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Education Department opens Simon Pokagon Memorial Research Library

When the Administration Building first opened at Rodgers Lake in 2010, so did the Department of Education's lending library, which loaned out Native American books. Over the years, staff noticed it was underutilized; often books were returned late or not at all. So they began asking, "How can we better serve our citizens?"

Part of the answer to that question is the newly-opened Simon Pokagon Memorial Research Library, which debuted during the Sovereignty Day festivities September 19.

"We wanted more of an online digital library," said Sam Morseau, education director. "Citizens can check out e-books and stream video and audio. It reaches citizens outside the ten county service area."

Going digital gives citizens multiple ways to use the library. The Education Department has given out 150 Kindles thus far, and citizens can submit wish lists for books they'd like to check out via their devices (users access the digital library

with any e-reader, not only Kindles). The space will become a digital classroom that can be used for teleconferencing with other tribes or for classroom space for the tribe's partner colleges. Potawatomi language apps will be accessible from the online library, and it will be a part of the Southwest Michigan Library Consortium, making thousands of other books and resources available.

This development is funded by a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, so citizens can expect to see more digital books and resources available in the future.

"Naming the library for Simon Pokagon seemed like a no brainer," said Morseau. "He was one of our earliest patriarchs and authors. He wrote Queen of the Woods, spoke at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, and met Presidents Lincoln and Grant. He started a rich tradition of learning and striking a good balance between culture and education."

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Pokagon Band gears up for Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Last year our Tribal Council officially recognized October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Pokagon community. This resolution was presented by Councilwoman Andy Jackson, a strong supporter of the women in our community, and received overwhelming support from Tribal Council.

We all know domestic violence has a negative impact on our communities. It impacts the individuals and families who experience it firsthand. It shows the victims, most commonly women, that their lives and experiences aren't valuable. If there are children involved, studies have shown that child witnesses to violence are at an increased likelihood to become either victims or perpetrators in adulthood. Feeling unsafe at home or in your relationship impacts all parts of your life: your friends, loved ones, and pets could be at risk for harm, as abusers tend to harm or threaten harm to loved ones as part of the abuse. You could also be at risk for missing work or school because of injuries from assaults, or if your partner keeps you from working or attending school. As a community, it is important not to ask the victim why she chose to stay, but instead ask the perpetrator why they choose to harm. No one ever chooses to be hurt.

The Domestic Violence program will have activities going throughout the month of October to raise awareness for Domestic Violence. There will be several different activities going on throughout the month, including Harvest Day for families, co-sponsored by the Education Department, on October 3, a screening of the film Finding Dawn on October 9, a vigil to honor survivors on October 12, 5K run/walk and picnic on October 17, and a Women's Talking Circle on October 25, to name a few. Some of these programs require pre-registration. Check the calendar and the website for information on these events. If you have any questions you can contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

If you or someone you know is feeling unsafe at home, help is available. Please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov. All services are free of charge and confidential.

Bodwéwadmimwen language learning app available for download on Apple and Kindle devices

Potawatomi language learners can study the language on the go with the new Bodwéwadmimwen app, available for free on Apple and Kindle devices.

The Language and Culture Department worked with Native language app developers Thornton Media, Inc. to create a custom language learning app for Potawatomi. The app features the voices of language apprentices Carla Collins and Kyle Mallot and photos of Pokagon citizens, tribal land, and buildings.

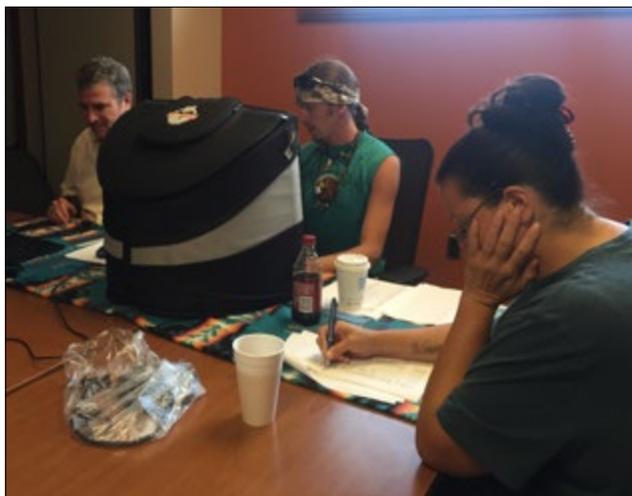
The categories of words and phrases teach you in three stages: learning, game playing, and quizzes. The app first says and shows you the words. You just tap on what you want to know, and the word or phrase is spoken to you in Potawatomi as a corresponding image appears. Next, you can play games on easy, medium, and hard levels to use what you've learned,

followed by quizzes that test your new knowledge.

Thornton Media has created apps for the Cree, Tsuut'ina, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Chinuk Wawa, and other Native languages, all available in the Apple iTunes store.

Language Program Coordinator Rhonda Purcell says the app is not meant to replace language classes but compliment them, giving citizens access to language at all times.

This is the largest compilation of Potawatomi language, Purcell says. Citizens may visit the Language & Culture offices to use the app if they do not have access to an app-compatible device.



Potawatomi Gathering provides weekend of fellowship

Forest County Potawatomi hosted the 2015 Potawatomi Gathering in Crandon, Wisconsin this August. More than 40 Pokagon citizens and family attended, and several veterans became integral parts of the ceremonies.

The Gathering offered elders bingo, a bell workshop, archery, tan hiding, and more activities for citizens of all Potawatomi tribes to experience together. Most were full when the Pokagon group arrived on Wednesday, so much of their time was spent engaging with each other.

Citizen Melissa Rodriguez cherished the time catching up with others she hadn't spoken to in a long time, "It was nice just to sit and talk," she said of her time at the Gathering.

Notable were the two pow wows held in the evenings, where fifteen Pokagon Band veterans danced around the circle with the veterans of 10 other bands, posting the colors and honoring our Eagle Staff.

Head Veteran Anthony Foerster carried the Pokagon Eagle Staff around the large, mostly enclosed arena during the grand entries. He appreciated walking with the highly respected men and women veterans from the other tribes.

Just as notable is his time spent with his fellow Pokagon Band veterans.

"We have such a closeness and a bond, that we all feel like brothers and sisters," Foerster said of his Ogitchedaw family.

The next Potawatomi Gathering will be organized by the Citizen Band in Oklahoma.



Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa celebrates 30 years



Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

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

Flu Facts: Get vaccinated before flu season hits hard

By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

Signs and symptoms of flu

People who have the flu often feel feverish and chills and may have a cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and body aches.

How flu spreads

The flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or possibly their nose.

You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others for an even longer time.

Preventing seasonal flu: Get vaccinated

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each season. There are two types of flu vaccines:

- Flu shots: inactivated vaccines (containing killed virus) that are given with a needle.
- The nasal-spray flu vaccine which the PHS clinic does not offer: a vaccine made with live, weakened flu viruses that is given as a nasal spray. The viruses in the nasal spray vaccine do not cause the flu.

About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection. Flu vaccines will not protect against flu-like illnesses caused by non-influenza viruses. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against the three influenza viruses that research suggests will be most common.

When to get vaccinated against seasonal flu

Yearly flu vaccination should begin in October, or as soon as a vaccine is available, and continue throughout the flu season which can last as late as May. This is because the timing and duration of flu seasons vary. While flu season can begin as early as October, most of the time seasonal flu activity peaks in January, February or later.

Who should get vaccinated?

Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year. While everyone should get a flu vaccine each flu season, it's especially important that certain people get vaccinated either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications.

Who is at high risk for developing flu-related complications?

- Children younger than five, but especially children younger than two years old
- Adults 65 years of age and older
- Pregnant women
- American Indians and Alaskan Natives seem to be at higher risk of flu complications
- People who have certain medical conditions
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including health care workers

The flu vaccine will be available at Pokagon Health Services in November on Thursdays from 5:00–7:00 p.m. by appointment, and walk ins on Fridays from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon and 1:00–5:00 p.m. Vaccines will also be given at the monthly Elders business meeting at the Community Center in November and December. The vaccines will be available until we are out.

You can also get your vaccine at your regularly scheduled appointment, but let the scheduler know this ahead of time. Please contact (269) 782-4141 or (888) 440-1234 to schedule your appointment or get more information on influenza.

Have a fourth grader in your family? Get your free pass to national parks

Hey fourth graders! See America's natural wonders and historic sites for free. You and your family get free access to hundreds of parks, lands, and waters for this entire academic year. Explore ancient dwellings. See a waterfall taller than a building. The National Parks Service wants to see every kid in a park.

Get your pass by visiting: www.everykidinapark.gov and follow the instructions. Use this pass to visit any public land for free. You can bring your family and friends with you for free, too! The pass is for U.S. fourth grade (or home-school equivalent) students. It expires August 31, 2016.



 Get your pass by visiting: www.everykidinapark.gov

Meandering of Rodgers Lake outlet pond begins

You may be on the Rodgers Lake Campus and see construction taking place near the campground entrance during October. The Department of Natural Resources is using Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant funds and Natural Resources Conservation Services funding to restore the Rodgers Lake outlet to a meandering stream with wildlife passage.

Currently, Rodgers Lake outlet pond has a high level of organic muck and debris which causes the water to warm in the pond before flowing downstream. This warmer water then negatively affects the downstream aquatic fauna and drains into the cool-transitional Dowagiac River.

This project involves removing the culvert under All Seasons Road and a smaller culvert downstream and then replacing the culvert under All Seasons Road with a partially buried box culvert that will allow wildlife to cross under the road and to swim freely in the stream. The culvert downstream is perched and results in a plunge pool which effectively blocks fish and other aquatic organisms from swimming upstream.

The pond will be dug out and a natural stream channel will be created. Logs and dead trees will create habitat and control erosion. The area will be seeded and trees and shrubs will then be planted next spring. The project is scheduled to start at the end of September and end by mid-November.

Officer Tip of the Month Jason Flick

This month, Community Resource Officer Jason Flick wants to share car seat basics for those who drive little ones.

Cadet Flick imagined himself chasing down the bad guys, breaking up fights, and apprehending drug dealers. But now as a seasoned officer, Flick practices a different style of policing at the Pokagon Tribal Police Department: community policing.

“It’s interaction with the public in positive ways,” Flick said.

It’s stopping at a park and playing a game of pick up with the kids on the court; it’s walking through the Édawat village and talking with residents.

Since transitioning into the Community Resource Program, Flick has been able to meet citizens and employees with whom he might’ve never spoken on the road as a patrol officer, and he appreciates these new connections.

Out on the road, though, parents and caregivers need to know how to properly keep their kids safe in car seats.

A survey found that in the U.S., only 26 percent of car seats for children under age 8 are secured correctly. Proper car seat use reduces the risk of death by 71 percent for infants, and 54 percent for toddlers.

Needless to say, these numbers don’t add up.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning released a video about car seat laws and how to know which car seat is right for your child. The video can be found at the link below.

Citizens and caretakers of Pokagon children can also set up an appointment with a tribal police officer who is a certified car seat technician to examine your current car seat(s) or receive a new car seat(s) by calling (269) 782-2232.



[Youtube.com/ohsp](https://www.youtube.com/ohsp)

Pokagon DNR researches wild rice



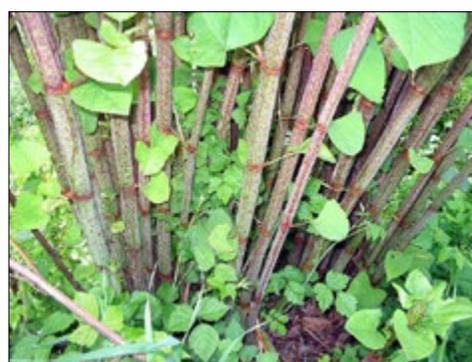
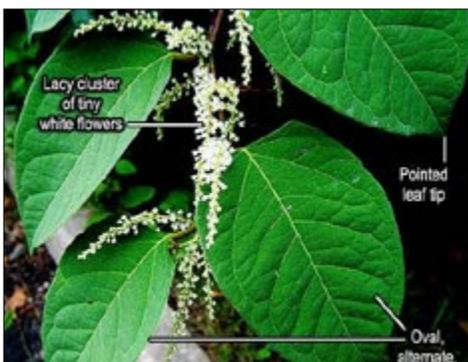
For its research regarding wild rice, DNR staff recently visited Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi environmental staff to see their wild river rice areas. The DNR toured areas where wild river rice is growing very well and areas where the rice has not been as successful. Since wild river rice is an annual plant, sometimes it is not evident what the best soil and environmental conditions may be for the river

rice. The DNR is also investigating local wild rice in an effort to obtain rice that would be more adapted to the climate of Pokagon tribal properties.

The DNR has seeded in northern wild rice for several years on tribal properties, but the success of the seeding has been limited. Since the rice seed is a delicacy for both humans and wildlife, a lot of the seed that is placed in the water to grow for next year is

consumed by migrating waterfowl, other bird species, and aquatic mammals. The Departments of Natural Resources and Language and Culture will be working together over the next several years to restore northern wild rice to tribal properties and to inventory any possible wild river rice that may be in tribal waters or within the service area of the Band.

What’s that Invasive Plant? Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)



Japanese knotweed is a large perennial plant that is native to eastern Asia including China, Japan, and Korea. In the plant’s native range it grows in volcanic areas where the ash and soils keep the plant from growing very large. Throughout its non-native range this plant can grow to 13 feet tall in dense groves which completely crowd out native species. Due to the vast expanse and monocultures of this plant species in some areas, home values have decreased. The World Conservation Union has listed this species as one of the world’s worst invasive species. This species has hollow stems and raised nodes, having an appearance similar to bamboo. This invasive species is very successful due to its rapid, early spring growth as well as prolific seeding. The roots of the plant are strong, with the ability to damage concrete. The plant resists cutting, re-sprouting vigorously from roots. The application of herbicides is the best method of treatment, however, salt sprays on leaves have showed some promise for treatment as well. If you find Japanese knotweed starting in your yard it should be addressed immediately to prevent the plant spreading and taking over an area.

What’s that Edible Plant? Wild River Rice (*Zizania aquatica aquatica*)



While paddling along the meanders of creeks and streams, you may have come across wild river rice growing. During September, wild river rice grows to maturity and is ready to be harvested. This variety of wild rice is threatened in the state of Michigan and a harvesting permit is required in order to perform any harvesting. Wild river rice is an annual plant, meaning that it only lives for one year and therefore areas where wild river rice grows fluctuates a bit from year to year. Wild river rice can grow up to 10 feet above the water’s surface and can be difficult to harvest. This rice is small and fragile and can be difficult to maneuver through if the stands are dense. Wild river rice can be prepared in a similar manner to other northern wild rice (*Zizania paulstris*). By using knockers, the rice is harvested, then set out to dry; following drying, the rice is parched, danced, and winnowed. Wild river rice is high in protein, fiber, lysine, and is low in fat. Wild river rice also contains zinc, manganese, iron, potassium, riboflavin, b6, folate, magnesium, phosphorus, and niacin. Wild rice is also used by many wildlife species including many waterfowl and some aquatic mammals.

New look for Chi Ishobak

It is always refreshing to try on something new. Chi Ishobak is no exception to this concept. In October of 2014, Chi Ishobak conducted a working session to refresh its strategic plan. Moving forward into the world of community and economic development, Chi Ishobak wanted to have a more cultural and functional image.

One result of this planning was a new logo. Chi Ishobak wanted a look that was culturally relevant without appearing too complicated or busy. "Our new logo captures so much of our culture while remaining very simple," said Sean Winters, Chi Ishobak executive director. "Tribal citizens see something different each time." The main component of the new logo is the black ash basket pattern which was the motivation for Chi Ishobak's new tagline, "Weaving a pattern of economic independence into our lives today for future generations tomorrow."

These new aspects are also a part of Chi Ishobak's updated website. All current information and resources will remain the same, with the look and feel being the only changes. The updated site will provide easier navigation for users to access necessary information such as applications, workshop details, and contact information.



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Changes of this nature are sometimes taken for granted or not noticed at all. Chi Ishobak viewed this as an opportunity to represent the Pokagon Band and Indian Country in a respectful manner. "We want to empower tribal citizens to accomplish their financial goals," Winters added. "Chi's image should match its reputation within our community."

If you would like more information about Chi Ishobak's programs or new look, please use the contact information below.

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Chi Ishobak online module makes financial wellness easy and comfortable

Innovation is continually providing easier, faster, and more convenient access to information. Our community is no different in that we require information and resources to help us manage the details of our lives effectively and efficiently. Chi Ishobak hosts workshops utilizing its Financial Wellness Guide to equip tribal citizens with necessary tools to take control of their personal finances. The Financial Wellness Guide outlines the Pokagon Financial Path, which combines traditional practices with modern financial activities.

These workshops are conducted in Dowagiac or at the Four Winds Casino Resort properties. "It can be difficult for citizens to attend workshops if they don't live within the immediate area," said Sean Winters, executive director. "Many citizens expressed interest in our workshops, but are unable to travel the distance to Dowagiac to participate."

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi has a large concentration of citizens who reside within the ten county service area, but a large number of citizens live outside of this area. One of the goals of Chi Ishobak is to provide its Financial Wellness Guide to as many tribal citizens as possible. Distance from Dowagiac becomes a major barrier to accomplishing this goal. Tackling this challenge would not be easy, but Chi Ishobak has developed a solution, an online Financial Wellness Module.

"The goal was not to have a basic online course," Winters added. "The goal is for citizens to have the exact same experience as in-person attendees." Chi Ishobak had a videographer film the workshop so the user can see and hear the actual workshop information. An on-screen interactive component allows users to enter information identical to actual workshops. The module advances from chapter to chapter following the same agenda of a workshop. The only difference is the online experience takes place in the comfort of your home, school, place of business, regardless of location.

As long as tribal citizens have access to a computer and the Internet, they have the opportunity to benefit from a culturally relevant modern resource that everyone uses daily: personal financial management. As more citizens utilize this tool, the more equipped they are to make better financial decisions. "Chi Ishobak is not here to tell citizens what to do," Winters stated. "We are here to empower our citizens with a proven process that puts them in a position to achieve their financial goals."

Chi Ishobak's Online Financial Wellness Module will be accessible through Chi Ishobak's new website. The new module will be available after October 1. There is no fee for citizens to use the module. You will only need basic information to register and begin the first segment.

If you would like more information about Chi Ishobak's new Online Financial Wellness Module, please use the contact information below.

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Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Kimberly Tanner** who answered "I have an eye but cannot see, I am stronger and faster than any man alive but have no limbs. Who am I?" The answer was "hurricane."

Emily Serba has also won a gift card for her riddle being selected. Check it out:

Whoever makes me can hear me, but to all others I'm silent. What am I?

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

Department of Education grows Graduation Tree

The Department of Education Graduation Tree is designed to give recognition to students who demonstrate the characteristics which further the mission and goals of Pokagon Band Department of Education by completing programs that represent standards of achievement and excellence. The Department of Education would like the Graduation Tree to include every Pokagon Band graduate to be represented on the tree with a leaf placed in their honor for all degrees completed. Everyone who would like to be honored on the tree must submit an application and provide a copy of their degree to the Department of Education. Even if you have already provided an application and copy of your degree, another one is required to be submitted as the past documents may have been misplaced or lost. Applications accepted year round.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

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

Upcoming elders tech trainings

Workshops will take place immediately following the monthly Elders Business Meetings. Please plan on attending and bringing your Kindle and any questions you may have about this technology or any other technological concerns you may have. We will also be discussing tribal perspectives and how the media can increase participation and understanding.



Sharing is Pure Michigan.

Give Blood

Friday, October 16, 2015

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Multi-Purpose Room

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

Questions? Contact Beth Moody @ (269) 783-2478

Fall is a great time to give blood. Patients in Michigan hospitals need blood 24/7/365.

Attempt to donate and you could win a \$100 Meijer Gift Card!



FOR APPOINTMENT: miblood.org or 1-866-MIBLOOD (642-5663) | A nonprofit blood bank serving Michigan hospitals since 1955



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

DRUM CLASSES

Department of Language and Culture
58653 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

6:00 pm–8:00 pm

2015

September 2

October 7

November 4

September 9

October 14

November 11

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

Notifications of tribal property closure orders

Hartford Edawat housing construction closed to hunting

TRIBAL COUNCIL Resolution No. 15-09-14-03

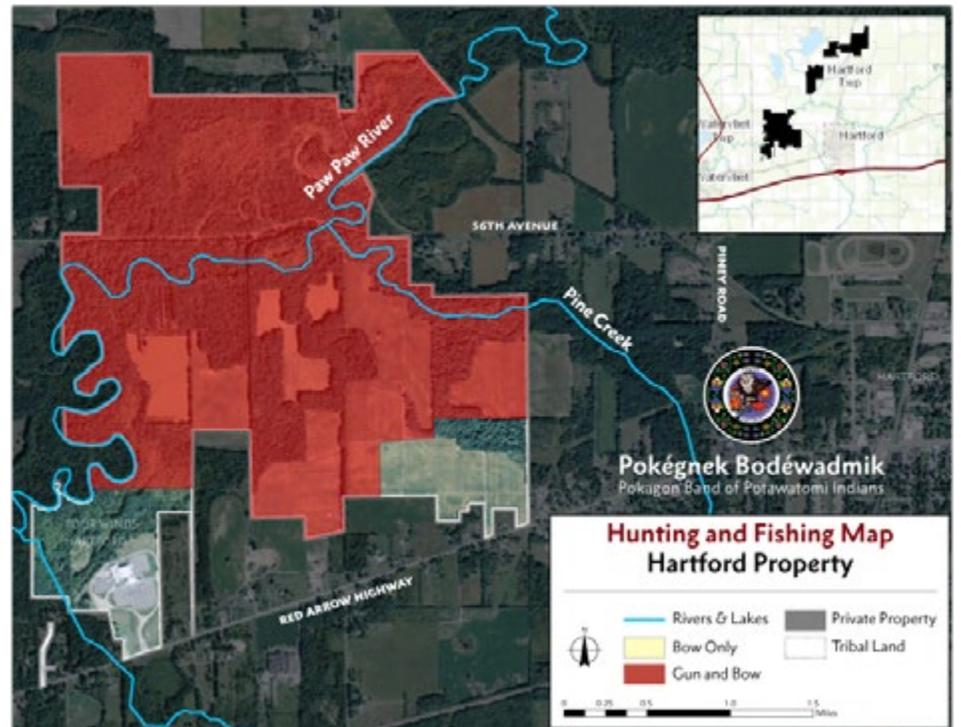
Construction of the Hartford Edawat housing development is scheduled to begin in the 56 acre area depicted at right. To help ensure everyone's safety within the site, the Pokagon DNR concluded that it is necessary to close the site to hunting. The Tribal Council approved the Closure Order, which is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further action by the Tribal Council.

Rodgers Lake Campground closed through October 5

TRIBAL COUNCIL Resolution No. 15-09-14-02

The culvert located under All Seasons Road on the Rodgers Lake property will be removed and replaced, and this work is scheduled to occur between September 25 and October 5. The Rodgers Lake Campground will be largely inaccessible during this time to help facilitate timely completion of the work and to protect public safety.

Tribal Council has closed the Rodgers Lake Campground during the work period, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on September 25 until 11:59 p.m. on October 5. Access to the Rodgers Lake Campground shall be limited to Band staff during the work period; the Department of Natural Resources shall post notices at appropriate locations informing the public and Band citizens of the closure.




DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Project LAUNCH Parent Advisory Group

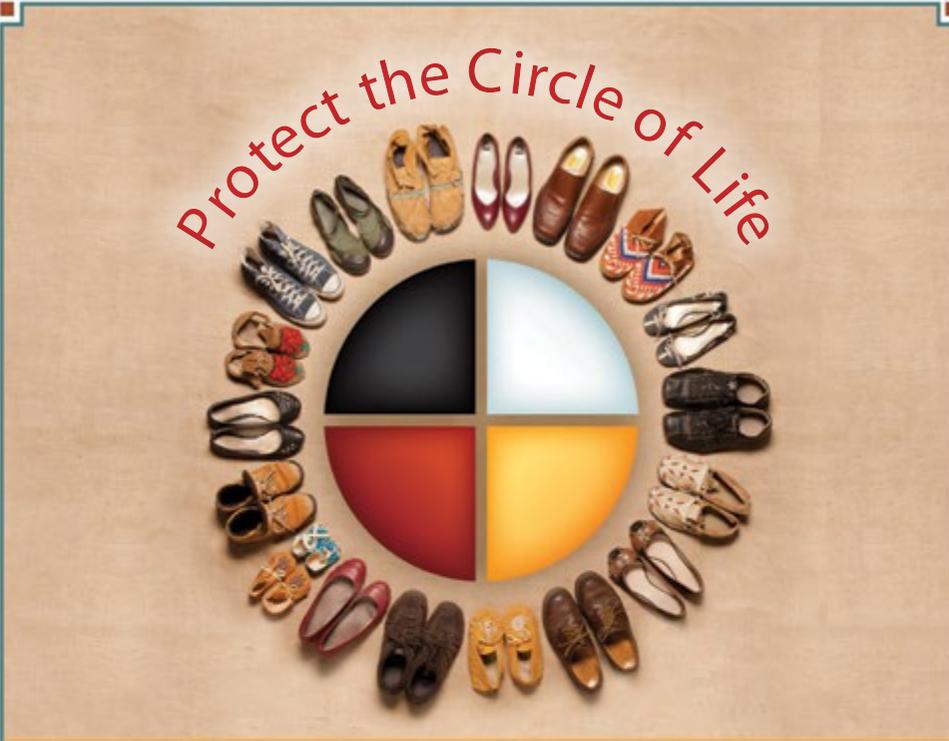


This group meets once a month and is composed of parents and caregivers of children 0–8 years of age. Each Department meets with the Parent Group and discusses ways we can help improve the services for our Pokagon Youth. The Parent Group also receives a cultural teaching from a member of the Pokagon Community.

If you're interested in attending please contact JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator, (269) 462-4450.

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Your Flu Vaccine Protects Me My Flu Vaccine Protects You

Pokagon Health Services Flu Shot Clinic | Beginning in November

All Pokagon Band citizens and household members are eligible. Please bring any insurance information.

Flu shots are available while supplies last beginning in November **by appointment** on Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. and **for walk in's** on Fridays from 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

Pokagon veterans help organize, attend National Gathering of Native Veterans

By Anthony Foerster

Early this year, our veterans group was asked to be the primary color guard for the National Gathering of Native Veterans to be held in August in Chicago. As the year progressed, we helped make a short movie to promote it and encourage national tribal participation. We also sponsored the drum and assisted in the sequencing of the grand entries and honor songs for the veterans.

The weekend kicked off with a dinner on Friday evening where we discussed the availability of programs for departing military personnel and veteran homelessness. Native American veterans serve in the highest percentage per capita than any other nationality, but they also have the highest homelessness percentage, represent the most underserved nationality per capita, and have the lowest income per capita. We were glad to have representation from the Pentagon and the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development.

We were happy to learn that Congress passed legislation authorizing the construction of a monument on the National Mall that will honor native veterans.



The National Museum of the American Indian is asking for participants to start a committee to conceptualize the monument and commission it for an unveiling in 2020. We hope the native veterans gathering can be held in Washington, D.C. that year.

The event had a personal impact for us as well. Cantigny Park, the gathering location in Chicago, is home to the national museum for the US Army 1st Division, the unit that Jerry Campbell served with in Vietnam. The realistic displays and actual combat footage showed the different wars that the 1st Division participated in. The Vietnam display was personal for Jerry. He saw one of his good personal friends who was awarded a Medal of Honor in a display. Jerry

showed us on a map where he fought and how perilous some of those battles were. We were honored to have him share those memories with us.

We are looking to increase the impact of this event next year. Everyone present made commitments to bring several other native groups with them next year so the event will definitely grow.

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Pokagon Health Services

HEALTHY LUNCH

Join Marcy Herbert, Pokagon Band dietician, for a healthy lunch every third Wednesday 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

The menu for the **October 21 Healthy Lunch is Mexican Chicken**. Mark your calendar for the next lunch on November 18.

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



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Language & Culture

Native Nations Youth Council

Pokagon Band Native Nations Youth Council encourages all Pokagon youth who are seeking to contribute to their community as well as to Indian Country to join.

As a Pokagon youth between the ages of 12 to 24 you can be a representative voice and further your development as a future tribal leader.

Junior and Senior Youth Councils meet on the second Saturday of each month between the times of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Meeting locations are announced on the Pokagon Band website.

Please contact Rebecca Williams to join or for more information at (269) 783-9265 or rebecca.williams@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



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4	5 Fit Kids L&C Elders Language Class Auricular Acupuncture Zumba L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class Circuit Training	6 Lean Lunch Fit Kids Red Road to Recovery Group L&C Dowagiac Language Class L&C Early Start Language Class	L&C Gun Lake Youth L L&C Hartford Langua Zumba L&C Dowagiac Drum
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October 2015

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
	<p>1</p> <p>Fit Kids Lean Lunch EDU Elders Workshop: Personal Development L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>EDU Harvest Day</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Language Class Language Class Writing Class</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Fit Kids Lean Lunch Mishkowze: Breast Cancer, Mammograms, Mental Health & Domestic Violence L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training</p>	<p>9</p> <p>SS "Finding Dawn" Film Screening Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Tribal Council Meeting</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Presentation Language Class Language Class</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Fit Kids EDU + L&C Cultural Education Day Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Domestic Violence Awareness Month 5K</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Language Class Language Class</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Fit Kids Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>L&C Language Workshop</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Language Class Language Class</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Fit Kids Lean Lunch SS Women's Traditional Dance Class L&C South Bend Language Class L&C The Basics of Potawatomi Class Circuit Training</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>31</p> <p>L&C Halloween Party</p>

Notice of Open Positions | Ethics Board

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Ethics Board. There are three seats available on the Ethics Board. The Ethics Board, a five member Board, is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government created by the Pokagon Band Ethics Code in fulfillment of Article XVII, Section 3 of the Pokagon Band Constitution. The Ethics Board is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Ethics Code by Pokagon Band officials and employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email: Kelly.Curran@Pokagonband-nsn.gov

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

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

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

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens who are interested in filling one Board member and one Alternate member position on the Election Board. The Board member appointment will be for an approximately two and one-half year term expiring on January 31, 2018. The Alternate member appointment is for an approximately three year term that will expire January 31, 2019.

The Election Board is a five person Board with two Alternates whose members are appointed by the Tribal Council. The Election Board is responsible for conducting Pokagon Band elections, maintaining a list of registered voters, and reviewing membership petitions, initiatives, and referendums. Alternates are not members of the Election Board, but Alternates do assist the Election Board in fulfilling its responsibilities and attend Election Board meetings. Alternates will be seated and vote in the absence of an Election Board member.

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

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. 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 PM 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. Board members and 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 REQUIREMENTS. As Public Officials, Board members and Alternate members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

HOW TO APPLY. If you are interested in serving on the Election Board, you must provide a written statement of interest (identifying whether you are seeking a Board member or Alternate member position) 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 offices at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475. For additional information about the Election Board and the election process, you may also consult the Band's Election Code, which is posted on the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/boards/election-board.

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

Notice of Open Position | Traditions/Repatriations Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION. The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band Citizens for two (2) Committee member positions and one (1) alternate position 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 Tribe. 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 time commitment required to prepare for and attend Committee meetings and perform the business of the Committee will vary. The Committee meets approximately once each month to address general cultural issues and once per month to address issues with the THPO. The Committee may also meet at additional times as needed to fulfill Committee duties. Committee Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings, which are typically held at the Band's Administration Building located at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Michigan.

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

ELIGIBILITY. All persons who wish to serve as a Member or Alternate of the Traditions/Repatriation Committee must 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 members must be flexible in meeting times and locations, and be able to handle several projects at once.

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

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

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, 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. 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
Department of Language & Culture

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

EVERY TUESDAY

3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

RODGERS LAKE TEACHING CABIN

58620 Sink Road | Dowagiac, MI

Pokagon youth middle school to high school are invited to participate in Language & Culture's after school program. Fall activities included running and walking, warrior games and a variety of sports.

Dinner is available for all youth attending the program.

Once a month, active program participants will go on a field trip. September's field trip is horseback riding. October's field trip is to a pumpkin patch and corn maze.

For more information, please contact Daniel Stohrer at (269) 462-4225
or daniel.stohrer@pokagonband-nsn.gov

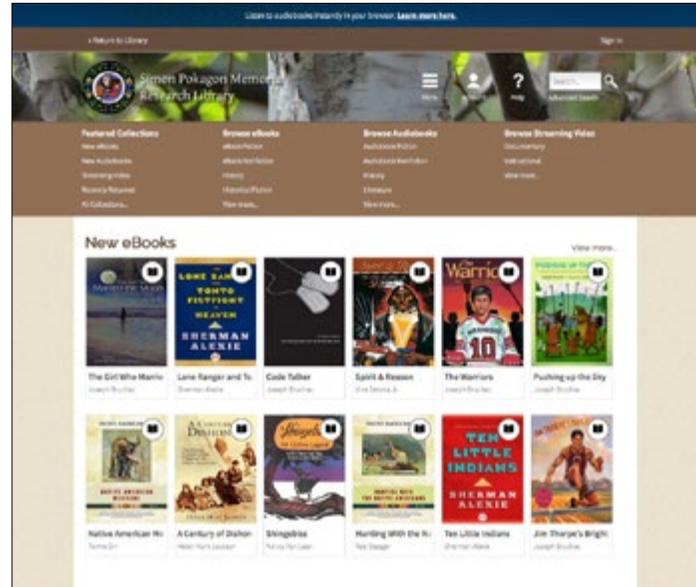
Education Department opens Simon Pokagon Memorial Research Library, *continued from page 1*

The library will no longer carry physical books unless they are research volumes, which can only be used in the library. Morseau foresees digitizing content from researchers that citizens can someday search for family photos, treaty information, past meeting minutes or newsletters.

Less maintenance

And if people worry this online conversion will confine people inside on their screens, Morseau describes one possible application for the digital resources: “Perhaps we can recreate the Trail of Death on the way to the Potawatomi Gathering next year in Kansas. We could offer an online curriculum and components, bring presenters and have a traveling classroom of language and culture.”

 www.pokagon.com/government/departments/education/departments-wide-services/simon-pokagon-memorial-research-library



POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES

PHARMACY EXPANDING SERVICES

Pokagon Health Services Pharmacy now serves tribal spouses and employees of the Pokagon Band government, Four Winds Casino, and Mno Bmadsen and their immediate family members.

Medication costs or co-pay are the non-native patient's responsibility and due at the time the prescription is picked up.

PHS Pharmacy offers select over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen, nicotine patches, in addition to the prescriptions filled.

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



Department of Language & Culture

BNAKWI GISES october LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 24
12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.
Elders Hall
53237 Townhall Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

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

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

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

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monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday

October

5 **language**

Sea Bass
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Broccoli
Blueberries
Roll

6

Pork Loin
Baked Potato
Carrots
Tomato Salad
Apple Pie
Roll

12 **language**

Buffalo Goulash
Spinach Salad
Brussel Sprouts
Garlic Bread
Fresh Fruit

13

Chicken Brest in Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Garden Salad
Cupcakes

19 **language**

Turkey Pot Pie topped w/
Biscuits
Garden Salad
Jell-O w/ Fruit

20

Buffalo Stuffed Peppers
Au Gratin Potatoes
Green Beans
Cucumber Salad
Roll

26 **language**

Buffalo Spaghetti
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

27

Breakfast Bar

7

Reuben Sandwich
Baked Beans
Relish & Veggie Tray
Melon Tray

14

Pizza Day

21

Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Cauliflower
Tomato Salad
Fruit
Roll

28

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Tri Blend Veggies
Garden Salad
Dessert
Roll

8

Potato Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Garden Salad
Jell-O w/ Fruit

15 **halloween social**

Buffalo Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Garden Salad
Butternut Squash
Caramel Apples

22

Hot Roast Beef in Au Jus
Baked Chips
Relish & Veggie Tray
Banana Pudding

29

Chicken Noodle Soup
Fish Square on a Bun
Relish & Veggie Tray
Yogurt & Fruit Cup

1

business meeting

Buffalo Tacos
Soft or Hard Shell
All the Toppings
Black Beans & Rice
Fruit Salad
Birthday Cake

2

Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Roll

9

Breaded Cod
Rice Pilaf
Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad
Strawberry Pie
Roll

16

Salmon Patty
Mac & Cheese
Coleslaw
Fruit Salad
Roll

23

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia
Brown Rice
Broccoli
Garden Salad
Fruit
Roll

30

Salad Bar

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

Per Capita News

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

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

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

Attention 18 to 20 Year Olds | Per Capita Information

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

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

The document must be received by September 15 in order to make it on the October 2015 check run. Anything received after September 15 will be processed on the check run for November 2015. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

Are you eligible for certain Michigan tax exemptions?

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

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

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

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

Per Capita Important Dates

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

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

Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

Tribal Council October Calendar of Events

- 5 Tribal Council Special Session, 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, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 19 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 20 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 26 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 27 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.

Tribal Council November Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 3 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed Session, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed Session, canceled
- 30 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, 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 Language & Culture

THE BASICS of Basic Potawatomi Language

Thursdays
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Elders Hall

53237 Town Hall Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

The Basics of Potawatomi class will be taught by Kevin Daugherty for 10 weeks and will provide all the fundamentals of Potawatomi such as vowel pronunciation, tense markers, personal prefixes, and the structure of simple sentences.

NEW! Class schedule

September
Thursday, September 3
Thursday, September 10
Thursday, September 17
Thursday, September 24

October
Thursday, October 1
Thursday, October 8
Thursday, October 15
Thursday, October 22

If you are interested or want more information, please contact Rhonda Purcell, Language Program Coordinator, at (269) 462-4255 or rhonda.purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

The class also qualifies towards the Pokagon Language Incentive Program

24 Hours	Certificate of Acknowledgment
48 Hours	\$100 Gift Card
72 Hours	Personalized Language Program Jacket
96 Hours	Handmade Quilt

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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.

Bnakwi gises October Citizen Announcements

I would like to give a big Thank You to the **Pokagon Band Veterans** for your donation. You all really helped me in my time of need.

Sincerely, Theresa Shannon Alsup

Thanks **4Winds Casino** being a sponsor for the Bike Run.

Sincerely Theresa Shannon Alsup



Congratulations to **Tori & Andy Murray** for competing in Potawatomi Gathering 5K run in Carter, WI on August 15th. **Andy** took a silver medal for her age group, and had the best time for all females.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Department of Language & Culture

Halloween

OCTOBER 31 | SATURDAY | 3:00-5:30PM

TRICK OR TREATING IN THE VILLAGE 5:30-7:30PM
LIGHT DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED | GAMES + PRIZES

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST
0-1, 2-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-17, 18-34, 35-54, 55-64, 65+

SPECIAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST CATEGORIES INCLUDE
Best Couple costume (2 people only) + Best Family Costume (2 or more immediate family members) + Best Sibling Costume (2 or more siblings)

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Departments of Education and Social Services

HARVEST DAY

Saturday, October 3
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Dowagiac Middle School

The **Early Childhood Education program** and the **Department of Social Services** welcome citizens and staff to a day of family fun.

Storyteller	Apple Bobbing	Apple Cider
Children's Costume Contest	Cornhole	Treats
Pumpkins	Crafts	And much more!

DV education and awareness will also be offered to participants at this event.

To RSVP, sign up at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov. For more information, contact Autumn Cabrillas at (269) 782-0887 x 197 or Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324.

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