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Elders Council hosts 50/60s prom night



Elders and friends were twisting and shouting during the inaugural Elders Prom September 28 at the Pokagon Community Center. About 65 Pokagon elders attended, along with 11 Potawatomi from the Huron Band and a few non elders.

Almost everyone dressed for this occasion with the poodle skirts, black and white saddle oxford shoes, rolled up Levis, and white T-shirts reminiscent of the 50's. The Youth Council dressed up also and joined in dancing with the elders. Jim Warren, the DJ, played music dating back to those years. He even sang and played his harmonica.

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Citizens construct traditional canoe with help from the Bay Mills Indian Community



Pokagon Band citizens like Kevin Daugherty remember their parents and grandparents practicing traditional lifeways we are striving to revitalize. For Kevin, building a traditional canoe has been his dream ever since seeing his father, Mike Daugherty, and citizen Tom Wood's grandpa, Mark Alexis, working on one about 30 years ago.

"I think that caught a lot of peoples' imaginations at that time," Kevin said. "It never quite got finished. It had a few mishaps." One mishap being that a tree fell on it, another that someone punched a hole in it.

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Mno's Pathways Program helps citizens along their career journey

By Rhonda Rose, Pathways Manager, Mno-Bmadsen

Mno-Bmadsen's Pathways Program provides resources and tools to help Pokagon citizens of any age who are entering or re-entering the workforce to earn gainful employment and invest in their futures. The Pathways Program provides such opportunities as career assessments, internships, access to apprenticeships, career path development, and job placement in professional and construction trade fields.

The logo represents the path we take in life to success and features a tree with the roots of our people stretching back hundreds of years. Over time, the tree has grown new branches; these symbolize the future and the next generations.



If you are interested in taking the next step on your journey, visit Pathway's online portal. The portal connects candidates to positions on our construction projects and can be used as a tool for tribal entities and companies for their job postings. Fill out a profile and give program managers an idea of where you are on your path so that we can help you with the next steps.

We encourage all Pokagon citizens to create a profile on Pathways.



To create your profile, please visit mno-bmadsen.com/pathways-mno-bmadsen/

Domestic Violence Awareness Month educates community

This October, the Domestic Violence (DV) Program hosted several events to make our community aware of the different aspects of domestic violence, as well as educate on how to be a proponent of change.

At the Ribbon Skirt Class, 14 women were able to get started on making a red or purple ribbon skirt. Red signifies missing and murdered Indigenous women, and purple stands for domestic violence. Citizen Erin Burggraf lead this class after learning how to make skirts just this past year at Regalia Class.

Harvest Day offered an opportunity for whole families to enjoy fall activities and learn about domestic violence. Pumpkin carving, costume contests, movies, crafts, and raffles filled the day for the 132 community members who attended. Early Childhood Education collaborated with the Department of Social Services for this popular annual event.

The DV Program also hosted a strangulation Lunch and Learn. Tribal Prosecutor Annette Nickel taught Pokagon Band employees, as well as community partners from Gun Lake, Child and Family Services of Southwestern Michigan, and Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services, about the risks posed by strangulation. Strangulation is common in DV cases and greatly increases the risk of death, but it is often minimized by victims.

At the Healing Justice for our Communities Vigil, Betty Davis shared her sister Sheri's story of surviving an abusive ex-husband, as well as her personal journey to use traditional teachings to heal from trauma. Andy Jackson and Joy Duff lead a water ceremony to start the day.

The office decorating contest saw the Administration, IT, Education, Enrollment, PHS, Housing, and Social Services Departments, as well as Bent Tree Market and Mno Bmadsen, participate in this annual competition. Each department did an excellent job raising awareness for domestic violence. The winners were Education, Enrollment, Social Services, Mno Bmadsen, and Housing.



Despite the chilly weather, 39 community members participated in the annual Love Should Not Hurt 5k on Saturday, October 13 on the Rodgers Lake campus. Special thanks to Ann Morsaw-Banghart, Sandy Oram, Dean Orvis, and Tribal Police for all their assistance before and during the event.

The month of events ended with the screening of *Wind River*, a film about the attempt to solve a murder on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming, which was inspired by true events.

Migwetch to all who participated in this year's events and are seeking to make a change in this community and elsewhere.

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

Ready to enroll in the Per Capita Savings Plan for 2019?

In the tribal general election July 2018, voters approved the Per Capita Savings Plan. Effective January 1, 2019, Pokagon citizens can choose to defer, save, and invest per capita payments on a tax-deferred basis.

The plan is completely voluntary; you do not have to participate. Because this plan is optional, you must affirmatively make an election in writing to participate. This plan provides citizens with a voluntary option to defer some or all of your monthly per capita payments until a future date. The money that is deferred is not taxed now; the taxes owed are deferred until the money is received. You will also be able to choose the length of the deferral and when you receive the money that you elect to defer.

You can check out the plan's complete details, including different customization options and how to complete the enrollment form at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/programs/capita-savings-plan. Try out the Savings Calculator to estimate how much your savings will grow.

The deadline to enroll for 2019 is November 30, 2018.

Your election to defer your per capita only applies for one year. However, you may choose to automatically renew your enrollment so that your election to defer will remain in effect for subsequent years until modified.



For complete details, please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/citizens/programs/capita-savings-plan



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokagon Health Services

HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marci Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch Wednesday, November 21 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

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Dowagiac, MI 49047

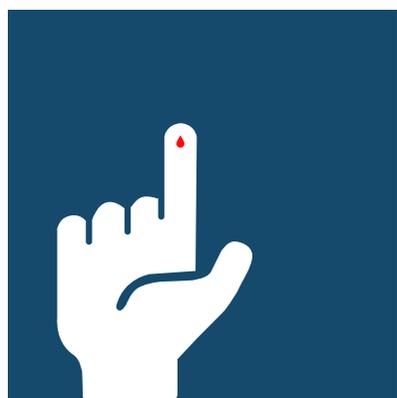
For more information and to RSVP, contact Marci Herbert at (269) 782-2472 or Marci.Herbert@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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November is Diabetes Awareness month



More than 30 million people—or nearly 10 percent of the U.S. population—had diabetes in 2015. American Indians/Alaska Natives had the highest prevalence of diagnosed diabetes for both men

(14.9%) and women (15.3%). Diabetes was the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S. in 2015.

Diabetics who smoke, are overweight and physically inactive, or have high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or high blood glucose are at higher risk for complications. Uncontrolled diabetes increases the risk of hospitalizations and emergency room visits. It also increases the risk of diabetic eye disease, periodontal disease, and depression, just to name just a few.

Diabetic eye disease can lead to vision loss and blindness. Some of these eye problems include diabetic retinopathy, cataracts, and glaucoma. Uncontrolled diabetics are two times more likely to get cataracts and glaucoma than a non-diabetic. The longer a person has

uncontrolled diabetes, the more likely they are to get a diabetic eye disease, and retinopathy is a leading cause of blindness in people with uncontrolled diabetes. People with diabetes can slow down or prevent the development of these diseases by keeping their blood sugar, blood pressure, and blood cholesterol under control and having regular comprehensive dilated eye exams at least once a year. Pregnant women with diabetes should see their eye doctor as soon as possible and all through their pregnancy. For more information, contact the PHS optical office at (269) 783-2460 or see your eye doctor.

Oral health problems related to diabetes include gum disease, thrush, and slower healing after surgery. Periodontal disease increases with uncontrolled diabetes and young adults with diabetes are about twice as likely to get gum disease than those without diabetes. Older adults have gum disease more frequently and severely than those without diabetes. Smoking makes gum disease more severe and frequent, as well. Diabetics with poor blood sugar control are more likely to lose teeth than diabetics with good control. Having controlled blood sugars, a well-balanced diet, and practicing good oral care at home, along with regular dental checkups can reduce the risk of periodontal disease significantly.

Thrush is a fungal infection which occurs more often in diabetics. It causes white or red patches in the mouth that are sore and may become ulcers. This can make it difficult to swallow and can dull your sense of taste. Regular oral hygiene can help keep thrush in check. Uncontrolled diabetics also have a longer healing time after surgeries, including a tooth pull or other oral surgery. For more information, contact the PHS dental office at (269) 782-4141 and schedule an exam.

Studies show that there is a link between diabetes and depression. Current research suggests that diabetes increases your risk of depression and may make symptoms of depression worse. The stress of managing diabetes every day and the effects of uncontrolled diabetes on the brain may contribute to depression. In the U.S., diabetics are twice as likely to have depression than those without diabetes. Contact PHS Behavioral Health at (269) 782-4141 for more information or if you would like help.

New council person sworn in



Congratulations to Deborah Williams on her selection to serve on Tribal Council. She will fill a vacant Council position for the remainder of its term.

We thank Deb for her commitment to her position at the Pokagon Band's Indiana Office in South Bend. Administration team members will be covering that role until a full time employee is hired.

Order your elders jacket

This year the Elders Council will be ordering jackets with the new elders emblem on the jacket. The jackets are at no cost to the Pokagon elder. If spouses want a jacket, they will have to purchase the jacket and pay shipping charges. Look for all the information in a mailing explaining how to order. November 2 is the deadline to order jackets; no late orders will accepted after November 3, 2018.

Elders planning 3-night, 4-day trip to Chicago

Elders Council has put together a short trip to Chicago. We are taking two buses on different dates. The first bus will go December 4-7, and the second bus goes December 11-14. Elders can register for the trip and be put into a lottery drawing. You will be receiving the registration and itinerary in the mail soon. How your name is pulled from the drawing determines which bus you will be on. You will be contacted for verification and to hear which bus you will be on.

Save the date!

2019 Healthy Lifestyles Campaign Kick-off



Sunday, January 13 | 4 p.m.
YMCA of Southwest Michigan, St. Joseph, MI

Join us to sign up for the program and enjoy games, food, and information on healthy lifestyle changes. More to come on how to register and live a healthier life!

November 1, 2018 through April 1, 2019

Pokagon Band Elders 55 and Older

SNOW REMOVAL MONETARY REQUEST APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip Code: _____

Phone No: _____

Cell No: _____ Tribal ID: _____

Snow Removal Service Provider Information

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip Code: _____

Phone No: _____ Business Phone: _____

This is for Pokagon Band Elders, with residing anywhere in the U.S. to be reimbursed only for residential snow removal services. You are responsible for finding your own service provider. Please complete form and send to Elders Council P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac Mich. Call Elders Hall (800) 859-2717 or (269) 782-0765 if you have questions. You need to send INVOICE or RECEIPT from service provider with application. (No written out receipts on plain paper from you or from your service provider will be accepted.) This program does not cover shoveling your driveway, using a snow blower or elders living at the Pokagon Communities or at the apartment complexes (as this service is provided for you.) This is for residential housing only/with the exception rent to own. Elders will qualify who may live in one of these homes. **Your provider of services may be called for verification of services.**

By signing, I agree that all information provided on this form to be true and correct. I agree that I am the head of house hold of residents and understand this request is limited \$200.00 per season. Elders can use this fund multiple times up to \$200.00. Starting November 1, 2018 to April 1, 2019 season. **No late invoices/receipts accepted after April 15, 2019.** Application will be published in the monthly newsletter or pick application up at Elders Hall.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Pokagon families learn about local reptiles and amphibians

Débénwéthêk Parent Group invited Pokagon families to learn about reptiles and amphibians of Southwest Michigan at Love Creek County Park on Saturday, September 29. There were 19 participants in attendance, 13 of which were

children. After the program, families were welcome to enjoy a variety of hiking and mountain biking trails at the park.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

Please join our community for a fall ghost supper

Community Jibakwé

Friday, November 16 | 6:00 p.m.
Language and Culture building

Main dish, beverages, and dessert will be provided. Please bring feast bags and dish to pass in honor of loved one who has passed.

Jiibye Dbikat Wiikdewin is a time for the spirit world and the world of man. The spirits depart for the spirit world away from the cold of one more winter. Wandering spirits, long lost, were called to feast with an ancient song. They appeared slowly, hesitantly as some were injured in their lives and were shy about their appearance. Many were not given the proper ceremony in death. These spirits remain forever on the earth's face. Those spirits that return to the spirit world will return on the arrival of the first thunders and the song of many frogs

in early spring along. Many only migrates to their warmer summer camps to subsist on the fish that spawn all summer. Fresh meat from the four-leggeds is a welcome variation in diet. To take the life of a nursing mother of any four-legged is forbidden to us by Creator. Stories of familiar old Nishnabe humor tell from many years ago that this annual migration soon came known as the journey to the happy hunting grounds, or mino downenje kaa.

~ Stewart King

For more information, please contact the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 783-9265

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Department of Natural Resources

QUESTION AND ANSWER

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking citizen input on current and future projects. The session will begin with brief presentations from DNR staff on current projects. After the presentations, the remaining time will be for citizens to voice environmental and natural resource related concerns and for DNR staff to answer any question you may have. Topics to be covered include:

- Hunting, Fishing + Gathering
- Climate Change
- Water Quality
- Composting + Recycling
- Trails
- Prescribed Burns
- Dowagiac River Re-meander Project

Dinner will be provided.

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

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7 5:30 PM–8:00 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER DOWAGIAC, MI 49047

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Hundreds of area children visit Pokagon land



Over three days in September, the Departments of Education and Language & Culture hosted one thousand students, teachers, and chaperones at the annual Cultural Education Days at Rodgers Lake. Participants came from the following schools: Maple Grove Elementary (South Haven), Lincoln Elementary (South Haven), Howard-Ellis Elementary (Niles), Paw Paw Later Elementary (Paw Paw), Kincheloe Elementary (Dowagiac), Moccasin Elementary (Buchanan), Lawton Elementary (Lawton), Patrick Hamilton (Dowagiac), Lawrence Elementary (Lawrence), Eastside Connections (Niles), and Justus Gage (Dowagiac).

Participants began the day with a short introduction of Pokagon Band history, then rotated between five workshops. The workshops were: 1) water teachings with Barbara Ann Warren 2) food sovereignty with Christine Morseau 3) grandfather

teachings with Donald Sumners 4) turtles with Vic Bogosian, Dale Keene, and Victoria Toney 5) Potawaomi language with Carla Collins, Kyle Malott, and Kendall Race.

Attendees ate lunch together and participated in a mini pow wow. Ribbon Town drummed, Donald Sumners emceed, and the dancers included Sterling Big Bear, Madalene Big Bear, Prettyrock Big Bear, Trish Williams, Amanda Galvan, Todd Miller, Zachariah Solano, Myrissa Rowe, Rhonda Purcell, Richard Gougé, and Jason Whitehouse.

7Gen A+E adapts to growth

Seven Generations Architecture and Engineering, part of the Pokagon Band's non-gaming portfolio of businesses, will move its headquarters to The Foundry in East Kalamazoo's historic River's Edge District. The relocation will accommodate Seven Generations A+E's substantial expansion and will help to increase productivity, efficiency and client service. The planned date for moving is December 1.

"Our beautiful new office at The Foundry will be an open concept which will encourage collaboration for our design teams," explains Jeremy Berg, Seven Generation A+E's managing director. "We also feel the need to connect more directly with our Kalamazoo community, and our move downtown will allow us to be more physically present."

The Foundry is a 52,000 square foot facility with co-working and office space designed in the Herman Miller Living Office concept, which includes exposed girders, clerestory windows, and areas for breakout meetings.

Seven Generations A+E, which was founded by Mno-Bmadsen, the Band's independent non-gaming investment arm, will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 14 at its new location at The Foundry. The celebration will include a benediction led by a Pokagon elder, a drum ceremony, and a social hour with native and local cuisine and music.

Since Seven Generations A+E was founded in 2012, the company's expertise and offerings have expanded to become certified as an 8(a) small disadvantaged business and a HUBZone company that employs people in historically underutilized business areas. These two important designations permit Seven Generations A+E to receive specialized consideration when bidding on government projects.

During the last three years, Seven Generations A+E has nearly quadrupled in size, and the firm's revenues have increased as a result of winning government bids, including \$50 million in federal contracting during the next five years. With the company's relocation to a larger and more collaborative office, Seven Generations A+E is planning to increase the number of employees in the near term to support the firm's plan for continued growth and diversification.

Seven Generations A+E, which was in the business technological research park within Western Michigan University's engineering campus for four years, has been planning this move for more than a year. With the assistance of a grant from the Michigan Economic



Expansion Corp. (MEDC), Seven Generations A+E was able to secure capital resources to help with the company's move to The Foundry.

"Seven Generations A+E's move and expansion demonstrates their commitment to the ongoing growth of Kalamazoo's business community," says Jeff Mason, chief executive officer of MEDC. "The company's tribal belief that today's generation is responsible for the prosperity of future generations is a model for planning and developing sustainable solutions both for a business and a community."

What's that invasive species? Bloody Red Shrimp (*Hemimysis anomala*)



The bloody red shrimp (*Hemimysis anomala*) is an invasive species that is native to eastern Europe. This shrimp arrived in the Great Lakes through ballast water in shipping freighters. Bloody red shrimp can compete with native species, especially young fish, and can lend to compromising the integrity of the food web in the Great Lakes. Adult bloody red shrimp can

grow to one-half inch in size. At times, these shrimp form swarms of up to 1,500 per square yard.

The shrimp is translucent to ivory yellow in color with red pigmentation that can vary according to temperature and light resources. The bloody red shrimp prefers rocky substrates and is typically found in 15–35 feet of water. These shrimp stay among the rocks during the day and emerge at night to feed. The opossum shrimp (*Mysis diluviana*) is a native shrimp in the Great Lakes and prefers deeper water and is not as red in color. Additionally, the structure of the tails between the two shrimp species is different, so they can be identified when captured. As always when boating, be sure to clean and drain the boat and associated trailer to help prevent the spread of invasive species to other bodies of water.

What's that edible plant? Lion's Mane Mushroom (*Hericium erinaceus*)



The Lion's Mane mushroom (*Hericium erinaceus*) is typically found growing during the late summer and fall on hardwoods throughout Michigan. Lion's Mane is a mushroom belonging to the tooth fungus group that grows with long, white spines in a clump on the trunk of hardwoods. Look for lion's mane after rain in the late summer and fall on maples, American beech, and oaks.

Lion's mane has been shown to have many health benefits. Some of the benefits include reducing depression and anxiety, improving memory, focus and concentration, increasing energy, and supporting gut health and circulation. Lion's mane can be prepared by slicing the mushroom and then sautéing with butter and salt and pepper. Additionally, lion's mane can be cooked with butter, cream, onion, garlic and flour to create a type of pasta sauce. Lion's mane is quite versatile and can be used in many recipes. As with any new edible, ensure that you have a positive identification before consumption and utilize the edible in small quantities at first to make sure there are no allergic reactions.



Department of Education
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Débénwéthêk Parent Group



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

2018

February 21	May 16	August 15	November 14
March 21	June 20	September 12	December 12
April 18	July 18	October 17	

5:30–7:30 pm | Zagbëgon: An Early Learning & Development Academy

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Diabetes Program

Education

Join PHS for diabetes education open to tribal citizens and their families. Each class is 2 hours and there will be a different topic each month. See the times and topics below and please RSVP if you are interested in attending these classes. You can attend one or all of the classes. Classes may be canceled due to lack of participation.

PHS Multi-purpose Room
58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac MI



July 10	9 am – 11 am	Diabetes Basics Taught by PHS nursing staff
August 14	9 am – 11 am	Medications and complications Taught by a PHS pharmacist
September 11	9 am – 11 am	Nutrition Taught by PHS Registered Dietician
October 9	2 pm – 4 pm	Diabetes Basics Taught by PHS nursing staff
November 13	2 pm – 4 pm	Medications and complications Taught by a PHS pharmacist
December 11	2 pm – 4 pm	Nutrition Taught by PHS Registered Dietician

Please contact Elizabeth Leffler, RN at (269) 462-4406 for more information or to sign up for a session.

Prevention

Tribal Police celebrate saving lives



At the Pokagon Band Tribal Police's quarterly meeting this October, officers from the tribe and the South Bend Police Department received life saving awards. South Bend Sergeants Ryan Hipakka and Martin Mullins assisted Tribal Police Officer Justin Pangle in administering CPR/AED to Tribal Officer Matt Johnson, and each who assisted received an award. Sister Lakes Firefighter Steven Torres and wife Amy Torres and Tribal Sergeant Rich Hiscock also earned life saving awards for pulling Officer Earl Holbrook from his vehicle after a crash and administering first aid. Finally, Sgt. Ron Douglas received two lifesaving awards for rescuing two people from a burning car and administering first aid.

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Department of Education | Early Childhood Education

Neshnabé Mbokén

A children's book club

FIRST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH | 4-5 P.M.
ZAGBĚGON AN EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Neshnabé mbokén [nesh-na-bém-bo-kén] is a children's book club, which will focus on Native American books and authors. This program is open to the public (all ages).

Neshnabé mbokén means native books in Potawatomi and includes books about natives, books written by natives, or books having to do with native context.

For more information, please contact
Erin Byrket-Burggraf at topash240512@gmail.com or
Autumn Laraway at Autumn.Laraway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

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Department of Education



Simon Pokagon Memorial Research Library

The Pokagon Band Department of Education has an online library through Overdrive. There are hundreds of Native American titles that are available digitally or by audio. Currently, this is available to Pokagon Citizens (must have enrollment number and birthdate to sign in).

How to use the library:

Go to pokagon.overdrive.com or download the Overdrive App



1. Select the **Sign In** button (top right corner)
2. Enter **enrollment number** (Type the letters PB then enrollment number. You may need to add 0s in front of enrollment number to get to 4 digits.)
3. Enter **birthdate**

If you have questions or need help, please contact Susan Doyle at Susan.Doyle@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269) 782-0887.



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Citizens construct traditional canoe, *continued from page one*



A couple years ago, Tom Wood told Kevin he shared this dream. He had almost finished a canoe of his own, and he was ready to make a new one. Kevin committed to completing one with him, and so they began.

Patty Jo Kublick, in her role of cultural activities coordinator at Language & Culture at the time, set up a place for them to work and helped coordinate getting them the supplies they needed. The group reached out to Bay Mills Indian Community, and the tribe let them harvest supplies from their properties.

“We couldn’t have done it without Bay Mills Indian Community,” said Nicole Holloway, cultural activities coordinator and citizen who helped construct the canoe.

Nicole particularly means Justin Carrick, who helped the Pokagon group get the permissions they needed to harvest most of the cedar, some of the spruce roots, and all of the bark they needed from Bay Mills land. Justin spent two eight-hour days with them in the woods to find the perfect trees for the body of the canoe.

“As we worked, different people came and helped us at different stages,” Kevin said. Many hands from our community touched this canoe and made it possible.

By April 5 of this year, they had gathered all their necessary supplies and began construction. Elder Majel DeMarsh wasn’t part of gathering the materials, but she helped prepare them for use, soaking the bark and pulling it apart just right, following the bends of the roots.

“Sharing of food, just getting it done—little by little—seeing the process of working together, gave us this beautiful gift,” Majel said, pointing to the completed canoe that was now resting on the grass outside the Language & Culture workshop, where everyone had spent much time over the previous months working on it.

Kevin says they all learned on the fly, teaching themselves as they went along. They found old books and used their carpentry knowledge to feel the rest out. They built it in about the same way as our ancestors would have, “right down to the splitting of the wood,” said Rachel Hodge, another citizen who help construct the canoe.

“Going out and getting the (materials)...it’s being able to learn and...knowing that Mother Earth has everything that we need,” Rachel said. “It’s up to us to cohesively come together as one unit—as we used to—and do for each other.”

They took it out on the water a couple times, discovered leaks, patched them, and their most recent voyage revealed no more openings. Majel is anticipating feasting the water of Gage and Rodgers Lakes from the canoe.

Other citizens who helped gather the materials and build the canoe are James Murray, Christine Morseau, and Marcus Winchester.

The canoe will be displayed in the rotunda of the Administration Building, replacing the canoe currently there, which will move to the Language & Culture building.

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.

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Wellness Language Group ning	Tribal Government offices closed in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday		Tribal Government offices closed in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday			
28		29		30		
Wellness Language Class	Lean Lunch South Bend Language Class Potawatomi 201		Circuit Training Elders Health and Wellness Circuit Training			

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.

Elders Kindle Fire program reignites

The Pokagon Education Department's Elders Program has received a donation of 100 Kindle Fires thanks to Jenna Huffman, a Pokagon citizen in the marketing department of Four Winds. Now 100 Pokagon elders can be equipped with technology today for a bright future for tomorrow. Tribal elders can interact electronically with their friends and families from their own homes. Connecting with their grandchildren makes this program essential for elders. We are grateful to Four Winds Casino Resort!

Since the Elder Kindle Fire program ended in 2017, many other elders have asked about receiving a Kindle or mentioned that their Kindle is broken. Now any elder who has not yet received a Kindle can apply for one. Or if your old Kindle is broken, please return it and you may be eligible for another one, dependent upon availability. This is on a first come, first served basis so please respond soon.

To register, visit the website or contact Donald Sumners Donald.Sumners@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.



To register, please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/elders-kindle-registration-0

Elders Council offering Potawatomi dictionaries to language-learning elders

The Elders Council is considering the purchase of a limited number of Potawatomi dictionaries for elders who would put them to good use.

To get a measure of interest, we ask that interested elders contact Beth at Elders Hall at (269) 782-0765 by November 30, 2018.

- You must be an enrolled Pokagon Elder (age 55+ by Nov 30)
- One per household
- You will be responsible for shipping costs if you are unable to pick it up from Elders Hall

This is an important reference and aide in learning Bodwéwadmimwen, so please, interested parties only. Depending on the response, there is no guarantee that all respondents will be accommodated.



PATHWAYS

Take your path to a brighter

Mission

The mission of the Pathways Program is to provide our citizens with means of access to tribal resources and tools that help them earn gainful employment within the Mno-Bmadsen family of companies, its partners and network. The Pathways Program provides resources and opportunities for all tribal citizens entering or re-entering the workforce at any age.

Our customized programs are built for our youth as well as for all adults. Pathways works closely with our education department to focus our youth on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) the foundations of our Pokagon culture to prepare them for brighter futures. Pathways collaborates with our tribal government to provide the skills and career opportunities for adults to explore vocations that provide personal satisfaction and fulfillment.



Services Offered

- Career Assessments
- Internships
- Apprenticeships
- Career Path Development
- Job Placement

This is a very exciting time for tribal citizens and their families to take advantage of this unique opportunity. We strongly encourage all citizens to register for the program by visiting <https://mno-bmadsen.com/pathways-mno-bmadsen/> or call us at (269) 783-4111. We will work together to build a customized career path just for you!



Our Family of Companies



Services

Seven Generations Group is comprised of our professional services companies. This portfolio of companies excel in complex architecture and engineering, including mechanical, civil and environmental, and tribal investment and or consulting services.

Manufacturing

Mno-DREK Group is comprised of our manufacturing companies and includes injection molding product design for the plastics and rubber industries.



Real Estate

Red Tail Properties Group we deliver a tradition of sustainable solutions inspired by indigenous planning, consulting and real estate development. Our approach is simple: respect the environment and celebrate community. We specialize in the commercial and tribal markets.



Elders Council hosts 50/60s prom night, *continued from page one*

“The Youth Council helped with decorations and assisting elders at dinner. They wanted to know when we will do another one, they had so much fun,” said Maxine Magiotta, Elders Council chair. “We appreciated their help so much.”

Judy Augusta was crowned queen and Earl Mcfall was the king. Theresa Mcfall and Jackie Trux won the twist dance contest.

“They liked the interaction and camaraderie with each other,” said Judy Augusta, Elders Council secretary.

The Elders Council plans for this to become an annual event. The Huron Band will host next year’s.



POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES + TRIBAL ART REVIEW COMMITTEE

Gwikwé’amen

Holly Fair + Art Extravaganza

SATURDAY **DECEMBER 8** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Dowagiac Middle School 57072 Riverside Drive

Enjoy holiday shopping from our Tribal Artists with free gift wrapping, make and take crafts, and have your picture taken with Santa!

Open to the public. Lunch is provided.

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 for weather related updates.



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Neshnabe 101

Please join us in an open forum discussion for tribal community members who have questions about cultural teachings or history. Questions that you may want to ask anonymously may be submitted prior to the gathering to Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov. A light dinner will be provided.

For more information, contact Rebecca Williams at Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269) 783-6131.

November 9 | 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Language and Culture Dept. Activity Room



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Pokagon Band DNR hosts successful Fish and Wildlife Conference

This year, the Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources was selected to host the 31st Annual Great Lakes Regional Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Conference. The Conference took place at Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Michigan.

Opening ceremonies included Southern Straight, Pokagon Band Ogitchedaw, Clarence White, and Pokagon Band Chairman Wesaw. More than 100 tribal, federal, state, and agency representatives from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan gathered to present on topics related to the environment, environmental education, wildlife and fisheries. Tribal conservation officers participated in multiple trainings, including active shooter and below 100 training.

On the first day of the conference, participants were able to attend workshops regarding trapping or electrofishing. A traditional feast was provided, and the Red Lake Nation sponsored and cooked a walleye fry luncheon. During the closing



night events, donations for a silent auction and raffle were present, which brought in over \$4,000 in bids for tribal youth scholarships. Awards were presented at the conference including scholarships to tribal youth and regional accomplishment awards. Dale Keene, Pokagon Band Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resources Technician, was presented with the Great Lakes Regional Technician of the Year award and Kevin Modlin, Pokagon Band Tribal Police Department, Conservation Officer, was presented with the Great Lakes Regional Conservation Officer of the Year award. Both awards are nominated by regional individuals and reviewed by the selection committee prior to being selected and awarded.

Conference attendees indicated that they felt very welcomed into the community and that the hospitality of the Band helped to make the conference one of the best since its inception 31 years ago.

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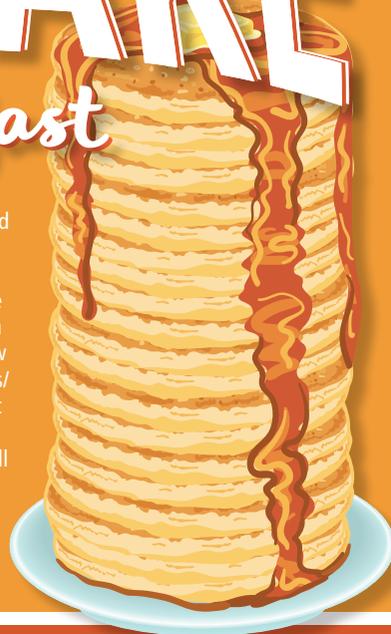
5th annual

SUGAR SEASON KICK OFF

PANCAKE
Breakfast

To see the equipment we use for the sugaring process and have the opportunity to give your contact information if you are interested in volunteering anytime during the season. We will discuss the way the season works and the general hours of operation for sugar bush. We will explain what we need the most help with so that volunteers know what they will be doing when they come out to help. Gifts/incentives will be given to people who volunteer the most hours throughout the season at the End of Sugar Season Feast in April. Pancake breakfast with real maple syrup will be served.

January 19, 2019 | 10:00 am
Rodgers Lake Pavilion



If you have any questions please contact Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325 or Nicole Holloway at (269) 783-3513 / nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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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

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Department of Language & Culture
8th annual community celebration

Autumn Harvest

pow wow

Tuesday, November 20
12:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Community Center

The autumn pow wow held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving celebrating a successful harvest has become an annual Pokagon event. Join the fun with a potluck-style lunch featuring roast turkey as the main dish. Bring your best chili game to the chili cook off and win a \$100 Visa gift card. Judges will be chosen on site. Ribbon Town is host drum.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Potluck Lunch + Chili Cookoff
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Grand Entry: all dancers welcome

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

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LEGAL AID

For Pokagon Band Citizens

Do you need advice or assistance with a legal issue?

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

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

For questions about Michigan or Pokagon Band law, contact

Michigan Indian Legal Services
(800) 968-6877

An MILS attorney will be at the Pokagon Community Center at least one day a week. Please call for an appointment.

For questions about Indiana law, contact

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

Please call for an appointment Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Except for criminal matters in Pokagon Tribal Court, there are no asset or income restrictions for Pokagon Band citizens receiving this free legal service. Not all legal services provided include representation in court, in some instances the available legal services are limited to document review, document preparation, and/or providing legal advice.

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

november

5 language

Potato Soup
Fish Square Sandwich
Garden Salad
Jell-O w/ Fruit

12 closed | veterans day



19 language

Marinated Chicken
Red Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Veggie Tray
Fruit Salad

26 language

Chef's Choice

6

Venison Spaghetti
Asparagus
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

13

Bean Soup
Pinwheel Sandwiches
Garden Salad
Pickle Tray
Banana Pie

20

Buffalo Stuffed Peppers
Au Gratin Potatoes
Green Beans
Cucumber Salad
Roll

27

Pork Roast
Red Potatoes
Carrots
Tomato Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Applesauce

7

Cornish Hen
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Brussels Sprouts
Cottage Cheese and Fruit
Whole Grain Roll

14

Sea Bass
Rice
Broccoli
Coleslaw
Whole Grain Roll

21

Breakfast Bar

28

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Tri Blend Veggies
Garden Salad
Dessert
Roll

1

business meeting

Buffalo Sloppy Joes
Baked French Fries
Green Beans
Fruit Salad
Birthday Cake

8

Reuben Sandwich
Baked Beans
Relish & Veggie Tray
Melon Tray

15 thanksgiving social

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

22 closed | thanksgiving



29

Chicken Noodle Soup
Tuna Sandwich
Relish & Veggie Tray
Yogurt & Fruit Cup

2

Pizza Day

9

Buffalo Chili
Tator Tots
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit
Cornbread

16

Salad Bar

23 closed | thanksgiving

30

Mexican Pizza
All the toppings
Garden Salad
Dessert

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 the Enrollment Office at (269) 782-1763 or the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

Name	Christmas 2017	Monthly Per Cap
Scott Brewer, Jr	x	x
Angela Case	x	
Cristian Cobb	x	x
Mason Currey	x	x
Ian Deloach	x	
Brett Gibson	x	x
Bobby M. Haynes, Jr	x	
Jeffery Morseau	x	x
Austin L. Northrup	x	x
Peter J. Ramirez	x	
Skylar Topash		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: Enrollment@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

The document must be received by November 8 in order to make it on the December 2018 check run. Anything received after November 8 will be processed on the check run for January 2019. 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.

Elders Stipend increments

Elders Stipends increase each five years by \$250 starting at age 65. All elders over 65 receiving the stipend will notice an increase in their amount every five years until the amount caps at \$1,750 for those aged 85 and above. Here are the increments:

Age	Monthly Elders Stipend Amount	Age	Monthly Elders Stipend Amount
55 – 64	\$500	75 – 79	\$1,250
65 – 69	\$750	80 – 84	\$1,500
70 – 74	\$1,000	85 and older	\$1,750

Don't forget the Elders Stipend is taxable income; federal tax withholding forms are available online at www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, January 12, 2018	Monday, January 30, 2018	Wednesday, January 31, 2018
Thursday, February 15, 2018	Monday, February 27, 2018	Wednesday, February 28, 2018
Thursday, March 15, 2018	Thursday, March 28, 2018	Thursday, March 29, 2018
Friday, April 13, 2018	Thursday, April 26, 2018	Friday, April 27, 2018
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	Tuesday, May 28, 2018	Wednesday, May 30, 2018
Friday, June 15, 2018	Thursday, June 29, 2018	Friday, June 29, 2018
Friday, July 13, 2018	Monday, July 30, 2018	Tuesday, July 31, 2018
Wednesday, August 15, 2018	Thursday, August 30, 2018	Tuesday, August 31, 2018
Friday, September 14, 2018	Thursday, September 27, 2018	Friday, September 28, 2018
Monday, October 15, 2018	Tuesday, October 30, 2018	Wednesday, October 31, 2018
Thursday, November 8, 2018*	Tuesday, November 20, 2018	Wed, November 21, 2018
Friday, December 14, 2018	Thursday, December 27, 2018	Friday, December 28, 2018

* Please note the November deadline for changes is November 8. 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

The tribe has mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. This is information pertains to citizen not receiving payments by direct deposit or a PNC pay card or making changes to their existing direct deposit information.

Direct Deposit Form Submission

- If your form is received before the deadline date for per capita changes, the information will be entered into the system. If your test-run is error-free, then you will have direct deposit the same month.
- If you submit your direct deposit form after the deadline date; the following month, your check will be direct deposited into your bank as long as the test-run is error-free.

PNC Paycard

- In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, may elect to have a PNC pay card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month.

Federal Tax Withholding

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.

All three of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov.

If you have any questions, please call (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Elders receiving Supplemental Assistance Benefits will also receive this increase; they'll get the additional \$250, but their supplemental assistance will not decrease. Supplemental Assistance Benefits are not taxable.

Elders are eligible to opt in or out of the stipend program during the month they turn 55 years old. Contact the Social Services Department at (269) 782-8998 for help understanding how this increase could impact your particular situation.

To register for Elders Stipend, request a form by calling (269) 782-0765. Return the completed form to the Enrollment Office, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047 or Fax: (269) 782-1964. Forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Tribal Council November Calendar of Events

- 5 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 6 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 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.
- 19 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 20 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 26 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 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.

Tribal Council December Calendar of Events

- 3 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 4 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds South Bend, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 11 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session Meeting, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 18 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Notice of Open Positions

The following Boards, Committees and Commissions are looking to fill open positions. Please see the Pokagon Band website or the **Legislative Edition** for more information.

- Pokagon Rights Board
- Mno-Bmadsen Board
- Family Welfare Commission
- Election Board
- Ethics Board
- Tribal Art Review Committee
- Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee

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DÉBÉNWÉTHĒK PARENT GROUP



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Want to wear your pajamas and snuggle up with the kids for a Family Movie Night at the community center? Bring pillows and blankets to enjoy *Happy Feet* and munch on popcorn! For anyone not watching the movie, there will also be fun board games!

Friday, November 9 7:00 pm
Community Center

Débénwéthék
Parent Group

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DRUM CLASSES

Department of Language and Culture
59291 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Please join John T. Warren at our Men's and Boys Drum Class, open to all tribal citizens, spouses and other tribal affiliations. Drum class welcomes all ages and is held the first and third Wednesday of every month. There are many teachings that come with this class from a great teacher.

Any youth under 13 attending the class must be accompanied by an adult. Those drivers attending both drum classes in a month are eligible for a \$25 gas card. Dinner is provided.

2018

July 11	August 1	September 5	October 3	November 7	December 5
July 18	August 15	September 19	October 17	November 21	December 19

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



For more information, please call the Language & Culture office at (269) 462-4325 or Nicole Holloway at (269) 783-3513 desk / (269) 783-6131 cell.

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

Zagbëgon

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

59291 Indian Lake 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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Member at large

Vacant

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Dowagiac Union High School named its homecoming royalty recently: congratulations to **Jacquelynn Winchester-Jones** on her Homecoming Queen title, pictured here with Homecoming King Donovan Sullivan.



In loving memory of our Mom, **Mary Maddox**. This past year has not been easy, but we know you are in God's care and well again. You taught us so much. Your faith and love and concern for others has made a

difference in our lives and to many.

We, your girls, as you still called us, miss you very much and think of you every day. We know your whole family misses you.

Love,
Sandy, Cindy, and Sherri



Happy Birthday **Ethan, Emily and Darrell!!** We love you and wish you a happy year!! Amazing that you all share November 20 as your Birthday...

Ethan 15
Emily 15
Darrell 6

Love,
Mom and Dad

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
53900 CHERRY GROVE RD [DAILEY RD ENTRANCE] 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 STARTING AUGUST 1
WWW.POKAGONBAND-NSN.GOV/FORM/LIGHT-WAY-NIGHT-RUN-5K-REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 17 TO GET A SHIRT. QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARCY HERBERT AT (269) 783-2472.

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

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Please check the Pokagon Band website for weather related updates.

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Pokagon Citizens ages 12-24!
Do you want to be more involved with your tribe? Have you considered joining the Youth Council?

We meet at 10 am the second Saturday each month in the Community Center | raffles at every meeting | team building | develop future tribal leaders | provide a voice for Pokagon youth | community service projects | pomote and develop Potawatomi culture, language and identity.

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