



## Samantha Grignon Candidate for Menominee Tribal Legislature

### **Educational Background:**

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Menominee Indian High School  
**College:** Haskell Indian Nations University, Associates, 2010.

### **Employment Background (current/last three jobs):**

**Current Position:** Director, Woodland Boys & Girls Club, Neopit Unit, May 2013

**Duties:** A Woodland Boys & Girls Clubs Unit Director manages Club-wide daily operations with primary concerns for programs and service delivery ensuring his/her Club is operating safely, efficiently and effectively in all areas and is following all policies, standards, and procedures as well as the WBGC mission and Vision.

### **Military Background:** N/A

### **Other:**

**Place of Residence:** Neopit, WI

**Committees served on:** Early Head Start Parent Policy Committee 8 years; Menominee Tribal School Board of Directors 6 months

**Family:** Samantha and her husband Michael have three children: Clayton Grignon-8, Noah Grignon-6 and Lando Grignon-2

### **Narrative:**

Posoh (Hello) to the Menominee Nation Community. My name is Samantha Grignon; I am 35 years old, residing with my beautiful family of

5, located in the village of Neopit on the Menominee Nation Reservation. I am the eldest daughter of six children to Michael Pocan Sr. and Late Tonya Pocan. In 2007 I have graduated from Menominee Indian High School ranking third in my class. I pursued college at the University of Haskell Indian Nations where I have gained much knowledge and earned my associate's degree in 2010. When returning home, Michael Grignon and I decided to unite in marriage and will soon be celebrating our 12th year, but he has been my best friend for 22 years and counting. Together we created three amazing sons, Clayton, Noah and Lando. I began working for The Woodland Boys & Girls Club in 2013 as an on-call cook, which led me to progress as the Neopit Site Unit Director. Over the years I have helped with our community and youth in areas that are or were needed.

Why would I be a great Candidate for Menominee Tribal Legislation for the Menominee Nation?

My solid foundation of skills accompanied by my passion of learning and innovating will be a great asset to help me thrive in this role as a Menominee Tribal Legislator and benefit our Nation. Communication falls hand in hand with active listening and the ability to convey complex information to diverse audiences. With my abilities of communication, team building, decision-making, vision and strategic thinking, I am very confident I am a good candidate for the Menominee People.

I would like to thank my husband,

my children, my family, our elders, our youth and our community for allowing me this opportunity to help plant seeds of success and trust for our future generations. To my fellow candidates I wish you all the best of luck and I am very excited to learn and flourish with you. I once was a youth looking up to a great voice and role model. Today I will end my gratitude with two quotes that will help guide me in a path towards compassion and change.

*"Against all odds, we invented a new policy, restoration. This is the possibility, this is the challenge, that indigenous peoples in the hemisphere and across the world can exert and accept"*- Ada Deer.

*"Where there is a will, there is a way."*- Tonya Pocan

Thank you for your time,  
Samantha Grignon