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SCIT breaks ground for Native Farmers Market Pavilion

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan leaders, local officials, and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture representatives came together to break ground for the Native Farmers Market Pavilion on Tuesday, June 16 on the northeast corner of Broadway and Leaton roads in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

In an effort to provide support to Native American communities in 18 states, the USDA awarded SCIT a \$200,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant for the new pavilion in July 2014.

CMS&D Surveying/Engineering, CaseArchitecture, Inc. and the Native Farmers Market Committee developed plans for a 40 x 50 pavilion, which involves a sidewalk and parking lot.

"A long time ago, there used to be a farm where the new pavilion will be built," said Tribal Chief Steven Pego in a press release. "So, it's fitting that it should be in the same location."

The goal for completion is July 2015.

McGuire Sand-Gravel and Mark Garber Builders, both out of Mount Pleasant, are operating the construction.

The market's objective is to provide fresh, seasonal, and locally grown produce to the community. Items such as honey, maple syrup, wild rice and eggs will be just a few of the items available.

"Mother Nature is awesome," Pego said at the occasion. "I'm so happy for this pavilion and that we are breaking ground today."

USDA Michigan State Director James Turner was in attendance and said the project draws upon Michigan's biodiversity and rich cultural heritage to promote economic growth.

"The USDA works with Sovereign Nations in Michigan and Native American citizens to make sure tribal communities have the same ability to thrive and prosper as other communities," Turner said.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development has provided \$1.1 million in loans and \$1.8 million in grants to support 35 local food-related projects in Michigan.

SCIT Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden played a major role in the farmers market development.

"This year is the third year the Native Farmers Market is up and running," Hadden said. "There is still a lot to do and a lot of growth



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

USDA Michigan State Director James Turner (center) joins Tribal Council for the Native Farmers Market Pavilion ground breaking at the corner of Broadway and Leaton roads on June 16.

needs to happen. I love doing this... This market displays the relationship between the grower and the product. Customers can see the grower face-to-face, and this brings back the Native traditional way of life and eating healthier."

Hadden, Helping Healer Beatrice Jackson and Roxanne Swade presented a traditional tobacco and water ceremony at 7:30 a.m. prior to the ground breaking.

The water was sang and prayed for, and put back to Mother Earth to give thanks while asking that the pavilion will prosper in a good way.

"We also laid our saama down and said a prayer for the beautiful day and gave thanks for the blessing we received from the USDA and Tribal Council to have such

a beautiful pavilion built that will provide healthy food for our membership/community," Hadden said.

Kali Fox, regional manager for Sen. Debbie Stabenow, presented Chief Pego with a certificate.

The Native Farmers Market Committee involves: Leah Markel, Nimkee health educator; Sally Van Cise, nutritionist; Toni Smith, wellness coordinator; Damian Fisher, Tribal elder; Jessica DeVerney-McLaughlin, strategic grant specialist; Mary Pelcher, Tribal College extension office project coordinator; and Angela Peters, Anishinaabe language revitalization director.

Seven vendors are currently signed up for the Native Farmers Market. Interested vendors may contact the PR department at 989-775-4059.

Chief Pego joins delegation to bring back ancestral human remains for repatriation

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

Ever since the Nibokaan Cemetery was established in 1995 for the explicit purpose of reburial of repatriated Native American ancestral human remains and associated funerary objects, a sitting Tribal Chief has never personally retrieved those items.

This repatriation became history for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan on a national level as this is the first time a sitting tribal chief has traveled to several locations to bring ancestors home.

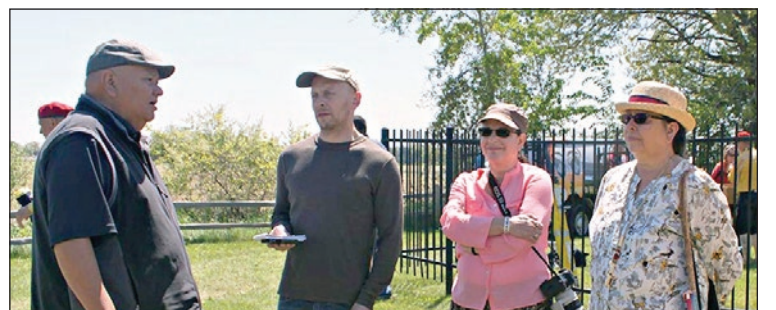
A repatriation team consisting of Tribal Chief Steven Pego, his wife Mae Pego, Ziibiwing Center Director Shannon Martin, Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson and Tribal Elders Thomasine "Ruby" MeShawboose and Charmaine

Shawana made a journey to New York City; Toledo, Ohio; and Dearborn, Mich.

The story of their journey and the May 22 repatriation garnered regional and national media attention from Indian Country Today, USA Today, and the Detroit Free Press.

Chief Pego said the mission was to repatriate 41 ancestral human remains from the American Museum of Natural History of New York City, one ancestor from the Toledo Zoological Society and one ancestor from the Dearborn Historical Museum during May 18-22.

Ziibiwing has been working diligently on behalf of SCIT, and in cooperation with the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA), to bring home ancestors and their



Courtesy of Esther Helms

(Photographed left to right) Tribal Chief Steven Pego speaks with Detroit Free Press reporter John Carlisle about his journey on bringing our ancestors home as SCIT Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden and Ogimaakwe Mae Pego look on.

associated funerary objects from the numerous museums, universities and institutions across the country since the passage of the 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

"Three months before we went on the trip, Elder George Martin, as the Grandpa Chief of the Midewiwin Society,

makes the decisions for Michigan, along with myself as a Midewiwin Chief, and we were chosen to be spiritual advisors for bringing our ancestors home," Chief Pego said.

When he and his wife were asked to take the trip to New York City, Chief Pego was honored.



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Betty Joan Webkamigad

Feb. 11, 1941 - May 25, 2015

Betty Joan Webkamigad was born Feb. 11, 1941, the daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth Pamp, and passed away May 25, 2015 at the age of 74.

She was a lifelong educator and activist for American Indian people and many credit her with helping them to achieve academic success.

She was a fierce defender of Anishinaabe culture, languages and religion. She helped to pass the Native American Languages Act of 1990. She also marched to Washington on "The Longest Walk" and helped to get the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 passed.

She was a proud Ojibwe, Potawatomi, Odawa and Midewin woman of the Eagle Clan.

Her great loves were her grandchildren, powwows, the Red Wings and her alma mater, Lansing Eastern High School Class of '59.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Judith Pamp; brother, Charles Mouz Pamp; niece, Shiloh Soney Alvis.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her daughter, Bedahbin Webkamigad; sons, Anung and Mang Webkamigad and Morgan Pope; grandchildren, Zhaawosh, Bess and Ewaaseset Bardy and Ian Pope; nephews, Miengun (Melissa) Auzhibek and Che Pamp; brothers, Paul (Valorie) Johnson and Terry (Tari) Wareham; and many other beloved relatives.

A funeral service was held 11 a.m. on Friday, May 29, 2015 at Dhammasala Forest Monastery-Buddhist Temple, 14780 Beardslee, Perry, MI.

For those desiring, contributions may be made in memory of B Joan to Children's Miracle Network c/o Sparrow Hospital, PO Box 30480, Lansing, MI 48909.

Wilma Jane Gionet

Jan. 24, 1950 - June 8, 2015

Gionet, Wilma Jane, 65, of Harrietta, Mich., passed away Monday, June 8, 2015, at her home.

Wilma was born on Jan. 24, 1950, in Clare, Mich., the daughter of Andrew and Isabella (Koon) Jackson. She married Lairy O. Gionet on April 29, 1969, in Sherman.

Wilma had worked for the Cherry Growers Association and previously Nish-Na-Be-Anong in Traverse City, Mich. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Wilma enjoyed playing bingo.

Wilma is survived by her husband Lairy Gionet of Harrietta; her son Warren David Gionet of Fife Lake; her brother Andrew Jackson of Mount Pleasant; her sisters Zilda A. Jackson of Benzonia, Norma Rapp of Mount Pleasant, and Wanda Lautner of Traverse City.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Bernard James Jackson, Lamont Jackson, Maurice Jackson, Ronald Jackson, Wilmont Jackson and Raymond Jackson.

Funeral Services for Wilma were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2015, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating.



Helen Marie Reed

Sept. 15, 1940 - June 17, 2015

Reed, Helen Marie, 74, of Mount Pleasant, Mich. passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at MidMichigan Medical Center-Midland.

Helen was born Sept. 15, 1940, in Mount Pleasant, the daughter of George and Emma (Peters) Slater. She graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in the Class of 1959. Helen married L.E. Reed Sr. on June 27, 1959, in Mount Pleasant.

She was employed for 20 years with Giantway Warehouse. Helen was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She enjoyed traveling and loved the casino, bingo and poker. Family was of utmost importance to Helen and she enjoyed most of all spending time with them.

Helen is survived by her husband, L.E. Reed Sr. of Mount Pleasant; her three children, L.E. Reed, Jr. (Susan), Jeffery Reed (Kathy), and Leon Reed (Michelle), all of Mount Pleasant; seven grandchildren, Amanda Flaughner, L.E. Reed III, Kyle Reed, Ashley Reed, Heidi Reed, Garrett Reed, and Jacob Reed; six great-grandchildren; three brothers Allen Slater (Cheryl) of Sanford, Gerald Slater and George Slater (Deb), both of Mount Pleasant; three sisters Sharon Matthews (Ralph) of Mount Pleasant, Bonnie Cantu (Fred Sr.) of Mount Pleasant, and Colleen Sisco (David) of Lake.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; infant brother Freeman; sisters Loraine Kennedy, Sandra Boyce, and Kelly David; and infant twin Elizabeth.

Funeral Services for Helen were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gym with Fred Cantu Jr. officiating.



Joshua Mark VanHorn

June 7, 1980 - June 16, 2015

VanHorn, Joshua Mark, 35, of Mount Pleasant passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2015, in Mount Pleasant.

Joshua was born June 7, 1980, in Carson City, Mich., the son of Jack and Eleanore (Bailey) VanHorn. He graduated from Ithaca High School.

Joshua worked as a bellman for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Joshua enjoyed tubing and being on the water and watching sports. He especially loved spending time with his daughter Carleigh Grace VanHorn.

He is survived by his significant other Heidi Tugen and her son Noah; daughter Carleigh Grace VanHorn of Alma, Mich.; and special daughter Michayla Eitzen of Ithaca, Mich.; mother Eleanore Bailey-VanHorn of Mount Pleasant; father Jack VanHorn of Ithaca; brothers Adam VanHorn of Mount Pleasant and Samuel VanHorn of Ithaca.

Joshua was preceded in death by his grandparents; his aunt Gloria VanHorn, his uncle Kevin Banister, his cousins Frank A. Bailey and Carrie Kerns.

Funeral services for Joshua were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 22, at 2 p.m. at the Tribal Gym with Pastor Doyle Perry officiating.



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For questions and registration forms, please contact:
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Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule July 2015

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.	Women Weight Training Jayme	Suspension Training Jayme	Warrior Wednesday Jaden	Women Weight Training Jayme	Turbo Kick Jayme
1:10 p.m.			Turbo Kick Jayme		
5:10 p.m.	Fat Blast Jayme	Kick & Step Jeni			
5:30 p.m.			Belly Dance Deanna		



Election Timeline 2015 Primary & General Elections

Aug. 6 - Sept. 4 | Candidate Packets available at the Tribal Clerk's Office
(Note: The Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday-Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2015.)

Sept. 4 | Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions

Sept. 11 | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election

Sept. 14 | Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of Candidates

Sept. 15 | Final Candidate List Posted

Sept. 18 | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed

Oct. 2 | Last day to register to vote for the General Election

Oct. 12 | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines

Oct. 13 | Primary Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Oct. 16 | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed

Nov. 2 | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines

Nov. 3 | General Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

For additional information, please contact the Tribal Clerk's Office at 989-775-4054.



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Repatriation

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"They wanted to fly us out there, but we wanted to drive out there with the rest of the team to experience the feeling of bringing them back personally," he said. "It was an adventure and a long ride, and we made it to New York and saw how big the museum is."

The American Museum of Natural History, located in Manhattan, is one of the largest in the world. The museum complex has 27 buildings that cover two city blocks and boasts 45 permanent exhibition halls, in addition to a planetarium and a library.

"You could feel the heavy-hearted spirit of our ancestors and the articles they had displayed," Chief Pego said. "They had pipes, Midewiwin pelts and other sacred items that you know belonged to not only our Tribe, but tribes across the country... These are spiritual items that were used in ceremonies back in the day and they are displayed in this disrespectful manner. It made us wonder whose family the items belong to."

He said the ancestors would experience deep sadness for losing their spiritual items.

"What would it be like if I passed on and my artifacts were displayed at a museum like this, how would my family feel about it?" he said. "I know someone would speak up and say you can't display my daddy's stuff like that: I

know these items belong to others and there is a way other tribes can identify them and take their items home to their tribe like we are doing."

He said he mentioned to Martin the next goal should be to bring back those articles that belonged to ancestors.

Even though there are no names on the articles, Chief Pego believes the spirit will lead, and the truth will win out and those spiritual items will find their way home. He personally witnessed Ogitchedaw drums in the museum's possession with markings that go back to the 1600s.

"I have the greatest respect for the Ziibiwing repatriation team and the work that MACPRA and NAGPRA do to get the ancestors returned to their home," he said tearfully. "This takes a lot of hard work and traveling across the country. This work also takes a lot of energy because your spirit is so involved with the responsibility of bringing them back. You know how it feels when you leave your home and you just want to get back. So can you imagine how the ancestors long to get back home to the earth... that place where they belong?"

The journey of repatriation for him and his wife was like how they feel when completing Midewiwin ceremonies, he said.

"You feel exhausted in mind, body, and spirit, but you also feel a sense of doing those good things that are people have done for centuries," he said. "But you know in your heart it was the right thing to do."

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****This study is being conducted with permission from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council.**

A message from Nimkee Executive Health Director Karmen Fox:

Nimkee Clinic has a new logo, the Saginaw Chippewa Health Board and Matthew Wright from the Tribal Observer worked together to create this beautiful design.

Nimkee Clinic wants to leave their mark wherever they go; it was something the staff really wanted when I came onboard in September. The staff are really excited about the logo, the colors will be incorporated into the building during the renovation process. Nimkee Clinic hasn't confirmed a starting date but the approval was passed by Tribal Council. The renovation process throughout the building will be completed in phases. Watch for periodical updates as the project moves forward.

Nimkee Clinic has extended hours:

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Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

To live with wisdom is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions.

Zaagidowin ~ Love

To live our lives with love is to understand our capacity to realize, empathize, and nurture the needs of others.

Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

To live with respect is to give mutual consideration for shared and differing ideas as well as for the world around us.

Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.

Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.

Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

To live with humility is to recognize that we are all equal, we all make mistakes, we all like to have our success rewarded and to put others before ourselves.

Debwewin ~ Truth

To live in truth is to recognize the difference between right and wrong and to be faithful to ourselves as well as the world around us even when the right way is not the easiest way.

Youth Council plants sobriety tree to celebrate Earth Day

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

During Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22, the Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council planted a white pine tree for sobriety and wellness in the community.

"The daily growth of the tree represents community members, and showcases the daily struggle for those with addictions," said Tonya Jackson, Youth Council advisor.

The tree was planted in front of the Nimkee Public Health entrance.

Youth Council, Tribal Chief Steven Pego, Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig, SCIT Public Relations representatives, and Nimkee Clinic employees were in attendance.

Kenson Taylor, social director for Youth Council, hopes the tree brings happiness to the community.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Council and SCIT representatives attend the Youth Council white pine tree planting.

"We (plant this tree) in a good way where our people come to get well," Taylor said to those in attendance. "Miigwetch for joining Tribal Council, Youth Council and our community as we plant our gift of life."

Tribal youth Hart and Wemigwans to attend Florida baseball training

KATHY HART

Contributing Writer

Youth Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members and cousins Charles Hart and Thomas Wemigwans Jr. were invited to attend the national baseball tryouts in Adrian, Mich. for the Baseball Factory.

Hart and Wemigwans were chosen to attend a select training and competition at Pirate City in Bradenton, Fla.

The training will take place Nov. 12-15, 2015 and include:

- Nine to 10 hours of on-field time per day, 11 to 12 hour commitment total per day.
- Competing in games and scrimmages against players from 15 states.
- Training with instructors as well as the Pirates City roving instructors.
- One coach for every four to five players.
- The cost is \$2,299, which includes all amenities

(room, board, meals, uniform, laundry, local transportation) for Hart at the event. Airfare is not included.

Baseball Factory helps build the most complete student athletes on and off the field. By providing world-class instruction, life-changing experiences, and new opportunities, they help student athletes achieve their dreams of playing college baseball.

This is a great opportunity for these boys to improve their baseball skills, and they are pretty excited to have been chosen to participate in this training and competition.

A fundraiser will be scheduled to offset the cost for the boys' trip. A spaghetti and salad dinner may be held Wednesday, July 1 or Wednesday, July 15, at the Faith Indian Church of Nazarene.

A raffle will be held for a beautifully beaded Detroit Tigers pendant with approval. Tickets for the pendant are one for \$5 or four for \$10. The drawing will be held at the end of July.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police want to remind you to **BUCKLE UP**. **CLICK IT OR TICKET DAY & NIGHT**. SAGINAW CHIPPEWA POLICE. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

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New Mexico Native Cartoonist Ricardo Caté to be featured at NativeFest

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Out of all of the Native artists and cartoonists in the U.S., only one is currently working and developing new material every day... his name is Ricardo Caté.

As a Native cartoonist who has worked for the Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper for the last eight years, Caté is also a father, a teacher, a film maker, a stand-up comic and keeper of his Kewa (Santo Domingo Pueblo) heritage.

His cartoon "Without Reservations" reaches more than 60,000 people daily.

"Just like with all Native cartoon characters, I drew the regular warrior characters and... I came up with my character, The Chief," Caté said. "Just like the westerns that had the cavalry and the Indians, I had a (George Armstrong) Custer-looking character who wasn't Custer because I didn't want to be limited with The General and how I used him. I'm glad I took that approach because The Chief could be the chief of any

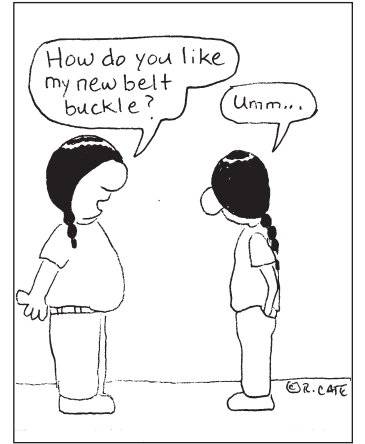
plains tribe. In looking back at it, I'm glad I never gave The Chief character a distinct tribe because that would have had limits also."

As the story lines in his daily cartoon progressed, more than five years ago Caté knew that his character The Chief represented Natives everywhere and where The General represented the so-called dominant culture and the comic foil of the strip.

"The character of The Chief may not have all the answers for his people, but he is a trustworthy leader all the same," he said. "The conversations between the two become pretty dynamic and it's very cool to watch it and see what transpires. That's where it kind of takes on a life of its own."

Caté has the similar challenges that many Hollywood actors and filmmakers endure with stereotypes. The bias is still a part of the cartoon industry.

"That's what my cartoon is based on; where I use feathers and loin cloths in the strip, but that's not what my cartoons are



Cartoonist Ricardo Caté, from Kewa (Santo Domingo Pueblo), will be performing during Ziibiwing Center's NativeFest on the July 22 Music and Comedy Night. On Thursday, July 23, Caté will offer a book signing from 1-3 p.m. His book "Without Reservation" will be available at the Ziibiwing Gift Shop.

all about," he said. "It's about the punch line and the situations that make people both laugh and think. It's not as much about how they live, but it is about the message I try to get across."

As Caté prepares his stand-up routine for his July 22 appearance at Ziibiwing Center's NativeFest, he remains clear to what it means to be a traditional Kewa man.

"Just like when anyone comes to a Reservation,

people want to know who they are and where they come from," he said. "That's where the humor that Native people relate to because we appreciate our laughter and the heritage we all share. Whether you're from the southwest or the Great Lakes, we all have a certain point of view, and I look forward to sharing some laughs and my perspective... I've heard a lot of good things about Michigan, and this is

my first trip out there and I'm looking forward to meeting the people."

Caté will have his work on display at NativeFest and he will be doing a book signing on July 23 from 1-3 p.m. at the Ziibiwing Center.

In addition, Caté books can be purchased at the Ziibiwing Center Gift Shop, and he will have a vendor booth at the 31st annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow July 24-26.

Indigenous Arts Market award recipient, Ricketts, teaches beadwork workshop

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As the 2014 Circle of Indigenous Arts Market People's Choice Award recipient, Alice Jo Ricketts has an abundance of beadwork knowledge. Ricketts



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Alice Jo Ricketts taught "The Art of Beadwork Workshop" May 18-22 at the Ziibiwing Center.

taught her artistic skills during the Ziibiwing Center-hosted, Charles Schwab-sponsored Artist-in-Residence "The Art of Beadwork Workshop" May 18-22.

Ricketts taught 28 adults during a five-day workshop 5:30-8 p.m., \$35 per person with all materials provided.

"I taught the students how to make earrings with Swarovski gems, and mid-week I taught them how to make medallions and necklaces," Ricketts said. "Some made sports logos, some created their own designs; strawberries, Ojibwe floral and butterflies. The students were excited to see what they could create. Many of them were easy to teach and caught on quickly."

Now 49 years old, she began beading when she was 11 years old.

"I started getting interested in beading when I was a child

because I would watch my older cousins and sister work on projects," she said. "As I watched them, I decided to give it a try. I actually taught



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Ricketts' beautiful beadwork was on display for her 28 workshop participants to view.

myself to bead from watching them."

During the final day for the 2014 Indigenous Arts Market, Ricketts won the People's Choice Award for her "Jijak Kwe" (Crane woman) bandolier bag.

She said winning was one of the most exciting things she's ever experienced and that bandolier bag is her favorite piece she's ever made.

Her advice to beginner beaders is to "never give up on your projects. So many times I would want to give up, but as I worked on it and saw the progression, I would see beauty coming forth. I often mention beadwork is like people; we are all a work in progress."

Her beadwork may be viewed on her Facebook page at [facebook.com/public/Alice-Jo-Ricketts](https://www.facebook.com/public/Alice-Jo-Ricketts).

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Shawl ceremony at Saganing Powwow brings awareness of healing through culture

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The beauty and pageantry of powwow regalia has continued throughout history. However, Native teachings lead us to share important messages in a good way.

Saganing Traditional Powwow emcee Bucko Teeple provided an introduction of dancers for the "Healing Through Culture and Art Shawl Collection" in support of American Indian Heart Health Awareness June 20.

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Member RJ Smith served as arena director and led the women into the circle.

The shawl program was created by Suzanne Cross, Saginaw Chippewa tribal elder, and made its initial debut



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The Tribute Shawl
Suzanne Cross, SCIT

on May 20 at the Riverbank Powwow in Lansing, Mich.

"The collection created with a cultural approach to increase awareness and to emphasize cardiac health and care," Cross said. "As a survivor of a heart attack and open heart surgery, I created 13 shawls in

recognition of the 13 moons from our Ojibwe Creation Story. Each shawl has its own story designed to encourage American Indian women at all stages in life to recognize the importance of the value of changing life ways to prolong and save lives."

Cross said the project vision came to her during the healing process after surgery as she recalled positive events in her life that embodied each of the shawls.

She was also very mindful to commend those women who donated their time and effort at the Riverbank and Saganing Powwows.

"Each dancer received a beautiful beaded bag from a collection that was given to me by my colleague and friend Lorraine Pierce," Cross said.



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The strong presence of Anishinabe Kwe graced the arena as the "Healing Through Culture and Art Shawl Collection" participants support American Indian heart health awareness.

"My sister was a social worker who worked extensively with older adults. She had a history of heart disease, a major heart attack and walked on Aug. 10, 2014. She would have loved the beauty and what this ceremony means to many and her

gifts she has freely given lives on within us."

Teeple welcomed each Anishinabe Kwe into the arena and gave a brief explanation of who each member was, what nation they represented and why they were dancing their shawl in.



Survivors Shawl
Charmaine Shawana, SCIT



Red Dress Shawl
Darcy Pilar, SCIT



Expecting with Daughter Shawl
Renata Borton, SCIT



Southwest Shawl
Rachel Butzian, St. Regis Mohawk



Honor Veterans Shawl
Stoney Polman, Ojibwa and Tuscarora



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Elder's Shawl
Connie Frieberger, SCIT



Mother's Shawl
Eva Menefee, Oneida



Young Mother's Shawl
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Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow offers something for everyone

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The beautiful part of heading over to the Saganing Outreach Center from Tribal Operations in Mount Pleasant is getting to enjoy the sunny side of Michigan.

Many Tribal Members joined Tribal departments as they made that journey over to SCIT's District Two to join the At-Large Program at the 2015 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow on June 20-21.

As the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society prepared the medicine and brought in the eagle staffs and flags, Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier offered tobacco to the dancers and dignitaries, and At-Large Powwow Committee staffer Lisa Peters offered "heart berries" to the participants.

District Two Tribal Council Member Ron Nelson was recognized by emcee Bucko Teeple, a tribal elder and pipe carrier from the Bay Mills Indian Community.

"A traditional powwow is both a social and cultural event where we get to look at some beautiful dancing and wonderful regalia," Teeple said. "It gives us an opportunity to share our songs and who we are and all of that is important to us. Families are very important to powwows because they travel together, they camp together... this is how we get to share our culture with others from the community and it helps teach the children to be responsible adults."

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Member RJ Smith served as



A Tribal youth dances with her fancy rainbow shawl regalia.



Female dancers require stamina when they wear the women's traditional body length bone regalia.



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The Denman family danced a memorial song with the jingle dress dancers.

arena director, with Head Male Dancer Eric Sowmick and Head Female Dancer Darcy Pilar joining Head Veteran Darryl Jackson (U.S. Marine Corps) to lead dancers into grand entry.

Jackson posted the Saginaw Chippewa eagle staff followed by U.S. Navy Veteran Larry Peters posting the warrior staff.

Jonathan Cabrel of the U.S. Navy carried in the Chief Pontiac eagle staff and Cecil John (U.S. Army) brought in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal flag.

Other flag postings included: U.S. Stars and Stripes (Joe Big Joe), Canada Maple Leaf (Jim Adams), State of Michigan (Sharon Big Joe), followed by the service flags of the U.S. Army (David Perez), U.S. Marine Corps (Jerry Moggo), U.S. Navy (Delmar Jackson Jr.), U.S. Air Force (Richard Bagley) and posting the Prisoner of War flag was Tony Perry.

Host Drum Spirit Lake Singers from Petoskey kept the dancers moving with Southern Straight Drum from Athens sharing the arbor.

Teeples gave a special recognition to the Pamame Family who tended the sacred fire at the eastern door throughout the weekend.

Perez offered a touching blessing and good words for all in attendance.

"We thank all the folks from across the U.S. and Canada for coming today and we welcome you in the same way the Great Spirit welcomes us with a good heart," he said. "Our Creator gives us the blessings and strength we need, as a people, as we ask for understanding in a merciful way. We are thankful for the faces here today; man, woman and child, to participate in something that has been going on forever with our Native people. As we listen to the drum, we know the heartbeat within our people is strong."

Numerous additional individuals made the 2015 powwow possible including:

- The arbor construction: Dan Bennett, Facilities; Tracy Chamberlain, Facilities; Jonathan Ayling, Ziibiwing Warehouse; Ron Defoy, Facilities; Michael Hunt,



The cedar arbor provided much needed shade for the Spirit Lake Singers and Southern Straight.

SECR Hotel Maintenance; and Josh Gloria, Facilities.

- Denise Pelcher: For fundraising and working diligently throughout the weekend.

- At-Large Program team: Craig Graveratte, Mikki Marcotte, Gloria Pung.

- Ayling and the ZCS Warehouse and SECR Facilities teams for assisting in pulling cedar out of the knee-deep mud.

- Frank Cloutier: For his assistance throughout the weekend, and for signing the Powwow Committee up for the "Mac and Cheese Bake Off" competition. The team took first place in the competition.

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This Tribal teen dazzles the crowd with her matching boots and mini dress.



Anishinabe Kwe "Healing Through Culture and Art" shawl dancers grace the arena.



SCIT Housing Manager April Borton and her granddaughters dance with strawberries in hand.



Head Dancer Eric Sowmick looks sharp in his men's traditional regalia.



Head Female Dancer Darcy Pilar joins Head Veteran Darryl Jackson (middle) and Eric Sowmick (right) as they dance an honor song for the veterans.



Rachel Mae Dennis-Butzin and Charles Butzin dance a Southern Straight intertribal.



Emcee Bucko Teeple reads through the list of warriors after the flag song.



Okima II David Perez carries the U.S. Army flag.



Opiate-heroin discussion unleashed during Traditional Talking Circle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

With a growing heroin epidemic affecting the country, the Seventh Generation Program hosted an opiate-heroin abuse Traditional Talking Circle in the Elijah Elk Cultural Center to raise awareness on the issue.

Tribal Council representatives, law enforcement and Behavioral Health counselors were a portion of the audience.

Seventh Generation Director Milton Pelcher provided the June 12 opening remarks.

“If you want to help this community, you need to stay on track,” Pelcher said. “Humor is one of the greatest healers of all... I hope people working in the counseling field know the Anishinaabe belief system if they practice tradition. If they are Christian, take them to church... Revamp the system that needs to be set up with certain individuals.”

Frank Cloutier, public relations director, presented a video of Tribal Chief Steven Pego speaking who was regrettably unable to attend.

“These drugs are taking our children’s lives,” said Chief Pego in the video. “Heroin robs your spirit.”

Facilitating the discussion were Traditional Healers Jake and Mary Pine and Central Michigan University lecturer Marty Malcolm.

Malcolm is a lecturer II at CMU’s School of Health Science in the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions. He has worked at CMU for 11 years and teaches substance abuse and community health courses.

He was previously employed with the Tribe for five years as a clinical supervisor for Behavioral Health.

“Most heroin addicts start out with using prescription

drugs,” he said. “The addicts then switch to heroin because it is cheaper.”

Attendees questioned the reason behind why community members begin using in the first place.

“Maybe it’s not about why they started using, but how do we get them to stop,” Malcolm said. “Within the past five years in the young adult community, coping has gone out the door. Young adults don’t know how to cope; they don’t know what to do next.”

The concerns of helping addicts recover while continuing to honor tradition was addressed.

Debbie Robb, outpatient clinic coordinator, said Behavioral Health is often effective with healing processes.

“It’s sometimes easy to not notice the success stories occurring in the community,” Robb said. “With our intake workers... we honor tradition... There are successes. We learn from the successes of people moving on, living healthier lifestyles.”

Robb had advice not only for the Tribal community, but all parents and individuals.

“Grow healthy children so we aren’t healing broken adults,” she said. “Adults who have traumatic experiences most likely had a disrupted childhood.”

One attendee mentioned problems addicts face when attending a fire or funeral for a loved one.

A lot of people don’t understand how to attend a fire. People may be ashamed to show up to fires or funerals in that state of mind, he said.

Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Counselor Robert Storrer discussed the importance of prevention and treatment.

“Prevention is an opportunity to figure out what your purpose may be because it’s



Several Tribal Members and employees joined in the Seventh Generation’s Elijah Elk Cultural Center to discuss the heroin and opiate epidemic.

gone,” Storrer said. “It is important to convey the message that (addicts) are not alone and there is a way out... It takes some sort of crisis, either individually or within their family, before someone taps them on their shoulder and tells them they need to get some help.”

Storrer said the support the treatment center receives is phenomenal.

“I don’t think we have ever given up on anyone,” he said.

Tribal Police Sergeant Scott Bailey said individuals cannot point fingers at just one department to remove drugs from the area, but it takes an entire community.

“One thing people need to do is take care of one another,” Bailey said.

He suggested checking on neighbors, and if someone is feeling down, talk to them.

Tribal Council Secretary Sandy Sprague was in attendance and spoke on behalf of the Tribal governance. She discussed the procedures to removing drugs from the community.

“As your leadership, we don’t have all the answers,” Sprague said. “The best we can

do is support our (recovery) educators and become educated ourselves. We have many programs in order to do so.”

Issues of pharmacy clients receiving opiates as medication were addressed.

“There are five medical providers in the Nimkee

Medical Clinic who are proactive,” said Margaret Steslicki, the clinic director. “Every patient on opiates has to sign a contract. The medical providers often have to refuse opiates to clients.”

Jake and Mary Pine also gave their words of wisdom. Mary is from the Wiwemikong First Nation, Ontario, Canada and Jake is from the Garden River First Nation, Ontario Canada.

Mary Pine offered advice to community members, “Check on your teenagers. Find out what they’re doing and who they are hanging out with.”

Participants discussed what the community needs to do to get addicts to want to change.



Opiate-Heroin Traditional Talking Circle speakers Marty Malcolm, and Jake and Mary Pine, facilitate the June 12 discussion.

“I don’t know what goes through an addicts mind, but it takes teamwork as a community,” Sprague said. “We make decisions from (Council) chambers and all we can do is hope the decisions work. There are a lot of things in this community we struggle with... All I can do is encourage, support, and learn.”

Behavioral Health’s Residential Treatment Services is a community-based program catering to the needs of Native Americans who want to begin the journey to recovery. For individuals interested in becoming part of the program, or for more information, call 989-775-4850.

Tribal and Mount Pleasant Police collect prescription drugs dropped off

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On May 28, 2015, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and the Mount Pleasant Police Department hosted a Prescription Drug Drop-Off event during the Isabella County Commission on Aging’s Health and Wellness Expo.

The collection allowed residents to drop off unwanted or outdated prescription medication ensuring that the prescriptions were disposed of in a safe manner. It also kept the drugs out of the hands of people who would misuse them as well as



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Tribal Police Sergeant Scott Bailey (left) and Jeff Browne, Mount Pleasant public information officer, collected 11 pounds of pills at the Isabella County Commission on Aging event.

keeping them from entering landfills and groundwater.

Tribal Police Sergeant Scott Bailey and Jeff Browne, public

information officer of the Mt. Pleasant Police Department, collected 11 pounds of pills throughout the day.



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Editorial: The power of prayer: An open letter to my community

BONNIE EKDAHL

Contributing Writer

I would like to take a moment of your time to plant a seed, to give you something to think about. It's an idea that came from a lot of people who have shared with me.

There came a point when I understood what I needed to share with the community; some call it an epiphany. I decided to take the risk and put it out there.

I know there are many in our community who are experiencing emotional and physical pain and sadness. They grieve for their sons and daughters, their grandchildren, nephews and nieces, aunts and uncles who have become lost to us.

Some are lost in the nightmare of substance abuse and addiction, along with all the sorrow that comes with that existence.

We shed tears and support each other because we are blessed with compassionate hearts but often feel helpless and don't know what to do to stop the cycle.

Here is the idea: What kind of effort would it take to pick one week out of the year to focus on prayers and fasting for our community? With all the resources and programs we have, I believe we could do this in a good, safe way.

I am talking about a united effort of resources; inviting all the spiritual denominations in our community, working in unison at their individual spiritual places

for one week to pray have passed away, are suffering, and for those who are lost. This would be a time when individuals would fast and sacrifice themselves for the love of our relatives.

Would you fast for someone you love?

Throughout the years, I often heard about the power of prayer, and as I get older, I have become a little wiser about what that means. Did you know there are scientific research studies about the power of prayer? Within these studies, scientists had to concede that the prayer worked.

Did you know there are groups who gathered and prayed at the shores of dying lakes and over time the lake began to heal? I read a lot and of course there is

the internet... there are lots of stories about the healing that takes place as a result of prayer. To try something different, if we worked together for that one week, all together we would ask Gchi Manito for help and with faith to help us find the path to wellness, to healing our community.

Think it over... ask the leaders, the elders, your friends: Would I, could I, fast for the love of my relatives?

Is there one among you, in your circle of family and friends, who has good health and will represent you and sacrifice for this effort to bring healing to our relatives, to ourselves?

I encourage you to take action... take the step to create the movement of healing



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Tribal Member Bonnie Ekdahl enters the circle during the Saginaw Traditional Powwow grand entry with her grandson, Michael.

through prayer and fasting. It can only help us. I offer these words with much love and respect to my community.

Editorial: Our ancestors knew there would be a time for everything

CHARMAINE SHAWANA

Contributing Writer

I was thinking about the strength of our ancestors yesterday. It amazes me the more I think about it.

I've seen the paintings and the drawings of them by the explorers and early colonists. It doesn't do them any justice. They are either naked or looking so exotic that you barely recognize them.

But I know our ancestors must have been so smart to have survived in such a hostile climate. Although there is plenty of food here in the Great Lakes, the winters are so harsh.

I saw a drawing once of a wigwam that had ventilation and insulation. It was great. Imagine the cold winters and effort it took to find food and shelter. Imagine raising children in those climates, even babies.

Our relatives knew all

about the stars, sun, moon, and weather. They knew how to read the clouds and all about the stars. The stars helped them to dictate when to plant crops, and when to harvest them. The stars and the sky patterns were the guide to so much more.

The placement of the sun and the moon were the dictators of lots knowledge of everyday life.

Since there were no clocks or watches, people had to be acutely aware of the earth and what was

going on by reading the sun, clouds stars.

They had to know about what to harvest and how. They had to know about plants and what and where to harvest berries, and other wild fruits and nuts.

Our ancestors knew all about the seasons, too, they knew what to plant and where. What types of soils were good for what crops, how to best grow what and where.


All in all, it was a pretty harsh life, but imagine the skill in

making a fire without matches, building a shelter and having the skill and knowledge do it, in the worst of conditions.

I watch those TV shows about life in Alaska and the survivor shows and it amazes me to see what our ancient relatives had to know and what we take for granted living in this 21st century life.

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“Michigan Chillers” author Johnathan Rand shares talent with local youth

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The “Chillermaniacs” were out in full force June 13 and descended upon the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel to meet Michigan author Johnathan Rand. His fan club was enthralled as Rand shared his talent and passion and stressed the importance of reading and writing.

“I love sharing my love for reading and writing, and for a particular event like this, I see a lot of parent involvement and families coming out, and they are

encouraging their kids to read and write,” Rand said. “A lot of kids in third, fourth or fifth grade don’t realize how important reading and writing will be for their life, no matter what they choose to do, and getting kids at this age to read for fun and pleasure is so key and such a big deal.”

“Anytime I see kids coming at me with lights in their eyes and excited about reading books, whether they are mine or those written by others, is inspiring,” he said.

Gina Borushko, sales and marketing specialist for Migizi

Economic Development Company, said more than 60 children attended the 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. event along with the evening “creepy campfire chillers” stories.

“(Rand) taught the crowd how to do the ‘spooky laugh,’ a critical factor when he is writing scary stories,” Borushko said. “He also mentioned that books are an adventure and you can go anywhere you want while reading a book.”

Tribal Education Librarian Anne Heidemann said the Tribal Library carries Rand’s books and they’re popular.

“It’s so exciting to have a renowned author like Johnathan Rand visit our community,” Heidemann said. “We, at the Tribal Library, feel so lucky to be able to cooperate with Migizi and the Soaring Eagle Waterpark; they donated a full set of signed Johnathan Rand books which everyone can enter to win during our summer reading program.”

“Wiidsendaanan Mziniganan” (Walk With Books), as well as a signed poster was donated to the library.

“Reading during the summer is so important for people of all ages, and for kids, it helps them do better in school when they return in the fall,” Heidemann said. “It shows reading can be fun



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Author and Indian River Native Johnathan Rand receives assistance from area youth as he shares one of his trademark “Michigan Chillers” stories.

for everyone and is a great way to take a mental vacation or learn new things.”

Every child in attendance received a free “Michigan Chillers” poster to have autographed.

Rand spoke fondly of his growing up in the “Land of the Great Lakes.”

“The Michigan Chillers series allows me to share my love of the state; being born and raised (in Michigan) and many of the kids here... can relate to some of these places I’m writing about,” Rand said. “Petoskey, Traverse City, Mackinaw Island, Saginaw... these are the places the kids are familiar with.”

“It brings it home when you see a title like ‘Dinosaurs Destroy Detroit’, and as far-fetched as it may seem, it can be magical and I latched onto those

possibilities at an early age and that’s what I’m hoping kids do with my books,” he said.

Rand does get a chance to inject some humor in his creative writing exploits, like his book “Kreepy Klowns of Kalamazoo”, his seventh book in the Michigan Chillers series.

“I traveled all over the state and spent some time in Kalamazoo trying to come up with some titles,” he said. “I was looking at this clown theme and because Kalamazoo started with a ‘K’, I decided I’m the author and I’m saying clown starts with a K too and I’ll figure out a way to make this work.”

For anyone looking for an interesting summer read, take a chapter from the “Chillermaniacs” and wrap this summer around a good book... available at the Tribal Library!

Saganing Culture Group



Courtesy of Beatrice Jackson

The Saganing Tribal Center Men and Women’s Culture Group meets the first Wednesday of the month. Photographed left to right, back row: Don Bordaue, Mary Lalone, Saganing Outreach Program Seniors Worker Sandra Compau, Cheryl Dixon and Connie Frieburger. Front row: Helping Healer Beatrice Jackson, Ziibiwing Center Curator William Johnson and Josh Bordaue.



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WIGWAM WISDOM

The Wigwam has sheltered our ancestors from storms and bad weather since the dawn of time. The wigwam has witnessed the hardships our people have had to endure not only through the hands of change and war, but upon our strongest enemies, ourselves. The spirit of the wigwam does not forget and keeps with it the wisdom to guide the souls that have strayed back to a peaceful life.



Comments or feedback can be sent to: wigwam_wisdom@yahoo.com

**(WW is intended entertainment purposes only. Please make sure to seek professional counseling when necessary.)*

Dear WW: I've been dating a new woman. We recently got into a big fight over our different understanding of the word "controlling" and what it means to each of us. I was so frustrated that I just threw my hands up and walked away. Our views on the word are not the same. When I asked her to share her opinion, she said she didn't want to. I was dumbfounded, and now I'm wondering if maybe this relationship is not for me if we can't even agree on a single definition.
The Last Word

Dear Word: During a new relationship, it is important to learn what certain things and words mean to one other. Even though it does not come easy, you are investing in your relationship. Don't give up because she did not want to talk about something when you did. She may just have had to collect her thoughts. At the very least, allow her to come back to you when she is ready, not when you are ready. Not every word will have the same meaning. Having "fun" may mean watching movies, while to another it may mean dancing. Don't forget to learn each other's love language at the same time. A shoulder rub, hug or making dinner are also ways of showing love in a positive manner.

Dear WW: I think my niece stole from me, but I can't prove it. She spent the night with my daughter over the weekend. I woke up and \$20 was missing from my wallet. I always keep it in open view by my computer in our family room. I don't know how to approach this. Should I dismiss it or confront her? If I confront her, should I just outright tell her I know she took it? Even if she tells me she didn't do it, I know she did. **A Day Late & \$20 Short**

Dear Short: Unless you have proof that she took money from your wallet, you have to give her the benefit of doubt. Is she known in the family to behave like this? If you confronted her in an angry manner, she may deny it out of fear. Perhaps you could leave the wallet and ask that if anyone took \$20 to put it back—no questions asked. If the child is young enough, you could make an excuse to go through her overnight things (pack it up for her) before she goes home. Make sure you let her parents know of your suspicions, so they can be aware of this possible behavior in the future. Do not by any means outright accuse anyone of anything without proof. The only thing worse than being stolen from is to accuse an innocent person of an act they have not committed.

Dear WW: My neighbor is always asking to borrow tools from me. I didn't mind this at first, as I was glad to help out. He is a younger man and I have a large pole barn and years of accumulating tools. Rarely will I get my tools back unless I bring it to his attention. If I didn't say anything, he would just assume keep them. He still has several other tools of mine that have not been returned. How do I ask for them back without sounding like a hoarder? **If I Had a Hammer**

Dear Hammer: Plain and simple, don't loan out your tools any more to anyone under any circumstances! Only you can allow yourself to be taken advantage of. Your neighbor will start investing in his own tools if you stop enabling him to continue this pattern. If you can't say no, please get counseling to become assertive and explore why is it you can't say no.

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Editorial: Tribal Police and Fire Department kickball game a success

MARILEE FLEMING

Contributing Writer

The June 11 kickball game of the Tribal Police and Fire Department vs. children in the community was a fun event.

We have such an awesome community that we ended up with music courtesy of Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder Joe Sowmick, and Tribal Member Louanna Bruner was in attendance lending her commentary abilities for the games.

Behind the scenes, Tribal Operations Maintenance workers Jeremy Pumford and Kathy Lett operated the grill, cooking hot dogs and burgers.

It was a nice turn out and everyone was thankful the rain held off.

Housing Security Officer Matthew Sprague and I share an office, and one day we had a chance to sit and chat.

One thing we talked about is the fact that some of our community youth – many from a single-parent household – may not have the guidance they need. We understand single parents have to spend a lot of time away from their homes to work and support their families. Kids get bored, and when kids get bored, they sometimes get into mischief.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal youth Milan Quigno snags a pop fly to take out another potential base runner.

While on the job, Matt makes his rounds in the community. He has stopped and talked to kids at the park from time to time, sometimes giving them a few bucks to go to Sagamok and buy treats, ultimately developing a rapport with them. The kids know him and they feel comfortable talking with him.

Through these little visits with the kids, Matt realized many kids have a negative image of the Tribal Police.

Why wouldn't they if the only interaction they have with them stems from negative situations? Maybe kids won't

talk to the police when questioned, or if they do, maybe they won't be respectful or cooperative because to them, they are the "bad guy."

Matt and I discussed the barrier between the youth and the police. Matt then came up with a ballgame idea where the kids and the police can get to know each other.

With school coming to an end, and summer right around the corner at the time, Housing Manager April Borton thought to have a summer kick-off cook-out while hosting the game.

Tribal Police Captain Donielle Bannon was on board, and did an awesome job of getting her officers and the Fire Department on board.

Youth LEAD also provided assistance and reached out to community kids.

Michael McCreery, youth empowerment aid for Youth LEAD, hosts the Thursday night Men's Group at the park. They practice kickball, fellowship, and eat with neighborhood kids. He had regular group attenders who would be at the park and suggested we hold to cook-out on one of his men's meeting nights.

We wanted to give the kids a fun game to play and at the same time, show them that police are in the community to help.

These youth are going to be our future one day, and we have to step in and give them guidance and build up their spirits while we can.

If children are getting into trouble, there's something behind it and that child needs to be helped. When my children act up, there is always something more to the picture. No parent is perfect, but when you see the signs, you can't ignore children and think their problem (whatever it may be)



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Police Officer Daniel Hernandez kicks up some dust as the rest of the squad cheers him on.

will magically disappear.

So what can we do to help? Kids need to know they have adults on their side. We thought we'd try to break down those walls that stand between Tribal Police and the kids.

We need to get back to our roots where child-rearing wasn't just the parents' job but the community's job, as a whole. If our children are getting into trouble, is it really

their fault or is it ours for not going out of our way and spending time with them, and guiding them?

My mom raised me with the mentality that we (Native Americans) are a big family; she gave me so many aunts, uncles, and cousins; blood or not. We should always look out for any youth we see around, related or not. As Ojibwe, we are all related anyway.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Police Sergeant Craig Wilson congratulates his teammate with a low five as they score another run.

Saving the bees and how you can help

AIMAN SHAHPURWALA

Water Resource Technician

The honeybee population has been in serious decline throughout the past decade. Honeybees are essential to human survival. They are the most effective and efficient pollinators for our food crops. Without honeybees, people and wildlife would not have the abundance of food available today.

Here are some best practices to help save the bees:

1. First rule of thumb: When working in your garden or yard, keep in mind, if it is not good for you, it is not good for the bees.
2. Avoid using pesticides, insecticides or herbicides on plants.
3. Avoid using synthetic fertilizers on lawns.
4. Try to use non-GMO (genetically modified organisms) or source heirloom seeds if



Photo by David Cappaert, Michigan State University, Bugwood.org

possible, GMO seeds may interfere with the genetics of bees.

5. Plant native wildflowers in gardens to produce yummy nectar for the bees.

6. Rethink what a weed is. Many plants we classify as "weeds" can be beneficial to our ecosystem, not to mention beautiful.

7. Support local organic farmers, growers, and seed savers.

For more information on honeybees, please feel free to contact: Aiman Shahpurwala, water resource technician at 989-775-4081 or ashahpurwala@sagchip.org.

Volunteers needed for Saganing tree carving project



Representatives from the Saganing Outreach Program recently took down a decaying tree in front of the Saganing Tribal Center. They were able to save the base of the tree (approximately 12 feet tall) with the intentions and hope to have the tree base carved into something of significant meaning to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Donald Nelson, Saganing outreach program supervisor, is seeking community members interested in donating their time and efforts into the tree carving.

"Not being able to save this tree has given us an opportunity to immortalize it for next generation and beyond," Nelson said.

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Native Skywatchers team encourages participants to “look up” to find star knowledge

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Indigenous teachings encouraged 27 participants to “look up” as the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways unveiled their latest two-day educational workshop June 18-19: Native Skywatchers – Ojibwe and Lakota/Dakota Star Knowledge.

Ziibiwing Assistant Director and event coordinator Judy Pamp said Ziibiwing, Central Michigan University’s College of Humanities and Social/Behavioral Sciences and the Olga J. and G. Roland Denison Visiting Professorship of Native American Studies collaborated.

The presenters include St. Cloud State University Planetarium and Native Skywatchers Director Annette S. Lee, from the Dakota nation, with fellow team members Bois Forte Ojibwe author Carl Gawboy, Fond du Lac Tribal, and Community College Title III Project Director Jeffrey Tibbetts and William Wilson, Canadian Ojibwe tribal elder and artist.

“The workshop is designed for all educators and persons interested in increasing their knowledge of Ojibwe and Lakota/Lakota star knowledge,” Lee



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Dakota artist and astronomer Annette Lee utilizes the “earth-sky technique” where the back of the loon is reflected in the stars above.

said. “Included in the workshop are multiple hands-on activities so participants will be able to experience the culture and the science in the most authentic and meaningful way possible...”

Wilson provided illumination of his work during his afternoon teaching of “Growing up Traditional: Ojibwe Culture, Language & Art.”

“We learn from those teachings of the ancestors who have walked before us and we see creation as the spirits see us,” Wilson said. “We as Anishinabe people look past the outer surface and see what is truly there and we connect to the spirit world. This is why we see the lines of communication connect in Ojibwe art because when it comes down to the teaching... we are all connected.”

Each skywatcher has a background in art, although Tibbetts offered a unique perspective into stone sculpting and working with mixed media.

“I’ve had to learn most of what I know about art learning on my own and by watching my dad carve,” Tibbetts said. “We learn about things best by observing the people around us. What we can’t or don’t learn by observing others allows us to be creative enough to seek out new teachers and opportunities. I had to do that with both art and cultural things...”

As an archaeo-astronomer, Gawboy enlightens in his award-winning research treatise “Talking

Sky: Ojibwe Constellations as a Reflection of Life on the Land”.

“It is interesting to see where western thought and academia are still trying to catch up where they finally realize that native natural knowledge, and what the elders shared in their stories, is now referred to as science,” Gawboy said. “Many of the old paradigms held as fact over the years have changed as the science of Ojibwe star knowledge is shared. Take for example, the old idea of Indian time: Part of Ojibwe astronomy is how they marked time. Native people knew there was a time to harvest medicine and crops and looked to the sky for that knowledge.”

Jonathon Miller, adjunct science instructor of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, attended the workshop and has offered astronomy and archaeo-astronomy courses.

“It is important to integrate as much Native culture into the curriculum as possible,” he said. “... I have read a few of the books that Carl Gawboy has authored and each one has had a profound impact my appreciation for Native culture. Both Mr. Gawboy and Annette S. Lee are people who are an inspiration to those of us who love astronomy and are

very interested in learning about the Native application of it...”

The skywatchers concluded the seminar with participants forming a circle with the afternoon star high in the sky.

Lee offered a Dakota honor song on her shaker and shared a prayer of hope for all our relations.

“It is an honor to come together as we all our remembering, revitalizing and celebrating the history of Ojibwe and Lakota/Dakota Star Knowledge,” Lee said. “This is the essence of cultural astronomy and many elders and Native people have bits and pieces of the knowledge so freely shared with them. We only know a little and we don’t have to be experts but we can be humble and practice these teachings. The late White Earth Ojibwe Elder Paul Schultz had a vision that the young people will bring the star reading back... I believe that vision is happening today.”

Pamp encouraged everyone to “get outdoors and take a look at the beautiful universe created by Gitchi Manidoo (Creator)...”

All are welcome to join the Ziibiwing Center on July 29 for an outdoor movie and star stories event with storyteller Larry Plamondon.

Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing brings a competitive edge to Native bass masters

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Fishing has always been a way of life for Ojibwe people and it’s natural that when money is on the line, a largemouth bass may bring cash.

A message for all to heed: When a lake is being sprayed and treated for algae and mosquitoes, it may affect the fishing.

The disappointment of the Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing anglers being shut out at the June 9 outing at Budd Like made the regulars that more determined as seven boats took to the water at Long Lake in Harrison, Mich. for fishing on June 16.

Youth and Family Recreation Specialist Colleen Maki served as

the weigh master.

“As weigh master, I arrive on the site... a half hour before start,” Maki said. “I check in each boat and riders. I make sure that the rules are enforced and that everyone has a fair chance to win.”

Maki remains on the shore until the fishing competition is finished.

“I weigh in each boat’s fish (up to five) with a digital scale,” she said. “I announce the first three places and big fish at the end of each tournament. I am neutral (non-participating) and follow the rules that keeps the league fun for everyone participating.”

Maki said Long Lake was generous to five boats and the first

big fish was entered for the end of the season big bass contest.

Congratulations to first place winners Youth LEAD Activities Manager Ronnie Ekdahl and Wayne Young for their team win of four fish at seven pounds and .46 ounces.

Eric Sowmick landed the catch the season so far with a 19 inched-big fish, weighing in at two pounds and .15 ounces.

Sowmick’s win, along with two other bass won a second place finish.

Third place went to Team Wemigwans where Tommy and Johnny remain the only fishermen who have placed in every single fishing outing.

As an avid fisherman, Ekdahl can be seen with his wife

Rosemary and son Michael as they enjoy the relaxing time together as a family.

“The fishing league has been going on for a number of years,” Ronnie Ekdahl said. “It originally started with very simple rules of one fish per boat and longest fish wins. In recent years, we have changed the format to mimic the more mainstream fishing tournament format... The whole reason for hosting this event every year is to get families and children in the outdoors. Children under 16 fish for free and families are encouraged. It’s also a great outlet for our local



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Wayne Young and Ronnie Ekdahl make for a winning team as they hoist up trophy bass.

sportsmen and women to get out and enjoy some time on water.”

Up next for the Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing outings are July 7 at Crooked Lake, July 14 at Five Lakes and a July 21 Long Lake return. The month’s activities conclude with an all-day outing at Wixom Lake scheduled for July 31.

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UNDERSTANDING THE PATH

A List of Powwow Guidelines

- Be on time.** The SCIT Powwow Committee is doing everything possible to ensure that activities begin and run smoothly. Please cooperate in this regard.
- Appropriate dress and behavior is required in the arena.** Anyone unwilling to abide by this rule will be asked to leave by the arena director. (If you are going to dance, try to wear dance clothes.)
- Pointing with fingers is considered poor manners by some nations.** If you must point, use your head and nod in the direction you wish to indicate.
- The seating around the arena is reserved for dancers in regalia.** Seats with blankets, shawls or regalia items on them are taken and should not be bothered. Do NOT sit on someone else's blanket unless invited. Uncovered seats are considered available.
- No pets allowed, they should be left at home.** The arena is a sacred place from the time it is blessed until the powwow is over. At no time should pets be allowed in the arena.
- Respect the head male and female dancers.** Their role entitles them to start each song or set of songs. Please wait until they have started to dance before you join in. In some traditions, it is considered improper to pass the head male or female dancer within the arena.
- Some songs require you to be familiar with the routine or have special eligibility rules in order to participate.** Trot dances, snake, buffalo, etc. require particular steps or routines. Veteran dances may be restricted to veterans, combat veterans or in some cases, the relations of Veterans. If you are not familiar with a particular dance, observe and learn. Watch the head dancers to learn the procedures.
- Most powwows are nonprofit and depend upon donations, raffles, blanket dances, etc. for support.** Donations are encouraged as a way to honor someone. Any participant can drop money onto the blanket to aid in the powwow expenses.
- Certain items of religious significance should be worn only by those qualified to do so.** Respect the traditions. Never intentionally touch another dancer's regalia, person or property without permission.
- Giveaways, attributes of Indian generosity, are held at many dances.** They are acknowledgments of appreciation to recipients for honor or service given to the people. When receiving a gift, the recipient thanks everyone involved in the giving.
- If you wish to ask for a special song from a drum, talk to the arena director first and make sure the master of ceremonies is informed.** It is traditional to make a gift (monetary or otherwise) to the drum for special requests.
- Before sitting at a drum, ask permission from the head singer.** Do not touch a drum without permission. The drums are sacred, and it is believed that anyone who takes a place behind the drums has been selected by the Creator to be there. No one drums without special permission, and no one sits in the drumming area without special permission. Great offense is taken if you choose to sit in this area. You should never turn down an invitation by anyone, especially elders, during a powwow.
- Ask permission before taking pictures of dancers.** Pictures may be taken with the permission of the dancers, but not during dedication dances (veterans songs, flag songs, or prayers). These special songs will be announced by the emcee. Under no circumstances may you enter the arena to take photos.
- If at any time you are uncertain of procedure, etc., please check with the emcee, arena director or head singer.** They will be glad to help you with your questions.
- Unless you are unsure spectator seating will be provided, bring a chair.** Remember that the seating immediately around the arena is for dancers only.
- Be aware that someone standing behind you may not be able to see over you.** Make room, step aside, sit or kneel if someone is behind you.
- Alcohol, recreational drugs and firearms are prohibited at all powwows.**
- If you see a lost feather, or you yourself drop a feather, do NOT pick it up.** Notify the nearest veteran, the head veteran, head male dancer or arena director immediately.
- In some places it is okay for adults to dance while carrying infants or small children.** In other places this is considered contrary to local etiquette. Ask before doing so.
- Always stand during special songs.** This includes grand entry, flag songs, veteran songs, memorial songs, prayer songs or any other song that the emcee designates. It is also customary to remove any hats that you have on for the duration of that song.
- Always listen to the emcee. He will give all of the information you need, as well as entertain you and keep you posted on news.** Any questions you have can be answered by him. He will let you know when you need to stand and when you may sit after honor songs. He will also announce intertribal dances and other invitations for guests to participate.
- Supervise your children so that all may enjoy the event without distraction.**
- If you have a question, ask.** Most dancers, singers, elders and staff are happy to help. Offer a cold drink or other small, symbolic gifts to those who help you.

A QUICK GUIDE TO THE SIX MAIN DANCING STYLES OF THE OJIBWE

Women's Jingle

This dance is aptly named for the tin cones (jingles) that cover the dancer's dress, literally from head to foot. The movements of the dance are bouncy and energetic, so that the jingling of the dresses matches the beat of the drum and provides a constant rhythmical accompaniment to each song. To be a jingle dress dancer, you must have dreamt about being one. With each step that these dancers are taking, they are praying for a sick friend, relative, or Tribal Member. The dress is made of cloth and has hundreds of cones attached, usually 365. Each one represents a prayer for each day of the year. When she dances, she uses her fan in sweeping motion to wave away sickness.

Men's Fancy

Fancy dancing is easy recognizable by its rapid tempo and its colorful and distinctive regalia. Their regalia features two very large, vividly colored double bustles, which are worn on the dancer's back. Smaller bustles may also be worn on the arms as well as brightly colored bead work and accessories. These men are undoubtedly some of the most energetic of all the powwow dancers. Their steps are quick but graceful with a high powered twist.

Fancy Shawl Dance

The outstanding feature of these dancers' outfits is the graceful, brightly fringed shawls that drape the young women's shoulders. They are a perfect compliment to the twirling, prancing, pirouetting steps of this showy, high spirited dance. The word fancy refers to the footwork, not the shawl. The dress and decorative beaded accessories are vividly colorful, and match the flaring shawls. The dance represents the life of the butterfly. This exuberant and delightful dance is undoubtedly the flashiest of the women's dancing styles.

Men's Grass

This dance style is also easy to recognize by the striking regalia, which are covered shoulder to ankle with long, thick flows of bright, multicolored cloth fringe. Men's grass dancing symbolized the young men of western tribes who were to stomp down the tall grass of the plains so the people could use the area. The long fringe represents the grass. The long flowing yarn fringe originally started out as sweet grass hung from their regalia. In modern times we use yarn. The dance movements are also distinctive for their sidling, shaking and spinning motion, rather than the high, kicking steps of the fancy dancer.

Women's Traditional

These women dance in a sedate and stately manner, in which they may move slowly about the circle of the arena, but often will simply stand in the same place, rhythmically dipping and swaying to the beat of the drummers. Their outfits are often heavily and elaborately decorated, with beadwork, and sometimes porcupine quills, elk ivory and cowry shells. The dresses themselves may be sewn of buckskin leather or of various types of fabric. Their colors tend to be somewhat gentler and subdued than those of other woman's dance styles.

Men's Traditional

Traditional dancing is an opportunity for men to dance in the way of their fathers and grandfathers. A traditional dancer's regalia is much more likely to reflect Tribal affiliation than those of the other men's dance styles. The ensemble may frequently include pieces handed down for generations within the family, and may range from a look of dignified simplicity to the dramatically elaborate. The dance style is similar to the outfit itself—elaborate, expressive and powerful, but not as flashy and exuberant as the other men's styles.

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Thirty teams tee off for the third annual SCTC Golf Outing

MARY PELCHER

SCTC Extension Coordinator

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College held its third annual golf outing at Bucks Run Golf Club in Mount Pleasant on Thursday, June 11, 2015.

There were 60 players (30 teams) that participated in this annual event. The golf tournament is held as a fundraiser to support SCTC the students who will be attending American Indian Higher Education Consortium's 2016 student conference.

Shotgun start occurred at 9 a.m. with perfect golfing weather. This year the



Tribal youth Angelo Leureaux enjoying his first year on the links.

the extra games for additional prizes. There was golf pong, furthest marshmallow drive, skins, longest drive (male and female), and closest to the pin.

The overcast sky kept the hot sun off the golfers, and a boxed lunch was available on the turn. Bucks Run has an exquisite course and the Chippewa River views were magnificent.

Included with registration was a golf shirt with the SCTC logo. Additional prize drawings were held at the conclusion while scoring was tallied; all golfers won the great door prizes.

After the final scores were tallied, first flight winners were Erik Rodriguez and Chase Owl (first place) with a score of 63, Bear Raphael and Terry Thompson (second place) with a score of 64.

Second flight winners were Gary Reed and Jim Anderson (first place) with a score of 86, Sheila Leureaux and Val Raphael (second place) with a score of 86, hole handicap tie-breaker utilized.

SCTC appreciates the continued community support, especially to those who took the time to participate.

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Cindy Quigno takes an iron shot from fairway to green.



Elder Bean Sprague shows Steven Wassegijig how to avoid a two putt.

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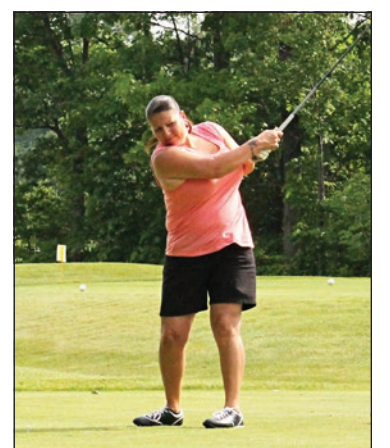


Rhonda Quigno brings some body English to her golf shot.



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Tribal students receive recognition at Youth LEAD Leadership Graduation Banquet

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Local Tribal students from Mount Pleasant High School, Mount Pleasant Adult Education, Shepherd High School and the W.A.Y./Odyssey High School received community recognition at Youth LEAD Leadership Graduation Banquet 2015.

The event was held at the Swan Creek Ballroom at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on June 10.

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier served as emcee with Tribal Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call delivering opening remarks and Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig providing a blessing.

Tribal Council Members Sandy Sprague, Shelly Bailey and Julius Peters also celebrated with the students and their families.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Central Michigan University graduate Christina Otto delivered words of encouragement as the student alumni speaker for the event.

Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford and many of the Youth LEAD advisors and staff were also present at the event.

"On behalf of Youth LEAD, we would like to extend a huge congratulation to all of the 2015 graduates," Crawford said. "We are so proud of each and every one of the graduates and expect to see big things



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tonia Jewell receives the Shepherd High School diploma for her late son Zane Mikal Jewell as the audience offers a heartwarming standing ovation.

from each of them. We had 28 youth that were recognized at the event, demonstrating their commitment to education. Our vision is to help youth become educated, healthy, successful leaders and active members of society, and we are so proud of all of our Youth LEAD team members who have invested so much time, energy and love into the youth of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe."

The Mino Ode Singers were on hand for a welcome song and an honor song for the late Zane Jewell and his family.

Zane's mother Tonia received his posthumous diploma from Shepherd High School in a touching tribute that brought many tears and a standing ovation.

"Sometimes when you lose someone, one of your biggest fears (for the surviving family) is that your loved one will be

forgotten, we will always remember him as one of our greatest accomplishments in our lives," Tonia Jewell said tearfully. "To be included and honored as a fellow honorary graduate, I know he would have been very appreciative of receiving the recognition. Our family has always been our greatest asset. The grief that we feel is tremendous and any time that we get to remember Zane, whether it is with family or friends, is always welcomed. It was a little overwhelming but well worth being part of the event."

Anita Hall, LEAD's achievement advisor, said she's enjoyed working with the 2015 graduates.

"Our aspirations are to nurture these young adults to face the world; and not stop at the high school level but further onto higher education, trade school or wherever their talents take them," Hall said. "Today our nation's needs are great; we are facing dire situations; protecting our sacred water, climate and communities. I truly believe these students will make an impact."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Student alumni keynote speaker Christina Otto gives a message of encouragement and perseverance to the graduates.

John Shelton, LEAD's achievement advisor, provided closing remarks for the capacity crowd in attendance. He mentioned it is always a pleasure to attend the graduation of former students.

The graduating Class of 2015 includes: Kaine Andy, Gage Colwell, Bernardo Elizalde, Dominic Kampf, Isaiah Ruffino, Christopher Benz, Neil Coney, Clarissa Griffus, Sydney Kopke, Sully Schlegel, Chad Brady, Trent David, Ciara Henry, Kristen Peters, Phoenix Slater-Snowden, Sequoya Alaniz, Avery Osawabine, Gabriel Schoen, Michael Quinlin, Amir Leureaux, Aryl Ruffino, Jonathan Laske, Taylor Cogswell, Zykia Godlewski, Jacob Jackson, Maggie Jackson, Tina Neyome and Zane Jewell.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Alex Hinmon, Madison Isham, Remy Weldon, Logan Bird, Caleb Burger, Kamryn Hiner, Trevor Isham, Olivia Lerma, Zhaawan Martell, Javanni Perry, Miika Prout, Isaiah Rodriguez*, Isabelle Terrill Leathers, Damey'n Weldon, Azrae Wemigwans, Bailey Burger, Juan-Sergio Casas, Leonard Ettinger Pamp and Emily Stevens. *Indicates perfect attendance for the entire school year.

Mount Pleasant HS

The following students earned a 3.0 GPA or higher for the third trimester: Chyna Bergevin, *Simone Bigford, Miles Bussler, Claressa Griffus, Gage Colwell, Allen Crockett, Rebecca Curtis, Kendra Cyr, Benny Elizalde, Ashton Heinrich, Jordan Heinrich, Eve House, *Nia Lewis, Maya Madrigal, Brenden Odem, Edgar Peters, Kataya Peters, Kristin Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Milan Quigno-Grundahl, Warren Ricketts, Hailey Ritter, Waab Ruffino, Elissa Schlegel, Sully Schlegel, Daijia Shinos, Phoenix Slater-Snowden, *Trent David, Callista Sowmick, *Destiny Wetherbee and Tanner Williams. *Indicates a 4.0 GPA. The following students earned the attendance incentive for the third trimester: Miles Bussler, Tyler Chippeway, Allen Crockett, Jordan Heinrich, Nodin Jackson, Nia Lewis, Edgar Peters, Lesley Simental and Devin Sims.

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Mia Bennett, Mackenzie Burger*, Tayden Davis, Aaron Montoya Pego, Jonathan Davis, Isaiah Harris*, Kentae Flory, Taliyah Poolaw, Destiny Shawano, Guadalupe Pelcher-Arias, Christopher Bartow* and Katie Green. *Indicates perfect attendance for the entire school year.

Shepherd

The following students earned perfect attendance for the fifth marking period: Rumaalada Alaniz, Jonathan Bailey, Miah Chatfield, Samuel Cloud, Jonathan Cogswell, Sadie Cogswell, Olivia Lawson, Ashani Pelcher, Maya Ryan, Brandon Seegraves, Olivia Seegraves, Bree Sprague and Aanzhenii Starkey. The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for the fifth marking period: Aiyannah Borton, Taylor Burton, Sienna Chatfield, Nathan Isaac, Uriah Main, Damien Martinez, James Perry, Camron Scarlott-Pelcher Ogemah Taylor, Jarek Chamberlain, Adam Jewell, Lauryn Leureaux, Arionna Mejia, Tina Neyome, Carina Romero and Sabrina Romero. The following students are being recognized for their GPA in the fifth marking period: Christina Benz, Aiyannah Borton, Sienna Chatfield, Tony Garcia, Camron Scarlott-Pelcher, Mathew Smith, Emma VanHorn, Hayley Cogswell, Arionna Mejia, Sedona Mejia, Tina Neyome, India Perez, Sabrina Romero, Joseph Sineway, Abbey Sura and Scott Sura.

West Intermediate

The following students were on the honor roll for the third trimester: Esme Bailey, Quinnlan Burger, Karen Chippeway, Lucas Dye, Cory Gaskill, Hunter Genia, Jarred Johnson, Treazure Jones, Madison Kennedy-Keuom, Hunter Keuom, Montana Leureaux, Jesse Mandoka, Aleeya Peters, Mastella Quaderer, Kyra Trofatter, Lindsay Watters and Carlee Williams.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Tia Diamond, Trystan Diamond, Novaly Hinmon, Erica Hinmon, Gabriel Steele, Greg Steele, Anthony Hawkins, Katie Pigeon, Kathlyn Dunn-Anderson, Kaylee Bigford, Mason Peterson, Jonna Mejia, Sway Mandoka, Nixie Snyder, Kayana Pope, Elijah Otto-Powers and Logan VanOrden.

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Saginaw Chippewa Academy students finalize school year with fun festivities

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Photojournalist

Regardless of age, everyone can relate to the excitement of summer vacation, and the Saginaw Chippewa Academy families finalized the school year with a frenzied flurry of fun festivities.

The week-long celebration began June 2 with the annual 2015 version of SCA Field Day.

SCA Physical Education Instructor Chloe Updegraff said the aim for the Tuesday SCA Field Day was to have a "Survivor" theme.

"The older grades (3-6) participated in events that created

a mentality of teamwork and school pride," Updegraff said. "Students were divided up into squads of eight students, with teachers and teacher's assistants, along with members of the AB (Anishnaabe Bimaadziwin) team working as squad leaders."

Squads accumulated points by searching for an immunity idol, with a 10-station workout circuit, and going through an obstacle course, finishing with a giant puzzle.

"Students then participated with their squads in a team sports survivor, where they played against each other in kickball, tug-o-war, giants/



Students make a human pyramid during the SCA field day.



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Four students were honored at the SCA End of Year Powwow. (Pictured left to right: Sara Saunders, Alberta Trepanier, Kenneth Wemigwans and Christopher Spencer-Ruiz).



The SCA sixth grade Class of 2015 received their diplomas at the June 5 graduation. (Pictured left to right: Andre Leureaux, Matthew Quaderer, Liberty Morland, Lars George, Francis Sheahan and Bryan Sam.)

wizards/elves, and lacrosse," she said. "The cultural significance of lacrosse was also discussed with squads, and students were encouraged to bring their own sticks."

The younger students participated in similar events, and all students were able to enjoy a healthy lunch together as an entire school.

Updegraff said everyone had a great time, and the day was filled with lots of laughs and good, healthy competition.

She said a thank you to the SCIT Housing Department is in order for allowing use of their facilities for the afternoon.

On Wednesday, June 3, it was back to the SCA field for an end-of-the-year powwow. The SCA student drum joined the visiting Walleye Singers and provided the heartbeat for a series of student dance exhibitions.

The occasion also showcased an introduction of the new SCA Junior Warrior and Junior Miss and their alternates.

The four students selected were Junior Miss Sara Saunders, Junior Miss runner-up Alberta Trepanier, Junior Warrior Kenneth Wemigwans and Junior Warrior runner-up Christopher Spencer-Ruiz.

On Thursday, June 4, the SCA kindergarten class got an opportunity to go through a graduation ceremony as they get ready to take that next big step into first grade.

On the last day of school, the SCA sixth grade Class of 2015 took center stage as a packed house of families, friends and teachers celebrated with the graduates on June 5.

Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya greeted each student as Andre Leureaux, Matthew Quaderer, Liberty Morland, Lars George, Francis Sheahan and Bryan Sam received their diplomas.

Language kept alive during Sasiwaans "Step Up Celebration"

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department works diligently to keep the language alive.

On June 9, ALRD presented the Sasiwaans "Step Up Celebration" to acknowledge and honor the students during the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym commemoration.

Misty Pelcher, interim language apprentice, offered

a welcoming and Isabelle Osawamick, language outreach specialist, provided a prayer.

Naanooshksag (Little Humming Birds) toddlers, Megisiisag (Little Eagles) 2 year olds and Pichiinsag (Little Robins) 3 year olds classrooms performed and the students were recognized.

Maangoonsag (Little Loons) and Chijjaakoonsag (Little Cranes) 4 and 5 year olds also performed and received honor feathers and awards.

At Sasiwaans, the primary language instructors and fluent speakers are Pat Osawamick, Margaret Flamand, Danita Mandamin, Edward Trudeau and Carol Bob.

The secondary language instructors are Yvette



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

The June 9 Sasiwaans "Step Up Celebration" acknowledged and honored students.



Students displayed the efforts the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department makes to keep the Ojibwe language alive.

Pitawanakwat, Larry Kimewan, Carrie Herron (interim) and Carrie Wemigwans (interim).

Language apprentices are Jenna Davis (interim), Alicia Dudek, Jacqueline Ortiz, Misty Pelcher (interim) and Summer Raphael.

Maangoonsag and Chijjaakoonsag performed an honor song, and Interim ALRD Director Angela Peters gave her closing remarks.

The ceremony ended with a blessing of the miijim – Naanooshkaasag style.

SCA Science Fair projects showcase students' hard work and ingenuity

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

On May 28-29, the Saginaw Chippewa Academy students showcased the research and hard work put into each of their science fair projects.

Students in pre-kindergarten through third grade teamed up to create a single group project for each grade. Students from fourth to sixth grade created individual science fair projects.

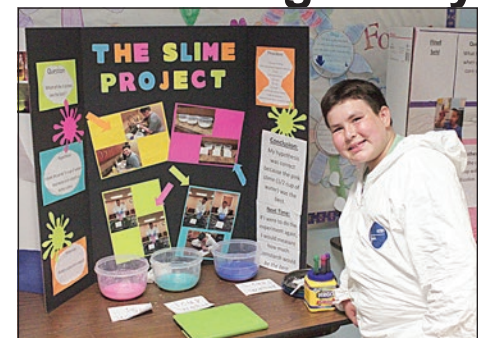
Using the scientific method, each project included a problem and hypothesis. The hypothesis is then tested through experimentation with the results being recorded and documented.



Adam Saboo demonstrates his problem of "Can baking soda and vinegar make a balloon inflate?"



Mana Pelcher shows her chicken hypnotizing science fair booth to fellow SCA students.



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

SCA 4th grader Kayden Weekley-Dean proudly displays his project "Which of the three slimes are better?"

Booths were set up to display the results and documentation.

Students shared their findings with fellow students, parents and the public in the SCA hallways.

Topics ranged from testing the velocity of different paper planes, to how to make a liquid rainbow and whether ice will melt faster when exposed to air versus water.

The overall winner of the SCA Science Fair was Sara Saunders, 5th grader, and her project, "What really powers a flower?"

Taking second place was 4th grader Alberta Trepanier

with her subject "Which liquid freezes faster?" The third place prize went to Mana Pelcher with her project "Can all breeds of chickens be hypnotized?"



"Weird Al" Yankovic delights sold-out crowd with wacky pop parodies

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

American singer, songwriter and parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic brought "The Mandatory Tour" to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, May 29.

Known for his satirical takes on contemporary pop music hits, Weird Al treated the capacity crowd to a career-spanning set list of hit songs.

According to weirdal.com, his four decade-long career has won him three Grammy Awards.

In 2014, Weird Al released his 14th studio album "Mandatory Fun".

The album release was an instant success, with a No. 1 position on the Billboard Top 200 chart. This was no small feat, as it was the first comedy album in chart history to debut at the top position.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Weird Al clutches his accordion while belting out the lyrics to "Now That's What I Call Polka!"

He has totaled four gold and six platinum albums and wrote and starred in the 1989 film "UHF".

The show kicked off with a memorable entrance featuring his hit song "Tacky", a parody of Pharrell Williams' hit song, "Happy".

As the song went on, the big screens showed Weird Al performing and dancing through the backstage area and out onto the SECR gaming floor. He entered through the Entertainment Hall doors, before walking down a main aisle and onto the stage.

Weird Al continued the night with "Lame Claim to Fame". After grabbing his accordion, he returned to the stage to perform "Now

That's What I Call Polka!" The song features a collage of polka style medleys, including Miley Cyrus' "Wrecking Ball" and Macklemore's "Thrift Shop".

The show featured a multitude of costume changes. The next song had the artist donning an outfit mimicking Lady Gaga, while singing "Perform this Way", a parody of Gaga's "Born this Way". Following that were the hit songs "Dare to be Stupid", "First World Problems" and "Fat".

Much to the delight of aluminum foil hat wearing fans in attendance, he sang the hit song "Foil". The song, mimicking Lorde's "Royals", is a tongue-in-cheek ode to the popular household product.

He appeared on stage dressed in a grungy sweater and blonde wig to sing the song "Smells Like Nirvana", a satirical rendition of the hit Nirvana song "Smells Like Teen Spirit".

"Wanna B Ur Lovr", "Eat It", "I Lost on Jeopardy", "I

Love Rocky Road" and "Like a Surgeon" were also performed.

Riding around the stage on a Segway, he performed "White and Nerdy", a spoof of Chamillionaire's "Ridin".

Another highlight featured the artist dressed fully in Amish attire to sing the hit song "Amish Paradise". During the chorus, audience members raised their hands in unison to the beat of the bass.

The following song, "We All Have Cell Phones" had audience members enthusiastically waving their mobile devices in the air.

Weird Al returned to the stage for a Star Wars-themed encore while flanked by storm troopers, Darth Vader and a full-sized Chewbacca. The hit song "The Saga Begins" sang to the tune of Don McLean's "American Pie" brought the audience members to their feet for a standing ovation. The night came to a close with "Yoda", a parody of the Kinks' "Lola".

Comedienne Kathy Griffin brings her "D-List" humor to Soaring Eagle

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

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Comedienne Kathy Griffin is an accomplished actress, writer, producer and



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The multi-talented Kathy Griffin brought her brand of irreverent stand-up comedy to the delight of an appreciative audience.

television host, and on June 6, she brought her "D-List" humor to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Born in Chicago, she moved to Los Angeles in 1978, where she studied drama at the Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute and became a member of the irreverent improvisational comedy troupe "The Groundlings".

In addition to her comedy career, she has participated in two USO tours and credits both comic legends Joan Rivers and Don Rickles as her stand up influences.

Griffin offers an original perspective with her acerbic wit and pull-no-punches comedy.

She said she has "a self-diagnosed, standup comedy disorder" and "must share my thoughts on Caitlyn (Jenner), Barbra Streisand and those adorable Duggars."

The versatility in her live shows are largely improvised with the comic gossiping, going off on tangents and telling stories from her outrageous experiences in Hollywood.

The two-time Emmy and Grammy Award-winner has hosted 23 comedy specials on television.

In 2013, Griffin was inducted into the Guinness Book of World Records for writing and starring in an unprecedented 20 televised stand-up specials, more than any comedian in history.

Her boisterous and revealing memoir, "Official Book Club Selection: A Memoir According to Kathy Griffin", debuted at No. 1 on the New York Times Bestseller List.

Kara Elmore from Mount Pleasant, Mich.

complimented Griffin on her observational humor and laughed about the comment she made about a Frankenmuth business that celebrates Christmas all year.

"She was so nice in person and hilarious on stage, I loved when she asked the crowd, 'What the #@\$* is Bronner's?!'" Elmore said.

Andy and Kiley Wills from Grand Blanc, Mich. approve that Soaring Eagle brings world-renowned comedy acts to its venue.

"I think it's a great idea to mix things up between the music and comedy because people enjoy having options for entertainment," Andy Wills said. "Some people might enjoy comedy over concerts so it opens it up to a broader audience... Kathy Griffin performed an amazing show that always kept you on your toes."

Brandon Hart of Mount Pleasant has seen numerous comedy acts at SECR and was looking forward to

attending the Griffin meet and greet before the show.

"We've all seen Kathy Griffin before in the media, but I have to say that she is even funnier in person," Hart said. "She was very gracious with her fans backstage and she is an all-around class act comedian."

John MacArthur of Alma, Mich. said, "Unlike most comedians, Kathy made sure that her stand up was current with today's events and personal to each venue she performed in. No two shows are alike and she was a perfect fit for Soaring Eagle's entertainment lineup!"

Lindsey Matthews from Carson City, Mich. said, "The show was hilarious! She is such an icon and it was an honor just to see her."

Griffin is launching her 80-city comedy tour with all new material. The "#LIKEABOSS" tour kicks off June 20 in Washington, D.C., at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration at SECR provides hottest party around

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

On Saturday, May 2, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort was rocking with some of the best Tejano and Latin musicians in the business. Guests were able to celebrate the traditional Mexican holiday in style, and even dance the night away on the Entertainment Hall's spacious dance floor.

Five acts took to the stage during the nightlong festivities including Mas Tequila,

Hugo Guerrero, Calle Seis and Ricardo Castillon.

Headlining the night was award-winning Tejano artist AJ Castillo. Known for his energetic live performances, the musician energized the audience with his unique accordion style.

Castillo has released two albums with "Who I Am" (2009) and "On My Way" (2010).

For more information on upcoming shows at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, visit its website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com, "Like" its Facebook page or add the Twitter handle Soaringeagle777.



Calle Seis members David Guzman (left) on guitar and trumpeter William "Wild Bill" Perkins jam out together during the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.



Members of Mas Tequila bring their Latin-flavored music to the SECR Entertainment Hall stage.

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Nearly 150 participants compete in 24th annual Human Race

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The humidity was high, but that did not deter the 110 5K runners and 34 one-mile fun run/walk participants during the 24th annual Human Race on June 10.

The Wednesday night race was sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Nimkee Fitness Center, Seventh Generation Program and Nimkee Public Health.

The event was held at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

Rob McConnell, 41, was the overall 5K winner, completing the race with a 16:29 time.

Second place went to

18-year-old John Lambrecht with 17:13, followed by 52-year-old Tim Lambrecht with 18:43.

The top three women's overall 5K finishers were 14-year-old Scout Nelson with a time of 18:48, Bailey McConnell, 15, finishing in 19:56 and Tori McConnell, 40, with a 21:10 time.

The top three male and female 5K finishers in 13 different age classifications, along with the top three finishers in the one-mile fun run, each received hand-crafted cedar eagle feather awards.

David Salisbury, carpenter for the SCIT Woodshop department, made the awards.

Candace Chippewa Benzinger, a 46-year-old Tribal Member, received second place in her age group with a 30:33 time.

Benzinger's first 5K was the SCIT-hosted 2013 "Run on the Rez". This was her second time competing in the Human Race, and she said she was surprised to receive an award.

"I didn't feel I did well because it was extremely hot and humid which, in turn, affects a runner's breathing, and for the simple fact there were so many runners who participated in the race," she said.

Jaden Harman, fitness coordinator for Nimkee, not only ran in the race, he has also organized this event for 11 years.

"My favorite part of the Human Race is watching individuals at the finish line," Harman said. "The sense of accomplishment from each participant is so fun to see. Although people are exhausted,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Nearly 150 participants form at the starting line for the 24th annual Human Race 5K or one-mile fun run/walk.



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Jaden Harman, fitness coordinator for Nimkee, not only ran the 5K, he has also organized the event for 11 years.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

All participants were honored and sent off by a drum song at the Seventh Generation starting line.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Joelle MacDonald-Snyder, Marcia Burch and Sarah Deaton race to the finish line.

they all have smiles on their faces when done. I especially love seeing the people who complete their first 5K; these moments are extra special."

Runners throughout mid-Michigan are invited each year to come to the Reservation and enjoy a healthy activity while getting a glimpse of the Native culture.

The participants were sent off by a drum song at the starting line.

A full course post-race dinner was served after the race.

Harman credits the Seventh Generation staff for helping make the event possible.

"They are such an incredible host each year and provide outstanding hospitality with the amazing dinner they serve," he said. "We coordinate a very organized race that people appreciate. The runners also really enjoy the 5K course that wraps through the

Reservation, providing a variety of road and trail running."

Rick Krueger, Mount Pleasant cross country coach, ran the clock and recorded each finisher's final time.

Benzinger has advice for beginner runners: "Go at your own pace. A slow run is better than no run. Don't get frustrated; keep on going as it's very rewarding and good for your health. Most importantly, have fun!"

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Thursday, July 16
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• Register online at: www.sagchip.org/MIFO
• All SCIT registrants play for FREE with lunch. (Must pay for your cart.)

Friday, July 17
Shepherd High School (100 E. Hall St., Shepherd)

- Track & Field Competitions and Games
- Registration open from 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Opening Ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.

Baby Crawl, Tot Trots, Elder Walks, Archery, Various Dashes and Runs, Softball Throw, Long Jump & Bean Bag Toss!

For more information or questions, please contact:
Jaden Harman, Nimkee Fitness Coordinator | 989-775-4694

28th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Friday, July 17, 2015
Shepherd High School
100 E. Hall St., Shepherd, MI 48883

- Registration open from 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.
- Cost: \$10 per person ages 5-54 (other ages free)

Pre-registration Deadline is July 15
Early Online Registration Opens on June 1
Go to: www.sagchip.org/MIFO

Golf Scramble on Thursday, July 16
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*This event is open to all Native Americans and their family members. **This is a drug, smoking and alcohol-free event.



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Treat yourself to fresh seasonal produce at the Native Farmers Market

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Eating seasonally is one of the best ways to treat yourself while taking care of the environment; you'll find a wealth of information at the Native Farmers Market and all the local farmers markets.

Farmers markets are wonderful places to take children; it's an adventure and they'll have unlimited questions as their fascination explodes while immersed in the wonders of the market!

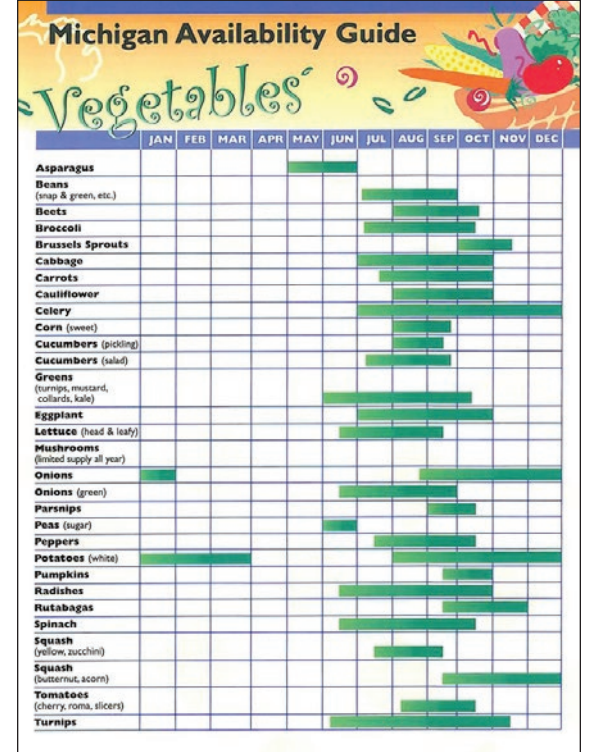
Local farmers will appreciate the enthusiasm and be happy to answer questions that arise. You may love the produce section in a grocery store, but there's no comparison for the magic of the market!



The Native Farmers Market is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., until Oct. 14.

This year, the market will be held in the Housing Pavilion until relocated to the new pavilion, which will be on the northeast corner of Broadway and Leaton Roads.

Are you wondering when the different veggies and fruit are in season? Check out the Michigan Availability Guide, shown to the right, courtesy of the Michigan State University Extension.



Counting daily steps and setting goals to improve health

JUDY DAVIS

Public Health BCCCP Clerk

An interesting article has come to us from "Science of Us" by Jesse Singal regarding the well-known 10,000 steps a day.

Ask anyone how many steps a day you should be taking and they automatically will say 10,000, but is there really a medical reason for this? The answer is no, because 10,000

steps a day has nothing to do with today's lifestyles.

The 10,000 steps per day idea came from Japan in the '60s, starting around the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. A Japan company created a "man po-kei" or a pedometer.

"Man" stands for 10,000, "po" stands for step, and "kei" stands for meter or gauge. Thus, the 10,000 steps became a good marketing name for the newly

created pedometer. It caught on big time with the Japanese and eventually spread elsewhere.

Nutritionist researchers tell us that 10,000 steps is too simplistic. There is nothing wrong with shooting for 10,000, but doing 5,000 or even 2,500 is definitely great for people who normally do not exercise at all.


Whatever your level of exercise and diet is, the important message is to continually try

to step up to the next level. If you are walking at a daily pace of 2,000, then work toward a goal of 5,000 steps per day, etc. Coupled with a sensible diet, this will lead to a healthier lifestyle.

A reminder for all of those who are doing the Blue Cross Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge, the challenge ends July 5, so be sure all numbers are in the system by July 8.

Join us at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics in Shepherd, Mich. on Friday, July 17.

With the nice summer weather, many individuals are walking outdoors, but just a reminder that through the Public Health 4x4 Grant, SCIT Members and employees are still able to walk at Morey Courts on those not so nice days.



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The outpatient program strives to meet the needs of the Anishinabek population of children, adolescents, adults and the elderly through the delivery of integrated services. This program is guided by ideals and principles that are reflective of the Anishinabek values and beliefs.

There are many reasons why an individual may need mental health counseling. He or she may have a chemical imbalance that is making it difficult to function, which can be aided through drugs but may also require some form of talk therapy. There may be unresolved trauma that is plaguing an individual. In nearly any case where a psychological issue is making daily functioning a problem, mental health counseling can help.

- Individual Adult Counseling & Couples Therapy
- Early Recovery Skills/Basic Education Group
- Individual Child & Adolescent Counseling
- Anger Management Education
- Intensive Outpatient Counseling
- Batterers' Intervention Group
- Transitional Supportive Living
- Anger Management Group
- Anishinabek Helping Healer
- Traditional Practitioner
- Gambling Addiction Counseling
- Adolescent Substance Abuse Group
- Parent Counseling
- Group Counseling
- DBT Group
- Family Counseling
- Women's Support Group
- Case Management Services
- Psychiatric Services
- School-Based Counseling

Residential Services

Located in the heart of the Isabella Reservation, we offer community-based programs catering to the needs of Native Americans who want to begin a journey to recovery. Programming is based on the twelve steps and incorporates the cultural and traditional process. Residents are exposed to the Ojibwe language, ceremonies, Native values and historical contexts through our cultural curriculum which is supported by our clinical approaches.

Program Goals:

- Promote balance and harmony within individuals and the community.
- Provide services aimed at reducing personal, family, social, physical, emotional and spiritual distress to individuals.
- Provide an environment that is met with honesty, humility, love, truthfulness, bravery, respect and wisdom.
- Provide documentation and evaluation of services pertaining to all clients' activities, planning, management, support services and training.
- Provide coordinated professional referral sources as a network of recovery support linkages.

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"Under the Eagle Wing"

The purpose of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's domestic violence program is to assist those affected by domestic violence in finding another path without abuse.

Individual needs will be addressed by utilizing emergency transportation to other shelters and case management services. We are dedicated to providing resources, safety and advocacy to ensure the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being of families victimized by violence. In order to achieve balance and independence, we as a community, need to re-establish a support network of services and resources.

The domestic violence services are open to anyone who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking.

- Batterers' Intervention Program
- 24/7 Support
- Group Therapy
- Individual Therapy
- Case Management

- Cultural Sensitivity
- Confidentiality/Privacy
- Victim Advocacy
- Education and Outreach

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Topics covered include:

Red Road teachings, step work, relapse prevention skills, mindfulness, medicine wheel teachings and case management services.



Elderly need special care in hot weather

(Editor's note: The following article comes from UC Davis Health System at ucdmc.ucdavis.edu. This article has been submitted by Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services.)

An elder may not be aware of feeling overheated or dehydrated, so it's important to pay close attention to the health and well-being of loved ones and friends during a heat wave.

Hot weather can be a big concern for older people, said Calvin Hirsch, a geriatrics specialist with UC Davis Health System.

"No one is comfortable when the temperature soars," Hirsch, a professor of internal medicine, said. "But seniors account for a disproportionate number of heat-related hospitalizations and deaths."

Hirsch said many factors are involved in why seniors are so vulnerable in the heat. Some individuals have health problems, such as heart disease, that make it more difficult for the body to circulate blood properly and dissipate

heat. Others are on medications, like diuretics (water pills), that cause water loss and worsen the dehydrating effects of high temperatures.

Obese individuals have an especially hard time keeping cool.

Many seniors who live on their own will not or cannot venture far from their homes or apartments. For security reasons, they also are less inclined to keep windows open to help with the cooling power of air circulation. If the power goes out and air conditioning or fans don't work, elderly residents are much more vulnerable to rising indoor temperatures and may be unable to easily leave for a cooler environment.

Preventing heat-related illness depends mostly on making efforts to stay comfortable: Drinking fluids when thirsty, sponging off with a cool towel, and escaping unrelenting heat in a location with more comfortable and safer temperatures.

"An elderly person may not even be aware of being thirsty or feeling too hot, especially

if suffering from dementia or diabetes, which diminishes sensation," Hirsch said. "Many medications, such as tranquilizers, can blunt an individual's awareness of discomfort, as can alcohol."

With high temperatures, it's especially important for elders to follow heat-wave precautions:

Stay in the coolest place as much as possible, and avoid too much activity. Usually the coolest part of a house is on the first floor. Outdoors, in the shade, may be cooler than indoors, especially if a breeze comes up.

Use the air conditioner! Many elders avoid turning it on to save money. If there is no air conditioner or the power has gone out, seniors should try to spend at least a few hours in an air-conditioned public place, such as a library, shopping mall, movie theater or restaurant.

Eat lightly and drink plenty of fluids. Avoid alcohol and drinks with caffeine. Make use of handheld, battery-operated fans and misters. These inexpensive gadgets usually can be found in many stores. They can be lifesavers during hot weather, especially if the power goes out

Rub wet washcloths over your wrists, face, and back of neck. For a quicker cool-down, wrap ice cubes in a washcloth or use packs of frozen vegetables or blue cooler packs.

It's crucial that we all stay in frequent touch with elders and neighbors during a heat wave.

Keep in mind that heat stroke may begin with flu-like symptoms such as a loss of appetite, nausea, light-headedness or muscle cramping. But such symptoms can develop rapidly or slowly over a period of days. Heat stroke can be fatal if not recognized and treated in time.

District One Elders 2015-2016 Advisory Board introduced on June 10

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The District 1 Elders Advisory Board (EAB) held its annual District One Elders meeting on June 10 at Andahwod.

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier served as emcee for the event with Tribal Council Secretary Sandy Sprague in attendance and Tribal Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig offering a prayer for the Elders.

Tribal Elder Dennis Kequom was honored for his years of service as an outgoing EAB Board Member and received a jacket commemorating his tenure.



Courtesy of Elders Advisory Board

The 2015-16 EAB Board was appointed by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council. (Pictured left to right: Cynthia Floyd, Joseph Sowmick, Marie Kequom, Chair Terry Bonnau, Secretary/Treasurer Carole Tally, Co-Chair Kathy Hart, Barb Sprague and David Anderson. Not pictured are Elders Ida Ruth Lenhart and Philemon Sprague.)

Michigan Indian Elders Conference

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MIEA has representation from each of the state's 12 federally-recognized tribes.

For more information, please visit www.michiganindianelders.org

JULY 2015 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 Lester Chippeway Jr., Kimberly Palmer | 19 Randy James, Melissa Mowry |
| 2 Doris Romer, Joseph Sowmick, Betty Stallcup, Sherry Hileman | 20 Phyllis Kequom, Robert Abraham |
| 3 Janis Ash, Belinda Land, Randall Bird, Lee Kerns | 21 Matthew Sprague, Joe Brown |
| 4 Michelle Wendell | 22 Kimberly Dorow, Loiuse Hunt, Michael Neyome, David Russell, Carmeline Steele |
| 6 Deborah Christie, James Trisch | 23 Simon Jackson Sr., Lewis Mena, Linell Crampton, Robert Fallis III, Tina Howard |
| 7 Joanne Rogers | 24 David Perez Sr., Gary Sprague, Annette Ackley, Duane Beaulieu Jr., Cheryl Berlin, Andrew Falcon, Jane Jolly, John McDonald, Lisa Starkey |
| 8 Carmen Otto, Timothy Sedlow | 25 Guy Jackson, Michael Dalton, Anthony Sprague Sr. |
| 9 Mary Johnson, Patricia Keshick, Harry Pelcher, Jocelyn Perkins, Vicky Madosh, Phillip Meir III | 26 Barbara Durga, Betty Gould, Veronica High, Sheri Jackson, Samuel Sharon |
| 10 Greg Falsetta, Barbara Link | 27 John Jackson, Myron Cloutier, Donald Federico, Tracey Frank, Donald Leauteaux Jr., Elizabeth Mena |
| 11 Diane Dege, Leo Jackson Jr., Nancy Nedwash, Lawrence Verga Jr. | 28 Judy Johnson, Thomasine MeShawboose, Duane Beaulieu, Colleen Kirby |
| 12 Eric Anderson, William McClain, David Miller, Laurence Peters | 30 Marlin Bennett, Mary Gonzales, Ann Orr, Edith Padilla |
| 13 Delmar Jackson Jr., Mary Bukowiec, William Kellogg | 31 Yvonne Glomski, Mark Stevens, Marlene Gray |
| 14 Dennis Christy Sr., Dennis Quayle, Gregory Stevens | |
| 15 Julius Peters, Donald Nelson, Juanita Rogers | |
| 16 Paul Walker, Julie Walker-Hunt | |
| 17 Larry Burnham, Gary Grillis, Kevin Hancock, Gerald Nahgahgwon, Mark Powell, Mark Walraven | |
| 18 Clare Camburn, Marcus Peters, Miranda Stockel | |

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July Events

Crafts
Mondays at 1 p.m.

Euchre
Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Exercise
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Language Bingo
July 2 at 1 p.m. Contact: 989.775.4307

Jewelry with Kay
July 7 at 1 p.m. Contact: 989.775.4302

Activities with Elisa
July 7 & 14 at 5 p.m.

Elders Breakfast
July 8 & 22 at 9 a.m. Contact: 989.775.4300

Knitting
July 9, 16 & 30 at 1 p.m.

Saganing Daytrip
July 14 at 9 a.m.

Elder Bean Bag Toss
July 28 at 6 p.m.

**Activities and events are subject to change.

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FRI., AUG. 21 | Waabooz Run Golf Course

TEE TIME | 9AM • 18 Holes

ENTRY FEES

\$100/Person | \$300/Threesome

Two flights payout based on entries.

• **WOMEN'S** •

3-PLAYER SCRAMBLE

FRI., AUG. 21 | The Pohlcats Golf Course

TEE TIME | 9AM • 18 Holes

ENTRY FEES

\$100/Person | \$300/Threesome

Two flights payout based on entries.

• **SKINS GAME** •

FRI., AUG. 21 | Waabooz Run Golf Course
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JULY 2015 EVENT PLANNER

Men's Meeting

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-2370 ext. 214
- Open communication, talking circle
- For adults and young men (6th graders and older)

Climate Change Prayer Day

July 2 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Location: Seventh Generation
- Contact: 989-775-4780
- The goal is to unify the community and bring awareness on the issue of climate science, through prayer, art and education.

Women's Tradition Society

July 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-4879

Monday Night "Masters"

July 6, 13, 20, 27

- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club in Shepherd, Mich.
- Contact: 989-775-4128

Summer Kickball Games

July 7 & August 12 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Location: Broadway Ball Field & Pavilion
- Contact: 989-775-4590
- Tribal Police/Fire Dept./Community kickball game
- Burgers, hot dogs and chips.

Tuesday Night Giighn Fishing

July 7, 14, 21, 31

- Contact: 989-775-4128
- Ages 16 and younger fish for free.

Native Farmers Market

July 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Location: Housing Pavilion, until new Farmers Market pavilion is complete.
- Contact: 989-775-4059

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

July 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-3742
- Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers.

B. Sprague Open Co-Ed & Mens

July 11 | Tee off: 10 a.m.

- Location: Waabooz Run Golf Course
- Contact: 989-400-1838 or 989-772-4013
- Entry fee: \$120 per team
- Two person scramble
- Entry fee covers: 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and prizes.
- Skins - \$30 a team
- Early bird registration ends July 4

Family Spirit Support Group

July 15 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- Contact: 989-775-4616

Saganing Health and Safety Fair

July 16 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989-775-5820
- "Surf the Health and Safety Tidal Wave"

Housing Financial Workshop

July 16 | 12 p.m.

- Location: Housing Conference Room
- Contact: 989-775-4552

Women's Support Group

July 21 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-4896

Eagle Spirit Award Banquet

July 31 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Location: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
- Contact: 989-775-4505

Little Elk All Native Golf Tournament

August 1 | Tee off: 10 a.m.

- Location: Waabooz Run Golf Course
- Contact: 989-400-1838 or 989-772-4013
- Entry fee: \$120 per team

Gamblers Anonymous (GA) Meetings

12-step program for people that have a gambling problem.

Mondays & Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Mount Pleasant First United Methodist Church
400 S. Main St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

Tuesdays: 6 p.m., Wesley Foundation at CMU
1400 S. Washington St., Mount Pleasant

Thursdays: 6:30 p.m., First Methodist Church
400 S. Main St., Mount Pleasant

Saturdays: 7 p.m., Mount Pleasant Alano Club
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TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | JULY 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
Talking Circle Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Andahwod Maple Room <small>For more information contact: Kim 989.289.3088, Roger 989.944.1937</small>		1 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Traditional Teaching Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2 Sacred Fire Lunch 7 th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	3 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	4 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 5 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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100 Employment Tribal Operations Treasury Investment Manager

Open to the public. CPA or master's degree in finance or accounting with four years experience in cash management and investing. Must have knowledge and demonstrate experience in working with investments and cash management activities. Must possess strong analytical skills, interpersonal skills and communication skills.

Multimedia Programmer
Open to the public. Four year college in any of these areas: Computer science, computer programming languages (preferred), or demonstrated equivalent work experience. Four years applicable IS/IT communications work experience. Willingness to master new software and new programming languages.

General Labor Pool (Temporary Employee)
Tribal Member posting. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment.

Clerical Pool (Temporary Employee)
Tribal Member posting. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment.

Comm Services Web Store Clerk P/T
Open to the public. Must be a at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or G.E.D required. Must have good communication skills, basic computer skills, and the ability to handle tasks in a busy environment.

School-Based Consulting Clinician
Open to the public. Master's degree in psychology, social work, or closely-related field. Two years experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances in an academic setting. Teaching certification preferred.

Probation Officer
Open to the public. B.S. or B.A in criminal justice or related field or equivalent work experience in criminal justice/law enforcement. Must possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, and be proficient in Microsoft Office. Must be available on nights and weekends in addition to the regular work week.

Economic Development Director
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, economic development, public administration or community planning plus five years of work experience in a

relevant and progressive leadership position. Provides key guidance and methodology strategies to determine the feasibility of potential economic development projects for all Saginaw Chippewa Tribal interests both locally and abroad.

Social Services Supervisor Protective Services
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work or related field required. Master's degree preferred. Four years experience in a human services setting and one yearsupervisory experience. Must have knowledge of applicable tribal and federal law as they pertain to tribal children and families. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license.

Support Services Tech I
Open to the public. Two plus years IT help desk experience or four year IT-related degree. Must be capable of undergoing and passing the background investigation for gaming license. Upon employment must agree to sign confidentiality agreement. Needs to have a basic understanding of computer and server hardware, and network connectivity. Must pass IT-related competency exam. Must be able to learn new software and hardware systems on a regular basis.

Resident Care Manager
Open to the public. Must be a licensed registered nurse (BSN preferred), with at least one year of long-term care experience. Knowledge of and/or willingness to learn about and understand the Tribal community and outside systems is required.

Resident Service Aide
Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and must be 18 years of age. Knowledge of, or willingness to learn about, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian community required.

Dietary Cook Aide
Open to the public. Must have high school diploma. This position also requires previous experience in a kitchen atmosphere. With quantity and quality food preparation and service in a group residential atmosphere preferred.

Bus Driver - SCA
Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Must meet the minimum requirements for a school bus driver as defined by the State of Michigan: Must pass a criminal history investigation: Must be at least 21 years old.

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Line Cook
Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills. Or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

Steward Part-Time
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have

a high school diploma or GED. Desire to work hard. Must have an organized and thorough in work ethic and a strong desire to provide service. Exceptional people skills, high level of enthusiasm and professionalism.

Inventory Control Warehouser
Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a gaming license. Must be able to obtain/maintain a Tribal driver's license and maintain a CDL Class B license. One to three years experience in driving vehicles/rigs that require CDL designation.

Cosmetologist PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must possess and maintain a Michigan state license in cosmetology with 1600 training hours, followed by completion of state license with two year renewal required.

Security Officer PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. May be required to perform their duties during hazardous conditions that could include severe weather and fire.

Bartender Beverage PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Massage Therapist PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must have a valid Michigan massage certification and 600 total hours required for massage certification.

Casino Housekeeper PT
In-house. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. No previous experience required.

Line Server Aurora FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

Kitchen Equipment Worker
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma. Must have three years experience in commercial food equipment repair. Universal certification and/or within thirty days after employed.

Entertainment Security Officer PT (Seasonal)
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Line Cook Little Eagle - FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. One years of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills. Or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

High Lift Operator FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to withstand heights up to 90 feet. Must pass lift/safety training. Prefer one-year experience working at elevated levels.

Line Server PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts.

Function Service PT Casino Beverage
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year customer service experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in house training.

Revenue Auditor PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have bookkeeping or cashier experience. Prior experience working in gaming setting preferred. The ability to perform computations with accuracy is essential.

Transit Driver PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan drivers license and must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal drivers license and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements or a chauffeur's license.

Waitstaff PT - All Outlets
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Needs to be able to deal with the public under stressful situations, be a team player, work flexible hours.

Guest Room Attendant FT - Hotel
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Previous house-keeping experience preferred.

Line Cook FT Associate Dining
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One years of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills. Or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

Table Games Dealer PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have

high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

Host/Hostess PT Siniikaung
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have good guest service skills and work well with others.

Lead Cook
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Two years of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, proven leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

Host/Hostess PT-Diner
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have good guest service skills and work well with others.

Waitstaff (level 1) Siniikaung PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have accurate math skills.

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Food & Beverage Attendant PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Some cash handling, banking or accounting experience preferred. Must be able to operate a cash register and calculator.

Inventory Control Driver PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a gaming license. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license. Requires a chauffeur's license. Experience with Food-Trak or other warehouse management software preferred.

Line Cook FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills.

Casino Shift Manager
Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Bachelor's degree preferred. Five or more years of progressively responsible experience in gaming operations. Three or more

years of management experience required, preferably in managing a department. Ability to work in a high stress, fast paced, work environment.

Line Cook PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills.

Count Team Associate PT
Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Basic math skills and ability to handle large amounts of currency.

Finance Shift Supervisor
Open to the public. Associates degree with one year supervisory experience or high school diploma or equivalent with two years related experience in cage (finance/gaming) operations or banking operations. Basic math skills and ability to handle large amounts of currency.

Maintenance Worker PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent.

Waitstaff (level 1)
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent.

100 Employment

Ojibwe Language & Culture Teacher

Responsible to: Teach Ojibwe in a classroom to K4-8 students. Assist in development of Native curriculum. Collaborate in planning cultural activities. Provide translations. Provide Ojibwe resources for cultural instruction. Collaborate to integrate Native Language & Culture throughout the school. **Qualifications:** Knowledge of Ojibwe Language, fluency preferred but not required. Teaching experience preferred, but not required. Experience with urban children/Native American students a plus. Teaching certification preferred but not required. Competitive wages & benefits. Relocation possible. **Send resume & letter to:** Bonnie Thielecke, Indian Community School 10405 West St. Martins Road, Franklin, WI 53132 Thielecke_b@ics-milw.org

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Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS AND COMPLAIN IN THE MATTER OF MARIA CARRANZA CORONADO WILKINS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-775-4800 Case No. 15-CI-0293 Plaintiff: Maria Campos 746 Hardwick St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49548 616-617-4970 Vs. Defendant: Maria Carranza Coronado Wilkins 1111 Maple St. Saginaw, MI 48602. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires on Nov. 8, 2015.**



“Honoring, Healing & Remembering” event sheds light on Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

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Every year since 2009, the annual “Honoring, Healing & Remembering” event sheds light on the atrocities inflicted on the Native students who attended the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS).

The historical roots of the sadness trace back to the U.S. Congress where they established MIIBS to fulfill part of the 1855 Treaty with the Anishnaabek in Michigan.

Through an act of Congress, the Anishinabe Three Fires Confederacy lands were taken, and in exchange, government officials promised to provide an education to all American Indian children.

The 1855 Treaty became the basis for the 1934 Comstock Act legislation which pays for the Michigan Native Americans’ college education. In its contemporary form, the indigenous communities refer to it as the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.

MIIBS consisted of 37 buildings on 320 acres of land, with an average enrollment of 300 American Indian students per year in grades K-8.

The school operated from 1893 to 1934. Like other American Indian Boarding Schools, students were forbidden to speak their language, honor their culture, and practice their spirituality.

Mount Pleasant City Manager Nancy Ridley remembers the



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(Pictured left to right) Oneida Nation of the Thames River descendant David Syckle II and Helping Healer Beatrice Jackson offer good medicine as Snowbird Singer Daisy Kostus and Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson take turns reading the names of the 226 students who walked through the western door.

challenges the boarding school brought to the area and always looks forward to being a part of the sunrise ceremony.

“I was honored to be a part of such an important community event that focuses on remembering and honoring the past and healing for the present and the future,” Ridley said. “I learn something new each time I attend the annual event. Healing is a journey for our community and the journey sometimes meanders and backtracks but it appears the journey in our community is making forward progress. We are proud to be a part of that.”

Rick Rautanen mentions as a city commissioner and the vice mayor of Mount Pleasant, he felt it was important that he attended the ceremony and understand the importances of this process as we move our communities forward.

“I have a much deeper connection to the boarding school as I am a member of the Sault



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Tribal Council Member Delmar Jackson Sr. is all smiles as he enjoys the good words and teachings during the sunrise ceremony at Mission Creek Cemetery.

Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and my very own grandmother, then Evelyn LaPoint, spent time as a child at the boarding school along with her brothers, as they had been removed from their home near Sault Ste. Marie,” Rautanen said. “They were some of the fortunate children that made it home... but it was an experience that affected them for the rest of their lives. I was truly humbled by the ceremony and honored to be there, and to be welcomed by the Tribe, as a city official, and as a member of our entire community. I learned much more than I previously knew about the history of the buildings, and was extremely moved as I toured the site.”

MIIBS Committee Members Alice Jo Ricketts and Craig Graveratte provided the historical insight to the building that once housed the students.



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Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya (left) shares the message of the jingle dress healing dance as Eagle Clan Mide' Elder Mae Pego stands with the jingle dress dancers and the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warriors.



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The Honoring, Healing & Remembering program concluded with a round dance song performed by the host drum, the Min Ode Singers.

“When we reached the gymnasium, and I had the opportunity to sit in the same wooden seats that the Native American children would have been sitting in 100 years ago, I had to take a moment to collect myself,” Rautanen said. “Just when I thought I had pulled myself back together, we then reached the ‘Wall of Tears,’ where many of the children had scratched their initials into the bricks, some even going so far

as to enter the year. We can only wonder what were the thoughts going through their minds, as these children carved their initials into the building. Though many of the initials have faded, and the buildings have fallen into disrepair, the reality of what occurred there will never go away, and while we cannot change the past, we can work together as a community to always remember and honor those that came before us.”



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Seven Ogitchedaw Veteran Warriors of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Pokagon Potawatomi First Nations stand at attention.



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The tobacco offerings are given to Lac Courte Oreilles Elder George Martin as he prepares for a sunrise pipe ceremony.



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Keyboardist Allison Radell joins guitarist Joe Reilly as their “Spirits Rising” duo offer a tribute in song to the little ones who walked on.



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The Saginaw Chippewa eagle staff pierces the sky with the Pokagon Potawatomi warrior staff and the tribal flags of the two nations.



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(Pictured left to right) City of Mount Pleasant Vice Mayor Rick Rautanen, CMU Associate Dean, Professor of History Dr. Timothy Hall, Mount Pleasant City Manager Nancy Ridley, and SCIT Public Relations Frank Cloutier share a moment at the podium.