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now accepted.

Students learning Bodwéwadmí language in high schools, at SMC



Potawatomi teacher Kevin Daugherty takes his language students at Hartford High School through an exercise diagramming sentences. Each student represented a certain part of the structure in a sentence: pronoun, tense marker, verb, or particle.

This fall, area high school and college students are now able to take Potawatomi language courses for credit at Hartford High School and Southwestern Michigan College.

“This is the first time that Potawatomi has been taught in public school in this part of the state that we’re aware of,” said Polly Mitchell, educational associate who helped with the course syllabi and, along with SMC’s Scott Topping, assured it met Michigan and Higher Learning Commission standards.

Pokagon language teacher Kevin Daugherty teaches the language courses at both Hartford and SMC. Eighteen students—a mixture of native, non-native, and different grade level students—attend his fourth period Potawatomi class each day in Hartford. One of the students travels from Watervliet High School to take the class. Potawatomi joins Spanish as the other world language now taught at the high school.

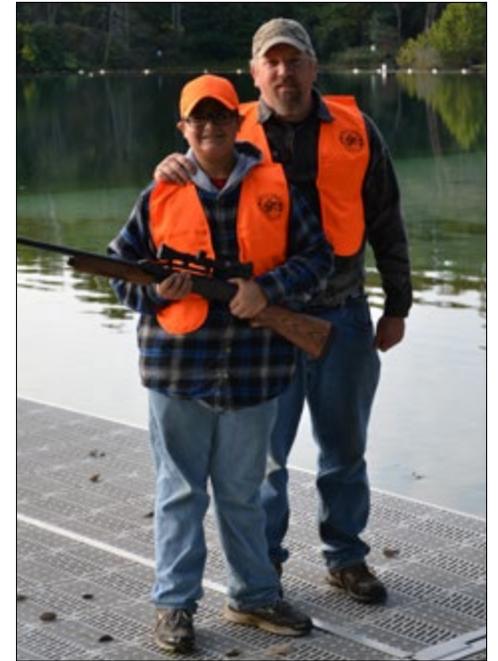
The fall course at SMC is a three credit, 100 level class; the 200 level class will be offered in the spring semester. Thirteen students—several of whom are dually enrolled from area high schools—take this course. “They are rigorous language classes,” said Mitchell. “The students are making an online dictionary; it is so neat that it means that much to them.”

The courses—a collaboration between the Departments of Language and Culture and Education—introduce American Indian language families, study Potawatomi within its cultural context, and emphasize speaking and listening skills. The elementary courses are designed to give students the necessary speaking and grammar skills to begin reading, writing, and conversing in the Bodwéwadmí language. The class uses textbooks and CDs from the Forest County Potawatomi community and Jim Thunder, Sr, a fluent Potawatomi speaker.

Students enrolled in the Tribal Leadership Certificate program at SMC can apply these language courses to the six credit elective portion of their 28 credit requirement.

If you are interested in enrolling your high school student in the language course, or if you are interested in attending the SMC course and need more information on how to enroll and apply for Pokagon scholarship, please call Rhonda Purcell, language coordinator, at (269) 462-4255, or Polly Mitchell at (269) 783-9186.

Youth learn, practice heritage during hunt



Pokagon youth and parents hunted near our Gage St. property this September as part of the annual Youth Hunt.

Ethan Howell, son of citizen Jessica Howell, participated with his father Darrell Howell. Just three weeks prior, they completed the Hunter Safety Course, where they shot bow and arrow and a 20 gauge shot gun, practicing on clay pigeons.

“He enjoyed it a lot,” Jessica said of her son. “He wished he would have gotten a deer.”

Addie Rader was the only hunter to catch a deer. Conservation Officer Kevin Modlin taught everyone how to field dress the deer.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marcy Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch Wednesday, November 16 as she discusses topics around nutrition.

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

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

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Holiday gift notification

November's per capita payment will be made prior to Thanksgiving Day. The holiday gift from Tribal Council will be made December 9. All Pokagon citizens age 18 as of November 12, 2016 will receive the holiday gift payment. All citizens under age 18 will receive a gift card. Elders who are age 55 as of November 12,

2016 will receive an additional gift from the Elders Council. Please update your address with Enrollment to be sure you receive your card. The December per capita payments will be made the last business day of the month.

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 submissions for the newsletter is always the 14th of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa
Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

Get out the Native Vote



Election Day 2016 is next week—Tuesday, November 8. Be sure to make your voice heard this year. Have you registered to vote? Do you know where to vote?

In Michigan you can find out by visiting webapps.sos.state.mi.us/MVIC/.

In Indiana, go to indianavoters.in.gov.

NativeVote assists native voters to be educated on the candidates and ballot measures, in educating the candidates on the issues Indian Country cares about and encouraging them to develop native policy platforms. It also encourages more native people to run for elected office. Visit their site at www.NativeVote.org or www.ncai.org/policy-issues for more details.

Citizens bring back wild rice and traditions

Our Pokagon ancestors searched for the place where the berries grow and water, and that vision led them to the Great Lakes region where wild rice grows in plenty. Wild rice became one of our ancestors' largest food sources, and in hopes of restoring the love of rice in our people, the Language and Culture Department sent four citizens and several Band employees to Tawas Lake in Northeast Michigan for a weekend of wild rice harvesting and cultural experiences.

“It really wasn't about bringing back a bunch of rice,” said Cultural Activities Coordinator Patty Jo Kublick, trip leader. “It was about giving them a cultural teaching not everyone can get.”

Elders Margaret Rapp, Judy Augusta, and Jeff Ballew III traveled with Patty to experience ricing, and Education Associate Polly Mitchell accompanied the group as research for a student curriculum about ricing.

Before harvesting a single grain of rice, though, the group passed a bundle to the Saginaw Chippewa tribe as a show of respect; Tawas Lake is a public body of water, but it borders the Sag Chip's land. They welcomed the harvesters gladly.

The Pokagon group began their harvesting with a prayer given by Judy. The rain delayed them a day because traditional teachings tell us not to harvest when it rains. Medicines and plants need that rain to grow, so we must wait.

They harvest rice on Tawas Lake, but they also gathered mushrooms, white fish, walleye, birch bark, and skitogan. Skitogan is a fire starter that our firekeepers carry and grows on birch trees. It is difficult to find here because of our lack of birch trees. You can also brew it as a tea to relieve a headache.

The Pokagon harvesters learned these teachings and many others as the elders shared their knowledge. Citizens gained a full picture of what our ancestors did to survive.

Through these types of experiences, Patty says you end up with blood memories that you will pass down to the next generation, a spiritual experience.

Wild rice is protected by law in places like Minnesota and Wisconsin, and Michigan rice chiefs Roger Labine and Lee Sprague and other Natives are advocating for Michigan to regulate wild rice so it's protected, as well.

“We're here because of the rice,” Patty said. “We have to save the rice in Michigan.”

The Pokagon Department of Natural Resources staff has planted wild rice in Rodgers Lake in hopes of restoring wild rice to our land.



LASER TAG

Pokagon Youth ages 12–24 interested in joining the Native Nations Youth Council!

Join us for a fun-filled day of bowling and laser tag November 12 and learn more about joining our youth councils.

Spaces are limited.

RSVP by **November 7** to rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4296.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month brings healthy family fun, fellowship

This October the Band held a number of different community events to raise awareness for domestic violence. The Domestic Violence Program partnered with the Department of Education to promote healthy family fun during Harvest Day, shared food, crafts, and stories during the Women's Gatherings, and focused on health, wellness, and fellowship during the 5k.

Domestic violence programs don't only happen in October; watch the newsletter and website for information on awareness events happening throughout the year. And if anyone you know is unsafe at home and wants help, contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Stay tuned for Healthy Lifestyles 2017: Your Health, Your Choice



Pokagon Health Services will be launching a year-long campaign in January 2017 designed to inspire and empower our people to healthier lifestyles. The goal is to get as many citizens, PHS patients, and staff from the tribal government to improve their health through four main areas: physical, emotional, rest, and nutrition.

By working with the various teams in PHS through this one year campaign, those involved will see improvement in their health. We hope you participate and let us help you choose a good path for your health. Watch for more information,

and be sure to preregister on the website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/healthy-lifestyles-campaign-pre-registration!

Elders: register for a Kindle

The elders Kindle program has gotten as many Kindles into the hands of Elders who wanted to use this new technology. Please get registered if you want a Kindle and have not yet received one so that you do not miss out on this opportunity.

The registration form can be found online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov or Pokagon Band website just type in "November Kindle Workshop" in the search bar. The Pokagon Department of Education will be providing 50 Kindle Fires to 50 registrants that apply online by the deadline date of November 11 at 5:00 p.m. All Kindles will be sent by certified mail by the address given on the registration form.

The next phase of the program will begin in January and Elders who have just turned 55 years of age will be receiving a Kindle during their birthday month.



Search for "November Kindle Workshop" at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Gwikwé'amen Pokagon Band Holly Fair

Saturday, December 3, 2016
11:00 am – 2:00 PM
Community Center
27043 Potawatomi Trail | Dowagiac, MI 49047

Bring the family to enjoy some holiday shopping, crafts, refreshments, and meet Santa!

In order for your child to receive a small gift from Santa, please register online by November 23.

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

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





Gégo wishk'bapnékén | Prevent diabetes

Consider these sobering statistics from Indian Health Services at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

- American Indians are 2.2 times more likely to have diabetes compared to non-Hispanic whites
- From 1994–2004 there has been a 68 percent increase in diabetes in American Indian youth aged 15–19 years
- 95 percent of American Indians with diabetes have type 2 diabetes
- An estimated 30 percent of American Indians have pre-diabetes

American Indians are clearly at a greater risk for developing diabetes. If you don't have diabetes now, educate yourself on how to prevent type 2 diabetes, or how to effectively treat it if you've been diagnosed. It is always important to discuss lifestyle changes with your primary care provider.

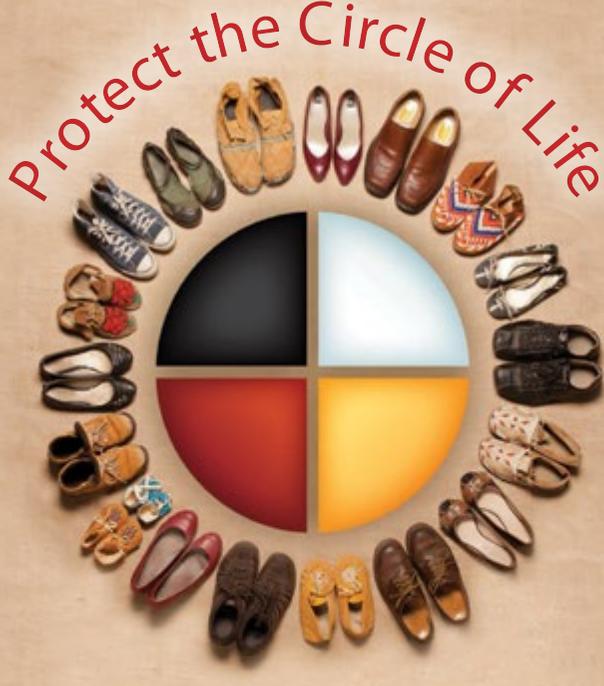
Risk factors for developing diabetes include:

- Family history
- Age greater than 45
- History of gestational diabetes
- Overweight/obese
- Physically inactive
- High blood pressure
- Abnormal cholesterol levels

You can make simple changes in your lifestyle to help prevent/delay the development of diabetes. These include:

- Losing weight: just dropping five to seven percent of your body weight can cut in half your risk of developing prediabetes
- Eating healthy: eat a diet high in fiber and avoid eating foods made with sugar, bleached flour, and other refined carbohydrates
- Increasing physical activity: shoot for 30 minutes of exercise a day—walking is an easy and free form of exercise most anyone can enjoy.
- Quit smoking
- Decrease alcohol intake

If you have any questions about diabetes or believe you are at risk, talk with your primary care provider on the best lifestyle plan for yourself. To make an appointment at Pokagon Health Services call (269) 782-4141.



**Your Flu Vaccine Protects Me
My Flu Vaccine Protects You**

Pokagon Health Services Flu Shot Clinic | Beginning in October

Flu shots are available while supplies last beginning in October **by appointment** Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Vaccines will be given at the monthly Elders business meeting at the community center in November and December.

You can also get your vaccine at your regularly scheduled appointment by letting the scheduler know.

Call (269) 782-4141 to schedule yours today

 Learn more at www.cdc.gov/flu
or call 1-800-CDC-INFO



Department of Education
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Débénwéthêk Parent Group



October 19 | November 16 | December 21
5:30–7:30 pm

In Potawatomi, Débénwéthêk means the ones who take care of others. The goal of Débénwéthêk Parent Group is to develop opportunities for Pokagon families to spend quality time with one another and create meaningful experiences together.

Débénwéthêk Parent Group is composed of parents and caregivers of children under 8 years of age and meets every third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Rachel Orvis rorvis@gmail.com.

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Trip to the Potawatomi Zoo delivers on family fun



On Sept 24, Social Services and the Project Launch Parent Group hosted a fun-filled day at the Potawatomi Zoo. Twenty families spent the day viewing the animals and exploring the zoo together. Everyone had a lot of fun enjoying the

beautiful day with their families. Thank you to all who attended and to the Project Launch Parent Group for organizing this fun event.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Elders Health + Wellness

Monday, Wednesday + Friday
11:00 – 11:45 am
PHS Wellness Center

Chair aerobics

Whether seated, supported by a chair or standing free, participants engage in strength training, flexibility, and balance exercises while benefiting from a cardio workout.

Cardio drumming

Express yourself, release stress and aggression, and sweat and sing along. Anybody can do it, there is no right or wrong way to do cardio drumming. Standing or sitting cardio drumming is for everyone. All classes are to accommodate to our Pokagon Elders



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

Woodland Indian
Snowshoe Workshop

November 5 + November 19
11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Language & Culture New Building

Please join Frank Barker and John Pigeon, traditional harvesters, in learning how to make your own Woodland Indian snowshoes and the teachings to go with this class.

Workshop is limited to **10 participants**. You must **RSVP** to Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 by **November 1**. For more information, contact L&C.



Need help with your winter heating bills?

The Social Services Department will start accepting applications for LIHEAP on November 1, 2016. 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 the ten county 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. You may fax information to (269) 782-4295. Information is 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 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	\$22,900	-\$24,248
2	\$29,946	-\$31,709
3	\$36,992	-\$39,170
4	\$44,038	-\$46,631
5	\$51,084	-\$54,092
6	\$58,130	-\$61,553

JOIN THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
TO RAISE DIABETES AWARENESS IN OUR COMMUNITY ON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4
SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
58900 CHERRY GROVE RD DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

**LIGHT THE WAY
5K**

6:30 PM
EVENT CHECK-IN, PACKET PICK UP, FACE PAINTING BEGIN

7:15 PM
WALK/RUN BEGINS

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY, NON-COMPETITIVE RUN/WALK 5K.
THIS WILL BE A NIGHT RUN WITH A PORTION OF THE COURSE FEATURING EMERGENCY VEHICLES WITH FLASHING LIGHTS AND THE OTHER HALF OF THE RUN LIT BY HUNDREDS OF GLOW STICKS.

REGISTER HERE
WWW.POKAGONBAND-NSN.GOV/FORM/LIGHT-WAY-NIGHT-RUN-5K-REGISTRATION

SPONSORED BY THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI, THE CONGRESSIONALLY ESTABLISHED SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM FOR INDIANS, NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES, AND SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE.

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Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education | Early Childhood Education

PALS
Play and Learn Social

Every first Tuesday + every third Thursday
9:30 am - 11 am
PHS Multi Purpose Room

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

Contact Rachel Orvis at drorvis@gmail.com for more information.

Débénwéthék
Parent Group

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Archive your family photos



Do you have old family photos that you would like digitized? The Department of Language and Culture is looking for old photos of Pokagon families to add to the Pokagon Language, History, and Culture Archives. Select photos may be placed for display in the new Culture Center, in a Four Winds Casino, or other places.

If you are interested, please contact Jason S Wesaw at the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4316. Appointments can be made with Jason to have the photos digitized on site at Language & Culture.



Courses at Four Winds Casino Resort Open to Pokagon Citizens, Spouses, Custodial Parents and Government Employees October to December 2016

LEADERSHIP 1
Friday, October 21, 10a-12p NB

LEADERSHIP 2
Friday, October 21, 1-3:30p NB

LEADERSHIP 3
Monday, November 14, 10:30a-1p NB

LEADERSHIP 4
Monday, November 14, 1:30-4p NB

LEADERSHIP 5
Thursday, December 1, 1:30-4p NB

LEADERSHIP 6
Monday, December 12, 11a-1p NB

LEADERSHIP 8
Monday, December 12, 1:30-4p NB

Obvious Choice
Friday, November 18, 2-3:30p NB

ServSafe – Food Safety Managers
Monday, October 3, 9a-6p NB

LEADERSHIP 1 – “Communication & Cooperation”
This course introduces participants to the importance of teamwork, flexibility and strategic thinking. Activities include Picture Resume and United League of Nations.

LEADERSHIP 2 – “DISC Profile”
Participants take the DISC® profile assessment to learn about effective communication and identify their own communication style.

LEADERSHIP 3 – “Living the Core Values”
Participants discuss the core values of teamwork, respect, integrity and fun and learn why listening and providing clear direction and feedback are crucial to a good management style.

LEADERSHIP 4 – “Coaching & Listening”
Participants learn how to delegate, in order to free up time to listen, coach and provide feedback to staff. A 5 step coaching model is presented.

LEADERSHIP 5 – “Emotional Intelligence”
Participants learn how to avoid emotional hijack during stressful situations, and the important role of emotional competencies in leadership.

LEADERSHIP 6 – “Emotional Intelligence II – Horse & Rider”
In the second EI class, participants learn the four premises of Emotional Control and that we each make choices and have control over how we react and feel.

LEADERSHIP 8 – Social Intelligence
Building on Emotional Intelligence with revolutionary new science, this class helps you understand how you can increase your social awareness and improve your relationship management – to help you and your staff to SHINE!
(Please take Leadership 5, 6, and 8 in order.)

Obvious Choice
Participants will learn what will make them stand out from the crowd. This class will assist individuals with an understanding of what they need to do to make themselves the obvious choice for interviews, transfers, and promotions.

ServSafe for Managers
ServSafe Food Safety certification 8 hour course and text for managers.

All NB classes are in the Training Center on the 2nd floor of the FWCR HR Building in New Buffalo, FWH classes in FWCR Hartford Training Room and FWD classes in FWCR Dowagiac Training Room.

If you would like to attend, please contact the Pokagon Band's Training Manager to enroll. Hartford and Dowagiac have limited seating, so please enroll early. Thank you. (9-16-16)



Department of Language & Culture
6th annual community celebration

AUTUMN HARVEST POW WOW

Tuesday, November 22
12:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Community Center

The autumn harvest pow wow the Tuesday before Thanksgiving has become an annual Pokagon event. Join the fun at the Community Center. Ribbon Town is host drum.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Grand Entry

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DRUM CLASSES

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

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October 5
October 19

November 2
November 16

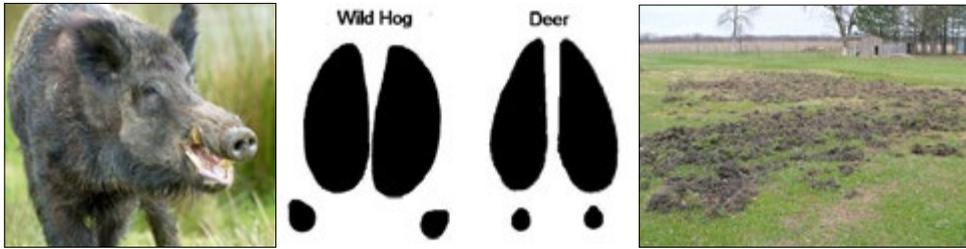
December 7
December 21

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For more information, please call the Language & Culture office at (269) 462-4325 or Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 desk / (269) 462-5376 cell.

What's that invasive species? Feral Swine (*Sus scrofa*)



A feral swine (*Sus scrofa*) is a free-ranging pig that may have been illegally released or formerly domesticated but become feral. Feral swine are also called wild pigs or wild hogs. Feral swine are an invasive species whose population has grown significantly in the United States over the past 30 years. Throughout the U.S. the feral swine population is currently estimated at over five million. In Michigan, feral hogs have been reported in 72 of the state's 83 counties. Female hogs, or sows, can have at least two litters per year with each litter consisting of six piglets.

Feral swine cause over \$1.5 billion in damages each year from crop damage, predation on small animals (like white-tailed fawns and ground nesting birds) and rooting, which destroys lawns and native habitats. Wild hog rooting also negatively impacts water quality. Feral swine can also carry over 60 diseases and parasites that could be transmitted to people, livestock, pets, and wildlife. Feral swine can grow quite large and be aggressive, with both sexes having tusks that can be used as weapons when they feel threatened or cornered.

Feral swine tracks are similar to deer tracks, but there are differences, mainly the dew claws angling outward rather than directly behind the main hoof print. Feral hogs typically are found in lowland, brushy habitats. Currently, during any open hunting season in the state of Michigan, feral hogs can be taken if you have a legal hunting license. If you see feral hogs on tribal property, please contact the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources at (269) 782-9602.

What's that edible plant? Chicken of the Woods, Sulfur Shelf (*Laetiporus sulphureus*, *Laetiporus cincinnatus*, and *Laetiporus huroniensis*)



As the temperatures begins to drop and the rains fall, it is perfect weather for the Chicken of the Woods (*Laetiporus sulphureus*, *Laetiporus cincinnatus*, and *Laetiporus huroniensis*) to fruit. This polypore fungus is one of the sulfur shelf fungi that grows in our forests in Michigan and Indiana. This mushroom is highly edible and can be substituted for chicken in meals. Chicken of the Woods (COW) can vary in color and size with the largest grouping ever collected being one-hundred pounds.

Chicken of the Woods is most often found on oak trees, but can be found on other hardwoods as well as some conifers, although it is recommended to not eat those found on conifers. If a COW is found, this means that there is heart rot in the tree or the tree has already died.

The COW is not readily confused with any other type of shelf fungus. The color varies from yellow or orange to deep red-orange with stripes at times. The underside is either yellow or white and full of tiny pores. If you find this mushroom, mark your spot, as it will grow each fall for multiple years. As the fungus grows older it gets tougher and sour, so the new growth is best for cooking. The *sulphureus* variety (with yellow underside) has a tendency to grow high up on trees, while the *cincinnatus* variety (with white underside) tends to grow at the base of the tree or off the roots, making it easier to collect. The *huroniensis* variety grows on conifers in Northern Michigan and some people may be more sensitive to this variety if it is eaten. As always, be sure to positively identify your mushrooms before eating and if it is your first time trying the mushroom, only have a small amount to check for allergies or possible sensitivities.

Tribal Art Review Committee is happy to host the

ART EXTRAVAGANZA

Pokagon Annual Holiday Craft Show

Sunday, November 20
11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Community Center

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Food will be available for purchase. Interested vendors should contact **Angie Rice** at (574) 273-8828 / angela.rice@pokagonband-nsn.gov or **Jessica Howell** at (574) 304-5388 / jessicalynn1812@msn.com.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

Traditional Harvesting and Gathering

Saturdays through December
11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Meet at Language & Culture offices

Open to all tribal communities, artisans, gatherers, harvesters, cultural gardeners, citizens and spouses.

June 11 and 25	September 10 and 24	December 3 and 17
July 9 and 23	October 8 and 22	
August 6 and 20	November 5 and 19	

All who want to connect with their culture and tradition are welcome to join our artisans harvesting indigenous plants, wood, mushrooms, seeds, and medicines. Come identify plants and learn when to harvest them and how to cook them from some of the best in the field. Experience what our ancestors gathered and made that still grow on our land today.

Please be prepared for an outdoor experience you will never forget. Bring boots, a knife, a container for your harvest, sunblock, and bug spray. Dress for the weather. Presenters will have a first aid kit, but bring an epi pen if you need one.

Call the Language & Culture office at (269) 462-4325 or contact Patty Jo Kublick at (269) 462-4303 office / (269) 462-4303 or pattyjo.kublick@pokagonband-nsn.gov and Rebecca Williams at (269) 462-4296 office / (269) 783-9265 cell or rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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Notice of Open Positions | Pokagon Band Salary Commission

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens to fill two vacancies on the Pokagon Band Salary Commission (“Commission”). The Commission is an independent board required by the Pokagon Band Constitution and created by the adoption of the Salary Commission Code (“Code”). The Commission is a five- person Commission and responsible for preparing recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the compensation levels to be paid to the Tribal Council, Pokagon Band Judges, and such other elected or appointed positions as may be designated by the Tribal Council.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Commission meetings and perform the business of the Commission will vary as the Commission meeting dates and times vary depending upon the needs of the Commission, which meets more often as the Commission prepares and presents their recommendations to the Tribal Council; however, the Commission meetings are typically held at the Pokagon Band’s Community Center in Dowagiac, Michigan. Apart from time spent at Commission meetings, Commission members may spend additional hours per month engaged in other Commission activities. The Code is available on the Pokagon Band’s website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

COMPENSATION. Commissioners are compensated in the amount of \$150 for attending each Commission meeting. In addition, Commission members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Commission business in accordance with the Pokagon Band’s Travel Policy.

ELIGIBILITY. To serve as a Salary Commissioner, a Pokagon Band citizen must:

- (a) Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age;
- (b) Not be incarcerated for any criminal conviction;
- (c) 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; and
- (d) Not be a member of the Tribal Council, the Tribal Judiciary, the Election Board, an Officer of the Elders Council, or any Personnel Committee the Tribal Council may establish, or an employee of the Band.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Any Pokagon Band citizen interested in being appointed to the Commission must complete an “Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check” Form and pass a limited background check performed by the Pokagon Band Police Department to ensure that the citizen meets the qualifications to serve on Commission. A copy of the Form can be obtained by contacting Jessica Swisher, Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Council by telephone at (888) 376-9988 or email at Jessica.Swisher@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

All persons who wish to be considered for appointment to the Commission must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and resumes; provided, that the Tribal Council may, for good cause, waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact Jessica Swisher, the Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Council, who will share this 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 Commission.

TERM. Salary Commissioners are initially elected by the citizens to three year terms of office. No citizens sought either of the two Commission seats that were to be filled by the July 2016 General Election. Therefore, there will be two Commission seats vacant as of the Regular (Saturday) Tribal Council Meeting in August 2016. The two vacant seats will be filled by Tribal Council appointment and will have approximately three years remaining on their term.

ETHICS REQUIREMENT. As Public Officials, Salary Commissioners are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics, which includes certain limitations in § 8.15 on appointments and employment applicable to Public Officials. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Jessica Swisher, Administrative Assistant to the Tribal Council at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Pokagon Band’s website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

HOW TO APPLY. Citizens who meet the qualifications, and are willing to be considered for appointment to the Commission, must submit to the Pokagon Band, all of the following: (a) a letter of interest, (b) a current résumé, and (c) a completed “Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check” Form, by one of the following three methods:

Mail: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Attn: Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Fax: (269) 782-9625

Email: Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

DEADLINE. This posting shall be open until all positions are filled.

QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Commission, the Salary Commission Code, or this Notice may be directed to the Chairperson of the Commission, Jim Tabaszewski, at jtab55@hotmail.com.

Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* are not original.

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

Ne'me gizhek SUNDAY	Ngot gizhek MONDAY	Nizh gizhek TUESDAY	Apta gizhek WEDNESDAY
		PALS (Play and Learn Social) Lean Lunch L&C Afterschool Program Red Road to Recovery Group Tone Up! Rape Aggression Defense Training L&C Potawatomi 101	1 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training L&C Drum Class Dowagiac
6	7	8	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training
Mens Sweat Lodge 13	14	15	Circuit Training Healthy Lunch Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training L&C Drum Class Dowagiac Débénwéthêk Parent
Pokagon Art Extravaganza 20	21	22	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training
27	28	29	Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training

November 2016

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
2 Illness Wagiac	3 Lean Lunch Rape Aggression Defense Training L&C Potawatomi 201 L&C Adult Language Class: South Bend	4 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group Light the Way Night Run 5K	5 L&C Woodland Indian Snowshoes Workshop L&C Traditional Harvesting
9 Illness	10 Lean Lunch Rape Aggression Defense Training L&C Potawatomi 201	11 Government offices closed in observation of Veterans Day	12 Tribal Council Meeting L&C Youth Councils Laser Tag
16 Illness Wagiac Group	17 PALS (Play and Learn Social) Lean Lunch L&C Potawatomi 201 L&C Adult Language Class: South Bend	18 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group L&C Moon time and berry fast teachings	19 L&C Traditional Harvesting L&C Woodland Indian Snowshoes Workshop L&C Language Workshop
23 Illness	24 Lean Lunch	25 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	26
30 Illness	dec 1 Lean Lunch L&C Potawatomi 201 L&C Adult Language Class: South Bend	dec 2 Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training Red Road to Recovery Group	dec 3 L&C Traditional Harvesting EDU Gwikwé'amen Holly Fair

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

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Promise

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

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

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

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Pokagon Promise Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There are currently three seats on the Pokagon Promise Committee.

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

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

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

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

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

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

Notice of Open Alternate Positions | Food Sovereignty Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill vacancies on the newly created Food Sovereignty Committee. Five committee positions including Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Member-At-Large, and two Alternate positions are currently vacant. The Food Sovereignty Committee is responsible for restoring traditional food teachings and increasing the availability of traditional food for Band citizens. The Food Sovereignty Committee is expected to meet once a month on dates, times and locations yet to be determined. Including meeting preparation, other committee business and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 6 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities.

COMPENSATION. Food Sovereignty Committee members may be compensated as independent contractors at rates established by the Tribal Council. In addition, Food Sovereignty Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Food Sovereignty Committee business.

ELIGIBILITY. To serve as a member of the Food Sovereignty Committee, a person must:

- (a) Be a Pokagon Band citizen, spouse, or band employee
- (b) Be at least 18 years of age
- (c) Possess a passion for traditional ecological knowledge

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Food Sovereignty Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There are currently five seats on the Committee and two alternate positions that will be filled by Tribal Council.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Food Sovereignty Committee members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Band's website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

HOW TO APPLY. Pokagon Band citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the Board, either as a Board Member or Alternate Member, must submit a letter of interest (identifying whether you are seeking a Board Member or Alternate Member position) along with a current résumé, by one of the following three methods:

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

QUESTIONS. Questions concerning the Food Sovereignty Committee or this Notice may be directed to Michaelina Martin at micky.martin@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Mark Parrish at mark.parrish@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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 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 for appointment to the Ethics Board, one must meet the following minimum qualifications:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

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

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

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

Notice of Open Position | Election Board

The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens who are interested in filling one (1) Alternate member positions on the Election Board. Provided below is information regarding the Election Board and how to be considered for an appointment.

ELECTION BOARD AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. The Election Board is a five person Board with two Alternates whose members are appointed by the Tribal Council. The Election Board is responsible for conducting Pokagon Band elections, maintaining a list of registered voters, and reviewing membership petitions, initiatives, and referendums. Alternate members are expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board member.

QUALIFICATIONS. To be eligible for appointment to the Election Board, either as a Board member or Alternate member, a Pokagon Band citizen must:

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Election Board members and Alternate members are appointed by the Tribal Council. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Prior to any appointment, Tribal Council will make a determination whether the interested person meets the qualifications required to serve on the Election Board. In order to make this determination, all persons seeking appointment to the Election Board must undergo a limited criminal background check to be performed by the Pokagon Band Tribal Police to ensure that the candidate meets the qualifications to serve on the Election Board. Thus, all persons interested in an appointment must complete an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background. **You must contact Kateri Dayson or Katy Morseau, the Election Clerks, at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475 to obtain an Authorization to Conduct Criminal Background Check Form.**

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Election Board meetings, conduct elections, and perform the business of the Election Board will vary. The Election Board is typically more active during the time leading up to and during the General Election and Elders Election. Additionally, there may be Referendums, Special Elections, Petitions, and Recalls that will require Election Board action. General Elections occur on the second Saturday of July and Elders Council Elections occur on the second Saturday of November. The dates of the Election Board meetings vary, but typically occur after 5:00 p.m. and are held at the Pokagon Band's administrative offices at 58620 Sink Road in Dowagiac, Michigan. On average, a Board member or Alternate member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately 10 to 25 hours per month, with the busiest time being the months of May, June, July, September, October, and November.

COMPENSATION. Alternate members are independent contractors and are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. Board members receive a stipend for each meeting and Election attended. The amount of the stipend varies, depending on the seat held, however, Board members receive a minimum stipend of \$150 per meeting. Alternate members are compensated only if seated at a Board meeting in the absence of a Board member. Board members and alternates are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

ETHICS REQUIREMENT. As public officials, Alternate members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

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

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

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

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

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Tribal Art Review Committee

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

- (a) Read and review all documents and other information provided to Committee Members;
- (b) Attend Committee meetings;
- (c) Actively participate in the work of the Committee;
- (d) Provide thoughtful input to the deliberations of the Committee;
- (e) Work towards fulfilling the Committee's purpose and Work Plan;
- (f) Execute and return to the Tribal Council Chairperson, the Committee Member Commitment Pledged; and
- (g) Perform such other duties as maybe be specified by the Committee, required under Pokagon Band Law or as expressly directed by the Tribal Council.

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

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

- (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizen;

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

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

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

HOW TO APPLY. Pokagon Band citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the Board, either as a Board Member or Alternate Member, must submit a letter of interest (identifying whether you are seeking a Board Member or Alternate Member position) along with a current résumé, by one of the following three methods:

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

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

Email: Jessica.Swisher@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

DEADLINE. This posting will remain open until filled.

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

Notice of Open Alternate Position | Traditions/Repatriations Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for one (1) alternate member ("Alternate member") on the Pokagon Band Traditions/Repatriation Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee has the responsibility of advising the Band on cultural issues, and for reviewing and acting on repatriation issues on behalf of the Band. The Committee works closely with the Department of Language and Culture, and serves as the advisory body to the Pokagon Band Historic Preservation Office (THPO).

TIME COMMITMENT. The Committee meets approximately once each month to address general cultural issues and once per month to address issues with the THPO. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Committee meetings and perform the business of the Committee will vary. The Committee may also meet at additional times as needed to fulfill Committee duties. Alternate Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Committee member. Committee meetings are typically held at the Band's Administration Building located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan.

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

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as an Alternate member of the Traditions/Repatriation Committee must be a Band citizen and have an interest in and respect for the traditions, culture, history, and language of the Pokagon Band and the Potawatomi Nation. Familiarity with the cultural teachings and practices of the Potawatomi is appreciated. Prospective Alternate members must be flexible in meeting times and locations, and be able to handle several projects at once.

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

TERM. There is no fixed term for Alternate members. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member can serve on the Committee.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Alternate members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888) 376-9988 or by visiting the Band's website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

DEADLINE. This posting shall remain open until filled.

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

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT

58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047
Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519
16-3867-CV

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

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

ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

To: **Mark Joseph Topash**

1881 Baldwin Drive
Niles, MI 49120
Respondent's Name

THE COURT FINDS THAT:

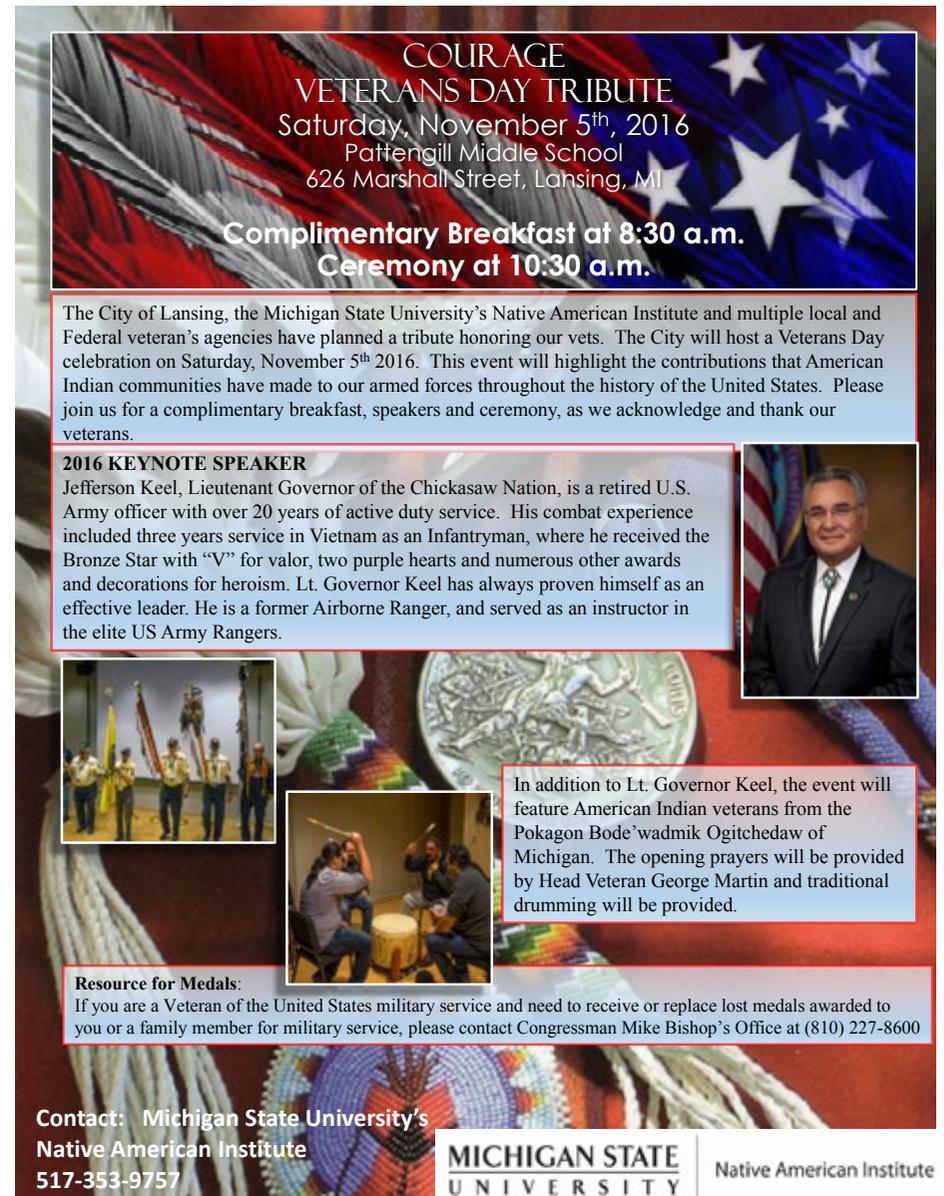
1. On October 13, 2016 Petitioner filed a request for alternate service indicating that a process server has reasonably attempted to personally serve this Summons and Complaint on the Respondent.
2. Further, Petitioner attempted to obtain a new address for the Respondent from the United States Post Office, but was unsuccessful.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Petitioner's request for alternate service is granted.
2. Court staff shall arrange publication of this Order at the earliest possible date in either the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* or the *Legislative Edition*, the Pokagon Band's monthly newsletters.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

1. You are being sued.
2. You have 21 days after publication of this *Order* to file a written answer with the Court and serve a copy of the answer on the other party.
3. If you do not answer within the time allowed, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the *Complaint*.
4. A copy of the *Summons* and *Complaint* can be obtained at the Tribal Court.



**COURAGE
VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE**
Saturday, November 5th, 2016
Pattengill Middle School
626 Marshall Street, Lansing, MI

**Complimentary Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Ceremony at 10:30 a.m.**

The City of Lansing, the Michigan State University's Native American Institute and multiple local and Federal veteran's agencies have planned a tribute honoring our vets. The City will host a Veterans Day celebration on Saturday, November 5th 2016. This event will highlight the contributions that American Indian communities have made to our armed forces throughout the history of the United States. Please join us for a complimentary breakfast, speakers and ceremony, as we acknowledge and thank our veterans.

2016 KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, is a retired U.S. Army officer with over 20 years of active duty service. His combat experience included three years service in Vietnam as an Infantryman, where he received the Bronze Star with "V" for valor, two purple hearts and numerous other awards and decorations for heroism. Lt. Governor Keel has always proven himself as an effective leader. He is a former Airborne Ranger, and served as an instructor in the elite US Army Rangers.



In addition to Lt. Governor Keel, the event will feature American Indian veterans from the Pokagon Bode'wadmik Ogitchedaw of Michigan. The opening prayers will be provided by Head Veteran George Martin and traditional drumming will be provided.

Resource for Medals:
If you are a Veteran of the United States military service and need to receive or replace lost medals awarded to you or a family member for military service, please contact Congressman Mike Bishop's Office at (810) 227-8600

Contact: Michigan State University's
Native American Institute
517-353-9757

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Native American Institute



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

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**Moon time &
Berry fast teachings**

**November 18 | 6:00 p.m.
Community Center**

Girls and young ladies entering puberty and interested in beginning their traditional berry fasts are invited to learn more about this rite of passage, the teachings of moon time and berry fasts.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rebecca Williams at rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov or at (269) 462-4296.

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Elders Lunch Menu | Bnakwígíses November

monday

7

Sea Bass
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Broccoli
Blueberries
Whole Grain Roll

14

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Buffalo Tacos with all the fixings
Hard or Soft Shell
Red Beans and Rice
Lemon Cake

21

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Ham in Au Gratin Potatoes
Asparagus
Coleslaw
Fruit Salad
Whole Grain Roll

28

Buffalo Stuffed Cabbage
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Spinach
Cucumber Salad
Fruit Cup
Whole Grain Roll

tuesday

1

Bean Soup
Turkey and Cheese Sandwich
Veggie and Relish Tray
Fresh Fruit

8

Beef Roast
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Carrots
Cucumber Salad
Dutch Apple Pie
Whole Grain Roll

15

BBQ Chicken
Baked Beans
Baked Chips
Veggie and Relish Tray
Fresh Fruit

22

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia
Spanish Rice
Peas
Tomato Salad
Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

29

Chicken Noodle Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Veggie and Relish Tray
Dessert

wednesday

2

BBO Pork Chops
Baked Potato
Brussels Sprouts
Garden Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Dessert

9

Brats
Rice Pilaf
Sauerkraut
Tri-blend Vegetables
Strawberry Shortcake
Whole Grain Roll

16

Marinated Pork Chops
Baked Potato
Collard Greens
Spinach Salad
Whole Grain Roll

23

Buffalo Pot Pie Topped With Biscuits
Garden Salad
Cottage Cheese and Pineapple
Blueberry Pie

30

Breakfast Bar

thursday

3

business meeting

Boiled Dinner W/ Sausage, onions, potatoes, beans, corn, and Cabbage.
Corn Bread
Jell-O W/ Fruit
Birthday Cake

10

Vegetable Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Garden Salad
Yogurt with Fruit Cup

17

Thanksgiving social

Sliced Turkey in Gravy
Mashed Potatoes and Stuffing
Green Bean Casserole
Garden Salad
Pumpkin Pie
Whole Grain Roll

24

closed for thanksgiving

friday

4

Buffalo Meatballs in Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
French Style Green Beans
Tomato Salad
Whole Grain Roll

11

closed | veterans day



18

Salmon Patty
Macaroni and Cheese
Brussels Sprouts
Broccoli Slaw
Whole Grain Roll

25

closed for thanksgiving



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 Kim Boswell in the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

Name	Christmas 2015	Monthly Per Cap
Scott Brewer, Jr	x	
Christian Cobb	x	
Kailyn A. Currey	x	
Zachary D. Currey	x	
Mason Currey	x	
Bobby M. Haynes, Jr	x	
Austin L. Northrup	x	
Peter J. Ramirez	x	
John Watson	x	

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

Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by December 1 in order to make it on the January 2017 check run. Anything received after December 1 will be processed on the check run for February 2017. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Per Capita Important Dates

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

* Please note, in 2016, the November deadline for changes is November 1 and the December deadline is December 1. This is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

Tribal Council November Calendar of Events

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

Tribal Council December Calendar of Events

- 5 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 6 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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

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

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

Don't forget our social lunches held every third Thursday of the month. On these days we may have holiday parties, special events, or games. Every weekday a hot lunch is served at the Elders Hall. You are welcome to come to meet new elders you may not know or visit your friends.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Education +
Department of Social Services

Attend **5** Project LAUNCH sponsored events and enjoy
THE POLAR EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE

Attend a minimum of five of following events and receive a pass to attend the Polar Express Train Ride. Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, families are sure to enjoy their trip to the North Pole, complete with hot chocolate and cookies served on board the train. Passengers are entertained by a reading of *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg and upon arrival at the North Pole, Santa greets guests and each child will receive their own sleigh bell—just like in the movie!

Experience the joy of caroling and holiday entertainment that will surely become an annual holiday tradition. Families are encouraged to wear their pajamas for the ride and join in on the magic of Christmas!

The punch card can be obtained at the events listed below from Rachel Orvis or Autumn Laraway. Or at the Department of Education from Autumn Laraway.

Parent Group Meetings

Every third Wednesday
5:30–7:30 pm

Pokagon Play Group

First Tuesday + third Thursday
9:30–11:00 am

Cwikwe'amen

August 20 + December 3
11:00 am–2:00 pm

Harvest Day

October 1 | 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Turn in punch card by Friday, December 9 to Autumn Laraway
(269) 462-4327.

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.
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Department of Education

Tutoring Program

The Tutoring Program is designed to provide additional educational support to Pokagon students and Four Winds employees with academic needs.

Student Eligibility Requirements

- Pokagon citizens in Pre-Kindergarten–12th Grade
- Pokagon citizens working toward a GED
- Four Winds employees (Pokagon citizens and spouses or custodial parents of Pokagon citizens) wanting to improve and refine academic skills
- Four winds employees (Pokagon citizens and spouses or custodial parents of Pokagon citizens) working toward a GED

Tutoring Options

AUXILIARY TUTOR
Certified teacher (Individual with a current teaching certificate) or
Individual with Bachelor's Degree with academic area of focus or
College student currently enrolled in Bachelor's Degree program and has successfully completed 90 or more credits

ACCREDITED LEARNING CENTER
Facilities which employ certified teachers or certified tutors to work with students on core academic areas, study skills, or test preparation

Program Funds
\$2,500 per School Year

Time Frame
August 1 – July 31

Announcement

Beginning August 1, 2016, it is now possible for an Auxiliary Tutor to complete the required background investigation outside of the ten-county service area.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristie Bussler at (269) 462-4222 or Kristie.Bussler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Tribal Office Directory

Administration

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

Commodities

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

Communications

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Compliance

58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998

Chi Ishobak

27043 Potawatomi Trail
(269) 783-4157

Education

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

Facilities

57824 East Pokagon Trail
(269) 783-0443
FAX (269) 783-0452

Finance

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

Head Start

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

Pokagon Health Services

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

Housing & Community Development

57824 East Pokagon 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

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(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

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Elders Council Directory

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

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Maxine Margiotta
(269) 783-6102

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Judy Augusta
(269) 783-6304

Treasurer

Clarence White
(269) 876-1118

Member at Large

Cathy Ford
(269) 783-9380

Senior Youth Council Directory

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Rebecca Williamst

Youth Culture Coordinator
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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

Happy 3rd birthday **Alaric Engen**, on November 3!
Love, Your family



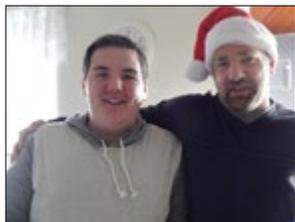
Happy 4th birthday **Kensington Lockhart!** Love, Daddy, Grandma Joni, and Papa Pat

Happy 4th birthday **Trenton Vohwinkle!** Love, Papa Don, Grandma Juju and Uncle Danny



Happy 12th birthday **Casey Rider!** Love, Dad, Papa Rick, and Grandma Diana

Happy 13th birthday **Matt Rider!**
Love, Dad, Papa Rick, and Grandma Diana



Happy #41 **Ricky Lee Rider!** Love Mom and Dad

Congratulations, **John Low**, assistant professor of comparative studies at Ohio State University, on your Diversity Award.



The award recognizes outstanding achievements which advance the college's overall awareness of and sensitivity to differences among people.

"Since he began working at Ohio State Newark in 2012 as an assistant professor of comparative studies, John Low has worked tirelessly to teach about American Indians, to encourage their participation in campus and community activities and to support efforts for greater understanding between peoples of different backgrounds," said Lucy Murphy, professor of history, in her nomination of Low.

Low is a Pokagon Band citizen and has taught 12 American Indian Studies classes and organized a club for students of all backgrounds who are interested in American Indian history and cultures. Low also serves on advisory committees for the Newark Earthworks Center and Ohio State's American Indian Studies program. He has been the chair of the Ohio State Newark/COTC Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council since autumn 2015.

"John has been very generous with his time in giving presentations which include guest lectures, at Newark and Columbus community events for the Ohio Historical Society, and at regional and professional conferences," continued Murphy in her nomination letter.



Happy belated 2nd birthday, **Bridget!** You are growing up way too fast! Love, Daddy and Mommy

Happy Birthday **Ethan, Emily and Darrell III.** Enjoy your day all of you November 20!!

Love, mom and dad



Happy Birthday, Calvin, from your family! **Calvin Robinson**, Nov. 1

Happy Birthday, Michelle, love your family! **Michelle Thompson**, Nov. 6



Please welcome **Brandon Paul Baker III**, 9 lbs. 7 ozs. and 20 ½ inches long. He is the great, great grandson of Kenneth Wilson and Audrey Wilson, the great grandson of Shirley Haggard and Paul Haggard Jr., the grandson of Paula

Haggard and Martin Donaghey, and the son of Brandon Baker Jr. and Nickie Cloud.

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SCORE A HAT TRICK AND WIN FREE HOCKEY TICKETS!

Score your own hat trick by achieving three of your wellness goals and earn a free ticket to see the Western Michigan Broncos hockey team battle Colorado College on January 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The Wellness Center has created a list of goals based on your age and ability. You choose three of the fitness goals and if you achieve them by the end of November or the end of December, you win a ticket to the hockey match. **All three goals must be completed in the same month.**

See a Wellness Center member to get started!

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+ Native Nations Youth Council invite you to the annual

HOSTED BY THE NATIVE NATIONS YOUTH COUNCILS

Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 5:00-7:00 P.M.

JOIN US AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR DINNER AND A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION.
GIFTS WILL BE GIVEN TO EVERYONE AGES 18 + UNDER WHO RSVPS BY DECEMBER 1
AT WWW.POKAGONBAND-NSN.GOV/FORM/ANNUAL-CHRISTMAS-PARTY-RSVP

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