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We request digital content whenever possible (emailing pictures, articles, etc.) instead of postal mailing or dropping content off in person, as content does lose quality when scanned.

Please send images as separate jpegs. However, we are happy to accept any content that you are unable to send digitally by mailing to:

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

## On the cover

Tribal Elder Janet Thomas enjoys the boat tour at the Elders Grand Get-a-way in Chicago, Illinois.

Photo: Emilee Guzak

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# UPCOMING COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

## Tribal Council Meeting

Thursday, November 8, at 11 a.m. at the Pine Creek Community Center

## Committee Vacancies

**Enrollment Committee**

**One Vacancy; Open Until Filled**

**Planning and Land Use Committee**

**One Vacancy; Open Until Filled**

**Election Board**

**Three Vacancies; Open Until Filled**

Committee/Board members receive a paid stipend of \$75 plus mileage reimbursement for meeting attendance. 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

# COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

- Planning and Land Use Committee – 9 a.m. Government Center, Room 121
- Election Board – 10 a.m. Government Center, Room 101
- Tribal Emergency Preparedness Committee – 10 a.m. Government Center, Room 121
- Housing Committee – 11:30 a.m. Government Center, Room 121
- Culture Committee – 3 p.m. Government Center, Room 101

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 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 Facility
- Tribal Environmental Advisory Committee – 3 p.m. Government Center, Room 121
- Cemetery and Parks Committee – 5 p.m. Government Center, Room 101

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- Elders Committee – 11 a.m. Grand Rapids Community Center
- Veterans Committee – 3 p.m. Government Center, Room 121

# Hold it for the Holidays

**Challenge Dates: Nov. 19 to Jan. 10**

Join the NHBP Hold it for the Holidays Challenge for motivation to avoid adding those extra pounds and have a chance to win prizes!

NHBP Tribal Members, spouses and employees.  
All participants must be 18 years or older.

### Pre-Holiday Weigh-in

Grand Haven	Grand Rapids	Pine Creek
Community Center Monday, Nov. 19 4 to 8 p.m.	Health Facility Tuesday, Nov. 20 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Health Facility Wednesday, Nov. 21 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you can't make one of the weigh-in locations please contact Health Educators Brianne Parrish or Shelby Gibson at 269.729.4422 before Nov. 21.

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# NHBP Youth Christmas Party

joy peace

DECEMBER 1, 2018 | 11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

OPEN TO ALL NHBP YOUTH, PARENTS AND SIBLINGS!  
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AND TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT MEMBERSHIP SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT GRACE CHIVIS AT  
269.704.8419 OR GCHIVIS@NHBP.COM

RVSP AT  
[HTTPS://MEMBERS.NHBPI.ORG/YOUTH-CHRISTMAS](https://members.nhbpi.org/youth-christmas)  
BY NOVEMBER 19 AT 5 P.M.  
AIRWAY FUN CENTER  
5626 PORTAGE ROAD, PORTAGE, MI 49002

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

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

**Bereavement Benefits:** The Bereavement Benefit General Welfare Program was amended at the January 18, 2018 Tribal Council meeting. The bereavement benefit for Tribal Members who walk on is established at \$10,000. These funds are intended to provide for funeral services and other final expenses.

An additional amount of up to \$500 is available to pay only the actual cost for food and beverage, or catering services.

It is the obligation of the Tribal Member to file a Bereavement Beneficiary Form with the Enrollment Office. This form designates the beneficiary for your bereavement benefits.

The form can be found on the Members Only website.

**If you have not completed a Bereavement Beneficiary Form or have questions, please contact the Enrollment Office.**

## ENROLLMENT OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday through 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](mailto:enrollment@nhbpi.com)

If you have recently graduated from high school or received your General Educational Development (GED) diploma from a certified test site, please send a copy of the document to the Enrollment Office. This information is used for per capita distributions. Please contact the Enrollment Office with any questions at: 269.729.5151

**The following is the Education Requirement from the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (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, 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 12 years of school.

The appropriate diploma, degree or certification must be submitted to the Enrollment Office 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 timely submitted, the per capita payment for such Members shall be deposited in the Member's minor trust account.

## ATTENTION ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS

NHBP launched the new Tribal Member Benefit Program earlier this year, and would like to keep Tribal Members informed of important changes for 2019. Please be on the lookout for an important notice in the mail explaining the program's upcoming changes in detail, as well as, answering frequently asked questions. This information is also available on the Members Only website.

**PLEASE VISIT [MEMBERS.NHBPI.ORG](http://MEMBERS.NHBPI.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

## SAVE THESE UPCOMING DATES

**Youth Christmas Party • December 1**

**Heart Health Gala • February 2**

**Baby Celebration • March 16**

**Spring Ceremonies • March 21 through 23**

**Flapjack Friday • April 19**

**Election • April 27**

**Annual Membership Meeting • April 27**

The Leadership Sculpture is mounted in Memorial Park.

# Leadership Sculpture

Submitted by Communications Specialist Leia Fuller | Photos by Emilee Guzak

The Leadership Sculpture was officially finished in early August for all to view while walking through Memorial Park on the Pine Creek Indian Reservation. The magnificent monument is meant to honor past and present leaders of NHBP.

The sculpture took over two years of planning and the Cemetery and Parks Committee searched for a sculptor for over four years before deciding on First Nations of Canada Tribal Member Brian Corbriere, who began work on the sculpture January 2017.

He first completed several rough sketches that were reviewed by the Cemetery and Parks, Elders and Culture Committees. Many times throughout the process, he was sent back to the drawing board with a different direction to pursue.

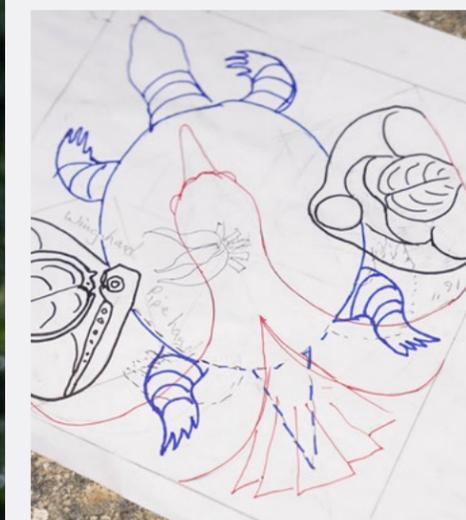
Composed entirely of limestone, Corbriere used a chainsaw to make small cuts in the stone, in order to eventually create the shape that was decided upon. He often stayed in a RV in the back of the Department of Public Works while completing this project. During this process, participating committees had the unanimous opinion that it was necessary for the monument to represent both women and men, since NHBP was under Tribal Council direction of both man and woman,

both currently and in the past. It was also important to all participating parties that the sculpture include the mshiké (turtle) and Fire in its design.

"The Leadership Sculpture resonates deep within our Tribal Nation," said Tribal Council Vice Chairperson Dorie Rios, who also chairs the Cemetery and Parks Committee. "The sculpture honors past Tribal leaders who have made us successful today. It stands for those who led NHBP forward, even when that sometimes wasn't an easy task. It is for all those leaders, who continue to preserve our heritage."

The final artwork includes the turtle as a base to correlate with the Turtle Island story. The Fire represents NHBP's duties as the Keepers of the Fire. The Eagle was included because it is the messenger to the Creator. The Clans were included in the base, as well, to represent existing clans within NHBP. For an up-close view of this captivating piece, visit Memorial Park today!

"Chi Migwéché to the Elders and Veterans Committees for all your help with planning," Rios said. "Also, a special thanks goes to the Cemetery and Parks Committee, Gwynneth Nugent, Myra Day-Franklin, Cherie Chivis and Nickole Keith for assisting this project from start to finish."



**Left:** A sketch of the artwork from the artist. **Middle:** Intricate chainsaw marks on the Indigenous man shows the difficult process. **Right:** The sculpture when in progress at the Department of Public Works.

# Native American Heritage Fund Awards Grants to Michigan Schools and Municipalities

2018

## GRANT RECIPIENTS

Submitted by Communications Specialist Leia Fuller  
Photos by Jaky Replogle

The Native American Heritage Fund (NAHF) awarded over \$469,000 in grants during the 2018 Check Distribution Friday, Sept. 14, at FireKeepers Casino Hotel. Representatives from Michigan schools, colleges and municipalities, and the NAHF board of directors united as one for this special ceremony.

“The NAHF Board of Directors is proud to announce that seven different organizations were able to receive assistance from the Native American Heritage Fund,” said NHBP Tribal Council Vice Chairperson Dorie Rios, who also serves as the Vice Chairperson of the NAHF Board. “NHBP is humbled that so many applicants applied and we consider it an honor to be able to lead the way with this initiative and offer funding to those in need. We look forward to seeing how this assistance will generate understanding, kindness and acceptance about the Native culture and history of Michigan’s 12 federally recognized Tribes.”

The NAHF continues to be a unique funding initiative that supports and promotes positive relationships and accurate information about the history and role of Michigan’s Indian Tribes and Native Americans in the state.



The Native American Heritage Fund Board of Directors presents a check to Belding Area Schools.



The Native American Heritage Fund Board of Directors presents a check to the City of Kalamazoo.



The Native American Heritage Fund Board of Directors presents a check to the City of Battle Creek.

“WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW THIS ASSISTANCE WILL GENERATE UNDERSTANDING, KINDNESS AND ACCEPTANCE ABOUT THE NATIVE CULTURE AND HISTORY OF MICHIGAN’S 12 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES.”

— TRIBAL COUNCIL VICE CHAIRPERSON DORIE RIOS, WHO ALSO SERVES AS THE VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE FUND

- **Belding Area Schools** – \$334,690.60 to support the replacement of equipment, apparel and signage following the revision of the school’s mascot from Redskins to Black Knights.
- **City of Battle Creek** – \$3,377.50 to assist with the removal and replacement of a stained glass window medallion in City Hall.
- **City of Kalamazoo** – \$76,765 to assist with the removal of the Fountain of Pioneers and site improvements at Bronson Park.
- **Bay de Noc Community College, Escanaba** – \$2,013 for The Living Circle of Life project.
- **Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie** – \$10,000 for an education initiative to increase local Tribal imagery on campus and implement cultural events.
- **Michigan Technological University, Houghton** – \$30,488 for a partnership project with Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College to co-create curricula.
- **Suttons Bay Public Schools** – \$12,500 to the Friendship Community Center/LIFT Teen Center to expand hours and create new programming for the only local, afterschool program for 6th through 12th grade youth, with 70 percent of the demographic consisting of Native American students.

# N.A.H.M.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

## CULTURE

1915

The first 'American Indian Day' was planned and proclaimed by the annual Congress of the American Indian Association.

1990

President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

1994

The General Assembly of the United Nations adopts the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, celebrated Aug. 9.

2018

28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Native American Heritage Month is celebrated in November.

1976

The United States Congress enacted a resolution authorizing President Gerald Ford, and each president thereafter, to proclaim a day, week or month to honor the heritage of Native Americans.

1991 TO 1992

The United States Congress enacted a joint resolution in 1991, which was followed by a proclamation by President George H.W. Bush, that declared 1992 to be the 'Year of the American Indian.'

2010<sup>s</sup>

Cities across the U.S. begin to adopt Indigenous Peoples' Day, celebrated the second Monday in October in place of Columbus Day.

### BY THE NUMBERS

ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU, AS OF 2016 THE U.S. HAD:

- **6,700,000** Native American residents
- **841,943** Native American households
- **136,487** Native American Veterans
- **27,585** Native American-owned businesses
- **567** federally recognized Native American Tribes
- **326** federally recognized Native American Reservations
- **21** states with a Native American population of **100,000** or greater

### FIRST PEOPLES:

Native Americans, as well as Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians, are the true 'discoverers' of the Americas. Hundreds of years before European and other foreign settlement began, Native peoples had already developed sovereign nations that populated the continent, coexisting through a system of negotiated alliances, confederacies and treaties.

### VETERANS:

Native Americans have participated in each major United States military conflict, stemming back to the American Revolutionary War, all the way to today's ongoing conflicts in the Middle East. Historically, they have had the highest percentages of service members in the armed forces, compared to other ethnic groups.

There are hundreds of Tribes throughout the world, and within each Tribe, there are numerous bands. In the United States, there are nine total bands of Bodéwadmi (Potawatomi) people. Each individual Tribe has their own unique language, traditions and beliefs that make up their culture.

The sacred Seven Grandfather Teachings have been passed down through many generations and can serve to help guide us in our journey, if we practice and live by them:

- **Debanawen** (Love)
- **Wdetanmowen** (Respect)
- **Wédaséwen** (Bravery)
- **Gwékwadsewen** (Honesty)
- **Édbeséndowen** (Humility)
- **Débwéwen** (Truth)
- **Bwakawen** (Wisdom)

Native American healing consists of four Sacred Medicines:

- **Wabshkebyak (Sage)**- used as a purifying herb to cleanse one's self of negative energy
- **Wishpemishkos (Sweet Grass)**- symbolizes protection and healing
- **Skhop (Cedar)**- associated with prayer, healing, dreams and protection
- **Séma (Tobacco)**- used in prayer and ceremonies

Démen is the Potawatomi word for strawberry. It is derived from the root word, "nde," which means "my heart." The Démen, also known as the heart berry, is said to symbolize the heart of the Creator.

# NOVEMBER 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.



## Harvest Health Cooking Sessions

Join NHBP throughout the month of November for a special Lunch and Learn series focused on Native nutrition. Each session, taught by Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Tribal Member Madalene BigBear, will teach attendees how to create delicious Native-inspired meals with modern day techniques. Attend three or more sessions to earn a prize! Sessions will also be available on the Members Only website.

**Nov. 7**  
{Cooking Wild Rice Techniques}

**Nov. 21**  
{Squash Preparation Techniques}

**Nov. 14**  
{Maple Candy}

**Nov. 28**  
{Sweet Meat}

# CHI MIGWÉCH

*(Thank you)*

to all past, present and  
future Veterans.

## VETERANS DAY

is Sunday, November 11.

Please take a moment  
to honor their sacrifice,  
dedication and bravery.

## Veterans Day Celebration!

**MONDAY, NOV. 12**

Please join us at the MoneyKeepers Mainstage beginning at noon for a Veterans Day ceremony featuring an honorary Tribal Drum performance.

If you need transportation contact Membership Services Administrative Assistant Grace Chivis at 269.704.8419 or [gchivis@nhbpi.com](mailto:gchivis@nhbpi.com)



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# Michigan Governor Rick Snyder Visits NHBP for Wild Rice Experience

Submitted by Communications Specialist Leia Fuller  
Photos by Jaky Replogle

NHBP hosted Michigan Governor Rick Snyder Monday, September 24, for an exclusive Wild Rice experience at the Pine Creek Indian Reservation. Governor Snyder joined NHBP Tribal Council, along with the Culture and Environmental Departments in an experience of Wild Rice collecting at Nottawa Creek, the traditional process Tribal Members teach and learn, and take part in a demonstration of the Wild Rice production process.

“The Huron Potawatomi Tribe has positively impacted our economy and environment for generations and I’m proud of the work they are now

doing to restore the Wild Rice crop in Michigan,” Gov. Rick Snyder said. “The Wild Rice program the Tribe has underway is benefiting Michiganders all across the state. I was honored to be able to see the farm firsthand and learn more about the history of the Tribe and the importance of this crop.”

Wild Rice has served as a traditional food source and is a fundamental aspect of NHBP’s culture and identity. Over time, due to a combination of habitat destruction and numerous invasive species, the once-vast areas of Wild Rice are now only isolated beds.

This prompted Michigan to designate Wild Rice as a threatened species in the state. NHBP, numerous other Tribes, and the state of Michigan are working together to preserve and protect the future Wild Ricing activities in Michigan.

“We are extremely pleased to have Governor Snyder join us and experience a part of NHBP’s culture,” said Tribal Council Chairperson Jamie Stuck. “NHBP is committed to revitalizing our culture and traditions, and restoring Wild Rice habitats in southwest Michigan is an important step forward in that process.”



Governor Rick Snyder stirs a traditional kettle of Wild Rice.



Tribal Council Secretary Nancy Smit presents gifts to Governor Rick Snyder.

“THE HURON POTAWATOMI TRIBE HAS POSITIVELY IMPACTED OUR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT FOR GENERATIONS AND I’M PROUD OF THE WORK THEY ARE NOW DOING TO RESTORE THE WILD RICE CROP IN MICHIGAN. THE WILD RICE PROGRAM THE TRIBE HAS UNDERWAY IS BENEFITING MICHIGANDERS ALL ACROSS THE STATE.”

- MICHIGAN GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER



The NHBP Tribal Council and Environmental Department takes Michigan Governor Rick Snyder on a canoe ride on Nottawa Creek to tour the Wild Rice beds.



NHBP Tribal Council, NHBP CEO and Gov. Rick Snyder stand proud of their collaboration to improve Wild Rice revitalization in the state of Michigan.

# FUSING CULTURES:

## Tribal Members Dance at the Governor's Economic Conference

Submitted by Communications Specialist Leia Fuller | Photo by Jeff Kendall

Several Michigan Tribal Members gathered together to showcase indigenous culture at the 2018 Michigan Governor's Economic Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Last fall, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and his delegation were in Japan for the kickoff of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Anniversary celebration and they featured a Taiko performance.

This year, the Governor thought it would be meaningful to showcase a Tribal Drum performance and indigenous Dancers during their celebration. The Nottawaseppi Boyz were the featured Drum, while many Tribal Members Danced around the arena.

NHBP Tribal Members Kathie Grothaus Danced Jingle Dress, Camie Castaneda Danced Women's Traditional and Kevin Harris II Danced Men's Traditional. In addition to NHBP Tribal Members, Tribal Members from other Michigan Tribes Danced as well, including Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Tribal Members Madalene and Sterling BigBear, and Andrea Roque from the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians.

"This Dance was for the anniversary celebration and it showcased Michigan's heritage and similarities between cultures," Grothaus said. "The Governor felt it would be nice to have a Tribal Drum performance for their celebration this year. I am always happy to represent NHBP in the best way possible."

**"This Dance was for the anniversary celebration and it showcased Michigan's heritage and similarities between cultures."**

**— Tribal Member Kathie Grothaus**



NHBP Tribal Members Kathie Grothaus and Camie Castaneda, and Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Tribal Member Andrea Roque represent Indigenous culture at the 2018 Michigan Governor's Economic Conference.

A colorful flyer for a "Healthy Start Play Date: STORYTIME" event. The flyer features a large open book in the center. To the left of the book is a green dragon, and to the right is a purple unicorn. The text on the flyer includes: "Healthy Start Play Date: STORYTIME", "FAMILIES WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THE HEALTHY START PROGRAM ARE INVITED TO JOIN NHBP FOR A MORNING OF READING, PLAYTIME AND FUN!", "RSVP: TO TRIBAL EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST KATILEY CLINE AT 616.514.3635", "A SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED.", "Pine Creek: Friday, Nov. 2 10 TO 11:30 A.M. PINE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER", and "Grand Rapids: Friday, Nov. 9 10 TO 11:30 A.M. GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY CENTER". The flyer also features a logo for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi.

A social media promotion for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi. The background is a blurred image of a field. At the top, the text reads "NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI" and "A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT". In the center, a white box contains the text "FOLLOW NHBP ON SOCIAL MEDIA". Below this, the handle "@NHBP1" is displayed in a large, white, stylized font. At the bottom, there are icons for Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

# CASINO CONNECTION

## Tribal Member Spotlight:

### Roger Rose Thrives in the EVS Department at FKCH

Submitted by FKCH

Tribal Member Roger Rose has been a team member at FireKeepers Casino Hotel (FKCH) since its opening in 2009, and currently works as an EVS Attendant. Those who have worked at FKCH since 2012 may remember Rose.

In July 2012, Rose was a victim of a hit-and-run while riding his bike to work. Because of this incident, Roger has faced many challenges. From learning how to walk again to remembering faces in the hallways, Rose continues to make incredible strides in his health and development.

Rose is celebrating his fourth year in the EVS Department, and loves working in the EVS Department. He is appreciative of the Tribe and enjoys contributing to the success of FKCH.

"We really enjoy having Roger work in our department," said EVS Manager Myra Day-Franklin. "He is a helpful member of our team and it is a pleasure to see him working at FireKeepers!"



Tribal Member Roger Rose works in the FireKeepers Casino Hotel as an EVS Attendant.

Contact the FireKeepers Casino Hotel Tribal Development Department for more information.

Tribal Development Coordinator Rachel Hayes  
269.660.5411 or rhayes1@firekc.com

# WIN A SHARE OF \$240,000 IN PRIZES!

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**\$240,000**  
**GOBBLE UP THE CASH**  
GIVEAWAY

### 21 GUARANTEED WINNERS!

2 PM – 8 PM

Every two hours, five winners each receive \$5,000 in CASH and \$5,000 in Red Hot Credits!

**10 PM GRAND PRIZE**  
**ONE WINNER RECEIVES**  
**\$25,000 CASH!**

### 11 PM EXCLUSIVE VIP DRAWING

One Sizzlin', Blazin', or Inferno member will be selected to receive \$15,000 in Red Hot Credits!

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Receive one additional entry for every 100 points earned.



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### CELEBRATION

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12**  
**10 AM – 10 PM**

All Patriot Red Hot Rewards Club Members receive one FREE swipe for up to \$1,111 in Red Hot Credits!

Plus, earn 111 points to swipe for an additional Red Hot Credit prize.

Please join us at the MoneyKeepers Mainstage beginning at 12 PM for a Veterans Day ceremony featuring an honorary tribal drum performance.



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# Elders take CHICAGO

Submitted by Communications Specialist Emilee Guzak  
Photos by Emilee Guzak

**Ready, set, explore!**  
NHBP Elders packed their bags for an adventurous weekend in the windy city of Chicago, Illinois. Elders arrived at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel in style on the new NHBP charter bus.

Day one of the trip gave Elders a chance to relax and get settled in to their rooms, before an eventful evening at Tommy Gun's Garage, which included a blast into the past at a prohibition themed speakeasy dinner and show! Tribal Elder Claude Ryan and Tribal Council Sergeant-at-Arms Homer A. Mandoka were asked to participate in skits onstage and were grinning from ear to ear.

Day two consisted of a beautiful Chicago Line Architectural cruise, with a very informative captain explaining a detailed history of the buildings and their designs. The tour traveled on a double-deck cruise ship, where Elders could enjoy the sunshine from the top deck with complimentary cookies and sodas from the shaded lower deck.

Upon arrival back to shore, Elders had a large portion of free time to explore the city. Some Elders chose to shop and explore, while others made their way back to the Palmer House Hilton to relax. The final day was spent in the Field Museum of Chicago, where Elders were given free reign to explore for the day.

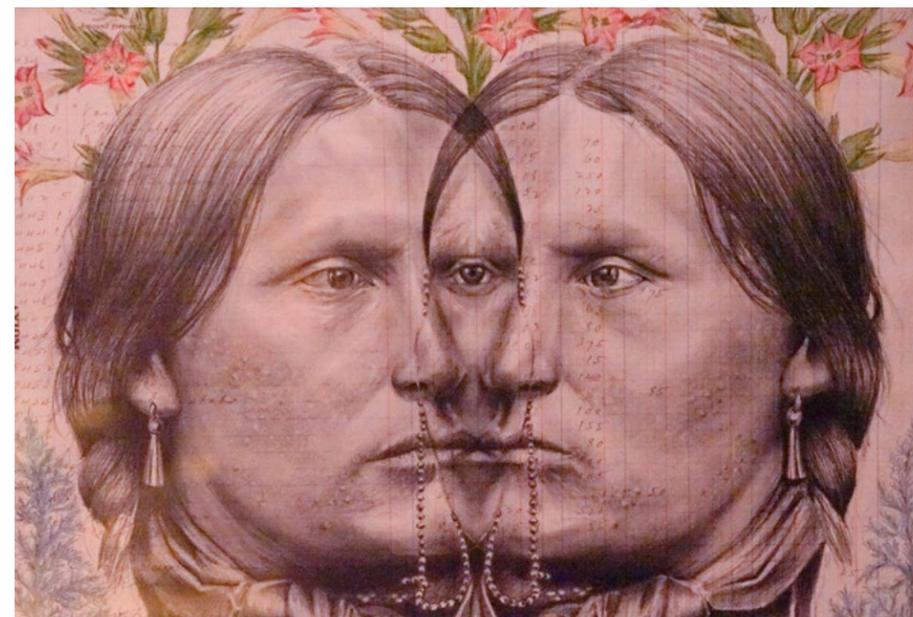
"We found a funny photo booth near the entrance of the Field Museum and we just had to take a photo," Tribal Member Janet Hyde-Florijan said.

Some made their way through Egypt, reading about ancient artifacts, while others explored the history of the Tribes of America. Tribal Member Janet Thomas was taken back by a specific Native painting.

"I saw a picture of a man with three eyes," Tribal Member Janet Thomas said. "The third eye was in the middle of his forehead and the painting. The artist was looking at his inner self through his third eye."



Tribal Elders at the east entrance of the Field Museum of Chicago.



"The third eye in this drawing symbolizes looking inward. Sometimes I see the process of making art as a form of prayer or meditation and a way to reveal inner truths."

— Artist Chris Pappan

Axiom  
2018  
Graphite/pencil,  
colored pencil  
on paper dated 1907

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— Tribal Member Janet Thomas



The Chicago Field Museum.



Native artists are showcased in the Field Museum.



A Chicago Line Architectural Cruise.

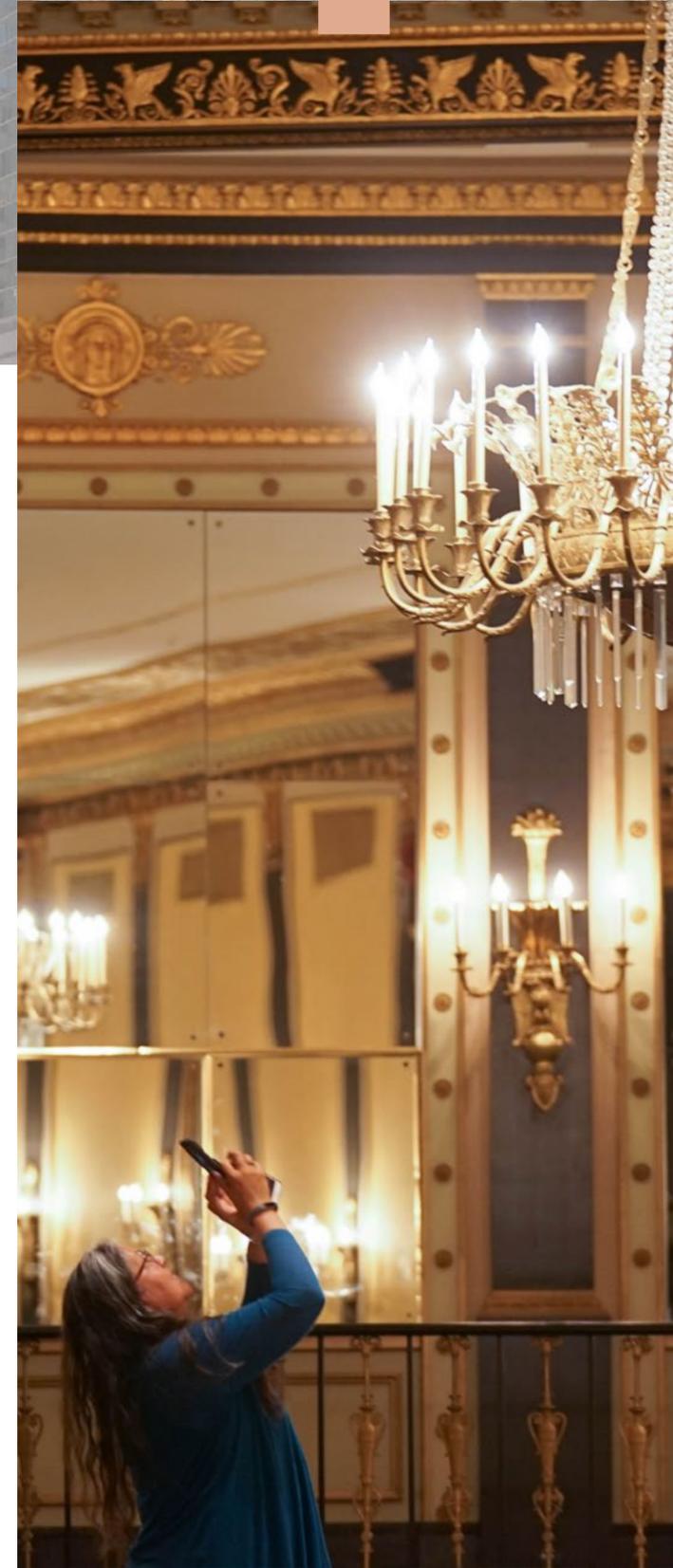


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Other Tribal Elders took their time in specific exhibits, especially Tribal Elder Don Collyer.

"I've enjoyed everything we've done on this trip," Tribal Elder Don Collyer said. "The Kanza Artist: Drawing on Tradition with all Native pieces is absolutely amazing and probably my favorite part of the trip."

To end the wonderful trip, Elders made their way to the Crystal Ballroom for a final dinner. NHBP efforts were recognized in an awards ceremony for making this the best experience the Elders could hope for. With full bellies, the night was topped off with coffee and dessert before the road trip back home.



Tribal Council Secretary Nancy Smit captures a photo of a Tiffany chandelier.



Tribal Elder Kim Lockard at Tommy Gun's Garage.



Tribal Elder Doug Taylor and his guest, Sue Bean, on the boat tour.



Tribal Elder Dwight Kilgore and his wife, Pam, on the boat tour.



# OBSERVING, CONSERVING AND PRESERVING

## THE SEASON OF WILD RICE

Submitted by Communications Specialist Leia Fuller  
Photos by Leia Fuller

As fall approached, the Environmental Department put together a full week of Wild Rice activities for all to enjoy, but most importantly to revitalize traditional practices taught throughout Indigenous culture. The week began with several Tribal Members and employees carefully stepping into canoes for the river outings on the Nottawa River at the Tribe's Tract 22 in Factoryville, Michigan.

"When you take the kids out on the canoe, you can tell them the creation story, which has the muskrat and the turtle in it," said

Wild Rice Coordinator Lee Sprague, who is also a Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Tribal Member. "And it's right there, they can see it. Then you see the Wild Rice and that's our migration story. I love to take kids out on the canoe. From a cultural standpoint, it is so important."

All involved were able to use the brand-new dock and canoe launch on NHBP property, which helped to steady participants as they entered onto the water. The Environmental Department also used GPS technology to track where the

Rice was in the water, and how much was in each section.

"The department has about six years of measurements and the GPS tells us our location within a few feet," said Tribal Member Nathaniel Spurr, who in the last few months has been assisting the Environmental Department track where the Rice beds lay. "We measure where the Rice is growing, and from that, say we estimate a patch to be about 20 feet long, we would input that the section is either sparse, moderate or lush. Lush meaning really dense and full of Wild Rice."



Water Specialist Eric Kerney makes a Ricing knocker.



Curls were shaved off a branch to make a Ricing pole.



Tribal Member William Osborn holds a Rice pole for another camp participant.

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— HENRY MEDAWIS IV



Tribal Member Nathaniel Spurr and Wild Rice Coordinator Lee Sprague canoe upstream and track Wild Rice growth in the Nottawa Creek.



Tribal Member Wanda Norman uses a winnowing basket to remove chaff from the Wild Rice.



Tribal Member Tracy Beavers shaves down her Wild Rice knocker.

The Environmental Department has been working with other Tribes for nearly a decade to track sections in many different spots in Michigan. The goal is to continue the growth of Wild Rice, and also to try to figure out what bodies of water are more suitable Wild Rice and why.

“We have years’ worth of data in Pine Creek, Nottawa Creek and even further down close to the St. Joe River,” Spurr said. “And when you put it on a map, we can tell which sections do really well, and which sections struggled this year compared to previous years.”

After a few outings to collect the Wild Rice, there was a special, two-day Wild Rice Camp at the Environmental Center. This event included a Wild Rice winnowing basket-making workshop, Ricing stick and pole making, and included live demonstrations of Wild Rice parching in a kettle.

“When you get your food going and work together that makes that Mnomen (Wild Rice) like spirit

food,” Sprague said. “It’s got all your strengths, all your good thoughts, and then when you eat that, it’s better than buying the Rice in the store.”

Tribal Members worked rigorously at the Wild Rice poles, made from wood branches. Each branch had to be split, carved down and then sanded before being ready to use. This long process is necessary to keep the traditional teachings alive.

The camp also included winnowing and separating the Wild Rice to remove the chaff. Sometimes, participants used a machine nicknamed the Mnomen-ator, which is a mechanical cleaner that spins and removes the chaff from the Rice. Native traditions were mixed with modern technology, as some participants used the traditional way and a winnowing basket to remove the chaff.

“Tribal Elder Ruth Ann Chivis always told us to never forget the old way of thinking,” said Culture Administrative Assistant Henry Medawis IV. “It is so crucial that we never forget the old way of doing things.”

# MNOMEN:

## NHBP HOSTS WILD RICE SUMMIT

Submitted by Communications Associate Eric McClure

Photo by Leia Fuller

The NHBP Environmental Department hosted the 2018 Wild Rice Summit September 12 and 13 at the Pine Creek Community Center. The Summit was attended by representatives from 11 of Michigan's 12 federally recognized Tribes and 13 different agencies from the state of Michigan and federal government, including the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"The collaborative meeting was of critical importance because it brought Tribes and agencies together to strategize their common goal of Wild Rice restoration," Environmental Director John Rodwan said. "These emerging partnerships have been organized by the Michigan Wild Rice Initiative's Wild Rice Steering Committee, of which NHBP has a seat on."

The Summit began with a Wild Rice-themed Welcome Song by the Nottawaseppi Boyz, as well as an introduction by Rodwan and a keynote address by Tribal Council Chairperson Jamie Stuck. Afterward, the first session provided an opportunity for NHBP to highlight the restoration techniques they have taken to work toward the goal of restoring Wild Rice in Michigan. This included the Environmental Department presenting about their use of different methods to manage and expand existing Wild Rice beds, as well as to establish new beds.

The group of over 40 participants then made their way to the Wild Ricing site at the NHBP property on the Nottawa Creek, where they examined, firsthand, NHBP's Wild Rice restoration efforts and the current conditions of the Wild Rice beds.

Another main discussion topic during the Summit was the many obstacles that Tribes and their partners at the state and federal level face in restoring Wild Rice. Some of the obstacles discussed included invasive species, ecological changes, diseases and major environmental disasters and threats, such as the ongoing effects from the 2010 Kalamazoo River oil spill.

"Mnomen, it's the reason we are here," Wild Rice Coordinator Lee Sprague said. "It is part of our migration story. As long as our stories continue, and we keep telling these stories to our children, we are going to be okay. A lot of this isn't lost, it is hanging on a thread, and we are in the process of rethreading those threads."



Wild Rice Summit participants visit NHBP's Wild Rice beds on the Nottawa Creek to view the ongoing restoration progress.



## MISSION STATEMENT

NHBP is a self-sustaining Sovereign Nation dedicated to achieving the shared vision of our community. We will preserve our culture and history, build a healthy community, provide essential services, and secure our financial future through strategic decision-making.

## VISION STATEMENT

Embodying the Seven Grandfather Teachings, NHBP will be recognized as a self-determined, sovereign nation. We will protect and promote the cultural, emotional, physical, and financial well-being of our Tribal community for the next Seven Generations.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Throughout the community input sessions and surveys, several theme areas emerged. It was evident that Membership placed priority around these areas, and that individual objectives and initiatives congregated under these larger headings. The strategic priorities will serve as overarching themes, allowing the alignment of goals and objectives with the needs identified by the Membership.



### PERPETUATING CULTURE

As a sovereign, the NHBP must express their culture and unique identity. Learning aspects of the culture knowing the history is not enough, as culture is active and alive and needs to be expressed. Respect for the Elders and seeking their wisdom for guidance prolongs the teachings, stories, art, and traditions for future generations. Prioritizing the appropriate incorporation of the language and culture into aspects of daily life within the community and Membership strengthens the relationships and bonds. Culture is the connection between our past, our present, and our future.

### EXPRESSING SOVEREIGNTY

Sovereignty, the notion and practice of self-governance and self-rule, is vital to the NHBP government and Membership. With this practice comes great and broad responsibilities, including but not limited to: sovereign rights of the Nation, protection of individual rights, jurisdictional authority, and the creation and enforcement of laws. Achieving sovereignty in action through the positive influence of Tribal leadership in national, state, regional and local relationships that respect the sovereign status of the Tribe enhances the Tribe's ability to progress.

### BUILDING WELLNESS

To exercise sovereignty and perpetuate the culture, the NHBP must be strong – financially, physically, emotionally, environmentally, and legally. Taking care of financial resources on the Nation-level, as well as providing opportunity for self-sufficiency is key to the fiscal health and wellness of the NHBP. Likewise, the physical health of the Membership and community is vital to prolonging the culture, and thereby the sovereignty. Having safe living spaces and assuring basic needs through comprehensive approaches helps individual Members to lead fulfilled and productive lives.

### ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Addressing the needs of a nation requires a robust system of delivery. NHBP Tribal Members enjoy a vast array of services and deserve efficiency and effectiveness. Developing the conduit responsible for accomplishing the strategic goals and objectives for maximization is essential. Policy enhancement, advancing protocols, and integration of new systems, along with anticipating financial needs, cultivating the labor force, seeking outcomes, and deploying a vigorous technology system support the organizational growth necessary to accomplish the vision.

### FINANCIAL PROSPERITY

Blessed with a strong financial foundation, the NHBP government looks to expand its sovereign influence through sound fiscal management. Opportunities exist to prosper as individual Members, as well as the Membership as a whole. Additional prospects include career development and ventures for individuals, coupled with the development of pathways to diversify and secure future revenues. Capitalizing on financial prosperity enhances sovereignty and builds community financial wellness.

2018-2022

# STRATEGIC PLAN

"I've been told I was a Member ever since I could understand. I was taught to be proud of my heritage."

- NHBP Tribal Member

"It's a cultural and ancestral identity that I treat with honor and pride. It's a history, too, and a connection to an extended family with a common goal for its People while protecting sovereignty and preserving history, culture, languages, environment, and arts."

- NHBP Tribal Member

"It means so very much to me and has greatly enriched my life and the lives of my family. The spiritual enrichment alone has given me a comfort I was lacking and helped me find what I was looking for. The community health services and financial aid has been appreciated beyond words. I feel I belong and take great comfort in that."

- NHBP Tribal Member

"Increase transparency of financial information. Review the organizational structure of NHBP and adjust the staffing ratios to make sense for the size of the Membership. We seem to have some over-staffing in some departments and understaffing in others."

- NHBP Tribal Member

"NHBP seems to diversify their holdings and invests wisely. NHBP seemed to be very financially savvy with the opening of the casino and quick repayment of loans."

- NHBP Tribal Member



NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI

A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

# TRIBAL RHYTHM

## Drum Keeper of the Nottawaseppi Boyz Teaches Biweekly Drum Class

Submitted by Communications Associate Xander Wedel  
Photo by Xander Wedel

**One – Two** is the heartbeat sound of NHBP. Throughout a busy month of Drumming for various Tribes in the area, some of NHBP’s men gathered together for the Men’s Drum Class held biweekly by the Culture Department in an effort to connect with the Tribal rhythm of NHBP.

The class was taught by Drum Keeper of the Nottawaseppi Boyz, Tribal Member Doreece Mandoka. With the attendance of a few Tribal youth, Mandoka was intentional in how he began the session, as well as each of the five songs they sang that night.

“Before we Drum, we pray with Tobacco in our left hand, and it goes on the Drum,” Mandoka said. “Then, before each song, I talk to the youth about its origins.”

As the successor to Henry Bush, Mandoka found importance in teaching the Tribal youth the traditional ways in which he was taught. He explained the Northern Style of singing and how it is different from Southern styles due to its higher pitch of vocals. He also showed the

“**THE DRUM GIVES THEM A SENSE OF CONTROL AND UNITY.**”

– TRIBAL MEMBER DOREECE MANDOKA

youth how to respect the Drum by the specific technique they use to hit the Drum. Mandoka then expressed the importance of the heartbeat sound of the Drum and its ability to bring Members together.

“This class helps the youth come out of their bashfulness,” Mandoka said. “The Drum gives them a sense of control and unity.”



Tribal Member Doreece Mandoka celebrates with the group just after finishing a Song on the Drum together.

# NHBP VISITS WILD RICE ON TUBBS LAKE



Submitted by Communications Specialist Leia Fuller | Photos by Steve Allen

Several NHBP Tribal Members, Culture and Environmental Department staff, and Members of other federally recognized Tribes traveled to the Tubbs Lake State Park campground in Mecosta, Michigan, to take inventory and collect Wild Rice on the beautiful Tubbs Lake.

All were there to gain a firsthand experience and learn all about Wild Lake Rice. Participants were able to get an up close and personal view of the difference between lake Rice and river Rice. Throughout their two-day long journey, attendees also practiced harvesting methods of *Zizania Palustris* (Wild Lake Rice).

For most of those who attended, it was their first time working with this type of Rice. As the group arrived at the lake, they carefully worked together to climb aboard the custom-made NHBP canoe without falling into the water. Many of these canoes held harvestable amounts of Rice from Tubbs Lake for the first time in over three years!



**Above:** NHBP Tribal Members Robert Williams, Nathaniel Spurr and Kevin Harris II, stand with Culture Department Manager Fred Jacko, Jr., Culture Associate and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Member Henry Medawis IV, and Wild Rice Coordinator and Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan Lee Sprague at Tubbs Lake. **Top Left:** Tribal Member Nathaniel Spurr paddles while standing up. **Middle Left:** Tribal Member Robert Williams collects Wild Lake Rice. **Bottom Left:** Tribal Member Kevin Harris II shows off his collected Lake Rice.

Save the Date!

# Harvest Health

PLEASE JOIN NHBP THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR A SERIES OF LUNCH AND LEARN PRESENTATIONS ON TOPICS OF NATIVE NUTRITION, TRADITIONAL PRACTICES AND COOKING DEMOS. ATTEND AT LEAST THREE PRESENTATIONS TO EARN A PRIZE!

**WEDNESDAY**  
Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28  
Pine Creek Community Center  
PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH EDUCATOR  
SHELBY GIBSON AT 269.739.4422  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

OPEN TO NHBP TRIBAL ELDERS AND SPOUSES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, NON-NHBP COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC.

    
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# CIRCUIT TRAINING

GRAND RAPIDS | WEDNESDAYS | GROUP EXERCISE ROOM  
5:15 TO 6 P.M. | NOV. 7 TO DEC. 12  
Taught by NHBP Health Educator  
Brianne Parrish

PINE CREEK | THURSDAYS | COMMUNITY CENTER  
5:15 TO 6 P.M. | NOV. 1 TO DEC. 13 | NO CLASS NOV. 22  
Taught by NHBP Health Educator  
Shelby Gibson

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SECOND ANNUAL  
*Wild Rice*  
WEDNESDAY

Submitted by Communications Associate Eric McClure  
Photos by Eric McClure

Harvest. Dry. Parch. Dance. Winnow. These actions are at the heart of the Wild Ricing process and were the core message of this year's Wild Rice Wednesday presentation. The NHBP Environmental Department hosted the second annual Wild Rice Wednesday at the end of August to educate others about the importance of the Wild Rice (Mnomen) Program and kick off the season.

The cultural event, attracting nearly 70 NHBP Tribal Members, staff and community members, began with a Welcome Song performed by NHBP Tribal Member Doreece Mandoka followed by a brief overview of the importance of the event by NHBP's Environmental Director John Rodwan.

"Outreach events like Wild Rice Wednesday help to reinvigorate traditional practices and restore a holistic lifeway," Rodwan said. "This is why it's so important to share the Wild Ricing process with Tribal Members and our community."

A walkthrough demonstration of the Wild Rice collection and production process was given by Wild Rice Coordinator Lee Sprague, a Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Tribal Member.

Sprague began by detailing the collection process for Wild Rice, making sure to point out that there is an entire separate process for making the cedar Wild Ricing sticks, or knockers, used in the canoes to harvest the Wild Rice. Attendees could then try their hand at making a Wild Ricing stick using a squeeze horse, which is a seat used to hold the stick in place while shaving it down using draw knives and a cedar stick.

The Wild Rice production process was then described and demonstrated by Sprague, including drying the Rice, parching Rice in a copper kettle with a cedar paddle, Dancing on the Rice with moccasins to remove the chaff from the Rice, and winnowing the Rice in winnowing baskets to separate the chaff and Rice.

"It's important to know about the Wild Rice process to keep the natural habitat flowing the right way," Tribal Member Claude Ryan said. "It means everything that the Tribe provides events like this for us. So many of us may have never experienced this part of our culture before."

Following Sprague's demonstration, attendees were served a traditional meal, provided by FireKeepers Casino Hotel, consisting of Wild Rice, the Three Sisters vegetables dish, baked chicken and roast beef.

Tribal Member Doreece Mandoka tips his hat to thank the crowd after Drumming a Welcome Song.



Wild Rice Wednesday attendees line up for a traditional meal following the demonstrations.



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- ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR JOHN RODWAN



Tribal Member Linda Rice uses traditional tools to demonstrate carving a Wild Ricing stick.

# WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY

## TYP ROPES COURSE

Submitted by Communications Specialist Leia Fuller  
Photos by Leia Fuller

*ZIP-A-DEE-DOO-DAH, ZIP-A-DEE-AY!*

My, oh, my, what a wonderful day it was! NHBP Youth Specialists and Tribal Members traveled to Allegan Event where everyone was able to test their adventurousness on a variety of action courses. Upon arrival, youth were strapped into the harnesses for the ropes course, which helped to catch them if they were to slip and fall. Then, they carefully climbed the steps to enter the sky-high course.

"Can you believe it? I'm doing it and I'm only ten!" said Tribal Member Cordae Smith, as he was midair on the ropes course.

Smith, who was young for the course, was very excited when he was able to do all the courses that the older youth were able to do. The course had a few stories, with each story's adventures becoming more challenging as they advanced.

A hit for the day was the zip line, where youth could soar the entire length of the building. One by one, youth waited in line for the

heart-throbbing obstacle. Some Tribal Members chose to get a running start and jump off the platform, while others took a little more convincing.

"I liked the obstacle course and the zip line," Tribal Member Tyler Schmitt said. "When I first went down the zip line, I thought I was going to fall. I was so scared!"

After everyone was done with the obstacle course, they went to the rock climbing walls. There were around ten different rock climbing walls, and some even had timers on them that allowed participants to race the neighboring climbers. Youth Specialist Charmaine Mandoka, who is also an NHBP Tribal Member, got in on the action and challenged youth to a race to the top.

"I liked the rock climbing and I even beat Charmaine," Tribal Member Keyon Mandoka said.

After hours of climbing the rock walls and obstacle courses,

youth enjoyed a fresh lunch from Subway. As Tribal Members laughed with one another, they made their way back to the van after one of the last TYP sessions for the season.

"I really liked making new friends this year in TYP," Tribal Member Javier Chich said.



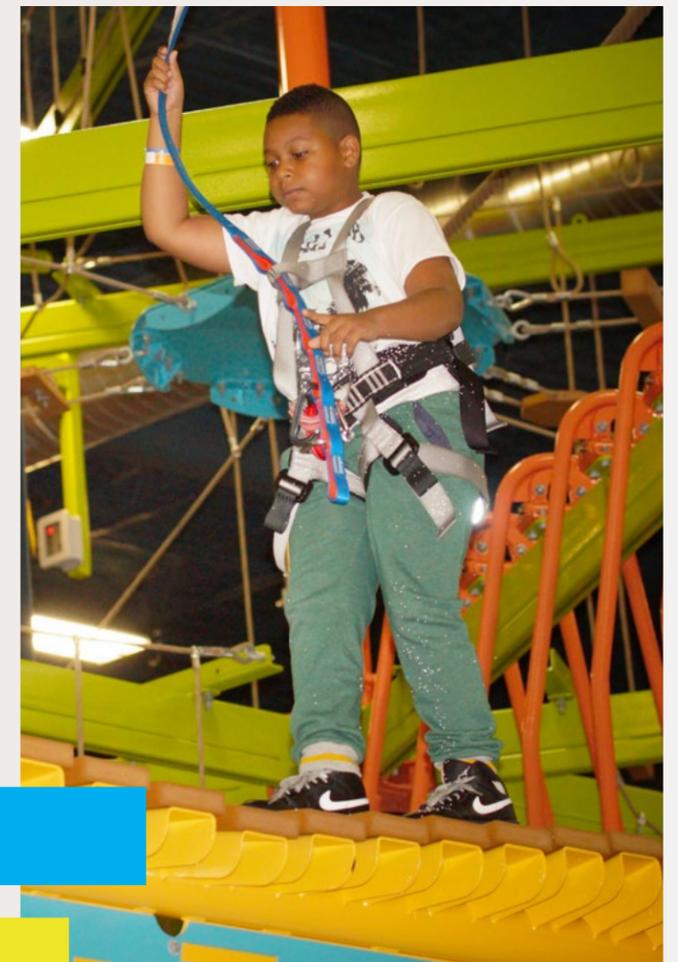
Tribal Member Lilly Pratt balances on two ropes.



Tribal Member and Youth Specialist Charmaine Mandoka races to the top with Tribal Member Keyon Mandoka.

"CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? I'M DOING IT AND I'M ONLY TEN!"

-TRIBAL MEMBER  
CORDAE SMITH



Tribal Member Cordae Smith carefully walks along the high ropes course.

# BUILDING UP NANOKASHI

S. [redacted] Northern Youth Specialist [redacted] Robinson  
 Photos by Martin Robinson

Nanokashi (Hummingbird) Group is one of Membership Services' newest initiatives that directly serves NHBP Tribal Members ages five to eight years old. Nanokashi was created so that the younger NHBP Tribal Members would have an equal opportunity to be involved in their Tribe and be able to participate in activities similar to the Tribal Youth Program. Nanokashi focuses on an array of topics including positive peer interaction and social skills.

During one particular activity, both Grand Rapids and Pine Creek area groups met in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to attend a Lego building event at the Central Library. The children

enjoyed building structures together, interacting, and practicing how to share and be respectful toward each other.

Nanokashi is working diligently to develop Tribal youth into healthy, caring and responsible young adults. Please consider having young Tribal Members join Membership Services for fun and educational adventures this year! Parents and guardians are always welcome to attend, but are not required.

Please contact a Youth Specialist listed below for any questions, or to sign your child up for the Nanokashi or Tribal Youth Programs:

**Martin Robinson**  
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 martin.robinson@nhbpi.com

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 Southern Youth Specialist  
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Tribal Members smile after their Nanokashi (Hummingbird) trip to the Lego building event at the Central Library in Kalamazoo, Michigan.



Tribal Member Ayden Steffens uses many different colored pieces to create his masterpiece.

## NHBP Encourages Child Car Seat Safety with New Program

Submitted by Communications Specialist Leia Fuller

The NHBP Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) continues to look for ways to improve the well-being of Tribal Members of all ages. To achieve that, the HHSD adopted a new program midsummer in Community Health, called the Child Safety Seat Assistance Program.

Michigan law requires that all children to be properly buckled in a child safety seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4 feet, 9 inches tall. These requirements are to ensure that all children are equipped with the proper amount of crash protection.

In order to make this program available for Tribal Members, Community Health Representative Pennie Jewell has been to numerous, weeklong trainings in order to achieve a Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) certificate. This now

allows the HHSD to assist Tribal Members and their descendants with obtaining an appropriately sized car seat for their child.

Each eligible participant will be able to receive financial assistance for one rear-facing child car seat, and as their child grows, an additional all-in-one child car seat. According to SafeKids Worldwide, an organization dedicated to protecting children from unintentional injuries, nearly 73 percent of car seats are used incorrectly.

In order to help resolve this issue, for an individual to take advantage of this program, they need to take a brief educational course about child car seat installation. To sign up for this program, or to learn more about it, please contact the HHSD at 269.729.4422.

### Program Requirements:

- NHBP Tribal Member or descendant of an NHBP Tribal Member under 4 feet, 9 inches tall
- Car seat options:
  - Rear-facing child car seats will be provided up to \$65
  - All-in-one child car seats will be provided up to \$100
- Must take the educational course and demonstrate competency before receiving the car seat

## WASÉYABEK FEDERAL SERVICES, LLC ACCEPTED INTO SBA 8(A) PROGRAM

Submitted by Waséyabek Development Company, LLC CEO Deidra Mitchell

Waséyabek Federal Services, LLC (WFS), a subsidiary of Waséyabek Development Company, LLC (WDC), which is wholly owned by NHBP, has recently been notified by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) of its acceptance into the SBA 8(a) Business Development Program. WFS completed a meticulous application process to qualify and is now positioned to start implementing its federal contracting strategy.

“Receiving 8(a) certification is the realization of a goal set by the NHBP Membership, Tribal Council, and WDC Board of Directors in 2014,” Tribal Council Chairperson Jamie Stuck said. “The program assists Tribes with providing goods and services to the U.S. government and is part of a broader economic diversification initiative

undertaken by NHBP to diversify its economy and provide career development opportunities to Tribal Members.”

WFS plans to provide general and administrative management consulting services, as well as facilities support services to federal agencies including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), General Services Administration (GSA), United States Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Energy (DoE). WFS already provides facilities support at the White House in Washington, D.C. In addition, two other WDC subsidiaries, DWH and Baker Engineering, LLC, provide financial services to the FDIC and research and development services to the Navy, Army and Air Force, respectively.

“NHBP is one of only two Tribes 8(a) certified in the State of Michigan,” said



WDC President and CEO Deidra Mitchell, who is also a managing member of Waséyabek Federal Services, LLC. “Certification allows WFS access to at least \$23 billion in small business contracts with the U.S. government in 2019, \$6 billion of which is set aside exclusively for 8(a) companies. Gaining SBA approval was an arduous process but solidifies the third element of our economic development strategy and substantially improves our future revenue potential.”

The SBA 8(a) Business Development Program assists small, disadvantaged, minority-owned businesses by limiting competition for certain contracts to businesses that are approved to participate. The duration for each 8(a) company spans nine years with a four-year developmental stage and

five-year transition stage. Within that time, SBA closely monitors the progress of the business at each stage to ensure it is accomplishing its goals and continues to meet the criteria to be considered economically and socially disadvantaged. Unlike individuals who own an 8(a) certification, Tribally-owned entities may form and operate multiple 8(a)'s because the federal government recognizes that these enterprises must provide benefits to entire communities of Tribal Members.

“8(a) certification gives WFS a valuable tool to help secure Federal contracts,” WDC Board Member Jeri Pamp said. “Now the hard work begins. The WDC board of directors looks forward to advising and monitoring the portfolio as the staff grows this additional business line and develops its full capacity over the next several years.”



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- Tribal Council Chairperson Jamie Stuck

## WASÉYABEK FEDERAL SERVICES, LLC AND WASÉYABEK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC HIRES NEW EMPLOYEES

Submitted by Waséyabek Development Company, LLC CEO Deidra Mitchell

Dean Drake was recently hired as the Vice President of Waséyabek Federal Services, LLC (WFS). Drake has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tennessee Tech University and a strong technical background in machine design, thermodynamics, heat transfer and HVAC systems. As the new vice president, Drake brings experience as a highly motivated and skilled leader in the execution of missions and programs



Vice President Dean Drake.

associated with nuclear and non-nuclear facilities within the federal sector.

During Drake's 30 years of experience managing various programs and facilities within the Department of Energy, he gained a thorough knowledge of integrated safety management system principles including conduct of operations and maintenance, radiological controls, emergency management, disciplined conduct of projects, and work planning and control.

Drake infuses his project teams with a strong commitment to personnel safety and the safety of the plant, as well as a commitment to compliance with technical safety requirements, documented safety analysis and other facility safety basis documents. Drake's primary focus is expanding the WFS federal market in the areas of facility support, base operations and construction management.

Brandon Bott joins Waséyabek Development Company, LLC as the Controller. Bott holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Ferris State University and a Master of Business Administration from Grand Valley State University. Bott brings over eight years of extensive



Controller Brandon Bott.

accounting and controller experience with a background in government contracting, cash flow analysis and implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems. Prior to joining WDC, Bott worked as the controller for an aerospace engineering company in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

As WDC's Controller, Bott is responsible for overseeing the organization's monthly, quarterly and annual financial reporting, system controls, acquisition and disposition financial modeling, investment analysis and annual roll-up activities of subsidiary companies.

Life outside of work includes running, camping, cooking and spending time with his family.

Erik Frost serves as the Executive Assistant to President and CEO of WDC Deidra



Executive Assistant Erik Frost.

Mitchell. Frost holds a bachelor's degree from Hope College and a master's degree from Central Michigan University. While in school, Frost lived and studied in México, Spain and Chile. He also was a four-year varsity tennis player.

Frost has over 10 years of executive support experience, serving as a Judicial Assistant in the State's District Court and as a Senior Legal Assistant at the state of Michigan. While at the District Court, Frost was a member of the Domestic Violence Court, administering a federal grant to aid victims of domestic violence in the community. Most recently, Frost lived in Seattle, Washington, where he worked for the Office of the Attorney General.

Frost currently resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He enjoys playing golf, tennis, pickleball, disc golf, traveling and spending time with his two nephews.

# Speaking of Feasts

## Guest Speaker of the Potawatomi Language Teaches Language Class on the Topic of Feasts

Submitted by Communications Associate Xander Wedel  
Photos by Xander Wedel

As NHBP's Fall Ceremonies commenced this year, the Culture Department hosted a Language Class for Tribal Members with instructor Don Perrot, a fluent speaker of the Potawatomi language. Perrot spoke on the topic of Potawatomi Feasts and provided terminology explaining how to say different ways of eating, times of the day while eating and even translations for a variety of foods. However, the class became so much more than just lists of translations, spoken pronunciations and grammatical explanations when Perrot began to talk about his own experiences with Potawatomi Feasts.

Perrot's approach to teaching the class journeyed everyone through his own life experiences with Feast while in his youth. His storytelling approach described how monumental the event of a Feast actually is for Potawatomi People, with everyone working together under the guidance of the Elders in preparation for the ceremony. The Feast itself would not only



Tribal Members listen and take notes during the Language Class.

include food, but Songs and prayer as well, acting as a way to verbally pass the Potawatomi language to the youth. One of the highlights of these events would be the different orators who would tell stories. In fact, those who told stories even seemed like celebrities to many Tribal Members.

"It was a special time with special food and special people," Perrot said. "A skillful orator would make you hungry, spiritually."

Perrot has made his life's purpose to write and record as much of the Potawatomi language as he can and is currently in the works of writing a book to fulfill this goal. However, he was quick to note that although he has spent most of his life archiving the language, inevitably, all written Potawatomi language cannot equate to actually hearing the language spoken.

"The real Potawatomi language cannot be written because it is a sound, and the Roman alphabet cannot accurately reflect this sound," Perrot said.

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**"The real  
Potawatomi Language  
cannot be written  
because it is a sound!"**

– Don Perrot

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Perrot was full of knowledge in regard to the Potawatomi language and in knowing how to encourage everyone in attendance. He encouraged Tribal Members to continue to be intentional in their beliefs and to carry on a spiritual hunger to learn more of the Potawatomi language. The Culture Department plans to host another Language Class mid-November and urges Tribal Members to attend the event. As a closing thought, Perrot challenged the participants to work together to further revitalize their language.

"The nature of the Tribe has nothing to do with 'I', but it has everything to do with 'we,'" Perrot said.



Don Perrot, fluent speaker of the Potawatomi language, explains that the meaning of the word Migwéch goes beyond 'thank you,' and includes 'I will give again.'



Citizens Potawatomi Nations Tribal Member Lakota Pochedley and NHBP Tribal Member Charles Hendrix laugh at a joke regarding a funny mistranslation.

**"A skillful  
orator  
would make  
you hungry,  
spiritually."**

– Don Perrot

# Painting Plum Trees

Native American Artist Creates ArtPrize Mural

**"I love seeing traditional techniques in commune with current life."**

**- Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Member Alan Compo**

Submitted by Communications Associate Xander Wedel  
Photos by Xander Wedel

ArtPrize has become a widely popular event over the last 10 years. This year, with over 1400 artists involved, attendees had the opportunity to see a variety of works including everything from abstract sculptures to freshly painted street art. Of these artists, Alan Compo, a Tribal Member from the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians, sought to educate and influence with his entry "Anishinaabek."

After hearing that the city of Grand Rapids was interested in featuring more Native American artwork throughout their community, Compo offered to create a mural in the tunnel underneath Pearl Bridge just outside the Grand Rapids Public Museum. The mural would depict the Grand River of Ottawa women Dancing around the plum trees during the ceremonies that used to take place on the bank of the river.

Once the city began to develop, the plum trees were removed from the bank of Grand River. By painting this mural, Compo sought to tell the story of the First Peoples of Grand River and bring their history back to life. The city of Grand Rapids loved Compo's idea for the mural and with its creation, planted a new plum tree to honor Indigenous People. In addition, a plaque was also installed to explain the meaning behind the artwork and trees.



Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Member Alan Compo stands in the stairwell leading to his mural to see how how he can improve his piece.

The mural took several days to complete and spanned over 80 feet under the tunnel along the Grand River. Initially, Compo planned to only paint the interior walls of the underpass, but as he began to work he saw a vision for how much more the mural could be. With only a couple of weeks until the event, Compo began to expand his work from the walls to include the ceiling, floor and outer stairwell leading into the tunnel. With focus and determination, the woodland style flourishes grew all throughout the space and encompassed the entire tunnel as Compo painted honoring Native Americans. Additionally, Compo installed a lighting element to cast a blue light over the mural.

"I love seeing traditional techniques in commune with current life," Compo said.

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place September 23, commemorating the finished work. The event included Smudging, Hand Drumming and an explanation from the Elders about the history of the Grand River, its plum trees and how Compo's mural would stand to represent the Grand River's Indigenous Peoples.

The event concluded after a Water Ceremony by the women of the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians. As a last remark, Compo spoke to the friends, family and

general public who came to see his work. Remarkably, the venue at which this work was exhibited was recognized on the jurors' shortlist as one of the best venues during ArtPrize 10.

"I am thankful that I got to put this story on a wall and that everyone can see it," Compo said.



Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Members gather by the tunnel prior to a water ceremony.

# Standing with Victims: NHBP Presents 5K Proceeds to S.A.F.E. Place

Submitted by Communications Associate Eric McClure | Photo by Eric McClure

NHBP proudly presented the S.A.F.E. Place Shelter of Battle Creek, Michigan, with \$2,842.40 in proceeds raised during the 2018 Light Up the Rez 5K and Turtle Trot during a check presentation earlier this year. Each year, the Light Up the Rez 5K and Turtle Trot proceeds are presented to a charity. For the 2018 event, which had a record turnout of 255 participants, S.A.F.E. Place was chosen in honor of the late NHBP Tribal Council Secretary Christine Lanning who served on the S.A.F.E. Place Shelter's Board of Directors for five years.

"Each time a group or organization chooses to donate time and money, it sends the message that we're in this together," said S.A.F.E. Place Philanthropy and Public Relations Manager Laura Otte. "It sends a message to clients in the shelter that other people care, that there are

businesses and organizations that see them and care about their safety and well-being."

As the second largest shelter in the state of Michigan, S.A.F.E. Place provides an emergency shelter and a crisis line for victims of domestic violence, both of which are in operation 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. In addition to serving as a shelter, S.A.F.E. Place also provides a wide variety of domestic violence-related services, all of which are confidential, free of charge and available for both shelter residents and to the public. Some of these services include counseling, legal advocacy, children's advocacy, and assistance maintaining safe and affordable housing.

NHBP has partnered with S.A.F.E. Place in several ways in the past, including the annual S.A.F.E.

Place Celebrity Server Dinner and Auction. This event, along with others throughout the year, help to raise desperately needed funds to maintain the shelter, as well as the important services that it provides.

"Many of the women and children who seek out S.A.F.E. Place come with literally the clothes on their back and nothing else," Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Patti McClure said. "A donation like this goes to services, not salaries. It helps to make a place that people go to in a time of great stress or fear, into more of a home. Whether that is a blanket, or arts and crafts for a child, or the ability to have more than a few articles of clothing for a family. It is more impactful than we realize."

For more information or for assistance related to domestic violence, please contact Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Patti McClure at 269.704.8396 or 269.312.4164.

You may also call S.A.F.E. Place's 24-hour crisis line at 269.965.SAFE (7233) or 888.664.9832.

For more information about how you can help those at S.A.F.E. Place, through volunteering or donations, visit: [www.safeplaceshelter.org/how-you-can-help.html](http://www.safeplaceshelter.org/how-you-can-help.html) or follow S.A.F.E. Place on Facebook.



L-R: NHBP Community Health Representative Pennie Jewell, NHBP Health Educator Shelby Gibson, S.A.F.E. Place Philanthropy and PR Manager Laura Otte, S.A.F.E. Place Legal Advocate Margo Cummings, S.A.F.E. Place Shelter Director and Legal Advocate Melissa Smith, Tribal Member and S.A.F.E. Place volunteer Drew Phillips, and NHBP Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Patti McClure.

# Tribal Police Officers Participate in Force-on-Force Training

Submitted by Communications Associate Eric McClure  
Photo by Eric McClure

Practice makes perfect and perfecting the skills and techniques of police officers remains one of the key missions of the NHBP Tribal Police Department, who collaborated with the Calhoun County Sheriff Department and the Emmett Township Department of Public Safety to provide Force-on-Force training for Tribal Police Officers. Force-on-Force refers to training in which officers are able to experience real-life scenarios in a contained and controlled environment.

During the Force-on-Force training, Tribal Police Officers participated in several different scenarios, each designed to utilize officers' skills and different aspects of prior training. For newer officers, the training was an opportunity to gain experience in handling different types of incidents. For more experienced officers, it served as an opportunity to keep their skills sharp and to develop different ways to better handle incidents they may have previously encountered.

"Training like this can cover all kinds of topics from communicating with an Alzheimer's patient and striving to use good safety tactics, to using a firearm with the proper techniques," said School Resource Officer Frank Rugg, who served as the instructor for the training. "It also serves to help build the department's camaraderie, as well as communication between officers both before and after the scenarios, discussing what an officer should or shouldn't do in each situation."

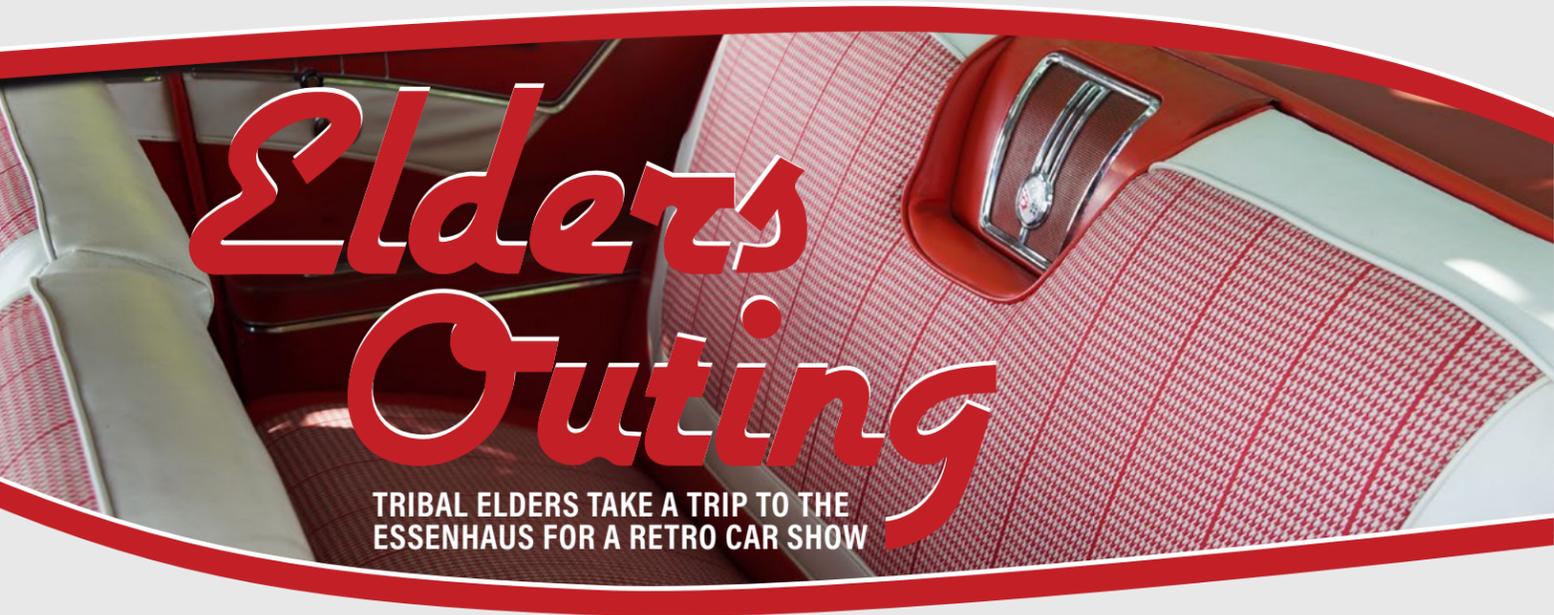
Each scenario is based off a previous situation an officer may have encountered, such as an on-scene response to a call or even a traffic stop. The previous situations are researched and examined from different points of view by instructors, which allows them to recreate the situation to ensure the safety of all participants, which is always top priority. The department also hopes to include other law enforcement departments in future Force-on-Force trainings, in order to help ensure all

entities have an equal level of training due to frequent coordinating with one another.

"As the instructor, I already know what the outcome of the scenario should look like," Rugg said. "Sometimes our officers come up with different ideas and techniques to handle the situation, but still arrive at the same outcome. So, I'm always learning from our officers in each scenario in that aspect."



L-R: Tribal Police Officers Larry Juday and Todd Turner, Emmett Township Public Safety Officer and School Resource Officer Rich Mackey, and Tribal Police Officer Holly Nava debrief following a Force-on-Force scenario.



TRIBAL ELDERS TAKE A TRIP TO THE ESSENHAUS FOR A RETRO CAR SHOW

Submitted by Communications Associate Xander Wedel  
Photos by Xander Wedel

The glister of a pearl paint finish and the shine of chrome trimmed body are enough to make almost anyone stop to appreciate a classic car for its detail and craftsmanship. It is no surprise that car shows are popular events these days. Simply based on the sheer amount of nostalgia one gets from admiring each of the different makes and models, along with the sense of community that comes with each show, the presence of these occasions continues to grow. So what is better than an Elders outing to Das Dutchman Essenhaus in Indiana for food, shopping and of course, a classic car show?

The Elders day started with everyone enjoying lunch together, which included a variety of traditional Amish food options. The mealtime was a great opportunity for Elders to catch up on each other's lives since Elders from all over Michigan were in attendance.

"When we all get together it helps keep a sense of community," Tribal Elder Terri Hubbell said.

After the group finished lunch, they browsed various shops in the area before the car show began. Leading

up to the car show, classic cars could be seen pulling into different areas based on their make and model. Some Elders began to walk around the area to get sneak peaks of the stunning cars.

"We just love this stuff," Community member Ronda Collyer said. "The trucks just get my heart."

The group decided to sit at a picnic table in preparation for the show. Oldies were playing over the outdoor speakers, the sun was shining and memories were rising as the Elders began to reminisce over old jobs, family and friends. As the evening came to a close, the Elders expressed their excitement for their next trip to the windy city of Chicago.

"I am excited to go to Chicago," Tribal Elder Juanita Sandoval said. "Mainly because I get to go shopping."

The Elders outing was a time to connect, laugh and reflect on the good old days. The nostalgia of the day was a great occasion to look forward to the future of new experiences and to create future memories with each other.



Tribal Elder Gary Collyer and his wife, Ronda, observe the interior of a classic car during the afternoon's car show.

“WHEN WE ALL GET TOGETHER  
IT HELPS KEEP A SENSE  
OF COMMUNITY”

- TRIBAL ELDER TERRI HUBBELL



Tribal Elder Sandy Butcher and Community member Barb Anderson enjoy a sunny day outside the Essenhaus.



Tribal Elders and guests gather after lunch at the Essenhaus and prepare for shopping, classic cars and new memories.

## GIWSÉ GIZES {HUNTING MOON} NOVEMBER WORD SEARCH - SHISHIBÉ WORDS WE ARE USING

H S I A Q S F K B T S J G T M  
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- BANCHEGÉT** – JANITOR
- DBEKOK** – LAST NIGHT
- MDAMNESHK** – CORN HUSK
- PKWAKIWEN** – HILLY
- TKESGEN** – ICEBOX
- BIDEK** – INSIDE
- GIWSÉGIZES** – HUNTING MOON
- NANOKASHI** – HUMMINGBIRD
- PKWÉZH GAS** – COOKIE
- WAWYÉGIZES** – FULL MOON
- DBEKGIZES** – MOON
- KYÉBDON** – BE MUTE
- NAPKEWAGEN** – NECKLACE
- SKIGEM** – MUCUS, SNOT
- ZAGÉNDEM** – NERVOUS

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Please have your submission in before the 9th of each month for a chance at winning a gift valued at \$50.  
**Mail to:** Culture Department, 1485 Mno-Bmadzewen Way, Fulton, Michigan 49052.  
**Or email your submission to:** Mon-ee Zapata at [mzapata@nhbpi.com](mailto:mzapata@nhbpi.com) or Henry Medawis IV at [henry.medawis@nhbpi.com](mailto:henry.medawis@nhbpi.com)

### The October Word Search Winner: William A. Daniels

## GIWSÉ GIZES | HUNTING MOON

Giwsé Gizes (Hunting Moon) is the full moon in November. This is the time the deer are moving slower and ready to hunt, and the late fall foliage offers natural cover for the hunter.

Full Moon: November 23 | New Moon: November 7

*Healthy Start Play Date*  
**Winter Celebration!**

**FRIDAY, DEC. 7**  
 Pine Creek Community Center  
 6 to 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 14**  
 Grand Rapids Community Center  
 6 to 8 p.m.

**NHBP Elders and enrolled families of Nanokashi and Healthy Start Programs are invited to attend!**

Join NHBP for a multigenerational, winter celebration! Enjoy an evening filled with a community art project, gingerbread decorating contest and the best part of all – making memories!

Dinner will be served. For more information, please contact Tribal Early Childhood Specialist Kailey Cline at 616.514.3635. Please RSVP by Nov. 24 at: [members.nhbpi.org/healthy-start-play-date](http://members.nhbpi.org/healthy-start-play-date)

**NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI**  
 A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

# Save the Date! Motherhood is Sacred

A 12 week program celebrating Native American mothers through the Motherhood is Sacred curriculum developed by the Native American Fatherhood and Families Association. Dinner will be included.

Open to mothers and grandmothers of NHBP Tribal Members or descendants, or other federally recognized Tribes.

**Mondays,**  
 Sept. 10 to Nov. 26  
 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
 Pine Creek Community Center Library

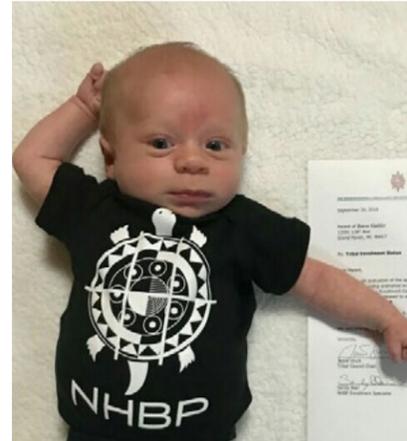
To register please contact  
 Prevention Worker  
 Love Kiracofe  
 at 269.729.4422



BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS



**Austin Mandoka and Huey Simpkins**  
{Nov. 15 and Nov. 26}  
Happy Birthday Huey Simpkins and Austin Mandoka!  
Love,  
Your Family



**Blaine John Kladder**  
{Aug. 18, 2018}  
Welcome to the Tribe.  
Our newest Tribal Member.  
Love,  
Your Family



**Maizie Irwin and Holly Christy**  
{Nov. 26 and Aug. 24}  
Happy Birthday Holly Christy and Maizie Irwin.  
Love,  
Your Family



**Brooklyn Goldner**  
{Nov. 20}  
Happy Birthday my sweet Brooklyn. You have a heart of gold and are always so willing to help or assist anyone with anything.  
Love you,  
Grandi and Family



**Kendall Goldner**  
{Nov. 20}  
Happy Birthday my darling Kendall. You're turning seven years old and you know more than your Grandi. Love you to infinity and beyond.  
Love,  
Grandi and Family



**Lawrence Ross Jr. "L.J."**  
{Nov. 21}  
Wishing you a Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday! We love you so much!  
Love,  
Your Family



**Logan Mandoka**  
{Congratulations}  
Congratulations, Logan!  
We wish nothing but the best with your future!  
Love,  
Your Family



**Haley Irwin and Austin Mandoka**  
{Nov. 15 and Nov. 19}  
Happy Birthday Haley Irwin and Austin Mandoka!  
Love,  
Your Family



**Jeff Chivis and Elizabeth Pigeon**  
{Sept. 8, 2018}  
Wishing you a wonderful and amazing journey together. Congratulations on your wedding!  
Love,  
The Chivis Family



**Haileigh Taylor**  
{Oct. 25}  
Happy birthday!  
Love,  
Dad, Mom and Landyn



**Shirley Corey-Ten Brink**  
{Nov. 29}  
Happy Birthday!  
Love,  
Daddy, Mommy, Clark, Karl, Laurence, Sandy and Clara



**Sandy Ten Brink**  
{Nov. 14}  
Happy Birthday!  
Love,  
Daddy, Mommy, Clark, Karl, Laurence, Clara and Shirley

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Thursday, Nov. 22**  
**All NHBP Offices Closed**  
**for Thanksgiving**

**Friday, Nov. 23**  
**All NHBP Offices Closed**  
**for Thanksgiving**

## OPEN TO ELDERS

**Thursday, Nov. 1**  
**Elders Committee**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**11 a.m.**

**Monday, Nov. 5**  
**Elders Craft Night**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**4 to 8 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 7**  
**Senior Fitness and Fun**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**11 a.m. to Noon**

**Saturday, Nov. 10**  
**Merging Generations**  
Airway Lanes, 5626 Portage Road  
Portage, MI 49002  
**11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Monday, Nov. 12**  
**Elders Craft Night**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**4 to 8 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**  
**Elders ShiShiBé**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**12:30 to 3 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 14**  
**Senior Fitness and Fun**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**11 a.m. to Noon**

**Monday, Nov. 19**  
**Elders Craft Night**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**4 to 8 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 21**  
**Senior Fitness and Fun**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**11 a.m. to Noon**

**Monday, Nov. 26**  
**Elders Craft Night**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**4 to 8 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 28**  
**Senior Fitness and Fun**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**11 a.m. to Noon**

## OPEN TO YOUTH

**Thursday, Nov. 1**  
**Northern TYP**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Friday, Nov. 2**  
**Healthy Start Play Date**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**10 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Monday, Nov. 5**  
**Southern TYP**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**5 to 7 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**  
**Northern TYP**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, Nov. 8**  
**Northern TYP**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Friday, Nov. 9**  
**Healthy Start Play Date**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**10 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, Nov. 10**  
**Merging Generations**  
Airway Lanes, 5626 Portage Road  
Portage, MI 49002  
**11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**  
**Northern TYP**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, Nov. 15**  
**Northern TYP**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Friday, Nov. 16**  
**Nanokashi**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Monday, Nov. 19**  
**Southern TYP**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**5 to 7 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Nov. 20**  
**Northern TYP**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Monday, Nov. 26**  
**Southern TYP**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**5 to 7 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Nov. 27**  
**ShiShiBé with TYP**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, Nov. 29**  
**Northern TYP**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

## OPEN TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS

**Thursday, Nov. 1**  
**Crafting and Talking Circle**  
Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**1 to 3 p.m.**

**Veterans Committee**  
Pine Creek Government Center  
Conference Room 121  
**3 p.m.**

**Language Class**  
Pine Creek Government Center  
Conference Room 121  
**5 to 8 p.m.**

**Exercise Class**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**5:15 to 6 p.m.**

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

**Saturday, Nov. 3**  
**Spirit Supper**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**4 to 8 p.m.**

**Monday, Nov. 5**  
**Culture Workshop**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**4 to 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 7**  
**Harvest Health Lunch**  
**and Learn**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**Noon to 1 p.m.**

**ShiShiBé**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**5 to 7 p.m.**

**Exercise Class**  
Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**5:15 to 6 p.m.**

**Wellbriety Recovery**  
**Support Group**  
Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**6 p.m.**

**Thursday, Nov. 8**  
**Tribal Council**  
**Business Meeting**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**11 a.m.**

**Crafting and Talking Circle**  
Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**1 to 3 p.m.**

**Language Class**  
Pine Creek Government Center  
Conference Room 121  
**5 to 8 p.m.**

**Exercise Class**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**5:15 to 6 p.m.**

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

**Monday, Nov. 12**  
**Veterans Day Celebration**  
FireKeepers Casino Hotel  
**Noon**

**Culture Workshop**  
Grand Rapids Community Center  
**4 to 7 p.m.**

**Men's Drum Workshop**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**5 to 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 14**  
**Harvest Health Lunch**  
**and Learn**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**Noon to 1 p.m.**

**Culture Workshop**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**4 to 7 p.m.**

**Exercise Class**  
Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**5:15 to 6 p.m.**

**Wellbriety Recovery**  
**Support Group**  
Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**6 p.m.**

**Thursday, Nov. 15**  
**Crafting and Talking Circle**  
Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**1 to 3 p.m.**

**Language Class**  
Pine Creek Government Center  
Conference Room 121  
**5 to 8 p.m.**

**Exercise Class**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**5:15 to 6 p.m.**

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

**Friday, Nov. 16**  
**Language Immersion**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**Noon to 5 p.m.**

**Community Dinner**  
Pine Creek Community Center  
**5 to 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, Nov. 17  
Veterans Round Dance  
and Feast**

Pine Creek Community Center  
**5 p.m.**

**Monday, Nov. 19  
Hold it for the Holidays  
Weigh In**

Grand Haven Community Center  
**4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Culture Workshop**

Grand Rapids Community Center  
**4 to 7 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Nov. 20  
Hold it for the Holidays  
Weigh In**

Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 21  
Hold it for the Holidays  
Weigh In**

Pine Creek Health Facility  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Harvest Health Lunch  
and Learn**

Pine Creek Community Center  
**Noon to 1 p.m.**

**Culture Workshop**

Pine Creek Community Center  
**4 to 7 p.m.**

**Exercise Class**

Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**5:15 to 6 p.m.**

**Wellbriety Recovery  
Support Group**

Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**6 p.m.**

**Monday, Nov. 26  
Culture Workshop**

Grand Rapids Community Center  
**4 to 7 p.m.**

**Men's Drum Workshop**

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 27  
ShiShiBé with TYP**

Grand Rapids Community Center  
**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 28  
Harvest Health Lunch  
and Learn**

Pine Creek Community Center  
**Noon to 1 p.m.**

**Exercise Class**

Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**5:15 to 6 p.m.**

**Wellbriety Recovery  
Support Group**

Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**6 p.m.**

**Thursday, Nov. 29  
Crafting and Talking Circle**

Grand Rapids Health Facility  
**1 to 3 p.m.**

**Language Class**

Pine Creek Government Center  
Conference Room 121  
**5 to 8 p.m.**

**Exercise Class**

Pine Creek Community Center  
**5:15 to 6 p.m.**

**AA Meeting**

Pine Creek Community Center  
**7 to 8 p.m.**

# NHBP Completes its Fourth Egwageygo Getsimnaben (Repatriation) Ceremony

Submitted by Tribal Council Treasurer Dr. Jeff Chivis

Photo by the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology



NHBP Tribal Members and staff participate in the fourth Egwageygo Getsimnaben (Repatriation) Ceremony.

On August 22, NHBP completed its fourth Egwageygo Getsimnaben (Repatriation of Ancestral Remains) Ceremony, including the reburial of seven Ancestors from the University of Pennsylvania and an additional Ancestor transferred to the Tribe earlier in 2018. The reburial occurred in the Tribe's Nanoshkazhi Jibeyki (Hummingbird Spirit Land) cemetery.

The project was led by Tribal Council Treasurer Dr. Jeff Chivis, members of the Veterans Committee including Dale Anderson, Gary Collyer and Doug Taylor, as well as Culture Department staff including Manager Fred Jacko, Tribal Member and Cultural Specialist Kevin Harris II, Cultural Associate Mike Medawis, and Cultural Associate and Tribal Member Tracy Beavers, along with

the spiritual consultant Elizabeth Chivis. Many Community and Tribal Members assisted as lodge helpers and Fire Keepers, among other tasks. The Planning Department was also awarded a NAGPRA Repatriation Grant from the National Park Service, covering all costs of the Repatriation.

The seven Ancestors from the University of Pennsylvania were dug up and removed from various locations in the Midwest: one from northern Ohio, two from unknown locations in Michigan and four from the Detroit area. Interestingly enough, three of the four Ancestors from the Detroit region were brought from the same burial mound complex as Ancestors that

NHBP reburied back in 2014. It is noteworthy that NHBP was able to reunite those family members in the same cemetery once again. As for how old the Ancestral remains are, seven likely date to between 1600 A.D. and the late-1700s, while one dates to as early as 1,000 A.D.

This Repatriation completed a project that was five years in the making, having been initiated in 2013. Repatriation is important for several reasons. Not only is it ethical to retrieve our Ancestors who were unjustly dug up from their original burials, but it is also important politically today to reaffirm our legal ties and treaty rights to our aboriginal territories. All subsequent Repatriations only act to further strengthen those ties.

## YOUR FEEDBACK IS APPRECIATED!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Community Health Needs Assessment and the Community Health Input Luncheon. We have been working hard to put your suggestions into action! Please take a moment to review the draft Community Health Improvement Plan on the Members Only website and provide feedback.

**Feedback and questions can also be directed to Community Health Outreach Manager Emily VanderKlok at [emily.vanderklok@nhbp.org](mailto:emily.vanderklok@nhbp.org) or 616.249.0159. Migwéch!**



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