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ANNUAL GATHERING OF POTAWATOMI NATIONS

Nottawaseppi Boyz perform at the Gathering

On the cover

Miss Pottawatomi, Ofelia Zapata Ofelia was crowned at the recent Pottawatomi Gathering held at Gun Lake. She follows in the footsteps of her older sister, Onyleen, who held the honor this past year. See page 24 for Ofelia's award-winning essay.

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COMMITTEE/BOARD VACANCIES

The following NHBP Committees are seeking Tribal Members to fill the current vacancies:

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|-----------------------|--|-------------|--|-------------------|
| Planning and Land Use | | One Vacancy | | Open Until Filled |
| Veterans Committee | | One Vacancy | | 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 and Elders receive mileage reimbursement in addition to the \$75 stipend.

Those interested in becoming a member of these committees/boards may send letters of interest to:

NHBP Attn: Tribal Council Coordinator
1485 Mno-Bmadzewen Way, Fulton, Michigan 49052

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

Monday, September 8, 2014

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

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

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|-------------------------------|--|
| 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 Dept. Conference Room) |
| Cemetery & Parks Committee | 5 p.m. (Government Center, Room 121) |

Thursday, September 11, 2014

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Elders Committee | 10 a.m. (Government Center, Room 121) |
| Tribal Environment Advisory Committee | 3 p.m. (Government Center, Room 101) |
| Veterans Committee | 5 p.m. (Government Center, Room 121) |



DATES TO REMEMBER

2014 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sept. 18 | Oct. 16 | Nov. 13 | Dec. 11

Sept. 1

Labor Day
All Offices Closed

Sept. 2

Northern Elders Arts & Crafts
6 to 8 p.m.

Sept. 4

*Northern Elders TYP
4 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 5

Northern Elders Computer
Classes (GRCC)
1 to 3 p.m.

Sept. 6 - 7

Black Ash Basket Making
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sept. 8

Southern Elders Arts & Crafts
3 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 9

Northern Elders Arts & Crafts
6 to 8 p.m.

*Southern TYP

4 to 6 p.m.

*Northern TYP

4 to 7 p.m.

*Full Moon Traditional Cooking

Pine Creek 4 to 6 p.m.

Sept. 11

*Northern TYP

4 to 7 p.m.

Elders Committee Meeting

Pine Creek 10 a.m.

Elders Farmers Market

9 a.m.

Sept. 12

Northern Elders Computer
Classes (GRCC)
1 to 3 p.m.

Sept. 12 - 13

Wild Rice Workshop
4 to 6 p.m.

Sept. 13

Harvest Celebration
Pine Creek 5 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 15

Southern Elders Arts & Crafts
3 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 16

*Northern TYP

4 to 7 p.m.

*Southern TYP

4 to 6 p.m.

Northern Elders Arts & Crafts

6 to 8 p.m.

Sept. 18

Southern Shishibé - Potluck
5 to 7 p.m.

*TYP - Grand Haven

6 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 19

Northern Elders Computer
Classes (GRCC)
1 to 3 p.m.

Elders Cornwell's Turkeyville
Johnny Cash "Ring of Fire"
2 p.m.

Sept. 22

Autumn Equinox Feast
Potluck - Meat provided
5 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 23

*Southern TYP

4 to 6 p.m.

*Northern TYP

4 to 7 p.m.

Northern Elders Arts & Crafts

6 to 8 p.m.

Sept. 25

Northern Shishibé - Potluck
5 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 26

Michigan Indian Day
All Offices Closed

Sept. 27

*UNITY Council Meeting
6 p.m.

Sept. 30

*Southern TYP

4 to 6 p.m.

*Northern TYP

4 to 7 p.m.

Northern Elders Arts & Crafts

6 to 8 p.m.



3-on-3 action at the recent
Potawatomi Gathering

*indicates TYP included and/or events

MATTER OF BALANCE

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

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When: Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Oct. 7- Dec. 2 (excluding Oct. 21)

Where: Grand Rapids Health Department Conference Room

To register: contact Emily Henning at 269.729.4422 or Leo Pontiac at 616.260.9925



SAVE THESE DATES!

MIEA Conference • October 22-23 • Peshawbestown, MI

Spooky Spectacular • October 25 • Pine Creek Community Center

Health Fair • November 8 • Grand Rapids Health Department

Youth Christmas Party • December 13 • Airway Fun Center, Kalamazoo, MI 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Elders Christmas Party • December 14 • FireKeepers Casino Hotel 1 to 4 p.m.

LUNCH & LEARN

**WEDNESDAYS • NOON • PINE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER
2221 1½ MILE RD., FULTON, MI 49052**

- **Sept. 3 {Suicide Prevention} Cassie Cleary and Elizabeth Morgan** | Join Behavioral Health Clinicians Cassie Cleary and Elizabeth Morgan for a presentation on suicide prevention.
- **Sept. 10 {Wild Rice Program} John Rodwan** | Join Environmental Director John Rodwan at the Environmental Building to hear a presentation on the Wild Rice Program currently underway on the Reservation.
- **Sept. 17 {Insurance} Fifth Third Bank** | Join a representative from Fifth Third Bank to learn the importance of health insurance and how it can protect you and your family.
- **Sept. 24 NO LUNCH AND LEARN** | Due to Employee Appreciation Day, there will be no Lunch and Learn held on this day. We will return next month with more informational presentations.

**FRIDAYS • NOON • NORTHERN HEALTH CENTER
311 STATE STREET, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503**

Lunch and Learn will only be held Friday, Sept. 12, during the month of September.

- **Sept. 12 {Suicide Prevention and Peacekeeping Program} Cassie Cleary, Elizabeth Morgan and Fred Jacko Sr.** | Join Behavioral Health Clinicians Cassie Cleary and Elizabeth Morgan for a presentation on suicide prevention and Peacekeeping Program Coordinator, Fred Jacko Sr. will give an update on the Peacekeeping Program at NHBP.

ELDERS GIFT CARD PROGRAM

The Elders Gift Card Program was designed to help Tribal Elders by providing a \$25 Walmart gift card to Elders who are hospitalized with an overnight stay to 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. You may use this program two times per year. Contact Chris Woodring, Community Resource Coordinator for more information: 616.249.0159

CASINO CONNECTION

Information contributed by

Jason Chivis, FireKeepers Casino Hotel Human Resources Tribal Development Manager

FireKeepers Casino Hotel's Track III Summer Internship Program

FireKeepers Casino Hotel would like to congratulate two young men on the completion of the FKCH Track III Summer Internship. During their paid internship, Tribal Members Scott Lanning and Diop Harris II, gained knowledge of the casino industry through hands-on training and projects within the company. Each intern had the opportunity to job shadow with select executives and also was able to work on the front line with our team members learning what guest service and the casino industry are all about. During their final presentation, both interns expressed their gratitude and appreciation of the program and the knowledge gained during their experience. Throughout their rotation experience they gained the industry knowledge from some of the best professionals in the business. This allowed them to meet the end goal of learning the casino industry and basic functions of each department within.

Diop really enjoyed learning how the different departments interact with one another as well as the opportunity to work with our Finance Count Team. He woke up early in the morning to learn the process

which we go through in order to retrieve monies from the Casino Floor and how all of these departments interact throughout the entire process. He also had the opportunity to utilize his education and passion for helping others by assisting the Human Resources Department in drafting two policies that would benefit Tribal Members who work for the Casino.

Scott also had a very good experience during his internship. He worked with our Marketing team and learned the importance of guest service and guest retention from our Quality Service Manager, Pennie Ruchman. While Scott is currently entering his senior year at Central Michigan University, he is focused on a career within the Gaming Industry and this experience has helped him choose which area he wants to focus in.

FireKeepers Casino Hotel would like to congratulate both of these young men along with wishing them the best of luck in their upcoming year! We are looking forward to what the future holds for these young leaders.



Tribal Members Scott Lanning and Diop Harris II gain valuable work experience this summer.



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NEW YOUTH INITIATIVE TO TEACH TRADITIONAL PRACTICES

Grant awarded to fund the Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project

Who: Enrolled NHBP Tribal Members and NHBP descendants ages 9-18

What: Series of Youth Workshops on the Seven Potawatomi Practices

How to apply: Contact Camie Castaneda, Membership Services Program Coordinator at 616.514.3662 or E-mail: ccastaneda@nhbpi.com

Membership Services is pleased to announce a recent grant award to fund the Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project, a new one-year initiative that provides NHBP Tribal Members and descendants ages 9-18, the opportunity to learn seven different Potawatomi cultural practices. The purpose of this project is to revitalize traditional knowledge, skills and values. The seven cultural practices that will be taught will take place throughout the year during seasons that traditionally correspond to each activity.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

- Wild Rice Harvesting

NOVEMBER

- Snow Snake Workshop

JANUARY

- Snow Snake Tournament

FEBRUARY/MARCH

(weather permitting)

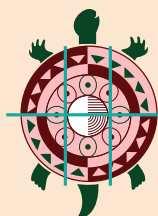
- Maple Sap Harvesting
- Maple Syrup Making

CHI MIGWECH!

We would like to thank the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan for funding this important youth initiative. We would also like to say a CHI MIGWECH to the following NHBP departments for their collaborative efforts in making this project possible: Cultural and Historic Preservation Office, Environmental Department and Planning Department!

Different Master Artisans will be presenting on each traditional practice. Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project participants will create and keep traditional items for their own personal use. Additionally, youth will learn how to document their experiences in different ways, including oral, audio, film and the written word.

Interested NHBP youth, including descendants, should contact: Camie Castaneda, Membership Services Program Coordinator at 616.514.3662 or E-mail: ccastaneda@nhbpi.com for application information. **Space is limited.**



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NHBP Education Department Offering Professional Career Development Assistance Grants

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Membership Services Department will provide services to eligible NHBP Tribal Members in accordance with procedures and guidelines established by the NHBP Tribal Council. The NHBP Education Department will provide financial assistance to enable NHBP Tribal Members in the pursuit of continuing education.

Availability of Professional Career Development Assistance:

- Applicants will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis; until the funds are exhausted.
- \$500 per fiscal year (January through December) per student. Assistance is not to exceed \$500 per Tribal Member.
- Assistance is funded by the Education Committee.

For application and more details, please visit www.nhbpi.com or contact:

Tiesha Williams – Membership Services Manager

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twilliams@nhbpi.com



NHBP staff members take a break at the recent Judicial Conference held prior to the 2014 Potawatomi Gathering at Gun Lake.

Pictured from left to right is Nancy Bogren (Tribal Prosecutor), Honorable Matthew Fletcher (Supreme Court Justice) and Dawn Mack (Assistant Tribal Court Administrator) and pictured from the bottom left to right

is Fred Jacko, Sr. (Peacekeeping Program Coordinator) and Fred Jacko, Jr. (Tribal Court Administrator) at the August 7 Judicial Conference that was held during the 2014 Potawatomi Gathering.

Chi Migwetch to the Environmental Department

Membership Services would like to say "Chi Migwetch" to the Environmental Department for assisting us with the Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project during the week of August 14-16, 2014. This project is the second of many. This time we focused on "Wild river rice teachings" which included; woodworking, canoeing, harvesting and producing the final product using fire. Our guest artisans and teachers included Lee Sprague and his son Daniel Hinmon. Membership Services would also like to acknowledge a special "Chi Migwetch" to Mariesha Keith in providing her excellent cooking skills and hospitality to our guests. She provided dishes to showcase the many wildrice dishes that can be prepared for our Youth and Elders who attended. She also made sure our guests were taken care of, including camping and dinner arrangements.

R. A. D.

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Saturday, October 11 & Sunday, October 12, 2014

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

300 E. Holcomb St. Athens MI 49011

R.A.D is open to NHBP female Tribal Members, family, and female NHBP employees.
The course will be physically demanding.
Participants must complete both days to receive certification.

**To register, contact: Kristen Main, NHBP Tribal Police Sergeant, at
269.729.5222 or kmain@nhbpi.com**

A few points of interest regarding Tribal Casino Gaming in the State of Michigan. These are the most common questions regarding gaming in Tribal Country.

Information submitted by
Gaming Commission

How many Tribes are there in Michigan?

Answer: The 12 federally recognized Indian Tribes (operating 19 casino locations) are:

- Bay Mills Indian Community
- Grand Traverse Band
- Gun Lake Tribe
- Hannahville Tribe
- Keweenaw Bay Band
- Lac Vieux Desert Band
- Little River Band
- Little Traverse Band
- Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi
- Pokagon Band
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe

Who governs an Indian Tribe?

Answer: Indian Tribes are independent entities with powers of self-government established under the United States. Michigan Tribal casinos are operated under the authority of the Tribal-State Compacts mutually entered into between the Tribes and the State of Michigan, as well as the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). The Michigan Tribal-State Compacts do not provide a resolution process for problems and issues that may arise between a patron and a Tribal casino, i.e., a dispute over slot machine payouts or malfunctions.

What exactly is sovereignty?

Answer: Sovereignty refers to the absolute power to govern; the Tribes enjoy the same status as another state government or foreign country. Sovereignty, as it applies to Tribal governments, is the authority to govern within territorial jurisdictions called "reservation trust land."

What are MGCB's responsibilities under the Tribal-State Compacts?

Answer: The MGCB Tribal Gaming Section is charged

with inspecting Tribal facilities and documents to assure compliance with Tribal-State Gaming compacts and related agreements. The Tribal Gaming Section may examine casinos' electronic games of chance (slot machines, video poker, etc.) to assure that devices are operating in accordance with terms of Compacts. They may also conduct financial audits to assure that Tribes are properly making payments to Local Units of Government/ Local Revenue Sharing Boards and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in accordance with Compacts and related Consent Judgments.

What is the role of the Federal government with regard to Indian Tribes?

Answer: The United States has what courts have described as plenary power to regulate Indian affairs. The United States, through its various departments within the Executive branch, stands in the role of trustee for Indian Tribes in many matters. Indian Tribes are subject to federal laws of general application unless a specific law provides otherwise.

What are Class I, II and III Games?

Answer: **Class I** games are social games solely for prizes of minimal value or traditional forms of Indian gaming engaged in by individuals as a part of, or in connection with, Tribal ceremonies or celebrations. These games are regulated solely by the Tribes.

Class II games as defined in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act consist of bingo played for monetary prizes, including pull tabs, lotto, and instant bingo. Class II also includes card games that are not prohibited by the laws of the state and are played at any location in the state.

Class III means all forms of gaming that are not Class I or Class II gaming.

How do I file a patron complaint against a Tribal casino?

Answer: The Tribal-State compacts require that a patron file their complaint with the Indian Casino's Tribal government (usually the Tribal gaming commission) or with the National Indian Gaming Commission, an agency of the U.S. Government, to resolve any issues or disputes with respect to the operations of the establishment(s).

Note: The State of Michigan cannot become involved with the resolution of specific patron-Tribal casino disputes. The State of Michigan cannot represent the interests of either the patron or the Tribal gaming casino. The patron should first attempt to resolve disputes with the Tribal government which owns the particular casino.

Be sure to vote
Election Day 2014
Tuesday, Nov. 4
Your voice, and your vote
matters!

FIFTH THIRD BANK CONTINUES "EMPOWER U" SERIES



Empower U is designed to empower YOU financially with a team of dedicated experts, resources and hands-on tools. Tribal Members will be better prepared to handle their own finances and better equipped to assist family, friends and others with their questions and concerns.

NHBP Pine Creek Reservation Community Center from noon to 1 p.m. Contact Robyn Burlingham at 269.729.5151 ext. 8373 or email fifththird@nhbpi.com. Fifth Third Bank will be providing food, beverages and prizes at all Empower U events.

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| September 17 | Insurance – Protect Your Family Now |
| October 22 | Simplifying the Complicated World of Investments |
| November 17 | How to Prepare For Homeownership |
| December 3 | Refinancing Your Home vs. Home Equity Loan: What's Best for You? |

FIREKEEPERS CASINO HOTEL 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

NHBP CONTINUES TRADITION OF KEEPING THE FIRE THROUGH SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS AT FIREKEEPERS CASINO HOTEL

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) has a cultural tradition of being Keepers of the Fire. The NHBP has more than 1,100 Members and is led by Tribal Council Members; Homer A. Mandoka, Jamie Stuck, Dorie Rios, Tony Day and Christine Lanning. The Tribe and its strong leadership have taken the cultural tradition of keeping the fire and transformed it into the successful operation of FireKeepers Casino Hotel.

Development of Operation

FireKeepers Casino successfully opened in August 2009. This opening took place after more than 10 years of planning, strategy and vision. The \$300 million property is conveniently located along Interstate 94 in south-central Michigan. **Original operations featured:**

• Gaming Amenities

- Over 2,680 slot machines
- 70 table games, including blackjack, roulette, craps, bix six, pai gow and baccarat
- 12 table Poker Room featuring Texas Hold 'em, Stud and Omaha
- 300 seat Bingo Room

• Non-Gaming Amenities

- 5 distinctive restaurants
- Kabaret Lounge
- Dacey's Sports Bar
- Multi-purpose room

After nearly two years of successful operations, the NHBP announced plans to expand the original FireKeepers footprint. **The expansion showcased:**

- 242 room resort-style hotel complete with an indoor pool, exercise facility, full service restaurant and business center.
- Multi-purpose event center capable of seating 2,000 in a concert format. When not in use as a concert venue, the versatile space is configured to accommodate banquets,

corporate meetings, trade shows and other events.

- Bingo operations expanded to 10,000 square feet of gaming space, doubling the capacity from 250 players to 500 per session.

Grand Opening festivities were launched at 12:12 p.m. on 12.12.12. The first year of Hotel operations concluded with 92 percent occupancy and the Event Center featured nationally recognized headline acts including:

- Rascal Flatts
- Aretha Franklin
- Hall & Oates
- Lynyrd Skynyrd
- Larry the Cable Guy
- Jeff Dunham
- Darius Rucker
- Steve Miller Band
- The Band Perry

Financial Impact

The success of FireKeepers Casino Hotel has resulted in many financial accomplishments and milestones:

• State of Michigan

- \$58 million since August 2009
 - Funds are distributed as part of the NHBP's compact.
- FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board
 - \$21.9 million since August 2009
 - Funds are distributed as part of the NHBP's compact to help local communities.

• Local Employment

- \$250 million
 - Before its 5th anniversary, FireKeepers Casino Hotel will have surpassed a quarter billion dollars in cumulative, labor costs, including: total wages, health insurance, 401 (k), and incentives since opening.

• Local Spending

- The Tribe's commitment to local spending has resulted

FIREKEEPERS CASINO HOTEL 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

in awarding contracts in excess of \$93.1 million since opening across the state of Michigan.

- Buy-Out of Full House Resorts' Management Contract
 - From August 2009 – May 2011 FireKeepers Casino successfully operated under a management agreement with Full House Resorts. The early buy-out of \$97.5 million was completed in May 2012, eliminating the remainder of the agreement scheduled to continue until August of 2016.

Employer of Choice

The Tribal Council and Executive Team continue to maintain their employment goal of being the Employer of Choice in South Central Michigan, resulting in the following accomplishments:

- Nearly 4,000 residents of South Central Michigan have been employed by FireKeepers Casino Hotel since opening
- Over 32,000 applicants have applied for work, resulting in over 140,000 applications
- Nearly \$100,000 has been awarded to Team Members through its Employee Relief Fund, which provides financial assistance to Team Members who have experienced hardship through no fault of their own.

Leadership

The organization has high caliber leadership, starting with the Tribal Council. Both the Chair and Vice Chair have served multiple terms and the leadership has won multiple awards identifying their strength in leadership:

- **Tribal Council Chair Homer A. Mandoka**
2013 NAFOA Tribal Leader of the Year
- **Tribal Council Vice Chair Jamie Stuck**
Global Gaming Business Magazine "40 under 40"
- **Tribal Council Secretary Dorie Rios**
"Native American 40 Under 40" by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development Board of Directors
- **Casino/Hotel Senior Vice President/AGM Brian D. Decorah**
Global Gaming Business Magazine "40 under 40"

The Team at FireKeepers Casino Hotel is led by R. Bruce McKee, a Full House Resorts Executive prior to the May 2012 buyout, who began his journey with FireKeepers Casino in May 2008 as the General Manager of the Casino. In May 2012 he was promoted to Chief Executive Officer. McKee has been responsible for all facets related to opening and operating FireKeepers.

Leadership commitment flows from the top through the entire property. FireKeepers remains committed to developing leaders from within the organization. Entry level employees have access to many training programs to help elevate their career path including "Track 1" and "Track 2" career development programs. Also, a newly implemented Succession Program which exists to ensure asset protection of the organization by creating a pool of candidates who have developed the knowledge, skills and experience that will enable them to replace Senior Management or Executive Leadership position if or when those positions become available.

Guest Experience

The culture of FireKeepers Casino Hotel continues to emphasize W.E.E.A. in every facet of its being, encouraging all team members to be Welcoming, Engaging, Enthusiastic, and Appreciative in every guest interaction. This mentality, combined with the FireKeepers Casino Hotel brand of being fun, friendly, vibrant, and upscale lends itself to accomplishing the goal of being the casino of choice in the Midwest. Positive results have been seen in daily guest interactions as well as FireKeepers winning "Friendliest Team" by Midwest Gaming & Travel every year that it has been open.

Friendly guest interactions aren't the only great experience at FireKeepers. The property has produced many "MoneyKeepers," or jackpot winners. Some life changing jackpots include:

- \$99,951 – Nov. 25, 2013 - Flint, Mich. resident
- \$737,141 – Nov. 23, 2013 - Jackson, Mich. resident

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- \$144,000 – May 20, 2013 – Romulus, Mich. resident
- \$198,014 – Oct. 18, 2012 – Churubusco, In. resident
- \$253,216 – Jan. 17, 2011 – Lansing, Mich. resident
- \$100,000 – Sept. 21, 2010 – Leslie, Mich. resident
- \$274,000 – Mar. 14, 2010 – Marshall, Mich. resident
- \$469,000 – Aug. 6, 2009 – Schoolcraft, Mich. resident

Charitable Initiatives

Under the influence of the seven grandfather teachings (Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth) taught and preached by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, FireKeepers Casino Hotel has developed an attitude of community service and charity.

- Demonstrated by such events as The FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship, an LPGA/Symetra tour event that was held in June 2014. The tournament hosted 144 golfers with net proceeds from the event going to S.A.F.E. Place, an organization committed to helping victims of domestic violence and their families in Barry, Eaton and Calhoun counties. S.A.F.E. Place provides shelter, court advocacy, referrals and counseling for those affected by abuse.
- Another prime example of FireKeepers Casino Hotel's charitable nature is the yearly turkey donation. Every year FireKeepers Casino Hotel partners with local food banks across the state to donate hundreds of turkeys prior to the start of every holiday season. Past selected food banks include the Food Bank of South Central Michigan located in Battle Creek, Food Gatherers located in Ann Arbor, Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne, and Food Bank of Eastern Michigan located in Flint.
- The "Culinary Clash" event showcases our own chefs as it pits them against chefs from other venues in the area for a cooking competition. Proceeds from the event have benefited the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Kalamazoo. Individual team members embrace opportunities to help within the organization as well, with multiple successful programs taking place such as team member food drives and giving tree events.

Other Accomplishments

Excellence can be found in every corner of FireKeepers Casino Hotel, and individual departments are always eager to showcase their own accomplishments.

- In 2009, FireKeepers Casino hired approximately 1,500 employees making it the largest hiring across the state for the year.
- The Red Hot Rewards Club had 100,000 Red Hot Rewards members signed up just one week after opening Aug. 14, 2009.
- They then reached five times that number almost exactly one year after that, with 500,000 members being signed up Aug. 24, 2010.
- The Valet department reached 1 million cars parked by the free valet service Feb. 2, 2012, and have parked a car from every state including Hawaii and Alaska.
- The FireKeepers Casino Hotel Facebook page hit 250,000 fans April 11, 2014.
- On April 13, 2014, the FireKeepers Casino Hotel reached 100,000 check-ins for its 242 room facility.

But as always, the focus remains on the guests and their experience. To that end, in January 2010 over 200 team members (mostly supervisors and managers with the intent of them training the rest of the team members) attended nine training sessions put on with the Michigan Association on Problem Gambling. These sessions were focused on ensuring that the guests of FireKeepers Casino Hotel are gaming for entertainment purposes while illustrating for team members, signs that the guest may be at the casino for the wrong reasons and providing the recourses and support for guests and team members when needed. Affirmation of FireKeepers Casino Hotel staff's dedication to guest service was also showcased in June 2010 when FireKeepers Casino Hotel won a first place award for "Most Friendly Staff" in the Midwest Gaming & Travel Readers' Choice Awards, as well as winning 19 other awards from the publication.

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A beautiful cake made by FireKeepers Casino Hotel's chefs was featured at the celebration.



The NHBP Veterans Drum kicked off the event.



NHBP Tribal Council, along with the FireKeepers Casino Hotel CEO Bruce McKee, cut the cake that was served to the many guests and employees who attended the event.

MNO WENDBESHKAYEN NNGOU

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jeff Kendall

Jeff Kendall
{September 3}

Happy 19th Birthday,
"Bub!"

Love, Your Cousins:
Cam, Ben, Aanzhenii, &
Asunciana #ASHQUABS



Randi McKinney

Randi McKinney
{September 21}

"Hey Mickey," have a most
wonderful Birthday!

We love you.
The Family



Keyon Mandoka

Keyon Mandoka
{September 26}

Happy Birthday Keyon
Mandoka! Have a nice day.

We love you.
Mom, Sisters, Grandma and
Brooklyn



Deon Marshall

Deon Marshall
{July 26}

Happy Birthday "Baby Boy"
and God Bless!

Love always,
Daddy, Lonnie, Darian,
Grandma Denise, G-Ma and
Family



Adrionna Mandoka

Adrionna Mandoka
{September 2}

Happy Birthday "Baby
Girl!"

Love always,
Daddy, Brother, Grandma
and Family



Eric & Heather TePastte
Age 1

Eric & Heather TePastte
{August 16}

From 1 to 38 ~Happy Birthday!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Devyn, Uncle Russ, Aunt Joyce and all of the
Lannings!



Eric & Heather TePastte
Age 38

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to
thank the Education
Committee and Tribal
Council for all of the
help offered with the
Educational programs.
With the assistance,
we are able to attend
college, help fund
high school programs,
purchase the books
and supplies needed
and receive a
computer! We're very
grateful.

Thank You!!!
Lauren, Travis, Eric, and
Olivia Potter

Thank you

Migwéch to NHBP for the beautiful flower planter you delivered to my house
after my hospital stay recently. I sure did appreciate your thoughtfulness.

God Bless,
Cheryl Morseau-Williams

CONGRATULATIONS



Joel & Rose TePastte
1969



Joel & Rose TePastte
2014

- Apollo 11, man first walked on the moon
- Gasoline was 35 cents a gallon
- A new car was approximately \$3,000
- 350,000 fans attended Woodstock
- September 6, 1969 was the marriage of Joel TePastte and Rosemarie Chivis

CONGRATULATIONS! 45 YEARS!

You are both loved and cherished. From the FAM!!!!

PROMOTIONS



Fred Jacko Jr.

Court Administrator



LaShelle Gumbs

Interim Contract Health
Services Representative



Melissa Lynch

Quality Assurance Manager



Nickole Keith

Elders Specialist

Thank you

On August 7, during the Annual Potawatomi Gathering, our Tribal Council participated in the All Council Conference. The Gun Lake Tribal Council gifted each of the eight participating Tribes a beautiful painting of a crane by David Shananaquet. A Pendleton with the Gun Lake logo was also presented to each Tribe. In return, NHBP Tribal Council gifted each Tribal Council a hand-made medicine wheel crafted by NHBP Elder Mike Mandoka.



Tribal Council Members Jamie Stuck, Christine Lanning
and Homer Mandoka with the beautiful gift
from the Gun Lake Tribal Council.

Employee of the Month

Employee of the Month {September 2014}

Elizabeth Ballew was named Employee of the Month for September. If you see her, please congratulate her on this accomplishment.



Elizabeth Ballew

Reminder: Deadline for birthday and anniversary submissions is the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next issue of the Turtle Press.

YOUTH LEARN WORK PROGRAM

Youth Learn Work Program

Submitted by Membership Services Staff

This summer the Membership Services Department hired 10 NHBP Tribal Youth through the Youth Learn Work (YLW) Program. The YLW participants were between the ages of 14 – 21 years old. All of them gained real work experience as well as youth leadership skills, and experienced what it was like to earn a paycheck.

The YLW participants were able to job shadow the following departments: Environmental, Communications, Finance, Human Resources, Public Works and the Membership Services Department. The YLW spent approximately 24 hours per week with employees from these departments observing their daily job duties and were given their own tasks to carry out within the workplace. "The Youth Learn Work Program was a valuable learning experience, which I highly enjoyed," said Ben Wilkins, Tribal Youth Learn Worker.

The Membership Services Department worked with the youth in enhancing their professional, organizational, and most importantly, their interpersonal and leadership skills. Our youth performed general office duties and participated in all aspects of the Membership Services Departments operations which also included helping with important Tribal events. The YLW were also able to attend Tribal Council Meetings, Grant Planning Meetings, All Staff Meetings, and they provided very valuable input when it came to brainstorming ideas for our new Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project.

The Youth Learn Work Program wrapped up in Mid-August. We celebrated our youth (and showed them our appreciation) by taking them out to a special luncheon dedicated to them. "We really enjoyed working with our young people and teaching them important skills that will help them obtain employment in the future," said Camie Castaneda, Membership Services Program Coordinator. "All of the youth we had this year had really great work ethics and I look forward to seeing them next summer!"



Ben Wilkins and Jeff Kendall work at the LPGA event along with NHBP volunteers Daejion Morseau and Diop Harris II.



John Day Jr., Sarah Day, Ben Wilkins, and Jeff Kendall assist in sending out a mailing for the Back to School program.



Sarah Day and Jeff Kendall make a great lunch for the Tribal Youth Program.

CULTURAL OUTREACH

Cultural & Historic Preservation Office Presents to Vicksburg Historical Society

Submitted by

Elizabeth Ballew, Cultural Specialist; Mon-ee Zapata, Cultural Associate; Jeff Chivis, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer & CHPO Director

On July 15, the CHPO was invited to present information about our Potawatomi heritage, culture and history at the Vicksburg Historical Society. For one hour, the department covered the history of our local Potawatomi people, the meaning behind our clothing & regalia, and hand drumming with song and dances to a crowd of at least a hundred southwest Michigan residents.

The presentation was led by Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Jeff Chivis and Cultural Specialist Elizabeth Ballew, with assistance from Arthur Zapata and Ofelia Zapata, Miss Pottawatomi 2014-2015.

Chi-Migwéch to Arthur Zapata for providing the beautiful hand drum beat and songs and to Mon-ee Zapata for taking the pictures and video.



Cultural Specialist, Elizabeth Ballew, teaches the Social Round Dance.



CHPO at the Vicksburg Historical Society Presentation.



Elizabeth Ballew and Ofelia Zapata explain the meaning behind our Regalia.



Jeff Chivis presents on NHBP history.



Over 100 Vicksburg area history buffs came to hear the presentations.

THE GATHERING

Annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations hosted by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians



NHBP joins in the Grand Entry



Melvin "Nibbz" Prescott



Sara Lanning weaves a basket



NHBP Veterans Drum performs at the Gathering



Tony Day



Sara and Christine Lanning finish their baskets



Potawatomi Royalty



Fancy shawl fringe



NHBP youth enjoy a break near the water

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MISS POTTAWATOMI 2014 - OFELIA ZAPATA, NHBP

Submitted by

Ofelia Zapata, Miss Pottawatomi 2014-2015

NHBP congratulates Ofelia Zapata on being named Miss Pottawatomi Nation 2014-2015. Contestants were judged (by a panel composed of one representative from each Potawatomi Nation) on a cultural presentation made during the Gathering; an interview with the judges; their public speaking skills and Pow Wow dancing; as well as a 500-word essay. This is Ofelia's essay in her own words.

Bozho, Zibikwé ndeshnekas, Bodéwadmi Kwé ndaw, Athens, Michigan ndochbya, nodwazibi niyek ndebendagwes, Migizi ondotem. Hello, my spirit name is Zibi Kwé which translates to water women or river woman, Potawatomi woman I am, Athens Michigan is where I am from, Nottawaseppi people is where I am enrolled. Eagle clan is my clan. I am 13 years old. There are many things that I do in school which includes band and many sports (volleyball, softball, basketball and track). I also have many hobbies. I really like watching and interacting with babies on my down time and I also like to read books.

There are many reasons why I would like to run for Ms. Pottawatomi. My sister is one of the reasons. She was the 2013-2014 Ms. Potawatomi. I felt emotional and cried when my sister was crowned. Having a sister who represents the Potawatomi people is an honor. When we dance we honor our grandma who has passed into the western direction. There is not a day that I don't think of my grandma. Another reason why I want to run for Ms. Pottawatomi is because I want to be an inspiration to many other girls. I myself notice that there are many young ladies who look up to me. I would like to be a role model for them. My parents have inspired me also. My lovely mother works with the language and I would like to keep that going. My father Arthur sings with Southern Straight Singers on the big drum (Dewégen). I also sing with my father's drum group and I enjoy it. When I sing with them, I sing my heart out. Sometimes I sing so much that I think of my grandma and I cry a little bit or it makes me want to sing louder. It is so amazing to hear my Elders tell to me to try harder. When I hear that I get inspired by them.

I think that running for Ms. Pottawatomi is important

because I feel that if you want to teach and carry a tradition, then you have to embrace your culture. There are so many traditions that my family has and we carry them out with pride. We also enjoy teaching others as well. I feel that it is important to know your clan, the 7 Grandfather Teachings and the medicine, so you will know how to act right.

Ms. Pottawatomi is also important because you are representing all of the Potawatomi bands. While carrying the title of Ms. Pottawatomi, you have to be respectful and presentable at all times. I feel that I try to do both of these things to the best of my ability.

As Ms. Pottawatomi I will do many things which will include helping our youth out with their Pow Wow dancing and singing. Sometimes it is hard to get them to focus so I will have one-on-one meetings with them and see what they like to do. All of the girls in TYP (tribal youth program) dance once a year at our annual Pow Wow. I really want to change that, because I know they have the ability to do anything they want. **Migwéché!**



Miss Pottawatomi 2014-2015
Ofelia Zapata (center) with her parents,
Arthur (left) and Mon-ee (right).

THE GATHERING

NHBP VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you!

We are so thankful for our Huron family and friends who volunteered their time to help make the Gun Lake Tribe's first Gathering a success. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and we could not have done it without your help.

Sincerely,
The Gun Lake Tribe



Robyn Burlingham cheerfully greets attendees after being gifted with an Eagle feather.

Potawatomi Gathering Volunteers

Submitted by

Eric McClure, Communications Intern

Each year the NHBP holds or participates in more than 100 different events. Each event has its unique characteristics, however they all have one thing in common: volunteers. Without those who are willing to donate their time, patience and hard work, so many things that our Tribe does wouldn't be possible. The role of volunteer is not one that is limited to Tribal members. This is something that is very apparent, simply by looking at the long list of those from the NHBP family who have volunteered at NHBP events.

This year's Annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations, hosted by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians, was no exception. The Gun Lake Tribe was in need of extra volunteers to pull off this annual event, so they reached out to the NHBP for assistance. Of course, the NHBP family responded with several volunteers taking on tasks ranging from parking cars and driving golf carts to representing the NHBP during one of the athletic events, such as participating on one of the two softball teams.

One of the volunteer positions that needed filling was the registration tent. Gaming Commissioner Diane Potter spent her time volunteering to register Gathering attendees. "I volunteered in the registration tent and met a lot of people from Gun Lake. They were very friendly and it was a lot of fun! There were so many people representing different Tribes and excited to be there," Potter said.

Tribal Council/FDA Coordinator Robyn Burlingham provided assistance with parking and golf cart transportation during her three days of volunteering at the Gathering. "I had a great time and met lots of people from other Tribes. I went to volunteer, but walked away with so much more," Burlingham said. Besides volunteering, the opportunity to experience traditional Potawatomi culture was something that meant a great

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deal to many of the participants at the Gathering. "This was my first Gathering as a volunteer. Being a participant was the first of many steps on the road to getting to know my culture. I was glad to be able to experience as much Potawatomi culture as possible," Burlingham said.

This opportunity to volunteer was particularly special for Burlingham because she was presented with a Migizi Migwan (Eagle Feather). Burlingham had helped one of the men at the Gathering throughout the day. When he came across her again, he asked if she had ever been presented with an Eagle Feather. After she replied that she had never had that honor, he left, only to return to present her with one. "It was a great honor and it made my experience volunteering at the Gathering extra special," Burlingham said.

The fact that so many members of our NHBP family have stepped up and volunteered their time, patience, and hard work, not for compensation but just for the sake of volunteering, for so many of our Tribe's events is not something that goes unnoticed. "I am humbled by the generosity, spirit, and compassion that these people have for our Tribe. It is all of you who so generously give your time, your warmth, your humor and your caring, who help make all of these events possible. Thank you for volunteering!" said Christine Lanning, Tribal Council Treasurer.

Whether you are parking cars, manning a vendor booth or representing the NHBP on a softball team, your contributions are noticed and appreciated by the entire NHBP family.

Gathering Volunteers from NHBP

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|------------------|----------------------|
| Robyn Burlingham | Darrel Day |
| Diane Potter | Francisco Cabrera |
| Randi McKinney | Rebecca Griffin |
| Dennis Aven | Nathen Thunder Eagle |
| Paula Stuck | |



Paula Stuck directs traffic.



Francisco Cabrera drives a golf cart.



Darrel Day drives a golf cart.



Diane Potter and Randi McKinney man the registration tent.

Skasgé Power, LLC. Awarded \$200,000 Grant

Submitted by Skasgé Power, LLC Staff

Changes are happening quickly at Skasgé Power, LLC. Those changes are a recent award from Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the resignation from the General Manager of Skasgé.

To this date, Skasgé has now received \$360,000 from MEDC. This most recent award gave them an additional \$200,000 for re-engineering, equipment and training for FireKeepers Casino Hotel Solar array site. Skasgé has built and nurtured relationships with engineering firms, vendors, contractors, sub-contractors, local governments and other organizations to bring the Skasge demonstration project and FireKeepers Casino Hotel prototype project from the concept stage, through the installation stages, and to the commissioning stages of development.

Skasgé recruited and organized a dedicated and diverse team of both Tribal Members, members of other Tribes and non-Natives to form the Skasgé labor force. Skasgé formed alliances within NHBP to aid with administrative and human relations services. They identified, secured and managed state grants to aid Skasgé with startup, operating and training costs as well as identified and implemented necessary employee training programs in the areas of safety, equipment care and use, and general solar systems installation. Skasgé also identified and joined several professional organizations to form a wide reaching networking system that includes both local and national affiliates including Michigan Small Business Technology Development Center (MSBTDC), MEDC, American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE), etc.

Skasgé Demonstration Project: Pine Creek Reservation

- Coordinated and supervised the installation of a hybrid solar power application combining the technology of the Power Panel, Inc. PV/Tsolar module and the Skasgé

Power, LLC solar tracker.

Skasgé Prototype Project: FireKeepers Casino Hotel

- Coordinated and supervised the prototype development stages of the Skasgé solar tracker application with the installation of 10 units at FireKeepers Casino Hotel. This Project is also reaching the final stages. The recent award of \$200,000 will help this project reach the final stage.
- Research and Development
 - Thermal Collection and Delivery System:
 - Redesigned and implemented improved insulated supply and return piping system to stabilize the effects of changing temperature conditions. This also allowed for easier assembly and installation that enabled in-house building of these systems.
 - A moving platform required a much more robust water swivel joint to effectively deliver the thermal fluid to and from the solar panels themselves. We researched and replaced original plastic swivel joints with a much more durable commercial grade joint.

Currently, we are testing a new pump module design at the Pine Creek array that will better perform under the rigorous climate conditions that challenge us in Michigan and other northern latitudes.

Controls: As these tracking systems have developed we discovered a larger and larger need for improved process control and monitoring capabilities. To that end, we have made vast changes to improve the controls capabilities of our trackers. We researched, designed and installed a new computer controlled system that is much more easy to use. It allows for future expansion capabilities and allows for web-based monitoring and alarm notifications. We have also installed new sensors that are more accurate, rigorous and versatile for better control and monitoring.

- Skasgé is in the process of converting all pump motors from DC power to AC power for greater efficiency, better reliability and lower costs. We changed the Pine Creek tracking drive control system from a compass based positioning design to an

SKASGÉ POWER LLC

encoder based design for much greater accuracy and repeatability. We have also standardized our control component scheme to be able to utilize readily available, UL listed parts that allows for a more user-friendly platform for our customers and allows for modular type expansion.

Skasgé enlisted the services of Syntech Development, Inc. (a software development company) to assist us with designing a web-based monitoring system that can be accessed from anywhere and provides real time monitoring of the entire system and provides alarm notifications if there is a problem.

Energy Storage: Our experience has shown an increased need to be able to store energy for use when needed as opposed to when it is produced. We are currently working with Matrix Consulting Engineers out of Lansing, MI, to assist us with energy storage solutions and heat transfer designs in order to better utilize the energy we are collecting at the Fire Keepers Casino Hotel project.

The improvement process is constantly ongoing and this list only contains a few of the larger points of our research. Daily we find things that can be done more efficiently or more reliably in an effort to reduce costs and provide a better product.

“Skasgé’s journey from the beginning has been, and will continue to be, a learning process. Upon perfection, Skasgé will introduce itself to the marketing world,” says Paula Stuck, Skasgé Executive Assistant. “We are honored and blessed to be able to give back to the Tribe and the community.”

Tony Day, General Manager of Skasgé has announced that he will be resigning from Skasgé. Day has poured the foundation for Skasgé; but his dedicated service and position as a Tribal Council Member does not allow him to dedicate himself full time to the position. A new General Manager will be appointed shortly after Day’s resignation goes into effect.

“Even though Tony [Day] is resigning, he will always be part of Skasgé and a “Kche Migwéché” (Big or Grand Thanks) to the Tribal Council for their vision of Skasgé for this generation and the next seven generations,” said Paula Stuck, Skasgé Executive Assistant.

“I would like to say Migwéché to our Tribal Council and the newly formed Waséyabek Development Company Board for having the courage and vision to move forward with our Tribe’s non-gaming economic diversification. I would like to thank them for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the foundation for the Tribe’s first attempt at non-gaming economic diversification. I would like to wish future success to the Skasgé staff, Tribal Council and Waséyabek Development Company Board. I believe it is our goal to secure our Tribe’s economic success for the next seven generations,” Day said.



Tony Day steps down from his leadership role as General Manager of Skasgé.



The 155 acre Q Drive property harbors "Nottawaseppiniyek Dokmejwen – Our Tribe's peaceful water," a wetland being restored by the Tribe to natural habitat.

SPRING IS HERE?

Submitted by
Environmental Department Staff

In 1999, the Tribe purchased the 155 acre Q Drive parcel of land from a local farmer. The property, a favorite hunting area for Members, is divided into Q Drive South and Q Drive North. The northern 80 acres harbors "Nottawaseppiniyek Dokmejwen – Our Tribe's peaceful water," a wetland restored in 2010. The southern half is 75 acres total, with 55 acres of farmland surrounding a small island of flooded forest. Farmers harvested corn and soybeans from the property for decades, until the Tribe took over management in the spring of 2013. Final plans to decide long term uses of the area are still being developed with community input.

We've taken notice of the how the land has already responded to this more natural treatment. After just one summer season without heavy farm equipment, the Tribe's Habitat Specialist Steve Allen has noted a dramatic increase in the number of Eastern Meadowlarks. Eastern Meadowlarks are in the blackbird family, nesting and foraging on the ground. They use their long sharp bill to probe the earth for underground bugs. Females build elaborate nests out of vegetation that are 4-6 inches wide and 2-3 inches deep. Farming disturbs Eastern Meadowlarks, with the timing of tilling, spraying and harvesting interrupting nesting areas. In fact, if a nesting female is disturbed even slightly, she will abandon incubating her eggs.

The North American Breeding Bird Survey considers the Eastern Meadowlark a species in decline because of disappearing habitat. By offering the land for a full season without large scale agriculture, the Tribe has helped foster crucial habitat for this bird. It is exciting that the Q Drive property is becoming a haven for Eastern Meadowlarks, and we hope to hear its song from our fence posts for the next seven generations: "Spring is here!"

Other environmental news:

- We spotted over 20 hummingbirds nectaring at our purple coneflowers in the TEAC Elder/Youth garden the last weekend in July.
- The TEAC and Environmental Departments will be cosponsoring the **Michigan Tribal Environmental Group (MTEG) quarterly meeting Sept. 10-11** at FireKeepers Casino.
- Along with the Tribal Cultural and Historic Preservation Office, the Environmental Department will host the Tribe's **Wild Rice Workshop Sept. 11-13**.



The southern parcel includes a small island of flooded forest surrounded by restored habitat.

Wild Rice Activities in September 2014

Submitted by
Environmental Department Staff

Tribal Mnomen (wild rice) activities are in motion on the Reservation this time of year.

Rice collection continues on Pine and Nottawa Creeks. The largest and lushest beds are on Nottawa Creek, and hand collection from our NHBP canoe fleet began in mid-August and continues through early September. Opportunities are still available for interested members and staff to go onto the river to see the wild rice beds and assist in seed collection. A collection float usually lasts about two hours. Contact Steve Allen (269.282.7025) in the Environmental Department to find out which days collections are scheduled and get more information about how to participate.

Mnomen in Motion

Also in September, be sure to keep your ears perked for the 2nd annual "Mnomen in Motion" cultural event that will feature a birch bark basket and winnowing basket

making demonstration on Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13 led by Master Wild Ricer Lee Sprague from the Little River Band of Odawa Indians.

In addition to the winnowing basket making, there will be opportunities to create ricing collection and processing equipment (cedar rice knockers, parching paddles and rice harvesting hooks) Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13. Events start at 10 a.m. and run through 5 p.m. both days. Lunch is provided both days.

Cooking Contest

A new addition to the event this year is the cooking contests scheduled for both Friday and Saturday. Please have submissions at the Environment building by 1 p.m. each day. Friday's cooking contest has two categories, best wild rice dish & best goulash dish. Saturday the contest will cover two categories, best soup & best wild rice dish. The prizes for all four contests will be a \$50 gift card. If you have any questions about the contests or have transportation needs please contact Mon-ee Zapata at 269.729.8353.

NHBP Tribal Members participate in the 2nd annual "Mnomen in Motion" demonstrating the traditional harvesting of mnomen (wild rice) from the Pine Creek waterways.



MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - YOUTH

2014 Tribal Youth Program Summer Day Camp was a hit!

Nearly 30 NHBP youth, ages 10 to 14, kicked off the 2014 Tribal Youth Program Summer Camp by exploring Binder Park Zoo which included feeding very tall giraffes. Tribal Youth finished the day at the Pine Creek Reservation Environmental Building painting gourds that were grown, dried out and sanded out by the NHBP Environment Department Staff.

Afterward, the youth participated in a game of Shishibé with our Culture Department at the Northern Administrative Community Center. The youth ended their day with a visit to the Quest Stables in Grand Rapids, where they learned how to ride and vault, as well as groom horses. Some even had the opportunity to feed them before they went home for the day!

On the second day of Summer Camp, youth traveled to Grand Rapids to explore the Grand Rapids Public Museum. This was the first time many of the youth had been to the museum and they were very excited to see the "Anishnabek People of This Place" exhibit. They were really surprised when they saw videos that featured NHBP Elders including Henry 'Tiq' Bush, Jr. The youth also visited the planetarium and watched a feature called, "UNDER SCORCHING SKIES."

The final day of Summer Camp was spent swimming with new friends at Millennium Park and ended with a delicious cook out!

The Tribal Youth Program participants had a fabulous time at this year's Summer Camp and learned many new things, most importantly, they made new friends from their own Tribe.



Day Campers on the tram to visit Africa.



Painting gourds at the Community Center.



Geared up and ready to ride the horses.



Tribal Youth Program Summer Day Camp group photo.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - YOUTH

Membership Services Department Successfully Carries Out the First of Seven Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project Workshops: Traditional Clay Pottery

Membership Services is pleased to announce that the first Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project Workshops that took place July 21 and July 22, was a great success! The Traditional Pottery Workshops were facilitated by Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Director of the United Tribes of Michigan.

Mr. Ettawageshik taught our youth the importance of revitalizing our traditional culture by showing them the art of making traditional pottery the way our ancestors have before us. These were very well attended workshops; 12 youth total participated. Mr. Ettawageshik is also a traditional storyteller, and the youth were very intrigued by the two very old stories he shared with them.



Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project participants work on their traditional pottery.



Mckenna Burlingham gets ready to fire her pottery.

Positive Impact

Many of our youth have benefited by attending the Traditional Clay Pottery Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project Workshops. Jontay Edwards, a Tribal Youth, wrote this in his journal about the Traditional Pottery Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project Workshops:

"I learned that there are different ways to heat your pottery. The way our people have done it for many years is by fire, not oven. I made a clay cheetah, and I really hope it comes out good."

Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project Workshops Availability

If your youth missed the Traditional Pottery Workshops, not to worry, there are more! The Membership Services Department's purpose of this project is to revitalize traditional knowledge, skills and values. The remaining cultural practices that will be coming up will take place throughout the year during the seasons that traditionally correspond to each activity.

The next workshop to take place will be **Black Ash Basket Making** with John M. Pigeon. The dates are: **Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m.** at the Pine Creek Reservation Environmental Building. It is open to all NHBP youth, ages 9 to 18 years old.

Transportation arrangements can be provided if needed.

How to register for upcoming workshops

To register for any of the upcoming workshops, please contact Camie Castaneda, Membership Services Program Coordinator for applications and more information.

o: 616.514.3662

e: ccastaneda@nhbpi.com

web: www.nhbpi.com

Michigan Indian Elders Association Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie

Submitted by
Membership Services Staff

In July, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi (NHBP) Elders attended the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting was hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

The MIEA meeting included a slot tournament that was very popular with Elders. The MIEA auction was also very fun and exciting with a few items selling for over \$100. NHBP Elders made pillows that were also sold in the auction.

While in Sault Ste. Marie, the NHBP Elders visited the Soo Locks located on the St. Mary's River. The Locks are made up of four locks and are still in use. The Locks help ships pass from the higher elevation of Lake Superior to the lower Lake Huron. The Locks are operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

It was a long journey to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, but the Elders thoroughly enjoyed their stay in the Upper Peninsula. The scenery in the Upper Peninsula was spectacular and crossing the Mackinaw Bridge was also a very memorable experience.

Youth Basket Making Class Offered Black Ash Basket Making with John M. Pigeon

Saturday Sept. 6 & Sunday Sept. 7

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pine Creek Reservation Environmental Building
1301 T Drive S, Fulton, MI 49052

To sign up please contact Camie Castaneda, Membership Services Program Coordinator:

616.514.3662 or ccastaneda@nhbpi.com



Tiq Bush and Dale Anderson at the MIEA meeting.



Paula Keith and Karen Bush at the Locks.



Elders group photo at the Mackinac Bridge.

THE GATHERING FUN & GAMES



Bryant Phillips swings for the fence



Tony Day, Diop Harris, Brad Simmons and Jamie Stuck



LoVelle Marshall



Lauren Simmons



Brandon Anderson



Sierra Simmons



NHBP Red Team



NHBP Blue Team

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Information contributed by
Sandy Blair, Enrollment Specialist

Tribal Enrollment

Enrollment for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi is currently closed to new Members. Pending applications will not be approved for Membership until enrollment is open and at this time we are not accepting new applications.

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

High School Diploma or GED:

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

Bereavement Benefits:

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

Telephone Numbers:

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

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

2014 Per Capita Distributions

Time to Update your Banking Information

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, the Tribe's Finance Department will be initiating per capita distributions to those members with direct deposit instructions on file. Physical checks will be mailed to members without direct deposit approximately two weeks later.

If your banking information has changed since April, please submit an updated direct deposit form to: **percap@nhbpi.com** or fax it to **269.729.4827**.

In order to allow adequate time for processing, we respectfully request that all banking information forms be submitted by Wednesday, Sept. 17.

You can obtain a blank form at:
nhbpi.com/members/per-capita-distributions.

Undeliverable Per Capita Payments

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 contact information:

Phone 269.729.5151 or toll free 1.866.499.5151

Fax 269.729.4909

Email – enrollment@nhbpi.com

Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) Trip

Article Contributors

Jeff Chivis, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer & CHPO Director | Elizabeth Ballew, Cultural Specialist | Mon-ee Zapata, Cultural Associate

The Pokagon Drum & Dance Troupe invited NHBP Community dancers / members / descendants to perform with them July 18, 19, & 20, at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in Washington, D.C. The performance was a part of the Living Earth Festival at the museum.

Elizabeth Ballew and Mon-ee Zapata were very fortunate to be able to travel with the Pokagon Drum, dancers and Veterans and would like to say "Kche Migwéch" (Big or Grand Thanks) to our relatives for inviting us to be a part of the event! We were scheduled to perform twice per day with one hour performances for each. There were also other singers & dancers there performing from the Ute Nation – we got a chance to visit with them and they shared the origin of the dance they were performing. They performed a "Bear Dance" which is a courting dance, and known to be led by the women, who in turn chose a man who they would like to dance with. One must have good endurance to dance this dance, as it was shared with us, back in their homelands this dance can last up to 4 hours long or longer.

Another important part of our trip that we would like to share with you all is our visit to the CRC (Cultural Resource Center) in Maryland. The day before our travel home, 20 individuals were allowed to visit the CRC, which is the second of three facilities and the home to the extensive collections and research programs of the Smithsonian's NMAI. We were allowed to view many, many culturally significant items (such as sacred scrolls, water drums, etc.) that are currently being housed in the CRC. It is the CHPO's goal to reclaim these sacred objects from institutions such as the NMAI. We believe that most of these items should be given back to the Tribe due to their culturally sensitive nature and their importance and potential contributions to our living culture.

Yes, indeed it was an honor to be able to view items that were "collected" – but also one could feel the presence of our Ancestors there with us, as there are also remains being housed there. Before entering, we smudged, prayed and sang directly to those spirits – when we left we smudged and prayed again - we mentioned that we were sorry and we will do what we have to do to bring these items and remains back home to their rightful owners. We wanted to share this with you all, so that you know the importance of what repatriation is, and how important it is to our people and our Ancestors. **Énajmoyan!**



Elizabeth Ballew and Mon-ee Zapata perform at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

WELCOME TO NHBP

NEW NHBP EMPLOYEES



Cassie Jo Cleary

Hello, my name is Cassie Jo Cleary and I am the new Licensed Master's Social Worker (LMSW) Behavioral Health Clinician in the Grand Rapids office. I recently moved to Grand Rapids from Chicago, where I worked as the Behavioral Health Counselor at American Indian Health Service of Chicago, an Urban Indian health clinic and the only IHS facility in Illinois. I am originally from a farm in Ashkum, Illinois, a small town in east central Illinois, and I earned my bachelor's degree in English from the University of Illinois and my master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago. I am excited to continue my work here at NHBP and look forward to learning more about the Tribe and this community. Please feel free to stop by my office to say hello and introduce yourself in the next few weeks.



Claudia Edwards-Houser

Bozho! My name is Claudia Edwards-Houser, the new Graphic Designer for NHBP. Prior to joining the Communications Department I was the Brand Manager for Ganton Senior Communities in Battle Creek and Lansing, and the Marketing Manager for Battle Creek Health Systems. I've also served as the Creative Director for Guardian Marketing in Albion, and two advertising agencies in the Marshall and Battle Creek areas. I studied studio arts, graphic design and elementary art education at Kellogg Community College and Western Michigan University. Migwech to the Tribe and everyone at NHBP for the opportunity to serve you.



Dawn Mack

Hello, my name is Dawn Mack and I am the new Tribal Court Administrator Assistant. For over 20 years I have been a high school social studies teacher, for most of that time at Athens High School. This new career move gives me an opportunity to serve in this great community while applying what I have taught for many years. I obtained my bachelor's degree from WMU and master's degree from Spring Arbor University. My husband, Mike and I live north of Union City. Our favorite past times include being with our son and his wife, our daughter and her husband, along with two sweet granddaughters. I also love to go camping and hiking. I am so excited to be working at NHBP to assist the excellent Tribal Court staff in bringing justice that includes the values of the Seven Grandfather Teachings.



Elizabeth Morgan

Hello, I am Elizabeth Morgan, the new Behavioral Health Clinician with the Pine Creek Health Department. I graduated from Western Michigan University with my Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Upon graduation, I was privileged with the opportunity to work at a residential treatment center in Grand Rapids, MI. Throughout my time there I became specialized in substance abuse treatment, trauma treatment, women's specialty issues, and grief counseling. I am grateful to have found my calling as a guide to healing those in need. Aside from my work, I spend a majority of my time exploring nature with my two year old boxer, Tegan. If I am not at the beach, on a trail, or at the park, you can most likely find me reading a book or jamming on the guitar. I am honored to be a part of NHBP and look forward to the journey ahead.

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Eric McClure

Hello, my name is Eric McClure. I am the intern in the Communications Department. I was raised and still currently live in Athens, Michigan. I graduated from Athens High School in 2013 and currently attend Kellogg Community College, pursuing an Associate of Arts degree, with a concentration in political science. I currently sit on the Athens Area Schools Board of Education, as a trustee, as well as volunteer my time as secretary of the Athens Area Historical Society. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity that I have been given, in interning with NHBP. I plan to continue to volunteer my time and skills, as well as learn about the culture of the Tribe.



Holly Nava

Hello, I am Holly Nava, a new police officer for NHBP. I was born and raised in Battle Creek. I grew up as the only child in my home. I spent a lot of time with my grandparents shopping, making cooking and listening to "old-time" music. I graduated Battle Creek Central High School in 2005. I attended Kellogg Community College, majored in Law Enforcement, and then went on to attend their police academy. I graduated from there with an associate degree in Law Enforcement and with Honors. In my down time, I enjoy working in my yard, riding my ATV, traveling up north (where I often take my ATV on the trails) and spending time with my family and close friends.



Melissa Chivis-Wagner, LLMSW

Bozho! My name is Melissa Chivis-Wagner and I am the Behavioral Health Clinician for the Northern Area/Grand Rapids office. I received my master's degree in Social Work from Grand Valley State University. As an NHBP Tribal Member I am honored to serve my community. I look forward to interacting with NHBP Tribal Members and the Native community as a whole. Migwéché for this opportunity!



Angie Allen

My name is Angie Allen and I am the new Administrative Assistant to the CEO with responsibilities of providing administrative support to the CEO and acting as a facilitator between the Executive Management team, Tribal Council and the Board of Officers. I am an enrolled Tribal Member of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi. I am a graduate of Godwin Heights High School in Grand Rapids, MI, and attended Grand Rapids Community College. I hold a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Grand Valley State University. I currently reside in Athens, MI. It is both an honor and a blessing to play such a huge role in representing the Tribe in my new role.

ANISHNAABEK HEALING CIRCLE

Inter-Tribal Council Awarded a 3 Year Access to Recovery (ATR) Grant

Submitted by

Meg Fairchild, Behavioral Health & Social Services Manager

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), and Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) has awarded a new three year Access to Recovery (ATR) grant to the Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) of Michigan, Inc in the amount of \$7,866,666. ATR grants are authorized under Sections 501(d)(5) and 509 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended and are financed by 2014 Prevention and Public Health Funds (PPHF-2014).

The grants are highly competitive with awards going to five states and one tribal organization – the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. The Access to Recovery initiative provides vouchers for clients with substance abuse problems to choose treatment and recovery support services within a network of providers.

Since 2007, ATR client outcomes for individuals who are active and engaged in their treatment and recovery have been excellent.

ATR Rate of Change

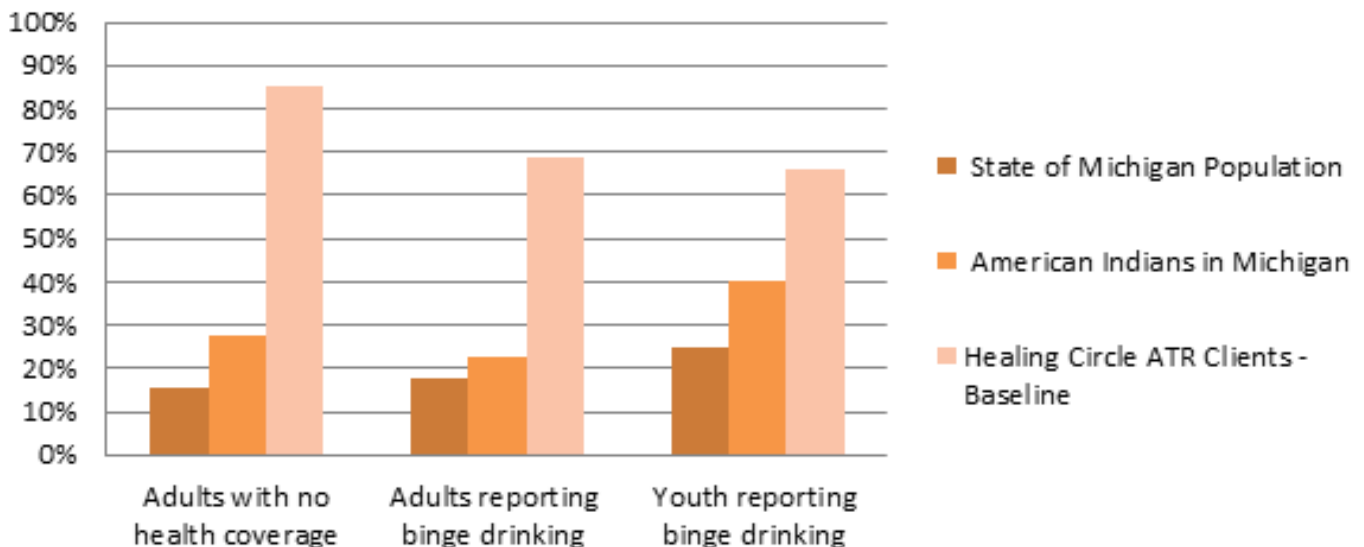
- Decreased drug use: 51%
- Decreased alcohol use: 32%
- Decreased depression: 31%
- Decreased violent behavior: 48%
- Decreased anxiety: 29%

Clients also report increased positive social connectedness (12% rate of change); decreased negative health/ behavior/ social consequences of substance abuse (9% rate of change); decreased criminal justice involvement (4% rate of change); and increased rates of employment and school attendance (7% rate of change).

Over 90% of participants report that their life has changed for the better as a result of their participation in the Anishnaabek Healing Circle.

Contact Meg Fairchild to find out more information on this program through NHBP Behavioral Health Services: **269.704.8341** or email: **mfairchild@nhbp.org**

Healing Circle ATR Clients at Highest Risk*



ANISHNAABEK HEALING CIRCLE

Anishnaabek Healing Circle (Access to Recovery) Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

Supporting Tribal Self-Determination thru Community Healing

THE ANISHNAABEK HEALING CIRCLE PROMOTES HEALING FROM INTER-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA & ADDICTION

Living Life in Balance



- › Bay Mills Indian Community
- › Hannahville Indian Community
- › Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- › Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- › Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa/Chippewa Indians
- › Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

- › Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- › Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa
- › Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- › Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
- › Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi
- › Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Potawatomi
- › American Indian Health and Family Services (AIHFS)

The spiritual strength of our ancestors will live in the hearts of our people.

All twelve federally recognized tribes in Michigan and AIHFS of Detroit serve as ATR access centers for individuals seeking healing and recovery services.

7,000 individual tribal citizens and family members have received services to support their healing and recovery since 2007.

KEY OUTCOMES FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY ANISHNAABEK HEALING CIRCLE ATR SERVICES
(comparing intake and six month follow-up survey data)



CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SEPT:14 {No.09}



NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Helping to preserve the family unit and promote economic independence and self-sufficiency with safe, affordable, accessible, quality child care for qualified NHBP families.

Are you working or attending school? Have you heard about our Tribal Childcare Assistance Program?

This program is designed to assist in paying for Licensed Childcare for those who are working, attending school or training in 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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Positive Parenting Program!

Is your child's behavior out-of-control?

Have you run out of ideas for getting your child to do as you asked?



Stop pulling your hair out and enroll in the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) being offered through Project LAUNCH.

Come join us for 4 weekly meetings to talk about parenting and gain support. Then receive 3 weeks of phone support, followed by a celebration gathering!

Each week offers new ideas, fun discussions, snacks and goodies!

This program is free!

Come see what it is all about!

Call Martin at 269.729.4422

to reserve your spot!



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MICHIGAN INDIAN FAMILY OLYMPICS

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NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI



On July 18, NHBP descended upon Central Michigan University to participate in the 27th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics. The weather was perfect and the anticipation was high. Archery, running, walking, free-throws - you name it, we did it. Each person gave a valient effort to each sport.

TEAM RESULTS:

- 1 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2 Gun Lake Tribe
- 3 Pokagon Potawatomi
- 4 NHBP
- 5 Grand Traverse Band
- 6 Little TRaverse Bay Band
- 7 Little River Band



It's 3 points for Robert Williams.



There's no stopping Frank Watson.



Danea Mandoka takes aim.



Team NHBP pulls together.



Charlie and Michael show off their medals.



The Water Relay



Team NHBP

MICHIGAN INDIAN FAMILY OLYMPICS



Receiving the check from BCBS for the Tribe-to-Tribe Walking Challenge



Terrence Williams and Anthony Chukis



Cheering on the runners



Claude Ryan



Laura Marshall



Presenting the NHBP banner

CULTURAL & HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Submitted by
Elizabeth Ballew, Cultural Specialist; Mon-ee Zapata, Cultural Associate; Jeff Chivis, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer & CHPO Director

Cultural & Historic Preservation Office Mission

The Cultural and Historic Preservation Office strives to honor the memory and sacrifices of our ancestors through:

- The education and revitalization of traditional Bodéwadmi culture, language and history
- The repatriation of the Tribe's ancestors, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony
- The protection, preservation, and management of significant historical properties and archaeological sites
- The preservation and curation of significant cultural objects, archaeological artifacts and historical records

These duties represent the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi's sovereign right to empower the spiritual well-being of Tribal Members, raise the level of awareness regarding important contemporary historic preservation issues, and create a solid cultural and historical foundation that ensures the persistence of the unique history, culture, and language of the Bodéwadmi people.

Cultural Dates to Remember

- **Sept. 9 Full Moon Traditional Cooking w/ TYP**
Pine Creek Community Center. Contact Mon-ee Zapata for transportation arrangements at 269-729-8353.
- **Sept. 12 & 13- Wild Rice Event**
Pine Creek Environment Building
- **Sept. 18 Shishibé**
Pine Creek - Potluck Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 25 Shishibé**
Grand Rapids State Street - Potluck Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Oct. 2 - 5 Fall Ceremonies & Gamwing Feast**



NHBP Tribal Members join with Pokagon to perform at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.



Onyleen and Mon-ee Zapata wait to perform at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

Cultural & Historic Preservation Office Updates

• **The Three Sisters Garden** seems to be growing well and we are thankful for all of the rain that the Creator provided us with a few weeks ago! We plan to feast on the garden vegetables during our upcoming Fall Time Ceremonies!

• **Sweetgrass (Wishpe Mishkos)** We planted a patch of sweetgrass in the Southwestern portion of the Nanoshkazi Jibeyki a few months ago. The sweetgrass seems to be taking to the area and we look forward to our first harvest when it is ready. Please keep in mind that if you are in need of the four medicines (sage, sweetgrass, cedar, tobacco) or if you have questions about the use of these medicines – please contact our office and we will help you with what we can.

• **Processing Sema** Migwéché to the Environmental Department for providing our department with Sema from the 2012 Season! We have been taking apart the Sema leaves and bagging it up with a tag for distribution to other departments and Tribal functions when needed. Migwéché to the Youth Learn to Work employees for assisting us in this area – your help is needed and we enjoy working with you all!

• **Tribal Youth Program / Youth Camp Shishibé** On Wednesday, July 23, we traveled to the Grand Rapids office to provide a Shishibé afternoon session with the Youth Camp participants. There were 30 – 35 participants who enjoyed playing the game and we hope that everyone enjoyed the prizes! Migwéché to the NHBP Membership Services Department employees who assisted us while we played the game.

• **Annual Potawatomi Language Conference** This year the Potawatomi Language conference was hosted by the Matche-Be-Nash-E-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians at the Bay Pointe Inn in Shelbyville, Michigan. The conference was held Aug. 4 to 6, and concluded with the Annual Potawatomi Gathering (Aug. 7 to 10) at Camp Jijak in Hopkins, Michigan. The NHBP Cultural Specialist and Associate were honored to be asked to present during the Language conference. Our presentation highlighted our

River Mnomen (Wild Rice) and the NHBP 2013 Mnomen/ Wild Rice Workshop. We presented on our Mnomen and how it was discovered, how to gather Mnomen, the parching process, dancing the Mnomen, winnowing the Mnomen and lastly, sorting the Mnomen. A Potawatomi Language Resource word list was also included – here are a few words that we chose to include for the presentation:

- **Mnomen** – Wild Rice / Good Seed
- **Mnomneké** – To gather wild rice
- **Nde mnomneké** – I am ricing
- **Pegjis'ségat** – Threshing
- **Gépisegé** – Parching
- **Noshketon** – Winnowing
- **Noshketonagen** – Winnowing Basket

Migwéché to the Annual Bodéwadmi Language Conference committee for asking representatives from the NHBP CHPO Department to be presenters during the conference! We were treated well and look forward to next year's Gathering with the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Community!

CHPO Director Conducts Repatriation Workshop at 2014 Potawatomi Gathering

Jeff Chivis conducted a workshop on repatriation at the Potawatomi Gathering Aug. 7. It was a joint presentation and discussion given with Shannon Martin and Sydney Martin, repatriation representatives for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Gun Lake Pottawatomi Tribe, respectively. The discussion was an introduction to the repatriation process and a strategizing session for upcoming repatriations. The crowd learned a great deal about repatriation law and politics and the workshop was a great success. These types of workshops are useful for educating the Native American population, as well as the general public, on repatriation issues and are important in gaining support for the Tribe's repatriation efforts.

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Article Contributors

Jeff Chivis, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer & CHPO Director | Elizabeth Ballew, Cultural Specialist | Mon-ee Zapata, Cultural Associate | Language Resources Contributed by Donald Perrot & Frank Barker

ZAWBOGYAGIZES – LEAVES TURN YELLOW MOON – SEPTEMBER SHISHIBÉ WORDS WE ARE USING

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Bedéwadmi
Dotem/Clan System

Crane Clan
Jijak Dotem

Crane Clan are our singers of love songs and are talented flute players. They are gifted with great orator skills and are characterized by deliberate action and speech.

As meeting callers and protectors of the waters, Jijak Dotem show great patience and resiliency in guiding and healing the people.

Crane Clan people are spiritual warriors who have historically carried on the traditions and culture of our ancestors over many generations.

July Word
Search Winner:
Frank Watson

Don't miss your chance at winning a gift valued at \$50!
Submit by the 14th of the month!

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Nanabousho/Winabojo laws As retold by: Shup-She-Wana, Eagle Clan, Howard Lahurreau
"It is better that others should envy you for being good, than you should envy others, you yourself being evil..."



Mullen

Medicines for Healthy Spiritual and Physical Well-being: **Mullen; Waboyan debek**

The medicine Mullen is used for treatment of respiratory ailments and can be smoked or steeped for treatment under the direction of a true medicine person or doctor. It can be used as part of a mixture to help lung illnesses, can act as bandages to stop bleeding, and the stalks can be used as torches or fire-starting material. A tea or wash can be used to help the healing process but the itchy hair fibers need to be strained before use.



Three Sisters Garden: corn, beans and squash

Three Sisters Garden Update!

Mark your calendar!

We will be eating corn, beans & squash during

Fall Ceremonies

Oct. 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2014

Gamwing Feast & Fall Ceremonies 2014

Oct. 2, 3, 4 & 5

Location: At the Long House in Nanoshkazi Jibeyki on the Pine Creek Reservation

Time: Fall Ceremonies will begin Thursday at 7 a.m. with the lighting of the Shkwedé (sacred fire) and sunrise ceremony.

Purpose: There will be several activities and workshops to assist us in preserving our sacred lifeways and traditional teachings over the four days of ceremonies.

Tradition: Gamwing Feast is the feast we hold as a community to honor and give thanks for the bountiful harvest each year. We will enjoy a traditional feast with maple sugar, honey, wild game, fish, wild rice and the Three Sister vegetables (corn, beans & squash).

Feast time: Saturday, Oct. 4, with feast time at 3:30 p.m.

Rustic camping is available on-site.

If you need transportation arrangements, please call Mon-ee Zapata: 269.729.8353.



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BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI**

A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Committee Meetings** | See pg. 3 for details
- Save-the-Dates** | See pg. 5 for details
- Fall Prevention Class** | See pg. 5 for details
- Lunch & Learn** | See pg. 6 for details
- Empower U/Insurance** | See pg. 14 for details
- Youth Basket Making Class** | See pg. 33 for details
- 2014 Per Capita Distributions** | See pg. 35 for details
- Full Moon Traditional Cooking** | See pg. 45 for details
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YOUTH & ELDER EVENTS

- Northern and Southern Youth & Elder Activities**
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- Mno Bmadzewen Youth Project Workshop**
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

| NUM A GISHEK <i>Sunday</i> | NGOT GISHEK <i>Monday</i> |
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| 31 | 1 ALL OFFICES CLOSED Labor Day |
| 7 Black Ash Basket Making | 8 Community Lunch Elders Arts & Crafts PC full moon |
| 14 | 15 Community Lunch Elders Arts & Crafts PC |
| 21 | 22 Autumn Equinox Feast Autumnal Equinox 10:29 p.m. |
| 28 | 29 Community Lunch Southern & Northern TYP Elders Arts & Crafts GR |

LEAVES TURNING MOON

Watbgya Gises brings the beautiful array of Fall time colors. We see this as the leaves begin to change colors throughout this season.

- Full Moon** | Monday, September 8, 9:38 p.m.
- Autumn Equinox** | Monday, September 22, 10:29 p.m.
- New Moon** | Wednesday, September 24, 2:13 a.m.

WATBGYA GISES, 2014

| NISH GISHEK <i>Tuesday</i> | APTO GISHEK <i>Wednesday</i> | NYEW GISHEK <i>Thursday</i> | NYANO GISHEK <i>Friday</i> | ODANKÉ GISHEK <i>Saturday</i> |
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| 2 Elders Arts & Crafts GR | 3 Community Lunch Lunch & Learn PC | 4 Northern TYP | 5 Northern Elders Computer Classes (GRCC) | 6 Black Ash Basket Making |
| 9 Southern & Northern TYP Elders Arts & Crafts GR Full Moon Trad. Cooking | 10 Community Lunch Lunch & Learn PC | 11 Northern TYP Elders Farmers Market Elders Committee PC | 12 Lunch & Learn GR Wild Rice Workshop | 13 Wild Rice Workshop Harvest Celebration |
| 16 Northern TYP Southern TYP Elders Arts & Crafts GR | 17 Community Lunch Lunch & Learn PC | 18 Tribal Council Mtg. Grand Haven TYP Southern Shishibé Potluck | 19 Cornwell's Dinner Theater Northern Elders Computer Classes (GRCC) | 20 |
| 23 Northern TYP Southern TYP Elders Arts & Crafts GR | 24 Lunch & Learn Canceled Employee Appreciation Day  | 25 Northern Shishibé Potluck | 26 ALL OFFICES CLOSED Michigan Indian Day | 27 UNITY Council Meeting |
| 30 |  | | | |