



# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

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### Veterans Day honors those who served

By Anthony Foerster, Pokagon veterans group

Veterans Day was formerly commemorated as Armistice Day to mark the truce signed between the Allies and Germany in World War I. This armistice ended all hostilities, and took effect at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Though Armistice Day was originally set aside to honor the veterans of World War I, in 1954 the holiday name was changed to Veterans Day. It is still observed on November 11 but honors the service of all veterans.

Since 1775, there have been approximately nearly 1.4 million combat deaths, 1.5 million wounded, and more than forty thousand missing service personnel who have pledged an oath to support this nation. This toll imparts a high degree of solemnity to the oath and to those who are willing to raise their right hand and pledge their life, if necessary, to uphold it "against all enemies foreign and domestic." On November 11, a grateful nation takes time to celebrate their veterans.

The Pokagon Band takes time to celebrate its veterans too. During the November 14 Tribal Council meeting, the community can honor their veteran warriors. All are encouraged to be there.

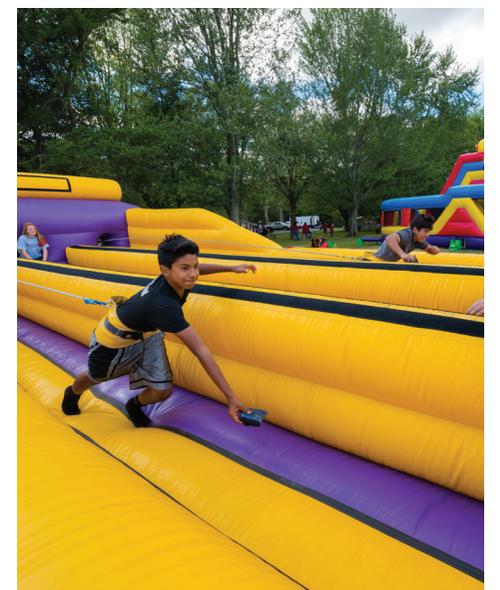
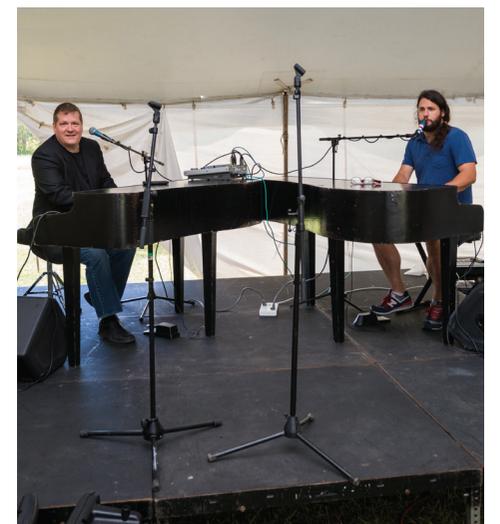
Additionally, the Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw veterans organization usually meets every first Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the Pokagon Community Center located at 27043 Potawatomi Trail in Dowagiac, Michigan. All tribal veterans and tribal spouse veterans are invited. If one of your family members is a Pokagon Band veteran, please share with us memories of your service member's story, whether it is current or past service. Your veteran can join the Wall of Honor or be recognized with a feather on the Eagle Staff. Contact Jessica Swisher, Administrative Assistant to Tribal Council at (269) 782-6323.



Or visit [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/veterans](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/veterans) for more details

### Band celebrates 21 years of sovereignty

September 21 marked the 21st anniversary of the day President Clinton signed the Pokagon Band's restoration act into law, reaffirming the tribe's sovereignty. Citizens celebrated with a day full of activities at Rodgers Lake September 19, including the annual group photo. From seasonal sunrise ceremonies to carnival games and rides to language and clan teachings, there was plenty to do and see. Thanks to the organizers for planning a fun day.



## Ricing camp held on Pokagon land

Citizens and staff gathered by the pond south of the DNR offices, shaded from the unexpected October heat. Wild rice filled birch bark baskets and covered the moccasins of Rice Chief Roger LaBine, an Ojibwe native from the Trout Creek, Mich.



This set the scene for the first rice camp in several years on Pokagon land. Citizens, instructed by LaBine, parched, danced, winnowed and sorted each grain of wild rice.

The wild rice came from Tawas Lake, where a week earlier, members of several tribes harvested about 1,000 pounds of rice. The lake borders the Turtle Marsh National Wildlife Area in eastern Michigan, and is one of few lakes in the area to contain such a great amount of wild rice plants.

After receiving the blessing of the Saginaw Chippewa tribe, the tribe with land located closest to the lake, we, the Gun Lake Tribe, and the Ziibiwing Center in Mich. organized the harvesting and distribution of the wild rice in the lake.

With 10 canoes, people of these tribes, including Patty Jo Kublik and Mindy Morseau of the Pokagon Band, harvested about 1000 pounds of wild rice in one week, spanning the last week of September and the first week of October.

According to George Martin, an Ottawa native and respected elder in the Great Lakes region, this was the first time in at least 200 years that these tribes have riced together.

Tribal members maneuvered through the wild rice-covered lake in their canoes with the help of 16–20 foot push pullers that they used to push the canoe through the water. With two knockers, two-foot sticks of cedar, they brought the rice plants across their boats and knocked the grains into their boats.

Finally, they left the rice to dry on tarps for three to five days before dividing it up among the people. We brought home about 300 pounds of wild rice.

At our rice camp the following week, we started the ricing process by parching or cooking the rice to loosen the hull, quickly stirring it in a metal bowl over a fire. Next, we danced the rice, stepping lightly on it to break the hull completely off.

Winnowing allowed the hulls to blow away as citizens caught the rice mixture in birch bark baskets. Finally, we sorted the rice pieces one-by-one to remove any remaining chaff or damaged rice.

Martin conducted the opening and closing ceremonies, and water ceremonies were also included.

There are no regulations in the state of Michigan, according to Kublik, that protect the wild rice plants, meaning companies and other groups can change the landscape or build structures where wild rice grows, despite any potential harm to the plants.

This food has been a staple in the diets of Anishinaabe people for hundreds of years, and kept our people fed through the winter. Kublick, the rest of the Language & Culture staff, and other Pokagons are seeking ways to save wild rice.

## Emergency Food Program gives family an edge

Over the past few months, Mark and Doreen Carpenter have taken advantage of the tribe's Emergency Food Program, and it has made a big difference for them. The program is designed for individuals and families who are experiencing brief financial difficulties and need assistance purchasing food. It is separate from the commodities program, and citizens do not have to qualify for commodities to participate. All you need is your tribal ID to receive a box of food.

"There are times when the end of the month rolls around and it gets us through," said Doreen. "The soups make good lunches. It's easy to make tuna noodles with the tuna."

Started in January 2015, the program is not based on income, is not limited to those who live in the service area (though food must be picked up from the warehouse by participants or a representative). In September alone 86 families, or 245 individuals, benefitted from the food boxes, and citizens outside the ten county service area from Lansing to Grand Rapids have taken advantage of it.

This program is available up to once a month for those who need it, is intended to help citizens for a few days until the situation improves.

"I'd definitely recommend it for others. We're just really happy with it, and thankful to the Pokagons," said Doreen. "Especially for the elders, it's really good for them if they're tight on money."

## Do you want to receive electronic communications from the Band?



We are working on digitizing citizen communications, which could include e-mails, text messages and phone calls. First, we want to know what you think, and whether you'd like to provide your preferred e-mail address and mobile phone number to our database. Please complete a short webform so we can know how to best communicate Band news and services with you. The

form can be found here: [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/communications](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/communications).

Not only does this effort save money and target information to the people who need to receive it, but it preserves Mother Earth by reducing paper use and waste. Among the efforts we are exploring are sending the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* electronically. There are no plans to eliminate printed, mailed copies; we'd just like to know if citizens would rather not get the print copy and would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically. Other possibilities: text alerts, e-mail updates and phone calls about topics that are relevant to you. But rest assured, these communications won't fill up your in boxes with unwanted messages. We'll use it sparingly on an as-needed basis.



[www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/communications](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/communications)

## Pokagon elder crowned prom queen at Michigan Indian Elders Association Conference



The Elders attended the Michigan Indian Elders Association Conference October 12 – 14 hosted by Nottawaseppi Huron Band at their Firekeepers Casino. The meeting was held October 13 and the dinner that evening had live entertainment. The theme was a prom night *Enchantment Under The Sea*. By votes of all the elders, Yvonne "Petey" Boehm was crowned prom queen; Dale Anderson of the Huron Band was crowned king.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Education

# EDUCATION PORTAL

The Education Department would like to announce that the **EDUCATION PORTAL** is ready to use for fall 2015–2016 enrollment! All citizens completing the Higher Education Scholarship or Vocational Scholarship applications should use the Education Portal to complete the scholarship process. No more emailing, faxing, or bringing in the scholarship paper work. Just send it electronically and enjoy the stress free scholarship process.

**If you have any questions please contact Joseph Avance Higher Education Specialist at [joseph.avance@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:joseph.avance@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or (269) 782-0887 or toll free (888)330-1234.**

Please spread the word!

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## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

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

## Searching for stability

*This is part one in a two-part series of one tribal citizen's journey from abuse to healing. Names have been changed to protect the identities of those involved.*

Rachel swiveled in her chair, smiled and stated she didn't know where to start. She had never done this before, share her story with a stranger. At least not this story. She wanted it heard, and began in the way anyone would, from the beginning.

Rachel, a Pokagon citizen, gave birth to her daughter, Emily, when she was 19-years-old. Emily's biological father didn't stick around to be part of their family, and Rachel felt a void. She did not want her daughter to grow up without a father, and Emily didn't for long.

Rachel entered into what became a three-year relationship with the man who filled the void left by Emily's father. He and Rachel loved each other, and he was a wonderful father to Emily. Something was always missing, though, and he turned to someone else for it, leaving Rachel heartbroken for herself and her daughter.

That's when she met Derek.

He was kind and funny. They clicked; that instant chemistry everyone talks about finding was there, and Rachel felt lucky to have found him. Derek helped her through her breakup, and their relationship quickly became serious.

Rachel put everything she had left into her new relationship, searching for healing and a future. She stayed because she wanted stability. She stayed because she didn't want to start all over—again.

"Pretty much I stayed for all the wrong reasons," Rachel says.

"You're not only carrying your own baggage, but also the baggage of everyone before you," Kasper said.

Rachel didn't recognize the mental and emotional abuse Derek was inflicting on her; instead, she rationalized it. The vulgar names are just out of anger, she thought.

"He just came at the worst and best time," Rachel said. "I was determined to establish a stable life for my daughter and I." So she stayed.

After a fight, Derek would apologize with flowers the next day. "It was almost like clockwork," Rachel said. The clock had struck the day before Derek was physical with Rachel for the first time. There were flowers on the table.

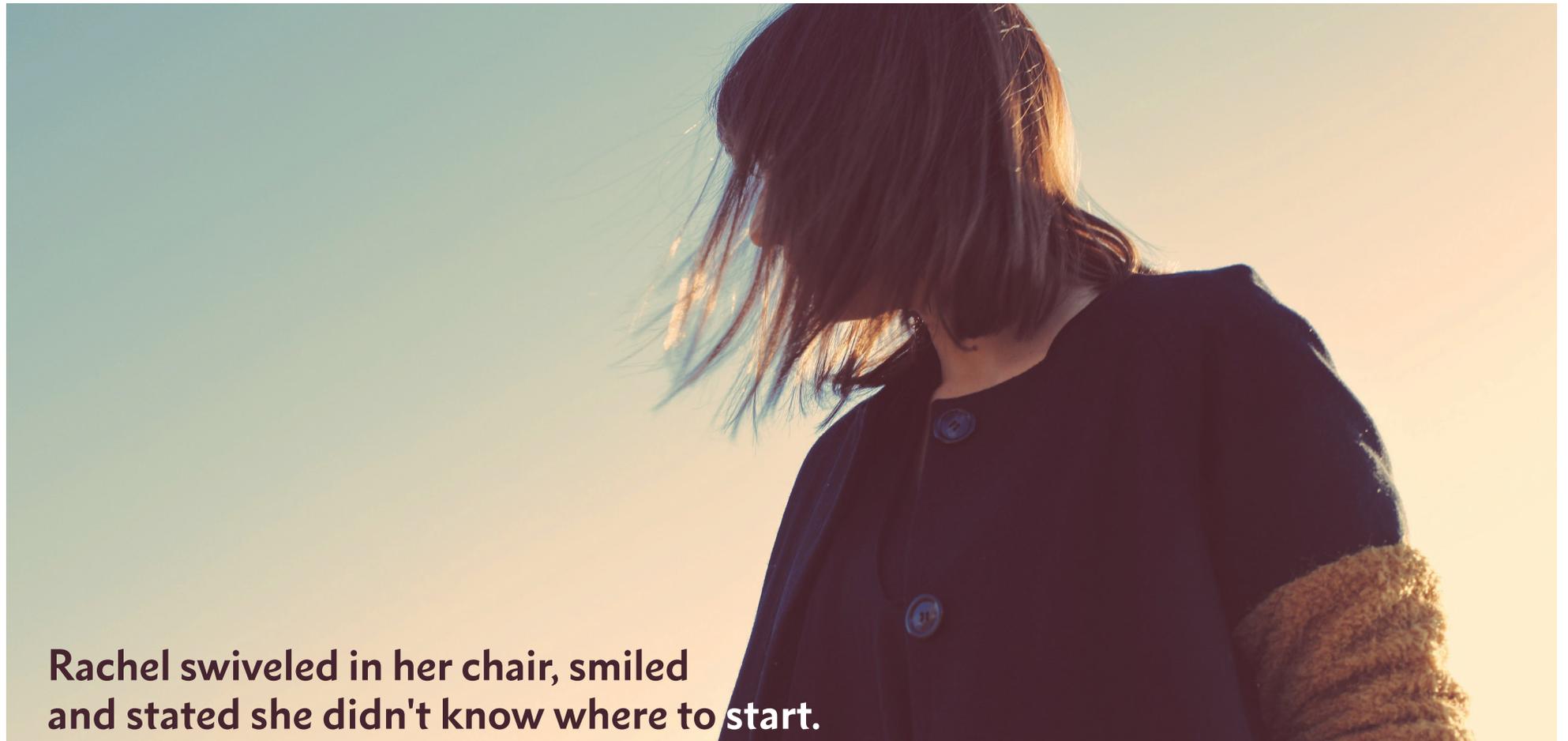
Derek came over, upset. He pushed with his words, and Rachel threw the flowers on the ground. Derek snapped.

"You shouldn't have done that," Rachel repeated the words he spoke before he threw anything he could grab onto the ground. Rachel rested her hands on his chest and asked him to calm down. He didn't.

"Instinctively, he grabbed me by my throat." She couldn't breathe while his hand was around her neck for about 30 seconds.

Rachel said nothing to anyone, and the next day, they were fine.

The physical abuse continued, and he would convince her nothing had happened. Everything always seemed to happen so fast, and Rachel didn't know what was reality.



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They fought over the little things, sometimes over nothing. Rachel would kick him out, then let him back in a few hours later.

"It was like something I'd never experienced before," she said, the constant ups and downs completely new to her.

It started with bickering, but then name-calling began. Vulgar words she'd never been called by a man were now spewing from her boyfriend's mouth. Then the mental abuse surfaced, and he turned the vulgar terms into a joke.

"We would laugh about it later," Rachel said, calling it twisted. "It just seemed better [to laugh] than actually deal with the issue. If we made a joke about it, maybe it was a joke to begin with."

Casey Kasper, victim services manager in the Social Services Department, says historical trauma has aided in normalizing domestic violence. Grandparents were "parented" by the boarding schools, which were poor and often abusive examples of authority. That influence lingered when they became parents, and the cycle of abuse opened.

Rachel's grandma helped her see she shouldn't put up with this. In a moment of clarity, Rachel thought of her daughter and the example she was witnessing: yelling, fighting, apathy. Emily had a man in her life, but not a father.

Rachel decided it was over. She called Derek, told him to get his stuff and leave. She neatly folded his clothes, packed away his things, and put them outside. Derek came, yelling and upset. Rachel wanted his key to the house so she could feel safe. After arguing and her pleas for the keys, he shoved her to the ground and drove away.

Rachel called the police, but only to get her key back. After she told them everything that had happened, reality hit: she was in an abusive relationship. Immediately, she felt regret. She wanted to take it all back. She didn't want Derek to get in trouble. She didn't want to press charges. But the officer told her it was out of her hands, and the legal process was already in motion.

Rachel was free, but she had no idea what to do next. Luckily, someone else did.

**Read the conclusion of Rachel's journey in the November Legislative Edition.**

Women from the Pokagon Band and Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services in Three Rivers and Dowagiac lit candles and shared stories of abuse and

redemption to celebrate domestic violence survivors and remember those lost to it.



### Do you need help with winter heating bills?

The Social Services Department will start accepting applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) on November 2. This program is designed to provide a one-time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months. The program assists citizens living within our service area: LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties in Indiana, and Cass, Berrien, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan.

To apply call (269) 782-8998 or (800) 517-0777 or come into the Social Services Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. Information and the application form may also be found at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/social-services/programs/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/social-services/programs/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap). You may fax your application to (269) 782-4295.

Proof of all household income is needed:

1. Proof of last 30 days of income; including per capita and/or
2. Award letters from (SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, VA, etc...) and/or
3. Child support received or paid or
4. Completion of a Zero Income Form if those above do not apply.

Also required:

- Provider's bill
- Social Security numbers for all household members
- Social Security cards (a copy) for all household members
- Tribal identification
- Picture identification may also be required (driver's license, student ID, etc)

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

| Household Size | Income Limit |          |
|----------------|--------------|----------|
|                | IN           | MI       |
| 1              | \$22,557     | \$23,622 |
| 2              | \$29,498     | \$30,890 |
| 3              | \$36,438     | \$38,159 |
| 4              | \$43,379     | \$45,427 |
| 5              | \$50,320     | \$52,695 |
| 6              | \$57,260     | \$59,964 |

### Medicare Part B reimbursement expanded

In October Tribal Council extended reimbursement of Medicare Part B to reach more citizens. Elders have always been eligible for Medicare Part B reimbursement, but now those Pokagons who have the premium deducted from their social security benefit are also eligible for reimbursement, regardless of their age.

If you are eligible for this, contact Beth Warner or Mark Pompey with the Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998. Be prepared to complete a brief one page application and provide a copy of your benefits statement that shows the Part B deduction, and they can process your reimbursement.

### PHS continues expansion of services to Clinic

Pokagon Health Services Clinic will soon serve tribal spouses and employees of the Pokagon Band government, Four Winds Casino, Mno Bmadsen, and their immediate family members. Fees for service and/or copays will be the non-native patient's responsibility and is due at the time of service in the Clinic.

PHS Clinic is compiling a list of non-native family members, employees, and employee families who have interest in transitioning primary care to a provider at PHS on a first-come, first-serve basis. Pre-interest registration forms can be picked up at the PHS rotunda or downloaded from [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/health-services/clinic](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/health-services/clinic).

PHS Clinic is also offering pre-employment, post-accident, D.O.T. physicals, drug screens, and alcohol testing. Contact Pokagon Health Services at (269) 782-4141 for more details regarding the new services.



[www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/health-services/clinic](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/health-services/clinic)



[www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/social-services/programs/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/social-services/programs/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap)

## Be safe hunting, fishing and gathering during hunting season

Some of you may have already been out during archery season. The DNR has managed to capture a few pictures of deer on tribal properties thanks to our trail cameras that snap photos of birds and mammals to establish presence of wildlife on tribal properties. Some of those pictures are of curious deer that pass by the camera lens. Since firearm season is fast approaching, the DNR wants to remind everyone to be safe when the season begins (November 14 in Indiana and November 15 in Michigan). If you are in the woods at all during firearm season, please be sure to wear your hunter orange so that you are visible for everyone to see.



## Pokagon art sought for Four Winds hotel rooms

The Tribal Art Review Committee (TARC) has been asked by Four Winds Casino Resort to seek out 2-dimensional artwork from tribal citizens for the purpose of updating six hotel suites in the original hotel tower. The redesigned hotel rooms incorporate contemporary features and muted earth tone colors.

TARC is seeking drawings, paintings, photography, and applique work featuring beach scenes, Lake Michigan flora and fauna, and other related themes. Artwork needs to be already completed, or be able to complete before January 4, 2016. Interested artists can either submit electronic proposals to [Micky.Martin@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Micky.Martin@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or arrange to meet with the committee during the Holiday Craft Show scheduled for Dec 6, 2015 at the Community Center. For questions, please contact Micky Martin at (269)783-9260 or TARC Chairwoman Angie Rice at (574) 993-1798.

## What's that invasive plant? Japanese Barberry (*Fallopia japonica*)



Japanese barberry is an invasive species that is native to Japan. This species was brought to the United States in 1800 as an ornamental planting. This plant was used as an ornamental because of its resistance to deer browsing and because it has bright red berries and red and orange fall colors. Japanese barberry fruits are spread by birds, resulting in the plant growing in the woods. This plant has very sharp spines along all of its branches. Japanese barberry can be found in a wide variety of soils and growing conditions, making it a prolific invasive. Furthermore, Japanese barberry has been found to be a great place for ticks to grow and develop, thereby helping to increase the tick population and the possibility of tick-borne diseases. There is a native barberry, the American barberry (*Berberis canadensis*), which may be confused with the Japanese barberry, however, the American native species is uncommon throughout Michigan. American barberry can also be distinguished from Japanese barberry by the leaves, American barberry leaves have serrated edges, whereas American barberry leaves are smooth edged. Always be aware of your landscape plantings, and plant as many native species as possible to help avoid spreading invasive species of any type.

## What's that edible plant? Pawpaw Fruit (*Asimina triloba*)



If you have been hiking in the woods over the past few weeks you may have noticed that the fruit of the pawpaw tree is ripe and ready to pick. The fruit of the pawpaw tree is nutritious, containing essential amino acids and vitamins, A, C, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, potassium, calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, iron, zinc, copper, and manganese. The pawpaw tree is native to the United States and grows from Florida to Southern Ontario. The pawpaw flavor resembles a blend of flavors like banana, mango, and pineapple. The flesh of the fruit has a custard like consistency and can be eaten raw or blended into smoothies and may be substituted for bananas in many recipes. Pawpaw fruits ripen from September through mid-October and should be easily removed from the tree when ripe. The skin color may be green to yellow on ripe fruits.

## November is National Diabetes Awareness Month

According to the American Diabetes Association, 26 million people (more than eight percent of the United States) have diabetes. There are nearly 19 million people who are diagnosed, while seven million of these people are not diagnosed.

American Indians/Alaska Natives are twice as likely to develop diabetes as other groups. The increase of diabetes is directly related to the increase in obesity. Other risk factors include genetics and family history, high blood pressure, and living a sedentary lifestyle. If diabetes goes untreated it can lead to heart disease and stroke, high blood pressure, blindness, kidney disease, nervous system disease, amputation, and many other health related issues including death.

Some of the signs and symptoms to watch for are frequent trips to the bathroom, unquenchable thirst, and tingling or numbness in your hands, legs or feet.

These health issues do not have to accompany diabetes if treatment and lifestyle changes are started early. Although once damage from diabetes is done to the body, you can't reverse the effects. Prevention and early treatment are recommended to prevent additional life threatening issues that can arise.

Treatment:

- Medication
- Insulin
- Exercise
- Diet

If you have any questions or are experiencing any of the signs and symptoms listed above, please contact PHS to schedule an appointment with one of our providers (888) 440-1234 or (269) 782-4141.



## November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death and the second most diagnosed cancer in both men and women in the United States. After increasing for decades, lung cancer rates are decreasing nationally, as fewer people smoke cigarettes. Cigarette smoking is the number one cause of lung cancer. Lung cancer also can be caused by using other types of tobacco (such as pipes or cigars), breathing secondhand smoke, being exposed to substances such as asbestos or radon at home or work, and having a family history of lung cancer.

Cancer is a disease in which cells in the body grow out of control. Lung cancer may spread to lymph nodes or other organs in the body, such as the brain. Cancer from other organs also may spread to the lungs. When cancer cells spread from one organ to another, they are called metastases.

Research has found several risk factors that may increase your chances of getting lung cancer.

### Smoking

Cigarette smoking is the number one risk factor for lung cancer. In the United States, cigarette smoking causes about 90% of lung cancers. Using other tobacco products such as cigars or pipes also increases the risk for lung cancer. Tobacco smoke is a toxic mix of more than 7,000 chemicals. Many are poisons. At least 70 are known to cause cancer in people or animals. People who smoke are 15 to 30 times more likely to get lung cancer or die from lung cancer than people who do not smoke. Even smoking a few cigarettes a day or smoking occasionally increases the risk of lung cancer. The more years a person smokes and the more cigarettes smoked each day, the more the risk goes up.

People who quit smoking have a lower risk of lung cancer than if they had continued to smoke, but their risk is higher than the risk for people who never smoked. Quitting smoking at any age can lower the risk of lung cancer. Smoking can cause cancer almost anywhere in the body. Smoking causes cancer of the mouth, nose, throat, voicebox (larynx), esophagus, bladder, kidney, pancreas, cervix, stomach, blood, and bone marrow (acute myeloid leukemia).



### Secondhand Smoke

Smoke from other people's cigarettes, pipes, or cigars (secondhand smoke) also causes lung cancer. When a person breathes in secondhand smoke, it is like he or she is smoking. In the United States, two out of five adults who don't smoke and half of children are exposed to secondhand smoke, and about 3,000 people who never smoked die from lung cancer due to secondhand smoke every year.

Most people with lung cancer don't have symptoms until the cancer is advanced. Lung cancer symptoms may include:

- Coughing that gets worse or doesn't go away
- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath or wheezing
- Coughing up blood
- Feeling very tired all the time
- Weight loss with no known cause
- Other changes that can sometimes occur with lung cancer may include repeated bouts of pneumonia and swollen or enlarged lymph nodes (glands) inside the chest in the area between the lungs

If you would like to quit smoking, Pokagon Health Services offers smoking cessation classes. Medications and other treatment options are available to you. If you are interested in a class or other smoking cessation information, please contact Pokagon Health Services at (269) 782-4141 for more details.

## Officer tip of the month Kevin Modlin

It is that time of year again. With hunting season in full swing, the woods will see a steady flow of traffic of people hunting small game, waterfowl, and deer. Although this is a favorite time of year for many outdoorsman who have buck fever, this is also the time of year that presents some safety issues. Overlooking a few small things can result in more than just a ruined hunt.

Every year in our area, several people fall from their tree stands, which result in broken legs, mostly broken backs, and occasionally death. These falls are due to faulty equipment and/or not wearing a harness, combined with fatigue or tunnel vision from seeing that deer. Inspect your stands, replace rusty chains, bolts, and worn straps. Don't chance it. Wear a safety harness while in the tree; it will save your life from a fall. They are very inexpensive and could mean the difference between that big buck and never hunting again.

For those hunters who have not had their archery equipment out since last fall, inspect your strings and cables for wear and your limbs and riser for cracks. Nothing will surprise you more than when you draw that bow, it shatters in your hands.



The last reminder I would like to give is brought up due to some incidents from last year. It is important to identify what you are shooting at, to know your area, and what or who may be behind it. Bullets don't stop at the tree line or the weed line. Be mindful that the tribal properties are shared with many other people who may be just on the other side of the brush where you are shooting. Always make sure there is a solid backstop behind your identified target. I look forward to seeing you all out there having a safe and successful hunt. Maybe I will even be able to help drag a few deer out again this year.

I absolutely love being a conservation officer for several reasons. I get to be outside, in the woods. I get to interact with people who are partaking in the same activities I am so passionate about. It is nice to hear their stories and experiences as well as share mine. Because I am so passionate about the outdoors and what it provides for us, I also feel strongly about preserving it. Without conservation, our resources will not be here for generations to come, and nothing puts a bigger smile on my face than watching the youth enjoy the outdoors.

## Chi Ishobak, Inc. receives Native American CDFI assistance program award

The U.S. Treasury Department recently awarded more than \$200 million to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to spur economic growth in low income and native communities, and Chi Ishobak is one of the 195 CDFIs to receive a portion of this award. This announcement caps the 20th anniversary celebration of the creation of the CDFI Fund and the CDFI Program.

“These important community partners are not only on the frontlines of economically distressed communities providing needed capital and credit, they are building a more inclusive economy which benefits the nation as a whole,” said CDFI Fund Director Annie Donovan.

The CDFI Program invests in and builds the capacity of community credit unions, banks, loan funds, and other financial institutions serving rural and urban

communities across the nation that lack adequate access to affordable financial products and services. Additional information about the CDFI programs, including the full award list and key highlights, can be found through the Award Book links below and on the CDFI Fund's website at [www.cdfifund.gov/cdfi](http://www.cdfifund.gov/cdfi) or at [www.cdfifund.gov/native](http://www.cdfifund.gov/native).

## Department of Education Graduation Tree

The Department of Education Graduation Tree has been ordered and would like to include every Pokagon Band graduate to be represented on the tree with a leaf placed in their honor for all degrees completed. Everyone that would like to be honored on the tree must submit an application and provide a copy of their degree to the Department of Education. Even if you have already provided an application and copy of your degree another one is required to be submitted as the past documents may have been misplaced or lost.

The Department of Education Graduation Tree is designed to give recognition to students who demonstrate the characteristics which further the mission and goals of Pokagon Band Department of Education by completing programs that represent standards of achievement and excellence.

### Student Eligibility Requirements:

- Nominee must be Pokagon Band citizen.
- Nominee must have graduated with a Associates, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate degree.
- Nominee must complete the application
- Nominee must sign the application attesting to its accuracy.
- Nominee must send a copy of their diploma.

Time Frame: Applications accepted year round.

A poster for a Winter Solstice Celebration + Round Dance. The background is a textured, light-colored surface. In the top left corner is the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language &amp; Culture logo. Below it is a circular graphic of a globe with silhouettes of people dancing around it. The text "Winter Solstice Celebration + Round Dance" is prominently displayed in the center. At the bottom, there is a decorative border with colored squares.

**Saturday, December 19 | 6:00pm**  
**Community Center**

27043 Potawatomi Trail | Dowagiac, MI 49047

Come and celebrate the Winter season with us.

Celebration begins at 6:00 pm. Feast and lighting of Skodé at 7:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass and a hand made gift or a gift with a value of no more than \$10 for a community gift exchange. Main dish will be provided.

Round Dance begins at 9:00 pm and goes until 1:00 am.

A Round Dance is a time to celebrate the community and enjoy each other's company while remembering loved ones who have passed on. Our teachings tell us that the spirit world has daytime during our night time therefore, we Round

Dance into the night to celebrate with the spirits of those who have passed on. All Round Dances are memorable nights of singing, dancing and feasting with the spirits.

For more information, please contact the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4255.

The Court has approved the publication of this *Notice* because there is no valid address.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COURT

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

CASE NO. 15-3366-GAR-PC

Office of the General Counsel

J. Edward Williams (P61685)

Paul W. Shagen (P57389)

58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

**2nd NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT AND DEADLINE TO FILE  
OBJECTION(S)**

To: Joshua M. Williams

Respondent's Name

1. On July 28, 2015 a *Petition for Order of Garnishment* was filed with the Tribal Court.
2. On August 11, 2015 the Court entered an *Order of Garnishment*.
3. On August 11, 2015 the Court mailed to you, by certified mail, restricted delivery to the addressee, return receipt requested, a true copy of the *Petition for Order of Garnishment* and *Order of Garnishment* and which were returned to the Court "Unclaimed" on September 11, 2015.
4. Based upon return of the mailing as "Unclaimed", an *Order for Alternate Service* for publication has been granted by the Court.
5. On October 7, 2015 the Court staff verified with Pokagon Band Department of Communications that *Notice to the Respondent* and *Deadline to File Objection(s)* was published in the Pokagon Band's monthly newsletter, however the *Notice to the Respondent* section stated below was not included in the first publication.
6. Therefore, the 2nd Notice is being published.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

You have fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this *2nd 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 *2nd 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*.

## Elders quarterly workshop covers health and fitness

The November Elders workshop will focus on staying fit throughout the year, but mainly the winter months. The workshop will take place at the Community Center Thursday, November 5 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. (not November 15 as previously advertised).

It is imperative that as we age we focus on our body and keeping it in shape. This workshop will feature stretching exercises and tips for staying fit to increase longevity and endurance. Please wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to participate in some physical but not demanding exercises.

"Every day, we have a very clear choice: we can grow older or we can grow younger." Miranda Esmonde-White, fitness instructor and author of *Aging Backwards*.

## Elders January Quarterly Workshop

The next Elders Quarterly Workshop will be January 16, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and held at the Community Center, 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI. The Pokagon Band Department of Education will be providing 50 Kindle Fires to 25 registrants that attend the workshop and 25 to those that cannot attend (out of the service area, and/or handicapped).

You must register for the Kindle Fire HD's to receive the Kindles at the workshop. The registration form can be found online at the Pokagon website just type in "January Kindle workshop" in the search bar. The deadline to register will be Friday, January 15 at 5:00 p.m. Only those that have not yet received a Kindle may register.

Should you have any questions please contact the following:

Donald Sumners, Educational Associate

Department of Education

(269)462-4237

Donald.Sumners@pokagonband-nsn.gov



Saturday, Dec. 5  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Register by Nov. 25 so  
your child(ren) can receive  
a small gift from Santa.

[pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/gwikwéamen-pokagon-holly-fair-registration](http://pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/gwikwéamen-pokagon-holly-fair-registration)

# Giwsé gises N

| Ne'me gizhek SUNDAY | Ngot gizhek MONDAY  | Nizh gizhek TUESDAY   | Apta gizhek WEDNESDAY                                       |
|---------------------|---|---|---|
| 1                   | 2<br>Fit Kids<br>L&C Elders Language Class<br>Auricular Acupuncture<br>Zumba<br>Circuit Training  | 3<br>Lean Lunch<br>L&C Youth After School Program<br>Red Road to Recovery Group<br>L&C Early Start Language Class   | L&C Hartford Language<br>Zumba<br>L&C Dowagiac Drumming     |
| 8                   | 9<br>Fit Kids<br>L&C Elders Language Class<br>Auricular Acupuncture<br>Zumba<br>Circuit Training  | 10<br>Lean Lunch<br>L&C Youth After School Program<br>Red Road to Recovery Group<br>L&C Early Start Language Class  | Government offices closed<br>Veterans Day                   |
| 15                  | 16<br>Fit Kids<br>L&C Elders Language Class<br>Auricular Acupuncture<br>Zumba<br>Circuit Training | 17<br>Lean Lunch<br>L&C Youth After School Program<br>Red Road to Recovery Group<br>L&C Early Start Language Class  | PHS Healthy Lunch program<br>L&C Hartford Language<br>Zumba |
| 22                  | 23<br>Fit Kids<br>L&C Elders Language Class<br>Auricular Acupuncture<br>Zumba<br>Circuit Training | 24<br>Autumn Harvest Celebration Mini Pow Wow<br>Lean Lunch<br>L&C Youth After School Program<br>Red Road to Recovery Group<br>L&C Early Start Language Class | L&C Hartford Language<br>Zumba                              |
| 29                  | 30<br>Fit Kids<br>L&C Elders Language Class<br>Auricular Acupuncture<br>Zumba<br>Circuit Training | Dec 1<br>Lean Lunch<br>Red Road to Recovery Group<br>L&C Early Start Language Class   | L&C Hartford Language<br>Zumba<br>L&C Dowagiac Drumming     |

# November 2015

| WEDNESDAY                                | Nyew gizhek THURSDAY   | Nyano gizhek FRIDAY   | Odanke gizhek SATURDAY  |
|--|--|---|---|
| <p>Age Class 4</p> <p>ning Class</p>     | <p>Fit Kids 5</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>EDU Elders Workshop: Personal Development</p> <p>L&amp;C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>Circuit Training</p>                | <p>Red Road to Recovery Group 6</p>   | <p>7</p>  |
| <p>osed in observation of 11</p>         | <p>Fit Kids 12</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>Mishkowze: Lung Cancer Awareness and Diabetes Awareness</p> <p>L&amp;C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>Circuit Training</p> | <p>Red Road to Recovery Group 13</p>  | <p>Tribal Council Meeting 14</p> <p>November Language Workshop</p>                |
| <p>resentation 18</p> <p>age Class</p>   | <p>Fit Kids 19</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>L&amp;C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>Circuit Training</p>  | <p>Red Road to Recovery Group 20</p>  | <p>Native Justice Community Advisory 21</p> <p>Group Meeting</p>                  |
| <p>age Class 25</p>                      | <p>Government offices closed in observation of 26</p> <p>the Thanksgiving holiday</p>  | <p>Government offices closed in observation of 27</p> <p>the Thanksgiving holiday</p> | <p>28</p>   |
| <p>age Class Dec 2</p> <p>ning Class</p> | <p>Fit Kids Dec 3</p> <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>EDU Elders Workshop: Personal Development</p> <p>L&amp;C South Bend Language Class</p> <p>Circuit Training</p>            | <p>Red Road to Recovery Group Dec 4</p>   | <p>Gwikwé'amén Pokagon Holly Fair Dec 5</p> <p>L&amp;C Mitten Making Workshop</p> |

## 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 three seats available on the Ethics Board. The Ethics Board, a five member Board, is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government created by the Pokagon Band Ethics Code in fulfillment of Article XVII, Section 3 of the Pokagon Band Constitution. The Ethics Board is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Ethics Code by Pokagon Band officials and employees.

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Not a Pokagon Band citizen;
- (b) Under the age of twenty-one;
- (c) A Public Official or Public Employee;
- (d) Employed, in any capacity, by the Pokagon Gaming Authority or Mno-Bmadsen, provided, however, that this shall not include independent contractors or volunteers of such entities; or

- (e) Employed or otherwise serves in a position with responsibilities that create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the duties and responsibilities of the Board, as determined by the Selection Committee. This subsection does not automatically prevent a Pokagon Band citizen from being appointed.

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

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

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

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

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

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

## Notice of Open Alternate Position | Election Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens who are interested to fill one Alternate member position on the Election Board. This appointment will be for an approximately four year term that will expire January 31, 2019. The Election Board is a five person Board with two Alternates whose members are appointed by the Tribal Council. The Election Board is responsible for conducting Pokagon Band elections, maintaining a list of registered voters, and reviewing membership petitions, initiatives, and referendums. Alternates are not members of the Election Board, but Alternates do assist the Election Board in fulfilling its responsibilities and attend Election Board meetings. Alternates will be seated and vote in the absence of an Election Board member.

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

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

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** A potential appointee must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will interview potential appointees for the Alternate position, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive such requirement. The Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will interview potential appointees. Prior to any appointment, the Tribal Council will make a determination whether the interested person meets the qualifications required to serve as an Alternate on the Election Board. In order to make this determination, all persons seeking appointment must undergo a limited criminal background check performed by the Pokagon Band Tribal Police to ensure that the candidate meets the qualifications to serve. Thus, all persons interested in appointment must complete an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background. **You must contact Kateri Dayson or Katy Morseau, the Election Clerks, at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475 to obtain an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check Form.**

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Election Board meetings, conduct elections, and perform the business

of the Election Board will vary. The Election Board is typically busier during the time leading up to and during the General Election and Elders Election. Additionally, there may be Referendums, Special Elections, Petitions, and Recalls that will require Election Board action. General Elections occur on the second Saturday of July and Elders Council Elections occur on the second Saturday of November. The dates of the Election Board meetings vary, but typically occur after 5:00 PM. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately 10 to 25 hours per month, with the busiest time being the months of May, June, July, September, October, and November.

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

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

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

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

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

Email: [Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov)

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

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





Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Department of Language & Culture

# DRUM CLASSES

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

2015

September 2  
September 9

October 7  
October 14

November 4  
November 11

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



## Courses at Four Winds Casino Resort Open to Pokagon Citizens, Spouses, Custodial Parents and Government Employees October-December 2015

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| <p><b>LEADERSHIP 1</b><br/>Monday, October 12, 2p-4p NB</p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP 2</b><br/>Thursday, October 22, 12:30p-3p NB</p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP 3</b><br/>Thursday, October 22, 3p-5p NB</p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP 4</b><br/>Monday, November 9, 10a-12:30p NB</p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP 5</b><br/>Monday, November 9, 1:30p-4p NB</p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP 6</b><br/>Tuesday, October 13, 2p-4p Hartford<br/>Monday, December 7, 2p-4p NB</p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP 8</b><br/>Wednesday, December 9, 12:30p-3p NB</p> <p><b>OBVIOUS CHOICE</b><br/>No classes scheduled this quarter.</p> <p><b>SO YOU WANT TO BE A SUPERVISOR</b><br/>No classes scheduled this quarter.</p> | <p><b>LEADERSHIP 1 – “Communication &amp; Cooperation”</b><br/>This course introduces participants to the importance of teamwork, flexibility and strategic thinking. Activities include Picture Resume and United League of Nations.</p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP 2 – “DISC Profile”</b><br/>Participants take the DiSC® profile assessment to learn about effective communication and identify their own communication style.</p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP 3 – “Living the Core Values”</b><br/>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><b>LEADERSHIP 4 – “Coaching &amp; Listening”</b><br/>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><b>LEADERSHIP 5 – “Emotional Intelligence”</b><br/>Participants learn how to avoid emotional hijack during stressful situations, and the important role of emotional competencies in leadership.</p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP 6 – “Emotional Intelligence II – Horse &amp; Rider”</b><br/>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><b>LEADERSHIP 8 – Social Intelligence</b><br/>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!<br/>(Please take Leadership 5, 6, and 8 in order.)</p> <p><b>OBVIOUS CHOICE</b><br/>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><b>So you want to be a supervisor...</b><br/>What every desiring-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”. <b>Attendance at both sessions is required.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> |
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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. (9-18-15)

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Department of Language & Culture

# BNAKWI GISES november LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 14  
12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Language & Culture Office  
58653 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

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

Workshop lunch is potluck style, please be sure to bring a side dish for everyone to share. Language Program will provide the entree and drinks.

Any questions, please contact Rhonda Purcell, Language Coordinator, at (269) 462-4255 or rhonda.purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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## CLINIC EXPANDING SERVICES

Pokagon Health Services Clinic will soon serve tribal spouses and employees of the Pokagon Band government, Four Winds Casino, and Mno Bmadsen and their immediate family members.

Fee for service and/or co-pay will be the non-native patient’s responsibility and is due at the time of service in the clinic.

PHS Clinic is compiling a list of non-native family members, employees, and employee families who have interest in transitioning care on a first-come, first-serve basis. Pre-interest registration forms can be picked up at Pokagon Health Services.

Please contact PHS at (269) 782-4141 for more details or one-to-one consultations about medication questions and the new services offered.

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## monday

2 **language**

Boiled Dinner w/ sausage, onions, potatoes, beans, corn, & cabbage  
Corn Bread  
Jell-O w/ Fruit

## tuesday

3

BBQ Pork Chops  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Brussels Sprouts  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

## wednesday

4

Potato Soup  
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich  
Veggie and Relish Tray  
Fresh Fruit

## thursday

5 **business meeting**

Buffalo Meatballs in Gravy  
over Mashed Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob  
Fruit Salad  
Birthday Cake

## friday

6

Baked Chicken  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

9 **language**

Sea Bass  
Mashed Sweet Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Blueberries  
Roll

10

Beef Roast  
Red Potatoes  
Carrots  
Tomato Salad  
Apple Pie  
Roll

11 **closed | veterans day**



16 **language**

Buffalo Tacos w/all the fixings  
Hard or soft shell  
Red Beans and Rice  
Lemon Cake

17

Pork BBQ Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Baked Chips  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Fresh Fruit

19 **social**

Sliced Turkey in Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes & Stuffing  
Green Bean Casserole  
Garden Salad  
Pumpkin Pie  
Roll

20

Salmon Patty  
Baked Potato  
Coleslaw  
Fresh Fruit  
Roll

12

Vegetable Soup  
Egg Salad Sandwich  
Garden Salad  
Yogurt w/ Fruit Cup

13

Sausage  
Rice Pilaf  
Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad  
Strawberry Shortcake  
Roll

13

23 **language**

Chicken Noodle Soup  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Jell-O w/ Fruit

24

Buffalo Stuffed Cabbage  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Cucumber Salad  
Roll

25

Ham  
Mashed Sweet Potatoes  
Asparagus  
Garden Salad  
Fruit Salad  
Roll

26 **closed for thanksgiving**

27 **closed for thanksgiving**



30 **language**

Buffalo Burgers and Brats  
Italian Pasta Salad  
Baked Beans  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Dessert

# november

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

## Per Capita News

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

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

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by November 15 in order to make it on the December 2015 check run. Anything received after November 15 will be processed on the check run for January 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.

## Are you eligible for certain Michigan tax exemptions?

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

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

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

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

## Per Capita Important Dates

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

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

## Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

## Tribal Council November 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, canceled
- 30 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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  
Traditions and Repatriation Committee  
Department of Language & Culture

## Winter Ceremonies & Teachings

**Saturday, December 20**

Rodgers Lake  
58620 Sink Road | Dowagiac, MI

**Sunrise Ceremony | 7:30 am**

Longhouse in the campgrounds  
Conducted by Bob Moody, Jr.

**Sunset Ceremony | 5:30 pm**

Longhouse in the campgrounds  
Conducted by John Warren

Please dress warmly and, for evening ceremonies, bring a dish to pass. For information on the ceremonies, please contact Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230.

Please note, ceremonies are restricted to Natives and spouses. There may come a day when ceremonies are open to all, but there is much healing that must take place first within the community. We ask that everyone respect this decision.

**Cultural Teachings | Saturday December 20**

Language & Culture is offering teachings to the community between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass at afternoon brunch. For more information about these teachings, please contact Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-5376 or [pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

**Mens Sweat and Womens Sweat | Thursday, December 18**

For more information about the mens sweat, please contact Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230. For more information about the womens sweat, please contact Andy Jackson at (269) 783-9340.

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## 5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

**Tuesday, November 24**  
Community Center

The autumn harvest celebration and mini pow wow the Tuesday before Thanksgiving has become an annual Pokagon event. Pokagon Band citizens, staff and family are invited to celebrate the season with your community. Bring your regalia and join in the dance. Lunch includes whole roasted turkey, potatoes, gravy, squash, wild rice, salad, apple, pumpkin pie.

**12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. | Lunch**

**1:00 p.m. | Grand Entry**  
MC Stanley Morseau  
dancing and drumming through 2:30 pm

**2:30 p.m. | Veterans retire flags**

Contact Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 for more information.

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Toll Free (800) 517-0777  
FAX (269) 782-6882

### Commodities

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

### Communications

58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-8998

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(269) 783-4157

### Education

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

### Elders Program

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(269) 782-0765  
Toll Free (800) 859-2717  
FAX (269) 782-1696

### Elections

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

### Enrollment

58620 Sink Rd.  
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58620 Sink Rd.  
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Toll Free (800) 517-0777  
FAX (269) 782-1028

### Head Start

58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 783-0026/  
(866) 250-6573  
FAX (269) 782-9795

### Health Services

58620 Sink Road  
(269) 782-4141  
Toll Free (888) 440-1234

### Housing & Facilities

57824 East Pokagon Trail  
(269) 783-0443  
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### Human Resources

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### Social Services

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FAX (269) 782-4295

### South Bend Area Office

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South Bend, IN 46614  
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### Tribal Court

58620 Sink Rd.  
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### Tribal Police

58155 M-51 South  
(269) 782-2232  
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(269) 783-6102

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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.

# Giwsé gises November Citizen Announcements

Terri Lynn Andrews to David Michael Noggle, October 3, 2015 at the home of Craig and Julie Andrews, Edwardsburg, Michigan

Parents of the bride: Patricia Sue Antisdale Andrews and Brian Andrews

Parents of the groom: Mike and Ginny Noggle of Mechanicsville, Virginia

Terri is the granddaughter of Mary Louise Alexis Antisdal and Robert Antisdal, and the great-granddaughter of Authur Alexis and Sara Alexis. The couple will reside in Indianapolis, Indiana. Congratulations to Terri and Dave!



During the first hour of the Pokagon youth hunt in September, **Ian Wilson**, 12, shot the biggest deer of the weekend. Congratulations!



Happy 15th birthday **Jade Williams** November 3! We are very proud of you! Keep up the good work! We hope you have a GREAT birthday!

Love your fam and clan: Dad, Robin, Joe, Brittany, Grandma Williams, Aunt Patti, Dakota, Caitlin, Lily, Jackson, Zephyr and Minnie



Happy 6th birthday **Chelsy Ariel Morseau-Olson**, and good luck competing in Little Miss Niles 2015!

Love you always our Little Princess, Mom, Dad, Sydney, and James

Congratulations to **Arynn Foerster** who was recently selected to join the National Society of High School Scholars. Arynn is a student at River Valley High School and has been active in the Pokagon Youth Council. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment, and connects outstanding scholars with the resources they need to develop strengths and pursue passions.

Happy birthday November 9 to my handsome boy! My little man thunder turns 11! You're growing too fast! Where has the time gone? And mom loves you like crazy! Love you, Mom, Nokamis, Mishomis Xoxoxo



**ART EXTRAVAGANZA**

Sunday, December 6  
Noon – 5:00 pm  
Community Center

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Food will be available for purchase. Interested vendors should contact **Angie Rice at (574) 273-8828** or **Jessica Howell at (574) 304-5388**. Vendors please plan on bringing your own table.