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### ADA and other homes available in Hartford village



Included in the Hartford village plans is one Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) duplex, which will include two units. These homes are available for Pokagon households with physically disabled family members. The units are spacious and built wide enough for wheelchairs to easily maneuver through.

“These units will feature three bedrooms and two bathrooms,” said Megan Rick, Housing Occupancy specialist.

One of the bathrooms in each will include a roll in shower. Across the living spaces, there will be wider doorframes and hallways, no step entrances, an open floor plan, lowered countertops, wheelchair accessible appliances, and backup generators for various needed medical equipment.

The other housing options in the village will include a townhome and an elders duplex. The townhome will consist of two-bedroom and three-bedroom units. The elders duplex will contain two-bedroom units with one bathroom each, identical to the current elders duplexes located in the Dowagiac Village.

If you would like to know more about Hartford Development, contact Megan Rick or Kim Cushway at (269) 783-0443.

### College Internship Program accepting applications

The Education Department is accepting applications for the government's eight week, paid Summer Internship Program. This program is intended for tribal citizens attending college.

You can view all application and eligibility requirements on our website. These have not changed much since last summer, but the application is presented differently.

The program runs from Monday, June 6 to Friday, July 29. Interns are given hourly salaries as well as housing, gasoline, and clothing stipends.

Interns will not only experience day-to-day life at the government, but they will also attend cultural outings and training with tribal development.

Interested college students must complete the application, a background check, and drug test, as well as provide all other necessary documents, by April 15.

Please visit our website to apply.



[pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/higher-education/college-internship-program](http://pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/higher-education/college-internship-program)

### Annual Meeting



Saturday, March 19  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Niles High School | 1441 Eagle St, Niles, MI 49120

Come hear updates on the government and economic development, and enjoy lunch and community with other Pokagon citizens.

## What's that invasive species? Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)



The Asian longhorned beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) is native to China and Korea and has been introduced to the United States multiple times since 1990 through the use of wooden pallets and crates. Asian longhorned beetle known current infestations in New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania are all under quarantine and in the process of eradication. The Asian longhorned beetle is a serious threat to the Midwest because it is known to feed on and kill a large number of tree species. The preferred species include maples (including sugar, silver, red, Norway and boxelder), birches (including paper, yellow, river, and gray), elms, and willows. Detection of the beetle is both easy and hard. The beetle is easily identified because it is so large, with a body measuring up to 1.5 inches, however, the Asian beetle does not kill trees as fast as other tree pests and this makes it harder to identify when a tree is invaded. Signs of infestation show three to four years after initial invasion, then the tree will die 10 to 15 years following. The beetle is black with white spots while their antennae have blue and black bands. Native sawyer beetles may sometimes be confused for Asian longhorned beetles, although the native beetles are smaller in size, have fewer spots, and no blue coloring. The larvae of the beetle bore into the tree and through the center of the tree which means that the tree is not girdled and the death of the tree is slower. Exit holes from the larvae are found from spring through fall and are about the diameter of a pencil. Don't move firewood, as it helps to spread these invasive species. If you see a maple tree in distress or adult beetles please contact the Pokagon Department of Natural Resources.

## Sugar Bush Workshops happening every Saturday this month

The first Sugar Bush Workshop is Saturday, March 5 from noon to 6 p.m. The workshops will run through the month of March, each featuring a different sugaring activity.

Attendees of the first workshop will make spiels and participate in copper kettle cooking. The next Saturday will also feature copper kettle cooking and making maple paddles. The rest will also have copper kettle cooking and other activities still to be determined.

Check the website calendar for updates and please contact the Language and Culture Department at (269) 462-4325 if you have any questions.

## It's time to start planning for Drummond Island



Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering held on Drummond Island is August 10 to 14, 2016. If you are interested in qualifying to attend with expenses paid by Language and Culture, please watch the Pokagon Band website for more information. Please call the Language and Culture office (269) 462-4325 with any questions.

## What's that edible plant? Wild Cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*)



The wild cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*) is a small evergreen shrub that is generally found in wet areas including bogs, swamps, and poorly drained meadows. Wild cranberries ripen in the fall and can be harvested from fall through spring. Wild cranberries are small, red, and can be tart/sour to the taste, however, the berries become less tart after freezing. These berries can be used in any of the same recipes that typical store bought cranberries are used in, including jams, cranberry sauces, smoothies, and teas. Cranberries are high in vitamin C and contain lesser amounts of vitamin B-6, vitamin A, iron, and magnesium. The cranberry has historically been used as a medicinal plant to help with urinary issues and has been ground into a paste and used to treat wounds from being infected. Cranberries can also be used as a fabric dye by simmering on low heat for 20 minutes until the berries are bleached out. For darker color crush the berries while simmering. The berries are then strained from the mixture and the dye can be used on multiple fabric types.



## Discover Something New!

Don't miss your chance to order a Pokagon Discovery Kit, available for all Pokagon youth ages 2-17 years old (by May 2016).

visit [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education) for online order form

If you live 50 miles or more from the administration campus, we will mail your Kit. All others must pick them up between **June 1-30**.

Discovery Kit pick up is at the Department of Education, Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm.

**Online application deadline is April 30!**  
**Kits are only available June 1-30, 2016.**

Questions? Email or call Susan Doyle at [susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or (269) 462-4229.

## March is National Nutrition Month

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics campaign *Savor the Flavor of Eating Right* promotes the development of healthy eating habits and encourages everyone to take time to enjoy food traditions, flavors, and the social experiences food can add to your life.



### 6. Choose to eat some foods more or less often

Choose more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and 1% milk and dairy products. Cut back on foods high in solid fats, added sugars, and salt.

Below are steps for developing a healthy eating pattern. You can enjoy your meals while adjusting the amount of food on your plate. Healthy meals start with more fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins, and dairy. Drink and eat less sodium, saturated fats, and added sugars.

#### 1. Get to know the foods you eat

Use SuperTracker, provided by the USDA, to find out what kinds of foods to eat and how much to eat, including tips and support for making better food choices. [supertracker.usda.gov](http://supertracker.usda.gov)

#### 2. Take your time

Be mindful to eat slowly, enjoy the taste and textures, and pay attention to how you feel. Use hunger and fullness cues to recognize when to eat and when you've had enough.

#### 3. Use a smaller plate

Use a smaller plate at meals to help with portion control. That way, you can finish your entire plate without overeating.

#### 4. If you eat out, choose healthier options

Check and compare nutrition information about the foods you are eating. Preparing food at home makes it easier to control what is in your meals.

#### 5. Satisfy your sweet tooth in a healthy way

Indulge in nature's dessert—fruit! Serve a fresh fruit cocktail or a fruit parfait made with yogurt. For a hot dessert, bake apples and top with cinnamon.

#### 7. Find out what you need

Get your personalized plan with the SuperTracker to identify your food group targets. Compare the foods you eat to the foods you need to eat.

#### 8. Sip smarter

Drink water or calorie-free beverages, 100% juice, or low fat milk when you are thirsty. Soda and other sugar-sweetened beverages contain added sugar and are high in calories.

#### 9. Compare foods

Check out the SuperTracker's Food-A-Pedia to look up and compare nutrition information for more than 8,000 foods.

#### 10. Make treats "treats"—not everyday foods

Treats are great once in a while. Just don't make treat foods an everyday choice. Limit sweet treats to special occasions.

See more tips at [www.choosemyplate.gov/ten-tips-enjoy-your-food](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/ten-tips-enjoy-your-food).

A Healthy Eating Pattern helps lower the risk of obesity, heart disease, high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, and some cancers.

For more information, please contact Pokagon Health Services at (888) 440-1234.



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THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM  
POKAGON BAND HEAD START  
HONORING OUR CHILDREN

## Gwikwé'amen Pokagon Band Family Expo

Saturday, March 5, 2016  
11:00 am–2:00 PM  
Community Center  
27043 Potawatomi Trail | Dowagiac, MI 49047

All families are invited to join us for information, resources, and fun!

The Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources will lead *Leave No Trace*, a hands-on presentation about respecting Mother Earth.

For a description of the full meaning behind Gwikwé'amen, please see [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education)



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD™

Saturday, March 12 | 2:00 p.m.  
Lake Michigan College  
Mendel Center Mainstage

Please register online at Early Childhood Education's webpage at [pokagonband-nsn.gov](http://pokagonband-nsn.gov) beginning February 1 through March 4. **There is a 5 ticket limit per household.**

The legacy of the beloved Mister Rogers lives on with the hit television series Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood. Now, Daniel and all of his friends are hopping aboard the trolley to delight your family with DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD LIVE! Donning his familiar red sweater, Daniel takes you on an interactive musical adventure as he and his friends explore the vibrant world of their much-loved neighborhood. This live theatrical production filled with singing, dancing, and laughter will delight your little ones and warm the hearts of multiple generations! Great for children ages 2 through 6 and their families!

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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## Martha McConnell is Elder of the Month



Bozhoo. I am a very happy, retired elder. I live in Dowagiac at Edawat in a duplex. My mother was Mary Louise Alexis Antidel, and my grandfather was Arthur Alexis. I was blessed with two children, Phillip and Karen Deuel. Tyler, Alexis, and Stephany are my grandchildren. Evlen and Vivyen are my great granddaughters. There were nine children in my family – five girls, four boys.

I love walking and working out in our fitness center. I have also enjoyed attending our elder meetings and functions. Going on the trips to New York and New Mexico were simply wonderful. Being able to learn about our heritage and culture is very meaningful to me. I truly have enjoyed meeting and making new friends along the way, as I have learned we Native Americans share some of the same childhood experiences.



April 7–9  
University of Michigan +  
Michigan State University

The Department of Education is hosting a college visit trip for high school students during spring break. The group will visit the University of Michigan on Thursday, April 7, and then Michigan State University Friday, April 8. The trip will conclude Saturday, April 9 after joining the fun at Michigan State's pow wow.

This three day, two night trip pays all costs. There is limited space; online registration starts March 1. Any questions, please contact Susan Doyle at [susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or (269) 462-4229.

Register online: [pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/michigan-college-visit-registration](http://pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/michigan-college-visit-registration)

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Department of Language & Culture

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL  
**Easter Party**

EASTER EGG HUNT FUN LUNCH

**MARCH 26** SATURDAY 2:30 PM–4:30 PM  
HARTFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
141 SCHOOL STREET # HARTFORD, MI 49057

PLEASE BRING A BASKET TO COLLECT YOUR EGGS

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## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa*  
Box 180  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
[Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

## Mno-Bmadsen acquires WBK Engineering, LLC

Mno-Bmadsen acquired the civil engineering, planning, surveying, and environmental resources consulting firm WBK Engineering, LLC (WBK), formerly Wills Burke Kelsey Associates, Ltd., this February.

The company focusses on creating sustainable infrastructure in “the built and natural environments.”

“WBK adds an important component to our family of companies,” CEO Troy Clay said in a press release. “Our current operation includes architecture, construction, mechanical contracting and facilities management. WBK’s expertise in engineering and environmental resources will help continue our overriding philosophy of being the best stewards of our Band and our environment.”

WBK President John Wills will remain in his position, leading WMK’s 40 employees and two offices in St. Charles and Aurora, Ill.

“This acquisition expands the horizons of WBK,” Wills said in a press release. “Mno-Bmadsen will bring opportunities to us that were not available in the past. We look forward to expanding our company and providing our expertise to new markets.”

WBK grows Mno’s family of businesses to six, adding to already established 7Gen Construction (South Bend, Ind.), Accu-Mold (Portage, Mich.), Bent Tree Market (Dowagiac, Mich.), Seven Generations Architects and Engineers (Kalamazoo, Mich.), and D.A. Dodd (Ind. and Mich.).

Mno leads the Pokagon Band’s economic ventures, providing jobs, investing in the region, and maintaining the tribe’s economic diversification, thus ensuring economic independence and stability for the tribe at present—and seven generations into the future.

Learn more about WBK on their website. <http://wbkengineering.com>



## Burial Fund Code changes approved by Tribal Council

Tribal Council approved changes to Section 9 of the Burial Fund Code this January. The changes allow recipients to reallocate money intended to cover burial or monument costs. If the cost of burial is less than the maximum amount the Band will cover, recipients may use the remaining amount to pay for the monument, and vice versa.

You can view the new code on our website.

 [pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances](http://pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances)

## Breastfeeding Classes

**April 29 + August 26 | 1:00 – 3:00 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 attends will be sent a breastfeeding related t-shirt once they complete the program.



Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 office for more information.

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## Train Together for the Family Olympics

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

**When: Friday, July 22 2015 in Mt. Pleasant MI**



In order to compete, participants must train in at least three 30 minute training sessions. Each sport a student is in will count as one training session; so if a youth plays three sports (dance and marching band count) that will qualify him or her. These events are open to Native Americans and their families.

Participants must pre-register by February 29, 2016 at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/michigan-indian-family-olympics-registration-2016](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/michigan-indian-family-olympics-registration-2016)

### Training Schedule

- January 21 | PHS Wellness Center Multi Purpose Room | 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- February 11 | PHS Wellness Center Multi Purpose Room | 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- March 10 | PHS Wellness Center Multi Purpose Room | 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- March 24 | PHS Wellness Center Multi Purpose Room | 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- April 14 | PHS Wellness Center Multi Purpose Room | 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- April 21 | PHS Wellness Center Multi Purpose Room | 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- June 26 | Mini Olympics at PHS Wellness Center | 10:00a.m.



## Seeking interest for Hunter Safety Course



To receive a hunting license, anyone born after 1960 is required to complete the Hunter Safety Course and provide proof of completion. Our DNR and Conservation Officers are providing this class in the spring or summer, but they first need to gauge the interest of community members.

If you would like to take this course, please contact Officer Kevin Modlin at (269) 782-2232 and provide dates and times that would work best for you to take the course. Once they receive information from at least 10 people interested, they will schedule class times.

The classes might occur twice a week for a couple weeks to accommodate a working person's schedule, subject to change. Contact Officer Modlin or DNR at (269) 782-9602 to learn more.

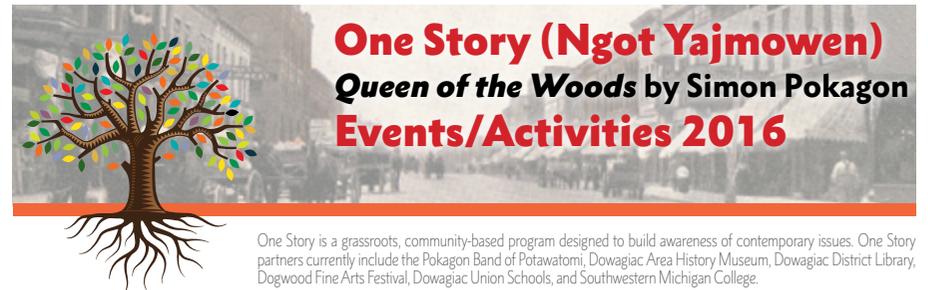
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Project LAUNCH | Department of Education | Pokagon Health Services (Home Visiting Nurses)

# Baby Celebration

April 16, 2016  
10:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Pokagon Band Community Center

Please register for this event at  
[pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/baby-celebration-registration-2016](http://pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/baby-celebration-registration-2016)

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The One Story 2016 book selection is *Queen of the Woods* by Simon Pokagon. Simon Pokagon was born in 1830 in the Pokagon Indian Village in Berrien County, Michigan. He was educated at Notre Dame University and Oberlin College. During his lifetime, he became spokesman for his tribe, a well-known speaker, and a respected writer. *Queen of the Woods* is a love story about Chief Pokagon and his wife, Lonidaw. The community is invited to participate in all of the events based on this novel during the One Story 2016 season. Complimentary copies of the book are available from any of the One Story partners.

[onestoryread.com](http://onestoryread.com)

**DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM Significance: Culture, Tradition, Location, Relationship Creative Workshop**  
**February 20 | 1:00 pm–3:00 pm | Dowagiac Area History Museum**

Everyone has a story, and now is the perfect time to share yours in words, pictures, or a combination of both. The museum will host a workshop to begin crafting short stories, essays, poems, drawings, paintings, and more. Participants will not be required to complete their projects that evening but will be free to continue on their own, if they choose. The completed writings will be compiled into a community book, and the art canvases will be displayed with others to create a community "quilt." Please come share your story!

**SMC New Works of the Potawatomi: A Survey of Traditional + Contemporary Art Practices**  
**February 16 – March 17 | 10:00 am–3:00 pm | SMC Lyon's Building Art Gallery**

Begun in dialogue with Nooksack artist Louis Gong—of Eighth Generation and their related program, *Inspired Natives Project*—this exhibition is evolving like a conversation, organically growing and changing shape as new artists are approached and their artistic practices networked together. This jointly curated project will include a range of Native American artists (with both local and national profiles), bringing together a selection of works that complement and expand on the One Story program.

The Art Gallery at Southwestern Michigan College is located in Room 108 of the Dale A. Lyons Building on the Dowagiac Campus. Gallery hours are Monday–Thursday 10 am–3 pm and by appointment. Art reception and the gallery are open to visitors at no cost.

**SMC New Works: A collaborative exhibition with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Opening Reception**

**February 25 | 12:30 pm | SMC Lyon's Building Art Gallery**

A public reception will be held in the Art Gallery on Thursday, February 25 at 12:30 pm.

**DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM + POKAGON BAND Archaeology of the North American Fur Trade**  
**March 2 | 6:30 pm | Dowagiac Area History Museum**

By Dr. Michael Nassaney, professor of Archeology at Western Michigan University and author of the recently published book, *Archaeology of the North American Fur Trade*. A book signing will follow the program. This program is the first in the museum's Spring Lecture Series. Cost is free for museum members and \$5 for non-members.

**POKAGON BAND Sugar Bush**

**Saturdays in March | 3:00 pm | Rodgers Lake Property**

Come join the Pokagon Band as they celebrate the sugar bush (maple syrup) season. Participants can assist with sap collection, make maple syrup and maple candy, and receive traditional teachings. Everyone is welcome.

**POKAGON BAND + DOGWOOD FINE ARTS GALLERY Leave No Trace: Wildlife Presentation**

**March 5 | 11:00 am–2:00 pm | Pokagon Band Community Center**

Learn to practice the seven principles of leave no trace in any environment that you are visiting. By learning about practicing Leave No Trace (LNT) individuals become more fully aware of their impacts on the environment and what effects their actions may have in a natural environment. Leave only footprints, take only pictures. Join us to learn more about Leave No Trace.

**SMC Imprints: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians & the City of Chicago Author Presentation and Book Signing**  
**March 17 | 2:00 pm | Southwestern Michigan College Dale A. Lyons' Theatre**

How were the Pokagons able to retain their identity and traditions while contributing significantly to the culture of Chicago? Dr. John Low will discuss his newly published book, *Imprints: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the City of Chicago*, which examines the ways some Pokagon Potawatomi tribal members have maintained a distinct Native identity, their rejection of assimilation into the mainstream, and their desire for inclusion in the larger contemporary society without forfeiting their "Indianness."

**DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM The 1893 Chicago Columbian Exposition**

**April 6 | 6:30 pm | Dowagiac Area History Museum**

By Karen Nicholson, World's Fairs historian and volunteer at Ruthmere Museum. The Columbian Exposition drew millions to Chicago's White City in 1893 and today is one of the best remembered of the World's Fairs. Local residents took the train to Chicago by the thousands and many area businesses had booths featured at the fair. Simon Pokagon of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi was a featured speaker at Chicago Day and handed out birch bark booklets. Nicholson's program will explore the Exposition from a national and local perspective.

Program is part of the Spring Lecture Series, free for members, \$5 for non-members.

**POKAGON BAND + DOWAGIAC DISTRICT LIBRARY Spring In to Your Local Library**

**April | 10:00 am–12:00 pm | Dowagiac District Library**

The Pokagon Band and the Dowagiac District Library will host this reading event for children ages 0–8. Join Ty Defoe for storytelling through hoop dancing and crafts. Enjoy snacks and check out a book!

**POKAGON BAND Pokagon Band Historic Bus Tour**

**May 13 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm | Pokagon Band Community Center**

Have you ever wondered about the history of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi in Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana? Now is your chance to go on a free, guided bus tour to learn about Potawatomi history in the local area. Two identical tours are available: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Lunch will be available at the Community Center from 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. The number of participants is limited for this event based on available bus seating. Advance registration is required and will begin on April 4. Watch for more information coming soon.

**ONE STORY PARTNERS Epilogue Feast**

**May 19 | 6:00 pm–9:00 pm | Pokagon Band Community Center**

Just as the epilogue of a book brings the story to an end, so the Epilogue Feast concludes One Story 2016. Please come commemorate this One Story season by enjoying a Native American celebration including a traditional feast along with storytelling, dancing, singing, and drumming. Pokagon Language apprentices will join us to share their experience of learning Bodéwadmí, a language with only six fluent speakers in the entire world. This is an evening you won't want to miss!

## Chi Ishobak frequently asked questions

### What is a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)?

A Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) is a specialized financial institution that works in market niches that are underserved by traditional financial institutions. CDFI's provide a unique range of financial products and services in economically distressed target markets.

### Who is Chi Ishobak?

Chi Ishobak, pronounced Chee-is-oh-bock – “Big Cabbage”, is a United States Treasury certified Native CDFI and a Michigan 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Chi Ishobak provides enrolled tribal citizens of Michigan Tribes with access to affordable capital for business loans and individual financial development through collaborative and education-oriented lending services. Chi Ishobak practices responsible lending in order to protect loan capital for future generations of tribal citizens.

### What does Chi Ishobak offer?

Chi Ishobak offers commercial loans for small-business expansion or start-up. Chi Ishobak offers consumer loans for automobile purchases and credit building efforts.

Chi Ishobak offers small-business development services designed to assist tribal entrepreneurs with legal formation, business plan development, financial projections, and loan packaging. Business development services are available whether or not you are seeking a loan.

Chi Ishobak offers financial wellness education designed for Native American citizens. It is vital to provide citizens with the tools necessary to manage personal financial resources responsibly. Fundamental topics such as savings, communication with money, budgeting, debt-management, and buying behavior can help citizens establish healthy financial habits. Drawing upon the successful techniques of our ancestors gives us all the information and strength needed to be successful in today's environment.

### How do I apply for a loan?

The application process begins by contacting Chi Ishobak for an intake evaluation to review the potential project, request, or purchase. A loan application packet will be provided to secure all necessary documentation to evaluate the loan request. All applications are reviewed by Chi Ishobak's Loan Committee. Chi Ishobak staff will provide information and answers to all relevant questions during the loan application process.

### How do I utilize the development services?

You can take advantage of small-business development resources or financial wellness resources by contacting Chi Ishobak for an intake evaluation which is used to identify current capacity and to formulate a unique plan of action. Chi Ishobak's process consists of gathering as much information as possible, offering different alternatives, and to empower tribal citizens to achieve their financial goals.

### How do I contact Chi Ishobak?

You can contact Chi Ishobak by any of the following:

Phone: (269) 783-4157

Fax: (269) 783-2494

Website: [www.chiishobak.org](http://www.chiishobak.org)

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Mail: 27043 Potawatomi Trail  
 P.O. Box 766  
 Dowagiac, MI 49047



**CHI ISHOBAK (PRONOUNCED CHEE ISH-O-BOCK), MEANS “BIG CABBAGE” AND IS THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (CDFI). CHI ISHOBAK PROVIDES TRIBAL CITIZENS WITH ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE CAPITAL FOR THE PURPOSES OF BUSINESS START-UP OR EXPANSION AND INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EDUCATION-BASED LENDING SERVICES.**

COMMERCIAL LOANS

CONSUMER LOANS

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

FINANCIAL EDUCATION

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Please contact Sean Winters or Eric Stovern for additional information at (269) 783-4157 or visit [www.chiishobak.org](http://www.chiishobak.org).

Weaving a pattern of economic independence into our lives today for future generations tomorrow.



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## High school students: check out these summer opportunities

The **Multicultural Apprenticeship Program (MAP)**, now in its 34th year at Michigan State University, is a six-week residential experience designed to provide 10th and 11th grade students hands-on research experience in one of the many fields of agriculture and natural resources. It also focuses on giving students firsthand experience in college life, living and interacting with people from across Michigan. MAP begins on Sunday, June 19 and ends on Friday, July 29, 2016. Selection to MAP is competitive and based, in part, on students' interest in and aptitude for science. It is also based on academic achievement. Although there is no specific grade point average cut-off, the average GPA of last year's MAP participants was 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. We encourage academically strong students to apply to MAP.

The **College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Institute for Multicultural Students**, or AIMS program, is a one-week, on-campus program designed to provide 9th–11th grade students with broad exposure to educational and career opportunities in the food and agricultural sciences, natural resources, and related scientific and business fields. AIMS participants are involved in tours and demonstrations, seminars on college admissions and financial aid, and a number of other educational, social, and cultural experiences. The AIMS program begins on Sunday, July 10, and ends on Friday, July 15, 2016.

Applications for these opportunities are available at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/k-12th-grade/external-scholarships-and-programs](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/k-12th-grade/external-scholarships-and-programs) or by requesting one from the Department of Education.

## Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Kaylay Gillette**. She correctly answered, "I do not speak unless spoken to. Many have heard me, but none have seen me. What am I?" The answer was "an echo."

**Lake Serba** has also won a gift card for his riddle being selected. Check it out:

**"I am run over fields and woods all day. Under the bed at night I sit not alone. My tongue hangs out awaiting to be filled in the morning. What am I?"**

Mail in or e-mail your correct answer to [susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto: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.



**DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE + CULTURE'S**  
*Workshop*

**Wednesdays**  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Language and Culture  
58653 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047

<b>February 3</b>	<b>March 2</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>June 1</b>
February 17	March 16	April 20	May 18	June 15

Language and Culture's workshop will be open in 2016. Tribal citizens are encouraged to come and enjoy gathering together. The workshop offers many things: wood working, beading, basket making and much more. Bring your unfinished projects, ideas for upcoming workshops you and your families would like to see in our future. The workshop will be open the same time as Drum Class, we encourage citizens and other tribal members, spouses to bring the men and young men to drum class and learn many teachings, old songs and much more from John T. Warren on the drum Ribbon Town. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our traditions and culture.

If you have any questions please contact the Language and Culture Department or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 office, (269) 462-5376 cell or [Pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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## REGALIA 101 CLASSES

**H**ave you ever wanted your own regalia to dance at powwows but didn't know how to make one? Then this is your program! We are inviting individuals who want to learn basic sewing, beading or other skills to start and finish their own unique regalia.

Barbara Ann Warren will lead this year's classes. Additional presenters will be coming in to present on topics such as beadwork, quillwork, sewing, fur work, copper work. Some material will be available. If you have your own material to bring, please do so.

Language and Culture will provide drinks and attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to pass to this workshop.

<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
Sunday, February 7	Sunday, March 6	Sunday, April 3	Sunday, May 15
Sunday, February 21	Sunday, March 20	Sunday, April 17	Sunday, May 22

**All classes are 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Community Center**  
27043 Potawatomi Trail  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

For more information, contact L&C at (269) 462-4325 or email at [pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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## Tribal Council Approves 2015 Salary Commission Compensation Recommendations

The Salary Commission provides the following information in fulfillment of the requirement in the Salary Commission Code that the Salary Commission recommendations, and Tribal Council action on such recommendations, be published in the Pokagon Band's newsletter.

### Salary Commission Overview

The Salary Commission is an independent Pokagon Band governmental body which is constitutionally required to make compensation recommendations for specific elected and appointed positions within the Pokagon Band's government. The Salary Commission Code provides the standards and procedures by which the Salary Commission conducts its business and makes compensation recommendations to the Tribal Council. Pursuant to the Salary Commission Code, the Salary Commission must: (1) perform a compensation study, (2) present, for Citizen input, a report containing the Commission's proposed compensation recommendations, and (3) present, to the Tribal Council, for the Council's approval or rejection, a final report containing the Commission's compensation recommendations.

### 2015 Compensation Recommendations

#### Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation

On December 12, 2015, the Salary Commission presented to the Tribal Council, the Salary Commission's 2015 Compensation Report and Recommendations Regarding Tribal Council Compensation ("2015 Final Report"). The 2015 Final Report recommends that, consistent with current Tribal Council compensation, compensation be divided into Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation. The Base Compensation portion is paid without regard to meeting attendance. The Meeting Compensation portion, however, would be based solely upon meeting attendance. The more meetings that a Tribal Council member does not attend, the lower the Meeting Compensation amount such member will receive.

Meeting Compensation is calculated as follows: First, divide the Meeting Compensation by the number of pay periods (26) to obtain the Bi-Monthly Meeting Compensation. Second, divide the Bi-Monthly Meeting Compensation by the number of duly called Tribal Council meetings during the bi-monthly pay period to obtain the per-meeting amount of the Bi-Monthly Meeting Compensation. Third, multiply the per meeting amount of Bi-Monthly Meeting Compensation times the number of meetings attended by a Tribal Council Official to obtain the amount of Bi-Monthly Meeting Compensation to be paid during the bi-monthly pay period.

On December 15, 2015 through Resolution 15-12-12-01, the Tribal Council approved the recommendations of the Salary Commission contained in the 2015 Final Report. In accordance with the Pokagon Band Constitution and Salary Commission Code, no change in current Tribal Council compensation will become effective until after the July 2015 general election.

#### Amount of Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation

Table 1 below identifies the amount of Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation for each Tribal Council position, as recommended by the Salary Commission in the 2015 Final Report and approved by the Tribal Council. Additionally, to account for inflation, the total annual compensation (both Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation) will be adjusted annually based on the annual average Consumer Price Index ("CPI"). The Salary Commission noted in its 2015 Final Report that the CPI for 2015 has not yet been released and therefore, the initial adjustment of monetary compensation (both Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation) based on CPI, shall occur in 2016, utilizing the CPI for 2015.

Table 1: Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation

Position	Base Compensation	Maximum Annual Meeting Compensation	Maximum Total Annual Compensation
Chairperson	\$58,153.82	\$10,262.44	\$68,416.26
Vice Chairperson	\$32,824.86	\$ 8,206.22	\$41,031.08
Treasurer	\$40,287.47	\$ 7,109.55	\$47,397.02
Secretary	\$37,801.66	\$ 6,670.89	\$44,472.55
Councilperson	\$15,999.70	\$ 6,857.01	\$22,856.71

Additionally, each Tribal Council member will receive health, vision, and dental insurance coverage.

Table 2 below identifies the increase in Base Compensation and Meeting Compensation for each Tribal Council position compared to the existing compensation rates recommended by the Salary Commission and approved by the Tribal Council in December 2012.

Table 2: Change in Compensation Compared to Current Compensation

Position	Base Compensation	Maximum Annual Meeting Compensation	Maximum Total Annual Compensation
Chairperson	\$1,761.69	\$310.89	\$2,072.58
Vice Chairperson	\$ 994.38	\$248.60	\$1,242.98
Treasurer	\$1,220.45	\$215.37	\$1,435.82
Secretary	\$1,145.15	\$202.09	\$1,347.24
Councilperson	\$ 484.69	\$207.72	\$ 692.41



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Pokagon Health Services

# HEALTHY LUNCH

**Join Marcy Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch Wednesday, March 16 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](mailto:marcy.herbert@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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## Notice of Open Positions | Ethics Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Ethics Board. There are two (2) seats available on the Ethics Board. The Ethics Board, a five member Board, is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government created by the Pokagon Band Ethics Code in fulfillment of Article XVII, Section 3 of the Pokagon Band Constitution. The Ethics Board is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Ethics Code by Pokagon Band officials and employees.

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Ethics Board meetings and perform the business of the Ethics Board will vary. The Ethics Board meets approximately once each month, depending on the needs of the Board, and will meet at additional times as may be needed to address ethics complaints and other specific matters. Typically, meetings are held in the evening on weekdays at various locations. Ethics Board members will be expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaged in other Ethics Board activities. On average, an Ethics Board member can anticipate a total time commitment of approximately 4 hours per month, outside of any travel time.

**COMPENSATION.** Ethics Board members will be compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150 for each meeting and in the amount of \$50 for each hour that a Board meeting exceeds three hours in length. In addition, Board members will be entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Ethics Board business, in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

**ELIGIBILITY.** In order to be eligible for appointment to the Ethics Board, one must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- (a) A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or ten (10) years of professional level work experience in relevant areas, such as law, law enforcement, accounting or finance, business management, regulatory and governmental affairs. Advanced degrees and certifications, such as Certified Public Accountant, Juris Doctorate, and Master of Business Administration are preferred, but not required;
- (b) Demonstrated experience in conducting investigations, analyzing and preparing findings and presenting summaries;
- (c) Demonstrated experience in reviewing and interpreting laws, regulations, contracts, and various professional level reports, including financial reports;
- (d) Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills; and
- (e) Demonstrated ability to act with impartiality and to deal fairly, effectively and efficiently with situations requiring fact finding and dispute resolution skills.

In addition, no person is able to serve on the Ethics Board if he or she is:

- (a) Not a Pokagon Band citizen;
- (b) Under the age of twenty-one;
- (c) A Public Official or Public Employee;
- (d) Employed, in any capacity, by the Pokagon Gaming Authority or Mno-Bmadsen, provided, however, that this shall not include independent contractors or volunteers of such entities; or
- (e) Employed or otherwise serves in a position with responsibilities that create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the duties and responsibilities of the Board, as determined by the Selection Committee. This subsection does not automatically prevent a Pokagon Band citizen from being appointed.

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

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Appointments to the Ethics Board are made by the Tribal Council upon the recommendation of a selection committee composed of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Tribal Council and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Elders Council. All persons recommended by the selection committee who wish to be considered for appointment to the Ethics Board must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and resumes; provided, however, that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person recommended by the selection committee who believes that good cause exists to not attend such Tribal Council 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 Ethics Board.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Pokagon Band citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the Ethics Board must submit a letter of interest along with 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

As stated above, the selection committee will make a recommendation to the Tribal Council regarding the appointments. Therefore, the selection committee may conduct or cause to be conducted on its behalf, an initial screening of those seeking appointment, solely to determine whether the potential appointee meets the minimum qualifications for appointment to the Ethics Board.

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

**QUESTIONS.** Ethics Board, the Ethics Code, or this Notice may be directed to Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council at (269) 782-6323 or Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Additionally, you may visit the Ethics Board section of the Pokagon Band's website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/boards/ethics-board](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/boards/ethics-board). Also, a copy of the Ethics Code may be obtained from the Pokagon Band's website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances).

**DEADLINE.** This posting will remain open until filled.

## Notice of Open Alternate Position | Traditions/Repatriations Committee

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for one (1) alternate member (“Alternate member”) 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 Band. 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. Alternate Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Committee member. Committee meetings 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 Alternate members must be flexible in meeting times and locations, and be able to handle several projects at once.

## Notice of Open Position | Curriculum Committee

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill a vacancy on the Pokagon Band Curriculum Committee. A Vice-Chairperson position has been newly created and is currently vacant. The Curriculum Committee is responsible for establishing a tribally operated school with culturally based academics and extracurricular activities. The Curriculum Committee typically meets the first Thursday of each month at the Education Conference Room in the Administration Building. Including meeting preparation, other Committee business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 7 hours per month to fulfill responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Vice-Chairperson include:

- (a) Read and review all documents and other information provided to Committee members;
- (b) Attend Committee meetings;
- (c) Actively participate in the work of the Committee;
- (d) Provide thoughtful input to the deliberations of the Committee;
- (e) Work towards fulfilling the Committee’s purpose and Work Plan;
- (f) Execute and return to the Tribal Council Chairperson, the Committee Member Commitment Pledge;
- (g) Organize committee travel to approved schools of interest; and
- (h) Perform such other duties as may be specified by the Committee or the Tribal Council.

**COMPENSATION.** The Curriculum Committee members are compensated as independent contractors. In addition, Curriculum Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Curriculum Committee business.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Alternate 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 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:kevin.daugherty@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

**ELIGIBILITY.** All persons who wish to serve as an Alternate member must: (a) be a high school graduate; and (b) be willing to travel; (c) have knowledge and interest in various education systems; and (d) have knowledge of Robert Rules of Order.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Curriculum Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There is currently one vacant seat on the Curriculum Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for a three-year term of office.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Please submit a letter of interest along with a current résumé, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
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](mailto:Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov)

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As a Public Official, Committee members and Alternate members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by visiting the Band’s website, [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances).

**QUESTIONS.** Questions concerning the Curriculum Committee or this Notice may be directed to Curriculum Committee at [Curriculum.Committee@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Curriculum.Committee@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

**DEADLINE.** Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2016.

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# March 2016

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
2 Lunch Language Class Cooking Class History of the NA Fur Trade	3 Lean Lunch L&C Regalia Making for Youth Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class	4 Circuit Training (AM) Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	5 One Story   Leave No Trace: Wildlife presentation EDU Gwikwé'amen Pokagon Band Family Expo L&C Sugar Bush L&C Snowshoe Hike + Sugar Bush
9 Lunch Language Class Services Presentation	10 Lean Lunch L&C Regalia Making for Youth Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class Olympics Training Session L&C South Bend Language Class	11 Circuit Training (AM) Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	12 L&C Sugar Bush Workshop EDU Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
16 Lunch Presentation Language Class Cooking Class	17 Lean Lunch <i>One Story   Imprints: The Pokagon Band &amp; the City of Chicago</i> L&C Regalia Making for Youth Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class	18 Circuit Training (AM) EDU Winter Orientation & FAFSA Workshop Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group PHS Wild Game Dinner	19 Annual Citizens Meeting L&C Sugar Bush Workshop
23 Lunch Language Class	24 Lean Lunch L&C Regalia Making for Youth Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class Olympics Training Session	25 Government offices are closed in observation of Good Friday	26 L&C Sugar Bush Workshop
30 Lunch Language Class	31 Lean Lunch L&C Regalia Making for Youth Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class	April 1 Circuit Training (AM) Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	April 2 Kalamazoo Valley Museum Trip

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

## Notice of Open Positions | Pokagon Rights Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Rights Board (the "Board"). There is One (1) Alternate Member position that is currently vacant. The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created through enactment of the Pokagon Rights Board Code (the "Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching and investigating aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; (b) compiling and cataloging information and documents related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; and (c) making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites. The Board is comprised of five persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two Alternate Members who are also expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member. The Code is available on the Pokagon Band's website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances).

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings and perform the business of the Board will vary. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as may be needed to fulfill Board duties. Board Members and Alternate Members are expected to attend all Board meetings, which are typically held in the evening, during the week at the Band's administrative offices located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan.

**COMPENSATION.** Board Members and Alternate Members are independent contractors and compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. Currently, Board Members are compensated in the amount of \$150 per Board meeting. Alternate Members are compensated only if seated at a Board meeting in the absence of a Board Member. Board Members and Alternate Members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

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

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Board Members and Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by from the Pokagon Band's website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances).

**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, 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](mailto: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.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** 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.

**TERM.** Term of office for Alternate Members is three years. There is no limit to the number of terms one may serve.

**DEADLINE.** This posting will remain open until filled.

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



## Purple Shawl Workshop

Saturday, April 23  
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Community Center

27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Department of Social Services and Domestic Violence Team will be hosting a Purple Shawl workshop for ladies in the community.

If you haven't made a shawl yet, and are interested in coming, please feel free to attend. All supplies will be provided. You do not have to be an experienced seamstress to attend, though sewing experience does help. Please bring a dish to pass. You

do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to make a shawl, we just ask that you join us in honoring the women who have experienced domestic violence by participating in the Purple Shawl specials at the pow wows.

If you are interested in attending or have more questions, please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov)

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## Corn Soup Workshop

Facilitated by Liz McBride

Saturday, April 16  
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Rodgers Lake Pavilion

If you are interested in learning how to make corn soup, contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or [casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

This event is open to the community. We will be working outside rain or shine, so dress according to the weather.

Please bring a dish to pass.

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.  
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## Notice of Open Positions | Pokagon Health Board

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill four (4) Board Member Position on the Pokagon Band Health Board.

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

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

### **ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BOARD.**

Each Health Board member shall:

- A. Be responsible for being informed in Pokagon Band Health Services and Indian Health Services policies and procedures as they relate to duties called for under this Ordinance;
- B. Make a good-faith effort to attend all Health Board meetings; and
- C. Maintain the strictest of confidentiality standards in carrying out the duties established by this Ordinance. Each Board Member must sign and abide by a statement acknowledging the standards of confidentiality required for serving as a Board Member, as outlined in Section 4 of the Health Board Ordinance. Board Members shall sign such a statement upon appointment and renew such statement whenever reappointed.

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings and perform the business of the Health Board will vary. The dates and times of Health Board meetings vary, but they typically occur every third Monday of each month, at 5:00 p.m., at the Band's Health Clinic at 58620, Sink Road in Dowagiac. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately four – six hours per month.

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

**ELIGIBILITY.** In order to be eligible for appointment to the Health Board, one must:

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

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Appointments to the Health Board are made 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 written statements of interest and resumes; 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 Tribal Council 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 the appointment to the Health Board.

**TERM.** While Health Board members serve a two-year term of office; this appointment is to fill a vacancy for a term that concludes February 2016.

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

**HOW TO APPLY.** Pokagon Band citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the Ethics Board must submit a letter of interest along with a current résumé, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians  
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](mailto:Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov)

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

**QUESTIONS.** Questions concerning the Health Board may be directed to Doug Ballew, Vice Chairperson of the Health Board, at (630) 450-7946, or [drballew@yahoo.com](mailto:drballew@yahoo.com). The Health Board Ordinance is available at the following internet address: [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances).

**DEADLINE.** This posting will remain open until filled.

## 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.

## Notice of Open Alternate Positions | Land Use Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill two (2) Alternate Member positions on the Pokagon Band Land Use Board (the "Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created by the enactment of the Pokagon Band Land Use and Conservation Code (the "Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching, preparing and making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the classification, reclassification, transfer and acquisition of Pokagon Band land; and (b) researching and developing a Long Term Land Acquisition and Development Plan to guide future growth and to establish goals and priorities for the use of Pokagon Band land. The Board is comprised of five (5) Board Members and two (2) Alternate Members.

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as may be needed to fulfill Board duties. Board Members and Alternate Members are expected to attend all Board meetings, and Alternate Members will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). Board meetings are typically held at 3:30 p.m. at the Band's administrative offices located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan. Board Members and Alternate Members also are expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Land Use and Conservation Code is available on the Pokagon Band's website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances).

**COMPENSATION.** Alternate Members may be compensated as independent contractors for service to the Board, at rates established by the Tribal Council, only if seated at a Board meeting in the absence of a Board Member. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

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

## Notice of Open Position | Chi Ishobak, Inc.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** Chi Ishobak is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to serve as a member of the Chi Ishobak Board of Directors. Chi Ishobak is a Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that serves the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians whose mission is to provide Tribal citizens with access to affordable capital for small-business loans, small-business development, consumer loans, and individual financial development through collaborative and education-oriented lending services, and to practice responsible lending in order to protect loan capital for future generations of Tribal citizens. The Board meets approximately once a month, depending on the needs of the Board. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Chi Ishobak office in the Community Center.

**COMPENSATION.** Chi Ishobak Board of Directors does not receive compensation. Board members will be entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings.

**CRITERIA:** Candidates will preferably have the following:

- a) Demonstrated experience in one or more of the following: finance, banking, lending, small-business development, business ownership, and household financial development;
- b) Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills;
- c) Pokagon Band member; and
- d) Over the age of twenty-one (21).

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** All Directors will be appointed by the existing Directors in office.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Alternate Members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Board 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 Board.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances)

**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: Jessica Swisher, Tribal Council Administrative Assistant  
P.O. Box 180  
Dowagiac, Michigan

Fax: (269) 782-9625  
Attn: Jessica Swisher, Tribal Council Administrative Assistant

Email: [Jessica.Swisher@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Jessica.Swisher@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.

**DEADLINE.** This posting will remain open until filled.

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

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

Mail: Joe Silvia, Chi Ishobak Secretary/Treasurer  
P.O. Box 766  
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

**DEADLINE.** The letter of interest and resume must be received by 4:00 p.m. March 15, 2016.

## Notice of Open Positions | Election Board

The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens who are interested in filling two (2) Alternate member positions. 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances).

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

## What to Know Before You File 2015 Tax Returns

### Are you a Resident Tribal Member?

If you are an enrolled citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and you live in the tribe's Tax Agreement Area 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 certain Michigan tax exemptions. The Tax Agreement Overview, maps, and application are available online here: [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/michigan-tax-agreement-benefits](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/finance/michigan-tax-agreement-benefits). After review of your application, you will be notified of your eligibility status. If you have any questions regarding the tax agreement or your RTM status or benefits, please call Julie Rodriguez at (269) 462-4210 or e-mail her at [Julie.Rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Julie.Rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

### If you are a Resident Tribal Member

On Line 20 of Schedule 1, Page 2 of the State of Michigan 1040 Form is the RTM exemption under a state/tribal tax agreement. Not all Pokagon citizens are automatically qualified for this tax exemption. The Pokagon citizens qualified to

claim these tax exemptions are those who are Resident Tribal Members (RTMs). RTMs are only those Pokagon citizens who live in the designated tax agreement areas and are on the registered list that the Pokagon Band Department of Finance sends to the State of Michigan. You can get on the list once you have filled out an RTM application and it has been approved.

If a Pokagon citizen is unsure of whether he or she qualifies for this tax exemption, please contact Julie Rodriguez at (269) 462-4210 in the Finance Department.

If you are a qualified RTM you will receive a package in January 2016 pertaining to filing taxes for 2015 from the Pokagon Band Finance Department. Please make sure and know your status before you file your income taxes.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
 TRIBAL COURT  
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
 CASE NO. 16-3611-GAR-PC  
 Court Reference No.:15-0851-GC  
 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047  
 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

Petitioner name, address, telephone:  
 Chi Ishobak, Inc.  
 ATTN: Sean Winters, Executive Director  
 27043 Potawatomi Trail  
 Dowagiac, MI 49047

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

To: **Shannon Adams and George Tovey**  
 Respondent's Name

1. On January 7, 2016 a *Petition for Order of Garnishment Pursuant to Per Capita Garnishment Code* was filed with the Tribal Court.
2. On January 7, 2016 the Court entered an *Order of Garnishment*.
3. The Court has attempted to serve you by a process server which was unsuccessful. Therefore, an *Order for Alternate Service* for publication has been granted by the Court.

**NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENTS**

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.

For 1 in 5 women, their dream school will become a nightmare.

Friday, April 8, 2016  
 6:00 pm | Community Center

**THE  
 HUNTING  
 GROUND**

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Social Services and Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services are hosting a screening of *The Hunting Ground*. *The Hunting Ground* is a film that shines light on the epidemic of sexual assaults on college campuses.

This event is open to the community, however due to the subject, the event is recommended for mature audiences only.

Dinner will be provided.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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January 1 through April 1, 2016

**ELDERS SNOW REMOVAL MONETARY REQUEST**

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

**SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State & zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This is for Pokagon elders, for anywhere in the U.S. to be reimbursed only for residential snow removal services. You are responsible for finding your own service provider. Please complete and send to Elders Council P.O Box 180, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047. Call Elders Hall (800) 859-2717 with questions or (269) 591-4519 Elders Council Secretary.

You need to send invoice or receipt with application (NO WRITTEN OUT RECEIPT ON PLAIN PAPER FROM YOU OR SERVICE PROVIDER will be accepted). This program does not cover SHOVELING YOUR DRIVEWAY, USING A SNOWBLOWER or elders living at the Pokagon Housing Community or at any apartment complexes (as this service is already provided for you). This is for residential housing only/ with the exception of phase 2, rent to own, Elders will qualify who may live in one of these homes in the Dowagiac Pokagon Housing Community.

By signing, I agree that all information provided on this form to be true and correct. I also agree that I am the head of house hold of residents and understand this request is limited to up to \$25 per request, with requester being responsible for any amount greater than \$25 and that the request is limited to \$175 one time use for starting January 1 through April 1, 2016 season. No late invoices or receipts will be accepted after April 15, 2016. You may pick up your form at the Elders hall and it will be in the monthly newsletter.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Pokagon Health Services

## Traditional Healing Services presentation

**Wednesday, March 9**  
**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**  
**Community Center**  
open to citizens + staff

The tribe is happy to announce that traditional medicine services will again be offered to the community. Traditional healer, Keith Smith (Red Lake Ojibwe), will begin offering his services this spring at Pokagon Health Services. Keith will offer a presentation to talk about what he will be providing to the community. There will be time for questions.

For questions please contact Marcus Winchester or Rhonda Purcell at (269) 462-4325.



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



Department of Language & Culture

## Gwi zisbakwtokemen



**March 2016**  
**Rodgers Lake Pavilion**  
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Come join our community in harvesting this year's maple syrup.

**Volunteer**  
Monday thru Friday | 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm

**Saturday Workshops**  
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Snacks and drinks will be available. Please bring a dish to pass.

**Sundays**  
No activities

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 office or (269) 462-4376 cell or the Language & Culture Department.



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik  
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



## Honoring our Mothers Brunch

**Sunday, May 1**  
**11:00 am – 1:30 pm**  
**Matthews Conference Center East**  
**Southwestern Michigan College**  
Fred L. Matthews Library  
58900 Cherry Grove Rd :: Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Domestic Violence Team wants to honor and celebrate our mothers. We are inviting Pokagon mothers to attend an "Honoring Our Mothers" brunch. If you are a mother to Pokagon children (this includes adult children), we want to take some time to thank you for all you've done for your children and our community.

Brunch will be served at 11:00 am and there will be activities, including art projects, family photos, and a Purple Shawl fashion show for those who have made purple shawls, for the whole family throughout the program.

If you have any questions please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov. All registrations must be received by Monday, April 25, 2016 at 5:00 pm.



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



**Saturday, May 21, 2016**  
**12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Rodgers Lake Pavilion**

Christine Morseau will be teaching a black ash basket making class. This program is open to the community, however spaces are limited.

Please bring a dish to pass.

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

This program is sponsored by the Department of Social Services.



# Elders Lunch Menu | Nmébné gises March

## monday



Photo by Rachel Kramer

7 **language**

Buffalo, Broccoli, and Mushroom stir fry over Brown Rice  
Garden Salad  
Yogurt with Fruit Cup

14 **language**

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes  
Spinach  
Garden Salad  
Corn Bread

21 **language**

Buffalo Sloppy Joes  
Baked Sweet Potato Fries  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Fruit

28 **language**

Chicken Pistachio  
Wild Rice  
Summer Squash and Zucchini  
Cucumber Salad  
Fruit

## tuesday

1

Vegetable Soup  
Chicken Salad Sandwich  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Fresh Fruit

8

Swedish Meatballs  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Waldorf Salad  
Whole Grain Roll

15

Corned Beef  
Red Potatoes  
Cabbage, Onions and Carrots  
Spinach Salad  
Rye Bread

22

Baked Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas  
Garden Salad  
Fruit Salad

29

BBO Pork Chops  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Broccoli and Carrots  
Garden Salad

## wednesday

2

Buffalo Meatballs in Spaghetti  
Asparagus  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread

9

Beef Roast  
Potatoes  
Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Jell-O W/ Fruit

16

Marinated Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Tomato Salad  
Fresh Fruit

23

Vegetarian Fiesta Bean and Rice Burrito  
Hard or Soft Shell  
All the Toppings  
Dessert

30

BLT on Whole Grain Bread  
Baked Chips  
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad  
Fruit Salad

## thursday

3

**business meeting**

Shredded Pork BBQ  
Red Skin Potato Salad  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Fruit  
Birthday Cake

10

Marinated Pork Chops  
Light Pasta Salad  
Peas  
Veggie Tray

17 **social**

Bring your Famous Soup or Chili in for the **Famous Cook Off Contest**  
Prize awarded  
Fun, Fun, Fun

24

Breakfast Lunch

31

Tuna Steaks with Pineapple and Tomato Salsa  
Asparagus  
Spinach Salad

## friday

4

Salmon Patty  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Green Beans  
Coleslaw  
Whole Grain Roll

11

Sea Bass  
Baked Potato  
Brussels Sprouts  
Banana Pudding W/ Nilla Wafers

18

Salmon Fillet  
Rice Pilaf  
Tri-Blend Vegetables  
Garden Salad

25 **closed for Good Friday**



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**PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE** if you are not a regular attendee for meals. (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon. Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers. **Business meetings are held at the Community Center. Business and social luncheons are potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass.**

## Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and/or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782-1763 or Kim Boswell in the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

Name	Christmas 2015	Monthly Per Cap
Kailyn Currey	x	
Zachary Currey	x	
Kaleb Lee		
Katrina McNew	x	x
Austin Northrup	x	
Samuel Vega	x	
Daniel J. Vohwinkle		x
Star M. Whitmore	x	
John Watson	x	
Peter J. Ramirez	x	
Bobby M. Haynes, Jr	x	

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

## Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by March 14 in order to make it on the March 2016 check run. Anything received after March 14 will be processed on the check run for April 2016. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

## Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, January 15, 2016	Thursday, January 28, 2016	Friday, January 29, 2016
Monday, February 15, 2016	Thursday, February 25, 2016	Friday, February 26, 2016
Monday, March 14, 2016	Wednesday, March 23, 2016	Thursday, March 24, 2016
Friday, April 15, 2016	Thursday, April 28, 2016	Friday, April 29, 2016
Friday, May 13, 2016	Thursday, May 26, 2016	Friday, May 27, 2016
Wednesday, June 15, 2016	Wednesday, June 29, 2016	Thursday, June 30, 2016
Friday, July 15, 2016	Thursday, July 28, 2016	Friday, July 29, 2016
Monday, August 15, 2016	Thursday, August 30, 2016	Friday, August 31, 2016
Thursday, September 15, 2016	Thursday, September 29, 2016	Friday, September 30, 2016
Friday, October 14, 2016	Thursday, October 27, 2016	Friday, October 28, 2016
<b>Tuesday, November 1, 2016*</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 22, 2016</b>	<b>Wed, November 23, 2016</b>
<b>Thursday, December 1, 2016*</b>	<b>Thursday, December 15, 2016</b>	<b>Friday, December 16, 2016</b>

\* Please note, in 2016, the November deadline for changes is November 1 and the December deadline is December 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](http://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.

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik  
 Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
 Pokagon Health Services



DONATE  
Blood

You have four opportunities to be a hero this year.

Monday, February 15  
Tuesday, June 21

Friday, October 21  
Tuesday, December 20

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

Sign up at [MIBlood.org](http://MIBlood.org) or contact Elizabeth Leffler at [elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or (269) 462-4406.



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## Tribal Council March Calendar of Events

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

## 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](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/web-casting). Any questions, please call Stanley Morseau, Elders Chairman, (269) 783-6828.

## Tribal Council April Calendar of Events

- 4 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 5 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 12 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 18 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 19 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 25 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 26 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

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.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Pokagon Health Services

## Wild Game Dinner

March 18 | 6:00–8:00 pm  
Community Center

Pokagon Health Service invites fathers and their families to join them for a wild game dinner and an evening of crafting, a presentation and other fun activities, including giveaways.

Please RSVP by March 8 to Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or [elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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



## Snowshoe Hike + Sugar Bush

March 5  
2:00 pm–4:00 pm  
Rodgers Lake Campus  
58620 Sink Road :: Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join us for a short snowshoe hike and to collect sap from our maples. Hot cocoa and a light snack will be provided afterwards.

Snow shoes may not fit children younger than age 8, but are welcome to still come on the short hike to help collect sap.

Please RSVP to Rebecca Williams at (269) 782-8998 by February 29.

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



## Tribal Office Directory

### Administration

**Information Technology**  
58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-8998  
Toll Free (800) 517-0777  
FAX (269) 782-6882

### Commodities

(269) 782-3372  
Toll Free (888) 281-1111  
FAX (269) 782-7814

### Communications

58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-8998

### Compliance

58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-8998

### Chi Ishobak

27043 Potawatomi Trail  
(269) 783-4157

### Education

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(269) 782-0887  
Toll Free (888) 330-1234  
FAX (269) 782-0985

### Elders Program

53237 Townhall Rd.  
(269) 782-0765  
Toll Free (800) 859-2717  
FAX (269) 782-1696

### Elections

58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-9475  
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

### Enrollment

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### Facilities

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(269) 783-0443  
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### Head Start

58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 783-0026/  
(866) 250-6573  
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### Human Resources

58620 Sink Rd.  
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(269) 462-4325

### Mno-Bmadsen

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(269) 783-4111

### Natural Resources

32142 Edwards St.  
(269) 782-9602  
FAX (269) 783-0452

### Social Services

58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-8998  
Toll Free (800) 517-0777  
FAX (269) 782-4295

### South Bend Area Office

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

### Tribal Council

58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-6323  
Toll Free (888) 376-9988  
FAX (269) 782-9625

### Tribal Court

58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 783-0505/  
FAX (269) 783-0519

### Tribal Police

58155 M-51 South  
(269) 782-2232  
Toll Free (866) 399-0161  
FAX (269) 782-7988

## Tribal Council Directory

(888) 376-9988

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## Elders Council Directory

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

### Chair

Stanley Morseau  
(269) 783-6828

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(269) 783-6102

### Secretary

Vacant

### Treasurer

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### Member at Large

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## Senior Youth Council Directory

### Chairman

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### Secretary

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### Rebecca Williamst

**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.

## Nmébné gises March Citizen Announcements



Congratulations to **Chelsy Ariel Morseau-Olson** on winning Little Miss Niles 2016 People's Choice.

We are so proud of you.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Sydney,  
and James



We would like to welcome baby **Clara Rider** to our clan! We would also like to wish big sister **Harper** a very happy second birthday!

Love, Grandpa Rick and Grandma Diana



Happy 9th Birthday **Addie!**

Love Grandpa Pat  
and Grandma Joni

Happy 8th birthday **Sydney Ann Morseau-Olson**

Love, Mom, Dad, Chelsy, and James



Happy 4th birthday **James Andrew Morseau-Olson**

Love, Mom, Dad, Sydney,  
and Chelsy



# Oshke Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow

Saturday, May 28  
+ Sunday, May 29