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## Freedom Walk 2017 serves as a kickoff to August American Indian Sobriety Month

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**  
Healing to Wellness Coordinator

buffet along with a T-shirt designed by Freedom Walk Coordinator Alice Jo Ricketts. Ricketts received special recognition for 25 years of service to the Tribe and for supporting recovery and wellness on the Reservation.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**More than 100 supporters of the 2017 Freedom Walk share a moment of support against drug and alcohol abuse on the Reservation.**

"It was an absolute honor to be gifted a cedar eagle feather plaque (created by the Soaring Eagle Woodshop). It was unexpected and exciting to say the least," Ricketts said. "In addition to the excitement, I had the honor to introduce my niece Morgan Mena who, for some years, had battled with heroin addiction. She shared, briefly, her fight and her achievements once she became clean and sober."

strength and hope about how embracing a life of recovery has helped them.

walked on due to overdoses. I give all my gratitude to my Lord and Savior Jesus. He still works miracles today, and I am one of them," Ricketts said. "I would also give a huge shout out to my husband Kevin and my family who never gave up

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**Saginaw Chippewa Powwow**  
The 33rd annual "Honoring Our Protectors" celebration.

More than 200 supporters who took a July 29 stand at the 2017 Freedom Walk against drugs and alcohol on the Reservation saw that the spirit of recovery is alive and thrives.

The annual event took place Saturday morning (July 29) during powwow weekend at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym and served as the kick-off for Behavioral Health's American Indian Sobriety Month celebrations.



**17**  
**SCTC Environmental Camp**  
Youth head to Higgins Lake for five-day cultural camp.

Tribal Council Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl gave a blessing for the meal and the walk which was followed by encouragement from Chief Frank Cloutier.

Participants received an Nbakade Restaurant breakfast

Mena was joined by Staci Hart, Scott Saboo and Laura Yoder as they came forward to share their experience,

Cody Mena shared his recovery by providing the smudge medicine.

"It was a wonderful morning to celebrate sobriety for all that were in attendance and honoring those who have

## Tribe applauds denial of off-reservation casinos in Lansing and Huron Township

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Department take these lands into trust.

Similar arguments by the Bay Mills Indian Community under the same law were also rejected by the Interior Department.

"We applaud the Interior Department for their well thought-out decision that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe cannot mandate the agency to take lands into trust for gaming purposes anywhere they want to in Michigan," said Chief Frank J.

Cloutier. "The parcels of land that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe was trying to have taken into trust are located more than 300 miles from their current reservation in the Upper Peninsula."

"The Interior Department's decision affirms our longstanding position that the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act does not provide the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe with authority to shop for lands anywhere in the State merely to build a casino," Cloutier said.

"Let's be clear – the U.S. Department of Interior has simply re-affirmed what we have been saying all along – the Sault Tribe has no legal right to pursue a casino in Lansing and Romulus. It was only six months ago that the Sault Tribe and Mayor Bernero expressed their confidence in getting a favorable ruling from the Department of Interior, nothing could be farther from the truth," Cloutier said.



**19**  
**Carlos Santana concert**  
Singer-songwriter and guitarist performs Aug. 8 at SECR.

The U.S. Department of the Interior recently issued a decision denying the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe's application to take lands into trust for building casinos in Lansing and Huron townships. In so doing, the Interior Department rejected the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe's claim that the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act mandated that the Interior



**28**  
**Back to School event**  
Students flock to Broadway Park to help prepare for new school year.

## Town Hall Meeting

Hosted by At-Large/Member Services

**Saturday, Sept. 16** • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
Doors open at 11 a.m. • Meeting starts at noon.

- Tribal ID required.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Open to Tribal Members from all districts.





## Virginia "Babe" Zoicher

Dec. 30, 1932 – Aug. 23, 2017

Virginia "Babe" Zoicher, age 84, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017, at McLaren Hospital in Flint.

Virginia was born on Dec. 30, 1932, in Detroit, the daughter of Leola Peters. She married Adolph A. Zoicher on Aug. 20, 1948. Mr. Zoicher passed away on May 8, 1979.

Virginia lived in the Mt. Pleasant area for 25 years. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, the Women's Auxiliary VFW 3033 and the Free Will Baptist Church in Woodhaven, Mich.

Virginia loved swimming, traveling and especially her children and grandchildren.

Virginia is survived by her children, Valerie Zoicher of Southgate, Mich.; Douglas Zoicher of Romulus; Lawrence (Jane) Zoicher of Dearborn Heights; David Zoicher of Taylor; Naomi (Harold) Staggs of Flat Rock; Belinda Land of Mt. Pleasant; Eric Zoicher of Allen Park; Caroline (Vincent) Trevino of Mt. Pleasant; and William (Angela) Zoicher of Southgate. Twelve grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a niece, Linda Trombly of California, also survived her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Adolph, a son, Michael, and a sister, Marcella.

Funeral services were held Aug. 28 to the Rowley Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant with Rev. Robert Pego officiating.



## Carolyn Mae Ashmun Folts

Feb. 10, 1948 – Aug. 13, 2017

Carolyn Mae Ashmun Folts, age 69, of Mount Pleasant, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017, at McLaren Regional in Bay City.

Carolyn was born on Feb. 10, 1948, in Gladwin County, the daughter of Joseph and Evelyn Keezhig Ashmun.

Carolyn married Claire Folts, who preceded her in death. She was a bus driver for the state home for many years, and a cook at Central Michigan University, among other endeavors.

Carolyn loved and cherished her family dearly and her beloved pets Chico, Lady Teacup, Casper and Joey the Cat.

Those who knew and loved her understood her passion for Elvis Presley, Asian art and clothing and her photo collages that always represented her passion for her family and friends.

Carolyn was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

Carolyn is survived by her two sisters, Shirley (Ashmun) Burch and Julia (Alexander) Wixson; a brother, William Alexander Jr.; daughter, Diane (Paul) Roux of Palm Coast, Fla.; grandchildren Jeaniene Harlow, Blake Roux, Danielle (Aaron) Breeding and BreAnna Roux; and great-grandchildren, Brycen Freeman, Ciera Roux and Cayde Ferguson. She was cherished by many nieces and nephews including: Lisa (Wixson) Kennedy, Doyletta Good, Jason Wixson, Theal J. Burch, Trevor Alexander, Nicole Alexander, Travis Alexander, Nate McDaniel, Cheyenne Alexander and Tabitha Alexander. She was deeply loved and adored by many great-nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a sister, Geraldine, and a brother, Leonard (Jackson) Alexander.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Aug. 18 at the Rowley Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant. Memorial contributions can be made to Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services at 2910 South Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.



## Linda Ruth Schramm

Jan. 22, 1939 – July 22, 2017

Linda Ruth Schramm, age 78, of Mount Pleasant, formerly of Kalamazoo and Flint, passed away on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at Andahwood.

Linda was born Jan. 22, 1939, in Flint, Mich. to Louis P. and Emma (Gardner) Henry.

Linda married Paul Schramm on June 16, 1955, in Indiana. He preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 2016. Linda was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and was proud of her Choctaw decent. She and Paul enjoyed many winters in Florida.

Linda was a loving, dedicated mother and grandmother who enjoyed attending her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's events. She loved spending time with her family and watching birds.

Linda is survived by her children, Paul (Diane) Schramm, Terri (James) Bonnema, Susan Byrne, Michael Schramm and Kelly Hartwell; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters Jean Hancock and Wanda Brodie; and sister-in-law Elva Rinnert.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Anita Henry; granddaughter, Melissa Bonnema; grandsons, Timothy Schramm and Christofer Hartwell.

A private memorial service for Linda was held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.



## Stuart "Bud" Donald Huntley Jr.

June 6, 1932 – Aug. 18, 2017

Stuart "Bud" Donald Huntley Jr., 85, of Harrison, Mich., passed away peacefully on Friday, Aug. 18, 2017, at Bickford Senior Living in Midland, Mich.

Bud was born June 6, 1932, in Saginaw, Mich., the son of Stuart Douglas Huntley Sr. and Ella Margurite (Zwingman) Huntley.

The Huntley family moved to Harrison when Bud was two years old, and his father started Standard Oil, a fuel oil delivery service.

From a young age, Bud showed an interest in cars, even driving a school bus while he was a high school student.

Bud graduated from Harrison Community Schools in 1951 and worked for the family business.

On Sept. 20, 1952, in Mount Pleasant, Mich., he was united in marriage to Sally W. Strong. Shortly after their marriage, Bud was drafted into the United States Army and served his country during the Korean conflict.

Upon his return from Korea, he continued working for his father, eventually taking over the Standard Oil business. In November 1975, he changed the name of his business to Huntley Oil Company and worked there together with Sally until he retired in 1991. After 58 years of marriage, Sally preceded Bud in death on Jan. 2, 2011.

Bud was a long-time member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Harrison Branch. Bud was also a charter member of the Knights of the Round Table at the Jackpine Restaurant of Harrison.

He served as a volunteer firefighter in Harrison for many years and enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers, bowling, golfing, hunting, snowmobiling, fishing, camping and taking his grandchildren on adventures. Bud enjoyed buying cars and trucks, especially the newest style and model.

Surviving him are his two daughters, Sherry (Bill) Hileman of Harrison and Tammy (Joe) Nowicki of Reston, Va.; nine grandchildren, Corie (Brad) Wyatt, Cassie Hileman, Bill (Kristin) Hileman, Travis (Nicole) Hileman, Carly (Greg) Young, Matt Nowicki, Cody (Sarah) Hileman, Dan (Jessica) Nowicki and Megan Nowicki; 14 great-grandchildren, Emily, Noah, Ellen and Clarke Wyatt, Brynn and Will Hileman, Logan, Bella, Eli and Jack Young, Juliet, Charlotte and Alice Hileman and Mason Hileman; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his wife, Sally, he was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Donna Phelps and Marilyn Sharp.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 25, at Stocking Funeral Home in Harrison. Memorial gifts in memory of Mr. Huntley may be considered to Rett Syndrome Research at [www.girlpower2cure.org](http://www.girlpower2cure.org) or Van Andel Institute Parkinson's Research.



## Wayne Thomas Sprague

Oct. 24, 1952 – Aug. 14, 2017

Wayne Thomas Sprague, age 64, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Monday, Aug. 14, 2017, at Laurels of Mt. Pleasant.

Wayne was born Oct. 24, 1952, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Philemon and Eleanor (Thomas) Sprague.

Wayne was a proud member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He worked for the Soaring Eagle Casino and the Tribal Operations maintenance department and was the bingo caller. Most recently, he worked on the hard count team.

Wayne had been attending Saginaw Chippewa Community Church. He loved to watch any sporting event his children and grandchildren played. Wayne also liked playing Sizzlers at the casino, playing softball, bowling, assembling model cars and watching golf, NASCAR, The Golden Girls and his nephew, Henry, race.

He also enjoyed playing bingo at the VFW. He collected monster trucks, cans and coins.

Wayne is survived by his children, Twyla Sprague, Seryna (Clinton) Acuna, Joe Johnson II and Ronald Paul Sr., all of Mt. Pleasant; five grandchildren, Joseph Shomin Jr., Calvin Shomin (Oojuan Potter), Devin Sprague, Aiyana Sprague and Ronald Paul Jr.; great granddaughter, Ameliana Shomin; brothers, Ken Sprague, Philemon "Bean" Sprague, Larry Sprague and Bernie (Bonnie) Sprague all of Mt. Pleasant; sisters, Jo Kathy Sprague and Barbara Sprague, both of Mt. Pleasant; his dogs, Ciroc and Smoky; and several nieces and nephews.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gary, Rocky and Phillip Sprague; sisters, Shirley Day (Sprague), Becky Sprague and Phyllis Sprague; grandparents, Eli "Chief Little Elk" and Betsy Thomas; nephew, Gary Lee Sprague Jr. and Mercedes Benz.

A memorial service was held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Thursday, Aug. 17. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



### Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

#### Upcoming dates:

• Sept. 21 • Oct. 19 • Nov. 16

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Ziibiwing Cultural Center

*Monthly Forums are more of an educational awareness opportunity for our local community that will be hosted by our F.A.N. chapter.*

### Support Groups

Every first Thursday of the month

#### Upcoming dates:

• Sept. 7 • Oct. 5 • Nov. 2

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Tribal Operations Senior's Room

*Support Groups are open to anyone in recovery, grieving with a loss or have a loved one battling an addiction.*

#### For more information, please contact:

- Guadalupe Gonzalez at 989.775.4880
- Rosanna Martin at 989.775.4003

## Order Establishing Migratory Game Bird Season 2017/2018

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 subdivision 3 the 2017/2018 Migratory Game Bird Season shall begin upon the USFWS Final Rule Publication date and will close on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, unless ordered otherwise. The 2017/2018 Migratory Game Bird Season will allow for the bag limit as listed. Non toxic shot only.

#### Migratory game bird season daily bag limit:

- Ducks - 20\*
- Canada Geese - 20\*\*
- Mergansers - 10\*\*\*
- Woodcock - 10
- Common Snipe - 16
- Sora and Virginia Rails - 20
- Morning Dove - 25
- Coots & Gallinules - 20
- Sandhill Crane - 1

\* Duck 20 per day, including no more than five each of the following species: Hen mallard, hooded merganser, wood duck, redhead, scaup, black duck pintail and canvasback. Possession limit is not to exceed two times the bag limit.

\*\* 20 per day Canada Geese aggregate. \*\*\* No more than 5 hooded mergansers in the aggregate.

Reporting within 72 hours of harvest is mandatory per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(B). A small game license is required as per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 subdivision 2. Licenses will be available starting upon the USFWS Final Rule Publication date at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.
- Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.





## Election Timeline 2017 Primary & General Elections

- Aug. 7 - Sept. 1** | Candidate Packets available at the Tribal Clerk's Office
- Sept. 1** | Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions
- Sept. 11** | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election
- Sept. 11** | Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of Candidates
- Sept. 12** | Final Candidate List Posted
- Sept. 18** | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed
- Oct. 9** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Oct. 10** | **Primary Election Day** — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Oct. 13** | Last day to register to vote for the General Election
- Oct. 16** | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed
- Nov. 6** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Nov. 7** | **General Election Day** — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Nov. 8** | **General Election Results Posted**

*\*There will be a \$100 processing fee due when turning in petitions*

**For additional information, please contact the Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4054**



**Congratulations  
on the  
Hole-in-One**  
*Happy Birthday  
Darcy!*



**Happy Birthday  
Zaden!**  
**September 17th**  
*Love, Grandpa Fred,  
Grandma Denise & family*



*Happy Blessed Birthday*  
to my forever beautiful Mom, Florence  
*Love, Jeanette*



**Happy  
Birthday  
Brian!**  
*Love, your family*



*You are only young once,  
but you can stay  
immature indefinitely.*  
**Happy  
Birthday  
Michelle!**



**Happy 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Birthday**  
to our Little  
Dragonfly Minajiwin!  
*September 9th*

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe** | Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department

### Order Establishing Deer Season 2017

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2017 Deer Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, and will close on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, unless ordered otherwise. The 2017 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of five deer as follows:

- Three antlerless\*
- Two restricted (antlered or antlerless\*)
  - One any sized antlered
  - One restricted to four or more one inch minimum points on one side

*\*Antlerless gives the ability to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length.*

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 28, 2017, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only five tags allowed per license.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.
- Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.

- Hunter orange is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5.
- Harvest reporting is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(B).
- Tribal lands designated for hunting are approved by the map located at the Tribe's Planning Department.

Tree stands/blinds are only permitted on Tribal property two weeks before the start of deer season as stated above; remaining items will be confiscated. No screw-in tree steps, spikes, etc. are permitted, except bow/gun hooks. Tree stands/blinds must have name and address affixed in a visible area or they will be subject to confiscation.

### Order Establishing Small Game Season 2017

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 106 subdivision 3 the 2017 Small Game Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 and will close on Sunday, April 29, 2018, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2017 Small Game Season will allow for the bag limit as listed:

- Pheasants shall be limited to male pheasants ONLY with a limited of five per day.
- Badger, beaver, muskrat, mink, pine marten, fisher and otter are ALL CLOSED to small game hunting.
- Badger, beaver, muskrat, mink and otter will be OPEN for TRAPPING season. Bag limits per Trapping Season Order.
- Bobcat is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or a combination of seasons.

Small game species are defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 103 subdivision 66. Licenses will be available starting Aug. 28, 2017, at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license. Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.
- Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

### Order Establishing Fall Wild Turkey Season 2017

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2017 Fall Wild Turkey Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2016, and will close on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2017, unless ordered otherwise. The 2017 Fall Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two turkeys, either sex, per license.

Licenses and harvest tags are available starting Aug. 28, 2017, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only two tags allowed per license.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.
- Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(B) animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.



Check out the  
**Tribal Observer  
ONLINE**

[www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver](http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver)





## Tribal Council

### Chief

Frank J. Cloutier, District 3

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### Council Member

Tim J. Davis, District 1

### Council Member

Lindy Hunt, District 1

### Council Member

Kenneth Sprague, District 1

### Council Member

Ron Nelson, District 2

## Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Council Sessions occur at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Seniors Room of Tribal Operations, in accordance to the Tribal Constitution.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.

Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

Approximately two weeks prior to the meeting, an email is sent to Tribal Operations employees to remind them of the meeting and request any submissions for the agenda.

Any SCIT Tribal Member or other individual/department must submit a written request if they wish to be placed on the Regular Council Session agenda, anyone wanting to be added can call 989-775-4003.

### Regular Council Session Dates

• Sept. 5 • Oct. 3 • Nov. 7

## 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.

## Behavioral Health's Native Connections Program seeking 12 representatives for ABE Advisory Council

Behavioral Health's Native Connections Program is seeking letters of interest from individuals in the community to form Anishinabe Bimaadiziwin Edbaamjigejik (ABE), an advisory council.

The overall goal of the program is to engage community knowledge and experience to assess and enhance the Tribe's ability to prevent, monitor and address the issues of suicide and substance abuse in the community.

Efforts will focus on youth aged 24 and under, their families, and community.

This will be an opportunity for the ABE to learn and consider the implications of historical trauma and the intergenerational transfer of that trauma as key components.

Monthly meetings will take place in years one and two, then semi-annual meetings in years three and four to support, guide and oversee implementation of activities.

- Four adult or elder community members
- Four employees from SCIT-affiliated service providers/programs
- Four Tribal youth representatives  
(Parental consent is required, and forms will be made available by the NC Program staff.)

**In the letter of interest, please include:** Your name, address, phone and email information, what segment of the ABE you represent (community member, employee, or youth), and why you are interested in this opportunity.

### Send letters of interest to:

- **Mail to:** SCIT Behavioral Health  
Native Connections Program  
Lisa M. Kennedy, NC Project Coordinator  
2800 S. Shepherd Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **Email to:** likennedy@sagchip.org

## Attention community homeowners: Annual hydrant flushing

### TONIA JEWELL

Utilities Administrative Assistant

Attention community homeowners: The Water Plant Maintenance staff will be flushing hydrants the week of Sept. 18-22, 2017.

It is recommended that you do not wash white or light-colored clothes during business hours, as the

flushing of the hydrants will disturb any sediment that has built up in the water mains, and the sediment will stain any white or light-colored clothing.

We will complete this process as quickly as possible. As a reminder, this is an annual event.

Thank you for your time and patience in this matter.

Any question or concerns, please contact the Utilities Department at (989) 775-5141.

## Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010, or email: [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org). To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



### Submissions from the Tribal community are encouraged and can be sent to:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe  
c/o Tribal Observer  
7070 E. Broadway Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

### Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

Story ideas, articles and photographs from the community are always welcome. The Tribal Observer reserves the right to edit and/or refuse any submissions or advertisements for publication. The Tribal Observer is published by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and is subject to an editorial review process.

The views expressed within the Tribal Observer do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tribal Observer, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council, The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort or its employees or any other enterprise of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Tribal Observer works to uphold the highest integrity in news reporting and supports the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968.

## Tribal Observer Advertising

If you would like to advertise your business, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4010 for more information.

**Announcements** - Including birthday, wedding, engagement, congratulations, etc., costs \$10 and is open to Tribal members, community members and employees. Double-sized announcements are \$20.

**Political ads** - All political ads will be 1/4 page and have a red border stating as such. The cost is \$500. Political ads may include, but are not limited to: any opinion or advertisement that is political in nature, and/or any Letter to the Editor that does not conform to guidelines.

## Tribal Observer Subscription Form

Please send \$30 for the annual subscription. Checks may be made out to SCIT.

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[www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver](http://www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver)





## Tribal Fire Department awarded grant to purchase defibrillators

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

A small crowd gathered at Firehouse Subs on Eastman Avenue in Midland on Wednesday, Aug. 2, to celebrate a \$173,756 grant awarded by Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to several area fire departments.

Representatives of the Saginaw Indian Chippewa Tribe were present to express gratitude for the \$11,819 it received to purchase six automated external defibrillators.

“AEDs (automated external defibrillators) are an important tool for first responders. Having them with us when responding to calls increases the chances of survival for someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest,” said Tribal Fire Chief Fred Cantu. “It was imperative that we replace the units, and now, thanks to the generosity of Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, we will be able to continue to provide life-saving medical attention to both Tribal Members and the surrounding community.”

“It was vital we find funding,” said Erik Rodriguez, public relations director.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**One of six automated external defibrillators purchased by the Tribe with grant money is displayed with Beaverton Fire Department's chest compression system during the public event to recognize the generosity of Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.**

Rodriguez said there were 11 cardiac arrest calls in 2015, 11 in 2016, and seven so far in 2017, so the updated equipment was necessary to provide “life-saving intervention.”

Robin Peters, executive director of Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, was also present and explained how the organization is able to award these grants.

Peters began by describing how the founders of Firehouse Subs, Chris and Robin Sorenson, helped in the Katrina relief efforts by feeding first responders and community members. Afterward, they decided they could do “even more” and established the foundation that has since granted more than \$28 million to public safety organizations such as police and fire departments, EMS organizations, nonprofits, hospitals and schools.

Firehouse Subs, Peters said, fosters “a culture of philanthropy.”

Sean Hoffman, co-owner of the Midland Firehouse Subs, said money for the grants is generated by customers “rounding up” to the next whole dollar when purchasing food.

Funds also come from the purchase of left-over five gallon pickle buckets for two dollars each and donations made in canisters at the register, Hoffman said.

“If everyone put a nickel in, we would raise close to two million dollars a year,” Peters said. “All money goes back to the foundation.”



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**Tribal Fire Chief Fred Cantu (second from left) and SCIT Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez (second from right) pose at the Midland Firehouse Subs with restaurant co-owners Kenneth and Sean Hoffman on Wednesday, Aug. 2, proudly displaying one of the new automated external defibrillators.**

“It adds up,” Hoffman said. “I’m very proud to be a part of Firehouse Subs. We make great food, though the thing I really enjoy is giving back.”

“Giving back to our first responders is the primary goal of the foundation,” Peters said. “We’re in a very fortunate position that allows us to work together with Firehouse Subs restaurants to raise funds that help provide life-saving equipment locally throughout the country. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, we’re truly making a difference.”

Representatives from Beaverton Fire Department, firefighters Matt Lang and Phil Andrist, also attended the event to publicly recognize the \$16,244 chest compression system the foundation’s grant enabled their department to purchase. It provides, in Lang’s words, “near perfect CPR without getting tired for hours on end.”

Other attendees included John Kupec, area representative for Firehouse Subs; and Kenneth Hoffman, co-owner of the Midland store.

## Nominations being accepted for youth wanting to partake in Leadership Institute

**BRIAN WIBBY**

Extension Educator,  
Michigan State  
University Extension

A new program is looking to identify youth in the community who would be considered good candidates to participate in a program being launched this fall by Michigan State University Extension and Michigan 4-H.

The Drive to Social Change: Michigan 4-H Leadership Institute is a new program that will take a small but powerful group of Michigan youth on both a figurative and actual leadership journey to bring

about positive change in their communities.

This fall, youth from three diverse Michigan communities (Detroit, Mount Pleasant and Marquette) will be guided through a series of online leadership trainings, including a Photovoice project. Photovoice is a photography based community assessment technique that will help young people get to know the strengths and opportunities for change that exist within their communities and allows the perspective of young people to be shared with others.

Along with taking part in the Photovoice project, participants in the institute will take

part in live, online trainings led by MSU Extension educators to develop the knowledge and skills needed to affect positive social and community change.

iPads will be provided to participating youth, allowing them to connect to live web-based video webinars in which they will interact with instructors and other youth in the training cohort. Online meetings will begin Monday, Sept. 25, and will be held every other Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. through Dec. 4, 2017.

The next step is for youth to apply and expand on these trainings during the Drive to Social Change Road Trip,

which will take place on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, Jan. 12-15, 2018. This road trip will allow youth to visit Detroit, Mt. Pleasant and Marquette to experience diverse young people and communities that are addressing social and community change in action.

In the months following the Drive to Social Change Road Trip, youth participants, supported by MSU Extension educators, their peers and others they have developed relationships with throughout the Institute, will plan and implement a project within their own community using the knowledge and skills they have developed.

There will not be any mandatory group meetings in the third phase of the Institute with the exception of a final online debriefing and celebratory meeting that will be scheduled for the end of the academic school year.

Nominations of passionate youth who would benefit from

learning more about leadership for social and community change through this program are now being accepted.

Youth accepted into the 2017/2018 Leadership Institute will need to register as Michigan 4-H members and pay the \$20 annual fee that all members pay to participate in Michigan 4-H programs.

After registering as a Michigan 4-H member, there will be no fee to participate in the institute, which is estimated at a value of \$875 per person.

Ready to nominate a youth from the community? It is easy to do and will only take a couple minutes. Complete a nomination form online at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/mi4Hleadershipinstitute/>

MSU Extension is especially interested in bringing participants into the institute which reflect the diverse cultural backgrounds of Michigan residents, including members of tribal nations such as SCIT.

## Caucus Committee Members sworn in



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**The 2017 election Caucus Committee members (left to right) Charles Wright Lanette Zaleski, Amy Shawboose, Rosanna Martin, Sheligh Jackson, Angela Trofatter and Joseph Sownick are sworn in Wednesday, Aug. 9 by Chief Frank Cloutier as Tribal Council members show their support.**



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## Grant launches archival digitization project at the Ziibiwing Center

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways was recently awarded funding that will begin the process of digitally preserving local Native American culture and heritage.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) \$37,200 grant will make the center's Archival Planning Project possible, allowing the Nindakenjigewinoong Research Center team to develop a plan to initiate the digital conservation of the archival items physically housed at the center.

According to Shannon Martin, director of the Ziibiwing Center, IMLS offers a granting program specific to Native American museums.

"We've been very honored that we've received this grant numerous times, and it helps to offset expenses for special projects or enhancements here at the Ziibiwing Center," said Martin.

This year's grant will be used for research and development and will fund consultations with archival experts and institutions, the evaluation of



Observer file photo

**The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) \$37,200 grant will make the Archival Planning Project possible at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways.**

archival methods, and digitization training.

Anita Heard, grant project director and coordinator of the Research Center, said it will also help the Nindakenjigewinoong team determine what software and equipment is needed for digital preservation as well as help them establish policies and procedures for copyright and donor privacy along with protocols for intellectual property rights.

The team working with Heard on the Archival Planning Project includes William Johnson, curator and cultural resource management manager; and Robin Spencer, research center specialist.

"This particular grant is going to provide financial resources for Anita and her team to form a strategic plan to protect the Tribe's archives in perpetuity by digitizing everything

that is within the one dimensional archival collection that the Tribe currently owns and is useful to researchers in the community," Martin said.

One example of how the hard copy collection, originally amassed by James McClurken and valued at more than \$600,000 in 1996, played a vital role in the community is that researchers used it to help the Tribe settle the federal suit it filed in 2005 against the State of Michigan, the City of Mt. Pleasant and Isabella County.

Digitization of the collection will ensure the history and living culture of the Tribe is preserved for such important use in the future.

This grant, Martin said, "will help the team choose the best archival methods to do this and develop a workable timeline."

"That will assist us in laying the groundwork to writing another grant," Martin said.

She said, since IMLS is a federal agency, there is concern the grants may not be available when the time comes to write a proposal to fund the next step of the project.

"Fingers crossed it still exists," she said. "This is one of the programs that this (presidential) administration is targeting to dissolve."

The Ziibiwing Center would be only one of many tribal museums and cultural centers affected if the federal funding to IMLS is discontinued. The center

was only one of 40 institutions to receive the \$2.4 million that IMLS distributed in 2017.

"The IMLS Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services grants play an important role in building capacity of tribal museums," said IMLS Director Kathryn K. Matthew. "The funds will help recipient institutions improve collections care; expand access to collections; and develop exhibitions and public programming that will help preserve traditional knowledge for Tribal Members."

Heard and Martin encourage SCIT Members and citizens of the greater community to become involved in the letter writing campaign to save IMLS.

"You can't dissolve this program. It is essential and vital to the collective knowledge and wisdom of this country. Libraries and museums will be shutting down if we can't maintain this funding," Martin said.

**Tribal citizens who wish to answer this call to action should visit the following websites so their voices can be heard:**

- <http://action.everylibrary.org/savetribalimls>
- <http://p2a.co/A8tMKzJ>
- [http://action.everylibrary.org/preserve\\_funding\\_for\\_the\\_neh\\_nea\\_and\\_pbs](http://action.everylibrary.org/preserve_funding_for_the_neh_nea_and_pbs)
- <http://nwls.wislib.org/index.php/about-nwls/digital-streams/528-ala-call-to-action-save-the-imls>
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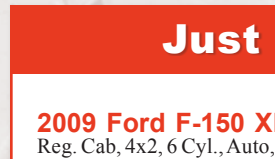
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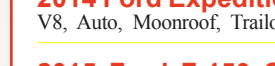
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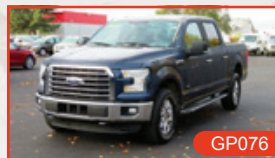
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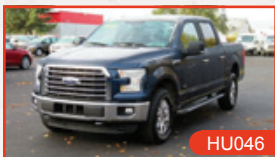
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## Tuesday Night Gigohn Fishing league ends in classic fashion at Sanford Lake

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Contributing Writer

The fish were biting, and the bass anglers were reeling them in from Sanford Lake on Aug. 25.

The Recreation Department has had their Gigohn Fishing league every Tuesday night since Memorial Day, and the competition drew to a successful close with the annual Fisherman's Classic at the Midland County Park in Sanford, Mich.

"Competitors needed to qualify during the Tuesday night league for honors to compete for the final event. We had \$178 for the winning team, and a big bass pot that was worth \$138," said David Merrill, the Fishing League weigh master.

"It was a great season to be on the water at some of the best lakes in mid-Michigan. We had a chance to give out a lot of money this summer, along with the gift cards and fishing gear, for the lucky winners," Merrill said.

Taking top honors this year was the team of Guadalupe Gonzalez and Kevin Ricketts. Together, they caught their limit of five fish that weighed in at 12 pounds, 8 ounces.

Coming in second was the team of Scott Simon and Joseph Sowmick who brought in five bass that weighed a respectable 12 pounds, 4 ounces for second place.

Ricketts walked off with the big bass honors with the catch of the tournament and the summer – a whopping 4 pound, 8 ounce keeper.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Things are real fishy at the classic as Guadalupe Gonzalez (left) joined David Merrill (center) and Kevin Ricketts as they display their winning catch.

## Freedom Walk

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on me by keeping me in their prayers and supporting me with their love and blessings."

Her husband, Kevin Ricketts, prevention specialist for Behavioral Health, said Freedom Walk is a signature event for his family and a day to celebrate sobriety.

"I'm proud of my lovely wife for doing such a fantastic job coordinating this event," Kevin Ricketts said. "I was working at the water station to get ready for

the walkers, and I am a little saddened that I missed her being gifted a 25 year wooden carved feather. If anyone deserves such an awesome gift, she does. She makes our family proud every day, and we all support her sobriety Red Road walk."

Tribal elder Roger High and Anishinaabe Ogitchedaw Warrior Society veterans David Perez and Jonathan Cabrel presented the plaque to Alice Jo Ricketts and an eagle feather to Jennifer Wassegijig and David Miller



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Morgan Mena (left) is gifted an eagle feather from event coordinator Alice Jo Ricketts (right) in support of her recovery.

during the powwow weekend festivities.

Jennifer Wassegijig, probation officer for Tribal Court, works directly with the recovery community through her position and Families Against Narcotics.

"I was very honored to receive an eagle feather from elder Roger and the warriors. I do what I do, not for recognition, but from my heart," Wassegijig said. "I love our community, and I am always

willing to share my faith and let others know there is help."

High also conducted talking circles at the powwow grounds with assistance from his sister in recovery, Tribal Member Kim Douglas.

"Part of recovery is keeping the Native tradition of the old ways and not forgetting the culture," High said. "In the beginning when men were



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The Wassegijig family walked into the powwow arena together to support recovery and healthy lifestyles. (Left to right) Al Wassegijig, granddaughter Ava Leureaux, Lauryn Leureaux, Jennifer Wassegijig, Alex Leureaux, grandson Carter Leureaux and Monica Pelcher.

hunting and the children were hungry, they'd gather the children in the longhouses and tell stories. The stories can also be used to combine recovery, wellbriety or a community gathering. It is for everyone and can bring families together with healing. This is what the freedom is all about."



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Freedom walkers march from Tribal Operations and down Leaton Road to the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow grounds.

## FEMA determination letters must be read carefully

MIDLAND, Mich. – It is important for applicants to carefully read their determination letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

They may find there is an easy-to-resolve reason for being informed they are not eligible for disaster assistance.

A common reason for initially being ineligible for housing assistance is that an applicant needs to provide FEMA with a copy of an insurance determination letter before an application can be processed.

Other reasons for a determination of ineligibility include:

- The applicant did not sign the required documents.
- The applicant did not prove occupancy or ownership.
- The damage is to a secondary home or a rental property, not a primary residence.
- Someone else in the household has also applied for and received help.
- A FEMA housing inspector cannot reach the applicant by phone.

- The applicant did not maintain the required flood insurance coverage for the damaged property.

Applicants who receive a determination of ineligibility letter can call the FEMA helpline at **800-621-3362** or **TTY 800-462-7585** to find out how to appeal this decision, submit any required documents or make changes to contact information. For those who use 711 Relay or Video Relay Services, call **800-621-3362**. Multilingual operators are available.

The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

An applicant has the right to appeal a determination of ineligibility letter in writing within 60 days from the date shown on the letter. Guidelines for appeals can be found in the letter each applicant receives explaining FEMA's Individuals and Households Program.

Applicants may also visit a Disaster Recovery Center

(DRC), where specialists from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) can help with appeals, answer questions, review applications and accept required documents. A list of open DRCs is available online at [fema.gov/drc](http://fema.gov/drc)

Applicants have up to 12 months from the date they registered with FEMA to submit insurance information for review. FEMA cannot provide money to individuals or households for losses already covered by insurance, but uninsured losses may qualify for a grant.

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## Youth fishing tournament



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**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Although the day was overcast on Friday, Aug. 18, the weather did not stop the fish from biting or Tribal youth from enjoying the day at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park.

The lake was teeming with fish and participants in the first annual American

Indian Sobriety Month Wewebanaabiiwin youth fishing tournament.

Preschoolers swam and splashed in the shallow water and eventually joined the older youth fishing off the docks and shore.

Some competitors fished in deeper water from canoes, and everyone present was able to enjoy the food and fun provided by SCIT Behavioral Health.





## Young Japanese delegates visit and learn about Tribal culture and traditions

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Eight student delegates from Okaya, Japan, Mount Pleasant's sister city, visited the Ziibiwing Center on Thursday, Aug. 3.

Before beginning a tour of the facility, the students assembled in the Immersion Room to receive welcome gifts and watch a video of the Creation Story, narrated in Japanese.

Among other treasures from the Tribe, the delegates received hand-beaded lariats and a bottle of Seventh Generation maple syrup.

After the video and resulting discussion of the story, the delegates and their interpreter toured the center with Raymond Cadotte, visitor services representative for Ziibiwing.

This visit was not these delegates' first exposure to local SCIT culture. On Sunday, July 30, the day after the delegates flew into the area, they participated in the 33rd annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow.

"They really love our powwows," said Judy Pamp, assistant director of the Ziibiwing Center. "They try to always plan it to where they are (visiting) right around our big powwow every year. That is one of the highlights of their visit here in America."

Pamp also serves as chairperson of the International Relations Council Mount Pleasant Area and helps plan the delegate visits and activities. She explained that young adults from Okaya visit Mount Pleasant for two weeks in the summer of odd numbered years. She also said the council sends delegates from Isabella County to Okaya during even numbered years.

According to Pamp, SCIT culture makes a "lasting impression" on the young Japanese delegates, especially the dancing and rituals at the powwows.

"Japan is really into protocol and ceremony, and we are too. So, we have that commonality," Pamp said.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Eight Japanese exchange students tour the Ziibiwing Center with Visitor Services Representative Raymond Cadotte on Aug. 3, and learn about the Tribe's culture and heritage.**



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Judy Pamp, assistant director of the Ziibiwing Center, talks about the creation story with youth delegates from Okaya, Japan, after explaining the gifts the Tribe provided for the visitors.**

In order to accommodate the delegates and continue the goodwill and brotherhood that was established with Okaya in 1965, Pamp said the council fundraises and organizes activities.

"When the delegates come over, every day we have things planned for them, and then we try to cover the expenses of these," Pamp said.

This year, as part of their Michigan experience, the student delegates also visited Mackinaw Island, witnessed a Loons game and toured the state capitol in Lansing with Kathleen Ling, mayor of the City of Mt. Pleasant.



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**While touring the cultural center, Japanese youth delegates listen carefully while stories about the Tribe and its history are interpreted for them.**

## Editorial: Sundance Institute and Full Circle Fellows return with instruction and inspiration

**ESTHER HELMS**

Cultural Art Design Specialist  
Ziibiwing Cultural Center

Sundance Institute is a non-profit organization founded by Robert Redford that "actively advances the work of independent storytellers in film and theatre."

Sundance Institute's Native American Initiative involves Native and Indigenous artists in its artistic development programs and the Sundance Film Festival.

Some Native American filmmakers that have visited Ziibiwing over the years include Sterlin Harjo ("Mekko," "This May be the Last Time"), Sydney Freeland ("Drunktown's Finest"), Taika Waititi ("Two

Cars, One Night") and Peter Bratt ("La Mission").

Other Native American filmmakers involved in the Sundance Film Festival include Sherman Alexie ("The Business of Fancydancing") and Chris Eyre ("Smoke Signals").

Bird Runningwater, director of the Native American and Indigenous Program, was at Ziibiwing the beginning of August along with Maya Solis, program manager; and Adam Piron, graphic designer, to share some of the work they have done and to provide a storytelling workshop for the youth of the Tribal community.

With them were two Native Program alumni who showed selected scenes from films that are in the works or have been completed and scheduled to be shown soon.

Sundance's Full Circle Fellowship is a program supported by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

The Tribe's own Arlan George is a 2015 Full Circle Fellow. This foundation works to "engage tribal youth... and clear a pathway to advance their (filmmaking) craft."

The Sundance Institute website gives details about the Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian filmmakers that they are currently seeking for consideration for fellowship.

More information is provided at [www.sundance.org/programs/native-program](http://www.sundance.org/programs/native-program).

The community was invited

to Celebration! Cinema in Mount Pleasant on Aug. 1, for a special showing of "RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked the World," a 2016 documentary (one hour, 43 minutes) starring, among many, Buffy Saint-Marie, Martin Scorsese, Tony Bennett, Steven Tyler, Iggy Pop and Slash.

"Filmmaker Catherine Baibridge examines the role of Native Americans in contemporary music history. She exposes a critical missing chapter, revealing how indigenous musicians helped influence popular culture."

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**Filmmaker Lyle Mitchell Corbine Jr. (left) discusses his short film during the showing at Celebration! Cinema on Aug. 1 as Adam Piron (right), graphic designer for the Sundance Native American and Indigenous Program, asks questions.**

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## Summer Youth Worker Program workers recognized at annual banquet

### LOUANNA BRUNER

Anishnabe Workforce Developer

The Summer Youth Worker Program awards banquet served as an opportunity to recognize all of the participants for their hard work throughout the summer. The program allows Tribal Member youths between 14 and 18 years of age to become employees of the Tribe during the summer.

The youth are placed in various departments in all Tribe's entities including Tribal Operations, Migizi, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Waterpark, RV Park and Waabooz Run Golf Course.

This year, 54 Tribal Member youths successfully completed the program.

Seven of those youth maintained perfect attendance for the entire program: Henry Thomas, Bryan Chingman, Nicholas Sowmick, Justin Graveratte, Jaylyn Jackson, James Montoya-Pego and Carli Sprague.

Jeffrey Vasquez and Sydney Kopke were hired as crew leaders to supervise the youth workers.

"Having worked three years in the Summer Youth Program myself, I didn't think there was much more I could have learned from being a crew leader," Vasquez said. "I was, however, astonished at how much hard work goes on behind-the-scenes that most of our community never sees."

Vasquez said he had the opportunity to get to know many youth members he did not know before.

"Seeing (the youth's) hard work leaves me confident that our Tribe will have a long and prosperous future," Vasquez said. "I loved meeting so many of our hosting departments' supervisors because they are instrumental to making our Tribe successful."

Being a crew leader for the first time, Kopke expressed her appreciation of the program.

"I loved working with the program because it gave me the chance to give back to my community and Tribal youth," Kopke said.

Kopke began working for the program in 2011.

"Without it, I wouldn't have the opportunities, work ethic and confidence to be where I am right now," Kopke said. "We had some wonderful workers this year, and I was so impressed by everyone and how ready they were to work. I hope nothing but the best for our Tribal youth, and I believe they all have very bright futures ahead of themselves."



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

**Anthony Kahgegab is recognized at the Summer Youth Worker awards banquet.**



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

**Joseph Wemigwans received the Youth Ranger Award from the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park.**



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

**Tyrone Rios (left) and Christina Benz (right) served as summer youth workers for the Education Department's Niibing Program.**

The crew leaders gave special recognition to workers with outstanding achievements.

Thomas Henry was awarded the "Greatest Initiative Award" for starting a youth running club while working in the Recreation Department.

Anthony Kahgegab was acknowledged as "Hardest Worker." Kahgegab's supervisor, Michael Vasquez, could not say enough about Anthony's work ethic.

"Anthony's shift started at 7 a.m. He rode his bike to work and arrived early to work every day," Michael Vasquez said. "He would volunteer to stay after his shift just help the grounds crew finish a project."

Bryan Chingman achieved the "Most Reliable Award." Bryan's host supervisor, Rosanna Martin, was eager to praise Chingman.

"Bryan was professional with the public and on the phone," Martin said. "He was reliable in making his schedule flexible on short notice to meet the needs of the department. He helped meet a mailing deadline for the Youth Council's summit and really fit right in with the reception office."

Joseph Wemigwans was recognized by RV Park Supervisor Andrew Wagner.

Wagner said because of the personal tours Joseph provided new campers, the RV Park was able to secure three seasonal bookings for next year.

This year, several youth workers were able to participate even though they do not reside in the immediate area.

The following youth joined the program from Lansing: Christina Keshick, Nij-zhik Quintero-Davis, Anthony Kahgegab and Jaylyn Jackson.

Reinalda Plata came the furthest distance for her first job, all the way from Chicago.

Big thanks are extended to all of the departments that took the time to host and mentor a youth, with special thanks to Tribal Council for their continuous support of this program.

Miigwetch to all of the youth who participated in the 2017 program. The Tribe's workforce is already looking forward to working with next year's youth team.



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

**Andre Leaux (left) and Jonan "Nan" Wemigwans (right) are recognized for their work with Human Resources.**

## Disaster Recovery Center opens in Isabella County for Michigan survivors

Midland, Mich. – A Disaster Recovery Center is now open in Isabella County to help residents through the assistance process after damages and losses suffered during the severe storms and flooding that occurred from June 22 – 27, 2017.

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Small Business Administration are at the center to answer questions about disaster assistance and low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses. They can also help survivors apply for federal disaster assistance.

**The following location will be serving as a Disaster Recovery Center:**  
Isabella County  
4855 E. Bluegrass Road  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

The Disaster Recovery Center hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The center is closed on Sundays.

More centers will open as sites are identified and approved. It is not necessary to visit a center to register for and receive federal disaster assistance. If possible, survivors should register with FEMA before visiting a recovery center. Residents in Bay, Gladwin, Midland and Isabella counties, including the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe in Isabella County, can register for assistance by the following methods:

1. Register online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or through the FEMA App.
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**To submit recipes, photos and cookbook name suggestions, please contact:**

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## Annual golf event raises \$56,142 to be split between two organizations

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Sixteen teams teed off in the sunshine at PohlCat Golf Course Tuesday morning, Aug. 8. Golfers gathered for the annual Par for the Cause Charity Golf Outing to compete and raise money for the SCIT Youth Council and the Michigan Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund.

The four-player, 18-hole scramble event raised \$56,142 this year, which was evenly distributed to the two organizations (\$28,071 each.)



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**On Tuesday, Aug. 8, golfers assemble near their carts at the PohlCat Golf Course clubhouse before competing in a four-player scramble.**

All event participants received complimentary boxed lunches, drinks and dinner, provided by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Tanya Bardy (third from right), event hostess, presents a check of \$28,071 to the Youth Council. The event raised a total of \$56,142 this year, which was split evenly between the council and the Michigan Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund.**

First, second and third place winners received a SECR package that included entertainment, golf and dining vouchers.

Additional prizes were awarded for the longest putt on Hole 2 for ladies and Hole 7 for men, closest to the pin on

Hole 17 for ladies and Hole 3 for men, and longest drive on Hole 13 for ladies and Hole 9 for men.

Teams that participated in the Par 4 the Cause Golf Tournament at Pohl Golf Course included the following:

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## Editorial: Last year's Standing Rock visit follow-up

**ELLIE MITCHELL**

Contributing Writer

There are some things which seem to be decided for you. Paths which are so natural, so right, it feels like somebody is guiding you to it. So, it seemed to me last year, when I began following the #noDAPL saga in Standing Rock, I knew I would get to the camps somehow.

That was a great assumption on my part, considering that I had no working vehicle at the time and had just filed for divorce, a financially and emotionally strenuous endeavor. Nonetheless, I began preparing to go.

When the flyer was released asking for volunteers to join a

Tribal delegation, I knew the time had come.

The weekend preceding our departure saw reports of dog attacks on water protectors. I began to understand the precariousness of the situation. I told everyone that I was going to Standing Rock the next week. If enough people knew, it would hold me accountable. I would let nobody call me a coward.

We left Mount Pleasant after a ceremony and a send-off from the community. It was the morning of Sept. 6, my birthday.

We drove for 24 hours to reach the Standing Rock reservation. I was a mess of emotions, though, fortunately, distracted by work emails and birthday wishes.

We arrived in the camp during a cleansing rain, left our donations and then prepared for our formal entrance. The sun cleared long enough for us to post the Saginaw Chippewa flag. The video of us walking the main road of the camp had more than 13,000 views by the time we returned home.

I described our actual time at Standing Rock in a piece in the Tribal Observer's October 2016 edition. Rereading it, I can see my struggle to define what was happening. For me, life dramatically changed because I visited that sacred place. I cannot really explain it.

Before we left, I had vague plans of going to a few powwows and maybe making some new beadwork. After our return,

I found myself applying and accepted to graduate school and doing speaking engagements about Standing Rock.

I was writing, beading, and learning new art. I was hanging out with new friends, some I had bonded with on our trip and others with whom I connected afterwards.

Within two months, my life was so utterly different in such unexpected ways that I often found myself turning in circles and muttering "What happened?"

Others who went to Standing Rock have told me

similar stories. The experiences there changed our lives, put us on new paths. I doubt that I could have made it through the winter without the strength and support that I gained from that experience.

Whatever the outcome of the legal battles, Standing Rock was a victory in that it opened the hearts of those of us who visited. I am so very grateful to the Saginaw Chippewa community for supporting us on the journey and since we returned.

Mii'we, miigwech.

## Doggie Dayz 2017 raises nearly \$3,800 for Humane Animal Treatment Society

**FREDERICK KUHLMAN**

Migizi Marketing Manager

Like many community organizations, the Humane Animal Treatment Society of Isabella County (HATS) contends with operational funding challenges throughout the year.

To help meet the needs of the organization and its furry guests, on Monday, Aug. 21, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel hosted its annual Doggy Dayz fundraiser to benefit HATS.

Day passes to the waterpark were offered for a discounted rate of \$7 per person, with all proceeds going directly to HATS.

The benefit raised almost \$3,800 to be used for HATS operations.

"The donation from the Waterpark event is enough to cover food costs for our animals for three months," said Summer DuBois, executive director for HATS.

From 12 to 2 p.m. that day, guests were greeted by Guinness, a German Shorthair Pointer currently up for adoption at HATS.



Courtesy of Melissa Mullard

**Summer DuBois (center), executive director of the Humane Animal Treatment Society, accepts a \$3,783 check from the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel's Doggie Dayz fundraiser, presented by Pamela Murphy (left), front desk manager, and Migizi CEO Robert Juckniess (right).**

Guinness was happy to welcome everyone and more than appreciative of the many treats and pets he received. He was also a single example of the hundreds of animals that, each year, fall into HATS' care.

These animals are in need of homes and families to adopt them, and, if Guinness is an indicator, they are more than ready to be loyal companions!

The Waterpark partners with several local organizations throughout the year, to help meet the needs of the community and the surrounding area.

In addition to Doggie Dayz, the Waterpark has recently hosted a food drive to benefit the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, resulting in the donation of tons of food for those in need.

## 2017 Golf Tournaments and Events Schedule

### SECR Hospitality Challenge Sept. 10

At the Pohl Cat, two per team, four teams scored per division, tee-off at 2 p.m., skins \$10 per player.

### Tuesday Night Skins at the Pohl Cat

Aug. 15 - Oct. 3 (Eight weeks)

- Entry \$20 per player weekly, 18 holes weekly.
- Tee time is 5 p.m. (August-September) Oct. 3 tee time is 4 p.m., entry is \$40 per player.
- Individuals must play in five of the eight weeks to be eligible to play in the Oct. 3 match.
- Male players, 60 and over, use the silver tees. Ladies use the red tees. Men, 59 and under, use the black tees. (Note: 60 and over have a 67.8 yard average advantage and ladies have a 110.0 average yard advantage on the black tees. Club length is allowed if the ball is in play, club length is not allowed on the fringe or the green.)
- No subs allowed. (If you can not play, do not send someone to play for you.)
- Collared shirts are required at the CAT.
- If there are no skins on any given Tuesday, all players will be refunded that same night. There will be no refunds once once six or more holes are played.
- Once a scorecard is submitted, there will be no changes allowed, so make sure scores are correct.
- Be responsible and respectful to the course. Do not damage the carts, greens, tee boxes, wildlife or the wilderness.
- Space is limited so do not delay or wait for the last minute. Sign up today and secure your spot in this fun challenging event.

**For more information or to register, contact Bernard Sprague at 989.400.1838.**





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## RezBall players hoop it up in 3-on-3 basketball tournament

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Teams of all ages participated in the RezBall 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament in the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel parking lot the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Competitors formed four-person teams in each age category with first place teams from the four brackets earning trophies. Second place teams were awarded medals.

Marc Castillo, Trey Wemigwans, Rashaun Redstar and Grant Trepanier of Trey's Team won the adult division while

Tyrone Rios, Demetri Griffin, Jahmmal Griffin and Shawna Griffin of the Griffins earned first place in the high school group.

Devon Sprague, Daniel Bennett, Ben Redman and Giizhig Martell of the Splash Crew took first place in the middle school category, and the 4 Ballerz, with Daniel Wemigwans, Angelo Leareax, David Jackson and Erias Daniel Mena, triumphing in the fifth grade and under division.

Event T-shirts, hot dogs, chips and water were provided at the event by Soaring Eagle Waterpark's food and beverage representatives.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

(Left to right) Walter Trepanier, Jake Loomis, Cruz Perez listen to rules laid out by competition referee Bear Raphael (right).



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Participants of both these elementary teams watch at the hoop with the referee to see the outcome of a throw.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Trey Wemigwans goes airborne while snagging a rebound.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

This successful block is evidence of fierce competition in the youth brackets.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Even the youngest participants take their offensive and defensive moves seriously.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Misheka Vasquez (right) looks to recover on defense.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

This young competitor executes a lay-up, shooting to score.

## Dodgeball Tournament



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

Tribal youth compete in a dodgeball tournament hosted by the Recreation Department on Aug. 8. The friendly competition featured players ages 12-17.





## Tribal elder Joseph Sowmick appointed to State Advisory Council

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Region VII Area Agency on Aging recently announced that Advisory Council member Joseph V. Sowmick, Hon. Ph.D., elder of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has been appointed to Michigan's State Advisory Council (SAC).

Sowmick will represent the needs of elders in the Region VII AAA planning and service area, advocating on their behalf and sharing needs and priorities with the Commission on Aging,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Joseph V. Sowmick**

the Governor-appointed committee that oversees the activities of the Aging and Adult Services Agency, Michigan's Department

of Health and Human Services and the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan.

In addition to this role, Sowmick currently works with the Tribal Court as coordinator for the Healing to Wellness Program and maintains other duties within the Tribe and the community at large.

"It is a tremendous honor and a responsibility to serve in the best interests of our fellow senior citizens who live and work in Region VII," Sowmick said. "I welcome the opportunity

to advance the concerns of the senior citizens to the Michigan legislature and the constituents they serve."

Region VII AAA has a mission to advocate, plan, develop and support an array of services to meet the needs of elders and persons with disabilities.

The organization contracts funding to county units on aging in Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

Additionally, they provide information and assistance, facilitate the Medicaid Medicare

Assistance program, or MMAP, and coordinate services for individuals who meet Michigan's nursing facility level of care and Medicaid financial requirements under the Medicaid MI Choice home and community-based waiver.

Region VII AAA was established in 1974 per an amendment to the Older American's Act; it is one of 16 Area Agencies on Aging in Michigan and one of 600 nationwide.

For more information, contact Region VII AAA at (989) 893-4506 or visit the website at [www.region7aaa.org](http://www.region7aaa.org)

## Mom surprises son with scholarship nomination before freshman year at CMU

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The motto of the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) is "Inspiring hope. Changing lives." One local Tribal youth may feel a bit more hopeful and had his life changed in a small, but significant, way since he attended the UNITY national conference in Denver on July 6-10.

When Zackary Jackson participated in the five-day event with a group of SCIT Youth Council officers, he was unaware how the conference would conclude for him personally, so he was completely taken by surprise at the closing gala when he was awarded the Golda Cook Memorial Scholarship.

Jackson, secretary for Youth Council, said he was shocked when he won the \$1,000 scholarship. He discovered his

mother, Tonya, filled out the application for him.

"I didn't even know about that scholarship," Jackson said.

Each year, UNITY awards one male and one female \$1,000 through the Golda Cook Memorial Fund.

According to application guidelines, recipients must have a high school diploma or GED and be going into college full time, be an active UNITY youth council officer or member,

participate in the conference and be both educationally motivated and committed to improving life for all Native Americans.

Jackson met the criteria. He will be attending Central Michigan University this fall as a freshman and the scholarship will be applied there.

Jackson was grateful for, as well as surprised by, his mother's efforts.

"I want to thank my mom for doing that for me," he said.



Courtesy of Tonya Jackson

**Youth Council Secretary, Zackary Jackson was awarded the Golda Cook Memorial Scholarship.**

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Let me introduce myself. I am a retired machinist, Bargaining Committee member, and Chairman for the International Association of Machinists at Union Pump where I bargained the business and working conditions for the membership. I am the past Chairperson of the Title IX Indian Education Committee for Kalamazoo County Public Schools, and past Pow Wow Chairman for the Kalamazoo Valley Indian Association.

I have been married to my wife, Diane, for nearly 40 years. We have three children: David, married to Krystal, Jeffrey, and Timothy. Three grandchildren: Emma, Adam, and Owen.

Our Tribe needs strong leadership to guide our nation, taking into account all members, both on and off the Reservation. We must strongly move forward; a new election cycle brings us that opportunity. District Three has been under represented. Our programs have been cut, affecting the ability for us to feel connected to the Tribe and our affairs. We have the ability to think of new ways - using new ideas, technology, or simply getting back to basics - to strengthen our communication. We must bring back programs of the past, look toward our future, and address the needs of the District Three membership.

I believe we must continually give back to our people and wish to represent District Three/At Large on Tribal Council. We need a strong Council that will put the People, Culture, and Teachings of our ancestors first. We must manage the holdings of our Tribe in a manner that protects generations to come. A large percentage of our membership, myself included, live off



the Reservation and require good representation and leadership at Tribal Council. I believe my background fighting for membership rights and working conditions, working in the Kalamazoo County School systems with our Native Youth, and a lifetime of experience working with - and for - our Elders, give me the experience to be your representative.

When elected I understand that I am a servant of you and the community and will always conduct myself with honesty, integrity, and respect for all. There are many challenges for our people that we can - and will - win together to ensure our sovereignty and well-being. Key issues for me include: strengthening the At Large Program and presence within Tribal Council, proper management of our assets, and insurance.

Communication and input from our members should drive our Tribe's direction. I look forward to speaking with you, hearing your feedback, and vigorously representing your interests. I am, and always will be, your servant as we steer the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan into the future. Please consider voting for me to represent you at Tribal Council.

Respectfully,

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## Saganing Eagles Landing Casino associates enjoy employee appreciation day

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Contributing Writer

It was another successful employee appreciation event on Aug. 17 as the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino associates and their families enjoyed festivities surrounding “Saganing Fun Day.”

Christy Fedak, administrative assistant II for SELC, helped coordinate the event with Theresa Teeter, area retail manager for Migizi; and Karen Perry, human resources manager.

“What a great day we had out to the Eagle Bay Marina for our annual employee appreciation day. The rain held off until after the event,” Fedak said. “This year was one of the best

attended with over 167 associates that came out with their families to enjoy the day.”

Along with the bounce houses, the families in attendance enjoyed games, music and door prizes.

Balloon animals and face painting were provided by Jennifer and Sam Martinez of A Family Affair, and a very popular rock climbing wall was provided by the DuVuyst family and their 4X Adventureland business.

Stacy Pamame, service manager for Eagle Bay Marina, provided pontoon rides with the support of his staff.

“Our team always looks forward to hosting this annual outing, and we look forward to giving back to show our appreciation to our fellow



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Saganing Eagles Landing associates enjoy a pontoon ride at Eagle Bay Marina during the Aug. 17 employee appreciation day.**

employees and their families,” Pamame said. “The kids really enjoy checking out the marina, and the pontoon rides were really popular!”

Tribal Council member Ron Nelson, representative for District Two; Soaring

Eagle CEO Ray Brenny; and Casino Manager Bob VanWert were also on hand to take in the sunshine and show their appreciation for all associates’ dedication and hard work.

“I want to thank (Migizi CEO) Bob Juckniess and Migizi for providing the use of Eagle Bay Marina for our annual associate appreciation event,” VanWert said. “I know that our staff really enjoys getting together for a day of fun with their coworkers and families, and the location was ideal. The newly-paved road was an added bonus, as it made the trip over much nicer.”

VanWert said each year an appreciation event is held to “thank the staff for their hard work and dedication.”

“As I recently mentioned at our expansion groundbreaking ceremony, I can’t think of a more deserving group of people,” VanWert said.

Fedak said miigwetch to Perry, Teeter, Pamame and the rest of the marina staff



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**The fun-filled day featured games, music, food and even a rock climbing wall for those feeling extra adventurous.**

for their help with set up and tear down.

“(Thanks to) the SELC Food and Beverage staff for keeping us supplied with food for the day, the Employee Engagement Team members for helping run the event from setting up and running raffles,” Fedak said. “I would also like to thank Polly Powers, John Goss, Becky Hunter, Mary Bennett and Kurt Humerickhouse for grilling and keeping all the hot dogs and hamburgers coming.”

Special thanks were also given to the Au Gres-Sims-Whitney Fire Department for the use of their tanker truck for the day.

Door prizes were generously donated by several Tribal departments.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Security Guard John Goss grills hot dogs and hamburgers for hungry associates.**



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Michael Peruski (left), executive security supervisor for SELC, and his daughter Alexa, share smiles with Christy Fedak, administrative assistant II.**



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Guest Service Representative Amanda Webster (right) gets a stylish makeover from face painting artist Jennifer Martinez (left).**

## Weekend Soaring Eagle golf open was competitive and well-supported

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Local and out-of-state golfers competed in three-player team scrambles during the third annual Soaring Eagle Open the weekend of Aug. 18-20.

The event took place on both the PohlCat and the Waabooz Run golf courses and raised \$500 for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Recreation Department.

On Friday, Gayle Ruhl, Cheryl Mitchell and Shirley Tooshkenig won first place in the championship flight of the Women’s Tournament. Val Raphael, Karen



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Director of Hotel Operations Bernard Sprague (left); Waabooz Golf Course Manager Steve Norbury (middle); and Garrison Schmitt (right), administrator of Soaring Eagle Waterpark and tournament secretary, celebrate a successful event at the Soaring Eagle Open awards ceremony in the SECR banquet room on Sunday, Aug. 20.**

Naganashe and Leslie Walton took the first flight.

In Friday’s seniors’ tournament, Jay Phillion, John Sniogowski and Brad Phillion won the championship flight, while Anthony Chingman III, Lyle Martell and Timothy Todd took the first flight.

In the players’ tournament that took place on Saturday and Sunday, the championship flight was won by Dan Pohl, Doug Labelle Jr. and Nick Dieleman with a team score of 102. Chris, Robert and Doug Sineway worked



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**(Left to right) Doug Labelle Jr., Nick Dieleman and Dan Pohl took the Championship Flight at the third annual Soaring Eagle Open.**

together to take the first flight with 116 points, and Bob Antone, Robert Brown and Joe Deom took the second flight with a score of 125.

A special miigwetch goes out to the following sponsors who made the event possible:

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**A record-breaking 108 golfers gather at Waabooz Golf Course to participate in the SECR Golf Open on Aug. 20, the course’s highest number of participants for any event in its history.**

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## “Honoring Our Protectors”

theme for the 33rd annual SCIT Powwow



**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Native culture, tradition and defenders were the focus of celebration at this year’s 33rd annual Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Powwow “Honoring Our Protectors.”

The powwow took place on July 28-30 at the Tribal Campground site at 7525 E. Tomah Rd.

During the Friday night powwow, four protectors stood at the eastern, western,

northern and southern doors. Tribal Chief of Police Danielle Bannon, Tribal Fire Chief Fred Cantu, Sgt. Brian Kelly and Michigan State Police Officer Green were among the protectors.

“Let’s not forget why we are here,” said Chief Frank J. Cloutier to those in attendance at the 7 p.m. Friday grand entry. “We are going to be honoring our protectors. So, when you see that fireman, when you see that first responder, the ambulance attendant, the police officer, any one



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

(Left to right) Chief Frank J. Cloutier, Fire Chief Fred Cantu and head veteran George Martin lead the July 28 grand entry.

of them wearing a uniform or badge, shake their hand and say ‘Welcome’ and ‘Miigwetch.’”

“Most of all, when you run into one of our veterans, the true protectors of our communities, shake their hands, and give them a hug and thank them,” Cloutier said.

Since 1984, the powwow has offered visitors the opportunity to observe and experience traditional Native American

dress, dancing, drumming, cuisine, crafts and culture.

“The sacred fire was available and located near the eastern door where the powwow dancers and dignitaries entered the arena,” said Craig Graveratte, treasurer for the Powwow Committee.

This year’s head veterans were George Martin, Chase Stevens and Raymond Cadotte.

Marjorie Merrill was the female head dancer, and Zackary Jackson was this year’s male head dancer.

Manford King and Jody Gaskin served as masters of ceremonies. They helped keep the audience and dancers informed of which dances and competitions were coming up.

Arena directors were Matthew J. Sprague and Walker Stonefish.

The sound system was provided by Sweetgrass Productions.

Smokey Town was the host drum, and Adrien Klein was the head drum judge.

The first place drum received \$8,000.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Dancers enter the arena and take their places during the evening grand entry.

Lonny and Verna Street collaborated as the dance judges.

Each dance style requires distinct dance steps and techniques that complement the dancer’s movements.

Age or group categories are in place for each dance style, ranging from young tots to elders aged 65 and older.

Roughly 500 dancers participate in the powwow each year.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Marjorie Merrill (left) and Zackary Jackson (right) were honored as this year’s head dancers.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The 33rd annual Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Powwow “Honoring Our Protectors” celebrated Native culture and traditions.



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Tribal Chief of Police Donielle Bannon was one of the four protectors standing at each door.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Junior boys grass dancers display vibrant color and talent.



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After the Friday evening grand entry, dancers stand for the flag song.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The powwow offers visitors an opportunity to observe and experience Native American dress, dancing, cuisine, crafts and culture.





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**Each dance style requires distinct dance steps and techniques that complement the dancer's movements.**

The weekend specials included: Fry bread contest (open to all), mystery spot dances (\$2,000 in gift cards given away), inter-tribal dancing all weekend, switch dance, team dance for participants at least 14 years or older, hand drum for participants at least 14 years old, youth team dance for 14 year olds and younger (with a two-person minimum), hip-hop, daddy/daughter dance, mother/son dance, drum disco, iron warrior and female songbird.

"I really enjoyed the hip-hop special; it was very fun to watch and help decide the winners," Graveratte said.

The top four dancers in the many categories were awarded anything from \$100 to \$1,100, depending on age and competition effort.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Raymond Cadotte dances in the arena. This year, he was also recognized as a head veteran.**

VOGUE magazine was onsite at Friday's powwow and published an online article about the event. The article "Honoring a shared history, and each other" may be found at:

<http://www.vogue.com/projects/13535348/annual-saginaw-chippewa-powwow/>

VOGUE magazine representatives heard about the powwow through the interview Graveratte and Darcy Pilar, vendor coordinator for the Powwow Committee, had with TV12 News and from commercial advertisements, Graveratte said.

"(VOGUE) sent a photographer on Friday night, and he then



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Age or group categories were in place for each powwow dance style.**

sent those photos to a Chicago location," Graveratte said.

This year, a horseshoe tournament took place Friday at noon.

"This year, we began to include activities for the community to participate in such as the horseshoe tournament," Graveratte said. "Next year, we hope to include that again, as well as add some more activities that will lead up to the powwow on Friday night."

There is no admission or parking fees to attend the powwow.

Friday's grand entry occurred at 7 p.m., Saturday's were noon and 7 p.m., and Sunday's was noon.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Jingle dress dancers enter the arena shortly after the 12 p.m. Saturday grand entry.**

An impressive firework display was held at dusk Friday evening.

"We are honored and blessed to have you in our presence," Cloutier said to those in attendance Friday. "We want to take this opportunity to celebrate each and every one of you... it is my distinct honor and privilege to be able to welcome you into our community."

Countless merchants were scattered throughout the grounds selling everything from jewelry to dream catchers and moccasins, and the smell of Indian tacos and fry bread from the food vendors could not go unnoticed.



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**Chase Stevens dances with his little one. Stevens was also a notable head veteran during a different day.**



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**Nels Larsen, member of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society, carries a flag during grand entry.**

## 2017 Powwow Results

### Jr. Boys Grass

- 1st: Ma-Koonse Aquas
- 2nd: Nate Harris
- 3rd: Kaimare Eaglestar
- 4th: Leland Hamilton

### Jr. Boys Fancy

- 1st: Jaymison Hill
- 2nd: Aydrian James Day
- 3rd: Tacoma Salter
- 4th: Joaquin Jackson

### Jr. Boys Traditional

- 1st: Chadon Locklear
- 2nd: Gegek Webkamigad
- 3rd: Gracin Isaac
- 4th: Hunter Stevens

### Jr. Girls Jingle

- 1st: Kitahna Silas
- 2nd: Aura Cardinal
- 3rd: Addyson White
- 4th: Jardina White Eye

### Jr. Girls Fancy

- 1st: Anaiyah Good
- 2nd: Elizabeth Pamp
- 3rd: Tracy Menard
- 4th: Jaslynn Hill

### Jr. Girls Traditional

- 1st: Taliyah Eaglestar
- 2nd: Liliana Mars
- 3rd: Keeley TwoCrow
- 4th: Darlyn Fiddler

### Teen Boys Grass

- 1st: James Eaglestar
- 2nd: Manuel LaRose Jr.
- 3rd: Bodie Nordwall
- 4th: Chaske Jacobs

### Teen Boys Fancy

- 1st: Wayne Silas III
- 2nd: Ascension Harjo
- 3rd: Tyler Dashner
- 4th: Tristan Joe

### Teen Boys Traditional

- 1st: Jaden Parker
- 2nd: Nakya Leviner
- 3rd: Adrian Klein Jr.
- 4th: Josiah Tsatoke

### Teen Girls Jingle

- 1st: Maya Schuyler
- 2nd: Tiana Schocko
- 3rd: Adrianna Douglas
- 4th: Madison Bartol

### Teen Girls Fancy

- 1st: Malia Jacobs
- 2nd: Micayla Silas
- 3rd: Jasmyne Antoine-Jackson
- 4th: Nicole Dashner

### Teen Girls Traditional

- 1st: Jaida Whitecloud
- 2nd: Nicole Nordwall
- 3rd: Tristin Antoine
- 4th: Lenore Pushetonequa

### Jr. Adult Men Grass

- 1st: Josh Richardson
- 2nd: Brian "Nodin" Thunder
- 3rd: Darwin Charley
- 4th: Dom Watson

### Jr. Adult Men Fancy

- 1st: Darrell Hill
- 2nd: Nigel Schuyler
- 3rd: Shorty Crawford
- 4th: Colton Burrridge

### Jr. Adult Men Traditional

- 1st: Chadwick Red Elk
- 2nd: Jared Brown
- 3rd: Michael Fish Jr.
- 4th: Josh Atcheynom

### Jr. Adult Women Jingle

- 1st: Rynne White
- 2nd: Iliana Montoya
- 3rd: Jackie Klein
- 4th: Stephanie Nordwall

### Jr. Adult Women Fancy

- 1st: Beedoskan Stonefish
- 2nd: Naomi Nevaquaya
- 3rd: Alaska Salter
- 4th: Brittney Shki-Giizis

### Jr. Adult Women Traditional

- 1st: Jacinta Tsosie
- 2nd: Alva Fiddler
- 3rd: Krystal Bigsky
- 4th: Elizabeth Nevaquaya

### Sr. Adult Men Grass

- 1st: Adam Nordwall
- 2nd: Buck SpottedTail
- 3rd: James Day
- 4th: Johnathan Johnson

### Sr. Adult Men Fancy

- 1st: Wayne Silas Jr.
- 2nd: Jason Whitehouse
- 3rd: Tyler Lasley
- 4th: Adrian Harjo

### Sr. Adult Men Traditional

- 1st: Shane Mitchell
- 2nd: Joe Syrette
- 3rd: Mervel LaRose
- 4th: Mike DeMain

### Sr. Adult Women Jingle

- 1st: Grace Pushetonequa
- 2nd: Dionne Jacobs
- 3rd: Sheena Cain
- 4th: Melody GoodStriker

### Sr. Adult Women Fancy

- 1st: Nahmi Lasley
- 2nd: Rose Track
- 3rd: Valerie Parker
- 4th: Heather Syrette

### Sr. Adult Women Traditional

- 1st: Shelley Bointy
- 2nd: Amber OldHorn
- 3rd: Marcy Fiddler
- 4th: Quahna Mars

### Golden Age Men

- 1st: Charles Hindsley
- 2nd: Pete Powless
- 3rd: Jerome Sanapaw
- 4th: Stephen Pelletier

### Golden Age Women

- 1st: Rosanne Otradovec
- 2nd: Marie Summers
- 3rd: Muriel Stewart
- 4th: Becky Taylor

### Platinum Age Men

- 1st: Terry Fiddler
- 2nd: Alfonso Roy
- 3rd: Joe Bointy
- 4th: Mike Dashner

### Platinum Age Women

- 1st: Annamae Pushetonequa
- 2nd: Patricia Eagleman
- 3rd: Virgie Tsosli
- 4th: V Charlene Bomberry

### Dad/Daughter & Mom/Son

- 1st: Adam Nordwall and Daughter
- 2nd: Wayne Silas Jr and Daughter
- 3rd: Grace Pushetonequa and Son
- 4th: Kyla Emma and Chase

### Hip Hop Special

- 1st: Alexis Syrette
- 2nd: WhitLightning Clark
- 3rd: Garrett Christenson

### Female Songbird

- 1st: Kitahna Silas
- 2nd: Otelia Zapata
- 3rd: Tracy Menard

### Hand Drum

- 1st: Dom Watson
- 2nd: Gordan Sands
- 3rd: Joe Syrette

### Fry Bread Contest

- 1st: GG's Grub
- 2nd: RoseBear's Food Stand
- 3rd: Tina's Frybread

### Iron Warrior

- 1st: Wayne Silas Jr.
- 2nd: Teresa Melendez

### Team Dance 14 & Up

- 1st: James Day & partners
- 2nd: Jacinta Tsisie & Partners
- 3rd: Nichole Nordwall & Partners

### Drum Contest

- 1st: The Boyz
- 2nd: Meskwaki Nation
- 3rd: Battle River
- 3rd: Red Lake Band
- 4th: War Paint
- 4th: Lumbee/Tuscarora
- 5th: Pipestone

### Switch Dance

- 1st: Valerie Parker
- 2nd: Ascension Harjo
- 3rd: Brittney Shki-Giizis

### Food Booth

- 1st: DJ's Ice Cream

### Craft Booth

- 1st: Karen Bundy





## Road improvement paves the way for economic development at Eagle Bay Marina

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Contributing Writer

Investment in infrastructure for municipalities can often be problematic, but cooperative efforts between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and local units of governments can make such challenges a reality.

The recent transition of Sagatoo Road from a dirt road paved the way toward economic development.

Robert Juckniess, CEO for Migizi Economic Development Company, said throughout July and August major improvements were made.

"The last stretch of Sagatoo Road from LeClair Road to Eagle Bay Marina has been paved through the generosity of the

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in two percent funding to Arenac County Road Commission," Juckniess said. "We would like to thank Arenac County Road Commission, SSI Survey Solutions and Pyramid Paving for their part in the project and maintaining traffic flow for the customers and local community."

Juckniess said guests may now drive to the marina without traveling down any dirt roads.

"We expect that the customer experience for the Eagle Bay Marina will be greatly enhanced by these improvements," Juckniess said. "A special thank you to Lisa Darnell who helped coordinate this project with the local construction companies."

Darnell, project and property manager for all Soaring Eagle

properties, offered a unique perspective about the development.

"We actively look for ways to expand Tribal growth by harnessing the power of business," Darnell said. "Tribal Council and the Migizi Board of Directors continually review economic development proposals, and we get the chance of working on the front lines to implement the vision they have. I give all the willing partners the credits, and it shows that, when a Tribal government can look at mutually beneficial projects with local units of government, special projects like the road improvement can be accomplished."

Ron Nelson, District Two Saganing Tribal Council representative, said he has always believed the "Saganing Reservation has had the potential to become a true destination spot," and the "continued investment in Tribal business interests has paid off."

"The infrastructure we have built to this point is now available for continued growth, and we will look to explore partnerships with neighboring communities to provide help to create the infrastructure improvements so badly needed," Nelson said. "I would like to thank Migizi EDC and all the individuals who brought us to this point. With additional planning and support we



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The recently-paved Sagatoo Road now provides dirt road-free access to Eagle Bay Marina patrons.

will see great things in the Saganing area for the benefit of our Tribe and all our people."

Stacy Pamame, service manager for the marina, has been working at the property for the last three years and is expecting the recent improvement to directly reflect in generating more revenue for the marina.

"We make this place a family-friendly atmosphere, and the road improvement will bring in the bass fishing tournaments and we will see an increase in

pontoon, kayak and canoe rentals," Pamame said. "We see a steady flow of families and with the parking lot improvements, can host more events like car and boat shows; like many of the major marinas have done in other tourist destinations of the state."

"The conditions of the ground and the marina will affect the level of clientele you bring in, and this infrastructure improvement will elevate the presence of Eagle Bay Marina for sure," Pamame said.

### ORV Safety Education requirement

All ORV operators under 16 years old are required to possess a valid safety training certificate when operating an ORV.

To obtain a safety certificate, the operator must take an ORV Safety Education course and pass the certification exam. The operator must carry the safety certificate and present it upon demand of a law enforcement officer.

If individuals missed the Wednesday, Aug. 16 safety class, the following website lists other local classes: [www.dnr.state.mi.us/recnsearch](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/recnsearch)

### Getting Ready to Go Back to School?

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## Youth participate in Anishinaabe Environment and Culture Camp

**KATHY HART**

SCTC STEM Recruiter

**TAYLOR HOLLIS**

Watershed Outreach Coordinator

The Environmental Department and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College just completed the first annual Anishinaabe Environment and Culture Camp. Held Aug. 14-18, the camp was offered to youth aged 12 to 17.

The camp focused on natural resources, conservation, environmental (STEM), and cultural activities that promoted stewardship of Mother Earth from an Anishinaabe perspective.

Focusing on hands-on, engaging opportunities, the campers became acquainted with concepts of environmental stewardship, Anishinaabe culture, arts and crafts. The provided activities, games, and lessons gave participants the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue STEM careers and become Mother Earth protectors.

The campers spent five days and four nights at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center on Higgins Lake. They participated in environmental



Courtesy of Kathy Hart

**Youth campers pose for a group shot during the Aug. 14-18 Anishinaabe Environment and Culture camp at Higgins Lake.**

science activities: Macro invertebrate collection and identification, hiking, invasive species identification, animal tracking, tree and plant identification and clean water commercial creation.

Anishinaabe traditions were also taught through art such as beading, black ash baskets, shakers, walking sticks, songs and language lessons.

In their free time, the campers enjoyed activities such as basketball, archery, swimming, circuit workouts, going to the recreation room to shoot pool and play ping pong. These youth were able to learn about the environment and their culture while they socialized with other youth.

In the evaluations, the youth campers said:

“I really like this camp because it was fun and educational. I hope I can see my friends again.”

“It was fun learning about the environment.”

“I met new people.”

“I liked beading because it was challenging but fun.”

“I really, really, really, liked archery.”

“Yes, I would attend the camp again next year.”

The camp was a huge success. The facility, food and staff were great and welcoming.

All of the people who helped and did the activities were great. Everything turned out to be wonderful, even the weather.

This camp would not have been possible without the support of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College STEM Equity Program, the Saginaw



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**The camp participants partake in a shaker-making class.**



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**Mike LeValley, education coordinator for the Isabella Conservation District, leads a session on animal track and tree identification.**



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**Campers listen during storytelling with Isabelle Osawamick and Margaret Flamand from the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department.**



Courtesy of Kathy Hart

**Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council representatives lead an ice breaker exercise.**



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**Campers relax with a game of water volleyball during their free time at camp.**



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**Plant identification and uses with Judy Pamp and Anita Heard from the Ziibiwing Center.**



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**Tribal Member Carole Tally teaches campers the art of black ash basket making.**

### SCTC Board of Regents

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### SCTC End-of-Summer Bash



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**The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College hosted an End-of-Summer Bash on Aug. 16. The fun filled event featured performances by local musicians, a cookout and a chance for students to register for fall classes.**





## Brad Paisley's tour is joined with Dustin Lynch, Chase Bryant and Lindsay Ell

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

On Saturday, Aug. 12, country music fans were in for a real treat at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. There was a concert that not only brought in one country artist, but four.

Brad Paisley's Weekend Warrior Tour 2017 also brought musicians Dustin Lynch, Chase Bryant and Lindsay Ell to Mount Pleasant.

Paisley, singer-songwriter and guitarist, brought a party with him on stage. Two bars, with fans surrounding each, were placed behind him.

He was on tour promoting his 11th studio album "Love and War."

Paisley rocked out alongside a jumbo screen and began his set with "Last Time for Everything," which featured a section of Prince's "Purple Rain," "Old Alabama," "Perfect Storm" and "Online."

During "One Beer Can," the music video was shown. The song and video are about a kid getting busted for throwing a house party while his parents are away.

Paisley delivered his fan-favorite hits including "Crushin' It," "This is Country Music,"



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Brad Paisley performs at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor venue on Aug. 12 during his Weekend Warrior Tour 2017.**

"American Saturday Night," "Ticks" and "Celebrity."

"We lost somebody this week that I love," Paisley said. "We miss you, Glen Campbell."

Paisley then performed an acoustic version of Campbell's "Rhinestone Cowboy."

Throughout the night, Paisley showed love and appreciation for others. He welcomed three men in uniform to join him on stage to thank them for their service, and he also gave away one of his guitars to two young girls in the front row.

"Ladies, I have a beef to pick with you. Wait. Is that

how you say it? No, I have a bone to pick. But I have beef with you," Paisley said, laughing, before singing the opening lyrics to "I'm Still A Guy."

Dustin Lynch joined him for the song, and before the lyrics, "these days, there's dudes taking selfies," Paisley grabbed an audience member's cell phone with which he and

Lynch proceeded to take selfies.

Paisley then showed his sentimental side as he performed love songs "Then" and "She's Everything."

He ended his set with "Mud on the Tires" and "Today." His much-anticipated encore included "Alcohol."

Dustin Lynch entertained the crowd with his hits "Hell of a Night," "Mind Reader" and "Where It's At (Yep, Yep)."

"This is for all you love birds out there," Lynch said of his song "Cowboys and Angels."

Lynch also performed a brand new song, "Why We Call Each Other."

He performed his 2016 single "Seein' Red," which he said was dedicated to all the country girls.

Chase Bryant, a 23-year-old singer and songwriter, is best known for his 2014 hit single "Take It On Back."

He also performed "Little Bit of You" and Keith Anderson's "Pickin' Wildflowers."

Born in Alberta, Canada, 28-year-old Lindsay Ell is seeking fame in the U.S. She is not only a singer-songwriter, but also shreds on the electric guitar.

Ell opened the show with her set that included a performance of her most recent single, "Waiting On You."



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**Chase Bryant performs a cover of "Pickin' Wildflowers" during his Saturday night show.**



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**Singer-songwriter Lindsay Ell opens the Brad Paisley show, delivering a 20-minute set.**



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**Country music performer Dustin Lynch performs his hit "Mind Reader."**

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## Concert review: Carlos Santana and Ann Wilson rock the resort

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Honestly, if there is anyone I aspire to be at nearly 70 years old, it is someone even slightly as fierce as Ann Wilson.

Ann Wilson of Heart and Carlos Santana completely rocked the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor summer concert series on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Wilson opened the show at 7 p.m. and began with The Who's "The Real Me," "Barracuda" and the always impressive, "Crazy on You." At that point, it was nearly impossible to sit still listening to her powerhouse vocals.

"This song is about being here now, presently," Wilson said of the bluesy "Fool No More," which she wrote with her guitarist.

Wilson said she wrote "Anguish" about the love of her life and having to leave him to go travel the world for a tour.

Wilson also performed the upbeat, with a techno-feel, "A Million Miles," Yes' "Time Is Time," The Black Crowes' "She Talks to Angels" and The Animals' "We've Gotta Get Out of This Place."



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**Carlos Santana shreds that guitar while playing "Are You Ready People" during his Aug. 8 outdoor Soaring Eagle show.**

A slowed down but chilling version of "Alone" began with a piano intro, and Wilson wailed right into the song, earning a standing ovation.

A cover of "For What It's Worth" was Wilson's last song. The audience gave her the shouting, applause and standing ovation she deserved.

A man who needs no introduction, Santana walked on stage with his full band shortly after 8:30 p.m.

"O Paradiso," "Are You Ready People" and "Love Makes the World Go Round" instantly showcased the

amazing talent of not only Santana but his entire band as well.

"For us, every day, every moment, every instant is important that we offer you something you can feel," Santana said to the crowd on behalf of the band. "When you feel it... it's a spiritual victory."

The 1999 hit "Maria Maria" came after, with "Foo Foo," "Corazón Espinado" and "Incident at Neshabur" following.

"I learned something from American Indians... take the high road and see the big picture. This is the big

picture right here," Santana said addressing his fans.

Aside from howling on guitar, Santana is also known for delivering inspirational speeches at his concerts.

"We are here to bring unity, harmony, compassion, healing, kindness... no matter what religion you're following," Santana said. "God is love. Anything else is Godzilla."

"Evil Ways," "A Love Supreme," "Higher Ground," and "Total Destruction of Your Mind" were played.

Santana then introduced his wife, Cindy Blackman



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**Rock singer Ann Wilson (member of Heart) warms up the audience by singing "Barracuda."**

Santana, one of the drummers, who took center stage to sing lead vocals.

"When you're vulnerable, that's when you have the biggest power," Santana said. "Some people are afraid to fall in love."

Santana said he and his wife both prayed for each other. They eventually ended up together and got married after he proposed onstage during his July 9, 2010 concert.

"Black Magic Woman," "Gypsy Queen," and "Oye Como Va" rounded out the set list before the band members momentarily exited the stage before the encore. A Woodstock chant video played on the big screens.

The band quickly returned to deliver their upbeat, raucous reprise.

"We're not lip syncing up here," Santana said, stirring applause. "This is not 'Guitar Hero.' This is for real, real."

The show ended with "Soul Sacrifice" with a long drum solo by Cindy, "Smooth," "Love, Peace and Happiness" and "Highest Good."

It is crazy to think it has been more than 50 years since Santana publicly emerged onto the music scene. He somehow continues to make each performance better than the last.

## I Love the '90s Tour welcomes TLC, Naughty by Nature, Biz Markie and more

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

It was a blast from the past during the I Love the '90s: The Party Continues Tour featuring TLC, Naughty by Nature, Biz Markie, Tone Loc, Rob Base and C&C Music Factory.

Fans flocked to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

The best-selling American girl group of all time, headliner TLC was the only act that night using a live band in their set.

Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins and Rozanda "Chilli" Thomas appeared on stage with their sleek and shiny black wardrobes.

They dove right into hits "Diggin' On You," "What About Your Friends" and "Ain't 2 Proud 2 Beg."

"You guys are awesome," Chilli repeatedly said to the crowd.

Together, their dance moves were faultless and in sync. However, Chilli has always been known as the strongest dancer in the group and this was demonstrated that night.

Their deceased band member Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes (who died in a car accident in 2002) did not go unmentioned as the group displayed an on-screen video montage spanning their years together.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**T-Boz (left) and Chilli, of TLC, headline the I love the 90's: The Party Continues Tour in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall.**

The group continued to launch into hits including "Red Light Special," "Baby-Baby-Baby," and "Haters," a song from their latest (2017) and fifth album.

In the middle of "Unpretty," TLC's band got funky, and their back-up dancers showed off their impressive skills, backflips included.

"It's been 25 whole years in this business," T-Boz said after performing "Creep." "We came out with a new album after 15 long years."

"Because of ya'll, you made us number one in the country," Chilli said. "This is the last TLC album."

The group then performed their new single "Way Back."

Chilli said the younger generation knows all about the next song, "No Scrubs."

"Ya'll are so amazing," Chilli said to the fans. "First of all, you guys know we've been

around for a long time. We've gone through a lot, and some of you have been with us since day one... With the new album is a song dedicated to all our fans because you've been so dedicated to us."

"Joy Ride" is a song of thanks to those who stuck it out with them through the hard times.

TLC ended with "Waterfalls" and asked the house to turn on the lights so they could see and appreciate all of the fans who made it to the show.

Naughty by Nature, a Grammy Award-winning hip-hop trip from New Jersey, formed in 1986 as The New Style.

The group's first hit as Naughty by Nature was a track called "O.P.P.," which sampled the Jackson 5's hit "ABC." The song was released in 1991.

Naughty by Nature also performed hits "Hip Hop Hooray," "Uptown Anthem" and "Feel Me Flow."

Alongside a DJ, Biz Markie performed a set which included his most well-known single "Just a Friend," an American top 10 hit in 1989.

Biz Markie is not only a rapper, but a DJ, comedian, actor and reality television personality.

He also performed "Make the Music with Your Mouth," "Vapors," "What Comes Around Goes Around" and "Young Girl Bluez."

American rapper and actor Tone Lōc performed his well-known hits "Wild Thing" and "Funky Cold Medina."

Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock (deceased) were a hip-hop duo from Harlem, N.Y., best known for their hit "It Takes Two." Base performed that single, which was a top 40 hit that became certified platinum.

C&C Music Factory is a musical group that formed in 1989.

The group is best known for their five hit singles: "Gonna Make You Sweat (Everybody Dance Now)," "Here We Go (Let's Rock & Roll)," "Things That Make You Go Hmmm..." "Just a Touch of Love" and "Keep it Comin'."



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**Biz Markie holds up the microphone and smiles to the Aug. 2 audience.**



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**Rapper and actor Tone Lōc got the party started. He is best known for his hits "Wild Thing" and "Funky Cold Medina."**





## Keith Urban brings the hits and showmanship to Soaring Eagle outdoor show

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

There's no doubt about it. Keith Urban knows how to put on one good show.

A sold-out crowd headed to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor venue on Thursday, July 20 for the singer/songwriter and guitarist's concert.

Urban rocked right into "Gone Tomorrow (Here Today)," "Long Hot Summer," "Break on Me," "Somewhere in My Car" and "Good Thing."

"It's almost like I've been on a two-year hiatus. The last time I was here, I was having an anniversary," Urban said of his ninth wedding anniversary with actress Nicole Kidman, who attended his last Mount Pleasant show on their special day, June 25, 2015.

Urban began performing "Saginaw, Michigan" by Lefty

Frizzell and went on to say, "We've got to write a Mt. Pleasant song as soon as we can."

He then gave a shout out to his stage technician, Chris, who is from Flint, Mich.

Urban had a young fan, Kara from Chicago, join him on stage. Kara was celebrating her 13th birthday, so Urban and the crowd sang to her.

Urban then performed his bluesy song and one of his most recent singles, "Blue Ain't Your Color," followed by guitar slaying on "Put You in a Song," "Where the Blacktop Ends" and "Little Bit of Everything."

During "You Look Good in My Shirt," Urban walked into the crowd. A microphone and platform were set up for Urban to sing in the middle of the audience. He then signed and gave away the guitar he was playing to a lucky audience member.

Urban played his latest duet with Carrie Underwood,

"Fighter," and a recording of Underwood singing her verses appeared on the big screens.

Urban continued right into his hits "Cop Car," "Somebody Like You," "John Cougar, John Deere, John 3:16" and "Wasted Time."

"I want to thank everyone who traveled a long way to make it tonight," Urban said.

He eventually reappeared on stage for his encore.

"You never forget your first number one," Urban said of "But for the Grace of God."

He closed the show with "Raise 'Em Up."

Singer-songwriter and guitarist Frankie Ballard opened the show for Urban.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Photographed at the 2015 Soaring Eagle outdoor show, Keith Urban makes his return on Thursday, July 20, 2017.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Singer-songwriter and guitarist Frankie Ballard performs his hit single "Young and Crazy."

Originally from Michigan and a former student of Mott Community College and Western Michigan University, Ballard now resides in Nashville to further his music career.

Ballard has had three singles peak to number one on

the U.S. Country Airplay charts: "Helluva Life" (2013), "Sunshine & Whiskey" (2014) and "Young & Crazy" (2015).

Ballard's third album "El Rio" (June 2016) produced two singles: "It All Started with a Beer" and "Cigarette."

## R&B fans flock to the Soaring Eagle outdoor venue for Ashanti and R. Kelly shows

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

R&B music lovers united on Friday, Aug. 4 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor summer concert series for Ashanti and R. Kelly.

Ashanti's set began just before 9 p.m., and she performed for nearly an hour.

She performed some of her most well-known hits including "Only U," "Happy," "Baby," "The Way That I Love You," and songs originally recorded with rapper Ja Rule, including "Mesmerize," "Wonderful," and "Always on Time."

"My first album came out 15 years ago. This next song was



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

R. Kelly (center) stands backstage at his meet and greet with Tribal community members after his Friday, Aug. 4 show.

number one on the radio, number one on Billboard for 11 consecutive weeks," Ashanti said of her hit song "Foolish."

Ashanti also said she is the Guinness World Record holder for Fastest Selling Debut

Artist (female). Her 2002 debut album "Ashanti" sold more than 503,000 copies in its first week.

The compilation won Ashanti her first Grammy Award for Best Contemporary R&B album.

Ashanti also performed "Early in the Morning," "Rock Wit U (Awww Baby)," "Rain on Me" and "What's Luv?"

Regardless of cancelling a few tour dates due to the allegations R. Kelly is currently under investigation for, the singer-songwriter's show still went on in Mount Pleasant.

R. Kelly is known for a collection of major hit singles including "Ignition (Remix)," "Bump N' Grind," "I Believe I Can Fly," "Your Body's Callin'," "Gotham City," "If I Could Turn Back the Hands of Time," "The World's Greatest," "I'm a Flirt (Remix)" and "Trapped in the Closet."

He won three Grammy Awards for "I Believe I Can Fly."

R. Kelly also became the first musician to play professional basketball when he was signed in 1997 with the Atlantic City Seagulls.

June's Diary performed as the night's opening act. The group was created by singer and former Destiny's Child member, Kelly Rowland, on the reality television docu-series "Chasing Destiny" in 2016.

June's Diary consists of members Kristal Lyndriette Smith, Ashly Williams, Brienna DeVlugt, Gabrielle "Gabby" Carreiro and Shyann Roberts.

The group signed a record deal with L.A. Reid's record label Epic Records.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

R&B singer Ashanti performs "Only U" during the Soaring Eagle outdoor show.

Their powerful harmonies shined throughout their performance which included a cover of En Vogue's "Free Your Mind."



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## Tribal community celebrates breastfeeding and nursing moms

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

August was Breastfeeding Awareness Month, and the Tribe commemorates it each year with a picnic and a public march.

This year, on Thursday, Aug. 10, mothers, fathers, children and babies gathered at the Native Farmer's Market pavilion mid-day to show their

support of breastfeeding and breastfeeding mothers.

"We have great turn-outs," said Helen Williams, a Healthy Start nurse at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, the Tribal organization that hosts the event.

A picnic lunch was provided, and there was a drawing for prizes.

Participants socialized and made posters celebrating breastfeeding before walking together to the park.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Tribal Members old and young gather at the Native Farmer's Market pavilion to celebrate National Breastfeeding Awareness at the Aug. 10 event.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Even the little ones got involved with making posters to support breastfeeding.

### Editorial:

**ANDREA N. GIANCOLI**

MPH, RD

*(Editor's note: The following article was written by Andrea N. Giancoli, MPH, RD, and originally printed in Environmental Nutrition August 2017. The article was submitted by Sally Van Cise, MPH, RD, nutritionist for Nimkee Public Health.)*

Manage arthritis with anti-inflammatory foods like omega-3-rich fish, whole grains, fruits and vegetables.

More than 50 million adults in the U.S. have arthritis, which is a general term describing joint pain or disease. Osteoarthritis (OA) is the most common type, affecting 31 million Americans, while another 1.5 million suffer from rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

Adopting an anti-inflammatory diet can help in the pain management of OA and RA, as inflammation plays a role in both forms.

**OA vs. RA:** "OA is a wear-and-tear condition in which cartilage gets broken down and bone starts rubbing on bone, causing pain," said Lona Sandon, Ph.D, RDN, assistant professor at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Sonya Angelone, MS, RDN, said, "OA tends to occur more in those who are overweight, whose joints become damaged from carrying extra weight, especially in the knees and hips."

While inflammation is not the root cause of OA, cartilage damage can trigger inflammatory processes, and excess weight is associated with inflammation, which can damage joints further.

### Anti-Inflammatory

Unlike OA, RA is an autoimmune disease in which the immune system attacks the joints, resulting in a condition where the synovial fluid around the joint is inflamed, and that inflammation is what results in pain and morning stiffness, said Sandon, who suffers from RA.

Build meals around fish, whole grains, fruits and vegetables to reduce inflammation.

**Diet and Inflammation:** Many diet patterns, foods and nutrients impact inflammation.

**Fatty Acid:** "Omega-3 fatty acids probably have the most solid research that supports their impact in decreasing inflammation," said Sandon of the fats found in cold water fish and fish oil.

She suggested consumption of three grams a day of the omega-3s EPA and DHA combined to relieve symptoms associated with inflammation in RA. That is the amount found in approximately six ounces of salmon. Consuming that much daily EPA and DHA may be difficult through diet alone, thus supplementation may be in order, with approval of a health provider.

Plant sources of omega-3s (ALA) include walnuts, chia seeds and flax seeds.

Sandon said, "It's not just adding omega-3 fatty acids to your diet; you have to remove other foods with the not-so-good fats particularly red meat high in arachidonic acid, which is pro-inflammatory."

An overconsumption of omega-6s found in vegetable oils coupled with low intake of omega-3s may result in increased inflammation, though more research is needed to confirm this. Saturated and

trans fatty acids seem to promote inflammation.

**Olive Oil:** Oleocanthal, a compound found in extra-virgin olive oil, has been shown to inhibit pro-inflammatory enzymes.

**Probiotics:** "There's some support for encouraging probiotics, as they can produce butyric acid in the colon. Butyric acid helps keep the colon cells and gut mucosa healthy while not allowing compounds to cross over that could potentially trigger inflammation," Sandon said.

Fermented foods like yogurt and kefir contain active cultures that act as probiotics.

**Dietary Fiber:** Fiber has been shown to lower C-reactive protein levels, a marker of inflammation in the body. Sandon said, "Fiber is also important for those probiotics to have something to chew on to produce the butyric acid needed."

**Fruits and Vegetables:** In addition to providing fiber, produce, in general, is linked with lower inflammation in the body due to the presence of phytochemicals, which possess antioxidant and antioxidant activity.

**Vitamin D:** "Inflammation is associated with low vitamin D levels," said Angelone. Vitamin D is also important for bone health.

Sandon said, "It is well known that those with RA develop reduced bone mass or softening of the bones earlier in life than those without RA."

Vitamin D is synthesized in the skin when it is exposed to ultraviolet light and occurs naturally in only a few foods (fish and a small amount in egg yolks). It can also be obtained from foods (like some cereals) and beverages (milk) fortified

### Eating for

with the vitamin. It is important to check the nutrition facts of packaged products for vitamin D content.

**Sugar and Refined Carbs:** High intake of added sugars and refined carbohydrates has been linked to increased inflammation in the body.

**What to Do:** Weight loss is typically the first line of defense to help reduce pressure on joints and reduce inflammation, particularly with OA.

Angelone said each person may react differently to food and food components, so a person may benefit from working with a registered dietitian who can help identify specific triggers. In the end, eating a balanced diet rich in whole foods—fish, beans, nuts, whole grains, fruits and vegetables—may be the best bet to help reduce inflammation through diet.

**Anti-Inflammatory Diet in Focus:** While there is no

### Arthritis

one-size-fits-all anti-inflammatory diet, particular foods and nutrients may impact inflammation in the body.

**To reduce inflammation, eat more:**

- Fatty fish (*salmon, trout, tuna, sardines, mackerel, herring*)
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- Dietary fiber (*beans, nuts, seeds, whole grains, vegetables*)
- Fruits and vegetables
- Nonfat or low-fat cultured dairy products (*yogurt, kefir*)
- Vitamin D-fortified dairy and plant milks (*nonfat or low-fat milk, soy milk*)

**To reduce inflammation, eat less:**

- Red meats
- Saturated fat (*higher fat meats, butter, cream*)
- Trans-fat (*fried foods, stick margarine, donuts*)
- Added sugars (*desserts, sweetened beverages, candies*)
- Refined carbohydrates (*white breads, pasta, white rice*)

### Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center Emergency Room Policy

All bills from the Emergency Room (ER) must be deemed a true emergency. If insurance does not deem it an emergency based on diagnosis code, Purchased Referred Care (PRC) will not process the bill for payment. PRC is the payer of last resort; it is not guaranteed. The patient will be responsible for the amount of the ER visit.

#### Listed below are the IHS guidelines:

**Priority 1A:** All medical emergencies, eye (acute, painful or visually threat conditions), dental (control bleeding, airway compromise, severe pain, fractures), mental health (immediate danger to self or others, regardless of "voluntary or involuntary status," includes physical neglect/abuse, sexual assault).

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#### Procedure

1. The claim will be reviewed by PRC Clerk.
2. The PRC Clerk will verify the patient is eligible and followed policy.
3. If Insurance paid based on the diagnosis code the bill will be submitted for payment.
4. If the Insurance did not pay due to the diagnosis code:
  - The bill will be denied.
  - The PRC Clerk will send a denial in the mail.
  - The patient will be able to appeal the decision to the Managed Care team, Health Board and Tribal Council.

### Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule September 2017

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.	L.I.F.E - Jaden	L.I.F.E - Jaden	L.I.F.E - Jaden	Suspension Training - Jayme	
1:10 p.m.			Turbo Kick Beth		
5:10 p.m.		Running Class Jayme		Running Class Jayme	
5:30 p.m.			Yoga Tammy		





## Behavioral Health kicks off sobriety month with an open house event

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Behavioral Health Programs opened its doors to the public on Thursday, Aug. 3 so children and adults from the community could participate in its annual open house and learn more about its services. This was one of several family-friendly activities Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan hosted in August for American Indian Sobriety Month.

When guests arrived at the event, they were greeted by a large tent in which a buffalo burger and ribs lunch was served.

Inside the building's doors, event participants could enter a raffle and request tours of the facility.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Skittles the Clown and her balloon creations are the main attraction to children of all ages at the Aug. 3 SCIT Behavioral Health Open House.**

Skittles the Clown was present in the lobby, painting faces and creating balloon animals.

There was also a colorful selfie booth set up for photographs, a

cake walk in one of the community rooms and complimentary popcorn for guests of all ages. Additionally, a quiet space was provided where visitors could



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Skittles the Clown shows off her face painting skills to the delight of many children present at the event to kick off American Indian Sobriety Month.**

relax and enjoy aromatherapy and acupuncture.

Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan plays a vital role in the Tribal community. It not only hosts



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Five-year-old Daveilgha Issa poses for a photo at the selfie station.**

public events like this annual event, it also provides important services such as therapy, support groups, case management, multiple types of assistance and educational programs.

## Early cervical cancer detection in Native Americans

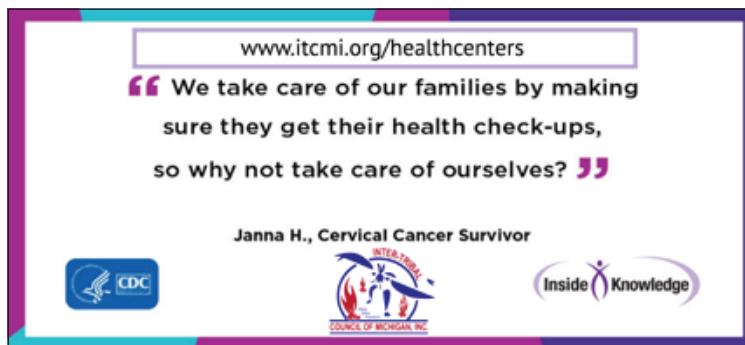
**MIKE WILLETTE**

Communications Specialist  
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of Michigan

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and the American Indian Cancer Foundation are urging Native American women in Michigan to get screened for the human papillomavirus (HPV) cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer is a disease where abnormal cells grow on the cervix.

According to the American Indian Cancer Foundation,



“American Indian and Alaska Native women are 1.5 times as likely to develop cervical cancer and two times more likely to die from the disease compared to caucasian women. Northern Plains American Indian women are seeing alarming rates; they are nearly two times as likely

to develop cervical cancer and four times more likely to die from it when compared to caucasian women.”

Screenings should begin around age 21 and should be performed every three years until age 29. At age 30, women can begin regular pap and HPV

screenings every five years until age 65. After age 65; keep in touch with a health care provider for direct recommendations.

The best methods to prevent cervical cancer and HPV are to get vaccinations, practicing smart sex, quitting smoking and getting screened.

The HPV vaccine is recommended for everyone ages 9 to 26 to protect against HPV cases that lead to nine out of 10 cervical cancers.

Use protection and talk with all sexual partners. Anyone who has ever had anal, vaginal or oral sex can get HPV.

Smoking weakens the immune system, making it

harder for the body to fight HPV infection. Cervical cancer is highly curable when detected and treated early.

If there is an abnormal pap, do not panic. An abnormal pap test is not a diagnosis of cervical cancer. Follow up with a health care provider to discuss screening results and recommendations.

For a full list of tribal health care providers, visit [www.itcmi.org/healthcenters](http://www.itcmi.org/healthcenters) to find the closest tribal health center.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (ITCM) is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that represents 11 of the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan.

## Cancer awareness event to be held Sept. 22 in Isabella County

**RUTH ANN SOWLE**

Event Board Member

Cancer survivors, caretakers, family members and friends are invited to participate in the 19th annual Into the Light Cancer Awareness Event, sponsored by Community Cancer Services of Isabella County.

The event will be held on Friday, Sept. 22, 2017, at the

Isabella County Fair Grounds beginning at 4 p.m.

There will be a cancer survivor's candle light ceremony and walk sponsored by Isabella Bank at 7 p.m.

The walk brings cancer survivors from the community together to provide hope and encouragement to each other and to celebrate life.

Participants walk, share, laugh and eat, but, most of all,

awareness is raised about cancer in the community.

The success of this event lies in the volunteer spirit of everyone. All money raised will remain in the county to help those in need.

Last year, more than \$46,000 was raised to help with local cancer support, research and education.

With each donation, a luminary will be made in honor of

anyone who is battling or has survived cancer or in memory of someone who has died from cancer. Luminaries light the pathway during the entire event.

Donors can personalize luminary bags with names, pictures, special messages and designs.

Organize a team, and be a team captain. Any registered walker raising \$25 or more will receive an event T-shirt. Names of businesses or individuals

making donations of \$200 or more will be displayed on event T-shirts, the event program and the event sponsor board.

I-Ride Public Transportation will be offering free rides to and from the event between 3 and 10 p.m. Just call and schedule a ride.

For more information and to download forms, visit [www.isabellacommunitycancer.org](http://www.isabellacommunitycancer.org) or call Suzanne at (989) 644-2504 or (989) 621-4096.

## Editorial: Back to school time and itchy scalps

**JUDY DAVIS**

Nimkee Public Health

Now that children are starting a new school year, something a parent does not want to hear from school is, “Your child has lice.” It is important to remember, however, that anyone in the family can get head lice. How clean hair and skin are is not a concern for lice, as they are only searching for blood in order to survive.

Lice do not fly or jump. They move from person to person by crawling and clinging to objects such as towels and hats. Things to look for

are an itchy scalp, eggs (yellow, brown or tan and the size of a pin head), and the bugs (light brown and the size of a sesame seed).

Lice do not survive long if they fall off of an individual, and the eggs do not hatch if they are very warm.

If a child has lice, all clothing, bedding and towels need to be washed in hot water (130 degrees) and dried on the highest heat cycle. Affected items may also be sealed off in a plastic bag for two weeks. Floors and furniture should be vacuumed.

It is important to carefully read and follow directions on any home treatment kits that

are used. Do not mix products, and treatments may need to be used more than once.

The nits, or eggs, are very difficult to remove from hair, but rinsing hair with vinegar helps loosen the glue holding the nits to the hair. Continue combing through the hair, using a good light source, once daily for the next two weeks to be sure that all the lice and nits are gone. Dealing with lice infestations takes patience and the right tools.

For further help or questions, contact Healthy Start nurse Anna Hon at (989) 775-4616 or Public Health nurse Sue Sowmick at (989) 775-4699.

## Crafters needed for annual Feather Link Tea

**JUDY DAVIS**

Nimkee Public Health

Nimkee Women's Health will hold its Feather Link Tea this year on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

They would like to again invite all crafters, including community members, friends and employees, to contribute items to the silent auction

benefiting Community Cancer Services.

Items can be dropped off at Nimkee Public Health any time prior to the event if you wish recognition in the program or to the Soaring Eagle Convention Center on the day of the event.

All handmade items will be accepted. Questions? Call Judy at (989) 775-4629 or Jenna at (989) 775-4604. Your donations are appreciated!





## Classic country hits inspire competition amongst elders at Andahwod

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Elders gathered in the community room of Andahwod Continuing Care and Elder Services on Aug. 3 afternoon to participate in a friendly but competitive game of "Name the Tune."

John Gerhard, training instructor for SCIT Human Resources, hosted the event, trying to stump players with classic country songs by artists such as Hank Williams, Loretta Lynn,

Gene Autry and Patsy Cline.

Snacks and drinks were served as competitors racked up points for their teams, increasing their scores by identifying song titles and artists as well as by dancing and singing along to the music.

A good-natured rivalry developed between teams, with "Yep," consisting of Mark Rueckert, Marilyn Bailey, Dolly Rueckert and Guy Fallis, taking the win against Tweedie Van Cise and Marlene Collin of "The Tigers."



Observer photo by Niki Henry

The Tigers teammates Marlene Collin (right) and Tweedie Van Cise (left) sing, dance and try to defeat their competitors during "Name that Tune" on Friday, Aug. 4 at Andahwod.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Marilyn Bailey (left) and Guy Fallis (right), helped their team, Yep, win the friendly but fierce competition.

## Editorial: My reflection as Andahwod's summer youth worker

**JOURDYN BENNETT**

Summer Youth Worker

Hello, my name is Jourdyn Bennett. I am going into the 11th grade, and I am 16 years old.

My experience at Andahwod was positive and inspirational.

I never knew about all the little things that Andahwod does to make their guests and residents happy and comfortable; making popcorn on certain days, taking the residents to the farmers market, decorating during holidays and having different crafts planned out for the residents.

The experience of working here has helped me open up



Courtesy of Andahwod

Andahwod summer youth worker Jourdyn Bennett (center) poses for a photo with Andahwod residents and staff.

my options about future jobs in similar fields as a nurse, admin, or even a cook or housekeeper

because when you're in an environment like this, it makes you feel good to help out in any way.

During my time working there, I learned a lot of new stuff like how to check someone's blood pressure and how to do different things in the Microsoft programs, and I even got to learn a little bit more about my own culture – which I loved.

I also got to help with the MIEA conference, which was a good learning experience. It was a little stressful, but it was also fun to meet different people from other tribes and see them all gathered together.

Andahwod residents and staff were glad to have

someone new around to help, and I was glad to.

When I go back to school, I plan on taking a CNA class to get my certificate, and I would be more than happy to come back here to Andahwod and work as a CNA and help out my elders in any way.

## Editorial: I'm the resident care manager

**JIM KREMSREITER**

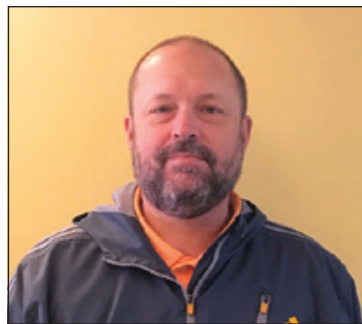
Resident Care Manager

My name is Jim Kremsreiter, and I am the new resident care manager at Andahwod. I have been a registered nurse for the past 17 years, working in a variety of fields.

I have worked at Andahwod in the past as the resident care manager.

I live in Mount Pleasant with my wife, who is a teacher at Chippewa Hills High School; my son, who will be going into seventh grade; and daughter, who will be going into sixth grade.

In my spare time, I like to attend my kids' various sporting events. I am also the coach of my daughter's little league softball team. I am looking forward to my new experience here at Andahwod.



Courtesy of Andahwod

Jim Kremsreiter

## September is Falls Prevention Month

**JULIE PEGO**

Case Manager

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, falls are the leading cause of injuries and injury-related deaths for people 65 and older

in the United States.

Among people 65 and older in the United States, approximately 20 percent of these falls cause serious injuries (ncoa.org).

On September 13, at the Elders Breakfast, Jayme Green, fitness coordinator from the Nimkee

Fitness Center, will teach fall prevention exercises and balance exercises that one can do to strengthen their core. She will also talk about the importance of staying active and doing these exercises regularly to help prevent falling and possible serious injury.

### September Andahwod Event

**Euchre & Potluck**  
Mondays | 6 p.m.

**Open Crafts**  
Tuesdays | 5 p.m.

**Language Bingo**  
Sept. 7 | 1 p.m.

**Grandparents Day Celebration**  
Sept. 9 | 12 - 4 p.m.

• At Broadway Park  
• For grandparents and families

**Elders Breakfast**  
Sept. 13 & 27 | 9 - 10 a.m.  
• SCIT Elders: free  
• Guests: \$3.50

**Name that Tune "The Golden Oldies"**  
Sept. 15 | 3 p.m.

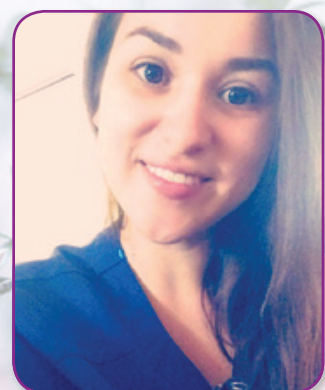
**Anderson & Girls Orchard Tour**  
Sept. 16 | Leaving at 10 a.m.  
• First 14 elders to sign up  
• Deadline to sign up - Sept. 18  
• Gift shop, lunch and petting zoo

**Saganing Bingo with Friends Daytrip**  
Sept. 19 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Bingo with Friends**  
Sept. 20 | 1 p.m.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300

### Andahwod CCC & ES July Employee of the Month



Rachel Phillips, CNA

## Andahwod Craft Fair

**Oct. 14, 2017**

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** | Andahwod  
2910 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

For more information or to reserve tables, please call: 989.775.4300.

• **Crafts:** Sewing, natural products, Native American items, jewelry, woodwork paper and more!

• **Baked goods**

• **50/50 raffle** (Drawing: 3 p.m.)

## SEPTEMBER 2016 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 Timothy Pete   | 16 Richard Nahgahgwon, Joseph Smith Sr.   |
| 2 Jamie VanDerSteen  | 17 Roger High, Clifford Collins, Darcy Crampton, Barbara Huffine, Kristine Smith, Lela Walker                                 |
| 3 Deanna Campbell, Joyce Ervin, Diane Leksche, Nancy Coleman, Bonnie Jackson, Mark Ojeda - Vasquez, Michelle Yoder     | 18 Delmar Jackson Sr.   |
| 4 Garland Moses, Laura Schaad  | 20 Raymond Fisher, Charles Jackson  |
| 5 Genevieve Chippeway, Camille Grice, Ronald J. Jackson, Jacqueline Baker, Sherry Obrecht, Tracey Olivier, Marion Roth | 21 Perry Bailey Jr., Lester Chippeway Sr., Michael Bearden, Brian Peters  |
| 6 Bert Hunt II, Christopher Fallis   | 22 Melissa Highley, Lori Nahdee, Angela Peters, Robert Netmop   |
| 7 Mark Chapoton, Elizabeth Hughes, Salina Jackson, Dianna Goodwin, Forrest Jackson, Robert Wayne Jr.                   | 23 Judith Mays, Janet Hodges, Louise Smith, Clarence Squanda  |
| 8 Barbara Bennett - Fleming, Sharon Cole, Florence White, Amelia Hinton  | 24 Jerry Douglas, Selene Moore, Maurice Pego Jr., Theodore Stevens Sr., Gary Douglas, Sandra Rubin - Warner, Jeannette Shambo |
| 9 Dolly Rueckert Sr., Wilma Bennett, David Chatfield,  | 25 Cynthia Floyd, LE Reed Jr., Rita Bills, Mark Godbey, Kevin O'Brien, Rose Raslich, Richard Starkey                          |
| 10 Judith Hunt, Kimberly Lewis, Patricia Tarkowski   | 26 Matthew Seger, Lucinda Graverette - Smith, Janet Kerns, Keith Davis, Alexander Walraven                                    |
| 11 Darlene Watkins   | 27 Sheridan Pelcher, David Wilson, Tonia Bleuer   |
| 12 Myria Carr, Wayne Dutton  | 28 Theresa Rubin, Fitzgerald Stevens  |
| 13 Louanna Bruner, William Davis, Darcy Tucker, Loralee Werth  | 29 Agnes Flynn, Dianne Nelson, Marcella Wing  |
| 14 Doreen Eggleston, Jeffery Brown, Eugene Ives Jr.  | 30 Donald Chippewa Sr., Sonja Sowmick, Thomas Kerns Jr.   |
| 15 Gary Rueckert Sr., Andrew Byce Sr.,   |   |
| 16 Tonya Crudup, Karen Gibson, Evelyn Grills, Sharll Hudson,   |   |



Soaring Eagle  
**BINGO**

**HIT BIG THIS  
 SEPTEMBER!**



**WIN A SHARE OF  
 \$30,000  
 IN LABOR DAY LOOT!**

**SUPER SATURDAY SESSION | SEPTEMBER 2 | 3PM SESSION**

5 LUCKY WINNERS WILL SPIN OUR PRIZE WHEEL.

**MORE REASONS TO SHOUT  
 "BINGO" THIS SEPTEMBER**

**WEDNESDAYS** - Free hot dog and chips for everyone who purchases the 1:30PM or 7PM session.

**THURSDAYS** - 100 free Bingo Cards for the Sunrise (11AM) and Twilight (4:30PM) sessions with the purchase of a regular priced electronic unit for those sessions.

**FRIDAYS STARTING 9/8** - Win a share of \$1,000 in Bingo Bucks at the 1:30PM and 7PM sessions.

**SATURDAYS** - Three drawings during the 1:30PM and 7PM sessions for a free entry into our Oktoberfest Bingo Session on October 7. Six entries awarded each day.

**SUNDAYS** - Free gifts for the first 100 people to purchase the 1:30PM session.

**SUNDAY,  
 SEPTEMBER 24**

**3 WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN TO GET  
 60 SECONDS IN THE CASH CUBE**

THOSE WHO PURCHASE A  
 1:30PM SESSION PACKET WILL RECEIVE:

- FREE PRIME RIB SANDWICH
- ONE CASH CUBE DRAWING ENTRY







## SEPTEMBER 2017 EVENT PLANNER

### Traditional Sweat Lodge

- Sept. 1 | Sweat Lodge teachings and fire lighting at 5 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
  - Contact: 989.775.4879
  - Lodge teachings will be at sundown.

### Labor Day Family Picnic

- Sept. 4 | 12 - 5 p.m.
- Location: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground
  - Contact: Recreation@Sagchip.org
  - Family Bingo (starts at 1 p.m.)
  - Tug-o-war, door prizes, three-legged race, bag and sack race, egg toss, bounce houses and a horseshoe tournament.
  - Dessert drawing for prizes, for all those who bring a dessert to pass.

### Love and Logic Parenting Class

- Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 9 - 11 a.m.
- Location: Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
  - Contact: 989.775.4616

### Youth Basketball Open Gym

- Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5 - 7 p.m.
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

### Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

- Sept. 6, 20 | 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
  - Contact: 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5810
- Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
  - Contact: 989.775.4895

### Donnie Dowd: Traditional Healer

- Sept. 7 | 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
  - Call for an appointment: 989.775.4850

### Families Against Narcotics Support Group

- Sept. 7 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- Location: Tribal Operations Seniors Room
  - Contact: 989.775.4880

### Drums Out: Singing for Fun

- Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5 - 7 p.m.
- Location: 7th Generation Blue House
  - Contact: 989.775.4780

### Annual Central Michigan HIV/AIDS 5K

- Sept. 9 | Registration: 8 a.m., race starts: 9 a.m.
- Location: Island Park, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
  - To register: 989.773.5921 ext. 1446
  - All proceeds will be used to help those living with HIV/AIDS in our local community.

### Menopause and Beyond

- Sept. 8 | 12 - 3 p.m.
- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
  - Contact: 989.775.4654
  - Presenter: Sally Van Cise
  - Topic: Tips for Holiday Eating and the Winter Blahs
  - For women approaching menopause and beyond
  - Lunch provided

### Andahwod Grandparents Day Celebration

- Sept. 9 | 12 - 4 p.m.
- Location: Broadway Park
  - BBQ chicken, pulled pork, hot dogs, potato salad and beans provided. Please bring a side or dessert to pass.
  - Balloon artist, crafts with 7th Generation, bounce house, face painting and fun games

### Foster Care Mandatory Training

- Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 | 12 - 5 p.m.
- Location: Housing Conference Room
  - For ACFS licensed foster homes

### Town Hall Meeting

- Sept. 16 | Doors open at 11 a.m., meeting starts at 12 p.m.
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
  - Contact: 989.775.4780
  - Tribal ID required
  - Must be 18 years of age or older
  - Open to Tribal Members from all districts

### Saganing Talking Circle

- Sept. 20 | 5:30 - 6 p.m.
- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
  - Contact: 989.775.4879

### Families Against Narcotics Monthly Forum

- Sept. 21 | 7 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
  - Contact: 989.775.4880

### Recreation Cedar Point Trip

- Sept. 23 | Leaving Tribal Operations at 6:30 a.m.
- Contact: 989.775.4149
  - Tickets are \$50 each. (Includes unlimited beverages.)
  - Charter bus available to all who buy a ticket.

### Auricular Acupuncture Training

- Oct. 3-5 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
  - Contact: 989.775.4887
  - Registration deadline: Sept. 21
  - Cost: \$350 per person, with discounts for Tribal Members and employees
  - Lunch included for all three days

### Paint the Rez Purple

- Oct. 21 | 11 a.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
  - Contact: 989.775.4400
  - 1.5 mile domestic violence awareness walk/run

## TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></li> </ul> <p><i>Curbside collection will be delayed one day for the holiday.</i></p>	<p><b>Curbside collection Labor Day closures and delays</b></p> <p>Residential trash, recycling and yard waste collections will be delayed by one day for the entire week. Friday collections will be delayed until Saturday. Normal collections will resume Monday, Sept. 11, 2017.</p> <p>All Granger offices and operations will be closed for normal business hours on Monday, Sept. 4, 2017.</p>			<p>1 New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>2 Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p>3 New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>4 Tribal Ops Closed Labor Day</p>	<p>5 Ogichedaw Meeting Seniors Room   6 p.m.</p> <p>Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>6 Traditional Teachings Saganing   11 a.m.</p> <p>Lunch Bunch ALRD   12 - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Language Bingo Andahwod   1 - 3 p.m.</p>	<p>8 New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>9 Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p>10 New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>11 Drop-in Group B. Health   5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12 Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>13 Lunch Bunch ALRD   12 - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting 5 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>School of Rock Concert Afterschool Program Tribal Gym   3 - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Tribal Observer Deadline   5 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Sweat Lodge 7th Generation   6 p.m.</p>	<p>16 Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p>17 New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>18 Drop-in Group B. Health   5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19 Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Saganing Bingo with Friends Saganing   10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p>	<p>20 Lunch Bunch ALRD   12 - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Tribal Education Advisory Meeting   9 a.m.</p>	<p>21 Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Asset Building Management Housing   12 - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>22 Tribal Ops Closed Michigan Indian Day</p>	<p>23 Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p>24 New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>25 Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>26 Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>27 Lunch Bunch ALRD   12 - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting 5 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>29 New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Sweat Lodge 7th Generation   6 p.m.</p>	<p>30 Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p>





## Tribal Observer Classifieds

To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4010, Email: [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org), visit our office in Tribal Operations or mail to Tribal Observer, Attn.: Classified, 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Please have all submissions and payment in by deadline. Classified rates are \$10 for 15 words or less, and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional \$15. **Apply to job postings online at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org). \* Job postings are subject to change daily.**

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### Clerical Pool

Open to the public. 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.

##### Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills including demonstrated fluency and knowledge of An-

ishinabe language acquisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and two years' experience teaching Anishinabemowin with children in a school setting or community setting. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

##### Police Officer

Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associate degree preferred. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must be MCOLES certified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Ability to gain first-aid and CPR certi-

fication within three months of hire. Experience working with Native communities preferred.

##### Administrative Assistant II

Open to the public. Must have an associate degree or a professional secretarial certificate with two years clerical experience or a high school diploma or equivalent with four years clerical experience. Applicant must possess the ability to accurately and efficiently type reports and correspondence. Must be knowledgeable of word processing and spreadsheet computer applications.

##### Associate General Counsel

Open to the public. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or must become licensed following the next available bar exam; 0-5 years experience as a practicing attorney; familiarity with federal Indian law preferred; excellent research, writing and oral skills; and demonstrated interest in working with an Indian tribe. The successful candidate should have high academic achievement and strong references.

##### Certified Aide PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess and maintain a current, valid Nurse Aide Certification required by the State of Michigan. Previous experience assisting older adults preferred. Knowledge of, or willingness to learn about, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian community required.

##### Anishinabe Language Revitalization Director

Open to the public. Minimum five years specific demonstrated experience developing and working with Anishinabemowin programs and projects. Knowledge and certification in native language instruction or bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and Anishinabemowin related experience. Applicant must demonstrate fluency and a strong working knowledge about Anishinabemowin.

##### Teacher Assistant

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must have passed a formal state or local academic assessment as approved by the Michigan State Board of Education, or successfully completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (equal to 60 semester hours) or have an associate degree.

##### Economic

##### Development Analyst

Open to the public. Must possess economic development analytical work experience with personal time management accountability. Must have a demonstrated track record of professional success in a demanding, professional office setting. Minimum bachelor's degree in business or related field required, with two years of economic development analytical experience. Must have strong skills in verbal and written communication. Must possess excellent computer skills,

presentation skills and statistical analysis skills and have a record of successfully working on extremely confidential projects.

##### Primary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess specialized unique skills which include a high level of demonstrated fluency, knowledge of age appropriate teaching techniques, and a clear understanding of immersion philosophy, language acquisition and five years experience teaching Anishinabemowin. A bachelor's degree in education and/or possession of a teaching certificate preferred.

##### 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.

### SECR

##### Guest Room Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Requires three months housekeeping experience.

##### Guest Room Attendant FT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Requires three months housekeeping experience.

##### Housekeeping Manager

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a minimum of two years housekeeping supervisory experience in either hospitality or casino field.

##### Housekeeping PT

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. No previous experience required. Must be able to follow simple written and verbal instruction and be willing to accomplish repetitive tasks. Must be able to bend, twist and work standing and walking for long periods of time.

##### Concierge PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to pass a typing test of at least 30 words per minute. Must have minimum of one-year experience

in front office operations and three years of customer service experience. Must have extensive knowledge of the hotel, casino and the community.

##### Steward PT

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

##### Waitstaff PT

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

##### Waitstaff PT Casino Beverage

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

##### Laundry Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months hotel housekeeping or laundry experience preferred.

##### Line Server PT

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

##### Carpet/Upholstery Cleaner

Open to the public. Some carpet and upholstery cleaning experience required. Knowledge of truck mount system a plus. Must pass training test on truck mount operation within 90-day probation period. Knowledge in various chemicals pertaining to daily maintenance of furniture upholstery and carpet.

##### Central Plant Operator

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age or older. High school diploma or equivalent is required. At least three years experience in a central plant or mechanical equipment environment utilizing equipment as described in essential job duties. Must be able to operate computerized equipment and devices. Must have a valid state of Michigan driver's license. Maintains and operates electrical, mechanical and pneumatic equipment throughout Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort buildings.

##### Guest Relations Representative PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have good customer relation's skills and possess strong communication skills. Must have understanding of keyboard and basic computer knowledge and excellent math skills.

##### Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Tribal Members only. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license and Industrial Truck Operator Permit.

### SELC & Saganing

##### Aerie Line Cook PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year of restaurant cooking experience.

##### Waitstaff (level 1) PT

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

##### Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Ability to handle irate, disorderly or intoxicated guests in a professional manner.

##### Central Plant Operator

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. At least three years experience in a central plant or mechanical equipment environment utilizing equipment as described in essential job duties.

##### Count Team Associate PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Basic math skills and ability to handle large amounts of currency. Language skills to include ability to read and comprehend documents such as operating and maintenance instructions, and policy and procedure manuals.

##### Maintenance Worker PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Basic knowledge of electricity, plumbing and carpentry.

##### Finance Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of heavy cash handling or hospitality experience in a fast paced, high-pressure environment.

##### Players Club Guest Service Rep PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have good customer relation's skills and possess strong communication skills.



Sept. 16, 2017 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
1035 S. Elizabeth St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
To Sign up: 989.317.4650  
or email: [stodd@hfhc.org](mailto:stodd@hfhc.org)  
*Why? We want to empower women to take action and advocate for decent, affordable housing in Isabella County.*

**Tuesdays**  
June - October | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Farmers Market Pavilion**  
Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

**Items for sale include:**  
Seasonal produce, handmade soap, baked goods, eggs, maple syrup, beaded/sculpted/natural art.

**For more information, please contact:**  
**Brandon Schultz, Market Master**  
• Phone: 989.775.4663 • Email: [bschultz@sagchip.org](mailto:bschultz@sagchip.org)

**ATTENTION**  
Anishinabe Ogitchedaw  
Veteran & Warrior Society Members  
Now Recruiting New Members

**Meetings Will be Held**  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month in Seniors Room  
Time: 6 p.m. | For More Information: 775-4175

## Summons and Complaint Notices

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF KERMIT BENNETT PAUL JR.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case No. 17-CI-0462 Plaintiff: Fred and Reanne Keller 390 W. Remus Rd. Mount Pleasant MI 48858 vs. Defendant: Kermit Bennett Paul Jr. 4040 James Rosebush, MI 48878. 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 in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Nov. 6, 2017.**





## Back to school bash helps students prepare for new school year

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Excited swarms of school-aged children and their families crowded Broadway Park on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 24 for Tribal Education's Back to School Bash.

Students of all ages were each given backpacks they could stuff full of school supplies such as folders, notebooks, highlighters and pencils.

SCA faculty and staff were also available to meet, as was Soaring Eagle Waterpark mascot Gizi, who was flocked by youngsters seeking hugs and attention.

Hot dogs, macaroni salad,

watermelon and cupcakes helped keep participants energized so they could enjoy use of the bounce houses, obstacle course, dunk tank and playground equipment.

Event attendees could also get their faces painted and enter drawings to win bicycles and passes to Michigan's Adventure.

The following Tribal departments helped equip students with school supplies and make the event possible: Planning, Recreation, Police, Fire, Ziibiwing Center, Nimkee Public Health, Education Administration, K-12 Education, Library, Kid's Quest and Soaring Eagle Waterpark.

Observer photos by Niki Henry

