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If you have an article, announcement or information to submit to the Turtle Press, please send to: turtlepress@nhbpi.com.

Information for the Turtle Press is due on the first day of each month, for next month's edition. Birthday submissions (one photo per submission) are due by the 10th day of the month. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the deadline moves to the next business day.

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
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Inset photo: Tribal youth Avrian Keith watches as a goat nibbles away at the food in his hand.

Photo: Jaky Replogle

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Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday at 11 a.m. on December 8 at the Pine Creek Community Center

December Committee Meeting Schedules

Thursday, December 1

Elders Committee - 10 a.m. (Pine Creek Community Center)

Committee Vacancies

Tribal Emergency Preparedness Committee

Two Vacancies; Open Until Filled

Education Committee

One Vacancy; Open Until Filled

Culture Committee

One Vacancy; Open Until Filled

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

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.



NHBP ELDERS!

Please join us for a Spring Fling Dance on March 3!

Don't miss out on this fun opportunity to get together, dance and socialize!

WHERE:

311 State Street
Grand Rapids, MI

TIME:

6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, please contact Grace Chivis at 269.704.8419 or gchivis@nhbpi.com



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NEW! Online Birthday Submissions for Turtle Press!

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Do you have a birthday, anniversary, celebratory announcement or article you want included in the next Turtle Press?

Good news! You can now submit your information directly online by going to the Members Only site, and it's fast and easy.

1. Log in to the Members Only page.
<http://members.nhbpi.org/>
2. Click on the Turtle Press submission link.
3. Fill out and submit the form.
4. Wait for your confirmation email.

We look forward to seeing your submission.



TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

Announcement About Limited Opening of Enrollment

- At the July 21 Tribal Council business meeting, the Tribal Council granted a limited opening of enrollment for a specific period of time from July 22 until Dec. 29.
- Applications will be accepted only from persons who were under the age of 18 as of enrollment closure on Feb. 6, 2010 (this means those who were born on or after Feb. 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 Diploma: If you have recently graduated from high school or received your 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.

Bereavement Benefits: The Bereavement Benefit

program was adopted in January 2012. The Bereavement Benefit consists of \$10,000 to pay funeral costs for enrolled Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (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 addresses 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.

Willie F. McKenzie III
Justin A. Thier
Brianna G. Wesley

UNDELIVERABLE PER CAPITA

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 addresses. 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.

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

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.

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 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 12 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 timely submitted, the per capita payment for such Members shall be deposited in the Member's minor trust account.

Please contact the Enrollment Office with any questions at 269.729.5151.



ATTENTION!
TRIBAL ENROLLMENT
CLOSES DECEMBER 29
AT 5 P.M.

See pg. 5 for more details

Head Start Costume Party Parade

Submitted by Communications Specialist Brittany VanSnepton
Photo by Jaky Replogle

On October 27, the Pine Creek Reservation Head Start program participated in a costume party parade among the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribal government offices. Seventeen students showed up to partake in the Halloween festivities and were accompanied by their adult chaperones.

"The children have been excited all week with the thought of trick-or-treating," Family Service Coordinator Robert Fillmore said. "They had been talking about how much candy they were going to get and about what they were each dressing up as."

Outfitted as roaring dinosaurs, precious puppies, pretty princesses, a fierce Batman, a bubbly Big Boy, a little cat lady and many more, the children made their rounds visiting each department. In preparation, each department was able to adorn their areas with spooky, magical and hauntingly funny decorations while passing out toys or sweet little goodies to the children as they paraded about in their creative costumes.

The sound of excited voices filled the building as the children ventured from one department to the next. Their continued chorus of "trick-or-treat" as they passed each person handing out candy slowly turned into exclamations of joy as they realized just how quickly their candy bags were filling up. By the



Ameris Keith gleefully drags her heavy bag of candy behind her.

time they made their full rounds, more than one adult chaperone was seen trailing behind the children holding their bags of treats after childish whispers of "that's a lot" or "it's too heavy" met their ears.

Overall, the outing was a bountiful success as each child left with a treasure trove of goodies to take home with them.



Tribal Member Completes Chicago Marathon

Submitted by Communications Specialist Brittany VanSnepson
Photo by Don Elwell

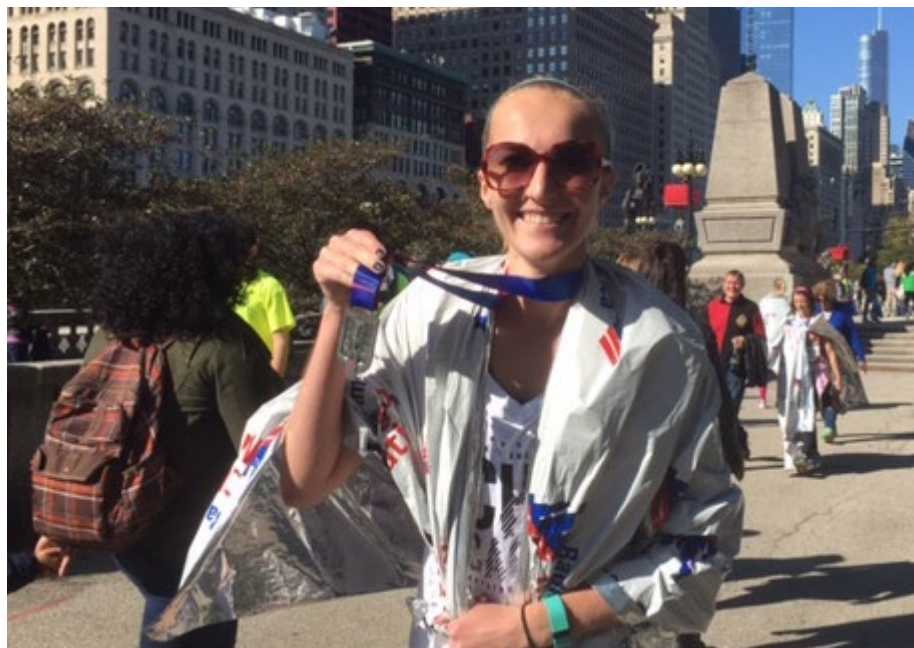
On October 9, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribal Member Allie Elwell completed all 26.2 miles of the Chicago Marathon. Elwell ran the marathon in 5 hours, 47 minutes and 58 seconds with an average pace of 13 minutes and 3 seconds per mile.

Elwell started running a little less than two years ago when she found herself encountering a lot of stress in college. Soon she wanted to see how far she could push herself and ran her first 5K for breast cancer awareness on behalf of her mother, NHBP Tribal Member Abbe Elwell, who is a breast cancer survivor.

According to Elwell, she never concentrated on her timing but, rather, ran for enjoyment by focusing more on improving her distance. Eventually she decided to test her limits by completing a full marathon, and took it a step further by applying to the Chicago Marathon.

"It's one of the Abbott World Marathon Majors," Elwell said. In other words, it's one of six of the world's most renowned marathons. It's so famous that runners from all around the globe must meet qualifying standards just to get in and, even then, only a select few are chosen. Others get entered in through a lottery system.

On race day, Elwell claimed to be extremely nervous and a little



Allie Elwell proudly displays her finisher's medal from the Chicago marathon.

superstitious, keeping a lucky stone her father gave her in her runner's pouch. She also found motivation and encouragement from the surrounding crowds.

"There were spectators with signs cheering the entire 26.2 miles," Elwell said. "Strangers were giving everyone high-fives and the atmosphere was so happy."

During the race, Elwell insisted on chanting mantras like "keep going" or "your legs aren't giving up, your head is." She claims that they kept her calm and centered, and ultimately helped her to reach the finish line.

"Right after, I went and got a deep dish pizza," laughed Elwell.

According to Elwell, she enjoyed the entire experience and encourages NHBP Tribal Members who are interested in running to pace themselves and figure out what works for them, without comparing themselves to others.

"I'll be running for life," Elwell said. "I've decided to stick with half-marathons, while I plan to do 5Ks and 10Ks for charity."

Elwell is currently in graduate school at Northwestern University working on a Master of Science degree in Speech Pathology. She is scheduled to run the American Family Fitness Half Marathon in Richmond, Virginia in November.

Spooky Spectacular at Binder Park Zoo

Submitted by Communications Department Staff
Photos by Jaky Replogle

On Saturday, October 29, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribal Members and their families enjoyed a family outing to Binder Park Zoo. At the zoo, Tribal Members were able to trek the trick-or-treat trail before boarding a hay ride for additional fun.

Children came dressed up in a variety of spooky and imaginative outfits, including a Queen of Hearts,

Maleficent, a nurse, action heroes, a vampire, a mermaid and other fantastical creations. Those who attended had access to multiple animal presentations, games, blacklight mini golf and much more as they ventured across the zoo grounds.

Tribal Member Callie Day, who was dressed up as a pink skeleton girl, said she was super excited to see her favorite animal, a monkey.

Other Tribal youth commented that they loved seeing all of the spooky ghosts and goblins, not to mention all of the candy!

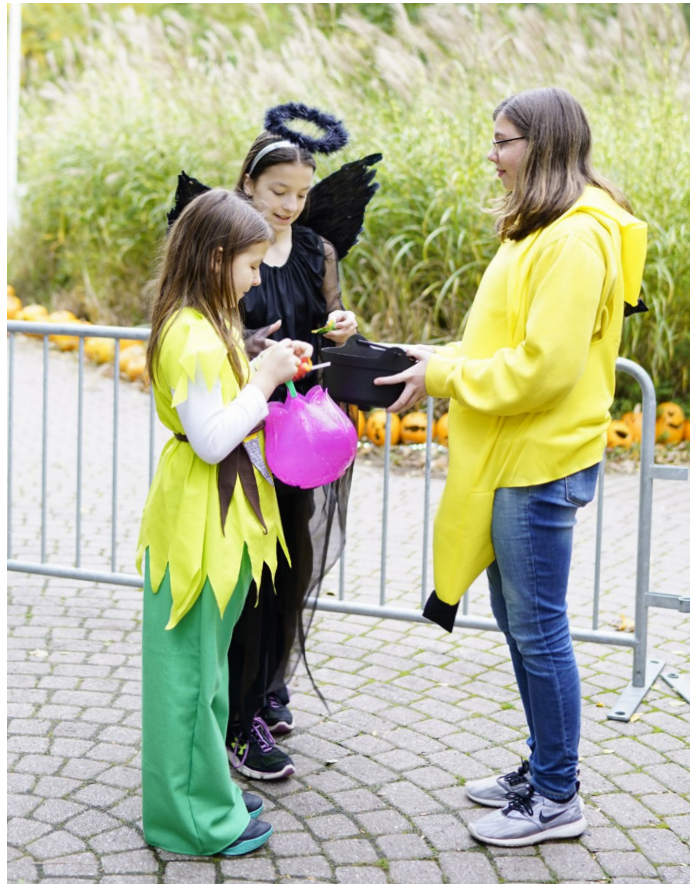
To learn about more activities available to NHBP Tribal Members and their families, please contact Membership Services Administrative Assistant Grace Chivis at gchivis@nhbpi.com or 269.704.8419.



Brooklyn Mandoka, Charley Williams and Jamaria Young have fun as they dress up and trick-or-treat at Binder Park Zoo.



Callie Day spooks people with her pink skeleton costume!



Anna-Marie and Sonya Vorce both enjoy their candy almost immediately.



Tribal Members play games and have fun at the Halloween event.

Tribal Youth Cake Boss

With Creative Cake Artist Andrea Roque

Submitted by Membership Services Programs Coordinator Camie Castaneda
Photos by Camie Castaneda



Recently Tribal youth had a wonderful time learning how to decorate cakes with Community Creative Cake Artist Andrea Roque. Roque taught the youth how to make their own frosting, create rosettes and how to use different techniques to roll fondant icing. The youth had a blast and were eager to take their newly learned skills home with them, to make cakes for their families.

Roque was introduced to cake design by her uncle, Carl Wesaw, who taught her how to use fondant properly. The first cake she ever made was for her daughter's first birthday, around 13 years ago. Roque claims it was the ugliest cake she ever made, though it tasted really good.

Roque is a Tribal Member of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians and has lived in Grand Rapids all her life. The Tribal Youth Program wants to thank Roque for all of her time and energy that she put into sharing her cake decorating skills with them.



The scrumptious cakes begin to line up as Tribal Member Ezmia Martinez makes frosting to add to her purple princess cake.

Making Your Money Work for You

Wealth Management Workshop

Submitted by the Communications Department Staff
Photos by Sara Moore

On Saturday, October 22, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribal Members participated in a Per Capita Wealth Management workshop, which took place at FireKeepers Casino Hotel. Tribal Members from many different backgrounds and age groups gathered to continue their education on how to better manage their finances.

Key topics that were covered included the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, savings plans through Fifth Third Bank, budgeting and financial emergency preparedness. Other services included on-site bank account setup. Several speakers helped to educate the crowd, including NHBP Legal Assistant and Tax Officer Rebecca Griffin, as well as Fifth Third Bank's Membership Advantage Officer Jessica Bailey and Investment Executive/Vice President Jeffrey Noeker.

Tribal Members left the event with a folder full of information on Fifth Third's various savings accounts and programs, VITA tax information and, for several lucky Tribal Members, a fun raffle prize!

Jontay Edwards reviews his folder full of information on how to help himself financially.



Tony Day hands out a prize to Tribal Members.



CASINO CONNECTION

FireKeepers Casino Hotel Spotlight Employees

Submitted by FireKeepers Casino Hotel

Photos by FireKeepers Casino Hotel Staff

Rachel Hayes

Tribal Development Coordinator

I started working at FireKeepers Casino Hotel (FKCH) in September of 2012 before resigning to go to college. I eventually returned to the same position at FKCH in 2014. From there, I became a Food Server for almost two years before applying for the Tribal Development Coordinator position. I was offered the job and started at the end of September, while also enrolling in the fall semester at Kalamazoo Community College.

As the Tribal Development Coordinator, I work with all Tribal preference Members who currently are employed with FKCH, as well as Members who apply to new positions. I schedule and participate in interviews, while also helping the current Tribal Members map out where they would like to go in their careers here at the casino.

I enjoy working here at FKCH because of the opportunities and the overall positivity from my fellow teammates. This position has helped me become even more passionate about the Tribe I am a part of and the company I work for.



FKCH employees, Shad Frost and Rachel Hayes, are eager to embark on their new roles.

Shad Frost

Tribal Development and Placement Supervisor

I have been proudly employed at FireKeepers Casino Hotel for over 3 years. I began my career at FKCH as a Valet Attendant. I was promptly promoted to Dual Rate Valet Supervisor, where I began to refine my supervisory skills. After approximately a year, I jumped at an opportunity to become a Slot Operations Supervisor. I served in this position for two years and the experience I gained was priceless. During this time I was honored to receive the Supervisor of the Quarter Award and the Winning with WEEA Award.

I was fortunate to be able to take advantage of the Track Programs offered by our Training Team at FKCH. Through my Track II journey, I job shadowed within the Tribal Development Department of Human Resources. When the Tribal Development and Placement Supervisor position became available, I was honored and humbled to eventually accept it. I have been in my position for over 2 months.

I am truly excited to go to work every day. The opportunity to serve the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, and the Tribal Community as a whole, is truly a blessing.

Migwéché.

\$138,000 ROLL INTO THE NEW YEAR CARS & CASH GIVEAWAY



**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 30**

DRAWINGS • 2 PM – 10 PM
One winner will be selected every two hours to receive a prize!

- 2 PM • 2017 FORD FUSION**
- 4 PM • \$5,000 CASH**
- 6 PM • 2017 FORD ESCAPE**
- 8 PM • \$10,000 CASH**
- 10 PM • 2017 FORD RAPTOR**

EXCLUSIVE VIP DRAWING • 11 PM
One Sizzlin', Blazin' or Inferno member will be selected to receive \$10,000 in Red Hot Credits!

EARN ENTRIES DECEMBER 1 – 30
Receive one FREE entry by playing any slot or table game with your Red Hot Rewards Club card. Receive one additional entry for every 100 points earned.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A CELEBRATION FULL OF FUN GIVEAWAYS, PARTIES & PRIZES!

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**\$28,000 HOT SEAT GIVEAWAY
11 AM – 3 PM**

Every 15 minutes, one winner playing with their Red Hot Rewards Club card will be randomly selected to receive \$1,700 in Red Hot Credits!

**SPECIAL GIFT GIVEAWAY
12 PM – 7 PM**

Stop by the Casino Lobby to receive your free pair of 2017 Sunglasses! Plus all guests with our 2017 Sunglasses are eligible for \$2 16-oz. beer specials from 12 PM – 7 PM throughout the casino floor.

Enjoy a Live Band and DJ at the MoneyKeepers Mainstage on the casino floor, beginning at 9 PM!

2017

**SATURDAY NIGHT
PARTY OF THE YEAR**

EVENT CENTER • DOORS: 8:30 PM

Ring in the New Year with the return of the Windy City's premier party band, the Chicago Catz, at 9 PM. A DJ will ensure the music never stops as this party hits a fever pitch. A delicious array of appetizers rolls out at 10 PM and our popular balloon drop ushers in the New Year.

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**NEW YEAR'S DAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

**2X
POINTS**

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Play any of your favorite slots to earn two times the points!

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DECEMBER LUNCH & LEARN

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



December 7 {NHBP Tribal History} NHBP Cultural Department

Interested in learning more about NHBP Tribal history? Then don't miss this presentation given by NHBP's Cultural and Historical Preservation Office who will highlight important milestones the Tribe has experienced.

December 14 {Post Traumatic Stress Disorder} Dr. Leif Lalone

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition triggered by experiencing or seeing a terrifying event. PTSD Clinician Dr. Leif Lalone from the Battle Creek VA Medical Center will be here to give an overview on PTSD and the treatment options available.

December 21 {LAUNCH Information} MacKenzie Stuck

Ever hear of Project LAUNCH? NHBP Young Child Wellness Coordinator MacKenzie Stuck will present on Project LAUNCH and give information on who can get involved and what programs are coming up.

December 28 {Wealth Management} Fifth Third Bank

Learn more about how Fifth Third Bank helps attendees better understand wealth management and how to make their money grow. Representatives from Fifth Third Bank will be available to answer questions and let NHBP Tribal Members know what resources are available to them.

Wshkei Zagaske (New Horizon) Project

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) is undertaking an exciting new project to formulate an Integrated Resource and Land Use Management Plan for its newly acquired properties. Within the past year, the Tribe acquired several tracts of land totaling over 400 acres and all are within five miles of the Pine Creek Indian Reservation. In order to determine the most appropriate new uses and developments for each property, the Tribe must inventory, identify and assess the lands. The final goal of this new project is to provide a decision-making framework for the community with regard to the integration of natural resources and open space assets. The overall plan for the properties will be firmly rooted in, and reflective of, the preferences and priorities of the Tribe.

Please visit the Wshkei Zagaske Project website at <http://www.nhbpi.bria2.net/> and enter the password, "newlands" to view land photographs, land characteristics and other important project updates.

If you have any questions, please contact Chief Planning Officer Dan Green at: dgreen@nhbpi.com or 616.514.3660.



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Walking a Mile to Help End Domestic Violence

Submitted by the Communications Department Staff
Photo by Sara Moore



S.A.F.E. Place's eighth annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event took place on Saturday, October 22 at the Lakeview Square Mall in Battle Creek, Michigan. Over 200 people from the local community participated, including many from the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribe and FireKeepers Casino Hotel. Tribal Members could be seen walking in stunning pairs of heels alongside other male participants who equally wore stilettos and held supportive signs.

The event's goal was to raise awareness and help to fight domestic violence. They did so by having participants walk a mile in high heels to help raise money for the cause. All proceeds went to the domestic violence shelter, which serves various counties in southwest Michigan. Their mission is to provide services to victims of domestic violence, and ultimately help advocate for change that will end domestic violence in the local community.

George Jenkot, Michael McFarlen and Brad Simmons cheer as they prepare to cross the finish line.



Migwéché

I would like to take a moment to say Chi Migwéché to Chris Rogers, NHBP Tribal Member and owner of C. Rogers Realty, as well as Ben Tenney and Jody Korn of the NHBP Housing Department for all of their assistance with the purchase of my first home! I'd be lost without all of the advice and guidance I received from all of them!

Tiesha Williams



New NHBP Employees

Submitted by Communications Department Staff

Photos by Jaky Replogle



Michael Medawis
Youth Specialist
Membership Services Department

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Membership Services Department has welcomed a new member to their team. Michael Medawis recently joined the department as a Youth Specialist and is enthusiastic about working with the next generation of Tribal Members.

Medawis currently attends Lansing Community College, and has prior experience working at Michigan State University's Michigan Indian Leadership Program and the Native American Education Program through Grand Rapids Public Schools. He also has extensive volunteer experience with cultural youth and drum teachings, as well as a familiarity with working within another Tribal government during his former employment through the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

In his free time, Medawis is a sports junkie and delights in traveling across the country to participate in Pow Wows. He currently lives in Manistee, Michigan with his wife, Krystyne, and their six children, ranging from 10 years to a newborn. Medawis is also a Tribal Member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.



Aleaha Bowen
Social Service Case Manager
Health and Human Services Department

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Health Department has welcomed a new member to their team. Aleaha Bowen recently joined the department as a Social Service Case Manager and is eager to help those in need.

Bowen attended Michigan State University where she achieved a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, before attaining a Master of Arts in Counseling from Spring Arbor University. Bowen spent the last eight years amongst Catholic Charities West Michigan and Bethany Christian Services gaining field experience in social work as a Home Based Therapist, Foster Care Case Manager, Family Preservation Supervisor and Program Manager.

Bowen currently lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan with her husband of 13 years and her two boys who are four years old and five months old. In her free time, Bowen enjoys taking lengthy bike rides with her family on the White Pine Trail and working on her home.



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 Community Resource Coordinator Chris Woodring for more information: 616.249.0159.

Introducing NHBP HEALTHCARE!

Starting January 1, 2017 all NHBP Tribal Members are eligible for the new NHBP Healthcare program!

This comprehensive program includes medical, dental, vision and mental health services with no copays or deductibles! NHBP Healthcare will be available everywhere, and includes all providers who accept Medicare.

Any Tribal Member who is 18 years or older will need to fill out their own application. Members who completed a Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Health Care Program Application will begin to receive their cards in mid-December.

Please contact Community Resource Coordinator Chris Woodring at 616.249.0159, ext. 3638 or 269.729.4422, ext. 3638 with any questions, concerns or for assistance with the following:

- Filling out the NHBP Health Program Application or if you need an extra copy
- Screening to see if you qualify for Medicaid
- Additional Medicare enrollment questions

Tribal Members who have questions regarding coverage, may contact Forest County Potawatomi Community at 715.478.7448, as they are the administrators of the NHBP Health Care Program.



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Healing Hearts for a Strong Nation

Submitted by Communications Specialist Brittany VanSnepton
Photos by Brittany VanSnepton and Kathy Mackety

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribal Court invited all NHBP Tribal Members, families and additional guests to a Round Dance and feast on October 27. The event took place at the Pine Creek Community Center where the doors opened at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner was set at 6:30 p.m. with over 100 guests in attendance.

The goal of the event was to increase awareness and understanding of domestic violence and its impact on the victim and the victim's family, as well as the nation as a whole. Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Member Jason Wesaw acted as Master of Ceremonies and said, "This gathering is an opportunity to learn and to embrace each other for the health of our community."

Wesaw's introduction was followed by a smudging by Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Member Donna Chippewa and a Pipe Ceremony by Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Tribal Member Bill VandeGriff. Tribal Council Secretary Christine Lanning was eager to welcome all who attended and asked everyone to take advantage of the Round Dance of healing. The NHBP Community needed no further urging as they came together to dance in support of those affected by domestic violence.



Judge Tina Yost, Randy McKiney, Jenniffer Worthington and Kiyah Collins unite in dance to support the victims of domestic violence.

According to Tribal Court Chief Judge Melissa Pope, one in three Native women are victims of domestic violence and abuse. In a touching moment, Pope applauded those present in the Drummer's Circle and reflected on the enormity of what it means to have the next generation of men present and supportive of the initiative to help victims of domestic violence.

"I believe in my heart that they are the answer to changing the problem," Pope said.

Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Patti McClure also spoke about the growth of the NHBP Tribal Community and how Tribal Members now have the ability to file protection orders through the Tribal Courts without the necessity of having to go through the state system.

"If domestic violence affects one of us, then it affects all of us," McClure said.



The crowd dances to the beat of the Tribal drums.



Master of Ceremonies Jason Wesaw encourages the community.



The Tribal youth program help to serve the large gathering.

Are You In an Abusive Relationship?

- Do you ever feel like you are walking on eggshells to avoid upsetting your partner?
- Does your partner keep track of your time?
- Does your partner keep your paycheck and refuse to give you money?
- Has your partner ever pushed, slapped, punched, kicked or physically restrained you?
- Has your partner ever forced sexual contact?
- Does your partner destroy property or things meaningful to you?
- Has your partner ever abused or hurt animals?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, you may want to call the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Court Victim Services at 269.704.8396.

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

You are not alone. You are not to blame.

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DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC



Waséyabek Unveils New Website

Submitted by Waséyabek Development Company, LLC CEO Deidra Mitchell

Waséyabek Development Company, LLC (WDC) is excited to announce the launch of their new website: waseyabek.com!

"We are very pleased to have the new website active," WDC CEO Deidra Mitchell said. "The website informs visitors of the mission and goals of WDC and will provide

business associates, customers and stakeholders with needed information to support industry initiatives."

The site was designed to reflect the commercial enterprise activities which WDC is pursuing on behalf of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribe. Also

included are the Seven Grandfather Teachings, current events, and staff and Board Member information.

A special thanks goes out to the NHBP Communications Department for designing and developing the website.

Late Breaking News: Waséyabek Makes Acquisition!

Submitted by Waséyabek Development Company, LLC
CEO Deidra Mitchell

On November 10, Terrapin Properties of Michigan (a new subsidiary owned by WDC) purchased the building and real estate located at 3270 29 Street in Kentwood, Michigan, near the Woodland Mall. The building is currently rented and comes with a stable, financially solid tenant, who has entered into a 10 year lease. The acquisition of this income property creates a revenue stream for WDC and a safe return on investment.

“This is a positive financial step in the Tribe’s and WDC’s economic diversification strategy and aligns with the Strategic Plan approved by the WDC Board and Tribal Council,” WDC CEO Deidra Mitchell said. “We look forward to providing more details in the January edition of the Turtle Press.”

New WDC Board Members!

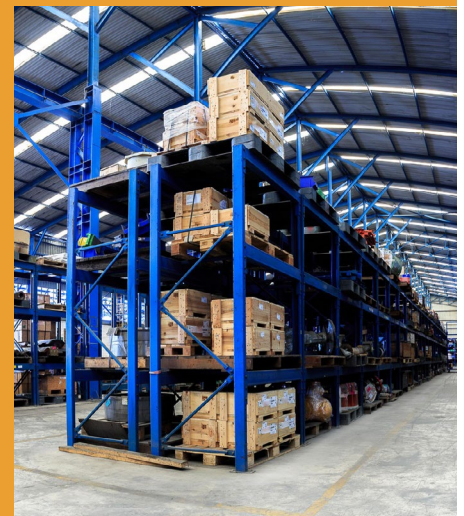
NHBP Tribal Council appointed three new members to the WDC Board: Clayton Vanderpool, John Holliday and James Dacey.

More details to come.

Solar Array Production Summary

Through November 10, 2016

Production	FireKeepers Panels	Pine Creek Panels
Electrical Energy	127.22 Mega Watts	20,215 Kilo Watts
Trees Saved	4961	788
Bulbs lit per day	385,575	61,257
CO2 Emission Reduction	89,438 kg	14,213 kg
Therms (Equals 100,000 BTU)	1976	753





Inside of the Community longhouse.



2016 Fall Ceremonies

Submitted by CHPO Administrative Assistant Danielle Pfeifer
Photos by Kevin Harris Jr



Outside of the Community longhouse.

In August, some male Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribal Members began the task of constructing the Community longhouse for the 2016 Fall Ceremonies that would take place in October. Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways Tribal Member Paul Syrette visited the Pine Creek Indian Reservation and gave a teaching on proper lodge construction. The NHBP nenwik (men) completed the task the night before 2016 Fall Ceremonies were slated to start,

which was October 20 to 23. The small group of nenwik worked after hours and on weekends to complete this tireless task for incoming visitors.

Many of the conductors commented on the beauty of the NHBP lodge. In years past there had not been a lot of Community support, but this year showed a shift in Community outlook. A lot of hands helped to complete the ceremonial longhouse and the visitors could feel the love inside of the lodge. Everyone felt

very welcomed and commented daily of the hospitality that was present.

This year the conductors spoke about grief, as both Tribal Members and NHBP employees have experienced a tremendous amount of grief in recent years. The topic of grief was suggested so that Tribal Members and employees

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Charlie Pfeifer and NHBP nenwik work tireless hours together to build the Community longhouse.

could receive teachings and begin the healing process associated with grief. All of the conductors honored NHBP wishes and began teaching what grief is, the many stages of grief, how to make amends with grief and acquiring the skills to move forward. For many, knowing that grief is a process was comforting.

Although many of the teachings during the Fall Ceremonies dealt with grief, there were many more teachings that did not. Some of the

additional teachings focused on lodge protocol, lodge etiquette, different doorway meanings, clan teachings, the naming ceremony and sobriety. The NHBP Community was also blessed to have Fire Keeper teachings taught to the nenwik. Through these teachings, the nenwik were able to learn how to start a traditional fire without matches or lighters.

The entire process from the starting of the fire to the lighting of the fire was a beautiful experience

and worthwhile for the nenwik. The lighting of the fire was the culmination of their own hard work and concentration, and everyone in attendance gave the nenwik a round of applause at the lighting.

Other parts of the event included healing, eating and visiting with other attendees. Each day was started with a sunrise ceremony with a breakfast that followed. Once everyone had the opportunity to refuel, they would return to the lodge for more teachings, followed



The NHBP nenwik dig holes as they learn to build a traditional fire from start to finish.

by lunch, additional teachings and dinner. During dinner each night, there was much laughter and many more good feelings that danced throughout the Pine Creek Community Center. A good time was had by all.

Although the Cultural and Historic Preservation Office (CHPO) organized the 2016 Fall Ceremonies, the success of the event was because of the hard work the NHBP Community put into each day. CHPO would like to take

the time to acknowledge a few Community Members who were asked and graciously accepted to assist with making dinner dishes. Virginia Anewishki, Paula Keith, Gwynneth Nugent and Mariesha Keith all provided dishes that were quite tasty. Lastly, the nenwik of the NHBP Community juggled with quite a few responsibilities including lodge building and fire keeping. Without the help of our Community Members, the 2016 Fall Ceremonies would not have been successful.



CHPO is very humbled
to be in the presence
of greatness.

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Come join us!

Senior Fitness & Fun

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to Noon

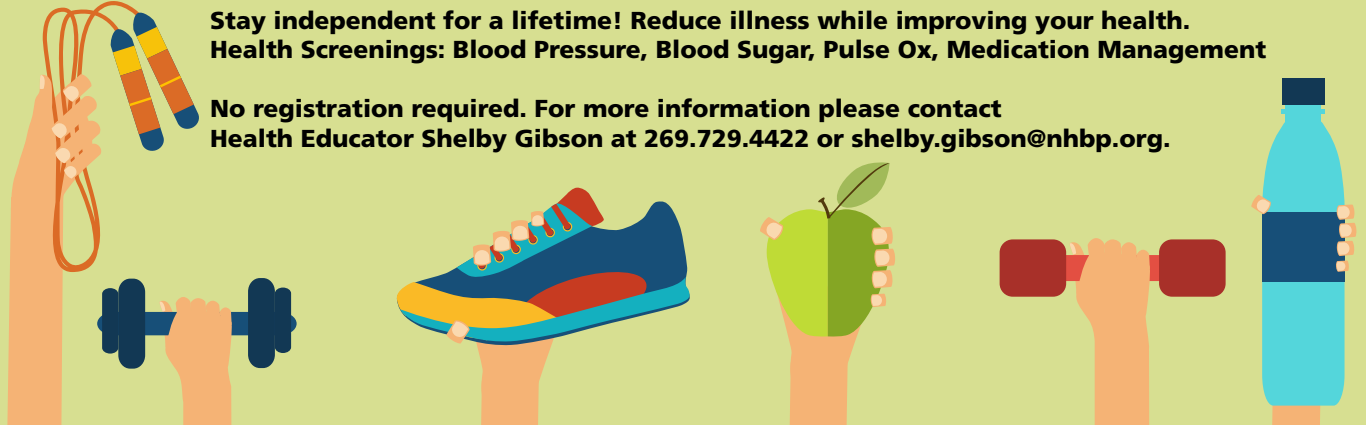
Pine Creek Community Center

Exercises Anyone Can Do!

Stretching, Flexibility, Balance, Strength Building

**Stay independent for a lifetime! Reduce illness while improving your health.
Health Screenings: Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Pulse Ox, Medication Management**

**No registration required. For more information please contact
Health Educator Shelby Gibson at 269.729.4422 or shelby.gibson@nhbp.org.**



Senior Health Partners

A community partnership of Bronson Battle Creek, Area Agency on Aging,
Office of Senior Services, CentraCare and Summit Pointe.

The Whole Person Wellness program is funded by the Calhoun County Senior Millage.



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It's not too late to QUIT!

Register now for **Freedom From Smoking®** group 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.

Pine Creek Community Center

Register by: January 3

Wednesdays, January 4 to February 8,
10 a.m. to Noon

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



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Need legal help? Call us today!



Michigan Indian Legal Services - Free Legal Aid Clinics
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See <http://nhbpi.com/members-legal-assistance-program/> for program guidelines



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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." - Mariesha Keith

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.**



An Orchard Outing Adventure

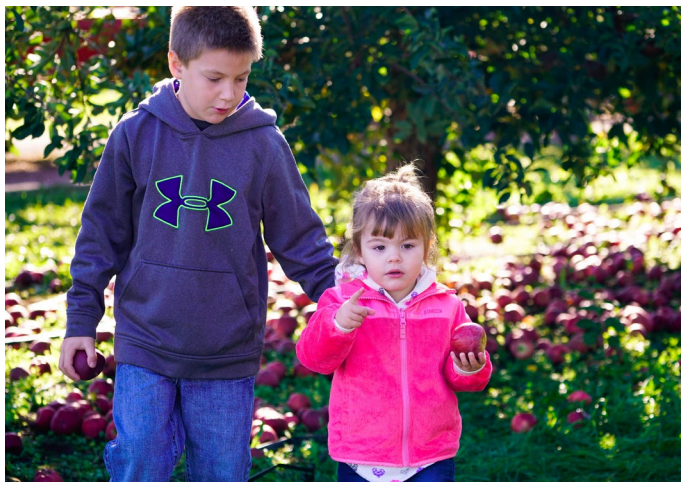
Submitted by Communications Specialist Brittany VanSnepton
Photos by Jaky Replogle

On October 14, enrolled Healthy Start and LAUNCH families participated in a fun-filled outing to Gull Meadow Farms. With 19 children and 14 adults in attendance, the atmosphere was nothing short of lively as families piled onto the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) bus that provided free transportation to the orchard.

At the orchard, filled with Red Delicious and Jonathan apples, Tribal Member Elliott Stuck could be seen sitting high on the shoulders of his grandmother as they picked apples in unison. Others snuck some from the bottom of the trees, and everyone placed their fruity treasures in wicker baskets at the end of each orchard row.

Every now and again, families could be seen snapping selfies while the children crunched away on their delicious treats. Tribal Member Willow Grothaus could be overheard saying, "Don't you just love the apple forest? It's my favorite place."

After the orchard, the families enjoyed a donut and hot cider before moving onto The Back Forty



Top Left: Darrian and Ezekiel Mandoka pick fresh apples from the orchard. Bottom Left: Nathan and Willow Lewis make their way to the baskets to drop off the apples they picked. Right: Elliot Stuck sits on the shoulders of his grandmother, Paula Stuck, as they pick apples.



section where there was a red barn that housed livestock. Squeals of excitement could be heard from both adults and children as they were able to feed and pet goats, llamas, ponies, cows and sheep. By far and large, it was the biggest hit of the day as the parents scrounged for quarters to insert into the livestock feed machines, and the children practiced their farm animal noises.

Following a thorough scrubbing at the Hand Wash Station, the NHBP group went to the Gull Meadow

Farm's 40 foot slide called the Apple Chute before settling down to eat a hearty meal of Subway provided by NHBP.

"This is a fun place and I like the activities," Tribal Member Jennifer Norman said. "It's a good outing for the kids. My favorite part was the animals. You got to pet them and feed them."

Undoubtedly the Pine Creek group outing was a success, but so too was the outing with the Grand Rapids group that visited

Schwaller's Orchard. Not only did the 12 participants get to play on a big treehouse slide, but everyone was able to play in a kid-friendly mini corn silo after petting bunnies and feeding goats. They too enjoyed hot cider with donuts and each got a big pumpkin to take home.

Young Child Wellness Coordinator MacKenzie Stuck emphasized the success of both outings and encourages other Tribal Members to participate in future outings, especially next year's fall festivities.

Top: Miya Mason feeds a hungry goat. Bottom Left: Naajwon and Nakota Norman pick an apple to eat. Bottom Right: Willow Grothaus places apples in the basket.

Prosperity Through Sovereignty

NHBP Attends National Congress of American Indians

Submitted by Communications Specialist Brittany VanSnepton
Photo by Christine Lanning

The National Congress of American Indians recently held their 73rd Annual Convention and Marketplace in Phoenix, Arizona from October 9-14. Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Council Secretary Christine Lanning and Tribal youth Journi Wilson, Destinque Iden and Jontay Edwards attended the conference for the full six days.

The conference focused on prosperity through sovereignty with a series of events including a banquet, Native vote rally, multiple guest speakers and various guest performances. "There was just so much to do every day," Edwards said. "From day one, we learned so much."

The conference featured its own youth agenda that encouraged Tribal youth to become more active in their communities. According to Edwards, the focus was on how youth could make a difference in Indian Country by embracing the teachings of others, while also educating themselves on the happenings of modern day state, national and global issues.

Many big topics were addressed, including the importance of national voting and the Standing Rock Pipeline issue. Each one was discussed in an impartial manner that encouraged the attending youth to be active leaders who take interest in mainstream and general media, while also incorporating the



NHBP Tribal Council Secretary Christine Lanning stands beside NCAI President Brian Cladoosby and Tribal youth Jontay Edwards, Destinque Iden and Journi Wilson as they enjoy the NCAI conference together.

teachings of their Elders into their decision-making processes.

"We are the future," Edwards said. "We're the last ones to carry on what the Elders have taught to us. I didn't realize the importance until after I was there, but youth is so important because we know so much about media. We need to be active and be used for that knowledge."

Since returning from the conference, Edwards, Wilson and Iden have actively brainstormed ways of sharing the knowledge they've gained from their trip with the rest

of the NHBP Community. Their goal is to help the next generation of NHBP Tribal youth become more active in their Tribal government.

"We were taught so much," Edwards said. "I wish more people had got to go. We're trying to get more youth educated and involved for next year's conference."

To learn more about how to be more active in Tribal youth events, please contact Grace Chivis at gchivis@nhbpi.com or 269.704.8419.

Michigan Indian Elders Association

Submitted by Northern Elders Specialist Leo Pontiac and Southern Elders Specialist Nickole Keith
Photo by Leo Pontiac

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Elders attended the quarterly Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting this past October. The meeting was hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi at the Four Winds Casinos and Hotel in New Buffalo, Michigan. The MIEA is made up of 11 of the 12 federally

recognized Tribes in Michigan.

The Elders were welcomed by Pokagon Band Elders Council Chairman Stanley Morseau. The MIEA meeting addressed election bylaws and processes and procedures regarding political ties, the Treasurer's Report, student incentives and scholarships, auction

results and voting for the MIEA Chairman position by delegates. The two NHBP MIEA delegates are Tribal Elders Karen Bush and Dale Anderson.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the live auction. Auctioneer Carl Wesaw was very entertaining, as always. The craft items that were put up for auction were donated by MIEA members. NHBP Elders donated a beautiful cedar Medicine Wheel made by Mike Mandoka, pillows, canned corn, table runners, necklaces, a gift basket, hot pads and bowl holders made by NHBP Elders Program participants.



Claude Ryan, Juanita Sandoval, Linda Vandonkelaar, Sandy Butcher, Terri Hubbell and Susan Fierkeare are all ears as they listen attentively to auctioneer Carl Wesaw.

HALLOWEEN FUN!

Submitted by Northern Youth Specialist Michael Medawis
Photo by Michael Medawis

The Northern Tribal Youth Program took a trip to New Salem Corn Maze for Halloween.

Aanzhenii Dandridge, Ariel Hendershot, Asunciana Dandridge, Savanna Hernandez, Ciara Parney, WaabanungQua Medawis and Michael Medawis, Jr. enjoy hot cider and doughnuts.





Health Educator Shelby Gibson and Pennie Jewell kick the air to show Tribal and non-Tribal Members correct posture for a great workout!

A Healthier Future Through Kickboxing

Submitted by the Communications Department Staff
Photo by Sara Moore

Every Monday at 5 p.m. a group of excited Tribal Members and team members from the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) and their families gather in the Pine Creek Community Center to learn kickboxing from Health Educator Shelby Gibson. The class features traditional kickboxing paired with strength training, cardio and interval training, all while listening to exhilarating and

upbeat music. During the class, the attendees learn moves that are both easy to follow but also challenging enough to ultimately provide them with a great workout.

“Come join the fun at kickboxing!” Gibson said. “It’s a cardio kickboxing party that will get your body moving and your heart pumping. I will show moves for beginners or the more advanced.

You don’t want to miss this party!”

Kickboxing currently takes place every Monday from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Pine Creek Community Center, and will continue through December 12. NHBP Tribal Members and their families, NHBP Health Clinic patients and NHBP employees are all welcome to attend. Learn more by contacting Gibson at 269.729.4422 or shelby.gibson@nhbp.org.

Punch & Kick Your Way to a Healthier Future!

Traditional kickboxing paired with high-intensity interval training

Mondays

October 3 through December 12, 2016

5 to 6 p.m.

**Pine Creek Indian Reservation
Community Center**

No registration required: For more information please contact Health Educator Shelby Gibson at 269.729.4422 or shelby.gibson@nhbp.org.

Class is open to NHBP Tribal Members and their families, clinic patients and NHBP employees.



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ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, all tax-exempt purchases of motor fuels (gas and diesel) will be required to be made at the FireKeepers Casino Hotel Pit Stop location. Tribal Members registered with the tax department will be allowed to continue to make tax-exempt purchases of motor fuels at the PS Food Mart in Union City and at the Citgo Petroleum Corporation gas station at 15551 11 Mile Road in Battle Creek through December, as a transition period. Please continue to sign the log sheets at the PS Food Mart and the Citgo gas station, and use the Tribal Swipe Cards at the Pit Stop.

For further information, contact Legal Assistant Rebecca Griffin at rgriffin@nhbpi.com or 269.704.8371.



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BBON GIZES {SNOW MOON} DECEMBER

WORD SEARCH - SHISHIBÉ WORDS WE ARE USING

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ASHKEN - ANTLER
GON - SNOW
GONWEN - SNOWBANK
MIJBYÉYEK - MEAT BEARING ANIMALS THAT WE EAT
KCHENIJAN - BIG DOE
KCHEYABE - BIG BUCK
MKWEM - ICE
MKWEMIS - ICICLE
NIJAN - DOE
NIJANES- FAWN
WESIYEK - MEAT BEARING ANIMAL
YABE - BUCK
YABES - SMALL BUCK

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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.

The November Word Search Winner: Sarah Zlotniicki



BBON GIZES
Snow Moon {December}

Bbon Gizes {Snow Moon} brings the snow and is the time that Sekmekwé {Mother Earth} replenishes itself.

Full Moon: December 13 | New Moon: December 29



For NHBP Tribal Members, Spouses & NHBP Government Employees
18 years of age and older

HOLD IT *for the* HOLIDAYS!

Love the holidays, but hate the extra weight gain? Join the NHBP **Hold it for the Holidays** challenge and get the help and motivation you need to avoid those extra pounds over the holidays, and win a chance for prizes!

Challenge Dates: November 21, 2016 to January 11, 2017

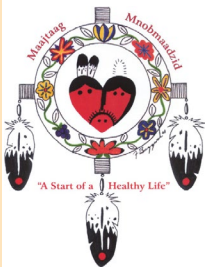
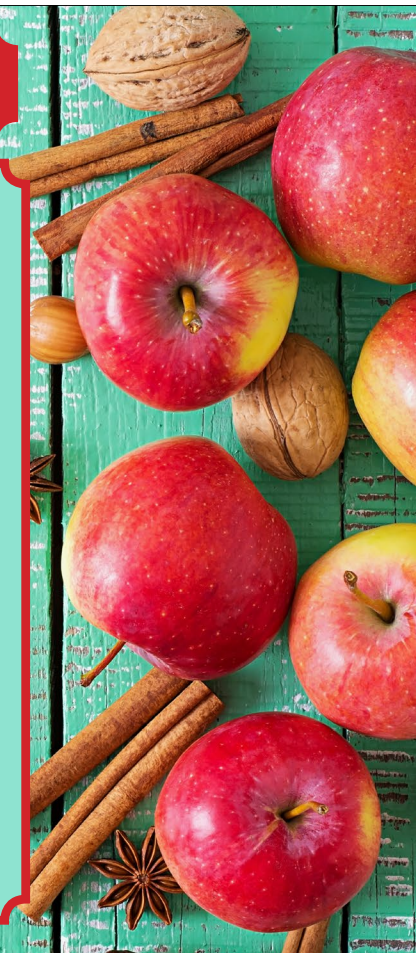
Weigh-in at one of the NHBP locations!

- **Pine Creek - NHBP Health Center**
Wednesday, November 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Grand Rapids - NHBP Health Center**
Monday, November 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **FireKeepers Casino Hotel - NHBP Health Center**
Monday - Tuesday, November 21-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information contact Registered Dietitian Lysandra Vander Hart at 888.662.2808 or lvanderhart@nhbp.org.



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Maaajtaag Mnobmaadzid is now offered to all NHBP clinic patients!

Maaajtaag Mnobmaadzid 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 Mnobmaadzid 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



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MNO DBESHKAYEN NGOM & MIGWÉCH

BIRTHDAYS!



Holly Christy
{November 26}
Happy 18th Birthday!
Love, Your Family



Janette Bowers
{December 10}
Happy Birthday Janette!
Love the Daniels and the Wells Family



McKenna Burlingham
{December 24}
Happy birthday to my sweetest youngest niece. You are so beautiful inside and out. You make me so proud. I'm so fortunate to be your aunt.
Love you tons,
Aunt Randi & Family



McKenna Burlingham
{December 24}
Happy birthday sweet girl!!!
Love Mom & Family

MNO DBESHKAYEN NGOM & MIGWÉCH BIRTHDAYS!



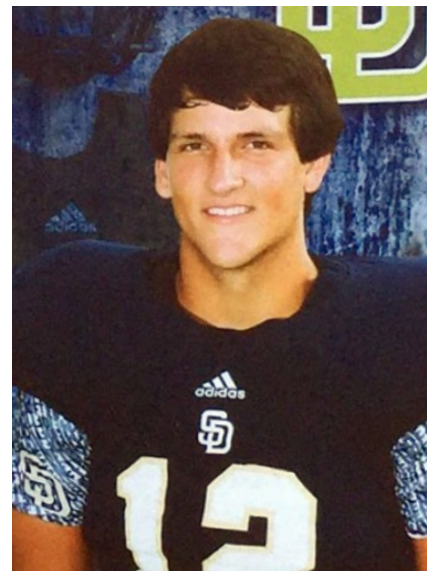
Shirley English and Brad Simmons
{November 3}
Happy Belated Birthday Grandma and Uncle Brad
We love you!!!!!!
Love Always,
Your Family



Elijah Parker
{December 6}
Happy 4th birthday Elijah Parker
From Mom, Dad, Nana Papa and Aut



Alan Mackety II
{December 16}
Happy 17th Birthday to my little BIG man!
You are going to do great things.
We love you!
Your Family



Jordan Day
{December 23}
Happy 18th Birthday!
Love, Dad



MNO DBESHKAYEN NGOM & MIGWÉCH CELEBRATIONS!



Carol and Gradus TenBrink, Jr.
Carol and Gradus TenBrink, Jr. celebrated their 50th Golden anniversary on October 22nd with an open house graciously put on by their children. We will always cherish this unforgettable day.



Sierra and Ryan Pedley
{November 23}
Happy Belated Anniversary
Sierra and Ryan Pedley
Love Always,
Your Family

REMINDER:

Birthday and announcement submissions (one photo per submission) are due by the 10th day of the month. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the deadline moves to the next business day. Please send images as separate jpegs. However, we are happy to accept any content that you are unable to send digitally by mailing to:
**1485 Mno-Bmadzewen Way
Fulton, MI 49052
Attention: Turtle Press**

SAVE THESE UPCOMING DATES

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

Red Tie Event • February 4, 2017 • 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. • FKCH

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) • Begins in February – more details to come

Meet the Candidates • February 18, 2017 – more details to come

Flap Jack Friday • April – more details to come

Annual Membership Meeting • April 29, 2017

Pow Wow • June 24 & 25, 2017



Please join us!

GRAND RAPIDS PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

For all parents, grandmas and grandpas, aunts 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 first Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m.

2016 Dates: November 3 and December 1

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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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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DECEMBER CALENDAR of EVENTS

ELDER EVENTS

Thursday, Dec. 1

Elders Committee Meeting

Pine Creek Community Center
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 2

Elders Computer Class

Grand Rapids Community College
1 to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Elders Christmas Party

FireKeepers Casino Hotel Event Center
1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 5

Elders Craft Night

Pine Creek Community Center
5 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Grand Rapids Senior Meals

1157 Northlawn St. NE, Grand Rapids
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Senior Fitness & Fun

Pine Creek Community Center
11 a.m. to Noon

Thursday, Dec. 8

Grand Rapids Senior Meals

1157 Northlawn St. NE, Grand Rapids
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 9

Elders Computer Class

Grand Rapids Community College
1 to 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 12

Elders Craft Night

Pine Creek Community Center
5 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Grand Rapids Senior Meals

1157 Northlawn St. NE, Grand Rapids
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Senior Fitness & Fun

Pine Creek Community Center
11 a.m. to Noon

Thursday, Dec. 15

Grand Rapids Senior Meals

1157 Northlawn St. NE, Grand Rapids
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Grand Rapids Senior Meals

1157 Northlawn St. NE, Grand Rapids
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Senior Fitness & Fun

Pine Creek Community Center
11 a.m. to Noon

Elders Arts & Crafts

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

Thursday, Dec. 22

Grand Rapids Senior Meals

1157 Northlawn St. NE, Grand Rapids
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

Senior Fitness & Fun

Pine Creek Community Center
11 a.m. to Noon

YOUTH EVENTS

Monday, Dec. 5

Northern TYP Family Social

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

Thursday, Dec. 8

Northern Drum Practice and Teachings

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

Saturday, Dec. 10

Youth Christmas Party

Sky Zone: 5103 Portage Rd, Portage
6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Northern Drum Practice and Teachings

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

Thursday, Dec. 15
Northern Drum Practice and Teachings
311 State St., Grand Rapids
5 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20
Northern Drum Practice and Teachings
311 State St., Grand Rapids
5 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 22
Northern Drum Practice and Teachings
311 State St., Grand Rapids
5 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28
TYP Winter Break Trip
Dave & Buster's: 3660 28th St SE, Kentwood
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

Thursday, Dec. 1
Maternal Child Health Play Group
311 State St., Grand Rapids
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Friday, Dec. 2
Maternal Child Health Play Group
Pine Creek Community Center
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Kickboxing Class
Pine Creek Community Center
5 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7
Lunch & Learn
Pine Creek Community Center
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Snow Shoe Walking Group
Pine Creek Community Center
1 p.m.

Wshkei Zagaske Project Community Input Meeting
311 State St., Grand Rapids
6 to 8 p.m.

W2W
Pine Creek Community Center
5:30 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8
Tribal Council Business Meeting
Pine Creek Community Center
11:00 a.m.

Wshkei Zagaske Project Community Input Meeting
Pine Creek Community Center
6 to 8 p.m.

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

Monday, Dec. 12
Traditional Healing
Pine Creek Community Center
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kickboxing Class
Pine Creek Community Center
5 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13
Traditional Healing
311 State St., Grand Rapids
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14
Lunch & Learn
Pine Creek Community Center
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Snow Shoe Walking Group
Pine Creek Community Center
1 p.m.

Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
311 State St., Grand Rapids
5 to 7 p.m.

Community Dinner
Pine Creek Community Center
6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 15
AA Meeting
Pine Creek Community Center
7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 16
NHBP Employee Christmas Luncheon
FireKeepers Casino Hotel Event Center

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Southern offices will be closed at 10:30 a.m. Northern offices will be closed all day

Monday, Dec. 19
Federal Recognition Day
All NHBP Offices Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 21
Lunch & Learn
Pine Creek Community Center
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Snow Shoe Walking Group
Pine Creek Community Center
1 p.m.

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Thursday, Dec. 22
AA Meeting
Pine Creek Community Center
7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 23
Observance of Christmas Eve
All NHBP Offices Closed

Monday, Dec. 26
Observance of Christmas
All NHBP Offices Closed

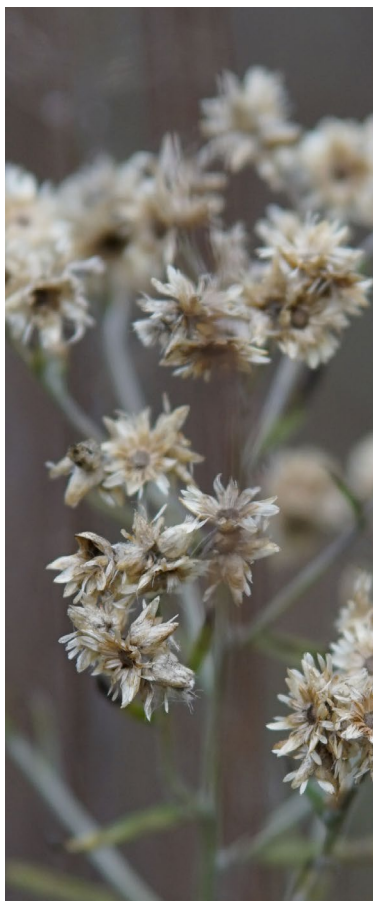
Wednesday, Dec. 28
Lunch & Learn
Pine Creek Community Center
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Snow Shoe Walking Group
Pine Creek Community Center
1 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29
AA Meeting
Pine Creek Community Center
7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 30
Observance of New Year's Eve
All NHBP Offices Closed

Monday, Jan. 2
Observance of New Year's Day
All NHBP Offices Closed



Pine Creek Parent Advisory Group

WHAT: The Pine Creek Parent Advisory Group is for parents to provide input regarding current services and programs, to determine service and program gaps, to develop supports and relationships as parents, and to assist in the planning of future services and programs. Dinner will be provided, as well as transportation to those who RSVP.

WHO: For all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles of NHBP, Match-e-be-Nash-e-Wish, and Pokagon Potawatomi children ages 0-8.

WHEN: The first meeting is Jan. 11, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. The following meetings will take place every second Wednesday of the month.

WHERE: Pine Creek Community Center

All questions and comments are to be directed to Sierra Pedley at 269.275.6499 or pedleysierra@gmail.com. RSVPs must go to MacKenzie Stuck at 269.704.8347



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NHBP Welcomes TRADITIONAL HEALER HARLAN DOWNWIND

Traditional Healer Harlan Downwind will provide Traditional Healing Services on the following dates;

Monday, December 12 • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Pine Creek Health and Human Services
Department

Tuesday, December 13 • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Grand Rapids Health and Human Services Department
311 State Street

**Please contact Traditional Helper Frederick Jacko Sr. for an appointment, or if you have any questions:
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 269.729.4422 ext. 8346**

Appointments will be 30 minutes; please be advised of the following;

- 🌀 Bring enough natural tobacco for a Pipe bowl full; if you are unable to do so, natural tobacco will be provided for you to offer to Harlan.
- 🌀 A gift for the Healer to accompany your request for assistance is welcome but is not required.
- 🌀 Appropriate requests for the Healer would include requests for names, colors, clans and doctoring for illness, dream, and spiritual guidance.
- 🌀 Women on moontime cannot attend this session.
- 🌀 Please refrain from alcohol and/or drugs four days prior to your session.
- 🌀 Appointments are open to all who are eligible for care at the NHBP Health and Human Services Department.



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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SNOW SHOE LOAN



Experience the beauty of the Pine Creek Indian Reservation this winter while staying active on snow shoes! Loaning them out is easy- simply stop into the Pine Creek Health Department!

Snow Shoe Walking Group

Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
December 7 to February 22
Pine Creek Indian Reservation- Meet at the Community Center
(Weather and snow dependent)

For more information, contact Health Educator, Shelby Gibson, at 269.729.4422 or shelby.gibson@nhbp.org.



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NHBP Youth Christmas Party 2016!

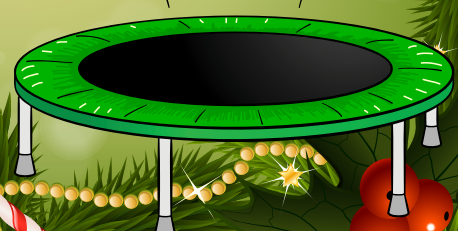
Saturday, December 10, 2016
6 to 8 p.m.

Sky Zone Trampoline Park
5103 Portage Road, Portage, MI 49002

Open to all NHBP youth, parents and siblings!
Dinner will be served! Transportation is available!

For more information contact Membership Services
Administrative Assistant Grace Chivis at 269.704.8419
or gchivis@nhbpi.com.

RSVP by November 21 at 5 p.m.

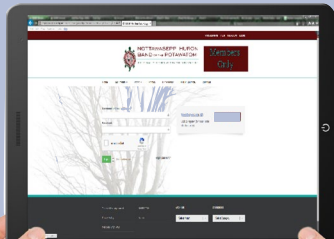


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Join the **NHBP Tribal Members Only** website!

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.



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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.**
- **Transportation available (within limited area).**
- **Age appropriate lessons and activities.**
- **Nutritious meals – serving breakfast, lunch and snack.**
- **Family and Health services provided as well.**

Space is limited! Contact us today - two locations!

**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

