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Tribal Member Robert Williams crosses the finish line.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays, 11 a.m., on September 15 and October 20 at the Pine Creek Community Center

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Education Committee	10 a.m. (Government Center, Room 101)
Enrollment Committee	Noon (Government Center, Room 121)
Journey to Wellness Committee	1 p.m. (Pine Creek Health & Human Services Dept.)
Tribal Environment Advisory Committee	3 p.m. (Government Center, Room 121)
Cemetery & Parks Committee	5 p.m. (Government Center, Room 101)
Veterans Committee	5 p.m. (Government Center, Room 121)

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Elders Committee	10 a.m. (311 State Street, Grand Rapids)
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Monday, September 12, 2016

Planning & Land Use Committee	9 a.m. (Government Center, Room 121)
Tribal Emergency Preparedness Committee	10 a.m. (Government Center, Room 121)
Housing Committee	11:30 a.m. (Government Center, Room 121)
Election Board	2 p.m. (Government Center, Room 101)
Culture Committee	3 p.m. (Government Center, Room 101)

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Tribal Emergency Preparedness Committee	One Vacancy Open Until Filled
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Committee/Board Members receive a paid stipend of \$75 for meeting attendance. Elders receive mileage reimbursement in addition to the \$75 stipend. Those interested in becoming a member of these committees/board may send letters of interest to: **NHBP Attn: Tribal Council Coordinator**

1485 Mno-Bmadzewen Way, Fulton, Michigan 49052

SEPTEMBER LUNCH & LEARN

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON • PINE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER
Free to NHBP Tribal Elders and spouses, \$3 for NHBP community members and employees, and \$6 for non-NHBP community members and the public.



September 7 {Chronic Disease} Diana Hassan & Diana Fair

Chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease are among the most prevalent, costly and preventable of all health complications. MSU Extension employees Diana Hassan and Diana Fair will fill you in on what it takes to live a healthy lifestyle, reduce your risk of developing a chronic disease and how to manage living with a chronic disease.

September 14 {Traditional Healing} Frederick Jacko Sr.

The Traditional way of doing things is from our past, but as life grows intense we sometimes look back into our history and see that there are some things that we shouldn't have changed. Join Traditional Helper Fredrick Jacko Sr. as he shares how he will work with our Tribal Community to bring back the Traditional way of medicine.

September 21 {Child Passenger Safety} Pennie Jewel

Road injuries are the leading cause of unintentional deaths among children in the United States. Come learn what it takes to keep your children or grandchildren safe in the back seat. NHBP Community Health Representative Pennie Jewel will give you all the information you need to know.

September 28 {Chronic Pain } Jolane Conklin

Do you or someone you know suffer from chronic pain? Chronic pain is a persistent pain caused by inflammation or dysfunctional nerves that lasts weeks to years. NHBP Nurse Practitioner, Jolane Conklin, will spread awareness and provide information about chronic pain.

Take the P.A.T.H. to Better Health! Personal Action Towards Health

Join us for a new Grand Rapids Diabetes PATH class!

Diabetes PATH is a workshop for adults with diabetes, their family, friends and caregivers. The workshop is open to all NHBP clinic patients and their families, and NHBP employees. It does not matter how long you have had diabetes or how well or how poorly you think you are doing with your diabetes. Anyone with diabetes can attend.

By attending, you will learn to manage your diabetes through education, nutrition, exercise and medical therapies. These techniques will help you take charge of your own health, be more independent and communicate better with your health care team. Bring a spouse, friend or caregiver to class each week. Individuals with any type of chronic disease are also encouraged to attend.

Wednesdays, September 14, 21, 28 and October 5, 12, 19, 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.

311 State Street, Health Conference Room, Grand Rapids, MI

Dinner will be provided.

Registration opens Monday, August 8 and closes Friday, September 9.

Space is limited! Call or email Lysandra Vander Hart toll-free: 888.662.2808
or email: lvanderhart@nhbp.org



The Source for Seniors



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TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

Submitted by Enrollment Specialist Sandy Blair

Announcement about Limited Opening of Enrollment

- § At the July 21, 2016 Tribal Council business meeting, the Tribal Council granted a limited opening of enrollment for a specific period of time from July 22, 2016 until December 29, 2016.
- § Applications will be accepted only from persons who were under the age of 18 as of enrollment closure on February 6, 2010 (this means those who were born on or after February 6, 1992).
- § Enrollment Applications will be furnished by the Enrollment Office.
- § Please contact the Enrollment Office with any questions at enrollment@nhbpi.com or by phone at 269.729.5151

Reminder: If you have recently moved, please contact the Enrollment Office to make sure we have your current address.

High School Diploma or GED: If you have recently graduated from high school or received your GED from a certified test site, please send a copy of the document

to the Enrollment Office. This information is used for per capita distributions.

Bereavement Benefits: The Bereavement Benefit program was adopted in January 2012. The Bereavement Benefit consists of \$10,000 to pay funeral costs for enrolled NHBP Tribal Members. If you have not completed a Bereavement Beneficiary form or have questions, please contact the Enrollment Office. This form designates the beneficiary for your bereavement benefits.

Telephone Numbers: If you have recently changed your phone number(s), please contact the Enrollment Office with your updated information.

Missing Information: The Enrollment Office does not have current information (address) for the Tribal Members listed below. Tribal departments utilize the records in the Enrollment Office to determine eligibility for services and benefits available from the Tribe. Important notices are sent to the address currently on file with the Enrollment Office. The Tribal Members on this list may be denied services or benefits if updated address, name, and other information is not on file with the Enrollment Office. If you have contact information for any of the names on the following list, please contact the Enrollment Office.

Justin A. Thier
Brianna G. Wesley

UNDELIVERABLE PER CAPITA

Submitted by Chief Financial Officer Stephen Blann

In accordance with the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi's Revenue Allocation Plan, per capita payments will be held for 12 months from the date of distribution, if a current address is not on file. The Tribal Members listed below must contact the Enrollment Office to update their address. If the member fails to contact the Enrollment Office by the expiration period, the funds shall be forfeited and reverted to the per capita payment account. Contact the Enrollment Office to update your information.

Robert Osborn

Enrollment Office Hours:

Monday – Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

Phone: 269.729.5151

Toll Free: 866.499.5151

Fax: 269.729.4909

Email: enrollment@nhbpi.com

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Submitted by Enrollment Specialist Sandy Blair

If you have recently graduated from high school, or received your GED from a certified test site, please send a copy of the document to the Enrollment Office. This information is used for per capita distributions.

The following is the Education Requirement from the NHBP Revenue Allocation Plan:

In order for an eligible Member between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) years of age to receive a per capita payment directly, such Member must submit to the Enrollment Office or Tribal Council, one of the following:

- ① a copy of his/her high school diploma,
- ② a copy of his/her degree or certificate equivalent to a high school diploma,
- ③ documentary proof of satisfactory completion of high school degree-equivalent home schooling requirements for the member's state of residence, or
- ④ a certification from an accredited school or schools that the member has learning or other disabilities and has attended a full twelve years of school.

**Please contact the Enrollment Office
with any questions at
269.729.5151**

The appropriate diploma, degree, or certification must be submitted to the Enrollment Department before any particular eligible Member within this age group may have his/her per capita payment mailed to him/her. If such copy is not submitted in a timely manner, the per capita payment for such Members shall be deposited in the Member's minor trust account.

Free program! Now enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year!

Get a great start with Head Start!

We are recruiting preschoolers ages 3 to 5 for fall enrollment. We use the High Scope Curriculum and offer monthly parent training and meetings. We work in coordination with the school districts to provide services for children with physical, emotional and/or learning disabilities.

The Pine Creek Reservation Head Start program serves Athens, East Leroy, Fulton, Sherwood, Union City and the Battle Creek area.

The Huron Potawatomi Head Start serves the Grand Rapids area.

Program features!

- Free full day program.
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- Age appropriate lessons and activities.
- Nutritious meals – serving breakfast, lunch and snack.
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Pine Creek Reservation Head Start

**Family Service Coordinator Robert Fillmore
269.729.4209**

Huron Potawatomi Head Start

**Family Service Coordinator Matt Blumke
616.356.2197**



Community Garden Update

Submitted by John Rodwan; Photos by Jaky Replogle

During their visit to the Community Garden on August 4 as part of the Elders Committee Meeting, one of the Elders mentioned it was like being in a candy store where you could simply pick whatever you wanted. Others didn't bother to talk but went right to work picking tomatoes, peppers and squash. All marveled at the large size of the plants, high volume of produce and lack of weeds in the well tended Community Garden.

Similar reactions were generated from Tribal Council during their visit the next day.

Council Treasurer Tony Day remarked that "this was the best garden I have ever seen and the Environmental Department hit a home run this year."

Council Chairman Jamie Stuck shook all of the gardeners' hands, including garden leader Wanda Norman, Quentin Mandoka, Alex Mandoka, Ritta Rouse and Langston Day. Charles Pfeifer and Cheyenne Fryling were not present for Chairman Stuck's heartfelt thank you.

As part of the tour on both days Wanda explained the garden design, plant selection and fact that the garden was entirely organic, with no chemical applications whatsoever. This makes for more work but also makes the most nutritious and toxin free form of vegetables.

Although the tomatoes brought the most visitors and harvesters, it was the 12 foot tall Indian corn that attracted the most comments, with people standing near it to look up and marvel at what was generally the tallest and healthiest corn they had ever seen. Environmental Director John Rodwan indicated that he thought the secret to this year's garden success was the six tons of manure applied to it and the hard work the job bank employees spent on the garden.

Plans are already being made for next year's community garden, which will include electricity and a state-of-the-art drip irrigation system. In addition, 2017 will bring a recycling facility to the north of the garden. Plans for the facility and next garden will be drawn up over the winter off season. Community input is welcomed and encouraged. A call or visit to the Environmental Center will work, but a visit to the community garden will work even better.



Tribal Elder Claude Ryan selects vegetables picked from the community garden.



Elders were excited to pick cherry tomatoes!



The community garden planted the three sisters together this year; corn, beans and squash.



Tribal Council visits the community garden and meets some of the gardeners who made it all happen.

OPEN TO ALL NHBP TRIBAL MEMBERS & FAMILIES, OTHER TRIBAL MEMBERS,
NHBP STAFF AND THE INVITED PUBLIC

M N O M E N {WILD RICE CAMP}

Friday & Saturday September 9 & 10

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NHBP Environmental Department

1301 T Drive South, Fulton, MI 49052

Learn the traditional ways of harvesting and finishing Wild Rice.

Demonstrations will include: Rice knocking sticks, finishing Wild Rice, and birch bark medallions

Transportation is available. For more information contact CHPO Administrative Assistant Danielle Pfeifer at 269.704.8480, or email: danielle.pfeifer@nhbpi.com



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October 9 to 14, 2016 ☀ Phoenix, Arizona

Open to NHBP Tribal Members ages 15-24

Please note: High School students must have their principal/guidance counselor complete a form stating that the absence will not negatively affect progress in their academics. The Education office will supply you with the form once you are selected to attend.

To be considered to attend, please submit a letter of interest to education@nhbpi.com or mail to:

Education Office-NCAI
1485 Mno-Bmadzewen Way
Fulton, MI 49052

Deadline: 5 p.m. Monday, September 12, 2016

New NHBP Employees

Submitted by Communications Department; Photos by Jaky Replogle



Elissa Hudson

Elissa Hudson **Dental Assistant**

Elissa Hudson recently began work at NHBP as Dental Office Assistant of the Health and Human Services Department.

Before joining NHBP, she worked at Main Street Dental in Olivet. Hudson has experience as a dental assistant, in front desk work and as a certified nursing assistant at the Laurels of Coldwater.

Hudson currently is a student at Kellogg Community College, where she is studying in the nursing program. She is a 2014 dental assistant graduate of Ross Medical Educational Center.

In her spare time, she enjoys being outdoors, reading, spending time with family and friends, dirt track racing, traveling and camping.

Hudson has a fiancé, Hyliard, and a son, Greyson, age 1.

She was born and grew up in Coldwater, and currently lives in Quincy.



Megan Kemink, DDS

Megan Kemink, DDS **General Dentist**

Megan Kemink recently began work in the NHBP's Health and Human Services Department as a Dentist.

Kemink is a Member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and says she is very excited to be working for NHBP.

Before starting work at NHBP, she attended the University of Michigan and studied environmental science. After graduation, she moved to Shiprock, New Mexico, and worked as a high school Special Education teacher on the Navajo Nation. Her interests lead her back to school at the University Of Detroit Mercy School Of Dentistry.

Kemink married her high school sweetheart, Timothy, in August 2015, and they live with their big, fluffy black cat named Teddy, who enjoys eating banana bread. She enjoys traveling, the Upper Peninsula's beauty and smiling. Kemink's friendly dental reminder: Floss the teeth that you want to keep.

MSU Extension Staff Visits Pine Creek Reservation

Submitted by NHBP Environmental Director John Rodwan; Photo by John Rodwan

Michigan State University Extension staff recently visited Pine Creek Indian Reservation.

Community Development Educator Ingrid Ault, Calhoun County and the Michigan State University Extension office organized the visit, which 24 Extension Agency staff attended.

An opening address was provided by NHBP Tribal Council Vice-Chair Dorie Rios and Chief Planning Officer Dan Green, followed by a Tribal history presentation by Environmental Director John Rodwan.

The presentations were followed by a walking tour of the Pine Creek Indian Reservation, in which the Cultural Historic Preservation Office staff discussed Tribal culture at the Pow Wow arena.

The visit wrapped up with a traditional lunch at the Pine Creek Community Center, served by FireKeepers Casino Hotel staff. The tour was very well received and was an educational opportunity for the visitors as well as the hosts.



Group photograph at the NHBP Pow Wow arena with MSU Extension Agents being hosted by members of the Tribal Culture Department and Planning Department.

Join us! Classes starting back up this fall! 'Sit & Be Fit' Exercise Class!

Join us this fall for a fun and easy fitness program!

The **Sit & Be Fit** program is designed to work on increasing muscle strength, flexibility and core strength for balance, all the while using your own body resistance, light weights and exercise bands. This exercise program provides you the opportunity to strengthen your muscles without the impact of running or intense movements. Perfect for Elders, and those with physical limitations!

Wednesdays starting September 14, 5:15 to 6 p.m.

311 State Street, Grand Rapids

In partnership with the Grand Rapids YMCA and the NHBP Health and Human Services Department!



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Employees of the Month Recognized during Quarterly Staff Meeting

Submitted by the Communications Department; Photo by David Grothaus

Three NHBP employees recently were recognized for their dedication and service during the quarterly all-staff meeting, held July 25 at FireKeepers Casino Hotel.

Health and Human Services Director Rosalind Johnston nominated Community Health Representative Barb Bush, who has worked in the NHBP Northern Office for five years.

"She is a person who goes over and above what is asked of her," Johnston said. "Sometimes she tells Members like it is, if they may be non-compliant or don't want to complete their treatment plan. But she always does it with respect and encourages them to take ownership of their health."

Johnston said she specifically nominated Bush for the award because of her diligence in surpassing a goal she set of seeing to it that at least 100 of the NHBP Needs Assessment Surveys were returned. Because of Bush's work, more than 200 surveys were returned.

Bkede' O Mshike' Store Manager Matthew Goldner

nominated Store Clerk Sheila Spidle, who has worked at the store for more than two years.

"Just based on the amount of compliments I get about Sheila's friendliness, I think she deserves this award," Goldner said.

Specifically, Goldner said Spidle is deserving of the award because of her willingness to cover shifts at the store other than her regular shifts.

Finally, the NHBP Gaming Commission's Internal Audit Manager Terry Keith and Gaming Commissioner Brad Simmons both nominated Compliance Officer Sara Leson for employee of the month.

"With Sara, it's about professionalism," Simmons said.

Keith echoed Simmons' comments. "She truly represents professionalism," he said.



Barb Bush, Sheila Spidle and Sara Leson were recently nominated as NHBP Employees of the Month. Bush works in the Northern Health and Human Services Department, Spidle works at Bkede' O Mshike and Leson works for the Gaming Commission.

CASINO CONNECTION

FireKeepers Casino Hotel Spotlight Employees

Submitted by FireKeepers Casino Hotel; Photos by FKCH Staff

Austin Mandoka FKCH Valet Supervisor



Austin Mandoka

My first job here at FireKeepers was a Valet Attendant. I was 19 years old and this was my first real job. As a Valet Attendant, I would be one of the first and last people the guest sees. This is important for guest retention, because a vibrant welcome and encouraging departure are very important. For daily job duties; I parked and retrieved vehicles, wrote guest

tickets, and transported guests via the property's Cadillac!

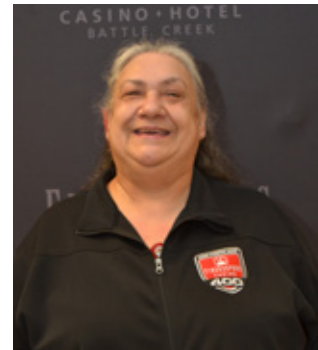
My current title is Valet Supervisor. My daily job duties include supervision over the Valet Attendants, helping out when needed with moving vehicles, writing tickets and entering tickets into our computer system, scheduling, performance reviews, documentation, schedule transports for Inferno Members/concert entertainers and lastly shuttling guests around property via a golf cart.

I enjoy working in the guest service industry. Being a people person, I do not consider this work; therefore, it is easy for me to build relationships with guests and team members alike! It's one of the biggest reasons that I really like the team I am a part of. It starts with our Vice-President, George Jenkot, then to Valet Manager Joe Sharrar and works its way down to us supervisors to the Valet Attendants. If we did not all work as one, we would not have had the success we've had over the years. Each and every one of us plays a critical role and when everyone understands their role and can see the bigger picture, you'll be half way there. The other half consists of getting to personally know people, being understanding, providing a helping hand and showing you care.

"If you want to be a truly great leader, you'll develop other great leaders below you." - Bo Schembechler

"The Team, The Team, The Team." -Bo Schembechler

Mary Rice FKCH Human Resources



Mary Rice

I am proud to be a "Day One" Team Member since 2009! I began my career at FireKeepers in the Players Club. I vividly remember opening day; there were lines and lines of people that went on seemingly forever. I processed over 1000 guest cards in those first

few weeks. During my time at the Players Club I've worked different shifts and I also worked closely with the Bus Coordinator welcoming buses to FireKeepers. I really enjoyed seeing all these people excited to be at our Casino!

After a couple of months, I transferred to Human Resources as a Recruiter. The best part of my job is that I get to talk and meet all the different people who come through the door for their interviews. I get to tell our amazing story and introduce people to our customer service culture called WEEA (Welcoming, Engaging, Enthusiastic, and Appreciative). I get to live it, encourage it and see it develop in the people who come to work at FireKeepers. I enjoy seeing people come in to the company, grow and become part of the FireKeepers Family. I enjoy what I do!

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- 8 PM** • Two players will each win \$20,000 in Red Hot Credits & \$20,000 CASH!
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Friday, September 16, 5 to 9 p.m. & Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m to 2 p.m.

Community Center - Pine Creek Indian Reservation

1488 Mno-Bmadzewen Way Road - Fulton, MI 49052

Open to all Tribal Members and the public.

A parent or guardian *must* accompany a child under the age of 10.

All students must have a parent or guardian present for initial registration on Friday and may leave after it is completed.

For more information, contact Police Sergeant Ryan Pedley at 269.729.5222.



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It's not too late to QUIT!

Register now for **Freedom From Smoking®** group commercial tobacco cessation program. The **Freedom From Smoking®** group clinic includes eight sessions and features a step-by-step plan for quitting smoking. Each session is designed to help smokers gain control over their behavior. The clinic format encourages participants to work on the process and problems of quitting, both individually and as part of a group. Come find the support and guidance you need to get through your quitting journey.

311 State Street, Grand Rapids

Register by: September 5

Tuesdays, September 13 to October 25,
2 to 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 13, 2 to 4 p.m.

To register contact Shelby Gibson at 269.729.4422 or Shelby.gibson@nhbp.org



NHBP Men's Retreat held at Paintball Field

Submitted by Membership Services Manager Tiesha Williams;
Photo by Excalibur Paintball Field Manager Jordon Cummings

Several men recently headed to Battle Creek, MI, for a day retreat which landed them at Excalibur Paintball.

Located in a remote area, with over 40 acres set up just for paintball playing fields, Excalibur Paintball is the largest outdoor playing field in the area. The men spent four hours on July 16 exploring the playing field while getting in some physical fitness.

Immediately following dinner the guys headed to FireKeepers Casino Hotel for a Southern Bar-B-Q dinner buffet loaded with all of their favorites.

The next men's outing has been set for November 20, 2016 and we hope to see you there!



NHBP Men's Day Retreat attendees celebrating a successful outing at Excalibur Paintball in Battle Creek, MI.

VA Help for Tribal Veterans

Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Outreach Worker Michele Roe will be holding office hours at both the Pine Creek and Grand Rapids Health and Human Services Department offices.

Pine Creek Health and Human Services Department:

First and third Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon

Grand Rapids Health and Human Services Department:

Second and fourth Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Appointments may be scheduled outside of those hours.

**To schedule an appointment with Michele Roe,
please call 269.832.5888.**

FireKeepers Casino Hotel Golf Championship a Success

Submitted by FireKeepers Casino Hotel; Photo by FireKeepers Photographer Amber LeClear

The FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship brought some of the best rising golfers to Battle Creek in July.

Laura Gonzalez Escallon, of La Hulpe, Belgium, played two of the most dominant rounds in Tour history to win the FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship at the Battle Creek Country Club on Sunday, July 24.

The tournament was shortened to 36-holes due to a severe storm in the area. Play began at 7:30 a.m., but was halted at 9:25 a.m. to evacuate the course. Rain and lightning continued through the early afternoon and play never resumed.

Gonzalez Escallon lapped the field with rounds of 7-under, 65 on Friday and a new course record 8-under, 64 on Saturday to win her first Symetra Tour event at 15-under, 129. Her two-day total matches the Symetra Tour's 36-hole scoring record.

"It feels awesome, but it hasn't sunk in yet because I was just trying to focus on my round," said Gonzalez Escallon, who was at her host family's house off of hole seven when she got the news. "When I got the email, I called my mom and told her the good news because she has been waiting and it is late at home in Belgium. I'm really happy about the win."

Gonzalez Escallon, 25, earned the first-place check of \$15,000 and one of two spots in The Evian Championship, to be held September 15 to 18. Golfer Ally McDonald, who made a birdie on her final hole on Saturday of the championships, finished in second place to earn the second spot in The Evian Championship. McDonald finished at 9-under, 135 with a 69 on day-one and a 66 on day-two.

"It's amazing to get to go to Evian, it will be my first ever LPGA event and it is a major," Gonzalez Escallon said. "I also get to go home so that is a good thing. I was trying to find an excuse to go home and now I have one. I will go to Evian and then enjoy a week off at home and then fly back to finish the Symetra Tour season."

Gonzalez Escallon, who rarely sees her coach back in Belgium, said he might be on the bag at The Evian Championship.

"He hasn't seen me compete in at least three years so it will be great for him to be there," Gonzalez Escallon said. "We've been working together for 12 years so I'm just excited that he gets to be part of it."

Gonzalez Escallon moves from 38th on the Volvik Race for the Card money list to 16th, with \$31,053 earned.

"My dream is to play on the LPGA, so it would be great to get into the top 10 instead of going through Q-School which is a really tough week," Gonzalez Escallon said. "If I can play good golf the rest of year, it would help going to the LPGA knowing I can play consistently."

Gonzalez Escallon put together one of the most impressive two rounds in tour history. She made 15 birdies against no bogeys and hit 32 of 36 greens in regulation and 25 of 28 fairways. Escallon also had the flatstick working attempting 27 putts on the Friday of the tour and 26 on the Saturday of the tour.

The former Purdue All-American and 2011-12 Big Ten Player of the Year picks up her first career win in her 53rd start. Gonzalez Escallon now has 11 top-10 finishes in three seasons on tour. She finished 23rd on the money list in 2014 and 35th in 2015.

McDonald moves up to second on the Volvik Race for the Card money list with her second place finish. She now has five top-10 finishes as a rookie and has earned \$71,728 in 12 starts.



Laura Gonzalez Escallon, of La Hulpe, Belgium wins the 2016 FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship

The Power's On!

Submitted by Waséyabek Development Company CEO Deidra Mitchell; Photo by Jaky Replogle

Waséyabek Development Company, LLC (WDC) and Skasgé Power (a subsidiary of WDC) are pleased to announce that the Pine Creek Reservation and FireKeepers Casino Hotel solar arrays are installed and fully functional! The installations are evidence of NHBP's and WDC's strategic initiative to participate in the renewable energy industry in a way that benefits the environment and the Tribe.

Skasgé Power, LLC, was originally formed by NHBP Tribal Council in 2011 and partnered with a company that held patents to a new, innovative solar/thermal panel design. The design ultimately proved to be non-viable, but Tribal Council held true to their word and moved Skasgé forward with their commitment to provide solar power to the Tribe and explore potential business opportunities in renewable energy. In 2014, ownership and management of Skasgé was transferred to the Tribe's newly formed economic development company, WDC, for evaluation. The primary mission was to finish the panel installations that had been started and determine the potential profitability of a solar company.

The Pine Creek array was completed in April 2015, and consists of 48 panels, which convert energy from the sun into electricity that is stored for use by the Pine Creek Community Center. In addition, the panels have a thermal component that also pre-heats water used in the Community Center and saves on energy bills. Since WDC began tracking the output of the system in April 2015, the array system has produced 17.5 Mega Watt Hours (MWh) of electrical energy, which is the equivalent of 665 trees planted! A total of 570 units of thermal energy (therms) has been produced in that same time period.

The FireKeepers (FKC) project, which is much larger and more complex, and consists of 10 arrays with approximately 48 panels each, was completed in April 2016. The FKC system also produces electricity and thermal energy. The electricity is used by the FireKeepers Casino Hotel and the thermal component preheats water used in housekeeping at the same location. Since April 2016, the system has produced 86.99 MWh of electrical energy, which is equivalent to 3,393 trees planted and a reduction in carbon dioxide gas of 59.98 tons! Another way to look at the power produced is that it could power 263,620 light bulbs for 24 hours. A total of 500 therms have been produced at FKC.

Both locations are exceeding predictions for electrical output. The thermal components of both arrays have not operated long enough to accurately measure performance against estimates at this time. Outputs are being tracked electronically and WDC plans to keep everyone apprised of the ongoing energy savings via the WDC & Skasgé websites (coming soon).

Due to pending U.S. and state political changes in the coming election year, and uncertainties surrounding the predictable positive economics of alternative energy, WDC has scaled back the operations of Skasgé. The plan forward is to explore niche markets requiring solar and to pause and evaluate a new direction that may involve other sources of renewable energy.

Congratulations to Tribal Council, Tribal Membership, WDC staff, Skasgé employees, contractors and suppliers for the successful completion of our renewable energy projects!



The Skasge Power, LLC solar array warms the water for the Pine Creek Community Center.

NHBP MEN'S OUTING DETROIT LIONS FOOTBALL GAME

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016
FORD FIELD, DETROIT, MI
Kickoff time: 1 p.m.

Space is limited to the first 40 male Tribal Members over the age of 18. Registration will open to spouses and parents of enrolled Tribal Members if spots become available. You must register for this event!

Registration opens Monday, September 19, and closes Friday, October 28. Please contact Membership Services Administrative Assistant Grace Chivis at 269.704.8419 or email: gchivis@nhbpi.com.

Transportation will be available upon request.



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SPOOKY SPECTACULAR 2016 AT BINDER PARK ZOO!

Saturday, October 29
4 to 7 p.m.

Fun for the entire family!



You must register for this event! Registration opens Monday, September 12, and closes Friday, October 21. Please contact Membership Services Administrative Assistant Grace Chivis at 269.704.8419 or email: gchivis@nhbpi.com.

Transportation schedule for this event:
311 State Street, Grand Rapids - 2:30 p.m.
Pine Creek Indian Reservation - 3:30 p.m.



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This event is open to NHBP Tribal Members and their immediate family.



NHBP Elders Visit Grand Rapids Public Museum

Submitted by NHBP Elders Specialists Leo Pontiac and Nickole Keith; Photos by Membership Services

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Elders visited the Grand Rapids Public Museum on June 4, and were delighted to see the museum's featured exhibit "Walking Beyond Our Ancestors' Footsteps."

The exhibit highlights the Urban Native American Experience in Grand Rapids. The exhibit includes historical documents and works of art by local Native American artists. It also identifies major issues and events that affect the lives of Michigan Indians and the American Indian Movement, Federal Recognition, Tuition Wavier, Casino Gaming and Fishing Rights.

Items include populations and maps of Native Americans who reside in Michigan and a brief history of Grand Rapids Native American Services Agencies. The display includes art created by local Native artists, sculpture, white ash and black ash baskets, bead work, painted bowls and American Indian Movement items.

The museum also has a permanent Native American exhibit, which features the People of the Three Fires. The exhibit displays Michigan Native American culture, history and artwork. After the museum trip, the Elders were treated to lunch at TGI Fridays.



Karen Bush and Roberta Brauillet admire a handcrafted hat at the Urban Native American Experience.



Penny Reed studies a display of time pieces at the museum.



White ash and black ash baskets on display at the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

FireKeepers Casino Hotel Receives National Recognition

Submitted by FireKeepers Casino Hotel

FireKeepers Casino Hotel continues to gather top awards within the gaming industry. We are proud to represent Michigan and be the Casino of Choice in the Midwest. Our most recent awards come from Wine Spectator, TripAdvisor, Romero Awards and Successful Meetings.

The national awards were announced in July, and include honors in wine presentation, guest service, marketing and the place to plan a meeting.

Our signature restaurant, Nibi, was once again awarded the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence. Wine Spectator, a publication created by editors that review more than 15,000 wines each year in blind tastings, awards 2,791 venues in over 50 countries each year the Award of Excellence. This showcases the winning restaurant's ability to offer premium wines from quality producers, while also matching said wines intrinsically with the menu. Nibi received the award after providing Wine Spectator with a wine list of at least 90 wines as well as the restaurant's dinner menu, which was then judged by members and editors of Wine Spectator. Guests can now experience Nibi all weekend long with new days of operation. Starting August 1, Nibi is now open from 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 5 to 11 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 877.352.8777 or on our website at www.FireKeepersCasinoHotel.com.

"We are honored to be recognized in this widely renowned and respected Wine Spectator publication," Vice President of Food and Beverage Michael McFarlen said. "Nibi continues to deliver the best guest experience allowing them to indulge in a library of wine with an exquisite dinner."

FireKeepers has also been recognized, by readers of Successful Meetings, as a 2016 Pinnacle Award winner in the Midwest region. Presented annually by Northstar Meeting Group's Successful Meetings brand, the Pinnacle Awards are voted on by decision-makers for planning meetings, events, conferences and incentive programs in the U.S. and worldwide. For more than 30 years, the Pinnacle Awards have earned a reputation as the most credible and valued symbol of excellence among meeting professionals and travel suppliers alike.

"Our Meeting and Sales team takes pride in making our guests feel well taken care of when planning for business or pleasure," Vice President of Hotel Operations Kathy George said. "Their detail and attentiveness to each customer from beginning to end of their event is what makes them the best and we are excited to be recognized by such a great award!"

In addition, FireKeepers has been selected for the 2016 Certificate of Excellence, reflecting the consistently great reviews earned on TripAdvisor®. Now in its sixth year, the achievement celebrates hospitality businesses that have earned great traveler reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year. Certificate of Excellence recipients include accommodations, eateries and attractions located all over the world that have continually delivered a quality customer experience. To qualify, a business must maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five, have a minimum number of reviews and must have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months.

The 2016 Romero Awards, which recognizes excellence in casino marketing throughout the gaming world, awards marketing promotions in several categories each year. FireKeepers Casino Hotel is pleased to announce that we took home the Gold award for both our Social Media and VIP promotion. The awards were presented at the 2016 Casino Marketing and Technology Conference on July 14 in Las Vegas.

"We are thrilled to once again be honored with awards from several amazing organizations and publications," FireKeepers President and CEO Brian Decorah said. "We strive to ensure that every guest has an enjoyable and memorable experience when they come to FireKeepers, and these the awards provide our team with confirmation that we are exceeding their expectations."



Southern Youth Specialist Honored by Elders

Submitted by Communications Specialist Karen Todd; Photos by Jaky Replogle

NHBP Tribal Member Charmaine Mandoka was thanked for her service during the Elders Committee Meeting, held August 4 at the Pine Creek Recreation Field. Mandoka, NHBP Southern Youth Specialist the past two years, is leaving her post to pursue her dream of becoming a law enforcement officer. She began work in August for the NHBP Tribal Police Department. Tribal Council Sergeant-At-Arms Homer A. Mandoka -- also a former law enforcement officer -- shared words of wisdom and encouragement during the honoring. "I know how much influence you can have over a person's life as a police officer," Mandoka said. "As a police officer, you have to form cornerstone principles in your life, and I'm confident you're going to listen to the training you'll receive, and I'm sure you're going to make those cornerstone decisions that will impact not only victims and suspects, but all of us."



Tribal Council Sergeant-At-Arms Homer A. Mandoka thanks Charmaine for her service and wishes her well in her new career.



Charmaine receives a hug from Tribal Elder Paula Keith.



Tribal Council Secretary Christine Lanning honors Charmaine with a Pendleton blanket.



Charmaine's cake is decorated with a squad car and handcuffs.

Hub, C-store and Dacey's Updates

Submitted by FireKeepers Casino Hotel; Photos by Amber LeClear

The Fire Hub Project Update

The Hub project, now called "The Fire Hub," was announced in June to Tribal Membership and the general public. This philanthropic endeavor seeks to stamp out hunger in the Battle Creek area through a number of ways. First, in the restaurant portion of the project, 80 percent of proceeds will be given out to local charity and fifty cents off of each meal purchased will go directly to charity.

The Fire Hub will also feature a food pantry that will help serve families in need with the help of the Food Bank of South Central Michigan. Lastly, on the several acres of land that the Fire Hub sits on, food will be grown for the local schools with the goal to provide them with fresh salad bars every day.

The Fire Hub project is well on its way. The outside of the building has been power washed and restored to its turn of the century glory. Demolition and reconstruction on the interior of the building has commenced and is moving along well.

FireKeepers Pit Stop Update

The FireKeepers Pit Stop will be a convenience store, gas station and car wash situated on the west end of the property to service Tribal Members and casino goers alike. The building will feature an upscale look with plenty of on-the-go food options for guests.

Construction is well under way for this project as well. The gas tanks are in the ground and both the structural portion of the gas station and car wash buildings are going up quickly. Very soon both buildings will be under their covered roofs and interior work can begin.

The Pit Stop will be overseen by Vice President of Facilities Jack DeMik, who has hired a new manager, Bridgett Ellis, to run the day-to-day operations. The FireKeepers Pit Stop is tentatively set to open the first week of November 2016.

Dacey's Taphouse Update

Dacey's Sports Bar is becoming Dacey's Taphouse this December! The old Dacey's structure will be removed and the new Dacey's will be re-built in what is now part of the Bingo room. This renovation is coupled with an expansion

to the Poker Room, which will add additional seating for players.

Dacey's Taphouse will feature over 50 beers on tap, 140-seat restaurant with an additional 50 seats on the mezzanine overlooking the casino floor for private parties. The new Dacey's will also serve food for the first time, giving Tribal Members and the Battle Creek area another food and beverage venue to enjoy.

Construction has begun on the Poker room expansion with a new wall already in place. Moore Trospen Construction Company has also begun demolition in the Bingo area to make room for the new Dacey's. Dacey's Taphouse is tentatively set to open in mid-December 2016.



Workers place one of the underground gas tanks at the Pit Stop.



The exterior of the historic fire station in Battle Creek gets power washed



Demolition and reconstruction are underway in the interior of the old fire station to make way for a restaurant and food pantry.

Tribal Youth Specialists Bid Farewell

Submitted by NHBP Youth Specialists Jonathan Rinehart and Charmaine Mandoka; Photos by Jaky Replogle

A Message from Jonathan Rinehart

I find myself at a bitter sweet moment in my life. So many wonderful life events are happening for my family and myself. I recently accepted an assignment with Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi's Behavioral Health Department. I will continue serving the Tribal Community as a Case Manager.

I am excited about the transition; however, I will deeply miss working with the Tribal youth. The Tribal Youth Program shared so many awesome experiences while I served as the Tribal Youth Specialist, like the summer day camp (two years running), United Youth Leadership Program and the regalia workshops to name a few.

To the Tribal youth, I thank you for the wonderful time I had working with you! Just remember, "Always leave a place better than you found it." Although a replacement has not been named yet, I know you will be in great hands! Take care! Baamapii minawaa kawaabimin.



Jonathan Rinehart

A Message from Charmaine Mandoka

I've been the Southern Youth Specialist at NHBP going on two years. I have learned and experienced so many new things while in the Membership Services Department. I have built so many strong and unique relationships with youth, as well as their parents.

As much as I love my job, I've decided to pursue my career as a police officer. I was offered a position at NHBP, as a Tribal Police Officer, and I accepted the position. Although my role as a Youth Specialist will come to an end, I will continue to maintain my relationship with Tribal Members, especially the youth. I hope to be a role model to the youth and assure them they can accomplish anything they set their minds to. Never give up, and fight for what you want.



Charmaine Mandoka

Youth Etiquette Boot Camp

Submitted by Communications Intern Journi Wilson; Photos by Communications Intern Destinque Iden

On July 11 to 14, Patty Hunnewell, a Learning & Path Educator, came to 311 State Street to teach our youth basic etiquette. Tribal youth learned proper introductions and posture, poise and body language, grammar and conversation, attire and grooming, as well as formal vs. casual dining. On average, 15 NHBP youth participated each day.

The youth were taught different types of etiquette. The most important, formal vs. casual dining had daily instruction. The kids would arrive around 2 p.m. and prepare their plates. Once their plates were prepared, they would sit at the table and eat while listening to Mrs. Hunnewell explain proper etiquette. After they were finished eating, they were taught other basic etiquette. Once the hands-on training was completed, the youth would gather and work on worksheets. Then they would regroup and go over what they learned.

The youth were really appreciative of the cooks brought in to assist with the learning. They were a big help to them and Mrs. Hunnewell. They always had delicious meals and

did a great job serving the youth. They also taught the kids how to clean up after themselves.

One of the NHBP youth, Dyami Harris, enjoyed the etiquette class.

"It was a great experience, I learned a lot," Harris said.

The youth thought Mrs. Hunnewell did a great job teaching them and they learned many new things about etiquette.



Aanzhenii Dandridge, Dyami Harris and Marcell Day team up to complete their course worksheets.



Ronald Woodring, Kelly Lynch and Sarah Day listen as Learning & Path Educator Patty Hunnewell covers basic etiquette concepts.

NHBP Youth Given Healthy Tips during Back-to-School Event

Submitted by Community Health Outreach Manager Emily Henning; Photos by Jaky Replogle

Over 150 NHBP youth participated in the annual Back to School Event hosted by the Health and Human Services Department. The "Healthy Selfie" theme set the tone for a variety of health education stations including guests from the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI), which educated the youth on cyber bullying awareness and prevention. The YMCA Veggie Van and the NHBP Community Garden offered fresh veggies for youth and their families. The event took place in Grand Rapids on August 2, and at the Pine Creek Community Center on August 4. NHBP youth were treated to back packs and school supplies while NHBP staff provided tips on remaining healthy during the school year, immunization records, home safety tips, education programs and distributed giveaways.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2016-2017 school year. For more information on cyber safety, please visit: <http://www.michigan.gov/ok2say>.



Tribal youth Keyon Mandoka talks to Jolane Conklin at the Healthy Future table.



Tribal Members Angie Taylor, her daughter Brianne Taylor-Pajak and son Logan Williams receive school supplies.



Tribal youth Makhies Day and Marcell Day receive information at the Healthy Lungs table.



Pennie Jewell hands Tribal youth Josev Keith tissues at the Healthy Hygiene table.



Michelle Simms and Tribal Member Andrea Rainer work the Healthy Learning table.



Tribal Youth Jordyn Morseau looks at the backpacks.



Nyana Mandoka and her mother Ana Dewey select backpacks.



Please join us!

GRAND RAPIDS PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

For all parents, grandmas and grandpas, aunties and uncles of NHBP, Match-e-be-Nash-e-Wish, and Pokagon Potawatomi children ages 0 to 8.

What: For parents to have a voice when it comes to programming for their children. **Dinner is provided.** Language class will also be offered at this time for the children/youth to participate in during the meeting time.

When: The second Wednesday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m.

2016 Dates: August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, & December 14

Where: Northern Health and Human Services Department
311 State St., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

A \$20 gift card will be provided to those families enrolled in LAUNCH.

Transportation will be provided.

To register or request more information, please contact Camie Castaneda at 616.514.3662.



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Dgwagé Méndokaswenen FALL CEREMONIES 2016

OCTOBER 20 to 23 • PINE CREEK INDIAN RESERVATION



NHBP Community Tribal Members will be gathering for four days of fall-time teachings. Dgwagé Méndokaswenen will begin with an 8 a.m. sunrise fire on Thursday October 20, and close with a ceremony after lunch on Sunday, October 23. The Feast will be held on October 22 at 6 p.m.

Registration for transportation assistance opens September 12, and closes October 14. Contact the CHPO Administrative Assistant Danielle Pfeifer at 269.704.8480, or email: danielle.pfeifer@nhbpi.com

Meals and transportation will be provided. Registration to camp opens September 12, and closes October 14. Please contact Director of Housing Ben Tenney at 269-704-8363, cell: 269-832-0018 or email: btenney@nhbpi.com, to make arrangements.

For more information, please contact the Cultural Historic Preservation Office at 269-729-5151.

This event is for NHBP Tribal Members and surrounding Tribal communities. NHBP staff are invited to a special healing teaching on grief and loss Thursday, October 20, all day until 5 p.m.



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ELDERS GIFT CARD PROGRAM

The Elders Gift Card Program was designed to help Tribal Elders by providing a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card to Elders who are hospitalized with an overnight stay to help assist in purchasing needed items.

Eligibility: Any NHBP Member who is 50 years of age or older and is admitted to a hospital facility for medical care requiring at least one overnight stay. Requests for Elder Gift cards need to be submitted no later than 30 days after the date of hospitalization to be eligible per policy. You may use this program two times per year.

Contact Chris Woodring, Community Resource Coordinator, for more information: 616.249.0159

Twenty-Ninth Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Submitted by Communications Department Staff; Photos by David Grothaus

The Twenty-Ninth Michigan Indian Family Olympics (MIFO) was held Friday, July 22, 2016 at Central Michigan University's Bennett Track and Field. NHBP Tribal Members from the age of eight months to 81 years departed on a charter bus from Lakeview Square Mall in Battle Creek and the Turtle bus from 311 State Street in Grand Rapids to participate in the Olympics.

This year, 116 Tribal Members registered for MIFO to include approximately 4 Tribal Elders and 50 Tribal Youth. NHBP teammates competed in a day-long series of activities from relay races to a softball throw competition to archery. There were over 800 total participants in MIFO this year.

NHBP teammates Frank Watson, Chris Smit, Emily Spytma and Jonathan Smit all took part in the archery competition.

Jonathan Smit joined several NHBP teammates in the archery competition. Taking in all of the fun, comradery and warm weather was a plus for Smit.

"It's fun – I'm not very good at it – but, it's fun," Smit said.

"And it's cool to watch, too," teammate Emily Spytma added.

Despite Jonathan being unsatisfied with his archery skills, he did place in this year's Olympics; winning a silver medal in the 1 Mile Run and a bronze medal in the Long Jump for his age group.

NHBP received 15 gold medals, 18 silver and 18 bronze with an overall finish of sixth place.

NHBP Teammate Dawn Collyer and her daughter, MaKenzie Canniff, attended the MIFO events for the first time, looking to have fun and enjoy themselves, Collyer said.

"I'm glad we had the chance to come and enjoy the day," Dawn Collyer said.

MIFO ended at 4:30 p.m. Tribal Members capped off a long and active day with dinner at Ponderosa in Mt. Pleasant, eager to return home to sharpen their skills and return next year for more fun.



Aanzhenii Dandridge pushes hard toward the finish line to receive a silver medal.



Daniel Jacobs on his way to receiving a gold medal in the 100 Meter



Micheal Canniff prepares for the Sponge Relay.



MaKenzie Canniff takes the first leg of the Sponge Relay as Michael Canniff, Jonathan Rhinehart and Dawn Irwin look on.



Jonathon Smit aims for his target.



Jordyn Morseau warms up for Men's Basketball Shot.



Daniel Jacobs participates in the Men's Softball Throw.



Dawn Irwin prepares to compete in the softball throw contest.



Michael Corbin competes in the 50 Meter Run.



Camie Castaneda cools down after competing.



Jonathan Rinehart competes in a men's track event.

Tribe-to-Tribe Walking Challenge wraps up; NHBP Brings Home Third Place and a \$2,000 Check

Submitted by Communications Specialist Karen Todd; Photo by Shelby Gibson

This year's Tribe-to-Tribe Walking Challenge sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan wrapped up July 2. This is a 9-week walking challenge between several Tribes throughout Michigan.

This year, NHBP had a total of 93 participants who logged steps throughout this 9 week course. NHBP walked a total of 18,469.61 miles and ended up taking third place overall! NHBP was awarded with a \$2,000 check at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics on Friday July 22.

The winnings from this event will be used for a health and fitness related program at NHBP. NHBP's top three male walkers included Carl Barrett, Shane Childs and Rich Beebe. Top three female walkers were Amy LaVigne, Emily Henning and Pennie Jewel. Congratulations to all our walkers! Keep on stepping!

They returned home with a third-place prize – and a \$2,000 check from Blue Cross Blue Shield to use for NHBP's future healthy activities.



NHBP Elder and Walking Challenge participant Frank Watson accepts the Blue Cross check for \$2,000 on behalf of the Tribe.

MIFO Event Results for NHBP Members, Families and Employees

Compiled from information found on www.sagchip.org

Men's Events

1 Mile Run

Age Group: 19 - 24

Mark Smit – 1st Place

Jonathon Smit – 2nd Place

Age Group: 41 - 54

Robert Williams – 2nd Place

100 Meter Run

Age Group: 13-15

Daniel Jacobs – 1st Place

Age Group: 19 - 24

Tyreese Mandoka – 1st Place

Clarence Mason – 3rd Place

400 Meter Walk

Age Group: 41-54

Richard Beebe – 3rd Place

50 Meter Run

Age Group: 10-12

Keyon Mandoka – 3rd Place

Archery

Age Group: 19-24

Mark Smit – 1st Place

Age Group: 41-54

Jonathan Rinehart – 2nd Place

Basketball Shot

Age Group: 10-12

Makhyes Day – 2nd Place

Age Group: 13-15

Kiaunta Whittaker – 1st Place

Age Group: 19-24

Tyreese Mandoka – 2nd Place

Age Group: 41-54

John Day Sr. – 1st Place

Bean Bag Toss

Age Group: 1-2

Vontez Manning – 2nd Place

Fitness Circuit & Jump Rope

Age Group: 5-6

Michael Corbin – 3rd Place

Age Group: 10-12

Hogan Harmon – 2nd Place

Long Jump

Age Group: 10-12

Keyon Mandoka – 1st Place

Age Group: 19-24

Tyreese Mandoka – 1st Place

Clarence Mason – 2nd Place

Jonathon Smit – 3rd Place

Softball Throws

Age Group: 13-15

Andrew Chivis – 3rd Place

Age Group: 41-54

Robert Williams – 2nd Place

Women's Events

1 Mile Run

Age Group: 13-15

MaKenzie Canniff – 2nd Place

Age Group: 19-24

Shelby Gibson – 1st Place

Age Group: 41-54

Pennie Jewell – 2nd Place

10 Meter Tot Trot

Age Group: 1-2

Miya Mason – 3rd Place

100 Meter Run

Age Group: 19-24

Charmaine Mandoka – 1st Place

400 Meter Run

Age Group: 33-40

Michelle Rinehart – 3rd Place

50 Meter Run

Age Group: 5-6

Samaria Sands – 3rd Place

Age Group: 7-9

Aanzhenii Dandridge – 2nd Place

Kiyah Collins – 3rd Place

Archery

Age Group: 16-18

Sarah Day – 1st Place

Age Group: 19-24

Sophia Carpenter – 3rd Place

Baby Crawl

Age Group: 0+

Debanawen Manning – 3rd Place

Basketball Shot

Age Group: 25-32

Leona Mandoka – 2nd Place

Age Group: 33-40

Mindi Harmon – 3rd Place

Bean Bag Toss

Age Group: 41-54

Danielle Pfeifer – 2nd Place

Fitness Circuit & Jump Rope

Age Group: 5-6

Iliana Lisboa – 2nd Place

Age Group: 13-15

Destinique Iden – 3rd Place

Long Jump

Age Group: 7-9

Kiyah Collins – 1st Place

Age Group: 16-18

Holly Christy – 1st Place

Age Group: 19-24

Emily Spytma – 2nd Place

Softball Throws

Age Group: 13-15

MaKenzie Canniff – 3rd Place

Age Group: 19-24

Charmaine Mandoka – 1st Place

Sophia Carpenter – 3rd Place



Charmaine Mandoka wins gold in the 100 Meter Run.

The Gathering of Potawatomi Nations held in Oklahoma

Submitted by Communications Intern Journi Wilson; Photos by Communications Intern Destinque Iden

Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Oklahoma hosted this year's Gathering of Potawatomi Nations. The NHBP were astonished by how extensive their reservation was and the various cultural, athletic and entertainment activities planned for them. Around 100 Tribal Members, families and a few staff attended the Gathering held July 27 to 31.

There were a lot of events one could participate in, so you could keep yourself busy, including the language conference, basketball tournaments, along with volleyball tournaments and they even had bowling tournaments. One could go to the shooting range and practice for a while, or even do archery. They even had different restaurants where you could eat.

Many pavilions were set up making it easy for participants to purchase Potawatomi gear. Most of the kids hung out at the youth center where they would meet new friends while having fun playing games and eating.

The host Tribe also held many workshops attended by the Elders.

The Gathering of Nations Pow Wow, which was the main feature, had many different dancers along with drummers and singers. A Potawatomi Girls group gave the audience a mini concert right before grand entry. In addition to the dancers and singers, there were traditional teachings as well.

In addition to all the events one could participate in, there was also the hand drum contest, the singing contest, dancing contest, and the Potawatomi princess pageant.

NHBP, Tribal youth, Ofelia Zapata and her father, Arthur Zapata, took home the first place prize for the hand drum contest.

"As my eyes were shut, I sang loud and clear, hoping and wishing my dad and I would rock it!" O'felia Zapata said. "Standing on the stage in front of my own people has to be the strongest feeling you could ever have. Winning the hand drum contest is like winning your people's energy. It was awesome. I honestly couldn't do it without my dad's help."

A few of our Tribal Members, including Daniel Jacobs, competed in the dancing competitions.

"My first time dancing was when I was about six years old, so it's been nine years since the last time I danced, but it was my first time dancing in a competition," Jacobs said. "It felt really great being in the arena."

The language conference took a big role in the Gathering. This year's theme was "talk Indian." The Cultural & Historical Preservation Office, (CHPO), along with a few Tribal Members, attended the language conference which was held from Wednesday to Friday. They would listen to stories, learn the language and traditions, play ShiShiBe' (Potawatomi bingo) and eat good food.

Danielle Pfeifer, Administrative Assistant, went to Oklahoma for the language conference with CHPO to present "Overcoming Obstacles," and how that affects our community.

"Presenting at the 2016 Potawatomi Language Conference gave us the ability to reach a broader audience rather than our own community. Some of the obstacles our department faces are the same obstacles other Tribes face. Attendees were also able to provide helpful strategies during the question and answer segment of our presentation. Many thanks to Citizen Band of the Potawatomi for the opportunity to present at the Potawatomi Gathering."

Tribal Council also enjoyed themselves at the Gathering.

"Visiting the Historical Preservation Center was my favorite part of The Gathering. The tour provided me better insight into the history of the Potawatomi of the West post removal era," said NHBP Tribal Chairman Jamie Stuck.

Everyone really enjoyed The Gathering of Potawatomi Nation this year, and appreciated Citizen Potawatomi Nation for hosting a great gathering as well as Membership Services and Tribal Council for putting this together for them.



CHPO Specialist Melissa Foerster and CHPO Administrative Assistant Danielle Pfeifer present at the Language Conference.



CHPO Specialist Mon-ee Zapata speaks at the Language Conference.



NHBP Tribal Member Daniel Jacobs prepares his regalia before the Grand Entry.



Arthur and O'feila Zapata compete in the Hand Drum contest, where they took first place.



Devonne Harris watches as everyone dances at Pow Wow.



O'feila and Onyleen Zappa, both past Potawatomi Nation princesses, wait to enter the arena for Grand Entry.



Danielle Pfeifer helps her son Daniel Jacobs get ready for the Grand Entry.



NHBP Tribal Youth visit the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building Museum in Oklahoma City. On April 19, 1995, a truck-bomb explosion outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, left 168 people dead and hundreds more injured. Until September 11, 2001, the Oklahoma City bombing was the worst terrorist attack to take place on U.S. soil.

Attention: New Health and Human Services Policy Update

New Late/Missed Appointment Policy

Due to the high number of late arrivals and missed appointments, and the impact that it has on other patients waiting to see a service provider, the Health and Human Services Department has developed a late/missed appointment policy.

Late Arrivals:

If a patient arrives more than 15 minutes late for their scheduled appointment time, they may be rescheduled for a later date and time. If the patient is rescheduled for arriving more than 15 minutes late to their appointment it will be considered a "No Show" appointment.

Missed Appointments:

If a patient does not notify the Health and Human Services Department within 8 hours of their scheduled appointment time that they need to cancel, it will be considered a "No Show" appointment.

No Show:

After obtaining three "No Show" appointments for the same service, a patient will not be able to schedule an appointment with that service for three months. The patient will only be seen as a same day/walk-in patient if time permits.

Please contact the Health Office Manager Sarah VanOostendorp at 269.704.8322 with any questions on this new policy.



CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Are you working or attending school?

Have you heard about the Tribal Childcare Assistance program?

This program is designed to assist in paying for licensed childcare for those who are working, attending school or training within the seven county service area.

For an application and program qualification information, please contact:

Chris Woodring

Community Resource Coordinator

cwoodring@nhbp.org

616.249.0159 Ext. 3638



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Contract Health Services

Contract Health Services is funded through a grant from Indian Health Services. It is to help pay for medical services **not** offered through the NHBP Health Clinics.

What I should know:

- ◆ Contract Health is **not** a health insurance, it is a grant. Funds are limited and based on medical priorities.
- ◆ Contract Health **does not** guarantee payment.

Who is eligible for Contract Health Services?

- ◆ NHBP Tribal members living in the 7 county CHSDA; Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Kent and Ottawa counties of Michigan.
- ◆ NHBP descendants under the age of 19.
- ◆ A non-Indian woman pregnant with an eligible Indian's child for the duration of her pregnancy through postpartum (6 weeks).

What will CHS pay for?

- ◆ CHS may help pay for medical/dental services outside of the NHBP Health Clinics **if** referred by one of NHBP's providers.
- ◆ CHS may help pay for vision services.
- ◆ CHS may help pay for prescriptions.

How do I get CHS to pay for these services?

- ◆ Provide notification through Contract Health prior to any service outside the NHBP Health Clinics.
- ◆ Notify contract health within 72 hours of an emergency room visit.
- ◆ Complete your CHS registration paperwork information yearly. A letter will be mailed to you when you need to update your information. If your yearly

registration requirements are not met, you will **not** be approved for funding.

- ◆ Apply for Medicaid or alternate resources if you do not have health insurance when applying for Contract Health. If you need help applying for Medicaid, please call Chris Woodring at 616.514.3638.

Who do I call for assistance or questions about Contract Health Services?

Call your Contract Health Specialist 269.704.8349



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New Fall Hours at the Pine Creek Clinic

Beginning September 14, evening clinic hours in Pine Creek will be switched to Wednesdays. The Pine Creek Clinic will be open until 7 p.m. to accommodate members needing a later appointment time.

AA MEETINGS

Every Thursday, 7 to 8 p.m.

Pine Creek Community Center

1488 Mno-Bmadzewen Way • Fulton, MI 49052

Contact: Mariesha Keith

269.986.7508

"Celebrating sobriety, one meeting at a time." -MK

MNOMNEKÉ GIZES {WILD RICING MOON} SEPTEMBER

WORD SEARCH - SHISHIBÉ WORDS WE ARE USING

N M F O N O J É N Z S S N E B
 E V N U O I W O G É S E B M É
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 N T O M Y E E B A O K P V É C
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 Q L W T Y J Q F Q L G C Y S G

MNOMNEKÉ: TO GATHER WILD RICE
 PEGEJISSÉGAT: THRESHING
 GEPISEGÉ: PARCHING
 BÉGWEDÉGÉ: DRYING
 NOSHKETON: WINNOWING
 WÉBEWEN: OAR
 GWEKWÉBGEN: TURNER/SPATULA
 NOSHKETONAGEN: WINNOWING
 BASKET
 DGWAGÉK: FALL
 MNOMEN: GOOD SEED
 JIMAN: CANOE
 MBES: LAKE
 MBESÉS: SMALL LAKE
 ZIBI: RIVER
 ZIBIWÉS: SMALL RIVER/CREEK

SEPTEMBER: 16 {NO. 9}

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please have your submission in before the 14th of each month for a chance at winning a gift valued at \$50.

Mail to: Cultural and Historic Preservation Office 1485 Mno-Bmadzewen Way Fulton, MI 49052.

Or email your submission to: mfoerster@nhbpi.com or mzapata@nhbpi.com – **Migwéché!**

The August Word Search Winner: Rose M. Quick

SHISHIBÉ IS BACK!

Learn language! Win prizes! Have fun!

September 8, 5 to 7 p.m., 311 State Street, Grand Rapids

September 14, 5 to 7 p.m., Pine Creek Community Center

BEGINNER PAINTING CLASSES

Taught by Tribal Member Nickole Keith



Pine Creek Community Center
3 to 5 p.m.

September 16, October 14

311 State St., Grand Rapids
5 to 7 p.m.
October 7

To register or request more information, please contact
Southern Elders Specialist II Nickole Keith at 269.704.8354.



Paint supplies will
be provided!



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Health and Human Services Department *Connecting Families to High Quality Health Coverage*

Services Provided

- Health Insurance Market Place Navigation
- Veterans Benefit Information
- Medicaid Applications
- Child Care Assistance
- Social Security Benefit Information

For insurance enrollment, please bring:

- Photo ID with valid address
- Social Security cards for individuals applying
- Tribal ID

For more information, contact:

Community Resource Coordinator, Chris Woodring
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pine Creek
1474 Mno-Bmadzewan Way
Fulton, MI 49052
616.514.3638
cwoodring@nhbp.org

Grand Rapids
311 State Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49503



MNO DBESHKAYEN NGOM & MIGWÉCH

CELEBRATIONS!



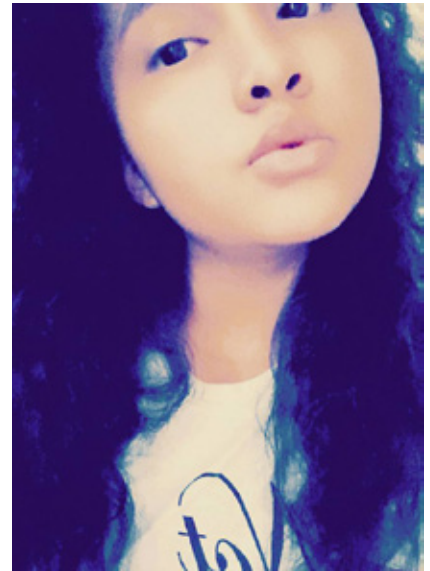
Destinique Iden
{August 1}

Happy Belated Birthday Neekie.
Love, Grandma and Family



**Deon Marshall &
Braxton Swims**

{August 19 and September 12}
Happy birthday to two of Gawma's
handsome lil men
Deon Marshall August 19, 2011 (5) and
Braxton Swims September 12, 2014 (2)
Gawma loves you



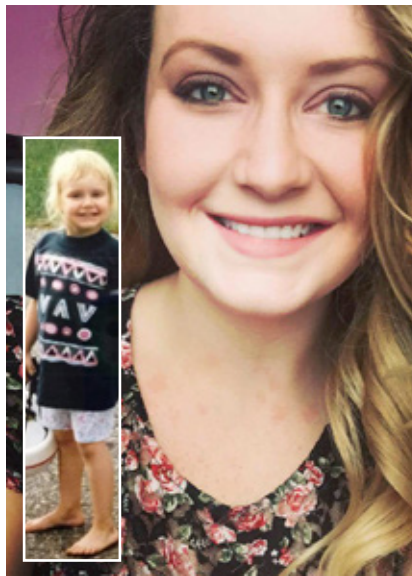
Adriona Mandoka
{September 2}

Happy birthday Adriona Mandoka.
Love, Grandma and Family



Randi McKinney
{September 21}

Happiest of birthdays to you Randi Girl!
Love you, Robyn & Fam



Cameryn Ryan
{September 23}

Happy Birthday Cameryn. Look how
much you have grown into the wonderful
woman you are today.
Love, your Family



Keyon Mandoka
{September 26}

Happy birthday Keyon Mandoka.
Love, Grandma and Family

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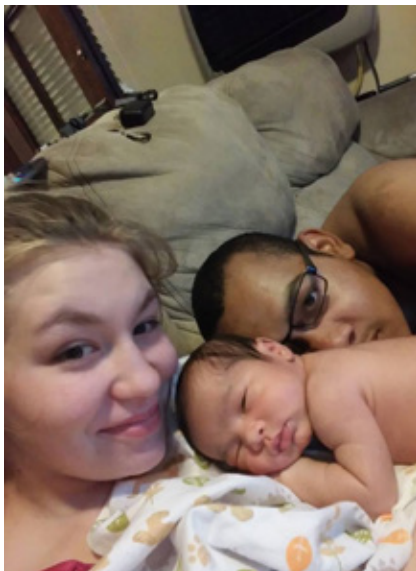
Andy Ryan
{September 29}
Happy 60th Birthday Andy.
Love, your Family



Charmaine Mandoka
Congratulations Officer Charmaine Mandoka. We are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. Keep up the great work.
Love, your family the Mandokas



Deja Mandoka
Congratulations on your graduation
DejaBoo Mandoka Class of 2016.



Ezekiel LeRoy Mandoka
Congratulations to my youngest son Darian Mandoka and his fiancé Tiffani Policia on your new bundle of joy.
Ezekiel LeRoy Mandoka
June 26, 2016, 11 lbs. 6 ozs.
Love, a very happy Gawma



Gil & Sharon Holliday
Happy 50th Anniversary, Gil and Sharon Holliday! Congratulations on your Golden Anniversary, Mom and Dad.
Love, Mike and Gil



Heather TePastte & Jacob Baumgartner
{July 30}
Happy Forever
With tons of Love, from Mom, Dad and Devyn

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Scott Lanning

Congratulations Scott Lanning
Bachelor of Science Business
Administration
We are very proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad - Sara & Brad



Mykelti Moorer

Mykelti I am so proud of you for
graduating from high school. And I pray
that you will grow into a good man and
always respect others and yourself. Love
you and have a blessed life, your mom for
19 yrs. God loves you and so do I always.
K-12 Michigan Virtual Charter Academy.
Love, your Family

Birthday and Celebration Submission Deadlines & Guidelines

**Birthday & Congratulation
deadlines are the 10th of
the month prior to the
publication date.**

If the 10th falls on a
weekend or holiday, it moves
to the next business day.

Submit information and one
photo to:

**turtlepress@nhbpi.com or
by mail:**

**1485 Mno-Bmadzewen
Way, Fulton, MI 49052,
attn: Turtle Press**

SOCIAL OUTING & DINNER! NHBP TRIBAL ELDERS & ONE GUEST!

CORNWELL'S TURKEYVILLE Dinner & Show!

Tuesday, September 20 • Noon to 4 p.m.

You must register for this event. Registration opens Tuesday, August 9, and closes
Friday, September 16. Please contact Membership Services Administrative Assistant Grace Chivis
at 269.704.8419, or email: gchivis@nhbpi.com.

Transportation schedule for this event:

Grand Haven - 9 a.m.
311 State Street, Grand Rapids - 10 a.m.
Pine Creek Indian Reservation - 11 a.m.



A special workshop for NHBP Tribal Members!

PER CAPITA WEALTH MANAGEMENT: Making your money work for you!

Saturday, October 22 • Noon to 2 p.m.

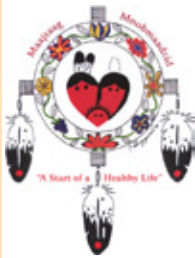
FireKeepers Casino Hotel • Ballroom A

Lunch will be provided. Transportation is available. Preregistration is required.

Please contact Membership Services Administrative Assistant Grace Chivis at 269.704.8419 or gchivis@nhbpi.com for more information, or to register.



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Maaajtaag Mnobmaadziid is now offered to all NHBP clinic patients!

Maaajtaag Mnobmaadziid is a FREE program that encourages and supports “a start of a healthy life.” Pregnancy and early childhood are some of the most important stages in life. Fostering a healthy beginning makes a difference in lifelong health.

This program is designed to complement, not replace, prenatal, post-partum, and pediatric care. You will receive home visits with an experienced Maternal Child Health Nurse that will provide support and education during pregnancy and early childhood. Maaajtaag Mnobmaadziid encourages women to become and stay healthy before and between pregnancies. Enjoy early childhood play groups and outings, and valuable discussion on important health topics:

- Safe Sleep
- Car Seat Safety
- Parenting Support
- Fatherhood
- Child Growth
- Developmental Stages
- Nutrition
- Healthy Communication
- Family Planning
- Early Childhood Health

We affirm the sacred role of women in the Community as givers of life, and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being throughout the lifespan. Start your little ones off on the right foot, sign up today!

Southern NHBP Health Department

Dawn Cornelius, BSN, RN

Covering: Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Branch Counties

269.729.4422

Northern NHBP Health Department

Dawn Cordero - Reyes, BSN, RN

Covering: Kent, Ottawa, Allegan, Barry Counties

616.249.0159





Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid

“A Start of a Healthy Life”

Keeping women and babies safe and healthy has always been an honorable and expected way of life for Anishinabe people.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is a program designed to assist women and their families in that journey.

What Does Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid Have To Offer?

- Home or office visits by a Maternal Child Health Nurse and/or Family Health Worker.
- Services based on the particular needs of each family.
- Health and developmental assessments including vital signs, infant height and weight and infant growth and development.
- Assistance in obtaining needed infant supplies, housing, and community resources.
- Support, advocacy and referrals.
- Health and parenting education.
- Depression screening and referrals.
- Women, family and community events.
- Transportation to medical and social service related appointments when no other means are available.

Who Is Able To Participate?

- Any NHBP Tribal Member or Tribal Member’s direct descendant, living within Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Kent or Ottawa counties (Contract Health Services Delivery Area), and who is;
 - Pregnant and bringing a NHBP Tribal Member’s direct descendant into this world.
 - A child up to the age of five years.
 - A woman with a child up to the age of five years.
 - A caregiver for a NHBP Tribal Member’s descendant child up to the age of five years.

How Do I Enroll?

- **Pine Creek contact:** Dawn Cornelius 269.729.4422
- **Grand Rapids contact:** Dawn Cordero-Reyes 616.249.0159



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SAVE THESE UPCOMING DATES

Shishibé • October 6 • 5 to 7 p.m. • 311 State Street, Grand Rapids

Painting Class • October 7 • 5 to 7 p.m. • 311 State Street, Grand Rapids

Shishibé • October 12 • 5 to 7 p.m. • Pine Creek Community Center

NCAI Convention & Marketplace • October 9 to 14 • Phoenix, Arizona

Painting Class • October 14 • 3 to 5 p.m. • Pine Creek Community Center

Fall Ceremonies • October 20 to 23 • Pine Creek Indian Reservation

Per Capita Wealth Management • October 22 • Noon • Firekeepers Casino Hotel

Spooky Spectacular • October 29 • 4 to 7 p.m. • Binder Park Zoo

Spirit Supper • November 5 • Pine Creek Indian Reservation

Men's Outing - Detroit Lions Game • November 20 • Ford Field • Detroit

Elders Christmas Party • December 4 • 1 to 4 p.m. • FireKeepers Casino Hotel

Kids Christmas Party • December 10 • 6 to 8 p.m. • Sky Zone • Kalamazoo

SEPTEMBER

MNOMNEKÉ GIZES { WILD RICING MOON }

MNOMNEKÉ GIZES is when the Tribe gathers together to harvest the Wild Rice crop from the local waterways, and finish it for storage and use through the winter months. Encampments were set up along rice beds and entire families would partake in the harvest, parching, and winnowing in preparation for use and storage. It was a time of community, learning traditional ways and feasting.

NEW MOONS: SEPTEMBER 1 & 30

FULL MOON: SEPTEMBER 16

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR of EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 1

Elders Drop-in Sewing

311 State St., Grand Rapids

Noon to 4 p.m.

AA Meeting

Pine Creek Community Center

7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 2

Elders Computer Class

Grand Rapids Community College

1 to 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 5

Labor Day

Offices Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Elders Computer Class

Pine Creek Community Center

Noon to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Education Committee Meeting

Government Center Room 101

10 a.m.

Whole Person Wellness

Pine Creek Community Center

11 a.m. to Noon

Lunch & Learn

Pine Creek Community Center

Noon

Enrollment Committee Meeting

Government Center Room 121

Noon

Journey to Wellness Committee Meeting

Pine Creek Health and Human Services Department

1 p.m.

Tribal Environment Advisory Committee

Government Center Room 121

3 p.m.

Pick-up Games

Pine Creek Recreation Field

4 to 5 p.m.

Elders Arts & Crafts

311 State St., Grand Rapids

5 to 7:30 p.m.

Cemetery & Parks Committee Meeting

Government Center Room 101

5 p.m.

Veterans Committee Meeting

Government Center Room 121

5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 8

Elders Committee Meeting

311 State St., Grand Rapids

10 a.m.

Push Pole River Float

Pine Creek Environmental Center

1 to 4 p.m.

Shishibé

311 State St., Grand Rapids

5 to 7 p.m.

AA Meeting

Pine Creek Community Center

7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 9

Wild Rice Camp

Pine Creek Environmental Center

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Elders Computer Class

Grand Rapids Community College

1 to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 10

Wild Rice Camp

Pine Creek Environmental Center

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 11

Push Pole River Float

Pine Creek Environmental Center

1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 12

Planning & Land Use Committee Meeting

Government Center Room 121

9 a.m.

Tribal Emergency Preparedness Meeting

Government Center Room 121

10 a.m.

Housing Committee Meeting

Government Center Room 121

11:30 a.m.

Election Board Meeting

Government Center Room 101

2 p.m.

Culture Committee Meeting

Government Center Room 101

3 p.m.

Elders Game Day
311 State St., Grand Rapids
1 to 3:30 p.m.

Elders Arts & Crafts
Pine Creek Community Center
3 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Elders Computer Class
Pine Creek Community Center
Noon to 2 p.m.

**Freedom From Smoking®
Group Session**
311 State St., Grand Rapids
2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Whole Person Wellness
Pine Creek Community Center
11 a.m. to Noon

Lunch & Learn
Pine Creek Community Center
Noon

Shishibé
Pine Creek Community Center
5 to 7 p.m.

Pick-up Games
Pine Creek Indian Reservation Recreation
Field
4 to 5 p.m.

**Grand Rapids Parent
Advisory Committee
Meeting**
this is a new day and time
311 State St., Grand Rapids
5 to 7 p.m.

Elders Arts & Crafts
311 State St., Grand Rapids
5 to 7:30 p.m.

Sit and Be Fit
311 State St., Grand Rapids
5:15 to 6 p.m.

Diabetes PATH
311 State St., Grand Rapids
6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15

**Tribal Council Business
Meeting**
Pine Creek Community Center
11 a.m.

AA Meeting
Pine Creek Community Center
7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16

Beginner's Painting Class
Pine Creek Community Center
3 p.m.

Hunter Safety Course
Pine Creek Community Center
5 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Hunter Safety Course
Pine Creek Community Center
9 to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20

**Cornwell's Turkeyville Dinner
& Show**
Cornwell's Turkeyville
Noon to 4 p.m.
Pickup Times:
9 a.m. in Grand Rapids;
10 a.m. at Pine Creek Community Center

**Freedom From Smoking®
Group Session**
311 State St., Grand Rapids
2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Whole Person Wellness
Pine Creek Community Center
11 a.m. to Noon

Lunch & Learn
Pine Creek Community Center
Noon

Pick-up Games
Pine Creek Recreation Field
4 to 5 p.m.

Elders Arts & Crafts
311 State St., Grand Rapids
5 to 7:30 p.m.

Sit and Be Fit
311 State St., Grand Rapids
5:15 to 6 p.m.

Diabetes PATH
311 State St., Grand Rapids
6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 22

AA Meeting
Pine Creek Community Center
7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23

**Michigan Indian Day
Offices Closed**

Monday, Sept. 26

Elders Game Day
311 State St., Grand Rapids
1 to 3:30 p.m.

Elders Arts & Crafts
Pine Creek Community Center
3 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Elders Computer Class
Pine Creek Community Center
Noon to 2 p.m.

**Freedom From Smoking®
Group Session**
311 State St., Grand Rapids
2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Whole Person Wellness

Pine Creek Community Center
11 a.m. to Noon

Lunch & Learn

Pine Creek Community Center
Noon

Pick-up Games

Pine Creek Recreation Field
4 to 5 p.m.

Elders Arts & Crafts

311 State St., Grand Rapids
5 to 7:30 p.m.

Sit and Be Fit

311 State St., Grand Rapids
5:15 to 6 p.m.

Diabetes PATH

311 State St., Grand Rapids
6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29

AA Meeting

Pine Creek Community Center
7 to 8 p.m.

For a complete listing of upcoming Tribal Council and committee meetings, please see page 3 of this issue of Turtle Press. Please see the NHBP calendar at <http://nhbpi.com/communities/calendar/> or the NHBP Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NHBPI> for the most up-to-date information on our activities and events.

Coming soon! Catch all the MIFO fun in the Members Only photo gallery by going to: nhbpi.org!



New NHBP Tribal Members Only website is live!

- Watch Tribal Council meeting videos
- View photo galleries of events
- Find important documents and forms



- To sign-up, go to: nhbpi.org
- Click on the Members Only link.
- Fill in the form.
- Accept the Terms of Use.
- Wait two business days for confirmation of membership by the Enrollment Department and activation of your account.

Jonathan Rinehart participates in the Sponge Relay at the 2016 MIFO.



Michigan Indian Legal Services
877.968.6877
Free Legal Aid Clinics

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Members

Do you need advice or assistance with a pressing legal problem and you think your income may fall lower than federal poverty guidelines? Tribal Members needing legal assistance may be eligible to receive free legal assistance. To determine eligibility, please contact Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS).

Issues may include (among others):

- Criminal matters
- Family law
- Housing- eviction from Tribal public housing
- Health care and welfare benefits
- Child welfare and ICWA
- Juvenile delinquency cases
- Per capita – garnishment and attachment of per capita distributions
- Estate Planning

No appointment is necessary; however, if you would like to reserve a time slot, please contact the MILS office at 877.968.6877. MILS attorneys are available to meet with NHBP Members either in the Grand Rapids Office or at the Government Center on the Pine Creek Indian Reservation – the schedule of office hours is posted on nhbpi.com.

Do you have legal needs not mentioned above and would like to see if they can be addressed through MILS services in the future? If so, or if you would like us to consider other changes to the Members Legal Assistance Program, please contact Legal Assistant Rebecca Griffin in the NHBP Legal Department at 269.704.8371 or rgriffin@nhbpi.com.



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NHBP Tribal Members, Spouses, Descendants & NHBP Staff - please join us:

“PICK-UP” GAMES!

Let's have some fun while staying active!

LOCATION: Pine Creek Indian Reservation Recreation Field

DATES: Wednesdays, 3 to 4:30 p.m., starting August 3, 2016.

Starting September 7, 2016 the time will change to 4 to 5 p.m.

No registration required! Snacks will be provided!

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