

# MNO NODEGEWEN HANNAHVILLE

(Something good you hear about in Hannahville)

si sba kwto gises – Maple Sugar Moon April 2016

## Trauma in Our Community Presentations

Darryl Tonemah returned to Hannahville early this month to give two presentations on Trauma in Our Community. He is a Full Blooded (Kiowa/Comanche/Tuscarora) Native American Psychologist. He has a PhD in Counseling Psychology and Cultural Studies and teaches across North America on topics such as Health Behavior Change, and how Trauma Affects Behavior.

The first presentation was for staff who work with young children. Mr. Tonemah spoke about how trauma shows up in our community, in our homes, and in ourselves. After discussing the roots of trauma he taught caregivers how to recognize it and some tools to deal with it.

The second day of presentations was focused on how trauma has affected us as individuals and as a community. Darryl spoke about genetic and historical roots and ways to address trauma in ourselves.

In addition to being an accomplished psychologist, Mr. Tonemah is also a singer/songwriter and actor. He has recorded 9 award winning CD's and has spent the last 20 years touring North America sharing music and story. He put on a concert for families in the Convention Center following his presentation on Monday, April 4th. To learn more about Mr. Tonemah, please visit his website [www.tonemah.com](http://www.tonemah.com).



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# Community Information

## TRIBAL COUNCIL

Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 10:00 am in the Tribal Council chambers at the Administration Building. To be added to the agenda call Tammy Meshigaud, Tribal Council Secretary at 723-2604.

## ADULT & CHILD WELFARE

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 10:00 am within the Visions Center.

## GAMING COMMISSION

Meetings are twice a month on Wednesday's at 10:00 am within the Casino. Call Brad Madalinski, Gaming Commission Director at 723-2046 with any questions.

## HEALTH BOARD

Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of every month at 3:00 pm in the upstairs conference room of the Health & Human Services building.

## HOUSING BOARD

The Housing Board meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 2:00 pm within the Housing Department.

## SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board meets on the second Thursday of every month at 3:00 pm in the School conference room.

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

Post 116 meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Elder's Building #1 Commons Area.

*All times and dates are subject to change. Due to confidentiality reasons, some meetings may have closed sessions.*

## From your Enrollment Department

It is very important that all Tribal Members and Registered Descendants keep their contact information current with the Enrollment Office, whether you live on or off tribal lands.

Your residential address is used in a variety of ways. Examples: when you enroll a child, your residency accuracy is very important; for fire/safety reasons; during tribal elections for voter and board eligibility; census data, etc. Therefore, anytime you move, please be sure to contact the Enrollment Officer with your new address and phone number and the names of other members residing at the address.

Hannahville Indian Community      Phone: 906-723-2601  
Enrollment Officer, Jackie Kang      Fax: 906-466-2933  
N14911 Hannahville B-1 Rd      Email: enrollment@hannahville.org  
Wilson, MI 49896

Days/hours of operation: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00pm EST.

## From the Accounting Department

If you have any changes to your account information, the Accounting Department needs notice at least one week prior. For example, if you want to stop direct deposit and get your per capita in check form, the Accounting Department needs to know this one week before per capita comes out. The Accounting Department has to finalize this information in a timely matter, so if you call the day before, the change cannot be applied to your account until the following month. If you have any questions, call Kelli Danz, Accounting Director at 723-2631.

## Drug Take Back Initiative

**What:** Prescription/Non-Prescription Medication (Pill Form Only)

**Where:** Hannahville Tribal Police Department

**When:** Mondays – Fridays, 8:00 am – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

**Why:** To help keep harmful medications out of the hands of innocent children and drug abusers. Individuals that have known medications, increase their chance of becoming a victim of a crime. The purpose of this program is to provide a safe disposal method to you at no costs and no questions, to help you from becoming a victim. If we can work together to dispose of expired/unused medications, we decrease the chance of these medications getting into the hands of a drug abuser or innocent child. Please consider disposing of these medications today!

**How:** Bring your expired or unused medications to the Hannahville Tribal Police Department and place them into the disposal box located in the lobby.



# Community Information



## EZ Ride

466-2128 or 368-0189  
Edna Keezer, Owner/Driver



New transportation NOW available in Hannahville!  
Need a ride? Call the day before and make an appointment.  
it's that easy!

- \* Daily shuttle to Escanaba by appointment
- \* Pick up and deliver shopping by appointment
- \* Rides to work by appointment

Call today! Get a ride tomorrow! It's that easy – just call EZ Ride!

*Hello, my name is "River Woman". My English name is Edna Keezer. I'm from the Bear Clan and I've lived on the Hannahville Rez since back when we lived in two room shacks, without running water or electricity. All the roads were so dusty, you'd be covered in dust after a ride down Hannahville Road. Even your eye lashes would be dusty! Hardly anyone owned a car back then. I sure wish someone would've opened "public transportation" in those "good ol' days".*

*The EZ Taxi business was good, however, the insurance for a taxi company was raised by \$1,200.00 making it \$4,200.00 per year, not good! This time around, I've decided to try a shuttle. The fare will be donations of \$5 to \$7 per trip. Punch cards will be available with one free ride per full card. All rides by appointment only. Call the day before, it's that simple. Don't sit around this winter, get out and about. Enjoy a safe and pleasant ride with EZ Ride! Thank you.*

## Michigan Indian Elders Association TALENT SHOW

Tribal Members & Elders of all ages are welcome to participate!

Where: Island Resort & Casino Convention Center

When: April 26th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. est.

Registration: 6:30 p.m. event night or contact Vaughn Sagataw at (906) 368-0148 or email: [vaughnsagataw@yahoo.com](mailto:vaughnsagataw@yahoo.com) by 4/26

**YOU  
BRING  
THE  
TALENT**

Prize Money Awarded for:

1st Place \$75.00

2nd Place \$50.00

3rd Place \$25.00



## Children's Book Exchange

Sunday, April 24th from 2pm-3:30 pm at the Delta Plaza Mall food court. Trade books with other's to add variety to your child's home library. For more information, find them at Community Children's Book Exchange on Facebook.

## Support Meetings

The following is a list of support meetings that are open to people eligible for services at the Hannahville Health Clinic. These meetings are a place to come and share or just to listen. You are welcome to attend if you are currently dealing with an addiction problem or if you are looking for support for your recovery, no matter how long or short it has been.

If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 466-2878. Hannahville Behavioral Health also has lists of other support meetings in the local area.



### Wednesdays

7:00 pm Talking circle at Three Fires Housing

### Fridays

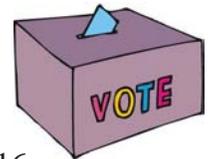
10:00 am Social support group at Hannahville Behavioral Health or other designated location (Call 466-2878 to find out where meeting will be each week)

### Saturdays

10:00 am NA meeting at Hannahville Community Center

## ELECTION INFORMATION

TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS will be on Monday, May 2, 2016.



BOARD ELECTIONS

will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

If you have any questions please call Tammy Meshigaud, Tribal Council Secretary at 723-2604.

## GREAT START FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Arrrgh! It's a Pirate's Life! Family Fun Night at the Escanaba Public Library on Wednesday, April 27th from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Evening includes stories, activity, craft and snack. Space is limited. Registration is required. Contact Laurie Mold at 786-9300 ext 111 to register.

# Community Information

## Michigan Indian Leadership Program (formerly the Pre-College Leadership Program) at Michigan State University

July 10-15, 2016

### Contact Information:

Stephanie Chau,  
Assistant Director of  
Undergraduate Diversity  
(517) 355-0177  
(517) 355-0234  
chaus@msu.edu



2015 Participants Making Black Ash Baskets

- FREE Summer Program to Help Students Prepare for College
- Explore Academic Programs at Michigan State University
- Cultural Workshops and Social Activities
- Network with Native Staff and Faculty
- Extracurricular Development
- Study for the SAT
- APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2016
- For More Information and Application, Please Visit Our Website:  
[http://www.canr.msu.edu/pre\\_college/pre-college\\_leadership\\_program](http://www.canr.msu.edu/pre_college/pre-college_leadership_program)

Sponsored by: The College of Agriculture & Natural Resources and  
The Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at MSU

## TREE DISTRIBUTION FOR EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY

The Hannahville Environmental Department will be distributing tree seedlings and saplings to the Community on **Friday, April 29th**, 2016.

The following tree species are on order: Northern White Cedar, White Pine, Red Pine, Red Oak, White Birch, and Sugar Maple (please note that all species listed are subject to availability).

**Distribution will begin at 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on April 29th at the Hannahville Environmental/Homemakers Building** just south of the Tribal Administration Building.

Planting trees is beneficial to the environment. They create wind breaks and shade that directly reduces heating and cooling energy consumption. Trees are also beneficial to wildlife, providing food and habitat. Guidance for planting instructions, locations and spacing will also be available.



**Seniors! Are you ready to re-live your Senior Prom with a night of dinner, dancing, door prizes and more fun?**

**You're invited to the 2ND ANNUAL SENIOR SENIOR PROM on May 21, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. until midnight at the Island Resort & Casino.**



For more information please contact Lois Tovar at 906.723.3004 or 906.236.9357 or find the Facebook page "Senior Sr. Prom 2016".

## Adult Education

Michigan has just lowered the score needed to pass the GED from 150 to 145! Because the test is more difficult than the old GED, those earning it command more respect from potential employers and colleges. Claim some of that admiration for yourself and enroll in classes today. People seeking a GED or high school diploma can sign up any time during the school year. You can register by completing two forms (located in the wire basket on the Adult Education office door at the Visions Center). Forms can be returned to Robin's office at anytime during business hours and she will contact you as soon as possible.

Robin is at Visions Mondays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and Thursdays from 8:00 am - 11:00 am. If you drop in during those times, Robin will be there to answer any questions. You can call her anytime on her cell phone at 241-5612. She's also available at 789-7063 from 1:00 - 7:00 pm Monday's - Thursday, or at 723-2584 during her office hours at the Visions Center.

# Community Information

## Hannahville Indian School MOBILE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION at the Hannahville Community Center



**THURSDAY, May 12th**

10:30 am - Noon:  
Families with school  
aged children & Elders

12:00 - 3:00 pm (or  
while supplies last):  
General Public

**FREE**

fresh fruits & vegetables, dairy  
products & baked goods for  
families in need!

(please bring your own boxes  
& bags if possible)

Provided in Partnership with:



## Join Us

For New Language Learning Opportunities!

Project

Penothiyek Mine Dbenwe

Wdenwemagnewan e Bodewadmimwat

*Children and Families Speaking Potawatomi*



HIC Department of Culture, Language and History  
Hannahville Indian School – Nah Tah Wahsh PSA

## PRESENTS



Language Apprentice Families in Tribal Early Childhood Education

Language Class for Parents – Teachers - Community

**4 – 6:00 PM Thursdays**

We meet in the Language/Culture Resource Room  
Hannahville Indian School – Nah Tah Wahsh PSA

## CULTURAL AWARENESS & SPRING CEREMONIES

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Community Center

### AGENDA

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|-------------------|---|
| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | Sunrise Ceremonies<br>Pipe Ceremony<br>Water Ceremony |
| <b>12:00 p.m.</b> | Be the Change Community Potluck Lunch                 |
| <b>1:30 p.m.</b>  | Storytelling, Crafts, Drumming, Singing...            |

Families are welcome! Please bring a dish to pass and your own dish bag if you have one. Also, women are encouraged to wear skirts.

**Call Sue Gustafson with any questions at 723-2552.**

### Beading Group



Culture Committee is starting a beading group on **Thursdays at the Potawatomi Heritage Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

*Everyone is welcome! Let's get together and bead!  
Culture Committee will provide minimal supplies to start your project, such as beads, thread and needles. Please call Susie Meshigaud with any questions at 723-2500.*

### Be the Change Potluck Lunch

Restarting an old tradition to bring the community together again.

April's potluck for community members and all employees from will be on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from **11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the Community Center.**  
Please bring a dish to pass

# Health & Wellness

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

What each and every tribal members needs to know about Purchased and Referred Care (formerly known as Contract Health):

- Purchased and Referred Care is neither an entitlement program nor insurance.
- Purchased and Referred Care Services considers an ELDER TO BE 65 YEARS OR OLDER.
- Purchased and Referred Care is the Payor of Last Resort, according to federal law. Purchased and Referred Care recipients must apply for all alternate resources before Purchased and Referred Care can cover any expenses.
- Examples of Alternate Resources: Medicare, Medicaid, VA, Workers' Compensation and any other medical assistance programs.
- Purchased & Referred Care currently cover Priority I Referrals and Priority II for Elders.
- Prior to being seen by any provider "outside" the Hannahville Health Center you required by Purchased and Referred Care to pick up your referral before you go to your appointment.
- ONLY in a TRUE emergency will this process be waived, AS LONG AS YOU NOTIFY THE NURSE AT THE HEALTH CENTER (within 72 hours) of the visit.

Questions about Purchased and Referred Care?? Contact Linda Triest PRC Specialist at 723-2520.



## GOING TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM or WALK IN CLINIC?

You or someone with you needs to call the on call nurse at the Hannahville Health Center BEFORE you get to the Emergency Room OR when you arrive. The on call nurse's number is 906-280-2669.



## HIC Garden Group Planning Party

Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00am – 3:00pm  
Hannahville Community Center

- Everyone is welcome! Open to beginning and experienced gardeners.
- Plan your raised bed, container or in-ground garden.
- Hands on seed starting – participants will take home a tray of transplants!
- Determine topics for future gardening gatherings.
- Lunch is provided. Contact Kris Blahnik at (906) 723-2530 to register.

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Looking for that extra boost?

Join us at the **REACH FOR WELLNESS FITNESS CENTER**, located on the upper level of the Health Clinic.

Choose from a variety of classes, one-on-one with a personal trainer or just use the equipment on your own.

Call us at 723-2565 or stop in anytime!



## CLASS SCHEDULE

**Monday & Wednesday**  
Toning at 4:00 pm

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
Toning at 8:00 am

**Monday** – Elder's exercise at 1:00 pm (Elder's building #1)

**Tuesday**  
Toning at 12:00 pm

## WELLNESS FITNESS CENTER HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Open to Tribal Members and Employees 18 & over.

# Health and Wellness

## QUIT SMOKING CLASS

Ready to Quit? Join the next Quit Smoking Class in the Casino Executive Board Room on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 am. Class meets once a week from April 19-May 31. Class is free and includes materials. Call Shanna at 723-2570 for more info.

## YOGA CLASS

Class times at the Potawatomi Heritage Center

Mondays at 12:00 p.m.

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.

Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday sessions are for people new to yoga, or those who would like a slower pace.



Class at the Elders Building

Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

These sessions are for all Elders.



Yoga classes are **FREE** for April!

Yoga mats are provided at all yoga classes.

Call Kris at 723-2530 with any questions. Registration is recommended.

## Fitness Fridays – More than a Walking Group

Monthly prizes!

EVERY FRIDAY from 12-1pm, starting on Friday, April 4th at the Community Center.

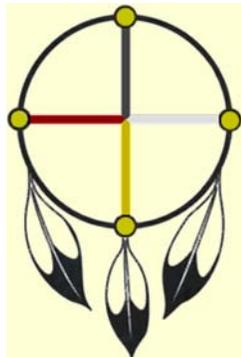


End your week strong. We will do a short (5-10 minute) exercise video and then walk around the center. When the weather gets better we can walk outside. A walking and wellness group for all ages and abilities. Special classes & health topics – chosen by the group. A group to walk & talk with... A group to try something new with... No need to register, just show up when you can.

Call Shanna with any questions at 723-2570.

## Free or Low Cost Health Insurance!

For the first time, many more Native families like yours- moms, babies, dads and all, can qualify for free or low cost health insurance. This expands the coverage you get from Indian Health Service and tribal programs. Get the harmony and peace of mind that comes with better health insurance.



To learn more, call Marcia Granquist at the Hannahville Health Center at 723-2541.



**K.A.R.S.**  
(Kids Always Ride Safe)  
**Carseat Program**



We hold the KARS Carseat Program every 4th Tuesday of the month, by appointment only. Our goal is to have EVERY child riding safely, in an appropriate car seat. Reminder: car seats do expire and can become damaged in car accidents and from sun damage.

Anyone (community members, employees, etc) are eligible for this program, however if you are a WIC client, you are eligible for seats at a cheaper rate of \$15 and \$5 for a booster! Non-WIC clients are eligible for seats at a rate of \$40 for harnessed seats (those with a 5 pt. harness) and \$15 for a booster seat. Your money not only gets you a brand new car seat but also the education on proper installation. A certified car seat technician will properly install the seat for you, so you must have a vehicle and the child present for the appointment. Payment of seat is required prior to appointment date, accepting cash only.

To schedule an appointment time, contact Mandi Brayak at 723-2544 or 280-1220.



Michelle Reed, Instructor of "N8V Dance Fitness" was the Head Female Dancer for Hannahville Pow Wow last year. Since April 1st, she has been teaching a Native American dance styled fitness dance class in the Hannahville School Gymnasium.

The class is for ALL AGES and fitness levels. The class will continue 4 times a month through May, or longer based on the participation level. Class starts at 4:30 pm with a warm up and ends by 5:15 pm.

So far, the group has learned moves for the sneak up, crow hop, round dance, fancy and a team dance routine!

**CLASSES IN APRIL & MAY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAYS FROM 4:30-515 PM**

If you have any questions, please call Molly Meshigaud at 906.723.2612



# Health and Wellness

## Understanding Self Injury

Self-injury, such as cutting, is the act of intentionally and repeatedly harming oneself. Self-injury can be a way of coping with problems. Some reasons that people might cut themselves include:

- Expresses feelings the person can't put into words
- Releases the pain and tension inside
- Helps to feel in control
- Distracts from overwhelming emotions or difficult life circumstances
- Relieves guilt or as a form of punishing themselves
- Makes the person feel alive, or simply feel something, instead of feeling numb

## Warning signs that a family member or friend is cutting or self-injuring

- Unexplained wounds or scars from cuts, bruises, or burns, usually on the wrists, arms, thighs, or chest.
- Blood stains on clothing, towels, or bedding; blood-soaked tissues.
- Sharp objects or cutting instruments, such as razors, knives, needles, glass shards, or bottle caps, in the person's belongings.
- Covering up. A person who self-injures may insist on wearing long sleeves or long pants, even in hot weather.
- Needing to be alone for long periods of time, especially in the bedroom or bathroom.
- Isolation and irritability.

Although self-harm and cutting can give you temporary relief, it comes at a cost. Things to consider if you are using self-harm to cope:

- The relief is short lived and is quickly followed by other feelings like shame and guilt.
- Keeping the secret of self-harm from friends and family members is difficult and lonely.
- People can hurt themselves badly, even if they didn't mean to.
- If people don't learn other ways to deal with emotional pain, it puts them at risk for bigger problems down the line, including major depression, drug and alcohol addiction, and suicide.
- Self-harm can become addictive. It may start off as an impulse or something the person does to feel more in control, but soon it feels like the cutting or self-harming is in control.

The bottom line: self-harm doesn't help the person with the issues that made them want to hurt themselves in the first place. There are many other ways that the underlying issues that are driving the self-harm can be managed.

## Help for cutting and self-harm step 1: Confide in someone

If you're ready to get help for cutting or self-harm, the first step is to confide in another person. It can be scary to talk about the very thing you have worked so hard to hide, but it can also be a huge relief to finally let go of your secret and share what you're going through. Ask yourself who in your life makes you feel accepted and supported. It could be a family member, friend, teacher, elder, or counselor.

## Help for cutting and self-harm step 2: Figure out why you cut

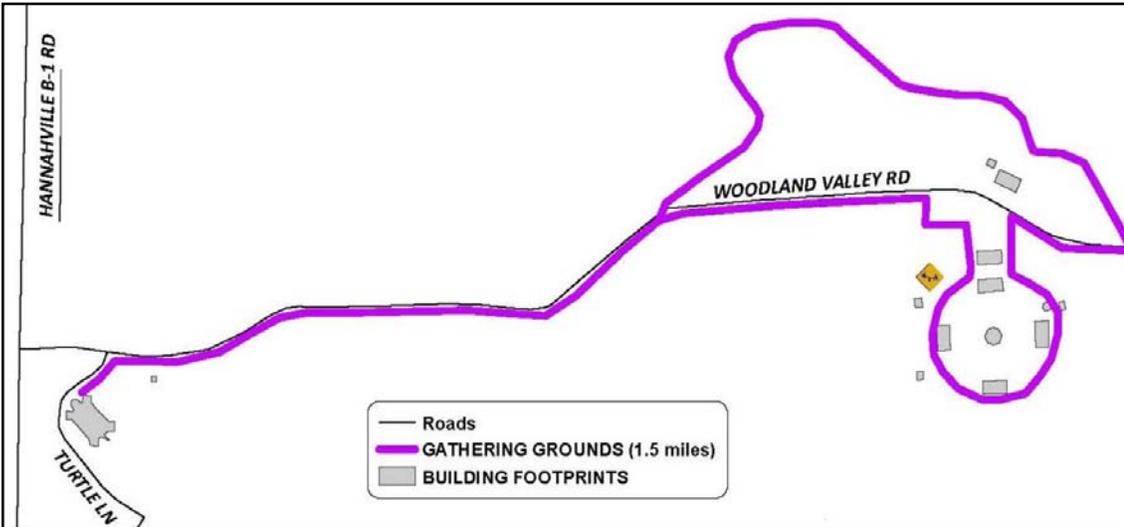
Understanding why you cut or self-harm is a vital first step toward your recovery. If you can figure out what function your self-injury serves, you can learn other ways to get those needs met—which in turn can reduce your desire to hurt yourself.

## Help for cutting and self-harm step 3: Find new coping techniques

Self-harm is your way of dealing with feelings and difficult situations. So if you're going to stop, you need to have alternative ways of coping in place so you can respond differently when you start to feel like cutting or hurting yourself.

You might want to talk with a counselor to help you with your self-harm. You can call Hannahville Behavioral Health at 466-2878. You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 24/7 if you need to talk with someone right now at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Source: Helpguide.org

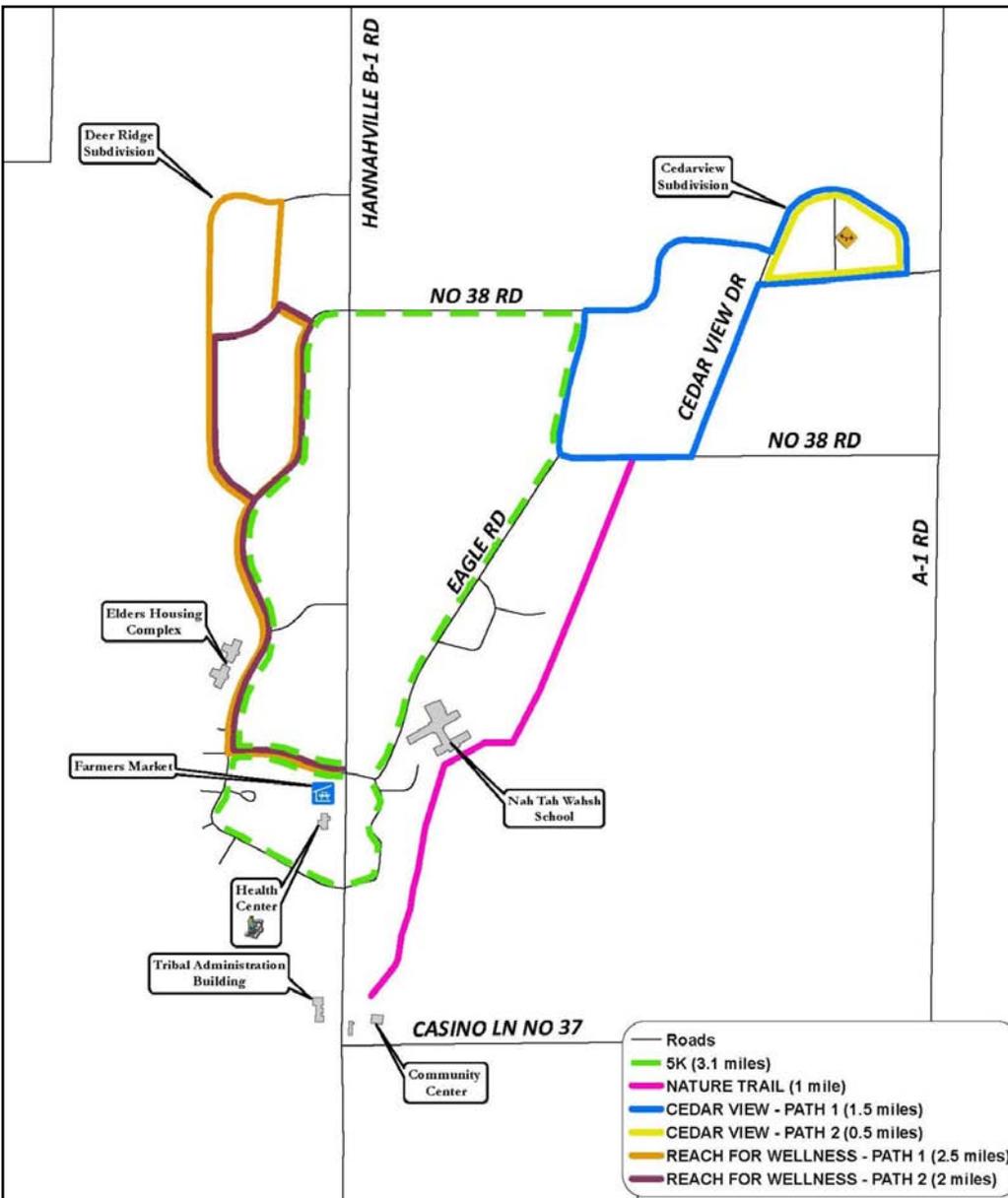
# Health and Wellness



## Gathering Grounds Walking Path –

This pretty walk starts at the Turtle Building and takes you around the Gathering Grounds and back. The path is about 1.5 miles.

There's also a outdoor walking path at the Casino & RV Park.



Walking/moderate physical activity for at least 30 minutes a day can help you:

- Reduce the risk of heart disease
- Improve blood pressure
- Improve blood sugar
- Maintain body weight
- Lower the risk of obesity
- Enhance mental well being
- Reduce the risk of osteoporosis
- Reduce risk of breast cancer
- Reduce risk of colon cancer
- Reduce the risk of Type 2 Diabetes

*\*Info from American Heart Association*

## Community Paths –

*The heart of the Hannahville Community*

This map shows a lot of paths to try out. At home, or work, you may just be a step away from a great walk. 5K to Nature Trail and everything in between! **Reminder:** Use caution on the Cedarview Paths and the 5K, as they use the road. Path lengths vary from 0.5 miles to 3.1 miles.

# Housing Department

## Hannahville Housing Department

Applications are available within the Housing Department office. Updating of applications must be done in writing either in person or by mail. Phone calls will no longer be accepted for updating applications.

The Hannahville Indian Community Housing Board selects tenants for Tribal housing based on the following Rental Point System:

- Head of Household must be an enrolled HIC tribal member over the age of 18.
- Provide proof of ability to pay rent.
- Rental history – zero balance with the Housing Department
- Application history – any tie in scoring will be broken by reviewing the original date of application.
- Need (substandard conditions, overcrowded household, handicap accessibility required)

Housing hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am- 4:00 pm est. Call 723-2294 with any questions.



3-BEDROOM HOME with basement located on Hannahville Road. Rent is \$200 monthly + deposit. This home will be selected using the FY 2016 income suit guidelines.



3-BEDROOM HOME with basement located on Casino Lane. Rent is \$200 monthly + deposit. This home will be selected using the FY 2016 income suit guidelines.



3-BEDROOM HOME (no basement) located on Casino Lane. Rent is \$200 monthly + deposit.



2-BEDROOM LOWER LEVEL APARTMENT. Rent is \$275 per month (includes heat), plus security deposit.

1-BEDROOM LOWER LEVEL APARTMENT. Rent is \$200 per month (includes heat), plus security deposit.

There are also 2 RENT-TO-OWN HOMES available. Both homes will be awarded to a selected tribal member by using the attached FY 2016 income suit guidelines.

Deadline for applications for all of the homes listed above is Friday, April 29, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. No exceptions.



**GET IN ON THE ACTION!**

**OPEN INTERVIEW EVENT**

**TUESDAY, MAY 3RD, 2016  
3:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M. (EST)  
IN CLUB 41**

We are seeking talented and motivated individuals who can contribute to the overall success of our organization. We will be featuring our Departments that have open job positions. Please join us to talk to Representatives from the following Departments:

- Food & Beverage**  
(Job positions available for 16 Year Olds)
- Hotel**  
(Job positions available for 16 Year Olds)
- Slots**
- Marketing**
- Transportation**
- Bingo**

For a more detailed list of open Job Positions please refer to [www.islandresortandcasino.com](http://www.islandresortandcasino.com) website, under the employment tab.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Offering these  
Employment Perks**

- ▶ 401K AFTER 1,000 HOURS WORKED
- ▶ ONSITE EMPLOYEE WORKOUT CENTER- OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY
- ▶ EMPLOYEE PARTIES AND CELEBRATIONS
- ▶ CORPORATE SHOE PROGRAM
- ▶ PAY INCENTIVE FOR WORKING HOLIDAYS
- ▶ \$9.25 PER HOUR FOR ALL NON-TIPPED POSITIONS

The Island Resort and Casino is wholly owned and operated by the Hannahville Indian Community. We take pride in being an Industry leader in entertainment for over 20 years. We also take pride in our commitment to customer service and the ability to provide each of our guests with their "total experience".

# Youth News

## Robotics Competition

The Robotawatomi Robotic's Team say "Chi Megwetch" to the community for sponsoring the second season of robotics at the Nah Tah Wahsh PSA. The team got off to a challenging start but at their last event, held at Lake Superior State University on March 28, they were chosen to be part of alliance from downstate and finished the event in 3rd place.

The Robotatomis are already reorganizing and working on plans for next season. Thank you for all the support and encouragement! Team 5702



## Student Group Fundraiser

The mountain biking crew is working on raising funds to purchase new mountain bikes! They're organizing a fundraiser with help from the Bay De Noc Convention and Business Bureau. All profits from the raise will be given to the group to help sponsor riders with new bikes and registration fees for mountain bike events.

Please participate in the event and not only support the group by support wellness in the community!

**Night Crawler**   
**5K Walk/Run**  
May 20th, 2016  
**6:30pm**

Upper Peninsula State Fair Grounds  
Cost is \$20.00 per individual or \$75.00 family  
Special high school rate of \$15.00  
includes T-shirt and post snacks

Sponsored by  
Bay De Noc Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Organized by NTW students

Registrations can be picked up at the  
Delta County Chamber of Commerce  
or at [www.visitescanaba.com](http://www.visitescanaba.com)

In conjunction with Cabela's NTC Tournament  
Profits to benefit NTW Robotics and Cycling Program



## Hannahville Boxing Club

'Trenton Wood-Keshick' (12 years old) won his boxing match by decision against 'Aaron Won' of Gust Gym (14 years old).

Pictured L-R is Coach Keith Tebear, Trenton Wood-Keshick

Submitted by:  
Keith Tebear/ Hannahville  
Boxing Club Coach

## Aerokhanas Gymnastics Group

Hosted by the Youth Center

Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.  
Pizza will be served beforehand,  
starting at 6:15 pm.

Aerokhanas is from the Great Lakes Adventist Academy; the students/ gymnasts have to try out for the troupe, and travel all around the world promoting self confidence and healthy choices. The show will last about an hour. Call Youth Services with any questions at 466-5397.

## Self-esteem is linked to higher grades and improved attendance



Studies show that when children participate in structured after-school activities, their grades are likely to rise.

Their attendance is also likely to improve. Why? It may have to do with self-esteem.

After-school programs give kids opportunities to succeed at various activities, and their positive feelings of success may carry over into the classroom.

To do the same thing for your child during afternoons at home, focus on:

- **Homework time.** Take a “same time, same place” approach to homework on school days. This encourages independence and responsibility.
- **Academic activities.** Incorporate math, science, history and more

into your child’s everyday life. Help her manage her allowance, for instance. Do a science experiment together. Visit a historical site, if possible. Show your child that learning is fun and useful!

- **Non-academic activities.** When kids make progress in sports, art, music, technology and other areas, they gain confidence. This helps them become better students. Support and praise hard work in all areas.
- **Setting goals.** Ask your child what she’d like to accomplish in and out of school. Set a few reasonable goals. “I want to read a chapter book this week.” “I want to build a model plane.” Help her make a step-by-step plan for success.

**Sources:** “Academic achievement improved among students active in structured after-school programs,” SMU Research, [nswc.com/elem\\_self-confidence](http://nswc.com/elem_self-confidence).

## Make online safety a priority in your home



Technology has changed how students learn and how they socialize. Millions of kids in all age groups

are online every day—at home, at school, at friends’ homes, at the library—and many are creating online content.

To keep your child safe online:

- **Discuss rules and expectations.** Use software that helps protect kids, but supervise carefully, too. Allow your child to communicate online only with people you both know.
- **Set limits.** Establish times when technology is not allowed, such as during meals. Set a time when all devices must be turned off for the evening.
- **Remind your child** not to reveal personal information online, such as her name, phone number, school, passwords or location.
- **Keep Internet access** out of your child’s room. Let her go online only if you can see what she’s doing.
- **Learn about the websites** your child wants to visit and the apps she wants to download. Do you approve of their content?
- **Encourage your child** to tell you if something inappropriate occurs while she’s online. Report your concerns to the authorities.
- **Stay informed** about online safety. For more safety tips, visit [www.fosi.org](http://www.fosi.org) (Family Online Safety Institute) and [Netsmartz.org](http://Netsmartz.org) (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children).

## Choose appropriate websites for your child ahead of time



“Can I go online?” your child asks. You want to say yes, but you’re not sure which sites are appropriate.

It’s a good idea to visit educational sites when your child isn’t nearby. Then note the ones you’ve approved and visit them together. Some to consider include:

- **Funbrain**, [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com). This website features more than 100 games that develop skills in math, reading and literacy.
- **Time For Kids**, [www.timeforkids.com](http://www.timeforkids.com). Your child can read about current events and explore

countries around the world. There is even a homework helper with tools such as a flash-card maker, grammar wizard and writer’s toolbox.

- **Starfall**, [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com). Phonics is fun when it involves play! Whether your child likes comics, tongue twisters, plays, fables or other reading materials, there is something on Starfall for everyone.
- **PBS Kids Go!** [pbskids.org/goll/games](http://pbskids.org/goll/games). This site is packed with educational games, videos and quests featuring PBS television show characters.

## Help your middle schooler be smart when using social media



Social media sites are like open flames. Your child must handle them very carefully or he will

get burned.

Most kids aren't mature enough to handle social media until they are at least 13 years old. This is why many sites require users to be at least 13 to open accounts. (Unfortunately, many kids get around this rule by using fake birth dates.)

If your child uses social media, ask him to answer three questions before posting anything online:

1. **Would I say it to someone's face?** If not, he shouldn't post it.
2. **Would it be bullying if done in person?** If it would, he shouldn't post it.
3. **Would I be comfortable if my teacher saw it?** How about someone who might want to hire him for a job? How about someone looking over his college application? Nothing online is private. Nothing ever disappears.

Learn about the social media sites your child uses and open accounts for yourself. That way you will be able to supervise and monitor what your child is posting online.

## Are you boosting your child's concentration?



As the weather gets warmer, your child's concentration may start to diminish. Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions

below to see if you are helping your child concentrate and stay focused:

\_\_\_ 1. **Do you encourage** your child to do a focus-building activity she enjoys? For some kids, this is reading; for others, it is sports.

\_\_\_ 2. **Do you set limits** on screen time? Extended time in front of the TV, computer, tablet or cell phone can reduce concentration.

\_\_\_ 3. **Do you encourage** your child to finish tasks and praise her for doing so?

\_\_\_ 4. **Do you discourage** multitasking?

It is difficult for your child to concentrate on homework if she's also watching TV and texting friends.

\_\_\_ 5. **Do you minimize** interruptions when your child is working hard?

**How well are you doing?**

Mostly *yes* answers mean you are helping your child maintain good concentration. Mostly *no* answers? Check the quiz for some suggestions.

## Be reasonable and firm when limiting your child's screen time

**L**imiting your child's screen time can be tricky when so many of her school assignments require her to be online. So how do you balance school-related screen time with recreational screen time? You can:

- **Educate yourself.** How much screen time does your child's homework require? Does she really need 90 minutes daily? Or is she spending most of that time scrolling through Instagram and sending Snapchats? Check to see what your child is actually doing during homework time!
- **Establish technology-free times.** Make sure devices are turned off during meals and 30 minutes before bedtime. Keep a charging station in your kitchen so phones



and computers are not in your child's bedroom at night.

- **Set limits.** There is no magic amount of time kids should spend on screen time. The key is to help your child strike a healthy balance. Make sure she spends time on screen-free activities, such as reading, exercise and hanging out with friends.

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# Research shows that a strong work ethic leads to success

In today's highly-competitive workplace, it's not enough for your teen to possess the specific skills a job requires. She also needs to have a strong work ethic.

In one recent survey, 75% of business owners said they were concerned about the lack of work ethic in their new hires. Employers are often forced to let people go because of their:

- **Tardiness and absenteeism.**
- **Failure to follow instructions.**
- **Inability to get along with coworkers.**

With a strong work ethic, your teen will be able to avoid these pitfalls.

A good work ethic consists of:

- **Dependability.** A company needs to know that your teen will show up when she is scheduled to and that she will do her work. Your

teen practices dependability when she shows up for school and her classes on time.

- **Initiative.** An employer will expect your teen to be able to work on her own, follow directions and keep herself motivated. Your teen displays initiative when she completes her work without being nagged by you or her teacher.
- **Interpersonal skills.** A company needs its employees to know how to communicate effectively and work on a team. Your teen works on interpersonal skills every time she participates in a group project. Remind your teen that she has the opportunity to strengthen her work ethic every day in school!

**Source:** M. Toneguzzi, "Survey shows work ethic of new hires has deteriorated for small business owners," *Calgary Herald*, [nismc.com/high\\_ethic](http://nismc.com/high_ethic).

# Take action now to make sure your teen stays in high school



Every year, over one million teens drop out of school. That's more than 7,000 students each school day. While it used to be possible to earn a decent living without a high school diploma, today's economy requires more advanced skills.

So why do teens drop out of school? And what can parents do if they suspect their teen is on that path? Here are some facts:

- **Students drop out** for many reasons. But poor reading skills are among the leading factors. It makes sense—students who are struggling to read can't understand the content in their classes. If your teen has trouble reading,

don't ignore the problem. Talk with the school. And encourage her to read when she's not in school.

- **They get "lost"** in the ninth grade. Nearly one-third of all dropouts fail the ninth grade. Many never recover. If your teen is in ninth grade, pay close attention to her attendance and grades.
- **They don't feel connected** to the school. Teens need a reason to come to school, and a love of algebra might not be enough. So encourage your teen to join a club or a sport. Talk with your teen's counselor. Any connection will help teens stay in school.

**Source:** "Why Students Drop Out," National Dropout Prevention Center/Network, [nismc.com/high\\_dropout](http://nismc.com/high_dropout).

# Turn your teen's smartphone into a learning aid



Today's teens use smartphones to send text messages, post pictures, check social media and play games.

Sometimes, they even use them to call people!

Why not encourage your teen to use his phone as a learning aid? There are countless free apps that can help him:

- **Prepare for college testing.** There are many apps that help teens master the challenging vocabulary for college tests. Downloading one of these apps will allow your teen to study new words on the go.
- **Study a foreign language.** Many apps will help students in their foreign language courses. Some apps focus on vocabulary. Others help students learn challenging verb tenses. Your teen should ask his teacher to recommend the best one for the language he is learning.
- **Replace a graphing calculator.** In upper-level math classes, students often use these calculators to solve problems. There are apps that will also do the job. Now he will be able to solve equations on his phone.
- **Read Shakespeare.** Instead of lugging around a huge volume of Shakespeare's works, your teen can download whatever he's reading to his phone.
- **Brush up on geography.** There are even apps that can help your teen become familiar with the countries around the world.

# Potawatomi Gathering

This year's Potawatomi Gathering is being hosted by the Citizen Band of Potawatomi in Shawnee, Oklahoma July 28-30, 2016. For the last several years, numerous people sign up to ride the bus to the Gathering. Based on the number of people on the sign-up sheet, 2 buses and many rooms are booked each year but at the time of departure, only half or less of the people show up. This is a significant loss in tribal dollars that could be used elsewhere. To make sure this doesn't continue happening there will now be a deposit required to secure your seat on the bus and your hotel room.

At the February meeting, Tribal Council approved a \$50 deposit, per person, to be paid in full by Thursday, June 30, 2016 in order for a person's spot to be reserved for this year's Potawatomi Gathering. The payment does not have to be paid all at once and is refundable if you notify Anna Larson by June 30th that you will not be attending. You will get the \$50 deposit back once you arrive in Oklahoma. This same policy is used for Elder's trips each year and helps ensure that the number of people that sign up are the same number of people who actually attend. The agreement for reserving your seat(s) for the Gathering is available at the Administration building. It shows multiple lines for payments received. This gives each person the option of a payment plan over the next 3 months to get the deposit paid. Please remember that deposit will be given back to you once you reach Oklahoma and it is important to make sure we aren't paying for buses and rooms when no one shows up.

The agreement and deposit are for people who will be riding the bus. If you will be driving your own vehicle, you are not required to pay the deposit, but you need to sign up by the June 30th deadline. The sign-up sheet will be at the Administration front desk.

Payments can be given to Anna Larson, Faye Mroczkowski or anyone within the Accounting Department. Please call Anna Larson with any questions at 723-2623.

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*The following information has been taken from Citizen Band's website [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org)*

The Gathering of Potawatomi Nations is hosted each year by one of the nine bands of Potawatomi, providing an opportunity for members of all bands to come together and celebrate their Potawatomi heritage. It includes a language conference, cultural workshops, language classes, cultural classes and sporting events.

The 2016 Gathering will take place in Shawnee, Oklahoma from July 28-30, 2016 and be hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Most events will take place inside the fully air conditioned FireLake Arena.

The annual Gathering Language Conference will take place from Weds. July 27- Fri. July 29 at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center.

For tribal leaders from the various bands of Potawatomi, room reservations at the Grand Hotel Casino Resort need to be done through Jamie Moucka ([jmoucka@potawatomi.org](mailto:jmoucka@potawatomi.org)) as soon as possible. There are a limited number of rooms available, though the Shawnee-Tecumseh area boasts a host of lodging options, many of which are a short 5-7 mile drive to the Gathering Festivities.

CPN Tribal Complex and Gathering Location Information:

The tribal complex address is 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801 within a short walk of all activities during Gathering 2016.

The closest major airport is Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City.

Shawnee is located approximately 35 miles east of Oklahoma City along Interstate 40.

We will update more information as it becomes available.

# Activities

POTAWATOMI LANGUAGE WORD SEARCH



Although words shown below have spaces in between them, they appear as one word within the word search.



DWESHEN  
he/she is arriving

NEYAP DGWESHEN  
he/she is returning

PA MAD ZE  
he/she is traveling

NGASH KA  
he/she is stopping

BYE WAK  
he/she is coming, here

WME TSE SHEN  
he/she is really late

BGUM BOZE  
he/she is arriving, by car

NGESHEN  
he/she is lost

BEJ BOZO O  
he/she is going slow

NE E GAJ BE ZE  
he/she drives slow

NSHI WBOZE  
he/she is going fast

To learn more Potawatomi, visit  
[www.potawatomilanguage.org](http://www.potawatomilanguage.org)

## CAN YOU FIND 5 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE PHOTOS?

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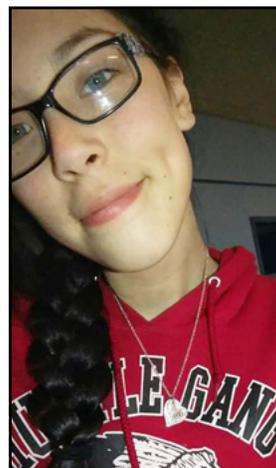


Photo taken at the Sexual Assault Awareness Presentation held at the Potawatomi Heritage Center on Friday, April 8, 2016.

ANSWERS: EXTRA SPEAKER, BASKET MISSING, BOTTLE OF SODA, LETTERS MISSING ON SHIRT, EXTRA VENT ON WALL.

# April Birthdays

Rufus McCullough . . . . .	4/1	Dante Miller . . . . .	4/13	Michelle Jackson. . . . .	4/26
Deborah Jackson . . . . .	4/1	Lenaya Halfaday-Anziano . . . . .	4/14	Harvey Sagataw Jr. . . . .	4/26
Ariel Meshigaud . . . . .	4/2	Jacob Metzger . . . . .	4/14	Ian Metzger . . . . .	4/27
Kayden Mathias . . . . .	4/2	Donna Boda . . . . .	4/14	Bryan Sagataw . . . . .	4/27
Tyrone Wandahsega . . . . .	4/3	Tammy Hapner . . . . .	4/15	Jesse Smith Sr. . . . .	4/27
Gage Sagataw . . . . .	4/4	Trent Teeple . . . . .	4/15	Daniel Rangel . . . . .	4/27
Duane Schuveiler . . . . .	4/4	Maxine Engel . . . . .	4/16	Rita Ritchie . . . . .	4/27
Miya Cuff . . . . .	4/5	Aventodd Tovar-Keezer . . . . .	4/17	Aaron Deragon . . . . .	4/28
Ogeemabinaysee Anziano. . . . .	4/5	Kristine Gresh Harirchian. . . . .	4/17	Christine Smtih . . . . .	4/28
Crystal Lea . . . . .	4/5	Louis Halfaday Jr. . . . .	4/17	Katelyn Meshigaud . . . . .	4/29
Gregory Williams Jr. . . . .	4/6	Alma Wandahsega. . . . .	4/17	Kaylee Meshigaud . . . . .	4/29
Elizabeth Alexander . . . . .	4/6	Nova Boda . . . . .	4/18	Kimberly Thunder. . . . .	4/29
Brenda Bailey . . . . .	4/6	Andrew Hardwick. . . . .	4/18	Charles W. Meshigaud . . . . .	4/29
Dana Halfaday . . . . .	4/7	Tashina Tovar . . . . .	4/18	Bonnie Gafner. . . . .	4/29
Juana Meshigaud. . . . .	4/7	Ongeequay Dowd . . . . .	4/18	Ayla Polfus . . . . .	4/30
Lois Tovar. . . . .	4/7	Parker Trudeau Jr. . . . .	4/20	Rodney Meshigaud . . . . .	4/30
Leia Williams . . . . .	4/8	Trischa Phillips-Donovan . . . . .	4/20	Mary Wilson . . . . .	4/30
Arianna Wandahsega. . . . .	4/8	Gary Little Jr. . . . .	4/20		
Angela Wandahsega . . . . .	4/8	Ricky Smith . . . . .	4/20		
Cannon Brunette . . . . .	4/9	Patricia Wandahsega. . . . .	4/20		
Keanon Wandahsega. . . . .	4/9	Louis Cuff Jr. . . . .	4/21		
Ray Sliver Jr. . . . .	4/9	Dakota Meshigaud . . . . .	4/21		
Charlene Sagataw . . . . .	4/10	Roy Frye Jr. . . . .	4/21		
Nahten Sagataw . . . . .	4/10	Walter Pearson . . . . .	4/21		
Jessica McCullough . . . . .	4/10	Carol Smith. . . . .	4/21		
Robert Sagataw . . . . .	4/10	Eugene Klann . . . . .	4/21		
Carley Sagataw . . . . .	4/11	Jamie Sagataw. . . . .	4/23		
Alvera Messnick . . . . .	4/11	Peter Halfaday III . . . . .	4/23		
Ayden Gonzalez . . . . .	4/12	Diamond Hardwick. . . . .	4/24		
Timothy Wandahsega . . . . .	4/12	Anthony Williams Jr. . . . .	4/24		
Henry Philemon Jr. . . . .	4/12	Albert Larson Jr. . . . .	4/24		
		Lance Sagataw . . . . .	4/25		
		Lori Megemuph . . . . .	4/25		
		Starlynn Teeple-Sagataw. . . . .	4/25		



Happy 14th birthday Leia! We love you so much!!! <3 Grandma Lisa and Auntie Alayna

Happy 26th Birthday Ogeema!! From your Mom, Dad, & Sam!!!



Happy birthday Onkay. Love, Dane



Happy birthday my baby girl, you will always be the soul of my heart. This pic is one of our many bestest memories together. Love Mom OXOX

Happy birthday Jessica!! Love ya, the O'Brien's!!

Happy birthday Ongeequay.. Wishing you a wonderful and happy fun filled year! You are the best niece ever.. Thank you so much for everything!! Love, Aunty Jessica & Natalie

Happy birthday Dana!!! From the O'Brien's!!

Happy 8th Birthday Lenaya!!! Love ya always my baby girl!!!! Love you, Grandma, Papa & Sam!!!

Happy birthday Ongeequay!! Love the O'Brien's

Happy 16th Birthday DANTE MILLER! Love, Mom & all of your family

Happy 21st Anniversary to my husband, Ray!!! 4-15-16 Love ya always, ur wife forever, me!!!

Happy birthday to Donna Boda. From VD

# Personal Ads

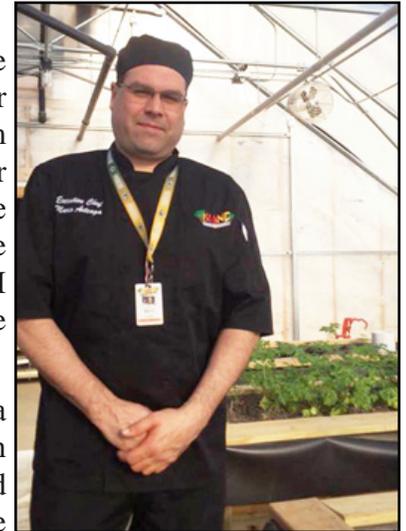
Hi My Name is Mary L. Meshigaud I have lived here in the Hannahville Indian Community and, called it my home for the last 40 years. I have witnessed the struggles and the successes of our community. It is with Great Pride that I ask for your help to get a seat on the Tribal Council. I have been involved with various Boards over the past years which include The School Board, The Health Board, The Gaming Commission and The Adult Child Welfare Board. I am very committed to the Boards that I have been elected to. I take great pride in serving my community. If elected, I plan to focus on the decisions at hand with an open mind and with great consideration for everyone involved. My goals if elected to the Tribal Council are to make the best possible decisions for the betterment of our Growing Community! Thank you for your time!

Hello Tribal Members,

My name is Marco Arteaga II and am a recognized descendent of this tribe. I have two sons that are tribal members, (Devin arteaga and Dayton Arteaga), and their mother is Michelle Philemon. I am writing this letter to inform you of who I am and what I can offer the tribe if you vote to adopt me in as a member. My mother is Janet Larson, and when I was growing up she would often bring me here for the Pow Wows and to meet my family. Growing up in Milwaukee I had the privilege of attending the Indian Community school and learning more about my heritage. I attended all the Pow wows at the lake front (Indian Summer) every year and some that were held in the surrounding areas.

I have been living here for about 8 years. When I first moved up here I attended a work shop at Bay college for CNC operator that was provided by the tribe through Visions. From there I worked at Stewart mfg. for about 2.5 years. I really wanted to get back into the profession that I loved and that was creating good food. I have been a chef before moving up here so I applied at the casino and got the job as the executive sous chef for Firekeepers restaurant. Around the same time, I started attending Bay college as a student majoring in Business administration, and I am proud to say I am close to getting my associates degree. I was one of the chefs who helped create the new menu for the new sports bar at the casino. Through hard work and creating great food I was offered a new position as the executive chef for Firekeepers and T. Mc C's restaurants. I also oversee the employee cafeteria. I have the privilege of creating the menus for each establishment and overseeing the employees that work in them. I just want to let you know that I will continue to work hard to help make this business grow and succeed for us and our future generations.

Thank you, Marco Arteaga



Dear residents of Hannahville,

My name is Curtis Larson. I live with my 15 year old daughter Cheyenne, whom goes to Hannahville School. Many of you may have seen my face working at the Oasis as an attendant or at T McC's as a line cook, but do not know me or know that I have roots in Hannahville.

My mother's name is Pamela Jackson, her maiden name is Pamela Larson. Her mother, my grandmother, was Delores Wandahsega. A lot of you may already know how far back the Wandahsega name goes.

Before moving to Hannahville, I served 10 years in the Army, 5 years as a line cook and 5 years as a mechanic. I was deployed to Afganistan twice and Korea once. I was honorbaly discharged in 2013 due to medical reasons. I plan to stay and eventually retire in Hannahville. Thank you for taking the time to read this and learn a little bit about me.



## Personal Ads

Hello, my name is Issac Harlan Thunder. I'm 2 years old and I am a tribal descendant of the Hannahville Indian Community. My parents are Eugene Thunder Jr. and Ciara Gocht. My grandparents are Eugene Thunder Sr. and Kathy Thunder and my great-grandparents are Marie and Perry Thunder Sr. I am asking for everyone's vote in the upcoming elections because I wish to become a tribal member. Thank you.

Hello, our names are Eugene Thunder Sr. and Kathy Thunder. We are writing to ask that the Hannahville Indian Community would please let our grandchildren Issac Thunder and Nina Jacobson be adopted in the Hannahville Potawatomi Tribe. It would be a great pride to have our grandchildren as tribal members. They are tribal descendants right now, but we would like for them to become tribal members. We love and are very proud of Nina & Issac. It would make us very proud to have them become tribal members. Please vote yes for our grandbabies to become part of the Hannahville Indian Community. Thank you.  
Sincerely, Eugene Sr. and Kathy Thunder



Bosho,

My name is Dane Bruce McGillis, or Bugajahnini (Wild Man). I will have my name on this year's adoption request. Please consider me when you are voting.

I have lived in Hannahville most of my life. The reason I am not a member is because my biological mother did not live here when I was born. She is a tribal member, as are my sisters. My mother is Trischa Phillips-Donovan. Her mother is Brenda Megenuph-Bailey and my grandmothers' parents were Nina and George Megenuph, so I already have my roots here.

I currently live with Onkay (Ongeequay) and my Koko (Vicki Dowd). Tribal Court says I'll be with them until I am 18 years old, so I will be living in Hannahville for a long time. I also attend Hannahville School and I am in the first grade. I love it here, this is my home.

Thank you for getting to know me. Sincerely,  
Dane, Ongeequay and Vicki Dowd. Megweth.



Bosho,

My name is Molly Meshigaud and I am running for Tribal Council. For the last 3 years I have been an alternate on Council and I used that time to listen and learn. Although I couldn't vote, I wasn't afraid to speak up, ask questions and let my opinions be heard.

Serving on Council can be stressful and challenging, but it's also enlightening and rewarding. I try to look at every experience as a teaching, a lesson, and during my term I learned a lot. I learned it's important to hear every side of the story, get all the information regarding an issue, before making a decision. Also, it's important to be fair and unbiased. And ultimately, it's important to be compassionate and be able to put yourself in someone else's shoes.

Thank you for your consideration. Igwien (I am grateful)



To the Voting members  
of Hannahville Indian  
Community,

My name is Janice Wandahsega, oldest of Fred and Rose Wandahsega's brood. This year I am asking again, would you please vote to adopt my oldest daughter, Janna Vander Plaats Havel as a member of our tribe. I have been trying to get her adopted forever.

Thanks,  
Janice Wandahsega

## Personal Ads

Bosho my name is Delores Larson. I have lived here in Hannahville for 4 years now. I am actively involved in the community. I have worked for the community and the casino for 2 and a half years now. I hope one day to become a tribal member so I can live here and be a part of the community. I have four grandchildren who are tribal members and plan to be here to watch them grow. My grandmother is Delores Wandahsega and my mother is Karen Larson who are both tribal members. I am asking, please vote for me and my children Antonio Gonzalez, Luis Mazariegos (Joe Larson) and Raul Larson. I will always honor and respect the tribe. My roots are planted here and I would love to grow with my family here.



It is written in our history that we changed the name of the casino to Chip In's Island Resort and Casino because members were asked to "chip in" their knowledge and ideas to form the casino. Have we forgotten what is possible when we work together? Once elected council member, I will work with you to achieve common goals by bringing your voice back into the community.

The casino is our only security; it keeps us alive. If something would happen to it our community would perish. We need to look for new ventures that thrive, serve the needs of the entire area and bring job opportunities to our tribal members. The casino is a great start that will continue to grow for many generations, but we cannot rely solely on that venture.

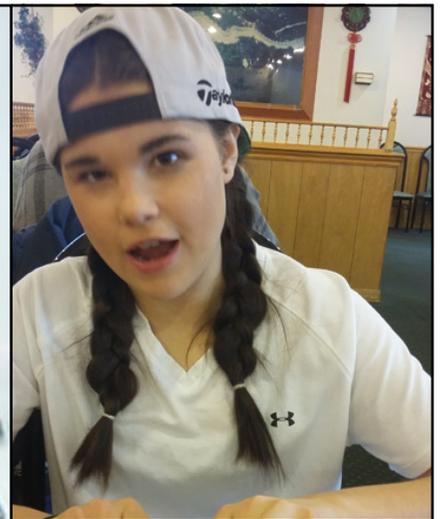
The solution to all the problems, to all the pains and aches experienced in our community can only be remedied when we come together. By coming together, we can achieve great things. I have given you insight into what I believe what our community is capable of and together we can get there.

I ask for your vote for a seat on the Tribal Council so that I can push our leaders to strive for bigger and better ventures for our community. I encourage anyone to talk to me and ask questions about my ideas for the future.

Megweth, Brenda Howard-Woelfel



Boozhoo! I am Brenda "Louis" Rangle, asking for all tribal members to please vote for my 2 little daughters, Grace and Elle Rangle to be adopted and recognized by their tribe. They're Great Grandparents were the late Henry Philemon Sr. and Marcella Kesick, their Grandmother, my late Mother was Pauline Louis. They are 25% Hannahville Potawatomi and are learning and living their Anishnaabe ways..Megwiich!



Hi this is Christine Metzger Smith,

Please vote for my oldest granddaughter Macey Metzger. She was born on this reservation and her first school was Hannahville Public School Academy. She is in my care now, she's 14 and were in the process of enrolling her in Hannahville school. Thank you all for your support,

Christine Teen & Macey Metzger

## Personal Ads

Bosho, I'm writing this letter to express my thanks to you as the end of another third year term comes to a close I'm grateful to the membership for allowing me to serve in the Tribal Secretary Position, that I was given the opportunities to learn, grow, teach and to leave my footprint for my children and grandchildren to see that I did my best. It is with sincere hope that I have led by example as a Tribal Council Member and wish everyone nothing but the best in your own lives. This job has many, many challenges and at times is overwhelming. It is a job that isn't over at 4:00 p.m., it is a full time plus position but I couldn't imagine doing anything else, I love my job.

I'm a born and raised rez girl, I lived here since birth. My dad is my hero, my inspiration to keep going even when I don't want to. He has inspired me to get involved with the Boards since I was old enough to run for boards. I was voted in on the Child Welfare Board, School Board, Housing Board, and Gaming Commission and eventually I was one of the youngest to be voted in on the Tribal Council in 2003.

During this term I grew both personally and professionally. I became a grandmother, got married, and rekindled a friendship with my best friend. So much can and will happen within three years and look around at what the progress of our Tribe has been. I have attended any training opportunities that were given and I'm fortunate to have been a part of it all.

I again can say in confidence that I leave the history of the Tribal Council Meetings from 2013 to 2016 in accurate, orderly, and approved for every regular, special and closed meeting conducted during my term.

This is not my farewell letter as I do plan on seeking re-election and I again ask for your continued support in the upcoming May 2, 2016 election and would love to be a part of the continued growth of our community. I humbly ask for your vote again for a Council seat. I will continue to do my best at whatever the Creator has in store for me. When electing the Tribal Council please keep this in mind: you are building a team of 14 members to work together for the best interests of the Tribe.

With that, I leave you with this quote:

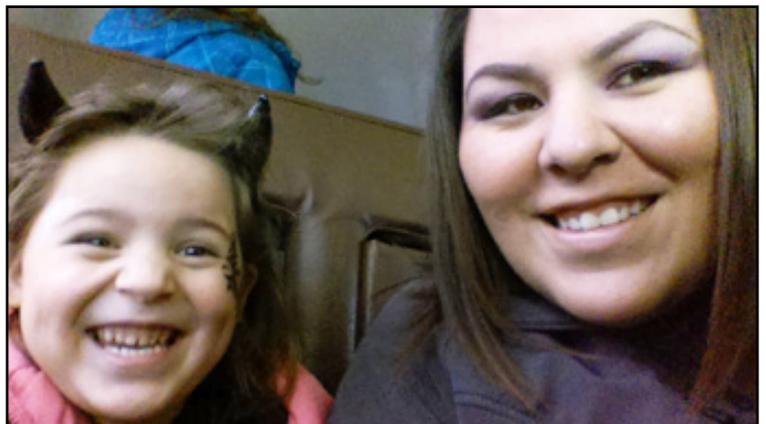
*"The purpose in life is not to just be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Chi Migweth, Tammy Meshigaud



Hi, I am Jaiden Mireau, my mother is Sara (Devlin) Wandahsega. My Great Aunt is Connee Sagataw, my Great Uncles are Buck (Greg), Pat, Dan, Joe (Dale), Bob Sagataw and my Uncle Steve Sagataw. My Grandmother Maxzine (Sagataw) Engel, My Great Grandparents Omar (Joe) Sagataw and Genevieve Sagataw. I was born on December 5, 2003 and I would love to be voted into the Hannahville Potawatomi Tribe. John Harris, Rory Mireau and Harley Mireau are my brothers and sister. I hope you vote for me. Thank you.



Hi, I Sasha Paz am writing this letter on behalf of my 4 year old daughter Niamha Nadyne Smith. She was born on August 12, 2011 and would like to be voted into our tribe. She is a tribal descendant and is currently enrolled in the Early Head Start program at Hannahville School and in the past was a student of the FACE program. Her sister Estrella Paz and brother Ethan Smith are both tribal members along with myself. We reside in Hannahville and are active in all of the community functions. All of your votes will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## Personal Ads

Hi, I'm Kimberly Kang (20 years old). I am currently listed as a recognized descendant of the tribe and am applying to be adopted into the community. The following tribal members are who I am descended from: Mother, Jackie Kang (Baldwin), Grandmother, Susan Jensen (Baldwin, Smith), Great-Grandmother, Agnes Smith (Wandahsega). Agnes was a sister to the following Wandahsega: Hazel, Lillian, Cecilia, Dolly, Frank Jr., Fred, Thomas, and Rose.

In 2014, I graduated from Escanaba High School. I am now going on my third year at Eastern Michigan University, earning a degree in Music Education. Throughout my life, I discovered my passion for music. I want to be able to spread that passion to other kids by becoming a music teacher and would love to see the addition of a solid music program in our community.

I am a very friendly, hardworking, positive person and am very proud of my native heritage. Being an enrolled member would be a great honor and privilege for me. Also, being able to receive the Michigan College Tuition Waiver would greatly help out my family and I.

So I would like to ask you to please vote yes for me to be adopted into the Community. My most sincere appreciation is going out to you for your vote. Megweth



### VOTE AMANDA HESS FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL

Hello Fellow Tribal Members

Do you know when Tribal Council Elections are being held? They are being held on Monday, May 2, 2016 and I am asking you to choose me for a seat on the Tribal Council. Why should you elect me for Tribal Council? You should elect me because I am dedicated to this community where I live and work and I care about you. I also have an Associate Degree in Business Administration and I am currently working toward my Bachelor Degree in Business Administration-Management from LSSU at Bay College campus. My education and work experience will be helpful when it comes to making important decisions. What have I done to contribute to the community? I am currently serving my third consecutive term on both the Health Board and the Gaming Commission as Vice-Chair for both. I have been a member of the Wellness Advisory Committee since its formation and this is my first year on the Election Committee. Serving on the boards and committees has taught me so much about our community and the issues that we face. I have learned how to speak up, ask questions, and be a good listener. If you select me for Tribal Council I will give you the same dedication that I have been giving you since I began serving these boards and working for Hannahville Indian Community. I have been employed by Hannahville Indian Community for 7 years in Accounting and Procurement. My knowledge and understanding of tribal government operations and its programs will be beneficial in my role as council member if I am elected. As a council member I promise to ask questions and seek answers on your behalf. I will stand up for you and make sure that your voice is heard. My strong work ethic and commitment to the community will continue for the rest of my life. I promise to not only serve you but also work with you to create a good future for our children. There are many key issues that we face as a community and I am ready, willing, and able to assist you with your needs. I promise to work hard for you and help our community to continue growing and pursuing great things for our future. I believe in protecting our sovereign rights and becoming more self-sufficient as a tribal community. These are the reasons you should elect me for tribal council. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for voting for my daughter Nadia Hess to be adopted as a tribal member in last year's elections and for your continued support of my roles on the boards that I have been elected to serve. Your support truly means so much to me and my family and I want to give back to the community that has given us so much. I am asking you to please remember to vote because your voice is important, needs to be heard, and every vote counts. Please remember to register to vote at the Hannahville Administration building. Voter registration begins April 30th and ends April 8th. I am respectfully asking you to voice your opinion in this year's council elections on May 2, 2016 and vote Amanda Hess for Tribal Council. Megweth



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