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Traditional Harvesting seeks sustainability for the tribe

Our ancestors once lived independent of gas station snacks and grocery store immenseness. They knew their land, prepared for the needs of the coming season, and lived from its bounty. Patty Jo Kublick, cultural activities coordinator, and the Language & Culture Department hope we'll soon be living much like this.

Beginning May 21, we will be hosting traditional harvesting twice a month on all our properties. Teachings, harvesting, singing, cooking, and crafting will all be part of the afternoon.

Knowing our land

A main component of traditional harvesting will be identifying what resources grow and exist on our lands, from oils to paw paw fruit, flint stones and mushrooms. Once the resources and their placement are identified, we can easily harvest them as needed and sustain their existence.

The Cultural Garden at the new Cultural Center will add squash, beans, and bear flint corn to the land, but the plants won't be for eating. L&C will collect seeds from them to fill a seed library in the new cultural workshop. Ansema, or indigenous tobacco used for ceremonies, will also grow nearby.

As the seed library grows, L&C will make seeds available to citizens and will use them in the Cultural Garden so the fruits can be eaten.

Becky Williams, youth cultural specialist, is working with the Youth Councils so our elders can pass their knowledge of harvesting down to the youth to carry it on for the next generation.

Preparing for the season

The harvesting will occur according to the four seasons, based on what's available and what we need for the coming seasons.

For example, traditional harvester Frank Barker will lead snowshoe preparations starting this summer, harvesting and drying the needed wood. Then come January, our feet will be equipped to go out and gather sap and other necessities.

Clans once designated the roles of each person. Bear clan handled medicines; eagle clan caught fish; turtle clan watched over preparations. The clan system ensured each need was accounted for.

"If we all remembered what our clans are supposed to do, we wouldn't be so lost right now," Kublick said.

It's a system not currently prevalent in the community, so using it again will require research and listening to our elders, but Kublick hopes to see the recognition of clans become more common in the community.

Living from its bounty

Harvesters such as Dee Greene, Andy Jackson, Tom Wood, John Pigeon, and Barker will lead groups in identifying plants, medicines, and other resources and their uses.

At the end of each harvesting day, community members will be able to cook and eat what they gathered and use it for crafting, and save other resources for the community as needed.

"Sustainability is where we need to be," Kublick said. "Getting to know our land and sustaining it."

Other projects that will hopefully emerge from the traditional harvesting days are birch bark and dug out canoes.



Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Jason S. Wesaw harvesting bgwech-zhegagosh (wild leek) on the Rodgers Lake Campus and preparing it for staff.

Language and Culture invites all harvesters and gatherers to present or teach harvesting, gathering, plant identification, traditional cooking, medicines, seeds and cultural gardens. All classes are held on Saturdays. If you are interested, please contact:

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Schedule

May 21, 2016 (first meeting)
June 11 + 25 October 8 + 22
July 9 + 23 November 5 + 19
August 6 + 20 December 3 + 17
September 10 + 24

Pokagon community celebrates spring with egg hunt and party

This year's Easter Party brought another crowd, and this time 170 citizens and community members scrambled to pick up Easter eggs and discover what was inside.

Attendees ate lunch together until the Easter bunny showed up. Then, people of all ages ran to get their photo taken with him. Kids were also coloring and constructing kites and getting their faces painted by a professional face painter.

"We had a great turn out this year and are happy to have community members come out to Hartford for family time to celebrate the Easter holiday together!" said Becky Williams, youth cultural specialist.



Red Med Box now available at the Health Center



The Pokagon Health Center is now one of four locations in Cass County to offer a safe place to dispose of unwanted or no longer needed medications, so they don't fall into the hands of someone who could take them abusively.

"The rising abuse of prescription drugs nationally is extremely chilling," said Tribal Police Chief William Lux. "With the Red Med Box program, we are taking a large step collaboratively toward combating this problem locally."

Local law enforcement will collect the medication discarded into the boxes and keep it in evidence rooms until it can be incinerated with other drugs they've confiscated. Some accepted items are expired and unused medications, over the counter medications, vitamins and

herbal supplements, unopened epi-pens, and liquids. Sharps and lancets are not accepted.

Thanks to the C.A.S.S. Coalition, Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare, Dowagiac Police Department, Pokagon Tribal Police, Ontwa/Edwardsburg Police Department, and Andrews University, the Red Med Box Program launched in February of this year. Woodlands purchased the boxes through a grant from Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health.

"The law requires that a law enforcement officer empty and dispose of the medications," said E.J. McAndrew, Woodlands substance abuse prevention and C.A.S.S. coordinator. "Their

willingness to manage the Red Med Boxes is crucial to being able to provide Cass county residents this service."

Community Resource Officer Eric Shaer encourages community members with prescription drugs to keep them out of the reach of children and to check that pills are not missing.

Other Red Med Boxes can be found at the Ontwa/Edwardsburg and Dowagiac Police Departments and Family Fare.

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

Hit the Rodgers Lake trails with fat tire bikes from the Wellness Center

As the weather warms, consider visiting the PHS Wellness Center and giving their new bikes a spin. The Wellness Center recently purchased five fat tire bicycles and safety equipment available for all qualified individuals to use. Fat tire bikes are great for trail riding through all kinds of terrain; their extra wide tires are designed to grip the ground, whether it's covered in mud or snow. Biking can be a fun addition to a multi-faceted approach to fitness, and studies show more time spent outdoors in nature can reduce a person's stress and blood pressure. On the tribe's Rodgers Lake campus, there are several miles of trails and non-paved tracks that would make for a great ride.

The Wellness Center will be happy to help you and your family enjoy this outstanding amenity. Please see any member of the Wellness Center staff for more details or to reserve the fat tire bikes, youth bikes, or baby carrier for your next outdoor adventure, or join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. for guided rides beginning at the Wellness Center. And check out some footage of a recent ride: <https://vimeo.com/160889388>

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

Did you know there are more than 13,000 children in foster care in Michigan alone? Some are Pokagon kids who need native foster families for stability and connection to their heritage and community.

To find out more and how you can help, watch for information via the *Bodéwadmik Blast* each Monday, visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/social-services/programs/foster-care-

program, or stop by the Foster Care Awareness table at Rodgers Lake during the Family Wellness 5K May 14.

 www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/social-services/programs/foster-care-program



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Pokagon Band families foster.

For information on foster care, call (269) 462-4216

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Gwikwé'amen

Honoring Our Pokagon Children (HOPC)

Saturday, June 4, 2016
11:00 am–2:00 pm
Rodgers Lake Pavilion
 58620 Sink Road | Dowagiac, MI 49047

Upon registration, families can nominate a child (birth to 4th grade) to be presented an HOPC award, which covers a variety of accomplishments including volunteering, cultural development, academic achievement, reaching major milestones (ages 0 – 2), which must be represented by a 7 Grandfather Teachings (wisdom, love, respect, courage, family, humility, truth).

Registration begins April 4. Space is limited for award. Child must have Educational Release on file through the Department of Education.

All are welcome to attend.

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



Register for Dreamcatchers Culture Camp 2016



The Education and Language & Culture Departments combined their two summer programs—Dreamcatchers and Culture Camp—to create one program for youth, and you can register your child online starting May 16.

The Band will now offer three weeks of summer learning and fun for Pokagon children, as well as youth from other native tribes. The camps will be separated by age groups.

To register your children, go to our website and search for the Dreamcatchers Culture Camp webpage. Choose the registration form based on your child's age group.

Week one is an overnight camp and runs from June 26–July 1, open to youth ages 14–18. Week two is a day camp for children 5–8, and runs from July 5–8. The final week is an overnight camp for youth 8–13, and it will take place July 10–15.

The camps will feature daily traditional teachings in the long house and a balance of STEM and cultural teachings. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is also planning some outdoor learning activities, dealing with wildlife and nature.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/programs/dreamcatchers-culture-camp

Properties closed for fishing event and Culture Camps

The Department of Natural Resources is sponsoring a Family Fishing Day Saturday, May 7 at Rodgers Lake. To ensure everyone's safety, Tribal Council has closed all portions of the Band's Rodgers Lake property where the event will occur from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 7. Access to the closed portions of Rodgers Lake will be limited to staff, volunteers and participants.

Additionally, the Departments of Education and Language and Culture are sponsoring Dreamcatchers Culture Camp this summer, and to ensure the safety of participants, access to the Pokagon Band's Rodgers Lake and Gage Street properties will be limited during these events.

The Tribal Council has approved closing all portions of the Pokagon Band's Rodgers Lake property, including the campground, from:

- 8:00 a.m. on June 25, 2016 until 7:00 p.m. on July 1, 2016;
- 6:00 a.m. on July 5, 2016 until 8:00 p.m. on July 8, 2016; and
- 8:00 a.m. on July 10, 2016 until 7:00 p.m. on July 15, 2016

And all portions of the Gage Street property will be closed from:

- 8:00 a.m. on June 27, 2016 until 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2016;
- 8:00 a.m. on July 5, 2016 until 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 2016; and
- 8:00 a.m. on July 11, 2016 until 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2016

Access to the closed portions of Rodgers Lake and Gage Street properties will be limited to Pokagon Band staff, volunteers and participants in the events.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture



ELM BARK
SHAKERS FOR YOUTH

Saturday, May 21
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Rodgers Lake Pavilion

John Pigeon and Johnny Pigeon will be teaching youth how to make their own elm bark shakers.

This program is open to the community youth. Youth under the age of 12 should be accompanied by a parent or guardians.

Spaces are limited. Please RSVP to Rebecca Williams at (269) 462-4296 no later than May 20.

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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Pokagon teens visit U of M and Michigan State



The Department of Education hosted its first three day, two night college visit trip to the University of Michigan and Michigan State University during spring break. Ten youth participated in the trip and two parents volunteered to travel along and help.

The first day the group toured the campus of the University of Michigan with a tour guide and Dana Sitzler, the associate director for state outreach. The group ate on campus at the Hill Dining Hall, walked the campus, and visited several buildings. After the guided tour, the group met Kyle Small, the admissions counselor for Dowagiac, who presented “You Belong in College.” Jeanna Fox presented native youth opportunities for this summer to the group, such as Camp Kinomaage (details on our website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/k-12th-grade/external-scholarships-and-programs). The group participated in an activity that involved animal identification by bones/skulls. The evening was capped off with dinner and bowling.

The second day the group toured the campus of Michigan State. The visit began with a guided tour starting at the MSU Auditorium, alongside the Red Cedar, around Beaumont Tower, a glimpse of Spartan Stadium, the Breslin, and McLane Baseball Stadium. This tour ended at Brody Dining Hall where the group enjoyed another great meal. After lunch the group headed over to the Business College Complex to join an activity planned by Kevin Leonard, Sr., program director for Multicultural Business Programs and the Native American and Hispanic Business Students (NAHBS). The NAHBS group gave an interactive presentation on leadership, communication, resume building, and opportunities at Michigan State as a student and summer opportunities for the youth. This evening was capped off by the group enjoying a movie. The last day was spent at Michigan State shopping, enjoying the 33rd Annual Pow Wow of Life, and dining at Brody Hall again.

South Bend Council unanimously approves agreement with Pokagon Band

The Common Council for the city of South Bend voted 8–0 April 11 in favor of an agreement between the city and Pokagon Band for the development of a tribal village and Four Winds Casino. Under the terms of the agreement, the Band will make an annual payment in lieu of taxes to the city equal to two percent of net winnings. The agreement also provides support of \$5 million for such community development initiatives as the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, the South Bend Community Schools and the YWCA.

A separate agreement covers the provision of city sewer and water services to the site, which currently lies within city limits.

“After careful review, fact finding and research, I believe this agreement carefully straddles the needs and interests and concerns of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians as well as ours as a city,” council member Jo Broden said.



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE + CULTURE'S Workshop

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

February 3	March 2	April 6	May 4	June 1
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.

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Living Life as an Anishinabe with Stewart King

Saturday, May 14
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
SMC Lyons Building Theatre
58900 Cherry Grove Road :: Dowagiac, MI 49047

Please join the Department of Language & Culture and the Department of Education for an afternoon of Anishnabe stories told by renowned speaker Stewart King, First Nations Potawatomi. Stewart will share stories about the Anishnabe people in the Great Lakes and Canada area.

This event is open to tribal citizens and surrounding communities and is a free event.

If you have any questions please contact the Language and Culture Department at (269) 462-4325 or Patty Jo Kublick, Cultural Activities Coordinator, at (269) 462-4303 desk / (269) 462-5376 cell or pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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What's that invasive species? Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (*Halyomorpha halys*)



You have probably seen these bugs inside your workplace or home recently, because the brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB; *Halyomorpha halys*) population is rapidly growing in many areas of the United States. The BMSB is an invasive species from Eastern Asia which was first noticed in the U.S. in 1998, but was likely in the country prior to their initial identification. The BMSB can be distinguished from native stink bugs because it has white bands on the antennae, alternating black and white bands around the edges of the shield shaped body with inward pointing white triangles, white bands on the legs, and rounded shoulders as opposed to spiny shoulders on some native species. The BMSB is considered to be an agricultural pest which feeds on agricultural crops, including corn and tomatoes, and orchard fruits, including apples, peaches, and pears. The stink bug will stick its straw-like mouthpart through the skin of agricultural fruits and eat from the fruit, causing dimples on the outside and brown spots on the inside of the fruit. These insects can trigger allergic reactions in individuals who are sensitive to the bugs' odor or if a crushed bug touches human skin. These invasive species outcompete native stink bug species and displace them in the environment, causing ecosystem changes and altering food webs.

What's that edible plant? Wild Violet (*Viola papilionacea*)



Wild violets (*Viola papilionacea*) are one of the earliest emerging flowers in the fields and forests. Wild violets have been used throughout history as a wild edible and as a medicinal plant. Wild violets typically come in shades and variations of purple, but also may be yellow. Violets grow in clumps very close to the ground and are easy to identify. The flowers and leaves of the violet are edible. The leaves can be used as salad greens and the flowers add a sweet flavor to a salad. Violet flowers can also be used to make such things as violet tea and violet vinegar. When violet flowers are eaten or used in a tea form, they help to strengthen the immune system and reduce inflammation. Additional benefits include stimulation of the lymphatic system and helping to ease headaches if used in a poultice. Violets should be introduced slowly into the diet because they also have a mild laxative effect. Violet flowers can also be dried and used when fresh violets are not available. The next time you are out in the field, pick a few flowers and add some color to your salad.

Hunting and gathering changes proposed

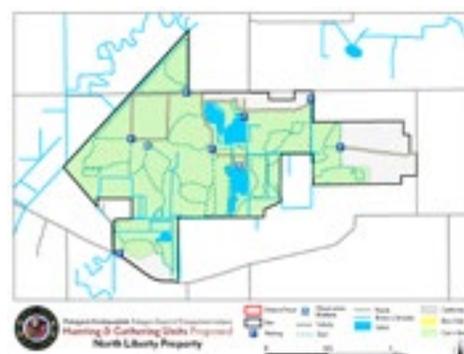
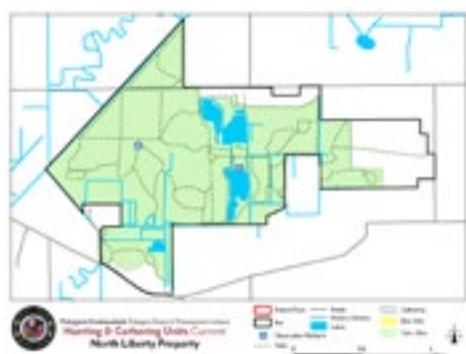
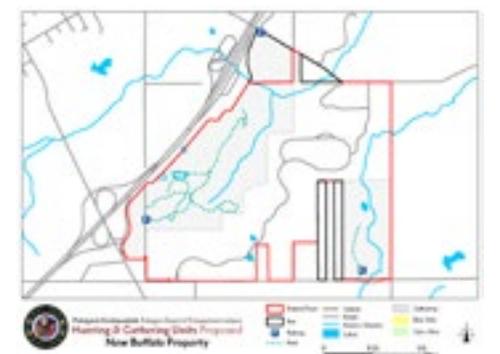
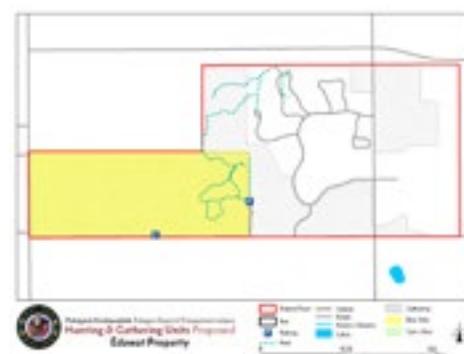
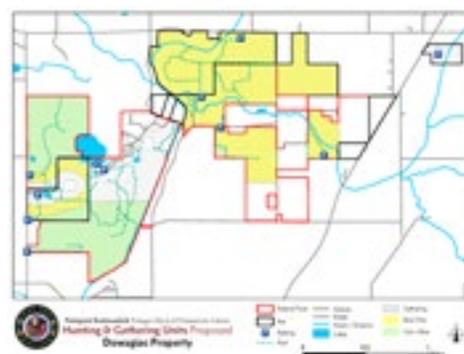
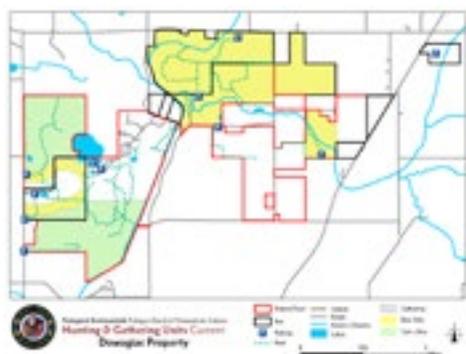
The Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources is proposing to open more tribal properties to hunting and gathering opportunities for tribal citizens. Furthermore, DNR is proposing parking areas and designating trails as foot paths or open to vehicles. These parking areas will be utilized during restricted trail access times which are set to occur during turkey and white-tailed deer hunting seasons.

The DNR is inviting public comment from March 19 to May 19 for citizens to provide any comments regarding opening more acreage, as proposed in the

maps printed below, to firearm hunting, bow hunting, and gathering. Citizens are encouraged to view the maps online and submit comments at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/natural-resources/hunting-and-gathering/hunting-and-gathering-proposed. Citizens are also able to provide comments via e-mail at DNR@PokagonBand-nsn.gov, phone at (269) 782-9602, or by mail at P.O. Box 180, 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/natural-resources/hunting-and-gathering/hunting-and-gathering-proposed



Election Code amendments adopted

Tribal Council recently amended the Election Code with the goal to protect freedom of speech, while ensuring that traditional and cultural events are insulated from political interference and that elections are fair, legal, and impartial.

To achieve this goal, the amended Election Code prohibits a person from:

- Using Band assets or resources to campaign for or against any candidate;
- Posting, displaying or distributing any election related material within 100 yards of any traditional or cultural event on Band land, except residential land, public streets, sidewalks and parks;
- Posting, displaying or distributing any election related material on Band land, except residential land, public streets, sidewalks and parks; and
- On election day, posting, displaying or distributing any election related material, or campaigning, or loitering within 100 yards of any polling place.

The amended Election Code also contains several additional exceptions to the above prohibitions, including for posting or displaying:

- Official material required by law;
- Material that provides directions to the polling place;
- Material that encourages voter registration or participation; and
- Material prepared by the Band to explain or advocate for or against a ballot question

While the amended Election Code permits certain posting and displaying of election related material on Band residential land, public streets, sidewalks and parks, all such activity must be done in compliance with the recently enacted Sign and Leafleting Act.

The above is a brief overview of the amended Election Code and is not intended as legal advice. Please visit the Band's website for a copy of the amended Election Code.

Sign and Leafleting Act

Tribal Council recently enacted the Sign and Leafleting Act with the goal to protect freedom of speech while serving community interests by establishing reasonable standards regulating signs and leafleting.

Sign includes any "sign, banner, flag, pennant, sticker or similar display. Leaflet means any printed information, including any "pamphlet, booklet, brochure, circular, flyer, handout, fact sheet or bulletin." Leafleting means "to distribute leaflets."

The Sign Act applies to all signs and leafleting, including election related materials, on Band land. Therefore, in regard to Band elections, persons must comply with both the Election Code and the Sign Act.

Signs in public streets, sidewalks and parks

The Sign Act permits persons to display signs in public streets, sidewalks and parks, subject to certain restrictions. For instance, signs must be either held or personally attended to by an individual at all times and can only be displayed between sunrise and sunset. Unattended signs are not permitted in public streets, sidewalks and parks.

Signs displayed in such areas are subject to certain physical limitations, including:

- Maximum size of 6 square feet if held by one person
- Maximum six of 12 square feet if held by more than one person
- Not inflated
- No lights
- No moving parts
- No sharp edges or points
- No smoke, fumes or sound
- Not fire hazard

Signs displayed in such areas are subject to certain location limitations, including:

- Not in traffic lane
- Not obstructing view of traffic, intersection or traffic sign or signal
- Not obstructing pedestrian travel
- Not within 25 feet of any Band building entrance or any land preserve
- Not disorderly or disruptive

Signs on residential land

The Sign Act permits a person to display signs on residential land, subject to certain restrictions. For instance, a person must have the prior approval of the tenant, and for multi-family housing other than a duplex, a person must have the prior written approval of all tenants.

Unlike signs displayed in public streets, sidewalks and parks, signs displayed on residential land can be unattended. Unattended signs must be structurally sound and may be self-supporting or secured to the ground by stakes or metal rods.

Signs displayed on residential land are subject to certain physical limitations, including:

- Maximum size of 9 square feet
- Maximum height of 4 feet
- No moving parts
- No lights
- Not inflated
- No smoke, fumes or sound
- Not fire hazard

Signs displayed on residential land are subject to certain location limitations, including:

- Not obstructing view of traffic, intersection, or traffic sign or signal
- Not blocking door or window
- 3 feet from road
- 3 feet from public sidewalk
- 5 feet from property line
- Not on utility pole or tree
- Not on exterior of housing unit
- Not on any Band equipment, facility, structure or equipment

Leafleting in public streets, sidewalks and parks, and on residential land

The Sign Act permits a person to engage in leafleting in public streets, sidewalks and parks, and on residential land with the prior approval of the tenant.

Restrictions on leafleting in public streets, sidewalks and parks include:

- Not in traffic lane
- Not obstructing view of traffic, intersection, or traffic sign or signal
- Not obstructing pedestrian travel
- Not within 25 feet of any Band building entrance or any land preserve
- Not disorderly or disruptive
- Not placed on any pole or tree
- Not placed on any Band building, facility, structure or equipment
- Not placed on any vehicle

Enforcement

The Sign Act establishes a Sign Official, who is authorized to take the following enforcement measures for any violation of the Sign Act:

- Remove any unattended signs
- Issue verbal or written warnings
- Issue civil citations

A person who receives a civil citation may be liable for a maximum civil fine of \$5,000, restitution and certain costs. Also, a person who violates the Sign Act may be subject to additional penalties under other laws.

If the Sign Official removes an unattended sign, the Sign Official will store the sign for a minimum of 10 days. During such time, a person may reclaim the sign once they pay a maximum administrative fee of \$10.00. The Sign Official is authorized to destroy or discard unattended signs which are not timely reclaimed.

The above is a brief overview of the Sign Act and is not intended as legal advice. Please visit the Band's website for a copy of the Sign Act.

Ballot measures for 2016 General Election explained



PokagonVote 2016

Article XXI of the Pokagon Band Constitution requires the Tribal Council to review the Constitution every ten years. The Tribal Council, with the assistance of the Constitutional Review Board, has completed the first required review. Following this review, Council approved four proposed amendments to the Constitution, which must be approved by the voters to be effective. Proposal 1 was explained in April's newsletter.

Proposal 2 corrects a typo by deleting a random left bracket "[" in a sentence. **Proposal 3** changes all mentions in the Constitution of "members" and "membership" to "citizens," "citizenship," or "citizenry." **Proposal 4** corrects an error by changing the reference in Article XV, Subsection 3(h) from f(i) to f(ii).

Elders May Quarterly Workshop

The next Elders Quarterly Workshop is Friday, May 20 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the Community Center. The Pokagon Department of Education will be providing 50 Kindle Fires to 25 registrants who attend the workshop and 25 to those who cannot attend (out of the service area, and/or handicapped).

You must register for the Kindle Fire HD to receive the Kindles at the workshop. The registration form can be found online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/calendar/event/may-elders-kindle-workshop or by typing "May Kindle workshop" in the search bar. The deadline to register is Friday, May 13 at 5:00 p.m. (Only those that have not yet received a Kindle may register)



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/calendar/event/may-elders-kindle-workshop

Elders get active at weekly fitness workshops

Many elders have been gathering at the Community Center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00-11:45 a.m. each week to focus on stretching exercises and staying fit in order to increase longevity and health endurance.

Typically on Monday and Friday we do cardio drumming, an opportunity to express yourself, release stress and aggression, and sweat and sing along. Anybody can do it; there is no right or wrong way to do cardio drumming. Standing or sitting cardio drumming is for everyone.

On Wednesday we exercise with chair aerobics. With chair aerobics, whether seated, supported by a chair or standing free, participants engage in strength training, flexibility, and balance exercises while benefiting from a cardio workout. All classes are to accommodate our Pokagon Elders

We are so fortunate to have the blessing of the PHS Wellness Center staff to assist in this endeavor and hopefully it will continue throughout the year.

If you are not currently registered to vote, you may register to vote by obtaining, completing, and returning a voter registration form to the Election Board. Be on the lookout this month for an election notice packet, which the Election Board mails. This includes information about the election, as well as a voter registration form and an absentee ballot request form.

If you want to verify that you are registered to vote or verify that the Election Board has your correct address, you may contact the Election Board at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475.

Retrace the Trail of Death to the 2016 Potawatomi Gathering

The 2016 Potawatomi Gathering is being hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Oklahoma from July 28-30. The Education Department is putting together a trip that would follow the Trail of Death that our ancestors endured during their forced removal in 1838.

The trip will include transportation provided by Indian Trails, and will accommodate 30 people who are 18 years old or accompanied by an adult. The caravan will leave Dowagiac on July 25 and arrive in Shawnee on either July 26 or 27. The itinerary is still in the development process and some changes may occur. So far two buses have been reserved for the trip; one will be marked as *Chief Topinabee* and the other will be *Chief Pokagon*.

More details are to follow as we pin down hotel stays and other points of interest are considered. Registration will be made available online.

Honor your graduate

The Department of Education will be honoring all of our past and present graduates (bachelors degrees and above) with our custom designed graduation blanket June 25 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the Silver Creek Event Center at Four Winds New Buffalo. A different color themed blanket is given for a Bachelors and for Masters and higher. So, if you have graduated with a Bachelors and a Masters you will be receiving two blankets, but only one blanket per degree level will be given. We will be celebrating this year's 2016 high school, vocational, and associate degree graduates also.

In order to be a part of this marvelous occasion, a completed registration form must be submitted by June 1, so visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/calendar/event/honoring-our-graduates-banquet for 2016 Honoring the Graduates Banquet registration details.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/calendar/event/honoring-our-graduates-banquet



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marcy Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch Wednesday, May 18 as she discusses topics around nutrition.

All healthy lunch presentations are 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in the kitchen of the Commodities Building
58650 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

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

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External scholarships and programs available

Did you know that the Department of Education helps students in grades K–12 find scholarships and programs to participate in? These opportunities are on the Pokagon Band website under the Department of Education's home page > K–12th grade > External Scholarships and Programs or by typing www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/k-12th-grade/external-scholarships-and-programs in the internet's URL or search bar. These opportunities are updated regularly, so make sure to visit the website often!



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/education/k-12th-grade/external-scholarships-and-programs

Time to refresh the newsletter



After more than five years of the current newsletter design, it's time for a new look. As we embark on redesigning and freshening up the appearance of the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*, we have a few questions for you, the reader. Please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/pokégnek-yajdanawa-survey to make your opinions heard.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/pokégnek-yajdanawa-survey

May is Hepatitis Awareness Month

Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver, a vital organ that processes nutrients, filters the blood, and fights infection. When the liver is inflamed, its function can be affected. Hepatitis is most often caused by a virus. The most common types of viral hepatitis are Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C. Hepatitis can be caused by heavy alcohol use, toxins, some medications, and certain medical conditions.

Hepatitis A is caused by the Hepatitis A virus. There are about 3,500 new cases each year. Hepatitis A is spread when a person ingests fecal matter of an infected person. The virus lasts for a few weeks to a few months, usually not resulting in liver damage. Supportive care is provided for treatment. It is recommended that all children be vaccinated at age 1, along with people traveling to regions where Hepatitis A is common.

Hepatitis B is caused by the Hepatitis B virus. An estimated 1.2 million people are living with Hepatitis B. Approximately 2 of 3 people with Hepatitis B do not know they have the virus. Hepatitis B is the leading cause of liver cancer. Hepatitis B can range from a mild illness to a lifelong chronic problem. The

virus is spread through the blood, semen, or other body fluids. There is no medication available to treat this, and is only treated with supportive care. It is recommended that every infant receive the Hepatitis B vaccine at birth and that any unvaccinated adults



with diabetes receive the vaccine, along with anyone at risk of being exposed to bodily fluids (needle sharing, injecting drugs, and unprotected sexual encounters).

Hepatitis C is caused by the Hepatitis C virus. An estimated 3.2 million people are living with chronic Hepatitis C. About 50 percent of those people do not know they are infected. Hepatitis C is another leading cause of liver cancer and liver transplants. The virus is spread from the blood of an infected person entering the body of an uninfected person. Hepatitis C can range from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a lifelong chronic infection. Antivirals and supportive care are available for treatment, but it is not a guaranteed treatment. There is no vaccine for Hepatitis C.

Many people with hepatitis do not have symptoms and do not know they are infected. Symptoms of chronic hepatitis can take up to decades to appear. Symptoms of hepatitis can include fever, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine, grey-colored stools, joint pain and jaundice. If you have any concerns that you have hepatitis or could be exposed to hepatitis, discuss this with your primary care provider. For more information or to schedule an appointment at Pokagon Health Services, call (269) 782-4141.

Time to plant the gtengen



Kick off another growing season Friday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Rodgers Lake garden. Help plant seeds and starters in our gtengen—now double the size—located between PHS and the Administration buildings.

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Tribal Art Review Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill a vacancy of the Pokagon Band Tribal Arts Review Committee. There is (1) one alternate position vacant. The Tribal Art Review Committee is responsible for procurement of artwork from tribal citizens for various tribal venues and events as well as mounting several art shows annually. The Tribal Art Review Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at the Community Center then following month the Committee meets on the first Saturday at Four Winds New Buffalo. Including meeting preparation, other Tribal Art Review Committee business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 5 hours per month fulfilling their responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Alternate 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 Pledged; and
- (g) Perform such other duties as maybe be specified by the Committee, required under Pokagon Band Law or as expressly directed by the Tribal Council.

COMPENSATION. Tribal Art Review Committee Alternates are eligible to receive mileage for traveling to meetings. (If the Alternate is recognized and seated as a Committee Member for that meeting will receive the amount of 75.00 for that meeting.)

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as a member of the Tribal Art Review Committee must:

- (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizen;
- (b) be in the local area; and

- (c) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (d) Be available to attend monthly meetings; and
- (e) Be able to travel for meetings.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Tribal Art Review Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There is currently one vacant seat on the Tribal Arts Review Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for an unlimited term of office.

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

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

Questions concerning the Tribal Art Review Committee or this Notice maybe directed to Angie Rice, Committee Chairwoman, by phone at (574) 993-1798 or by email at Angela.Rice@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, 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



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LEGAL AID }

For Pokagon Band Citizens | Starting April 18, 2016

Do you need advice or assistance with a legal issue?

The Pokagon Band has arranged for Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) and Indiana Legal Services (ILS) to provide free legal services to Pokagon citizens (and in some cases, spouses of Pokagon citizens) regarding certain types of legal issues:

- Guardianships and Conservatorships
- Power of Attorney (Medical and/or Financial)
- Simple Wills
- Real Estate Matters
- Landlord Tenant Matters
- General civil matter legal advice
- Expungements (misdemeanor and low-level felony)
- Specialized Driving Permits

For questions about Michigan or Pokagon Band law, contact

Michigan Indian Legal Services
(800) 968-6877

An MILS attorney will be at the Pokagon Community Center two days a week. Please call for an appointment.

For questions about Indiana law, contact

Indiana Legal Services
401 East Colfax, Suite 116
South Bend, Indiana
(574) 234-8121 | (800) 288-8121

Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Except for criminal matters in Pokagon Tribal Court, there are no asset or income restrictions for Pokagon Band citizens receiving this free legal service. Not all legal services provided include representation in court, in some instances the available legal services are limited to document review, document preparation, and/or providing legal advice. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call ILS at (574) 234-8121 or (800) 288-8121.

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. 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.

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

Title VII Public Hearing Notice

Monday, May 2
5:00 pm
Department of Education

Come and learn about the Indian Education Formula Grant program.

The Federal Government will continue to work with local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, postsecondary institutions, and other entities toward the goal of ensuring that programs that serve Indian children are of the highest quality and provide for not only the basic elementary and secondary educational needs, but also the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of these children.

If your native child attends a public or charter school in the ten county service area, they can be a part of the Title VII grant. This public hearing will inform parents and the community what the Department of Education has planned for the 2016–2017 Title VII funds awarded to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi.

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Ne'me gizhek SUNDAY	Ngot gizhek MONDAY	Nizh gizhek TUESDAY	Apta gizhek WEDNESDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Honoring Our Mothers Brunch Art Attack</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Circuit Training L&C Elders Language Class Circuit Training Fit Kids Auricular Acupuncture Zumba</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Practice Red Road to Recovery Group Tone Up! L&C Early Start Language Class</p>	<p>Circuit Training Fit Kids Circuit Training RAD Zumba L&C Workshop</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Circuit Training L&C Elders Language Class Circuit Training Fit Kids Auricular Acupuncture Zumba</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Practice Red Road to Recovery Group Tone Up! L&C Early Start Language Class</p>	<p>Circuit Training Fit Kids Circuit Training RAD Zumba</p>
<p>15</p> <p>CPR Training L&C Regalia Class L&C Traditional Feast with Stewart King</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Circuit Training L&C Elders Language Class Circuit Training Fit Kids Auricular Acupuncture Zumba</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Practice Red Road to Recovery Group Tone Up! L&C Early Start Language Class</p>	<p>Circuit Training Health Lunch Fit Kids Circuit Training RAD Zumba L&C Workshop</p>
<p>22</p> <p>L&C Regalia Class</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Circuit Training L&C Elders Language Class Circuit Training Fit Kids Auricular Acupuncture Zumba</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Practice Red Road to Recovery Group Tone Up! L&C Early Start Language Class</p>	<p>Circuit Training Fit Kids Circuit Training Zumba</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Government offices closed in observation of Memorial Day</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch Red Road to Recovery Group Tone Up! L&C Early Start Language Class</p>	<p>Circuit Training Fit Kids Circuit Training L&C Summer Language Class Zumba L&C Workshop</p>

May 2016

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
4	5 Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Practice L&C Regalia Making for Youth Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class	6 Circuit Training (AM) Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	7 DNR Family Fishing Day
11	12 Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Practice L&C Regalia Making for Youth Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class	13 Circuit Training (AM) One Story Pokagon Historic Bus Tour Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	14 CPR Training Family Wellness 5K Tribal Council Meeting Anishinaabeoziwin Living Life as an Anishinabe
18	19 Pokagon Play Group Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Practice Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class One Story Epilogue Feast	20 Circuit Training (AM) Gtengen Planting Circuit Training (PM) EDU May Elders Kindle Workshop Red Road to Recovery Group	21 L&C All Tribes Lacrosse Tournament L&C Traditional Harvesting SS Basket Making L&C Elm Bark Shakers Workshop for Youth
25	26 Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch L&C Lacrosse Practice Beginners Yoga L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class	27 Circuit Training (AM) Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	28 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow
June 1 ge Course Hartford	June 2 Guided Bicycle Tours Lean Lunch L&C Basics of Potawatomi Language Class L&C South Bend Language Class	June 3 Circuit Training (AM) Circuit Training (PM) Red Road to Recovery Group	June 4 EDU Honoring Our Pokagon Children

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

Notice of Open Positions | 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.

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

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

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

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

Notice of Open Alternate Positions | 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.

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 Alternate Positions | Pokagon Promise

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Pokagon Promise Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There is currently 1 seat on the Pokagon's Promise Committee.

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

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

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

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

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

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



Junior Golf Clinic

Wednesday, June 15
9am – 10:30am Eastern
Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Indiana.



Learn to play golf like a champion at the Four Winds® Invitational Junior Golf Clinic.

Join us on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Indiana for an exclusive Junior Golf Clinic. Kids will learn golf basics and improve their skills from professional women golfers.

This event is limited to the first 50 junior golfers between the ages of 6 – 15.

Reserve your spot before June 8 by calling Elaina Leareaux at (269) 926-5336 or by e-mail at eleareaux@fourwindscasino.com.





Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

Traditional Healing Services

at Pokagon Health Services

Our ancestors had their own methods of healing, given to them by the Creator, using plants and other natural elements. In fact, many medicines widely used today are derived from plants.

Patients of Pokagon Health Services can now take advantage of these on their wellness journey by meeting with a traditional healer at PHS. Keith Smith of the Red Lake Band of Ojibwe has spent 25 years learning traditional medicine practices from elders, teachers and advisors.

To meet with him for the following services, please call (269) 782-4141 to schedule your appointment.

- Herbal and plant-based treatments
- Health education
- Disease prevention
- Sweat lodges
- Naming, and other culturally significant services

Please remember to bring sema (tobacco) to pass when meeting with the traditional healer.



Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.
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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.

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.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Tribal Police Department



Heart-Savers Class | May 14 + May 15
8:00 am – 12:00 pm each day

PHS Multi Purpose Room
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Tribal citizens and their families are invited to take the American Heart Association class offered by the PTPD. The Heart-Savers program from the American Heart Association. This will be a 6 to 8 hour class that

will cover first aid basics and in depth training in CPR. This program will certify participants in AHA Heart-Savers CPR/First Aid. The CPR portion will cover adult and child with optional infant procedures.

Only 25 seats are available for the Heart-Savers Class. Registration is on a first-come basis.
Register online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/cpr-class-registration or contact Officer Eric Shaer at (269) 782-2232 or eric.shaer@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.

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.

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

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.

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

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for One (1) Committee member position on the Pokagon Band Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee is responsible for planning and conducting the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow held each year at the Rodgers Lake campus (Dowagiac, Michigan) on the Saturday and Sunday directly before Labor Day.

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

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

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

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

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

Mail: Kelly Curran, 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

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

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

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

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

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT

58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519
16-3625-GAR-PC

Petitioner name, address, telephone:
Chi Ishobak, Inc.

ATTN: Sean Winters, Executive Director
27043 Potawatomi Trail
Dowagiac, MI 49047

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

To: **Frank Allen Clay**
Respondent's Name

On January, 28, 2016 a *Petition for Order of Garnishment Pursuant to Per Capita Garnishment Code* was filed with the Tribal Court.

2. On February, 12, 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 RESPONDENT

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



**Courses at Four Winds Casino Resort
Open to Pokagon Citizens, Spouses, Custodial Parents
and Government Employees
April - June 2016**

<p>LEADERSHIP 1 Thursday, April 14, 2-4:30p NB Tuesday, May 31, 10a-12:30p FWH</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 2 Wednesday, May 4, 12-3p NB Tuesday, May 31, 1-4p FWH</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 3 Friday, May 13, 1-3:30p NB</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 4 Wednesday, May 18, 1-3:30p NB</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 5 Tuesday, April 12, 1:30-4p FWH Wednesday, June 1, 10a-12:30p NB</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 6 Tuesday, April 26, 2-4p FWD Monday, June 13, 1-3p NB</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 8 Thursday, May 12, 1-3:30p FWH</p> <p>Obvious Choice Monday, May 9, 1-4p FWD</p> <p>So you want to be a Supervisor Thursday, June 16, 1-4p FWH Day 1 Thursday, June 23, 1-4p FWH Day 2</p>	<p>LEADERSHIP 1 – "Communication & Cooperation" This course introduces participants to the importance of teamwork, flexibility and strategic thinking. Activities include Picture Resume and United League of Nations.</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 2 – "DISC Profile" Participants take the DISC profile assessment to learn about effective communication and identify their own communication style.</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 3 – "Living the Core Values" Participants discuss the core values of teamwork, respect, integrity and fun and learn why listening and providing clear direction and feedback are crucial to a good management style.</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 4 – "Coaching & Listening" Participants learn how to delegate, in order to free up time to listen, coach and provide feedback to staff. A 5 step coaching model is presented.</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 5 – "Emotional Intelligence" Participants learn how to avoid emotional hijack during stressful situations, and the important role of emotional competencies in leadership.</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 6 – "Emotional Intelligence II – Horse & Rider" In the second EI class, participants learn the four premises of Emotional Control and that we each make choices and have control over how we react and feel.</p> <p>LEADERSHIP 8 – Social Intelligence Building on Emotional Intelligence with revolutionary new science, this class helps you understand how you can increase your social awareness and improve your relationship management – to help you and your staff to SHINE! (Please take Leadership 5, 6, and 8 in order.)</p> <p>OBVIOUS CHOICE Participants will learn what will make them stand out from the crowd. This class will assist individuals with an understanding of what they need to do to make themselves the obvious choice for interviews, transfers, and promotions.</p> <p>So you want to be a supervisor... What every aspiring-to-be-a-supervisor should know about being GREAT! This course takes a look at "Meeting the Challenge", "Fitting the Four Fundamentals into your Style", and "Dealing with Special Situations". Attendance at both sessions is required.</p>
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All NB classes are in the training center on the 2nd floor of the FWCR HR Building in New Buffalo, FWH classes in FWCR Hartford training room and FWD classes in FWCR Dowagiac Training Room.

If you would like to attend, please contact the Pokagon Band's Training Manager to enroll. Hartford and Dowagiac have limited seating, so please enroll early. Thank you. (3-22-16)



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

DRUM CLASSES

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

2016

February 3	March 2	April 6	May 4	June 1
February 17	March 16	April 20	May 18	June 15

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.
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For more information, please contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 or nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



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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.



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Basket Making

with Christine Morseau

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.



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Elders Lunch Menu | Ctegan gises May

monday

2 **language**

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll

9 **language**

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

16 **language**

Chicken Parmesan
Pasta Sauce W/ Noodles
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread

23 **language**

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia
Sweet Potato
Coleslaw
Fruit

30 **closed | memorial day**



tuesday

3

Marinated Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Broccoli
Jell-O W/Fruit

10

Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes
Spinach
Waldorf Salad
Whole Grain Roll

17

Buffalo Stew
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad
Fruit Bowl
Whole Grain Roll

24

Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Garden Salad
Fruit Salad

31

Breakfast Bar

wednesday

4

Pork Roast
Red Potatoes
Carrots
Tomato Salad
Fruit

11

Salmon Fillet
Baked Potato
Tri-Blend Vegetables
Garden Salad
Fruit

18

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

25

Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
Collard Greens
Cucumber Salad
Fruit and Veggie Tray

thursday

5

business meeting

Buffalo Goulash
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Fruit
Birthday Cake

12

Marinated Pork Chops
Wild Rice
Veggie Tray
Watermelon

19 **social**

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans
Tomato Salad
Assorted Fruits

26

Mexican Quinoa Bowl or Wrap
W/ Chicken
Tortilla Chips
Garden Salad
Fruit

friday

6

Vegetable Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Relish and Veggie Tray
Fresh Fruit

13

Chicken Quesadillas
All the toppings
Pico De Gallo
Dessert

20

Sea Bass
Mac and Cheese
Tri-Blend Veggies
Fruit Salad

27

Soup and Salad Bar

may

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 A. Currey	x	
Zachary D. Currey	x	
Austin L. Northrup	x	
Daniel J. Vohwinkle		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. You may mail, fax or email your documents. The address to mail to is:

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

The document must be received by May 13 in order to make it on the June 2016 check run. Anything received after May 13 will be processed on the check run for July 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
Tuesday, November 1, 2016*	Tuesday, November 22, 2016	Wed, November 23, 2016
Thursday, December 1, 2016**	Wednesday, December 28, 2016	Thursday, December 29, 2016

* 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.

**Date correction. Please be advised the date magnets that were mailed have incorrect dates. The correct dates for December 2016 are as follows: check mailing date Wednesday, December 28 and direct deposit date of Thursday, December 29.

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
 Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
 Pokagon Health Services



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You have four opportunities to be a hero this year.

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

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Tribal Council May Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 3 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 30 Tribal Government offices closed in observation of Memorial Day
- 31 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. Any questions, please call Stanley Morseau, Elders Chairman, (269) 783-6828.

Tribal Council June Calendar of Events

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

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

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
Department of Social Services | Pokagon LAUNCH Parent Group
Department of Education | Early Childhood Education

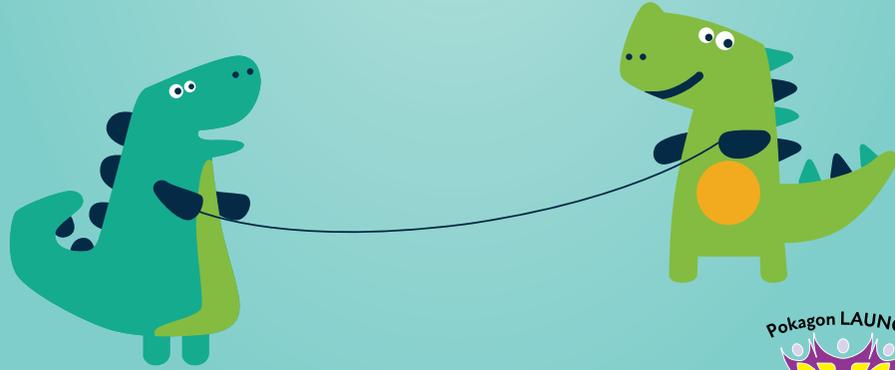
Pokagon Play Group



May 19
9:30 am – 11 am
PHS Multi Purpose Room

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

Contact Rachel Orvis at (717) 420-3322 for more information.



Pokagon LAUNCH
Parent Group

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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Tribal Police Department

Rape Aggression Defense Systems

Basic Physical Defense for Women

May 4 + May 11 + May 18
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm each day
Community Center

Could you effectively defend yourself if you were attacked?

Pokagon Tribal Police Department is offering Women's Self Defense classes. R.A.D (Rape Aggression Defense) Systems is the largest women's self defense system in the country, which has established the standard of R.A.D.

R.A.D. is a program of realistic, practical, self defense tactics and techniques. The class is broken into three sessions for a total of nine hours. This comprehensive course for women begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance strategies, while progressing to the basics of hand-on training. The majority of time is spent practicing self defense for confrontations of all types.

Classes are FREE and include a free lifetime return and practice policy.

Pre-registration is required. Participants must be at least 16 years of age or older. (Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian). **Register online here: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/rad-training-registration.**

To register, or for more information please contact:
Eric Shaer, Community Resource Officer, Pokagon Tribal Police
eric.shaer@pokagonband-nsn.gov
(269) 782-2232 x136 office
(269) 240-1038 cell

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Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

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

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

Gtegan gises May Citizen Announcements



Cushway, Gibson, O'Keefe
Family Reunion 2016

July 9, 2016

Rodgers Lake Pavilion,
58620 Sink Road,
Dowagiac, MI

Contact Person: Carol
Martin (269) 519-2127

Happy birthday Melinda Thompson May 24!

Love, your family

Happy birthday Sierra Alspaugh May 26!

Love, your family



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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

Department of Natural Resources + Project LAUNCH

Family Fishing Day

Saturday, May 7, 2016 | 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. | Fishing 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Rodgers Lake

Fish Tales

- Registration is required. Online pre-registration at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov is encouraged.
- You must wear a life jacket! No exceptions. Limited number of personal flotation devices available for those who can't provide their own.
- Limited number of canoes (reserve one by pre-registering).
- You may use your own boat but the gas tank must be removed. Please note, the launch is very rustic. Limit to 14-foot boats.
- Fishing poles and bait available. Participants must follow state and tribal regulations.
- Lunch served
- Prizes! **Grand Prize: Charter Fishing Trip for 4 on Lake Michigan**

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

Prizes • Fun Family Event • Food

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Oshke Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow

**Saturday, May 28
+ Sunday, May 29**

Volunteer for the 2016 Oshke Kno Kewéwen Pow Wow! Contact Marchell Wesaw to sign up at marchell.wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4204.

The Pow Wow Committee is opening up Rodgers Lake camping early for Pokagon citizens beginning Wednesday, May 25 from 4–8 p.m.