



# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

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### Apprentices Build Gazebo and Restore Church Roof



Pokagon Band apprentices are completing project after project, on tribal land and in the broader community.

The Apprenticeship Program provides tribal citizens with valuable training and experience in carpentry, during which time they earn a regular salary for their work. Upon graduation, participants leave with life-long knowledge and skills they can use to obtain jobs.

The apprentices' most recently completed project is a gazebo, constructed of cedar wood. The gazebo sits outside the Social Services building in the Head Start Garden. It has an east-facing main entrance, as well as openings to the other directions.

The Domestic Violence Awareness Team requested the gazebo be built.

"It was built so that people would have a nice and solitary place to sit," said Workforce Training and Resource Specialist Traci Henslee.

With the gazebo completed, the apprentices began work on the New Birth Christian Ministries Church in South Bend.

They are restoring its crumbling roof.

"When we met Rev. Gathright, we were impressed with the good works of his church, and its potential to expand that work in this inspiring building once the roof was repaired," said Chairman John P. Warren. "As native people, we understand community needs, and the Pokagon Band is proud and fortunate to be in a position to give back to South Bend's neighborhoods."

Reconstructing the roof will count for part of the apprentices' 8,000 hours of on-the-job training required to graduate.

"We're also glad to give our Apprentices an opportunity to work on this project," Warren said. "On-the-job training is a key factor in the Apprenticeship program, and having such work experience on a historic, nearly 90 year-old structure will broaden their skills."

Find out more about the Apprenticeship Program, including how to apply, at [pokagon.com/business-community/apprenticeship-program](http://pokagon.com/business-community/apprenticeship-program).

### Pokagon Health Services Moves to New Health Center



The move to the new Health Center will begin the afternoon of Thursday, November 6. Patient appointments will only be scheduled for that morning, after which PHS will close at noon to begin the move.

From Friday, November 7 to Thursday, November 13, PHS will remain closed to complete the move to the new facility. On Friday, November 14 the new Health Center will be operational beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Pharmacy staff strongly encourages patients to get their medications refilled, if needed, before the move to ensure enough prescription supplies during the closure.

**GRAND OPENING EVENTS: Join us to formally open the Pokagon Health Center.**

**Citizen Open House**  
Thursday, November 20

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Facility tours, refreshments

**Opening Ceremonies**  
Friday, November 21

11 a.m. Leadership remarks, tours, refreshments

## They couldn't. But you can.



### Are you ready for the November 4 General Election?

November 4 is Election Day. If you're registered to vote, what is your plan for voting? Do you know where your polling place is? What time of day do you plan to vote?

Native Vote is part of the Election Protection Coalition, established to protect the rights of citizens across the country. This hotline

number: (866) OUR-VOTE will respond to the questions and concerns of voters and serve as a "crisis line" in the event of Election Day problems. Through (866) OUR-VOTE and voter protection programs across the country, Americans from coast to coast can make sure their vote is counted.

## Gardening with Head Start



Kids from the Head Start Program gathered outside the Social Services building to learn about treating each other with kindness and to plant lilac trees, in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

First, the kids ripped through the purple streamers encasing the new gazebo to signify its grand opening. Then, everyone offered tobacco to the new trees, wishing they will grow big and tall. The final task was to hoist the trees inside the holes, then cover them up with dirt, so the kids wasted no time and dug in.

## Department of Education Launches Lifelong Learning Development Programs

### Elders Program

The Department of Education has mailed out a survey to the Pokagon Band elders, requesting information that will assist in developing programs to complement Elder needs. The survey requested that it be returned ASAP, as there will be a drawing held at the November elders Business Meeting on November 6, 2014.

The drawing will be held at the Pokagon Band Community Center, and one Kindle Fire HD will be given away to one lucky winner that returned the survey. The winner need not be present to win, and if not present will receive it in the mail. The Kindle Fire HD will be incorporated into the new reading program offered by the Department of Education.

### Honoring Our Graduates Program

The College Graduate Gift Program is still seeking applications from those who have graduated with a Bachelor's Degree or higher. Please turn in a copy of your diploma and attach it with the College Graduate Gift application.

The College Graduate Gift has traditionally been a Pendleton Blanket to show honor and respect from the Department of Education and the Pokagon Band. The application may be found at the Pokagon Band website under the Department of Education, and submitted either by mail or in person.



## Your love shelters our children. Pokagon Band families foster.

Neshnabe teachings say that caring for the children is everyone's responsibility. Traditionally, extended family and clan family members would take responsibility for their children if parents couldn't.

Today many Pokagon children need your help. Becoming a tribal foster parent isn't difficult. Besides getting a background check and a license, all you need is patience, caring and commitment. Licensing classes are free; many counties reimburse for child care while you take classes.

"I would suggest anybody give it a try, the process is nothing like what you might imagine," says one foster parent. "The need was greater than what you'd expect."

For this parent, one of the best parts of fostering has been seeing how happy the children are. "It opens your eyes and helps you become more involved in your own culture, and how important it is for the whole community to be a family."

To learn more about fostering Pokagon children, please contact the Department of Social Services at (269) 462-4216.

### Birdhouses placed around Dowagiac property

The Band has built new office space for the Housing and Facilities Department, a vast center for community wellness, and now homes for our native birds.

If you drive through our Dowagiac land, you will see little bird houses sticking out of the ground, thanks to money received by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Last summer's culture camp kids painted and decorated the homes as part of a joint project with the DNR and Language and Culture Department. The Education Department has also been involved through their Environmental Justice Grant.

These bird houses were created specifically for bluebirds, but the DNR also received money to place wood boxes for ducks and kestrels, another type of bird. These homes will be distributed this winter.

"We're also going to keep track of the success of each box so we can see over the years how much use they are getting," said Natural Resources Manager Vic Bogosian III.

The bird homes will need maintenance each year to keep them habitable. The DNR is accepting volunteers to ride along and help clean them out each year so new bird families can move in. You can contact the DNR at (269) 782-9602.



## 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)

## LaDonna Harris Documentary Airing on PBS

LaDonna Harris was a revolutionary political figure of her day. She is a Comanche from Oklahoma, but she isn't just respected or known among other natives. She advised the Nixon administration, founded a Native American leadership organization and was a vice-presidential nominee.

Now, you can watch her incredible life unfold on screen.

Executive Producer Johnny Depp and Producer and Director Julianna Brannum—also of the Comanche tribe—have created a one-hour documentary that is available to air on PBS starting November 1.

The film, titled *LaDonna Harris: Indian 101*, takes its name from the Native American education course Harris developed for the executive and legislative branches of the US government, per the request of President Lyndon B. Johnson. This course was taught to members of Congress and other federal agencies for more than 35 years.

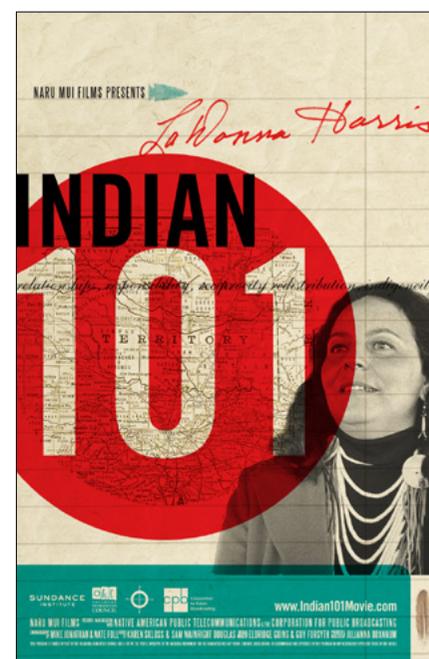
Another noticed accomplishment of Harris is her help in convincing the Nixon administration to return sacred land to

the Taos Pueblo Indians of New Mexico. She also founded the Americans for Indian Opportunity in 1970, an organization that is still training up Native American leaders today.

Harris took a bi-partisan approach to political and social issues, gaining respect from Native Americans, the media and politicians.

The documentary follows Harris' journey from growing up on a farm during the Great Depression to her husband being elected into the Senate, giving her the opportunity she needed to become a voice for Native Americans.

*LaDonna Harris: Indian 101* is funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Vision Maker Media. Find out more at [www.visionmakermedia.org/watch](http://www.visionmakermedia.org/watch), and check your local listings to find out when you can watch and experience Harris' journey for yourself.



## New Playground Open at Pokégnek Édawat



Members of Tribal Council, staff and Pokagon kids helped dedicate the new playground and basketball court at the Édawat Village the afternoon of September 26. The workers and carpenters apprentices who built it—including Youth Council members Skyler Daisy and Brody Race—were on hand to enjoy

the treats from the ice cream truck that the Housing Department brought in for the occasion. Eventually the kids in attendance took a break from their play to enjoy the treats, too.

## Harvest Day Event Rainy Fun

Saturday, October 4, was cold and wet, but this did not hinder the Departments of Education and Social Services from hosting Harvest Day. Festivities were promptly relocated to Dowagiac Middle School. Families who were present at the event were provided with hayride and corn maze tickets to be redeemed by November 1 at Sprague's Family Fun Farm.

On behalf of the Domestic Violence Awareness Team, Casey Kasper presented valuable information and shared a list of events offered to citizens throughout October known as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Storyteller/Musician Karen Czarnik performed songs using her autoharp and entertained the crowd with several stories,

some of which displayed empowerment in children. She created an interactive experience by encouraging the audience to sing and dance along with the characters. Children and parents alike enjoyed the show.

"It's like watching Disney, but live!" expressed grandparent Clifford Peoples.

Families were also treated to apple cider and homemade cider donuts, courtesy of Amanda Marie's Bakery. Pumpkins, carving kits, and goodies were given as parting gifts to all who attended. Harvest Day was a great day!



## Do You Need Help with Your Winter Heating Bills?

The Social Services Department will start accepting applications for LIHEAP on November 3, 2014. Remember 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 is designed to assist 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 or come into the Social Services Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. Phone number (269) 782-8998 or 1(800) 517-0777 or you may fax information to (269) 782-4295. Information may also be found on the Pokagon website.
- 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 Zero Income Form if those above do not apply.
- Provider's bill.
- Social Security numbers for all household members is required.
- Tribal identification is also required.

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit	
	IN	MI
1	\$22,170	\$23,085
2	\$28,991	\$30,189
3	\$35,813	\$37,292
4	\$42,634	\$44,395
5	\$49,455	\$51,498
6	\$56,277	\$58,601

\*\* For family units in Indiana of more than 6 members, add \$6,821 for each additional member. For families living in Michigan, add \$7,103 for each additional member.



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE PRESENTS

## LUNCH TIME FILM FESTIVAL

November 5, 12 + 19

Noon - 1:00pm

Language & Culture Office

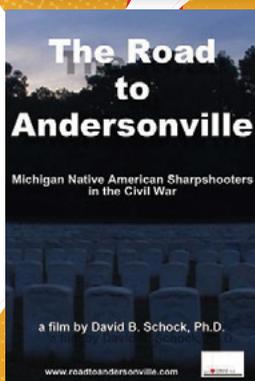
Please join us to view and discuss Native American films and documentaries such as *The Canary Effect*, *Road to Andersonville*, *Potawatomi History* and *We Shall Remain*. Soup, sandwiches and popcorn will be provided.

Kindly RSVP to Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325. Reservations are not required but help in providing lunch.

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## Notice to Elders Regarding the Cancellation of the 2014 Elders Council Election

On October 9, 2014, the Election Board certified the List of Candidates for the 2014 Elders Council Election. There was only one certified candidate for the office of Chairperson and one certified candidate for the office of Secretary and no candidate for Member At-Large (which will be filled by appointment of the Elders Council). When there is only one certified candidate for an elective office, the Election Board is required by Pokagon Band law to deem such candidate elected and not to hold an election for that particular office.

Because the office of Chairperson, Secretary, and Member At-Large were the only three offices in the election, the Election Board will not be conducting a 2014 Elders Council Election and cancelled all related events, including the Meet the Candidates Forum. Both of the certified candidates who were deemed elected will be sworn in to office at the Tribal Council meeting scheduled for December 13, 2014 at 10:00 am.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call the Election Board office at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475.

## Upcoming Cultural Opportunities and Workshops

### Beginning November 1

Come to the Language and Culture Department's new office at Rodgers Lake anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to work on your regalia or make traditional craft items with assistance from a staff person. Call Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 for more information or to reserve time after hours.

### Two Sundays per month, starting January 4, 2015

Join other Nishnabe for regalia and moccasin making, mitten making, basket weaving workshops, cultural teachings from noon to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Stay tuned for more details.

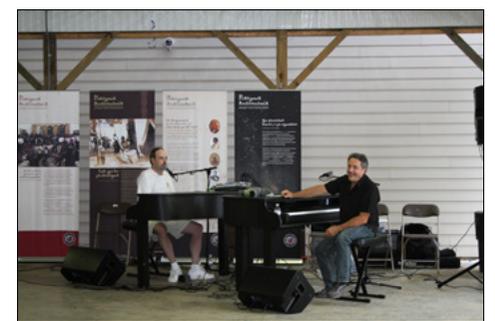
Do you have a traditional skill or specialty that you'd like to share with other community members? The Department of Language and Culture would like to hear from you about leading or helping out with our workshops. Call Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 for more information.

## Sovereignty Day Event Sees Hundreds of Celebrants

Pokagons of all ages enjoyed carnival rides, games, and food celebrating the tribe's 20th anniversary of sovereignty restoration Saturday, September 20 at Rodgers Lake. From the dueling pianos to the zip line, citizens and staff made the most of the day's fun until the evening activities were unfortunately cut short by a rainstorm.

Ribbon Town drummed, Veterans presented the flags, and dancers twirled and stomped during the opening ceremony. Tribal elders and leaders shared stories

and memories of the journey to reaffirmation. Before a group photo of all the attendees was taken, everyone present who had been in the Oval Office when President Clinton signed the restoration act gathered to mark the day with a picture (lower right, middle).



## Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Liz Serba** who answered, "What goes around a haunted house and never stops?" The answer was "A Fence."

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

**What's inside a genie's turkey?**

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

## November is National Diabetes Awareness Month



According to the American Diabetes Association's 2011 National Diabetes Fact Sheet, 25.8 million people (8.3% of adults and children) in the United States have diabetes. There are 18.8 million people who are diagnosed, 7 million of these people are not diagnosed, and 1.9 million new cases of diabetes in people ages 20 years and older for the year 2010. American Indians/American

Natives are twice as likely to develop diabetes as other groups. The increase of diabetes is directly related to obesity in all groups in the United States. 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. These health issues do not have to accompany diabetes if treatment and lifestyle changes are started early. Some of the signs and symptoms to watch for are:

- Constant trips to the bathroom
- Unquenchable thirst/Unusual thirst
- Losing weight without trying
- Weakness and fatigue
- Tingling or numbness in your hands, legs or feet
- Blurred vision
- Skin that is dry or itchy
- Frequent infections or cuts and bruises that take a long time to heal
- Extreme hunger
- Recurring skin, gum, or bladder infections

Treatment:

- Medication tablets
- Insulin
- Exercise
- Diet

Diagnosis:

- Hemoglobin A1C
- Fasting plasma glucose (FPG) test: Measures glucose in someone who has not eaten in 8 hours.
- Oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT): measures blood glucose after someone has not eaten for 8 hours and then 2 hours after someone drinks a glucose containing beverage.
- Random plasma glucose test: tests the blood glucose without regard to when the person last ate.

Risk Factors:

- Genetics and family history
- Disease of the pancreas
- Infection or illness
- Obesity or being overweight
- Family history
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Polycystic ovarian disease
- Age over 45
- History of gestational diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Insulin resistance

Diabetes is not a death sentence as once thought. If diabetes is controlled with diet, exercise, life style changes, and medication an individual can lead a normal life with normal longevity. Although once damage from diabetes is done to the body, you can't reverse the effects. Prevention and early treatment are crucial to prevent additional life threatening issues that can arise if diabetes goes untreated.

If you have any questions or have any of the signs and symptoms listed above, please contact Pokagon Health Services to schedule an appointment with a provider. If you have diabetes, ask about our diabetes support group. Please call (888) 440-1234 or (269) 782-4141.

## Pokagon Artist Candi Wesaw Displays Work in University Exhibit

Pokagon Band citizen and artist Candi Wesaw is showing her artwork in her own exhibit at the Ohio State University at Newark. More than 75 of Wesaw's pieces are currently in the university's LeFevre Hall Art Gallery, each portraying the culture of our tribe.

Wesaw's drawings depict how life was many years ago for our Potawatomi ancestors, but her photographs are also on display in the exhibit that show present day life for Pokagon Band citizens. Wesaw also creates traditional native crafts that are in the exhibit.

Wesaw is an artist, illustrator, and educator who dabbles in several

different art mediums, but each piece she creates comes back to the Potawatomi people of the present and of the past.

"Her artwork really captures the unique essence of the Potawatomi tribe, and it's an honor to have that on display here," said Pokagon citizen and Assistant Professor John N. Low, JD, Ph.D. of the Department of Comparative Studies at Ohio State Newark.

Wesaw's artwork will be on display from now until December 8. Contact Professor Low for more information at [low.89@osu.edu](mailto:low.89@osu.edu).



## Housing and Facilities Department Moves to New Building



The Housing and Facilities Department moved out of the Community Center and into their own office space this October. Their new building is located across the street from the Community Center, at 57824 East Pokagon Trail in Dowagiac.

Chi Ishobak now occupies some of Housing's former offices in the Community Center, moving from their offices on Prairie Ronde Street.

Visit Housing's new place, and keep informed about their programs and other opportunities on their webpage.



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# November 2014

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			<p>Quarterly Membership Meeting <sup>1</sup></p>
<p>5</p> <p>Language Class (4) Sons &amp; Boys South Language Class</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting Lean Lunch L&amp;C South Bend Language Class (4)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Tribal Council Meeting Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>Language Class (7) South Language Class</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pokagon Band offices are closed for the Thanksgiving holiday</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pokagon Band offices are closed for the Thanksgiving holiday</p>	<p>29</p>

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS  
TRIBAL COURT  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
CASE NO. 14-2859-PCDCS  
58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047  
Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

**NOTICE OF  
MOTION TO UPDATE DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT  
OBLIGATION**

To: Charles Brian Gillan II  
Respondent's Name

1. Notice is hereby given that a *Motion to Update Delinquent Child Support Obligation* was filed with the Tribal Court on September 18, 2014 in the matter referenced above.
2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, *Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act*.
4. The current order to withhold and redirect per capita payments for delinquent child support remains in full force and effect.
5. An **Order Updating Delinquent Child Support Obligation** shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the recognition of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6.
6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
  - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
  - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court order, an *Order Updating Delinquent Child Support Obligation* will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
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## Notice of Open Position | Ethics 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 Band Ethics Board. There is one seat 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 to serve on the one open position on the Board, a person must:

- (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 to Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, by one of the following three methods:

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary  
P O Box 180, Dowagiac MI 49047

Fax: (269) 782-9625, Attn: Kelly Curran

Or email Kelly Curran at [Kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov)

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.** Questions concerning the Ethics Board, the Ethics Code, or this Notice may be directed to Cassie Alley, the Chairperson of the Ethics Board, at (269) 462-4286 or [Cassie.Alley@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:Cassie.Alley@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.** All letters of interest and résumés must be received by 4:00 pm, November 25, 2014.



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE PRESENTS

## Black Ash Basket Co-op Social

		<b>Sharing Knowledge</b>
	<b>Preserve CULTURE</b>	
<b>Teach Our Youth</b>		<b>Black Ash History</b>
<b>Remember the old ways</b>		<b>Wednesday, November 12 + December 10</b> 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Language & Culture office 58653 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI
<b>Elders stories</b>		Anyone who is interested in preserving our culture is invited to join. For more information or to register, contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 or <a href="mailto:nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov">nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov</a>
<b>Fellowship</b>		
		<b>Save Our Trees</b>

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**3 language**

Buffalo Tacos W/ lettuce, tomato, onion, and cheese  
Soft or Hard Shell  
Black Beans and Rice  
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie  
Fruit

**4**

Sea Bass  
Baked Potato  
Coleslaw  
Green Beans  
Roll  
Dessert

**5**

Chicken Breast in Gravy over Mashed Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

**6 business**

Boiled Dinner W/ sausage onions, potatoes, beans, corn, and cabbage  
Corn bread  
Jell-O W/ fruit

**7**

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

**10 language**

Pork Loin  
Baked Potato  
Carrots  
Tomato Salad  
Applesauce  
Roll

**11 closed | veterans day**



**12**

Bean Soup  
Fish Square on a Bun  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Dessert

**13**

Buffalo Stroganoff W/ Noodles  
Butternut Squash  
Coleslaw  
Pudding Cup  
Roll

**14**

Tuna and Egg Macaroni Salad  
Lettuce and Tomato  
Cottage Cheese  
Garlic Bread  
Ice Cream Treat

**17 language**

Cod Fillet  
Baked Potato  
Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

**18**

Baked Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Broccoli  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

**19**

Buffalo Burger on a Bun  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Dessert

**20 thanksgiving social**

Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes and Stuffing  
Corn on the Cob  
Cucumbers and Onions  
Pumpkin Pie  
Roll

**21**

Biscuits and Gravy  
Egg Casserole  
Sausage Link  
Melon  
Orange Juice  
Coffee Cake

**24 language**

BBQ Chicken  
Risotto (Rice)  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Roll  
Dessert

**25**

Gazpacho (Soup)  
Pinwheel Sandwiches  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Dessert

**26**

Pork Chops  
Red Potatoes  
Asparagus  
Jell -O W/ fruit  
Roll

**27 closed | thanksgiving**



**28 closed | thanksgiving**

**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.**

## Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

## 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 Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas					Monthly Per Cap
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	x	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	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 December 5 in order to make it on the January 2015 check run. Anything received after December 5 will be processed on the check run for February 2015. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

## Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
<b>Friday, December 5, 2014</b>	<b>Thursday, December 18, 2014</b>	<b>Friday, December 19, 2014</b>
Thursday, January 15, 2015	Thursday, January 29, 2015	Friday, January 31, 2015
Friday, February 13, 2015	Thursday, February 26, 2015	Friday, February 28, 2015
Friday, March 13, 2015	Monday, March 30, 2015	Friday, March 28, 2015
Wednesday, April 15, 2015	Wednesday, April 29, 2015	Thursday, April 30, 2015
Friday, May 15, 2015	Thursday, May 28, 2015	Friday, May 30, 2015
Monday, June 15, 2015	Monday, June 29, 2015	Tuesday, June 27, 2015
Wednesday, July 15, 2015	Thursday, July 30, 2015	Friday, July 31, 2015
Friday, August 14, 2015	Thursday, August 27, 2015	Friday, August 29, 2015
Tuesday, September 15, 2015	Tuesday, September 29, 2015	Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Thursday, October 15, 2015	Thursday, October 29, 2015	Friday, October 31, 2015
<b>Monday, November 2, 2015*</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 24, 2015</b>	<b>Wed, November 26, 2015</b>

\* Please note that the deadline to receive changes for December 2014 is December 5. In 2015, the November deadline for changes is November 2. 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

- 1 Quarterly Meeting, 10 a.m.
- 3 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 4 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 11 Offices closed in observation of Veterans Day
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 18 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 25 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

## Tribal Council December Calendar of Events

- 1 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 2 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 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.

## Notice of Open Position | Tribal Art Review Committee

The Pokagon Band Tribal Art Review Committee is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon band Citizens to fill two vacancies on the Pokagon band Tribal Art Review Committee. At this time there are two alternate positions vacant. The Tribal Art Review Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving artwork submitted for commissioned sale at the Four Winds New Buffalo gift shop. The committee also runs the annual Art Extravaganza. The Tribal Art Review Committee meets once a month, the location alternating between the community center in Dowagiac, and the Four Winds Casino, New Buffalo. Including meeting preparation, other Tribal Art Review Committee business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 2-4 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The responsibilities of the alternate include:

- (a) Filling in at meetings when regular members cannot attend
- (b) Be able to mount an art showing
- (c) Participate in annual art/craft show

Tribal Art Review Committee members are compensated as independent contractors. In addition, Tribal Art Review Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Tribal Art Review Committee business.

To serve as a member of the Tribal Art Review Committee, a Band member must:

- (a) Be 18 years of age
- (b) Be available to participate in art related projects as they become available

Tribal Art Review Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There are currently two vacant alternate positions on the Tribal Art Review Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for a one year 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.

Please submit letters of interest along with a current resume to:

Angie Rice, Tribal Art Review Committee Chairperson  
54343 Terrace Ln.  
South Bend, IN 46635

Questions concerning the Tribal Art Review Committee or this notice may be directed to:

Angie Rice  
(574) 273-8828  
Tuffyangie@aol.com

This position shall stay open until filled.



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## Native American Community Outreach Program

Hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

**Friday, November 21**  
**8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Are you a Pokagon student in grades 9th through 12th who is interested in building leadership skills? Starting to consider a college major? Join members of the Native American & Hispanic Business Students for a day of workshops around developing your resume, public speaking and presentation skills, information about multicultural business programs, leadership, Pokagon Band history and hands on activities. Participants will have opportunities to collaborate and socialize with MSU students.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided

Space is limited. Please contact Sam Morseau, director of Education, for more information and registration at (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234.



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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

Compliance  
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(269) 782-8998

Chi Ishobak  
415 E Prairie Ronde Street  
(269) 783-4157

Education and Training  
58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-0887  
Toll Free (888) 330-1234  
FAX (269) 782-0985

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

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

Enrollment  
58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-1763  
FAX (269) 782-1964

Finance  
58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-8998  
Toll Free (800) 517-0777  
FAX (269) 782-1028

Head Start  
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(269) 783-0026/  
(866) 250-6573  
FAX (269) 782-9795  
Health Services /

Behavioral Health  
57392 M 51 South  
(269) 782-4141  
Toll Free (888) 440-1234  
FAX (269) 782-8797

Housing & Facilities  
27043 Potawatomi Trail  
(269) 783-0443  
FAX (269) 783-0452

Human Resources  
58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 782-8998  
FAX (269) 782-4253

Language & Culture  
58653 Sink Rd.  
(269) 462-4325

Mno-Bmadsen  
415 E. Prairie Ronde St.  
(269) 783-4111

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Tribal Council Directory

(888) 376-9988

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Steve.Winchester@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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Tom.Topash@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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Carl.Wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

## Elders Council Directory

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

**Chair**  
Stanley Morseau  
(269) 462-5797

**Vice Chair**  
Maxine Margiotta  
(269) 783-6102

**Secretary**  
Audrey Huston  
(269) 591-4519

**Treasurer**  
Clarence White  
(269) 876-1118

**Member at Large**  
Ruth Saldivar  
(269) 214-1279

## Senior Youth Council Directory

**Chairman**  
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Collin.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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**Cultural Activities Coordinator**  
Patty Jo Schumacher  
(269) 462-4303

## 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.

