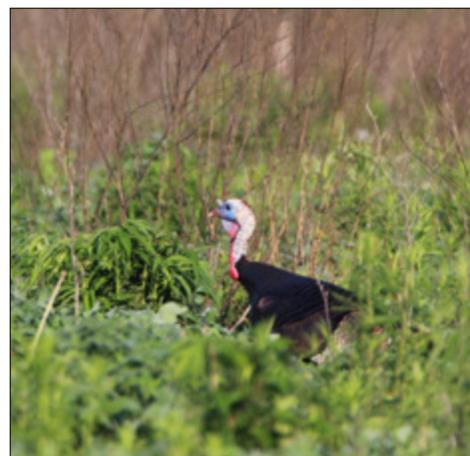
A **field sparrow**, another grassland bird, with an insect for lunch at North Liberty.



A forest-dwelling bird called a **gray catbird** that mimics other bird's songs, seen in Edawat.



Another grassland nesting bird at North Liberty, called a **savannah sparrow**.



Wild turkey near Rodgers Lake, a bird that uses both forest and grassy habitats.



The **common yellowthroat** is another grassland bird we find at North Liberty.

Educational Excellence Initiative urges Pokagon students to aim high

Pokagon students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to strive for educational excellence, to attend school regularly, and to improve their academic performance. A new program allows citizens to increase funding for educational programs they frequently use, thereby increasing their knowledge, skills and ability to flourish in post-secondary educational institution.

Students must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Pokagon citizen
- Attend an accredited education agency
- Be enrolled in grades kindergarten–12th grade
- Present proof of grades and attendance that meet the requirements (see www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/k-12th-grade/educational-excellence-initiative) for entire school year

All money earned must be used within that same school year for such programming as the enrichment program, special requests, and tutoring. In addition, funds may be used for the Youth Transportation IDA offered through Chi Ishobak starting when the child turns 13 years old. The deadline to receive report cards is at the end of the following marking period/semester/quarter.

Be aware of UV safety this summer

Sunburn results from too much sun or sun-equivalent exposure. Anyone who visits a beach, goes fishing, works in the yard, or simply is out in the sun can get sunburned. Sunburn is possible any time of the year, but is more common in the summer months when the sun's rays are the strongest. Improper tanning bed use is also a source of sunburn. Although seldom fatal, severe sunburn or sun poisoning can be a cause for concern. One or more blistering sunburns in childhood or adolescence more than double a person's chances of developing melanoma later in life, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation. A person's risk for melanoma doubles if he or she has had five or more sunburns at any age.

- Sunburns should be avoided at all costs to help decrease your chances of getting skin cancer. Some tips to help you prevent sunburn's are below.
- Avoid the sun during the peak hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wear wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and sunglasses with appropriate UV protection.
- Use sunblock. Pay attention to the sun protection factor (SPF) and whether or not PABA is in the product. Some people's skin is sensitive to PABA. PABA should be avoided in children younger than 6 months because it can cause skin irritation. Because of the tendency to produce irritation, and other harmful properties most sunscreens no longer contain this chemical.
- The American Academy of Dermatology recommends a "broad-spectrum" (UVA and UVB) waterproof sunscreen of at least SPF 30 be used year-round.
- Reapply sunscreen according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Be sure to apply sunscreen to all areas of the body. If you miss areas these can be open to sunburn. Some common missed body parts are the nose, scalp, and the ears.

Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa committee looking for remembrances and memorabilia for 30th pow wow celebration

The KMBK Pow Wow Committee is asking for historical information for the 2015 Pow Wow. Let us know if:

- You ever served on the KBMK Pow Wow Committee. If so, when and in what capacity;
- If you have photos from past KBMK pow wows, especially those from St. Pat's Park; and
- If you have memorabilia (programs, flyers, t-shirts) you would like to share.

To participate or for more information, contact Marchell Wesaw at (269) 462-4204 or at marchell.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov by July 2.

Protect the skin



You are in

- Water proof and sweat proof does not really mean what it says. No sunblock is really water proof, it is water resistant and it should state for how long on the container. If your child is in the water or is sweating more frequent application is needed for sunscreen to be effective. Most water proof sunblock's will need to be reapplied every 40-80 minutes depending on what brand you are using.
- Apply sunscreen 15 minutes before going out into the sun and reapply as indicated.
- Another tip is to apply the sunscreen liberally. You want to be sure that you and your family members have enough sunscreen on them. Commonly sunscreen is applied but not in great enough amount to make a difference.

Join us at 5 p.m. July 9 for the Mishkowze dinner and presentation at Pokagon Health Services for more about how to be safe in the sun. Call (269) 782-4141 for more details and to register.

August Financial Wellness workshops scheduled

Chi Ishobak's Financial Wellness workshop series continues on August 1, 2015. This detailed personal financial wellness workshop takes place from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There is no registration fee, but advance registration is required for administrative planning. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

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

Chi Ishobak is always looking to provide new and improved resources to Pokagon citizens and financial education is no different. Chi Ishobak has updated its Financial Wellness curriculum to provide increased benefit to citizens. "We currently cover the fundamentals of personal financial management, but wanted to add capacity and wealth building components to our information." Sean Winters said, "The more pertinent information our citizens possess makes for a very strong community."

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

To register for the August 1 wellness workshop or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chi Ishobak at your convenience.

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Comic books evolve in Native American treatment

By John Eby, reprinted from the Southwestern Michigan College website

Tonto, the Lone Ranger's sidekick, was a Potawatomi, according to Dowagiac comic book enthusiast Scott Topping. The radio Western originated on Detroit's WXYZ. Topping's "From Stereotype to Superhero: The History of Native Americans in Comic Books" concluded the second annual One Story community reading program.

Southwestern Michigan College, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Dowagiac Union Schools, Dogwood Fine Arts Festival, Dowagiac District Library and Dowagiac Area History Museum, where Topping's talk unfolded May 21, collaborated.

The community-read title around which events were built to raise awareness of contemporary issues is 2007 National Book Award winner *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*.

"The strength of comic books is their universality. In the superhero realm especially, you can tell who characters are in silhouette," Topping said.

Another genre trait is "sequential gaps." Artists draw one panel with a punch thrown and another with a villain reeling.

"We know what happens. We don't have to see it. We create it in our heads because the form lends itself to reader involvement," Topping said. Comics' strengths can be weaknesses.

"Universality means it's more difficult to deal with sub-groups," Topping said.

Publishing decisions which from today's perspective seem racist, insensitive and demeaning were made "by good-intentioned people for the most part," he said, "coupled with limitations in resources or knowledge. It wasn't an evil plot to marginalize or make fun.

"If you made a character representative of yourself, what would your powers be? Would your costume represent something about your powers or reflect the culture in which you were raised? More importantly, how would you do that for someone of a different ethnicity?"

Traditional superhero titles remain the mainstay, but darker plot elements are no longer taboo. Socially relevant storylines feature mature themes such as drug use, alcoholism, urban poverty and environmental pollution.

"Marvel especially was more inclusive and diverse, with minority and female characters," Topping said.

Red Wolf, Marvel's first Native American superhero, debuted with mystical powers in the September 1970 *Avengers*.

Echo, a female Native American, appeared as a deaf character opposite Daredevil, who is blind.

Thunderbird, an Apache possessed of superhuman athletic ability, was briefly a member of the X-Men in 1975.

John Butcher, a Native American vigilante trained in western and eastern fighting, quit the U.S. military after learning organized crime murdered his parents, making eliminating terrorists his personal mission.

Tribal Force, America's first all-Native superhero team, debuted in 1996.

Arigon Starr created "Super Indian," a weekly web comic about Hubert Logan, an ordinary reservation boy until he gains super powers after eating tainted commodity cheese.

"The real question of the last 20 years," Topping said, "is the superhero a cultural fit for all? Comic book characters are routinely tall, thin, fair-haired and fair-skinned, like golden idols. In contrast, Native Americans tend to be genetically programmed to be darker haired. Comic book heroes routinely rush into battle without calling for help — either from other heroes or from authorities. In contrast, Native Americans stress community involvement over glory-seeking individuals. Native Americans shun adversarial relations and seek inclusion.

"We've gone from sidekick to superhero and a completely historical depiction of a people as something in 1880 to characters who live in present-day culture while keeping some traditions," Topping said.

Find more in books such as *Native Americans in Comic Books* by Michael Sheyahshe or online at bluecorncomics.com.



The cover of the first edition of *Tribal Force*, created by writer Jon Proudstar and artist Ryan Huna Smith



2015 Financial wellness workshops

Chi Ishobak is introducing an updated financial education program for Pokagon Band citizens, families, and employees. More than just information, this program is designed to identify financial behaviors and the cultural relevance associated with those behaviors. This workshop will cover six components that address the basic aspects of personal financial management and provide participants with the tools and processes to take control of their financial health. These areas include: savings, communication, budgeting, debt, and credit building.

Saturday, August 1 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 7 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Community Center 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI 49047

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

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

PHS Pharmacy expanding services to spouses, staff

In the near future the Pokagon Health Services Pharmacy will serve tribal spouses and employees of the Pokagon Band government, Four Winds Casino, and Mno Bmadsen and their immediate family members. The PHS Pharmacy will offer select over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen, nicotine patches, in addition to the prescriptions filled.

The Pharmacy currently operates from a closed formulary allowing low cost medications; therefore, it may take extra time on the first fill to order medications or get your current medication changed to a formulary item. The medication cost or co-pay will be the non-native patient's responsibility and is due at the time the prescription is picked up.

Our Pharmacy staff will be happy to answer any questions, and one-to-one consultation is available for medication questions or questions regarding the new services offered. These new services are the first of several phases of PHS service expansion, so please continue to watch for updates and the launch date for this service.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
 TRIBAL COURT
 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

CASE NO. 15-3223-GAR-PC

Petitioner name, address, telephone: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
 58620 Sink Road
 P.O. Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI 49047

v. Respondent name, address, telephone: Dianna R. Carroll
 3756 E. 1000 N.
 LaPorte, IN 46350

Petitioner's Attorney name, bar no., firm, address, telephone:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
 Office of the General Counsel
 J. Edward Williams (P61685)
 Paul W. Shagen (P57389)
 58620 Sink Road
 P.O. Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI 49047
 (269) 783-0790

**NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT AND DEADLINE TO FILE
 OBJECTION(S)**

To: Dianna R. Carroll

1. On April 24, 2015 a *Petition for Order of Garnishment* was filed with the Tribal Court.
2. On April 26, 2015 the Court entered an *Order of Garnishment*.
3. On April 29, 2015 the Court mailed to you, by certified mail, restricted delivery to the addressee, return receipt requested, a true copy of the *Petition for Order of Garnishment* and *Order of Garnishment* and which were returned to the Court "Unclaimed" on May 28, 2015.
4. Based upon return of the mailing as "Unclaimed", an *Order for Alternate Service* for publication has been granted by the Court.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

You have fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this *Notice* to file an objection with the Tribal Court to the *Order of Garnishment*. If you fail to file an objection, the Pokagon Band's Chief Financial Officer will redirect your per capita payments, beginning twenty-eight (28) days from the date of publication of this *Notice*, to satisfy the total amount of judgment outstanding, and all post-petition interest, until paid in full. Your objection cannot contest the validity of the judgment and can only be based upon one or more of the reasons stated in subsection 3.04(a) of the *Garnishment Code*.

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CASE NO. 15-3226-GAR-PC

Petitioner name, address, telephone: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
 58620 Sink Road
 P.O. Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI 49047

v. Respondent name, address, telephone: Jennifer M. Green
 5103 Duncan Road
 Monroe, NC 28110

Petitioner's Attorney name, bar no., firm, address, telephone:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
 Office of the General Counsel
 J. Edward Williams (P61685)
 Paul W. Shagen (P57389)
 58620 Sink Road
 P.O. Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI 49047
 (269) 783-0790

**NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT AND DEADLINE TO FILE
 OBJECTION(S)**

To: Jennifer M. Green

1. On April 24, 2015 a *Petition for Order of Garnishment* was filed with the Tribal Court.
2. On April 28, 2015 the Court entered an *Order of Garnishment*.
3. On April 29, 2015 the Court mailed to you, by certified mail, restricted delivery to the addressee, return receipt requested, a true copy of the *Petition for Order of Garnishment* and *Order of Garnishment* and which were returned to the Court "Unclaimed" on May 28, 2015.
4. Based upon return of the mailing as "Unclaimed", an *Order for Alternate Service* for publication has been granted by the Court.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

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 TRIBAL COURT
 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

CASE NO. 15-3229-GAR-PC

Petitioner name, address, telephone: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
 58620 Sink Road
 P.O. Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI 49047

v. Respondent name, address, telephone: Twilight Ferguson
 (ADDRESS UNKNOWN)

Petitioner's Attorney name, bar no., firm, address, telephone:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
 Office of the General Counsel
 J. Edward Williams (P61685)
 Paul W. Shagen (P57389)
 58620 Sink Road
 P.O. Box 180
 Dowagiac, MI 49047
 (269) 783-0790

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT AND DEADLINE TO FILE OBJECTION(S)

To: Twilight Ferguson

1. On April 24, 2015 a *Petition for Order of Garnishment* was filed with the Tribal Court.
2. On April 28, 2015 the Court entered an *Order of Garnishment*.
3. On April 29, 2015 the Court mailed to you, by certified mail, restricted delivery to the addressee, return receipt requested, a true copy of the *Petition for Order of Garnishment* and *Order of Garnishment* and which were returned to the Court "Unclaimed" on May 21, 2015.
4. On May 19, 2015 the Court mailed to your additional address, by certified mail, restricted delivery to the addressee, return receipt requested, a true copy of the *Petition for Order of Garnishment* and *Order of Garnishment* and which were returned to the Court "Unclaimed" on May 26, 2015.
5. On May 30, 2015 William Drotoz, a process server for the Court, attempted to serve Respondent with both the *Petition for Order of Garnishment* and the *Order of Garnishment*. Mr. Drotoz was unsuccessful.
6. Based upon return of the mailing as "Unclaimed", an *Order for Alternate Service* for publication has been granted by the Court.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

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Department of Language & Culture

ABTÈNIB GISES July LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 25
 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.
 Rodgers Lake Pavilion
 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join **Kyle Malott** for the June language workshop led by our apprentices teaching what they are currently learning while living with our fluent speakers in Northern Wisconsin.

This event is a pot luck. Please bring a side dish to pass. L&C will provide the entrée and drinks.

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			DNR Turtle Tagging L&C Hartford Language Class L&C Gun Lake Youth Language Class Zumba L&C Dowagiac Drumming
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WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Language Class</p> <p>Language Class</p> <p>Language Class</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Fit Kids</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>EDU Elders Workshop: Tribal Perspectives</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class</p> <p>Circuit Training</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Tribal Government offices closed in observance of Independence Day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Language Class</p> <p>Language Class</p> <p>Language Class</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Mishkowze: UV Safety</p> <p>Fit Kids</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class</p> <p>Circuit Training</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Tribal Elections</p> <p>Zumba</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Language Class</p> <p>Language Class</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Fit Kids</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class</p> <p>Circuit Training</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Michigan Indian Family Olympics</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>L&C Language Workshop</p> <p>Baby Celebration Quilt Sewing Meeting</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Language Class</p> <p>Language Class</p> <p>Language Class</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Fit Kids</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class</p> <p>Circuit Training</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Healthy Step with Education</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>L&C Language Workshop</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Language Class</p> <p>Language Class</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Fit Kids</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class</p> <p>Circuit Training</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>August 1</p> <p>Zumba</p>

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Enrollment Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Enrollment Committee. There are two seats on the Enrollment Committee that will be available. The Enrollment Committee is a five member Committee. The responsibilities of the Enrollment Committee include, but are not limited to: (a) oversight, review, and recommendations to the Tribal Council on all applications for enrollment, (b) making recommendations to the Tribal Council on enrollment policies, laws, and citizen actions, (c) maintaining the Current Roll, and (d) aiding the Pokagon Band's Enrollment staff in the administration of the Pokagon Band's enrollment laws and procedures.

ELIGIBILITY. In order to be eligible for appointment to the Enrollment Committee, one must be a Pokagon Band citizen. Although not required for appointment, the following skills are preferred: (a) detail-oriented, (b) achievement-oriented, (c) ability to work with the highest level of confidentiality and discretion, and (d) have a good knowledge of math fundamentals.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Committee 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.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Enrollment Committee meetings and perform the business of the Enrollment Committee will vary. Enrollment Committee meetings are typically held in the evening on the second Monday of each month at the Pokagon Band's administrative offices located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan. On average, a Committee member can anticipate a total time commitment of approximately five to ten hours per month.

COMPENSATION. Enrollment Committee members are independent contractors and compensated for service to the Enrollment 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 personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Enrollment Committee business, in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

CONFIDENTIALITY. Committee members are prohibited from disclosing confidential information.

TERM. The term of office for Enrollment Committee members is two years.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Enrollment Committee 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.

HOW TO APPLY. Pokagon Band citizens who wish to be considered for appointment, must submit a letter of interest and a current résumé, 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

QUESTIONS. If you have questions concerning the Enrollment Committee, please contact the Enrollment Committee Chairperson, Michaelann Gartner, by telephone at (269) 470-6171 or by email at michaelann.gartner@pokagonband-nsn.gov. For additional information about the Enrollment Committee, you may also consult the Band's Enrollment Ordinance, which is posted on the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

DEADLINE. This posting shall close at 5:00 pm on August 1, 2015.

Free Legal Aid For Pokagon Band Citizens Starting November 4, 2014

Do you need advice or assistance with a legal issue? The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians arranged for Michigan Indian Legal Services (MLS) to provide legal services to Pokagon Band citizens (and in some instances, spouses of Pokagon Band citizens) regarding certain types of legal issues, such as:

- Criminal Matters in Pokagon Band Tribal Court (if you are indigent).
- Power of Attorney (Medical and/or Financial)
- Simple Wills
- Guardianship and Conservatorships
- Real Estate Matters
- Landlord Tenant Matters
- General legal advice regarding Michigan law
- General legal advice on Pokagon Band law

Except for criminal matters in Pokagon Band Tribal Court, there are no asset or income restrictions applicable to Pokagon Band citizens receiving free legal services from MLS. Not all legal services provided include representation in court, in some instances the available legal services are limited to document review, document preparation, and/or providing legal advice. The attorney from MLS is licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan only and therefore, the advice and legal services provided will be limited to Michigan law and Pokagon Band law.

An attorney from MLS will be at the Pokagon Band Community Center, located at 27043 Potawatomi Trail in Dowagiac, Michigan, two days per week to provide legal services. The schedule may vary, so please call MLS to determine availability.

WHEN MEETING WITH THE ATTORNEY, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING ALL THE PAPERWORK RELATED TO YOUR LEGAL ISSUE.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call MLS at 1 (800) 968-6877.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marcy Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch every third Wednesday 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

Join Marcy for the **July 15 Healthy Lunch**. Mark your calendar for the next lunches on August 19 and September 16.

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

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Election Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens who are interested to fill one Alternate member position on the Election Board. This appointment will be for an approximately four year term that will expire January 31, 2019. 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. Alternates are not members of the Election Board, but Alternates do assist the Election Board in fulfilling its responsibilities and attend Election Board meetings. Alternates will be seated and vote in the absence of an Election Board member.

QUALIFICATIONS. Alternates must meet all eligibility requirements applicable to members of the Election Board. To be eligible for appointment to the Election Board, a Pokagon Band citizen must:

1. Be an eligible voter of the Pokagon 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. A potential appointee must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will interview potential appointees for the Alternate position, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive such requirement. The Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will interview potential appointees. Prior to any appointment, the Tribal Council will make a determination whether the interested person meets the qualifications required to serve as an Alternate on the Election Board. In order to make this determination, all persons seeking appointment must undergo a limited criminal background check performed by the Pokagon Band Tribal Police to ensure that the candidate meets the qualifications to serve. Thus, all persons interested in 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 busier 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 PM. On average, a Board 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. Alternates may be compensated as independent contractors for service to the Election Board at rates established by the Tribal Council, only if seated at an Election Board meeting in the absence of an Election Board member. In addition, Alternates are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Election Board business in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Alternates 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.

HOW TO APPLY. Pokagon Band citizens who meet the qualifications, and are willing to be considered for appointment to fill the Alternate position, must submit all of the following: (1) a written statement of interest; (2) a résumé; and (3) a completed "Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check" Form, by one of the following 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

QUESTIONS. If you have questions concerning the Election Board, please contact the Election Board offices 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/boards/election-board.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

Notice of Open Position | Traditions/Repatriations Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for two (2) Committee member positions 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 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 to address general cultural issues and once per month to address issues with the THPO. 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. 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 or Alternate of the Traditions/Repatriation Committee must 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, 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. 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.

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.



Tuesday, July 14 Monday, August 10 Monday, August 24

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us at Michigan's beautiful Van Buren State Park for hikes led by a park naturalist. Hikes meet at the explorer guide area. Go to the second day parking area; you will see a sign for Explorer Guide Area.

Attend the hike and you will receive a State Park pass for you to enjoy the park for the rest of the year. Please wear appropriate hiking attire. Some of the hike will be on the sand dunes.

For more information or to register, contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or Dean Orvis at (269) 462-4290.

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Department of Education

Win a Kindle

Submit a photo of you using your Discovery Kit or write a small article about how you used your Kit. Be creative.

One female and one male winner will be selected. The winning photos or articles will be published in the tribal newsletter, Pokégnek Yajdanawa.

Entries must be received by Monday, August 3, 2015.

Please send your entries to:

**Department of Education
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047**

or e-mail to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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*You are invited to
the first meeting of the*

2016 Pokagon Band Baby Celebration
Quilt Sewing Workshop

*July 18, 2015
10:00 am–11:00 am
Community Center*

Snacks will be provided. For more information or to
RSVP please call Gale “Rusty” Green at (317) 691-0086
or Beth Moody at (269) 783-2478.

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Department of Social Services



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



**Do you have any ideas
for programming?**



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Domestic Violence Team is looking for some
suggestions for events and programming for the month.
Over the past two years we've hosted a lot of successful
events and want to keep that momentum going.

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

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Notice of Availability Environmental assessment for the forest management plan for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region is initiating a 30-day public comment period on an Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding the impacts of the implementation of a Forest Management Plan initiated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The BIA Midwest Region proposes to implement a Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan. The FMP includes and sets policy for Forest and Fire Protection, in addition to insect and disease monitoring, trespass, timber harvest for forest health, fire prevention, fire suppression, arson investigation, and Forest Development, including planting, emergency rehabilitation, and other projects to promote the health and sustainability of forest resources.

The FMP has been developed based upon resource-specific management policy and is responsive to Tribal goals and objectives. The FMP provides for the direction and technical specifications for which day-to-day resource management activities are regulated. Based on the completed Environmental Assessment, it has been determined that the selected alternative to implement an FMP for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the natural or human environment, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was determined, and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The public review and comment period for the EA will begin on the publication date of this notice.

For additional information or a copy of the documents, contact:

Kristen Lease
US Bureau of Indian Affairs
5600 American Boulevard West, Suite 500
Bloomington, Minnesota 55437
Phone: (612) 725-4522



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Terra Cotta Pot Painting Workshop

Monday, July 13
10:00 am

Tribal Artist Angie Rice will teach a painting class for women in the community. If you are interested in painting a pot to be used for gardening please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov to register.

A potluck lunch will follow so bring a dish to pass if you are able.

Spaces are limited so please contact Casey as soon as possible!



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Project LAUNCH Parent Advisory Group



This group meets once a month and is composed of parents and caregivers of children 0–8 years of age. Each Department meets with the Parent Group and discusses ways we can help improve the services for our Pokagon Youth. The Parent Group also receives a cultural teaching from a member of the Pokagon Community.

If you're interested in attending please contact JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator, (269) 462-4450.

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DNR develops pesticide management policy and seeks citizen comment

The Pokagon Department of Natural Resources has developed a Pesticide Management Policy and is making the policy available for citizen comment. If you would like to review the policy please log on to www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/natural-resources/environmental-quality-division/pesticide-management and provide your comments in the suggestion box. Additionally, citizens can stop in to the DNR office and request a hard copy or may call the office (269-782-9602) to have a hard copy mailed.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/natural-resources/environmental-quality-division/pesticide-management

Elders Lunch Menu | Démen gises June

monday

wednesday

thursday

friday

july

3 closed for independence day



Photo by Derek Key

6 **language**

Baked Chicken & Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

13 **language**

Buffalo Stew
Cottage Cheese & Sliced
Tomatoes
Peaches
Crescent Roll
Cupcake

20 **language**

Sausage Links, Biscuits and
Gravy, Egg Casserole with
Hash Browns, Peppers, and
Onions
Melon
Coffee Cake

27 **language**

Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce,
Tomato, Onion and Cheese
Hard or Soft Shell
Black Beans and Rice
Banana Pudding W/ Nilla
Wafers

7

Pork Roast
Potatoes
Carrots
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

14

Chili Cheese Dogs
Relish and Veggie Tray
Broccoli and Cauliflower
Salad
Jell-O W/ Fruit

21 **wii games**

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia
Rice Pilaf
Coleslaw
Corn on the Cob
Blueberries
Roll

28

Vegetable Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Veggie & Relish Tray
Blueberry Pie

1

Salad Bar with all the fixings

8

Buffalo Stroganoff
Asparagus
Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad
Roll
Dessert

15

BBQ Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Corn
Veggie Tray
Roll
Dessert

22

Marinated Beef Rib Eye Steak
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Carrots
Cucumber Salad
Roll
Dessert

29

Ham and Au Gratin Potatoes
Spinach
Garden Salad
Cornbread
Dessert

2

business meeting

Grilled Pork Chops
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Veggie Tray
Fruit
Birthday Cake

9

Turkey, Mushroom, & Swiss Burger
Relish Tray
Baked Fries
Tomato Salad
Berries

16

Deli Sandwich
Relish and Veggie Tray
Baked Chips
Dessert

23

Chicken Fajitas W/ Peppers
and Onions
Soft or Hard Taco Shell
Assorted Toppings
Angel Food Cakes &
Blueberries

30

Meatballs in Gravy over
Mashed Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

10

Sea Bass
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Corn on the Cob
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

17 **summer social at pavilion**

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
Mixed Greens
Garden Salad
Roll
Dessert

24

Buffalo Goulash
Asparagus
Garlic Bread
Garden Salad
Dessert

31

Chicken Salad Sandwich
with Grapes and Pecans
Baked Chips
Veggie and Relish Tray
Dessert

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 Deidre Ecker in the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas 2014	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	x	
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb	x	x
2717	Zachary T. Huffman		x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr	x	x
4442	Mason Tyler Currey	x	

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

Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

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

The document must be received by July 15 in order to make it on the August 2015 check run. Anything received after July 15 will be processed on the check run for September 2015. 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.

Are you eligible for certain Michigan tax exemptions?

If you are an enrolled Pokagon citizen, and you live in the tribe's Tax Agreement Area (as is defined in the State Tax Agreement between the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the state of Michigan), then please fill a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Application to see if you are eligible to start receiving these benefits. The application is available online here: www.pokagonbandnsn.gov/departments/finance/state-tax-agreements

Please read the Tax Agreement Overview (www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/finance/state-tax-agreements) to learn about these benefits and see a map of the Tax Agreement Area. You will also find individual township maps at that link. If you think you may live inside the Tax Agreement Area boundaries (green shaded areas), then you may be able to register with the State of Michigan and get relief from certain taxes.

In order to get registered, you must apply by filling out a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Application and returning it to Julie Rodriguez in the Finance Department. Upon review of your application, we will notify you of your eligibility status.

If you have any questions, or comments regarding the Tax Agreement or your RTM status or benefits, please do not hesitate to contact Julie at (269) 462-4210 or Julie.Rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Thursday, January 15, 2015	Thursday, January 29, 2015	Friday, January 30, 2015
Friday, February 13, 2015	Thursday, February 26, 2015	Friday, February 27, 2015
Friday, March 13, 2015	Monday, March 30, 2015	Tuesday, March 31, 2015
Wednesday, April 15, 2015	Wednesday, April 29, 2015	Thursday, April 30, 2015
Friday, May 15, 2015	Thursday, May 28, 2015	Friday, May 29, 2015
Monday, June 15, 2015	Monday, June 29, 2015	Tuesday, June 30, 2015
Wednesday, July 15, 2015	Thursday, July 30, 2015	Friday, July 31, 2015
Friday, August 14, 2015	Thursday, August 27, 2015	Friday, August 28, 2015
Tuesday, September 15, 2015	Tuesday, September 29, 2015	Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Thursday, October 15, 2015	Thursday, October 29, 2015	Friday, October 30, 2015
Monday, November 2, 2015*	Tuesday, November 24, 2015	Wed, November 25, 2015
Friday, December 4, 2015*	Thursday, December 17, 2015	Fri, December 18, 2015

* Please note, in 2015, the November deadline for changes is November 2 and the December deadline is December 4. This is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

Tribal Council July Calendar of Events

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

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Social Services

Mom to Mom SALE

Saturday, August 29
10:00 am–2:00 pm
Community Center

A Mom-to-Mom Sale is essentially a huge rummage sale where parents can buy gently used baby and kids items directly from other parents. Get great deals on second hand baby clothing, kids clothing, maternity clothing, toys, books, games, furniture and gear!

To reserve a table to sell your gently used items, please call Rachel Orvis at (712) 420-3322 or email rdorvis@gmail.com. Space is limited so reserve your table early!

This event is a fundraiser for the Pokagon Band Domestic Violence Program. Please consider a donation to support a local womens shelters. Suggested donations include: \$2, or items such as paper products, over the counter medicine for adults and children, baby items (especially diapers size 6), and personal hygiene items.



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Tribal Council August Calendar of Events

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

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.

4TH ANNUAL

A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday, July 25, 2015
10:00 am–3:00 pm
Health Services Building



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

- Department of Education's PreK–12 Program registration
- Vision & Hearing Screenings
- Smoke House with Local Fire Department
- Ambulance
- Hair Cuts
- Face Painting
- Cultural Craft
- Bounce House
- Massages
- Cultural Teachings
- Health Works! Kohl's Fit Festival
- Sports Physical (First come, first serve, limited space. Bring your schools form)
- Speech Screenings
- & Developmental Assessments
- Sports Tournaments
- Car Seat Safety
- Dental Check Ups for Children
- Lunch
- Prizes

Please come and join in the fun.

Questions? Contact Liz Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Elders Program
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Toll Free (800) 859-2717
FAX (269) 782-1696

Elections
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(269) 782-9475
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

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58620 Sink Rd.
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Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

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

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

Abtëñib gises July Citizen Announcements



Congratulations to **Austin Garcia!** He placed 4th at the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association State Tournament this spring. Austin is in the 2006–2007 age group at 43 pounds.

We are so proud of you! Love, Dad, stepmom Krista, and big sister, Jenna



Congratulations to **Eliana Parker** on your graduation from Frazier Mountain High School, ranked third in your graduating class with a near perfect GPA. Wow! What a great job! We love you and wish you the best at UC Santa Barbara. And so...the adventure begins!

Love and may God bless your adventures,
Dad, Mom, Sister Esther, and Uncle Guy

Morseau/Morsaw Family Reunion

A time for us to get acquainted and have some fun, activities for everyone young and old.

Planning meeting

Saturday, July 18 | 2 p.m.
Rodgers Lake Pavilion

Reunion

September 7 | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Rodgers Lake

Please bring a dish to pass!

Questions? Contact Lucinda Graverett-Smith (269) 330-1677 or Cathy Morseau Ford (269) 783-9380.

Happy birthday July 16 to my wonderful son, **Troy!** You're still as cute as ever!

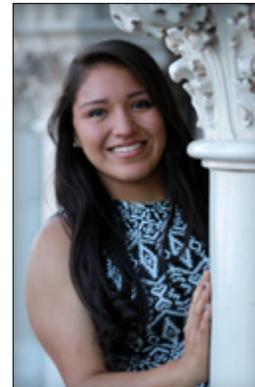
Love you! Mom



Congratulations **Nizhoni!**

We are very proud of your high school accomplishments. You will do very well at Adams State University and on their volleyball team!

We love you very much, Mom, Dad, Shandiin, Alilee Bah, Deezbah and Bahozhoni Church



Happy Sweet 16, **Sierra Taylor!** We hope you have the best birthday ever!

Love Mom, Brooke, Spencer, Aunt Marcia and Uncle Brad!



Congratulations to **Sia White**, daughter of Daniel White (Pokagon citizen deceased) and Tina Mason. Sia recently completed Grade Three attaining the Honor Roll all four quarters at Liberty Elementary, Mishawaka, IN.

Sia is very proud of her Potawatomi heritage and with the help of her mom made a display of Potawatomi Traditions for the class and dressed in her new regalia made for her by Karrie Lutzke also of the Pokagon Band.

Much love from proud Grandparents John and Barbara White, Mom Tina and Daddy Scott, brother Denton and her extended family.

Happy birthday **Lee Falk** 70 years old on June 19!

Love, your family



Happy 1st birthday to our sweet girl, **Bridget!** We love you so much! Mom and Dad



Stephanie Mannisto, daughter of Howard Mannisto Jr. and Brenda Mannisto, received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in illustration at Northern Michigan University May 2. Congratulations Stephanie!

30th annual Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow

Saturday, September 5–Sunday, September 6, 2015