



# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

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## Pokagon Health Services Ramp Up for Health Center Opening

The historic opening of the Pokagon Health Center marks a new era for the Band—one of direct health care for citizens and patients offered in a purpose-built, state-of-the-art facility on tribal trust land. Along with the new building and its amenities, Pokagon Health Services is improving operations and adding services to deliver high quality health care to patients. In this and the November issue of the Pokégnek Yajdanawa, read up on the improved services, the new facility and the celebrations beginning this era of wellness.

### Pokagon Health Services Now Offering Dental Services

In addition to a fitness center, therapy pool and other wellness amenities, the new Pokagon Health Center will be equipped with a full dental suite when it opens in November. The new dental suite features four dental chairs, a procedure room and a recovery room. This means Health Services will be able to provide high quality direct dental care to citizens and patients in our tribal health facility on tribal land.

Currently, if your primary care physician is not at the PHS Clinic, you can't receive dental services through Purchased / Referred Care (formerly Contract Health Services, see accompanying article). That will all change beginning January 5, 2015. As of that date, PHS will provide direct dental care at the new Pokagon Health Center. Also as of that date, any dental referrals for specialty dental care must come from PHS dentists. You do not have to receive primary care from PHS to receive dental services from the clinic beginning in January.

All direct dental services will be free for Pokagon citizens and all members of federally-recognized tribes, as part of the Indian Health Services guidelines. There will be no co-pay, nor limits on direct services that PHS can provide in the Health Center.

A person's oral health is often an indicator of other systemic health problems, so staying current with dental care keeps people healthier. Visiting the dentist for regular cleanings, x-rays, and checkups is an important step in preventing major health problems. Having dental care at the Health Center will improve collaboration between dentists and primary care providers in the Clinic, and truly offer the integrated care and holistic approach to wellness that is the goal of Pokagon Health Services.

### GRAND OPENING EVENTS

Join us to formally open the Pokagon Health Center.

**Citizen Open House | Thursday, November 20**

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

**Opening Ceremonies | Friday, November 21**

11 a.m. Leadership remarks, tours, refreshments



## Behavioral Health Program Receives CARF Accreditation

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The Pokagon Behavioral Health Program was recently recertified by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF is an independent organization focused on advancing the quality of services for patients to achieve the best possible outcomes.

"Both Behavioral Health and the medical clinic are accredited in five areas," said Daun Bieda, behavioral health supervisor. The five areas are case management, integrated behavioral health and primary care for adults, integrated behavioral health and primary care for children and adolescents, outpatient for adults, and outpatient for children and adolescents.

"This is an international accreditation that we have had for several years," explained Bieda. "We have just been recertified for another three years."

Benefits of accreditation include accountability for funding sources, improved communication with the tribe, and training programs. This accreditation gives credibility to the program, and, therefore, it is a great marketing tool.

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## Contract Health Services Changes Name to Purchased/ Referred Care

By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Contract Health Services was recently renamed Purchased/Referred Care. Because the program was often confused with other budget items, Congress asked Indian Health Services (IHS) to propose another name for the program. The name change became official with the passage of the fiscal year 2014 appropriation.

IHS is currently transitioning to using the new program name, and the transition is expected to be complete by the end of October, the end of the U.S. government's fiscal year. Pokagon Health Services will refer to the program as Purchased/Referred Care effective immediately.

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## Behavioral Health Program Receives CARF Accreditation *continued from page one*

“A great benefit for Pokagons is the integrated behavioral health and primary care,” said Bieda. “We treat the person as a whole. The body cannot get better if the mind is not well, and vice versa. Primary care and behavioral health providers collaborate daily, and there is a weekly multidisciplinary health team meeting. This helps to identify treatment regimens to help patients to reach their treatment goals.

The accreditation process involved two surveyors visiting onsite for two days. “Out of 3,500 standards, we reached 96 percent of them,” said Bieda. “We will develop an improvement strategy for the other four percent.”

Bieda was recently approached by CARF and asked to become a surveyor. “This is a great opportunity to visit other tribes and bring their best practices back to our clinic,” explained Bieda.

Service providers earning CARF accreditation are recognized for their ongoing innovation and continued conformance to the standards. Achieving this accreditation demonstrates a dedication to quality outcomes for patients receiving care through Pokagon Health Services.

## Contract Health Services Changes Name to Purchased/ Referred Care *continued from page one*

“The name is changed, but the program remains the same. Purchased/Referred Care more accurately describes the program,” said Priscilla Gatties, business manager for Pokagon Health Services (PHS). “All of the policies and procedures remain the same. Patients can be assured that their program is not going to change and that they can still receive payment for services outside of the Pokagon Health Services.”

The Purchased/Referred Care program provides funding for Pokagon Band citizens who require medical services outside of Pokagon Health Services. Those who meet certain criteria will be eligible for Purchased/Referred Care funding to help pay for those services. Criteria for eligibility is available the Pokagon Band’s website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/health-services](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/health-services).

“If a patient were to call in and ask for CHS, they will be directed to the appropriate person and department,” said Gatties. The PHS team is dedicated to making this a smooth transition for tribal citizens.

## Laraway Recognized as Early Childhood Community Leader



J.T. Laraway (back right) with the Project LAUNCH works group and Federal Project Officer

Congratulations to J.T. Laraway, the young child wellness coordinator with the Pokagon Band’s Department of Social Services. J.T.’s work with the Bodewadmi LAUNCH project has attracted the attention of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center and its American Indian Early Childhood Community Leadership Development Program. He’s been selected as a 2014 Leadership Associate, one of only six associates from all the tribes across the United States.

The Leadership Program was developed in 2012 by the Tribal Touchpoints Initiative of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center at Boston Children's Hospital. The purpose of the year long program is to support emerging, early to mid-career American Indian leaders

in the field of early childhood and family development. Through a combination of institutes, distance learning, and individual mentorship from subject matter experts from across the country, Leadership Associates receive a solid foundation in child and family development and community leadership.

This second cohort follows in the footsteps of the pilot program which was successfully launched in 2013. The six new Leadership Associates represent a group of dedicated American Indians who work tirelessly to serve their communities in the field of early childhood and family development and community leadership. Well done, J.T.!

## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

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

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

*Pokégnek Yajdanawa*

Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

[Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov](mailto:Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov)

## Your love shelters our children.



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

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

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

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

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

## Hunting Area on Tribal Land Changed for 2014 Season



Hunters: No hunting is allowed in this highlighted area of Rodgers Lake. Construction of the Cultural Center will begin on this site in October. Please note these changes, and be safe during hunting season.

Departments of Education and Social Services

# HARVEST DAY

AT SPRAGUE'S FAMILY FUN FARM

Saturday, October 4  
11:00a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
Sprague's Family Fun Farm  
33120 Middle Crossing Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join the **Department of Education** and the **Department of Social Services** for a day of family fun at Sprague's Family Fun Farm. There may be a charge for some of the attractions so please bring cash.

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| Pumpkins                | Gem Mining (\$)     | Treats         |
| Hayrides                | Geo-Trax Train room | And much more! |
| Corn Maze               | Produce Market (\$) |                |
| Playground for the Kids | Apple Cider         |                |



**Storyteller/Musician Karen Czarnik** will perform at 11 am until noon.

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

To RSVP, sign up at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/harvest-day-registration](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/harvest-day-registration). For more information, contact Autumn Cabrillas at (269) 782-0887 x 197 or Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324.



Department of Language & Culture

# BNAKWI GISES october LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 11  
2:00p.m.–4:00 p.m.  
New Language & Culture Office  
58653 Sink 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.



## Elders Welcome to Pokagon Heritage Course

Tribal historic preservation officer Marcus Winchester is instructing a class on the history and heritage of the Pokagon Potawatomi at the Forever Learning Institute of South Bend, Indiana. He taught a six week course this spring, and they have asked him to return for another session this fall. The class is only offered to people ages 50 and over, and Pokagon Potawatomi citizens over age 50 are welcome.

Please cut out this announcement to admit one citizen and/or spouse to the class. The first class is October 9; it meets every Thursday 10:30–11:50 a.m. at the Forever Learning Institute:

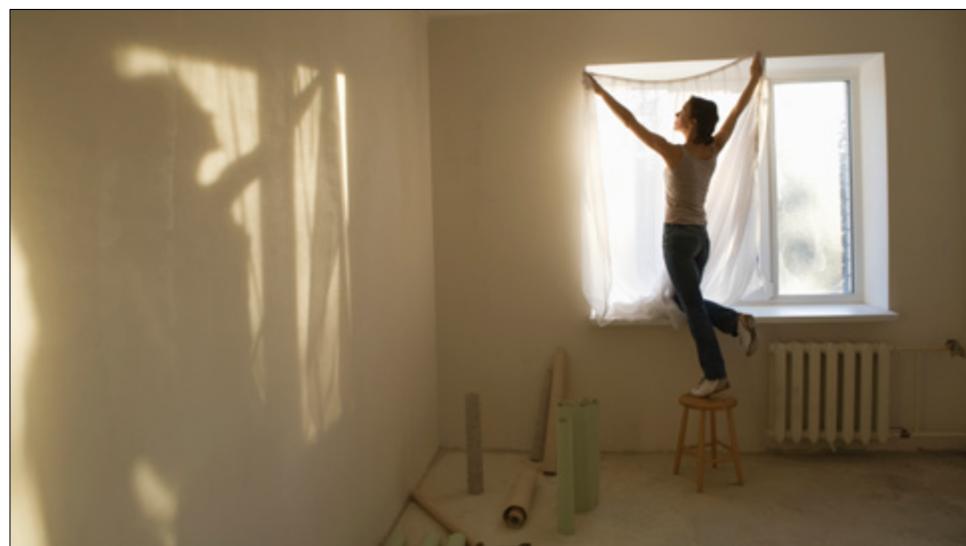
54191 Ironwood Road, Room 6  
South Bend, IN 46635

The course will begin with Potawatomi history and the tribe's significance to the area. The next section concentrates on Potawatomi language. The last section will tie the history and the language together to help explain who the Pokagon Potawatomi people are today. Please contact Marcus Winchester for more information and to RSVP for the class at (269) 462-4224.

## Ancestors in Unmarked Graves

Tribal Council is looking for information from citizens about Pokagon ancestors in unmarked graves. If you know of family members who don't have a monument marking their gravesite, please contact Tribal Historic Preservation Office Marcus Winchester at (269) 462-4224 or Marcus.Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

## Apply Now for Student Rental Assistance



A reminder for all new and returning college students: make sure you get all your student rental assistance paperwork to the Housing Department by October 17. After that date you will have to wait until the spring semester to reapply.



## RETURN TO THE WOODS

### 2014 HUNTER SAFETY CERTIFICATION

**October 10–12**

Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Rodgers Lake campground

The Pokagon Band would like to invite all Pokagon Band citizens and JOM youth interested in obtaining the State of Michigan hunters safety certification to our third annual 'Return to the Woods' campaign. The Pokagon Band youth will be sponsoring another year of hunter's safety certification classes. Please join us as we take the initial steps necessary to obtain a Michigan hunting license.

Participants will undergo all of the accreditation requirements necessary to obtain their State of Michigan Hunters Safety Certification card. Your completion of this class will increase your ability to purchase a hunting permit or hunting license in the state of Michigan.

All meals and lodging will be provided to the Hunter's Safety participants. We will have a male cabin and a female cabin (each with a covered chaperone) available for all Hunters Safety participants. Participants will need to bring:

-  a copy of their completed application and documentation forms
-  a sleeping bag or blanket
-  necessary clothing
-  toiletries

★ PRIZES AND PARTICIPATION GIFTS WILL BE AWARDED THROUGHOUT THE EVENT! ★

Please **R.S.V.P. by October 3, 2014** to reserve your spot in the Hunters Safety Certification classes. R.S.V.P. to Dean.Orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4290.

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## Triple P Positive Parenting Group

Have you run out of ideas for getting your child to do as you asked?

Meetings start October 15

Stop pulling your hair out and enroll in the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) that being offered through Project LAUNCH.

Come join us for 4 meetings, once a week to talk about parenting and gain support. Then receive 3 weeks of phone support, followed by a celebration gathering!

Each week offers new ideas, fun discussions, snacks and goodies!

Come see what it is all about!

Presented by Social Services and Project LAUNCH. Call Michaelann Gartner at (269) 782-4300 to reserve your spot.



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## Indiana Governor's Proclamation Recognizes Potawatomi Trail of Death

In August Governor Mike Pence issued a proclamation recognizing September 20, 2014 as Potawatomi Trail of Death Remembrance Day. This act commemorates a sad time in Indiana and national history—the forced removal of the Potawatomi from Indiana to Kansas in 1838 over 660 miles, during which 42 people died. This removal of Native Americans from their lands was well documented by Father Benjamin Petit, artist George Winter, John Tipton, and others. The Potawatomi signed 40 treaties, more than any other tribe.

Governor Pence's proclamation was presented at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival in Rochester, Indiana on September 20. Accepting the proclamation was Jon Boursaw of Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma, and others. Jon Boursaw is a descendant of Daniel Bourassa who, with his wife and seven children, was on the Trail of Death. Each year the Trail of Courage Living History Festival honors a different Potawatomi family

that had ancestors on the Trail of Death or signed treaties in Indiana. Citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Prairie Band Potawatomi of Kansas, and Forest County Potawatomi of Wisconsin had ancestors on the Trail of Death. After the removal, some Potawatomi scattered and their descendants are now affiliated with other tribes today. One was the great Olympic athlete Jim Thorpe, whose great-grandmother was on the Trail of Death; Thorpe was enrolled with the Sac and Fox Tribe.

Committees in 26 counties have erected nearly 80 historical markers and more than 150 historic highway signs along the trail in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas where the Potawatomi were marched. In 1988 a commemorative caravan traveled the original route, a trek Potawatomi and others have traveled every five years since.

## New Financial Wellness Workshop Scheduled

Chi Ishobak's next Financial Wellness Workshop will be held at the Community Center in Dowagiac on Saturday, November 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no registration fee, but advance registration is required for administrative planning. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

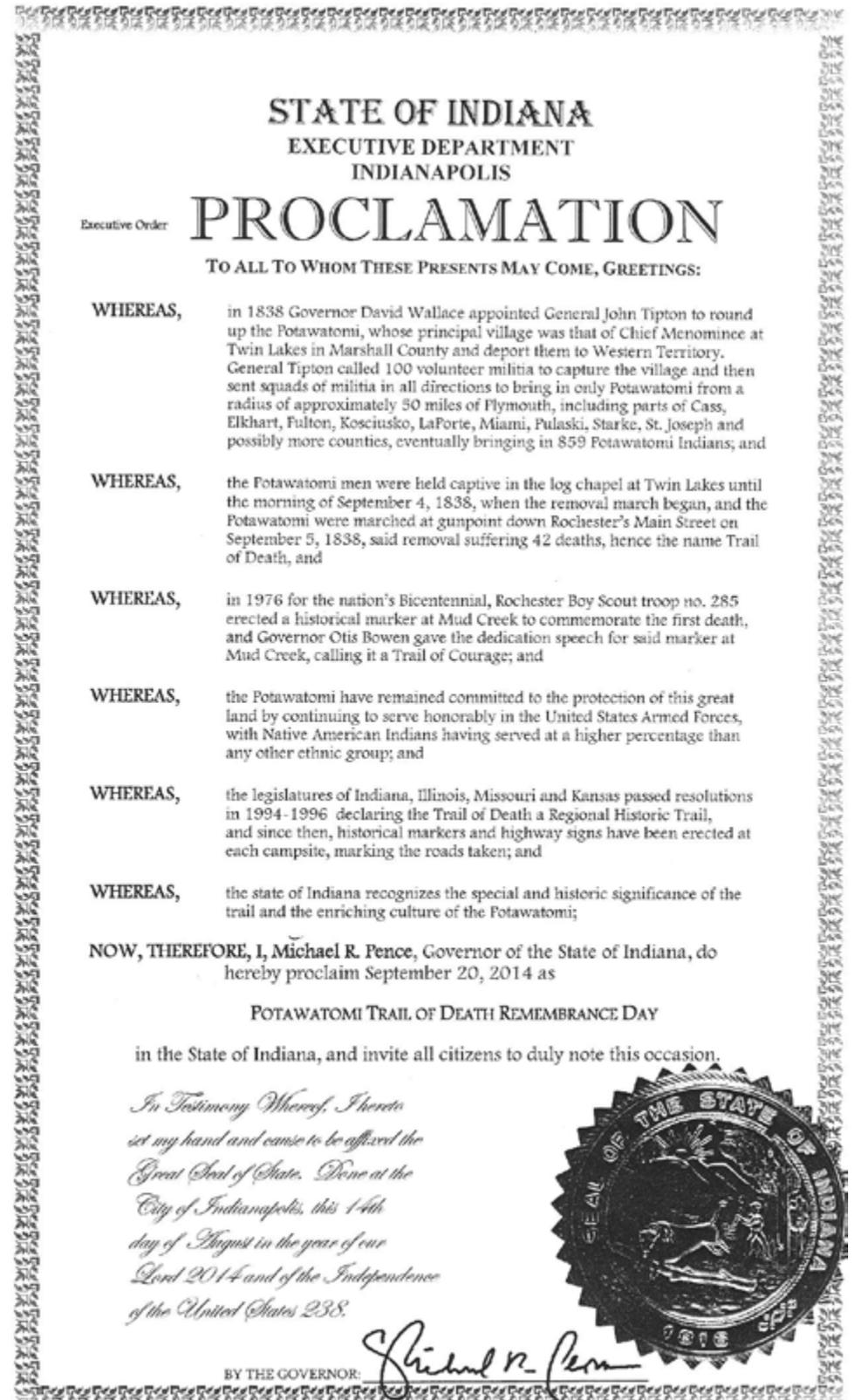
If you are unable to attend, Chi Ishobak will conduct additional workshops at regular dates and times throughout the season. Chi Ishobak also provides individual financial coaching for tribal citizens that might not be able to make scheduled workshops or do not feel comfortable in the workshop environment.

Chi Ishobak is always looking to provide new and improved resources to Pokagon citizens and financial education is no different. Chi Ishobak has updated its Financial Wellness curriculum to provide increased benefit to citizens. "We currently cover the fundamentals of personal financial management, but wanted to add capacity and wealth building components to our information." Sean Winters said, "The more pertinent information our citizens possess makes for a very strong community."

Chi Ishobak understands the traditional Pokagon values of proper planning and resource management. We also understand the emotion felt when facing financial adversity. In order to be in control of our personal finances we need to learn to properly plan and allocate those finances so that we don't waste our most precious resource, our income. Identifying our financial behaviors is a critical step in this process. Chi Ishobak is committed to providing information, resources, and the necessary support to tribal citizens to help break the cycle of financial adversity. This includes cultural relevance, savings, cash flow planning, debt management, the value of credit, and the emotional side of money.

To register for the November 1 workshop or if you have any questions, please contact Chi Ishobak.

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## Pokagon LEGO Leaguers Preparing for Tourney Time



Humans are natural learners from the very beginning of their lives and gain knowledge in various ways. Today technology changes at such a high rate of speed, the methods and tools a person uses for learning may change again and again in one lifetime. First LEGO League has announced the LEGO Challenge for 2015; it is called World Class. Teams all over the world have been tasked to research how people have learned in the past and are currently learning and to think of what learning may look like in the future.

The goal is to design an invention that could be used for education, either to improve on something already in existence or to create something brand new. The Pokagon LEGO team has been meeting throughout the summer for teambuilding activities and assembling the robot mission field, and now the research and inventing process begins. It is an exciting time for the six 9–14 year old students as they prepare for the competition tournament in Grandville, Michigan in November.

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**By Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker**

On Saturday, September 13, 2014 the Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution, brought forth by Councilwoman Andy Jackson, to recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Every October, advocates work hard to raise awareness for domestic violence in our communities. Unfortunately, domestic violence is very common. It is estimated that one in four women will experience domestic violence at some point in her life. The statistics are grimmer for Native American women: two in five Native women will experience domestic violence. If we apply those statistics to the Pokagon Band community, that means 589 of our women will experience domestic violence at some point in their lives. These women are our family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Domestic violence happens here and we need to do something to stop it.

Physical violence—like hitting, slapping, punching, and kicking—is what people often think about when they hear “domestic violence.” But domestic violence is more than that. Domestic violence also includes non-physical abuse, like emotional abuse, financial abuse, and isolation. Some common myths people have about domestic violence are:

**Myth:** Domestic violence will never happen to me.

**Fact:** While most victims are women, domestic violence can happen to anyone, regardless of race, gender, income, sexual orientation, or religion.

**Myth:** I’m not being beaten, so it is not domestic violence.

**Fact:** Domestic violence is more than just physical abuse. Domestic violence is about one person trying to control the other person. Batterers can gain control through putting you down or calling you names. They take control by making threats to harm you, your children, or themselves. They want control by taking your money or by not letting you get a job. They take control by keeping you away from family and friends. They force you to have sex. These are just a few examples of how someone can control you

## Western Michigan Tribes Plan Visit to Western Michigan University



Bronco alumni and other interested community members are invited to spend an evening of Potawatomi culture at Western Michigan University Tuesday, November 18. The Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, and the Jijak Foundation are collaborating to bring this event to the WMU campus.

The evening will include a panel discussion, a dance demonstration and a campus tour. The panel discussion will include two members from each tribe, which will allow the audience to witness the diversity of contemporary Neshnabek and our unique views on the issues that concern us.

The agenda:

5:00 PM	Campus tour (you must pre-register for this)
6:30 PM	Opening/Welcome from WMU & Tribal Representatives
6:40 PM	Panel Discussion
7:40 PM	Dance Demonstration
8:30 PM	Closing

The event will be at 2000 Student Recreation Center (SRC), directly across the street from the Bernhard Center, at Western Michigan University, 1903 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

For more information or to register for the campus tour, please contact Nicole Holloway (269) 462-4325.

**Myth:** You must have done something to deserve the abuse.

**Fact:** No one ever asks to be abused. No one deserves to be hurt. It does not matter what you have said or done, violence and intimidation are NEVER okay.

**Myth:** Some women just like all the drama and attention. If it’s so bad, why don’t they just leave?

**Fact:** No one likes being hurt. People who are being abused may not leave. Or they will come back after leaving for many reasons. Some people do not leave out of fear of being hurt, having anywhere to go, or not having enough money or support to survive on their own. Many times these circumstances are beyond their control.

**Myth:** Alcohol/drugs are the cause of the abuse.

**Fact:** While alcohol and drugs can make situations more dangerous, they should never be blamed for the abuse. Many abusers never use alcohol or drugs. And many people who abuse substances do not batter. Hurting someone is a choice. And there is no excuse for abuse.

The Department of Social Services and the Domestic Violence Awareness Team have many events scheduled throughout the month of October to raise awareness for violence in the community. There’s something for everyone, so we hope to see you at these events!

Domestic violence is a serious problem. If you or someone you know is being hurt and wants help, please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324. All services are free and confidential.

## Pokagon Kids Exercise their Hunting Sovereignty



The Department of Language and Culture held a Pokagon youth deer hunt September 12 and 13 on tribal trust land near Gage Street lake. This was a weekend earlier than the state of Michigan's youth deer hunt, held September 20 and 21.

The event was open to Pokagons at least ten years old but under 17 who have a valid hunter safety certification and a hunting license issued by the Band's Department of Natural Resources. Because the hunt was held on tribal land, the only license the youth and their chaperones needed was a tribal hunting license.



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## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities

The Department of Social Services and the Domestic Violence Awareness Team has planned many activities for Pokagon Band community members to attend during October. These events are to raise awareness of domestic violence and help create a non-violent community. You do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to attend these events.

- October 1** Walk the Village | Edawat, 6 PM
- October 4** Harvest Day Sponsored by Education and Social Services (all available spaces have been filled)
- October 6** Community Mural Painting Session | Department of Social Services Family Visitation Room, 6 PM
- October 8** Water Ceremony | Gage Street House, 8 AM
- October 8** Women's Moon Teachings | Gage Street House, 6 PM
- October 8** Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day | Health Services, All day
- October 11** Community Mural Painting Session | Department of Social Services Family Visitation Room, 2 PM
- October 12** Taking Care of Each Other's Spirits (Women only) | Community Center, 1 PM (please bring a dish to pass)

### October 13–17 is Domestic Violence Awareness Week

- October 13** Illuminating the Night Vigil | Pow Wow Arena, 6 PM
- October 14** Community Mural Painting Session | Social Services Visitation Room, 6 PM
- October 15** Gardening with Head Start | Memorial Garden, 10 AM
- October 16** Taking Care of Each Other's Spirits (Women only) | Gage Street, 6 PM
- October 17** Community Mural Painting Session, Social Services Visitation Room, 6 PM
- October 18** Family Food Bundle Workshop with John Pigeon & Cook Off | Pavilion, 10 AM–6 PM
- October 18** Cook Off | Pavilion, Noon
- October 19** Beginners Sweat and Women's Teachings (Women only) | Andy Jackson's home, 3 PM (please bring a dish to pass)
- October 23** All Community Mural Project Canvasses due to Social Services by 5 PM
- October 25** Love Should Not Hurt 5K Run/Walk | Rodgers Lake, 10 AM
- October 25** Pokagon Band's Got Talent | Community Center, 7 PM
- October 26** Two-Spirit Gathering | Community Center, 1 PM
- October 27–October 31** Clothesline Display at Admin and Community Center (will be decorating and collecting shirts throughout the month at DVAM activities)
- October 30** Community Mural Project Unveiling | Social Services Family Visitation Room, 6 PM,

If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker at (269) 462-4324. Please check the website and Pokagon Band social media to stay connected on upcoming events. Information for upcoming events will also be available at all our events throughout the month.

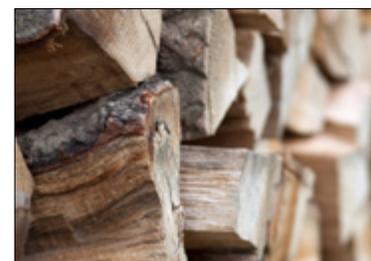
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## PHS and Language & Culture Seek Citizen Input

Pokagon Health Services, in partnership with the Department of Language and Culture, want to revive the tribe's Native Healing program and are seeking community ideas and recommendations on how to proceed.

Please share your thoughts on Native Healing by contacting Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 or Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

## Firewood Available From DNR



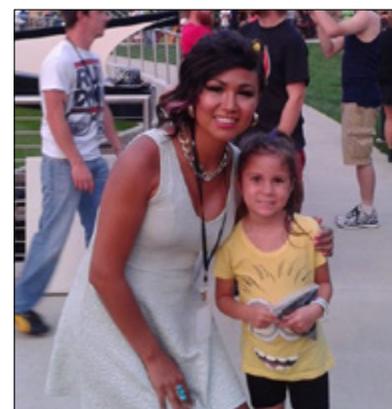
Citizens: the tribe has firewood available for your personal use. Please contact the Pokagon Department of Natural Resources at (269) 782-9602 to coordinate pick up; the barn where the wood is located is not always open,

so staff would need to meet you there. Please limit to one truck load at a time.

## Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Seeks Committee Members

Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee is looking for tribal citizens to help in preparation for the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow 2015. The next meeting will be on October 14, 2014 beginning at 5:15 pm at the Administration Building Admin Conference Room.

## October Community Announcement



Happy 5th birthday  
**Chelsy Ariel Morseau-Olson**  
Love you always,  
Mom, Dad, Sydney, and Jayme

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26 <p>DVA Two-Spirit Gathering</p>	27 <p>L&amp;C Elders Language Class</p> <p>Auricular Acupuncture</p> <p>Zumba</p> <p>Yoga</p> <p>L&amp;C Gun Lake Adult Language Class</p> <p>DVA Clothesline Display</p>	28 <p>Lean Lunch</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p> <p>L&amp;C Dowagiac Language Class (2)</p> <p>L&amp;C Early Start Language Class (3)</p> <p>DVA Clothesline Display</p>	<p>Zumba</p> <p>L&amp;C Hartford Lan</p> <p>L&amp;C Gun Lake You</p> <p>DVA Clothesline l</p>

# October 2014

WEDNESDAY	Nyew gizhek THURSDAY	Nyano gizhek FRIDAY	Odanke gizhek SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Language Class (11) Men &amp; Boys South Language Class Dance</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting Lean Lunch L&amp;C South Bend Language Class (11)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>EDU &amp; SS Harvest Day</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Memorial Day Domestic Violence Day Language Class (12) Men &amp; Boys Drumming 53 Sink Road South Language Class Dance Teachings</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&amp;C South Bend Language Class (12)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>L&amp;C Hunter Safety Certification Red Road to Recovery Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Tribal Council Meeting L&amp;C Hunter Safety Certification Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting L&amp;C Monthly Language Workshop DVA Community Mural Painting</p>
<p>15</p> <p>with Head Start Language Class (1) South Language Class</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&amp;C South Bend Language Class (1) DVA Taking Care of Each Other's Spirits (Women Only)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group DVA Community Mural Painting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Native Justice Forum DVA Food Bundle Workshop DVA Cook Off</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Language Class (2) South Language Class</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Cooking Class Lean Lunch L&amp;C South Bend Language Class (2) DVA Community Mural Project Canvasses due</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group L&amp;C Halloween Party</p>	<p>25</p> <p>DVA Love Should Not Hurt 5K walk/run DVA Pokagon Band's Got Talent</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Language Class (3) South Language Class Display</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Lean Lunch L&amp;C South Bend Language Class (3) DVA Clothesline Display DVA Community Mural Unveiling</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Red Road to Recovery Group DVA Clothesline Display</p>	<p>November 1</p>

## Meet Your Senior Youth Council Executive Board

### Collin Church Chairman



I am 20 years old. I am currently a junior at Michigan State University majoring in interdisciplinary humanities with a triad in professional writing, policy, and American Indian studies. I serve on the National Native Youth Cabinet for the National Congress of American Indians. Also, I am a recipient of UNITY's first inaugural class of 25 Under 25 Native Youth Leadership Award program. I am an advocate for native youth and fight to promote language, culture, and higher education.

### Michael Gamache Member at Large



I'm a 20 year old currently attending Western Michigan University studying film, video, and media. I'm a player and proud supporter of the Pokagon Band Lacrosse team. Also I do some side work for the Language and Culture Department.

### Cassandra Church Secretary



I am a senior at Michigan State University pursuing a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a cognate in government advocacy and a concentration in psychology. I am also working towards a minor in women and gender studies and a specialization in American Indian studies. I have served as the secretary for the Senior Youth Council for the past three years and enjoy working with my tribal community. In addition to my work with the tribe, I am also very involved on Michigan State's campus. I serve as the secretary of the North American Indigenous Student Organization; the vice president of Sista 2 Sista (Sisters No Matter the Color program for women in academic transition); the treasurer of University Village government (UV300); the banquet and logistics chair of Women's Initiative for Leadership Development (WILD); a member of the Pow Wow of Love planning committee and I help coordinate meetings between the Council of Racial and Ethnic Students (CORES) & the Council of Progressive Students (COPS) on campus. I am so honored and blessed by the opportunities my tribe has offered me and look forward to continuing to serve my tribe and community to the best of my ability.

## Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Emelie Allred** who answered, "What does an island and the letter T have in common?" The answer was "They both are in the middle of water."

**Kathy Church** has also won a gift card for her riddle being selected for this month:

### What goes around a haunted house and never stops?

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

### Alex Wesaw Treasurer



Currently, I am attending The Ohio State University's Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture to earn my PhD in city and regional planning, concentrating on economic planning and development. In May 2014, I graduated from Ohio University for the second time, earning a Master's in Public Administration (MPA), concentrating his studies on policy innovation and strategic leadership. Before earning my MPA, I received a bachelor's in communication, concentrating on studies related to organizational communication and public advocacy in

March 2012.

I previously was involved with establishing our tribe's Apprenticeship Program on the Apprenticeship Steering Committee. Additionally, I represent not only our tribe, but all tribes across the United States, on the national level, as the Co-President of the Youth Commission for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) as well as a Cabinet Member of NCAI's Policy Research Center's first National Native Youth Cabinet. I am a director on the board of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) where I have been fortunate to host NICWA's past two national conferences. This past June, I was recognized (along with Colin Church) as an inductee into the United National Indigenous Tribal Youth's (UNITY) first cohort of 25 Under 25 Leaders in Indian Country.

Finally, my goal in this lifetime is to make meaningful change in society; in November 2013, I was invited to attend the fifth annual White House Tribal Leaders Summit—and thanks to the gracious support of our Tribal Council I was able to attend the summit. This solidified my desire and passion to make meaningful, lasting, change in society.

### Skyler Daisy Member at Large



## Curriculum Committee Needs Your Input



While you're at the Halloween Party Friday, October 24, spend some time with the Curriculum Committee and voice your thoughts about a Pokagon school. The Committee would like to hear ideas and input from Pokagons and caregivers to Pokagon citizens, and update everyone on the tribal school planning progress.

Curriculum Committee members will be holding a town hall-style meeting and citizen interviews throughout the evening from 6:00 –

8:00 p.m. Please stop by during the party to offer your opinions.

## October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The best fight against breast cancer is being aware of the signs and symptoms and catching it early. Monthly self breast exams are recommended. The signs and symptoms to watch for are:

- Swelling, warmth, redness or darkening
- Change in breast size or shape
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple
- Pulling in of your nipple or other parts of the breast
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly
- New pain in one spot
- Lump hard knot or thickening in the breast
- Early sign may be lump or swelling in the underarm lymph node

Women 50–69 years old should be getting a mammogram at least every one to two years. If you are under 50 you should be getting a breast exam done at least every three years with your pap smear. Leading medical and cancer research associations recommend mammogram screening starting at age 40; biannually and for high risk women annually. They recommend women to talk with their provider about their risk versus the risk of radiology exposure and decide if annually or biannually is better.

Men should also be aware of breast cancer. Although most cases in the United States are women over the age of 40, young women and men should also monitor their breasts for changes.

Make an appointment at Pokagon Health Services with a provider for a breast exam and mammogram this month. We also have registered nurses at the clinic and community health nurses that can teach you what you need to know about breast cancer awareness. If you have any questions or concerns contact PHS at (888) 440-1234.

### How To Perform a Breast Self Exam

#### Step 1: Look for Changes

In front of the mirror:

- Hold your arms at your side
- Hold your arms over your head
- Press your hands on your hips and tighten your chest muscles
- Bend forward with your hands on your hips

#### Step 2: Feel for Changes

Lying down:

- Lie down on your back with a pillow under your right shoulder
- Use the pads of the three middle fingers on your left hand to check your right breast
- Press using light, medium and firm pressure in a circle without lifting your fingers off the skin
- Follow an up and down pattern
- Feel for changes in your breast, above and below your collarbone and in your armpit
- Repeat on your left breast using your right hand

Step 2 can be repeated while bathing or showering using soapy hands.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Pokagon Band Youth Councils invite you and your family to the Community

# Halloween Party

Friday, October 24, 2014  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Community Center

Please feel free to dress in family friendly costumes and join us for Halloween fun! There will be dinner, bounce houses, trick or treating, haunted hay rides, music, games, and pumpkin carving. Also, wear a costume and have the chance to win a prize for the best costume contests for ages ranging from 0 to 55+.

Please RSVP on [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search for the event titled Pokagon Band Halloween Party)

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



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik  
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Tribal Court

## Peacemaking Native Justice Presentation & Peacemaking Circle Demonstration

Saturday, October 18, 2014  
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Community Center

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Join the Pokagon Band's Community Advisory Board to help revitalize traditional peacemaking as an important way of life for our people.

Witness a peacemaking circle.

Learn why and how native peacemaking concepts and principles to resolve conflicts and disputes can be part of this community's future.

Meet peacemaking facilitators Ada Pecos-Melton, Paul Raphael and JoAnne Gasco.

Lunch is provided. Contact Stacey Gettig, Peacemaking Initiative Support Staff, at (269) 783-0505 or [stacey.gettig@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:stacey.gettig@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

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# monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday

# October

6 **language**

Pork Loin  
Baked Potato  
Carrots  
Tomato Salad  
Applesauce  
Roll

13 **language**

Beef Goulash  
Spinach Salad  
Brussels Sprouts  
Cottage Cheese and Peaches  
Garlic Bread

20 **language**

Buffalo Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Mixed Vegetables  
Garden Salad  
Roll

27 **language**

Chicken Noodle Soup  
Egg Salad Sandwich  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Yogurt W/ Fruit Cup

7

Reuben Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Melon

14

Pork Chops  
Baked Steak Fries  
Corn on the Cob  
Cucumber Salad  
Dessert  
Roll

21

Turkey Stuffed Cabbage  
Alfredo Noodles  
Sliced Tomatoes  
Cottage Cheese  
Carrot Cake  
Roll

28

Meat or Veggie Lasagna  
Carrots  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Tiramisu Cupcake

8

Swedish Meatballs and Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Waldorf Salad  
Roll

15

Breaded Cod  
Sweet Potatoes  
Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad  
Blueberry Pie  
Roll

22

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Tri-Blend Veggies  
Coleslaw  
Chocolate Brownie  
Roll

29

Ham  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Jell-O W/ Fruit  
Roll

9

Beef Roast  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Asparagus  
Garden Salad  
Roll

16 **social luncheon**

Chicken Breast in Gravy over  
Biscuits  
Butternut Squash  
Garden Salad  
Cupcakes

23

Salmon Patty  
Baked Potato  
Green Bean Casserole  
Ambrosia Salad  
Roll

30

Roast Beef in Gravy over  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli and Cauliflower  
Tomato Salad  
Dessert  
Roll

10

Potato Soup  
Fish Square on a Bun  
Relish and Veggie Tray  
Cherry Pie

17

Buffalo Stew  
Garden Salad  
Cornbread  
Fruit  
Sherbet  
Roll

24

Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies  
Brown Rice  
Garden Salad  
Fortune Cookie  
Roll

31 **halloween**

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia  
Rice Pilaf  
Asparagus  
Garden Salad  
Blueberries  
Roll

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

## Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

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

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

## Per Capita News

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

Enrollment #	Name	Christmas					Monthly Per Cap
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
83	John Dylan Watson	x	x	x	x	x	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					x	x
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	x	x	x	x	x	x
857	Peter John Ramirez	x	x	x	x	x	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	x	x	x	x	x	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			x	x	x	x
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		x	x	x	x	x
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					x	

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

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

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

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

The document must be received by November 3 in order to make it on the December 2014 check run. Anything received after November 3 will be processed on the check run for January, 2015. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

## Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27, 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
<b>Monday, November 3, 2014*</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 25, 2014</b>	<b>Wed, November 26, 2014</b>

\* Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

## Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

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

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

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

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

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

## Tribal Council October Calendar of Events

- 6 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 7 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 20 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 21 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 27 Tribal Council Special Session, meeting canceled
- 28 Gaming Authority Closed, meeting canceled

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

## Tribal Council November Calendar of Events

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

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

## Notice of Open Position | Constitutional Review Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to fill the one open position available on the recently created Constitutional Review Board ("Board"). The Board is a five person Board, comprised of two Tribal Council members, one Elders Council member, one Senior Youth Council member, and one open position available for a Band citizen. The Tribal Council is seeking to fill the one open position.

**DESCRIPTION OF BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES.** Article XXI of the Band's Constitution requires the Tribal Council review the provisions of the Constitution at least every ten years to ensure that such provisions continue to meet the needs of the Band. The Tribal Council established the Board to carry out an initial review of the Constitution to determine whether there are any provisions within the Constitution that no longer meet the needs of the Band. If the Board determines that there are provisions that no longer meet the needs of the Band, the Board must develop and review proposed amendments that will meet the needs of the Band. In its development and review of proposed amendments, the Board must seek input from Band citizens. The Board is required to prepare a written report to the Tribal Council containing the Board's recommendations of any proposed amendments to the Band's Constitution, and for each proposed amendment, a discussion and explanation of how the existing provision does not meet the needs of the Band and how the proposed amendment will better meet the needs of the Band. The Board must also present its written report to the Tribal Council; however, prior to submission to the Tribal Council, the Board must provide Band citizens with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the report. The Board must submit its written report to the Tribal Council not later than September 1, 2015. The Board will automatically dissolve after the Board presents its written report to the Tribal Council.

Additional information concerning the Board may be found in the Board's bylaws, which are located on the Band's website at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/boards/constitutional-review-board](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/boards/constitutional-review-board).

**ELIGIBILITY.** In order to be eligible to serve on the one open position on the Board, a person must:

1. Be a Band citizen; and
2. Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

**TIME COMMITMENT.** Because this is a newly created Board, the time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings is not known. The Board will meet as needed to fulfill the duties of the Board.

**COMPENSATION.** Board members are independent contractors and compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. Currently, the compensation rate per meeting established for Board members (in non-officer positions) is \$150 per meeting. In addition, Board members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend Board meetings, in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

**TERM.** Board members serve at the pleasure of the Tribal Council and once appointed, their term shall conclude upon the dissolution of the Board.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Appointments to the Board are made by the Tribal Council.

Before any Pokagon Band citizen is appointed to serve on the Board, the Tribal Council will verify a potential appointee meets the requirements to serve on the Board. Anyone not meeting the eligibility requirement shall not be considered for appointment to the Board.

All persons who wish to be considered for appointment 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 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. The Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider appointments to the Board.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Pokagon Band citizens who meet the qualifications, and wish to be considered for appointment to the Board, must submit a current resume and a written statement of interest to Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, by one of the following three methods:

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary  
P O Box 180, Dowagiac MI 49047  
Fax: (269) 782-9625, Attn: Kelly Curran

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

Questions concerning the Board may be directed to Steve Winchester, Tribal Council member and Chairperson of the Board, by email at [steve.winchester@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:steve.winchester@pokagonband-nsn.gov) or by telephone at (269) 591-0119.

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

**DEADLINE.** Please provide your resume and written statement of interest as soon as possible. All written statements of interest and resumes must be received by the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council not later than October 15, 2014.

## 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**  
415 E Prairie Ronde Street  
(269) 783-4157

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

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

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

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

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

**Head Start**  
58620 Sink Rd.  
(269) 783-0026/  
(866) 250-6573  
FAX (269) 782-9795  
Health Services /

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

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

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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.

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# Zoo Boo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 12:00 PM-4:00 PM  
POTAWATOMI ZOO  
500 GREENLAWN AVE, SOUTH BEND, IN 46615

The children and parents of the Tuesday night Children's Language Class are invited to a day of fun at the Potawatomi Zoo's Zoo Boo. Transportation, Zoo Boo admission, and a dinner of the children's choice will be provided.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR COSTUME!**

The next incentive outing will be scheduled in January. We are looking at taking a trip to a local indoor waterpark! Any child (accompanied by a parent) that attends Children's Language classes starting in October, November, and December will qualify to attend this all expenses paid trip!

Kindly RSVP by **Friday, October 10** by calling Rhonda Purcell, language coordinator at (269) 462-4255.

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# TEAM MICHIGAN

**Friday, October 17-Sunday, October 19**  
**Five Pines facility**  
**Berrien Center, MI**

Are you between the ages of 12 and 24? Join other young people from Michigan tribes in a weekend of adventure-based team building, cultural activities and collaborative fun. Partake in numerous challenges, lessons about conflict resolution, perceived risk-taking, and enhanced goal setting.

Meals, lodging and transportation are included and will be provided with your registration.

To register and for more information, please contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 or [nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov](mailto:nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov).

Space is limited. Download required waivers at [www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/language-and-culture](http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/language-and-culture).

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## NAHBS

NATIVE AMERICAN & HISPANIC  
BUSINESS STUDENTS

### Native American Community Outreach Program

Hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

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

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

Breakfast and lunch will be provided

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

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# COOKING CLASS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23**  
**12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.**  
**COMMODITY KITCHEN,**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING**  
**58620 SINK ROAD, DOWAGIAC, MI**

Pokagon citizens and staff are invited to join chefs from Four Winds restaurants for cooking classes the fourth Thursday of each month, and learn how to turn every day ingredients into delicious dishes.

Spots are limited. Please call to reserve your seat, (269) 782-3372.

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