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MAY 2022 *Ē'demneké gizes* STRAWBERRY PICKING MOON



Photos courtesy of Eugene Magnuson from the MAST Spring Meeting.

Chairwoman Richards Elected as New MAST Chairperson!

Bozho! As mentioned in her in previous biweekly updates, Chairwoman Richards attended the Spring Meeting for the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) which occurred the week of March 21.

For those of you not familiar with MAST, the organization represents the 35 Sovereign Tribal Nations of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Michigan.

We are very pleased to share that Chairwoman Richards was nominated and elected as the new MAST Chairperson on Thursday, March 24!

Chairwoman Richards will also be sharing periodic updates in the future as she works with the other Tribal Nations within the organization on the priorities for our Tribes.

If you are interested in learning more about MAST, please visit the organization's website at <https://www.m-a-s-t.org/>.

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Chairwoman's Corner

Bozho!

I hope April's showers have brought you beautiful May flowers! May's edition of Pokégnek Yathdanawa is filled with many great articles, interesting facts, and news you'll want to know. Thank you for taking the time to read it. I'm confident the photos of Zagbëgon penothesek (children) will brighten your day.

On Thursday, May 5, I will be in Grand Rapids to participate in a march for Missing

and Murdered Indigenous People. It's essential that we continue to raise awareness that American Indian people are disproportionately at risk of experiencing violence, murder, or going missing. We march because everyone deserves to feel safe in their communities. Anita Morales, Member at Large, from Tribal Council, will also be in attendance along with members of the Elders Council.

I'm excited to share that the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (The National Center) announced its 2022 class of Native American 40 Under 40 award recipients. Our own Alex Wesaw is among those to be recognized at a reception during the RES conference on Wednesday, May 25, in Las Vegas! Please be sure to congratulate Alex on this important recognition. I also want to thank John Morseau for his time serving as our Treasurer. John's last day was Sunday, April 24, as he prepares to pursue other interests. John will be missed, but he has a bright future ahead of him, and I wish him all the best! Alex Wesaw, Member at Large, has agreed to serve as Treasurer on an interim basis.

May is busy! Mark your calendars.

May 8 – May 21. Citizen input for the Land Plan. Please view the Long-Term Land Acquisition and Development Plan (Land Plan) located on the Citizen Portal. After reviewing the document, you'll have an opportunity to submit questions and comments to Robert Torzynski, Planning Manager, using the form provided on the Citizen Portal.

May 26 – 27. Veterans Golf Outing and recognition dinner. There are still spots available if you would like to golf. All Pokagon Veterans golf at no cost but will need to register in advance to reserve a spot at the dinner and golf outing.

May 28 – 29. Our Pow Wow at Rogers Lake campus. The "gates" will open at 10 a.m. each day. Camping registration for Pokagon Citizens will be Wednesday, May 25, at 4 p.m. and 3 p.m. for Elders. General camping registration begins at noon on Thursday, May 26. For vendor or volunteer information, contact Marchell Wesaw at Marchell.Wesaw@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of the Tribal Council.

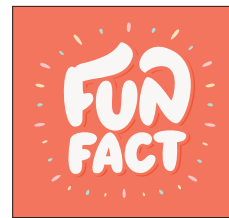
Migwëthh,

Rebecca Richards
Tribal Chairwoman

Citizen Feedback Wanted Regarding Land Plan

Pokagon citizens are invited to view the Long-Term Land Acquisition and Development Plan (Land Plan) located on the Citizen Portal. The document is intended for review by Pokagon citizens only. After reviewing the document, citizens may submit questions and comments to Robert Torzynski, Planning Manager, using the form provided on the Citizen Portal. The form will be available for 14 days between Sunday, May 8, 2022, and Saturday, May 21, 2022.

A Land Use Board (LUB) Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2022. This open, in-person meeting will be held in Dowagiac from 3 - 5:00 p.m. and open for citizen comment from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. An agenda will be posted with further details, including the location before the meeting date.



Mno-yathmowas Fun fact

Long ago, before the time of contemporary pow wows, our people would gather from different villages. Each village would bring what they had harvested throughout the season to trade for goods from other villages. They would gather and have dances. These places were known as dance rings. You will see these located on old maps. Some of these dance rings are still visible today, but many have been destroyed over the years. Locally, there was one located in Buchanan, Michigan.

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MARCH FOR MMIP

MISSING + MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

MAY 5 | NOON - 3 PM

Ah-Nab-Awen Park
220 Front Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI
49504

Hosted by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi, and the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, we march to remember our missing relatives.

WEAR RED AND JOIN US THURSDAY, MAY 5, FROM NOON TO 3 P.M.
The march begins in Ah-Nab-Awen Park in Grand Rapids at 220 Front Ave. NW. Bring banners, posters, Staffs, Drums, and Rattles. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Don't forget to purchase your MMIP March T-shirt and mask at bkede.com/mmip.html. Use code MMIP for free shipping! T-shirts will be available for purchase through May 14 and proceeds will go to a local domestic violence shelter.

Note – due to supply chain challenges, T-shirt color may change.

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Law Students Tour the Pokagon Tribal Court

A group of 17 law students from the University of Michigan (UM) and Michigan State University (MSU) Law School visited the Pokagon Tribal Court on Friday, April 1. The group also included April Youpee-Roll (Fort Peck Tribes), who is teaching a UM course entitled, "Policing by Indian Tribes."



Law students from the University of Michigan (UM) and Michigan State University (MSU) Law School.

Chairwoman Richards welcomed the students along with the Pokagon Band's new Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, Matthew Fletcher, and our Chief Judge, Michael Petoskey.



From left to right: Chairwoman Richards; Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, Matthew Fletcher; and Chief Judge, Michael Petoskey.

The students learned about the Pokagon Band, how cultural elements were incorporated in the design and construction of the building, and the everyday work of the Court. They also learned about our Pokagon Tribal Police Department.

Matthew Fletcher (member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians) is currently a Law Professor at MSU's College of Law. He is the founding Director of the Indigenous Law and Policy Center there. His wife, Wenona Singel-Fletcher (member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians), also is a Law Professor at MSU.

Matthew is making a career move to the UM's Law School this fall to teach there, along with developing an Indian Law Program in Ann Arbor. Matthew and Wenona plan to develop an informal relationship between the two Law Schools, working towards joint events and programming for their respective students.

This was the first event of the informal relationship between the two Law Schools.

South Bend Government Office Hours

The South Bend Administration Building is open on Thursdays. The hours are 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

New Directory of Pokagon-Owned Small Businesses



With the support of Mno-Bmadsen and Chi Ishobak, a small business directory has been created to encourage the local community to participate in the "Buy Native, Support Local" campaign! The Tribal Owned Business and Vendor Directory promotes Pokagon and other Native American owned small businesses in southwest

Michigan and northern Indiana. The directory features 50+ small businesses owned by Pokagon tribal citizens and their spouses, as well as businesses located in Pokagon homelands owned by citizens enrolled with other tribes.

Small businesses play an important role in any healthy economy. They provide jobs, donate to fundraisers, contribute to community special events, and keep local communities vibrant. Tribally owned small businesses are no different. Pokagon citizen-owned small businesses cover many areas including: the arts, construction and trade contractors, entertainment venues, health and beauty services, professional business services, and more!

The "Buy Native, Support Local" campaign strives to promote Pokagon-owned small businesses within the local community. To access the Tribal Owned Business and Vendor Directory, please visit www.mno-bmadsen.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Tribal-Directory-2022.pdf. If you have a Native owned small business to include in the tribal directory, email Arianna at Arianna.Morseau@mno-bmadsen.com.

Here are ways to support small businesses included in the Tribal Owned Business and Vendor Directory.

- Make a purchase when you can
- Refer family and friends
- Like and follow the small business on social media
- Like and share social media posts
- Tag a friend on social media posts
- Leave a comment on social media
- Write a positive online review

Small businesses thank you for your support!



The beautiful gifts of warmth and protection offer comfort and support through a blanket of gratitude that symbolizes the spirit of the Creator's arm wrapped around the one receiving such a powerful piece of culture as a part of mno bmadson. It is a part of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi tradition to gift a blanket as a person walks into retirement.

We are extending life's well wishes for good health and happiness to Jaime Summers on his upcoming path.

Barn Wood Available for Tribal Citizens



Are you a tribal artisan that is interested in utilizing old barn wood in some of your work? If so, please read on to learn a bit more about the barn wood that is available from May 1 through July 31, 2022.

In 2018, the old barn on Gage Street tribal properties was dismantled. This barn appears to have been built in the 1880s

with very large, hand-hewn timbers being pegged together. Later, additional work was done that included the use of large nails in some of the timbers. This wood is now available for tribal citizens to pick up and utilize. The timbers range in size from 9.5 feet in length to 40 feet in length. The widths range from 6" x 5.5" to 13" x 8". The measurements are approximate, as these are hand-hewn and can vary along the length of the timber. There are approximately 65 pieces of timber available for tribal citizen use. These timbers are heavy to very heavy, so a vehicle or trailer and equipment needed to move the timbers is necessary when picking them up.

If you are a tribal citizen and interested in looking at the timbers between May 1 and July 31, please call the DNR main office to schedule an appointment to look the wood over and pick up some barn wood. This barn wood is available on a first come, first serve basis.

Please call the DNR main office if interested, (269) 782-9602.



FREE VIRTUAL ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC
-FOR-
POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
May 19, 2022 & June 9, 2022
From 9am - 4pm

Michigan Indian Legal Services is offering remote estate planning.

WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, PATIENT ADVOCATE DESIGNATIONS, FUNERAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND LADY BIRD DEEDS.

MILS is offering digital estate planning clinics on **Thursday, 5/19/2022** and **Thursday, 6/9/2022** to make creating your estate plan as safe and convenient as possible. These documents can be signed and executed from the comfort of your own home. This Program is open to Tribal Members, Employees, and their family. The guidelines of this program will allow us to cater to a broader group than is typically permitted by MILS' funders.

This Program is available to those who make up to 500% of the poverty and eligibility guidelines. The threshold starts at \$63,800 and is increased by \$22,400 for each additional household member. **"You will likely qualify, even if you did not qualify before for other services."**

Additionally, we are open and still offering our services statewide to income-eligible individuals and tribes, advocates for the rights of individuals, which advances systems of justice, and works to preserve Indian families through State and Tribal Courts.

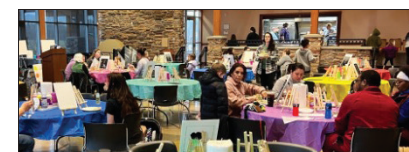
Please call us at **(231) 947 - 0122** to scheduled a time for assistance with your estate plan. Clients may also request alternative dates if needed.

ANA Administration for Native Americans
 An Office of the Administration for Children & Families



Gdenwémagnenanèk Mdagwéwen – Our Family Fun

Zagbëgon Academy hosted the first in-person Gdenwémagnenanèk Mdagwéwen (Our Family Fun) of 2022 on March 31. This event was open to all Pokagon families and included a tutorial, painting a rainbow, and a pizza dinner. With the help of the Departments of History & Culture and Èthë Bodwéwadmimwat, children and their families painted a rainbow utilizing the Potawatomi language to identify colors, tools, and actions. After painting rainbows, elder Collin Wesaw told stories to the children. Participants were encouraged to take home their rainbow painting, an art easel, paint, and paint brushes. Ktthë Migwèthh to all who helped make this event happen and to all who participated.



May Moon Description

We measure months by the full moon. There are actually 13 full moons in a calendar year, each one having something of significance during that time. When we adapt them to the English calendar, we use 12 moons to fit. Please keep in mind that we use many calendars and variations.

È'démneké Gizes – Strawberry Picking Moon

While nowadays the climate has changed and this may be done in a different month, in southwest Michigan (è'démnen), strawberries were picked during È'démneké Gizes (Strawberry Picking Moon) May.

Èzh gaténmaygo – How We Honor Them



Recently, the Department of Natural Resources planted a special tree outside of Health Services. Originally, the tree was on tribal properties located in Hartford. This tree serves as a means of raising awareness and honoring those who have been touched by diseases like cancer, diabetes, or other major health issues. Several times each year, Health Services will supply ornaments used to decorate the tree. Individuals may add their name or the

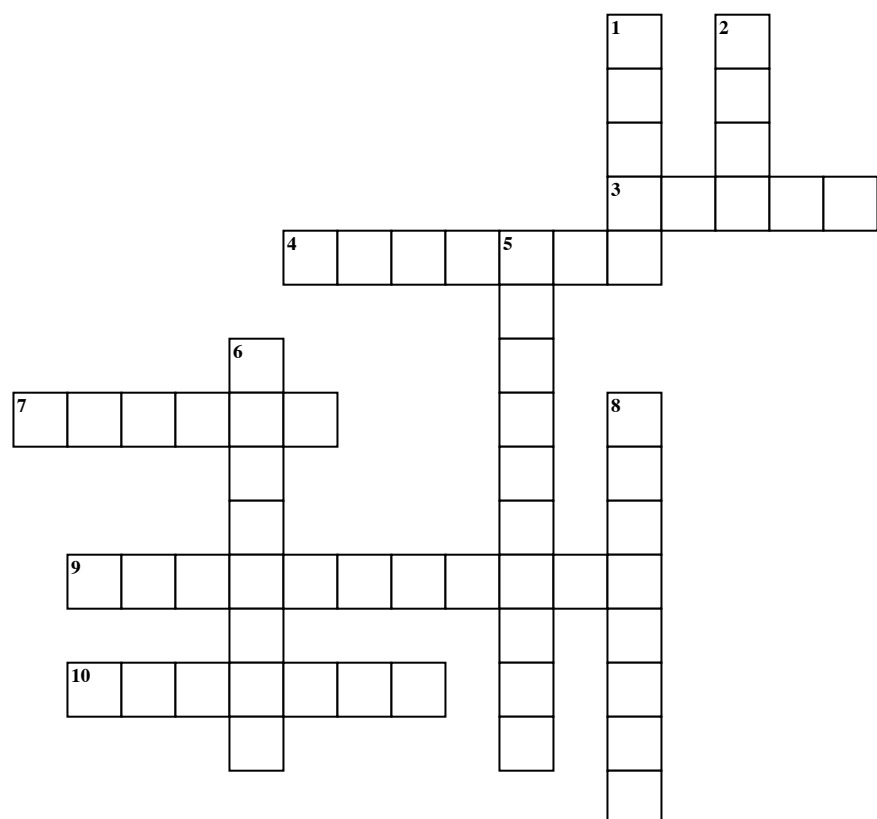
name of a family member or loved one to an ornament and place it on the tree. Reach out to Liz Leffler, Community Health Outreach Supervisor, at Elizabeth.Leffler@PokagonBand-nsn.gov for more information.



Zagbëgon penothésêk (children) enjoyed their very own egg hunt at the sports complex baseball diamond. They also had a visit from a very special guest, the Easter Bunny!



É'dénnéké Gizes Crossword



ACROSS

- 3 Yellow
- 4 Green
- 7 Garden
- 9 It is sweet
- 10 It is round

DOWN

- 1 Red
- 2 Tobacco
- 5 Basket
- 6 White
- 8 Strawberries

The answers are on page 16



Zagbëgon: An Early Learning and Development Academy enrollment open for Fall 2022!

Zagbëgon (Sprout) is Pokagon Band's Tribal Preschool that serves ages 3-5 (children must be 3 by Sept. 1 of the school year). Families looking to give their children an opportunity to be immersed Bodwëwadamimwen (Potawatomi language), Bodwëwadmi culture, learning in nature, while being supported for school readiness, can visit PokagonBand-nsn.gov and search Zagbëgon to enroll their child. As our school year comes to a close, it is a good time to share about who we are, what we do, and what sets us apart from non-tribal preschools.

Our Philosophy of Early Childhood Education

At Zagbëgon, our philosophy is that every child is a unique creation of the Creator, and that the body, mind, and spirit of each child should be nurtured. As such, we seek to meet each child where he or she is emotionally, developmentally, spiritually, educationally, and socially, and we apply these principles to each facet of our planning, instruction, and activities. Children will experience fun and friendships under the guidance of teachers and team members who embrace and model the culture and heritage of the Potawatomi people.

Working closely with Èthë Bodwëwadimwat and The Center of History & Culture, our Zagbëgon team attends Potawatomi language classes and learns cultural teachings to pass on to our students at school, and families through various forms of communication. Our philosophy supports our collaborative vision.

Vision

Our vision that "All children and their families will have a healthy sense of identity and belonging," cannot be told without giving proper acknowledgement to those who put in the work before us. Many people contributed their ideals and dreams of what a skonwgëmëk (school) would look like for our young students. Through a collective body of dedicated tribal members, volunteers, curriculum committee members, staff, teachers, and leaders, we are provided the opportunity to witness the fruits of their labor, in one of our one of our most vital Tribal assets. Zagbëgon is a place where we can nurture, and develop our children's emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical self from a foundation infused with culture, language, and nature-based immersion.

From laying the foundation, children will grow with confidence in their Native identity and heritage. Our students and their families are a part of a community in which we all learn together. One of our slogans is, "Reviving Neshnabé culture, one penothé (child) at a time." Reviving Neshnabé culture means making intentional efforts to infuse it into our curriculum, as well as everyday life.

Cultural Infusion

Promoting cultural pride within our future generations is one of our obligations as stewards for the next seven generations of our descendants. Cultural infusion is a major focus for many tribal communities. Zagbëgon integrates cultural teachings whenever possible; whether it be during organic teachable moments, more structured situations, or tying into lessons provided by visitors such as Victim Services or DNR. Preserving Pokagon Band Potawatomi's unique identity is a responsibility that warrants serious attention and the need to work across departments is important for that work. When working across departments, "It takes a village," adequately describes these efforts. Developing lessons that combine Indigenous and western knowledge and understanding, requires special attention to curriculum development.


Curriculum Development

The heart of our curriculum comes from our mission, "To serve children, families, and community by creating a safe and nurturing environment that provides social, emotional, spiritual, physical, and academic support." Only when children feel safe and have their needs met, will they be able to learn.

When families choose Zagbëgon, they support a family environment, moving away from the institutional norm that allows them to live and learn their inherent right as Neshnabé children. Zagbëgon children learn with caring teachers, team members and others, our teachings, and more importantly our cultural norms, values, and language.

We also support our young learners through HighScope, a curriculum that utilizes plan, do, and review, and is flexible enough to allow learning based on student interest, cross-departmental collaborations, and relevant lessons with cultural infusion. We make efforts to break away from Euro centered expectations through experiential learning rather than structured, scripted lessons. Opportunities for early literacy and school readiness are built in and based on where each child is developmentally.

If you are looking for an extraordinary preschool experience and your child will be 3-years-old by September 1, 2022, visit PokagonBand-nsn.gov and register to become a part of the Zagbëgon family!



POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Free Painted Desert Sheep




Are Available to Pokagon Citizens

Kappler Schaferei, a division of Kappler Farms & Stables in Fowlerville, Michigan is offering free Painted Desert Sheep to Pokagon Citizens/Households and Pokagon Government Employees. Painted Desert Sheep are one of a variety of hair sheep which naturally shed their woolly undercoat in the spring. This means no shearing! These sheep are natural lawnmowers and lot-cleaners. They do a wonderful job of keeping our pastures eaten down to the consistency of a golf course fairway. The sheep also eat most leafy shrubs and bushes making pasture maintenance a minimal chore. The rams do grow large and have curling horns. There are three different bloodlines of registered Painted Desert Sheep available and Kappler Schaferei can guarantee unrelated ram and ewe lambs for breeding purposes, as well as starter flocks (one ram lamb, and one or two unrelated ewe lambs). 15 to 25 new lambs will be available to go to their new homes by the end of July 2022.

If interest, contact Roger P. Kappler by June 21, 2022 at (734)368-7476 or rkappler@hotmail.

View photos of sheep on the Kappler Schaferei Facebook page and kapplerschaferei.com

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What's that Non-Native Species? Kochia (*Bassia scoparia*)



Kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) is a member of the amaranth family native to Eurasia but was introduced in the United States as an ornamental plant because it has bright red foliage in autumn and is drought resistant. Kochia can be found in almost every state in the US. Kochia ranges in height from 1 - 6 feet with slender upright stems. The hairy leaves alternate on the stem, while the flowers grow in clusters and are small and greenish with no petals. This plant grows in clumps and is one of the plants known as tumbleweeds in the Southwestern US. Kochia is salt tolerant and



can readily grow along roadsides and other disturbed areas. Kochia produces a chemical that prevents other plants from growing and helps the plant to spread and outcompete native vegetation. When young, Kochia can be eaten by livestock but becomes toxic once it begins producing seeds. This plant reproduces by seed and roots and can spread seed while tumbling across a landscape.

If you believe you have identified Kochia on tribal properties, please take as many pictures as possible and call the Department of Natural Resources to report the location of the sighting.

What's that Edible Plant? Michigan Truffle (*Tuber canaliculatum*)



The Michigan truffle (*Tuber canaliculatum*), also known as the Appalachian truffle, is a type of fungus that grows in the Eastern U.S. and can be found in association with spruce and pine but may also be found in mixed forests with oak, hickory, and birch. This truffle grows among the roots of these trees, where the roots provide nutrients for the truffle. The skin of this truffle is brick red in color and the inside, when cut, shows a marbled interior ranging

from mostly white when immature to mostly black or charcoal when mature. The size of a mature truffle can range from 1 inch to about 5 inches across and can be composed of multiple lobes. Truffles are typically harvested from late summer into winter. If the truffle is slimy, sticky, mushy, or fuzzy, it should be left behind to fruit for the following year. Without a trained truffle dog, truffles may be hard to find due to being located underground. Truffles can be stored for up to a week, depending upon their ripeness when collected. Truffles are considered a complete source of protein, can be a source of vitamin C, calcium, iron, and magnesium, and contain antioxidants. Truffles provide many benefits when consumed and are considered a delicacy in many countries due to their difficulty to find. Because of their rarity, they are typically shaved very thin when used in recipes. As with any new edible or medicinal, please ensure that you have a positive identification before use and utilize in small quantities at first to make sure there are no adverse reactions.

CENTER OF HISTORY & CULTURE

MKEDÉKÉWEN
FASTING

A RITE OF PASSAGE
FOR YOUNG BOYS, GIRLS, WOMEN & MEN

Center of History & Culture and Traditional healer Keith Smith invites citizens, tribal members, and their families to participate in Mkedékéwen for a rite of passage.

For more information about fasting please contact Rebecca Williams at Rebecca.Williams@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4325.

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RODGERS LAKE CAMPGROUND

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TRADITIONAL MEDICINE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Traditional medicine services are now being overseen by the Center of History & Culture. If you are interested in seeing Keith Smith for traditional medicine services, he will be available one Friday and Saturday, per month to see tribal Citizens by appointment only. Appointments are taking place in the Government Annex, 58653 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI.

MAY 13 & 14
JUNE 10 & 11

All tribal citizens are welcome to schedule an appointment, whether it will be your first time or you are returning for a follow up. Please contact Nicole Holloway at the Center of History & Culture at (269) 783-3513 (desk), (269) 783-6131 (cell) or Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov, to schedule an appointment or to inquire about the services provided.

**We honor patient confidentiality
**Due to COVID-19 and for the health and safety of our Citizens and staff, a health questionnaire and body temperature of less than 100 degrees F will be required before each scheduled appointment.

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Dowagiac River Restoration Progress

Restoring Historic Meanders to the Dowagiac River

The Dowagiac River that you see today is not the Dowagiac River of historic times. The Dowagiac River used to be a sinuous, winding river as it moved through the land. In the early 1900s the river was dredged and straightened to drain, what was referred to at the time as, the swampland, which was seen as a hinderance to progress. Unfortunately, the dredging of the river resulted in the river being disconnected from the floodplains, due to digging the riverbed to a lower elevation and placing the dredging spoils on either side of the straightened river. The river lost half of its length during this time. The areas referred to as swamplands were home to many species of wildlife and plants, as well being a natural filtering system that helped keep the waters clean and healthy. Over a decade ago the Pokagon Band began exploring the possibility of restoring a section of the Dowagiac River adjacent to tribal properties in Dowagiac, Michigan.



Dowagiac River on March 18, 2022

This process consisted of determining if it was feasible to restore the historic meander bends to the Dowagiac River without causing a negative impact to surrounding lands during flood events. The restoration was deemed feasible and after a decade of surveys, analyses, research, permitting, and funding acquisition, the restoration of meanders to a section of the Dowagiac River has begun. In February 2022, a small blessing ceremony was held to let the spirits know that the restoration was beginning in March and that, in the long-term, the restoration would benefit the plants, wildlife, and greater community once complete. The restoration is being completed in two phases, with phase two beginning once enough funding is secured. Once both phases are complete, the Dowagiac River in this section will double in length to 1.29 miles and hydrologic functioning will be restored to 55.3 acres of wetlands. Given future climate scenarios, the restoration adds resiliency to the riverine system and helps prevent flooding to neighboring properties. Follow the progress of this historic restoration on Pokagon Band DNR's Dowagiac River Restoration Progress webpage. You can search Dowagiac River Restoration Progress on the main website to find our page.

The Restoration Process:

Create access roads, clear trees, and remove trees with rootwads. Set up soil erosion and sediment control protection measures.

Continue clearing trees and shrubs. Monitor soil erosion and sediment control measures.

Count and pile trees with rootwads for re-use.

Excavate old meander bends.

Create cribwalls using trees with rootwads to divert the Dowagiac River into new meander bends.

Create banks using trees with rootwads, fabric, live stakes, seeding, and revetement.

Divert Dowagiac River into meander bends.

Begin restoration of area with native plants, trees, and shrubs.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

HONORING OUR GRADUATES BANQUET

Silver Creek Event Center
Four Winds Casino
11111 Wilson Rd., New Buffalo
Sunday, June 26
4:00-6:00 p.m.

RSVP BY JUNE 1 AT
PokagonBand.formstack.com
/forms/honoring_our_graduates_2022

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Dowagiac River South Meander Bend on March 25, 2022



Dowagiac River South Meander Bend on April 1, 2022



Dowagiac River South Meander Bend on April 9, 2022



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Dowagiac River North Meander Bend on March 25, 2022



Dowagiac River North Meander Bend on April 1, 2022



Dowagiac River North Meander Bend on April 9, 2022





Veteran Voice

Bozho Jiyak from the Pokegnek Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw! The weather is constantly changing, but our mission is unwavering: maintain our traditional role as warriors and protectors while honoring all veterans past, present, and future.

We sent representatives to Indiana University's Pow Wow in Bloomington on April 9. The participants enjoyed the experience and provided some great reviews. We are looking forward to more collaboration with our southern neighbors.

Our next big event is the annual Veterans Golf Outing and recognition dinner on May 26-27. There are still spots available if you would like to golf. All Pokagon Veterans golf at no cost but will need to register in advance to reserve a spot at the dinner and golf outing. This year we have invited one of the first 23 females in the Marine Corps to earn the rank of Sergeant Major as our guest speaker during the Thursday evening recognition dinner. Register now to hear her story while helping us honor two of our Pokagon warriors: Matt Martin and Gayle Green. Congratulations to Matt and Gayle on being selected as the guests of honor at the 2022 recognition dinner!

Our Veteran Services Administrator is available to help you with any Veterans Affairs-related questions, claims, or appointments. Please reach out to Ann. Morsaw-Banghart@PokagonBand-nsn.gov with any questions or if you would like VA assistance.

We are updating our Wall of Honor at the community center! Please let us know if we can put your picture on the wall. We would love to fill that wall with our past and present Ogitchedaw and honorary members.

The Ogitchedaw remain available for ceremonies, funerals/burials, and special request functions. Please reach out if you would like to help us fulfill our obligations to the community by allowing us to be a part of a ceremony or memorial.

We are still seeking stories for the first edition of our Ogitchedaw Lifebook. Regardless of your exploits or personal perception, we would like to hear and share your story. The Lifebook is a way to remember, honor, and encourage. All stories are welcome.

Lastly, let us know if you would like to learn more about the family names on the Eagle staff. We are planning our annual review of the represented family names and welcome any new additions. Also, if an Ogitchedaw family name is not represented, we can let you know how to add a new feather for your family.

We look forward to your questions and feedback. As always, please send any questions or comments to: Veterans.Chairman@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

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RIDE ACROSS THE STATE

JOIN US FOR THE
SECOND ANNUAL
R.A.T.S. RIDE!
MAY 21-22

152 miles of beautiful Michigan scenery with scheduled stops for food, rest, and fellowship. We have a bike for you if needed. You are welcome to ride the entire route or join us for a few miles!

For more information:
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POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK CENTER OF HISTORY & CULTURE

Kë Bébisyakémen
Lets Bead!

May 22
12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Center of History and Culture
59291 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac

Join the Center of History and Culture in a beading circle! Bring what you are working on and work alongside experienced and novice beaders. There will be an instructor on-site to assist beginners with easy projects. If you are interested in learning something new or finishing a project you already started, this is the class for you! Limited supplies will be available.

Tribal Citizens and tribal parents only. Light lunch will be provided, feel free to bring a dish to pass. If you would like a basic start-up supply list please contact Nicole Holloway. The option to join virtually via Microsoft Teams is available. Supplies will not be provided to those joining virtually.

Please RSVP by emailing
Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov,
text, or call at (269) 783-3513

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Chairwoman Richards Participates in Women's Leadership Panel at Indiana University South Bend

In recognition of Women's History Month in March, Chairwoman Richards was featured as part of a Women's Leadership Panel at Indiana University (IU) South Bend on Wednesday, March 30th! The event was well attended and included IU faculty, students, IU Alumni and members of the South Bend community.

Chairwoman Richards was joined by four other panelists including Regina Emberton, CEO of ChoiceLight, Inc. (telecommunications); Loretta Schmitt, Chief Nursing Officer, Saint Joseph Health System; Lety Stanton-Verduzco, Director of Mission Integration, Boys and Girls Club of St. Joseph County; and Karen White, former Vice President of the South Bend Common Council.

The panel was moderated by IU Chancellor, Susan Elrod, and a variety of topics about leadership were discussed including:

- How did your educational journey prepare you as a leader?
- Are you in the career or life path you originally envisioned?
- What advice would you give your younger self?
- Who (or what) helped you become the leader you are today?



From left to right: Chancellor Elrod, Chairwoman Richards, Karen White, Lety Stanton-Verduzco, Regina Emberton, and Loretta Schmitt.

Commenting on the event, Chairwoman Richards said, "There were some great questions from the audience and I really enjoyed the experience. Women in leadership roles isn't a topic that is often discussed and I appreciate Chancellor Elrod's efforts to promote an open dialogue on the subject and encourage our young female leaders!"



A MATTER OF BALANCE

Do you have concerns about falling?

Class dates:
Thursdays
April 28—June 23, 2022

Time: 2:00—4:00 pm EST

Online: Zoom
To register:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MOBVApril2022LZ/>

Coaches:
Zelda Felix-Mottley
mottley@msu.edu
Laura Anderson
ander359@msu.edu

Cost: **FREE** (Supported by an ACL Grant)



A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Mature adults may experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE has developed a virtual translation that is offered online. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls Volunteer Lay Leader Model ©2006

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A Matter of Balance Lay Leader Model

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Department of Education



Simon Pokagon Memorial Research Library

The Pokagon Band Department of Education has an online library through OverDrive. There are hundreds of titles that are available in ebooks, video, and audiobooks. Currently, this is available to Pokagon Citizens (must have enrollment number and birthdate to sign in).

How to use the library:



Go to pokagon.overdrive.com or download the Libby App, <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby#GetTheApp>

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

We are looking for your suggestions. If you have questions or want to add a favorite book to the library, please contact Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887 or Susan.Doyle@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.



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Spring Bird Nesting Season

It's that time of year again. The birds are setting up shop to raise their young. If you see a bird nest being built in a location that seems unsafe or unsanitary, please contact the DNR to have it removed. Additionally, if there is a nest from last year that you do not want birds nesting in again, let us know and we can remove it.

Did you know most birds are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act? This means that if a nest has eggs in it, the nest remains in place until the young have left the nest. Only a few birds are not protected, such as the house sparrow and the European starling, so their nests can be removed throughout the nesting season. Contact DNR if you have issues with any birds nesting.

Baby Wildlife are Not Abandoned



Every year, the DNR receives reports of citizens petting or picking up baby deer and other wildlife because the wildlife is alone and appears to be abandoned. This is usually not the case. Baby wildlife mothers often leave their babies behind while they are out feeding. The mother then returns, sometimes much later, able to provide food for her babies. Removing wildlife babies from the wild reduces their chances of survival, ultimately resulting in these little ones being taken to rehabilitation, costing great time and money. Their mother will return. Please let wildlife remain wild. Thank you for helping keep mothers and babies together.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SAVE THE DATE

Kë Gbéshmen 2022

SUMMER CAMP

<p>Week 1 June 21-23 Ages 5-8 Day Camp</p>	<p>Week 3 July 13-15 Ages 12-17 Day Camp</p>
<p>Week 2 June 28-30 Ages 8-12 Day Camp</p>	<p>Week 4 July 19-22 Ages 12-17 Overnight Camp (Priority given to highschool students)</p>

Registration opens May 4 at 10 a.m.



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

THE ROUND HOUSE

BOOK DISCUSSION

THURSDAY, MAY 12 • 6 P.M. MICROSOFT TEAMS

JOIN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
FOR A VIRTUAL DISCUSSION OF
LOUISE ERDRICH'S THE ROUND HOUSE.

The Round House follows the story of Joe, a 13 year old boy, who seeks justice for his mother following a violent attack. This novel covers some very sensitive topics, including sexual violence and death. Please take care of yourself while reading and participating in the discussion. Because of the sensitive nature of the book the discussion is limited to adult participants only.

A limited number of books will be available if you don't have your own copy. We just ask that if you receive a copy, please make sure to attend the discussion. You can purchase a copy of the book from any bookstore or check out your local library to see if they have a copy available.

Please register by Friday, April 15 at
pokagonband.formstack.com/forms/round_house_registration.

If you have any questions, contact Marie Willis
at Marie.Willis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

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Cooking Methods to Master in the Month of May



Mastering basic cooking methods is the foundation of solid kitchen skills. Read on for information and tips about some common cooking methods that use your oven and stovetop. With practice, these methods will help you create delicious, healthy meals.

10 Cooking Terms To Know

1. Bake: to cook surrounded by dry air in the oven (food may be covered or uncovered)
2. Boil: to cook in rapidly boiling liquid
3. Broil: to cook with direct heat under a heating element in the oven or a broiler
4. Grill or barbecue: to cook with direct heat over hot coals or another heat source
5. Poach: to cook directly in liquid, usually just below boiling
6. Roast: to cook uncovered with dry heat in the oven
7. Sauté: to cook in a small amount of fat, stirring so the food browns evenly
8. Simmer: to cook gently in liquid, just below boiling
9. Steam: to cook over boiling or simmering water on a rack or in a steamer basket in a covered pot
10. Stir-fry: to quickly cook small pieces of food in a small amount of oil over high heat while stirring constantly

Broiling

Broiling is used to cook foods such as thinner cuts of meat (like steak), chicken, and fatty fish (like tuna steaks or salmon) and to finish cooking dishes with crispy or browned toppings.

The broiling time and the food's proximity to the heat source will vary. To brown the topping on a casserole, place the pan close to the heat for just a few minutes. A thick piece of fish or chicken takes longer to broil, so place them farther from the heat source so the top doesn't burn.

Roasting

Roasting is used for larger cuts of meat, fish, and poultry, and it can be used for fruits and vegetables.

Roast meat, fish, and poultry on a rack or sheet pan. Using a rack allows fat to drip away from the food. To keep the meat, fish, or poultry moist, brush it from time to time as it roasts with a low-fat sauce or marinade that has not come in contact with raw meat.

To roast potatoes, peppers, carrots, and other vegetables, brush them first with a thin layer of olive or vegetable oil and spread in a single layer on a sheet pan. Roasting brings out their natural flavor. Fruits, such as apples, pears, stone fruits, and pineapple, can be roasted for use in mixed dishes or desserts.

Sautéing

Sautéing is used to cook smaller pieces of meat, fish, poultry, and vegetables. To keep food from sticking, add a small amount of oil to a shallow pan or spray the pan with nonstick cooking spray or an oil spritzer. When the pan is hot, add the food and turn occasionally. Add broth, a splash of wine, herbs, or spices while sautéing to bring out flavor without adding more fat.

Stir-Frying

Stir-frying is also used to cook smaller pieces of meat, seafood, poultry, and vegetables. But stir-frying is done over high heat so that foods cook in just a few minutes. It's a good idea to have all your ingredients measured and prepped before you begin.

Add a small amount of oil, such as canola or soybean oil, to a wok or nonstick frying pan. Heat over high heat. When the oil is hot, add foods and stir frequently until the foods are cooked.

Poaching

Poaching uses water or a flavorful liquid (like stock, broth, or wine) to gently cook fish, poultry, eggs, or whole fruits (like apples and pears).

Add the cooking liquid to a large skillet or saucepan and bring it to a boil. Lower the heat and add the food, making sure that the food is completely immersed in liquid. Simmer over low heat until the food is cooked. For more flavor, add herbs, spices, or vegetables like carrots, onions, and celery to the poaching liquid.

Steaming

Steaming is a quick cooking method for foods like vegetables, fish, shellfish, and chicken.

Bring a few inches of water to a boil in a pot that is large enough to hold a steamer basket or insert. Add the steamer to the pot. Fill the steamer with food and cover tightly. (Some recipes may instruct you to reduce the water to a simmer before covering the pot.)

A boneless piece of fish or chicken breast will take 15 to 30 minutes to steam.

Steam vegetables for just a few minutes until they are tender but not mushy.

To steam vegetables without a steamer, add them to a pan with a small amount of boiling liquid that does not completely cover the food. Cover tightly and cook until tender.

Use A Food Thermometer To Know When Cooked Meats Are Safe To Eat:

Beef, Pork, Veal, Lamb: steaks, chops, roasts

- 145°F (63°C) and allow to rest for at least 3 minutes

Ham: fresh or smoked (uncooked)

- 145°F (63°C) and allow to rest for at least 3 minutes

Ground meats

- 160°F (71°C)

Poultry (all parts and stuffing)

- 165°F (74°C) and allow to rest for at least 3 minutes

Fish and Shellfish

- 145°F (63°C) small pieces of food in a small amount of oil over high heat while stirring constantly



Ki gkéndan né Did you know?

È'démneké gizes (Strawberry Picking Moon)

Ki gkéndan né? Did you know that séma should be offered to gokmeskinan before harvesting e'démenen? It is a gesture of respect and gratitude to offer séma before harvesting any and all life. This applies to both plants and animals.

Pokagon Band Elders

May 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022

LAWN MOWING REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip Code: _____

Phone No: _____ Tribal ID: _____

THIRD-PARTY LAWN MOWING SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip Code: _____

Phone No: _____ Business Name: _____

Pokagon Band Elders anywhere in the U.S may be reimbursed for lawn mowing services provided to their residence by third-party service providers. The maximum reimbursement an Elder may receive over the entire season is \$200 per household.

You are responsible for finding your own third-party mowing service provider. You will not be reimbursed if you are the person who mowed your own lawn. Except for those residing at Phase II (Rent to Own), those residing at Pokagon Band Housing are ineligible for reimbursement, as the Pokagon Band already provides lawncare services.

To be eligible for reimbursement, you must complete and return this application along with invoice(s) or receipt(s) from the third-party service provider. We may contact your service provider for verification. Incomplete applications, applications without invoice(s)/receipt(s), and applications received after November 15, 2022, will not be processed. Reimbursements will be paid until annual budget funds are exhausted. Applicant must be age 55+ at the date(s) of service.

The completed application with accompanying invoice(s)/receipt(s) must be returned to:

Elders Council/P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac Michigan 49047

Any questions call Elders Hall, (800)-859-2717 or (269)-782-0765

By my signing below, I certify that all information provided on this application is true/correct.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Created 4/19/2022

Elders Stipend

Soon to be 55 years old?

Please submit an Elders Stipend Registration form for benefits to Elders Hall. The form is available on the Pokagon Band website, search “Elders Services” on www.PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

Submit the completed documents by mail, fax, or email.

Mail: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Attn: Elders Hall
P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Fax: (269) 782-1696

Email: Social.Services@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

The Elder Specialist at Elders Hall can answer questions, call (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859 2717.

The Social Services Department needs the following individuals to update their address and phone number for Elders Stipend. Please contact the Enrollment Office at (269) 782-1763.

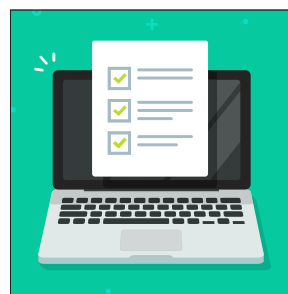
NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Ronald Heffington	X	X

Open Positions Available

The following open positions are still available and listed in alphabetical order. Please refer to the Pokagon website or the Legislative Edition to read the position descriptions, qualifications and details on how to apply.

- Curriculum Committee
- Pokagon Band Land Use Board
- Ethics Board
- Food Sovereignty Committee
- Ggaténmamen Gdankobthegnanék Pow Wow Committee
- Health Care Advisory Board
- Mno-Bmadsen Board Director
- Pokagon Rights Board
- Salary Commission
- Tribal Art Committee

Guidelines for Pokégnék Yathdanawa Submissions



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

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

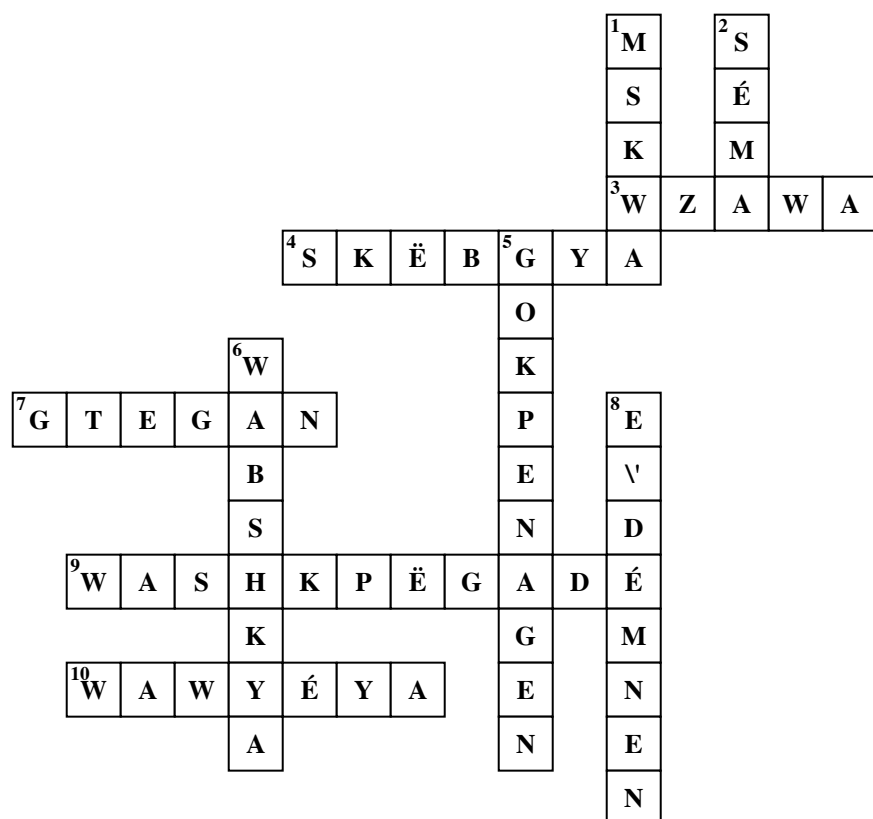
Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail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

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

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

Please email submissions to Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

É'démneké Gizes Crossword Solution



MONDAY

2

Chicken and Wild Rice Soup
Cottage Cheese
Veggie Tray
Yogurt

9

Broccoli Cheddar Soup
Ham Sandwich
Salad
Peaches

16

Stuffed Pepper Soup
Egg Salad Sandwich
Veggie Tray
Pears

23

Swedish Meatballs
French Style Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes
Tomato Salad

30



TUESDAY

3

Italian Rustic Cod
Quinoa
Black Bean Medley
Tomato Salad

10

Tortilla Crusted Tilapia
Asparagus
Black Bean Medley
Cottage Cheese

17

Salmon Patties
Mac n' Cheese
Brussels Sprouts
Salad

24

Smokey Applewood Salmon
Black Bean Medley
Quinoa Salad
Fruit

31

Bean Soup
Turkey Sandwich
Salad
Fruit Cocktail

WEDNESDAY

4

BBQ Pulled Pork
Baked Chips
Cottage Cheese
Veggie Tray

11

Stuffed Green Peppers
Mixed Vegetables
Rice Pilaf
Broccoli Salad

18

Salisbury Steak
French Style Green Beans
Scalloped Potatoes
Broccoli Salad

25

Artisan Mac n' Cheese
Green Beans
Salad
Apple Sauce

Please call the day before
if you are not a regular attendee
for meals (269) 782-0765
meals subject to change. Meal
service begins at 12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

5

Chicken Fajitas
Spanish Rice
Tortilla Chips
Fruit Cocktail

12 BUSINESS MEETING

Buffalo Burgers
Hot Dogs
Baked Beans
Veggie & Pickle Tray
Macaroni Salad and Cake

19 SOCIAL

Goulash
Garlic Break
Asparagus
Salad
Fruit Salad

26

Tacos with Black Beans

The **Business Meeting** will be held at the Community Center. Please do not arrive before 10 a.m. The **Social lunch** will be held at the Community Center please do not arrive before 10 a.m.

FRIDAY

6

Beef and Noodles
Mixed Vegetables
Salad
Pears

13

Salad Bar

20

Breakfast

27

Vegetable Soup
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Cottage Cheese
Yogurt
Pears

may

Tribal Council May Calendar of Events

Stay connected. Check Pokagon.com for the latest information.

Join all meetings virtually via Microsoft Teams.

- 2 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 3 Gaming Authority, New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority, New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Citizen Saturday Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority, New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority, New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 30 Pokagon Government Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- 31 Gaming Authority, New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Tribal Council June Calendar of Events

Stay connected. Check Pokagon.com for the latest information.

Join all meetings virtually via Microsoft Teams.

- 6 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 7 Gaming Authority, New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Citizen Saturday Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Gaming Authority, New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 20 Pokagon Government Offices Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
- 21 Gaming Authority, New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Elders Council May Calendar of Events

Stay connected. Check Pokagon.com for the latest information.

- 11 Business Meeting, Administration, Call (586) 250-2691, ID 213 971 097#, 10 a.m.
- 19 Elders Social, Community Center, 11 a.m.
- 25 Meeting, Administration, Call (586) 250-2691, ID 697 749 771#, 10 a.m.

Elders Council June Calendar of Events

Stay connected. Check Pokagon.com for the latest information.

- 2 Business Meeting, Administration, Call (586) 250-2691, ID 905 140 283#, 10 a.m.
- 6 Honoring, Healing and Remembering at Mt. Pleasant, Indian Boarding School Event, Watch for Details
- 8 Meeting, Administration, Call (586) 250-2691, ID 113 468 803#, 10 a.m.
- 16 Elders Social, Community Center, 11 a.m.
- 22 Meeting, Administration, Call (586) 250-2691, ID 786 728 529#, 10 a.m.

Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses. Please contact the Enrollment Office at (269) 782-1763 or the Finance Department at (269) 462-4209.

NAME	MONTHLY PER CAP
Scott Brewer	X
Brett Gibson	X
Larry Pierce	X
Bradly Marunycz	X
Kaylie Hoge	X

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

Per Capita Important Dates

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE CHANGES/UPDATES/ ADDITIONS	CHECKS MAILED OUT ON	CHECK DATE DIRECT DEPOSITS IN ACCOUNTS
Friday, May 13	Friday, May 27	Tuesday, May 31
Wednesday, June 15	Wednesday, June 29	Thursday, June 30
Friday, July 15	Thursday, July 28	Friday, July 29
Monday, August 15	Tuesday, August 30	Wednesday, August 31
Thursday, September 15	Thursday, September 29	Friday, September 30
Friday, October 14	Friday, October 28	Monday, October 31
Monday, November 14	Tuesday, November 22	Wednesday, November 23
Thursday, December 15	Thursday, December 29	Friday, December 30



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58620 Sink Road
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Happy Birthday Petey Boehm!
We love you and want to wish you a Happy 75 birthday!

POKÉGNEK BODÉWADMIK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Babysitting Course

Students between the ages of 10 and 14 are invited to learn about caring for children, child development, fire safety, safety in the home, and will obtain CPR /first aid certifications.

Please RSVP by calling Angelina Herman at (269) 783-2485. Limited to 12 students. Class will not be held if fewer than five students register. COVID precautions will be taken.

June 21-23 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Pokagon Family Activity Center

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2022 BLOOD DRIVES

May 26, July 21, and September 15
at Pokagon Health Services | Family Activity Center

Sign up at MIBlood.org or contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462- 4406 or Elizabeth.Leffler@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

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Lets Make Regalia

May 1
CENTER OF HISTORY AND CULTURE
59291 Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac
(Join event via Microsoft Teams*)

Join the Center of History and Culture for a series of regalia-making workshops! We will work on making our own patterns and sewing various pieces of regalia alongside experienced regalia makers and sewers. This class will have an instructor available to help you if you are not experienced. We have a limited amount of sewing machines and materials available, so please feel free to bring your own. This series of workshops is for tribal citizens and parents of tribal citizens only. A light lunch will be provided, please feel free to bring a dish to pass.

RSVP with Nicole Holloway at Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov, phone or text (269) 783-3513.
*Supplies will not be provided if joining by Virtual via Microsoft Teams. Please contact Nicole for supply/material list one week prior to workshop.

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