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## Inaugural Tribal Opioid Summit draws more than 400 attendees

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

Almost 64,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2016. On average, this is 175 Americans per day. This and other dismal information was presented during the inaugural Tribal Opioid Summit on June 14 and 15.

Hosted in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall, more than 400 participants attended each day.

The summit provided information about the dangers of opioids and benefitted those with careers as victim service providers, law enforcement, medical professionals, human service workers, court personnel, students, therapists and more.

"The current opioid crisis that has devastated communities across the nation has also affected Indian Country at an alarming rate," stated the summit's informational packet. "Tribal leadership has reached out to their tribal victim specialists along with other community leaders to bring the 12 federally-recognized tribes of Michigan together to address the victimization of tribal people through this epidemic."

Topics were based on the community's needs according to the newest research and techniques to assist victims of drugs and addiction.

"The rates of victimization of Native American people are more than double that of any other ethnic group," the packet stated. "The rate of violent crime on reservations is disproportionately high when compared to other communities. Victimization and historical

trauma have contributed to the numbing effects of drugs and alcohol in Indian Country."

The objective of the summit was to provide education, share information and continue open dialogues with federal, state, tribal, law enforcement, behavioral health and medical partners who are assisting the community in the fight against opioid addiction and the further victimization of Indian people.

Emcee Joseph Sowmick, Healing to Wellness coordinator, provided a welcome and introduced Joe Syrette, cultural and language teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, to provide remarks and a welcome hand drum song.

Tribal Council Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl then provided an invocation prior to Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl's speech.

Ekdahl went off-script to first express his concern about the drug epidemic and its effect on his community. Ekdahl also shared appreciation for the several tribes and agencies that came together to make this first event a successful one.

The chief then delivered his address.

"In March, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council spoke with one voice as we unanimously supported and signed a MAST (Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes) resolution along with 35 other tribes and four intertribal organizations in declaring a state of emergency due to the opioid epidemic," Ekdahl said.

Ekdahl commended all in attendance for their efforts to help save lives and heal families.

"Like the teaching of our Sacred Fire, the Tribal

Opioid Summit started as a spark, and, as you can see, the fire grew to become a regional event featuring national speakers," he said. "Thank you for your courage and optimism as we identify the challenges regarding the opioid epidemic and we embrace solutions that can work for the benefit for all of us."

Representing a portion of the many agencies present, Saima Mohsin, first assistant United States attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan; and then Thomas Masterson, dean of The Herbert H. & Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions at Central Michigan University, provided remarks.

An informational video followed in which data suggested drug overdoses are now the leading cause of death for Americans younger than 50 years old. The epidemic has caused life expectancy in the U.S. to decline for two consecutive years.

"We see the (opioid overdose) data, and we know it's horrible," said Tribal Senior Judge Patrick Shannon. "We need remedies. We need solutions."

Shannon provided an introduction for the summit's first keynote speaker, Judge Linda Davis.

In 2000, Davis was appointed by Gov. Engler to the 41B District Court in Mount Clemens and was then elected in November 2000. From 2002 to 2010, she served



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**First keynote speaker of the day, Judge Linda Davis, president of Families Against Narcotics, discusses her daughter's recovery with attendees at the inaugural Tribal Opioid Summit on June 14 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.**

as chief judge, and she implemented a drug/sobriety court at 41B in 2011.

"I have been a judge for 12 years, but my first career began as a school teacher for 13 years," Davis said.

Davis is also president of Families Against Narcotics (FAN) and is currently initiating the program Hope, Not Handcuffs which partners with more than 33 police departments to provide treatment through Hope, Not Handcuffs to people suffering from addiction.

Since Feb. 1, 2017, more than 727 people have successfully been placed into treatment, according to her biography in the event's program.

"As a prosecutor, I locked up a lot of people with a drug addiction because I didn't know any better," Davis said of her early career prior to her comprehension of addiction.

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# 2018 Homecoming

## Community Meeting

**Thursday, July 26 • SECR Entertainment Hall**

Doors open at 9 a.m. • Breakfast served at 10 a.m.

\*All Tribal Members welcome; must show Tribal ID. \*\*Kids Quest at SECR will open at 9 a.m.



## Anthony Howard Rogers

May 29, 2018

It is with deeply saddened hearts the family of Anthony Howard Rogers announce his sudden passing on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at the age of 44.

Tony is survived by his treasured daughter Rain, beloved parents Charles and Joanne, dear sister Winona, special niece Ember and loving nephews Joseph, Noah, John and Issac.

Tony is predeceased by his grandparents Reynold and Josephine Bird and Charles and Nora Rogers.

Tony was an artist and studied at the Ontario College of Arts in Toronto and the American Indians Art Institute in Santé Fe, N.M. He was incredibly passionate, talented and well-respected in the art community.

Family and friends were received at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre in Sarnia from Friday, June 1 until Sunday, June 3. A funeral service took place that Sunday at Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre. Interment followed in Aamjiwnaang First Nations Cemetery.

Sympathy may be expressed through donations to the Aamjiwnaang Food Bank or St. Clair United Church.



## Taylor Marie Trepanier

Nov. 3, 1995 – June 9, 2018

Taylor Marie Trepanier (MoKee'e-"Little Woman"), age 22, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Saturday, June 9 at her home.

Taylor was born Nov. 3, 1995, in Mt. Pleasant to Trent Trepanier Sr. and Valoria Weasel Bear.

Taylor was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, a descendant of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, and the Chippewa Indian Methodist Church. She enjoyed beading, traveling, karaoke and playing games.

Taylor had a great sense of humor, and she loved being with her nieces and nephews. She liked to walk dogs and write in her journal. Taylor was a bunny mom to Bunn.

Taylor is survived by her father Trent (Dana) Trepanier; mother Valoria Weasel Bear (Aldin); sisters Leslie (Allert Jr.) Takes Enemy, Morgan Trepanier (Rashaun Redstar) and Aubrey Trepanier; brothers Trent Trepanier II (Erin Rueckert) and Grant Trepanier; nephews Tyrell Trepanier and Rashaun Redstar Jr.; nieces Bonnie Redstar, Brooklyn Redstar, Aaliyah Ali Takes Enemy, Lalynn Rose Takes Enemy and Vincene Victoria Takes Enemy; aunts Dena Wilson, Angela Miller, Leanne (Gilbert) LaForge, Fran Owl, Nadine Weasel Bear and Anna (Mike) Weasel Bear-Old Crane; uncles John Trepanier, Jamie Trepanier, Kurt Trepanier (April Reed), Elroy Weasel Bear, Herman Weasel Bear, Kenneth Birdchief and Curtis Trepanier; grandfather John P. Trepanier; grandmothers Elsie Weasel Bear and Diana Trepanier; special aunt Joyce Wilson; and many cousins.

She is also survived by her special aunt who generously gave Taylor her Indian name, MoKee'e.

Taylor was preceded in death by her grandfather Herman Weasel Bear Sr., infant sibling, cousin Nevada Cruz Beartusk, uncle Chris Bear Tusk Sr. and great aunts and great uncles Bernice Birdchief, Jennifer Birdchief, Earl Birdchief, Marie Birdchief, Dale Birdchief, Archie Weasel Bear and Lillian Weasel Bear.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 17 in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. Interment took place at Denver Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## In Loving Memory of Eric Lee Hunt



3/1/1976 – 7/18/2013

*It has been five years since you left us. I still celebrate your life as if you was here.*

*I love and miss you Son. Mom*

## Eva Marie McDonald

Oct. 17, 1949 – June 9, 2018

Eva Marie (Luke) McDonald, 68, of Walker, went to soar with the eagles on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Eva was born in Lakeview on Oct. 17, 1949, to Jake and Roberta (Stanton) Luke. She was proud to be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

Throughout her life, Eva resided in many places, but Grand Rapids was her home. She looked forward to going out with her girlfriends and genuinely enjoyed life. Eva gave her guidance and love to all her family and will be deeply missed by everyone.

Eva is reunited with the love of her life and best friend Jim Hutchinson, her parents Roberta and Jake Luke and sisters Janice, Glenda and Nene.

Eva is survived by her son Joseph "Mike," sister Diane "Polly," brother Bobby, first cousins Johnny and Debby Luke, grandchildren Britney and Brandi, seven great-grandchildren, special friends Diane, Cindy and Tom, Steve, Rose and Jon; niece Lucinda Luke and many nieces, nephews, extended family and close friends.

The burial of the cremains of both Eva and her sister Janice took place on Saturday, June 16 at Morgan West Wheatland Cemetery in Remus. Following the committal service, a life celebration was held at the Broadway Bar in Grand Rapids.

Eva's family entrusted arrangements to longtime family friend and licensed funeral director, Michael Joseph Ziegler, in association with the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton.



## Attention

Per Loan Guidelines, your Annual Report must be filed in the Tribal Clerk's Office in order for your application to be processed. The currently accepted 2019 Annual Reports are available in the Clerk's Office and online at sagchip.org on the Tribal Clerk's page under "Frequently Requested Forms and Tribal Child Welfare Affidavit" tab.

Annual Reports can also be requested to be emailed to you by contacting the Clerk's Office 989-775-4055.

## Public Notice

### Unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members. Any person who has been court appointed as the member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds.

All monies must be claimed within two years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

| Tribal Member Name | Date of Death |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Castle, William    | 01/29/2018    |
| Dennis, Joel       | 10/13/2016    |
| Jackson, Garth     | 10/05/2017    |
| Pelcher, Lavern    | 03/09/2018    |
| Smith, Lorretta    | 01/05/2018    |
| Sprague, Gary      | 04/07/2017    |
| Stanton, Goldie    | 01/03/2018    |

## Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



### Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

**Upcoming dates: July 19, Aug. 16**

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

Monthly Forums are 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: July 5, Aug. 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.

## Tribe 2 Tribe Miles Challenge

Open to all SCIT community members and employees!

### Log minutes/miles May 21 - July 13

Your participation will help earn points toward Team SCIT at the 2018 Michigan Indian Family Olympics!

### Sync your activity tracker or smart phone

After you sign up online, go to your Playstore or App Store to download the "Challenge Runner" app on your mobile device!

**To sign up, please go to**  
**www.t2t.challengerunner.com**

### New members:

- 1) Click the "Enroll" button on the right side of the screen.
- 2) Sign-up as New Member.
- 3) Select SCIT for your team (scroll down).
- 4) Begin logging your activity!

### Returning members:

- 1) Log in using account created for 2017 event.
- 2) Use the "Forgot Password?" link if you cannot remember your password to login.
- 3) Begin logging your activity!

### For more information, please contact:

- ▶ Judy Davis at 989.775.4629 or Jdavis@sagchip.org
- ▶ Brandon Schultz at 989.775.4663 or BSchultz@sagchip.org



## TRIBAL MEMBERS

Receive important Tribal announcements via text messaging. Text the letters **SCIT** to the number **32363** to subscribe to SCIT.



## Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Tribal 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

• July 3 • Aug. 7 • Sept. 4 • Oct. 2



She is clothed with strength and dignity and laughs without fear of the future.

Proverbs 31:25

Olivia Sprague  
Love always, Mom

## Force-placed insurance

Force-placed insurance is an insurance policy placed by a lender, bank or loan servicer on a home when the property owners' own insurance is cancelled, has lapsed or is deemed insufficient and the borrower does not secure a replacement.

If you have force-placed insurance, please call for assistance in finding insurance. This will lower your monthly mortgage payment and save you money.

It is important to know that force-placed insurance does not cover you or the contents of your home, this only covers the lender and their investment.

Call Sherrill Kennedy at 989-775-4552

## Anishinabe Ogichedaw Veteran and Warrior Society

### NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS



**MEETINGS:** First Tuesday of the Month  
6 p.m. | Contact: 989.775.4175

## Attention Tribal Trust Land Residential Leaseholders

Please remember that your residential lease of Tribal Trust Land requires the leased property to be maintained in a proper manner. If you are not properly maintaining your property and mowing your lawn, you may be in violation of your lease.

The Housing Department is in the final stages of acquiring Tribal Council approval on a new fee structure that will charge leaseholders who do not properly mow their lawn with a penalty plus cost of mowing. Once approval is granted,

the Housing Department will notify all residential Tribal Trust Land lease holders by mail of the changes and will advertise the change in the next Tribal Observer.

In the meantime, thank you to all of you who properly care for your land and keep your lawn mowed. By doing so you make our neighborhoods a beautiful place to live.

Please contact the Housing Department at 989-775-4595 with any questions.

# Daughters & Sons of Tradition

## Facilitator Training Aug. 7-9, 2018

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort



Daughters of Tradition (DoT) and Sons of Tradition (SoT) are prevention programs that provide a character-building framework that will enable youth (age depends on curriculum) to create healthy identities for themselves as young Native women or men. If you would like to facilitate these programs in your school, church, community or in collaboration with SCIT Behavioral Health's Prevention Program,\* then this training is for you.

You will need to decide if you want to facilitate Sons of Tradition or Daughters of Tradition when registering. We will have combination sessions with both DoT and SoT, then breakout sessions for the specific topic areas will run concurrently. Attendance and active participation in all three days, 8am-5pm, will be required in order to be a DoT or SoT certified facilitator; this commitment is non-negotiable.

We are encouraging community members, employees, parents, grandparents, etc. who would like to become trained to facilitate these programs either on their own, through a community youth group or through collaboration with Behavioral

Health Prevention to register. Collaboration with BH Prevention will not require a huge time commitment as we would call upon you when needed, or for your interested topic area, and we will supply materials necessary for all BH Prevention-ran groups. Light breakfast will be provided each day. Lunch will be on your own.

**There is a shortage of men for this program. We are in need of more men to step up to become trained facilitators for this awesome prevention program.**

### For interested community members:

All facilitators need to be able to successfully pass a background check in order to work with youth.

### To register, please contact:

Shuna Stevens, Prevention Coordinator

▶ Phone: 989.775.4850

▶ Email: shstevens@sagchip.org



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## Native Farmers Market opens for 2018 season



Observer photos by Niki Henry

Nimkee Public Health employees make strawberry smoothies (top right) to offer those visiting this year's first Native Farmers Market on June 12. The market is open every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the corner of Broadway and Leaton roads.

## Swim lessons offered at waterpark to help prevent deaths by drowning

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

On Thursday, June 21, the first official day of summer, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel hosted the World's Largest Swim Lesson. This was one of many sessions that took place nationwide that day in an effort to prevent deaths by drowning, the leading cause of accidental death for children aged 1 to 4. Additionally, all participants who attended locally counted towards a Guinness Book of World Records total in the attempt to achieve the title of the world's largest swim lesson.

At 6:15 p.m., a crowd of 42 children of all ages entered the water in the large pool in the water park facility. For more than a half an hour, the students learned basic water safety and received swim lessons from a team of lifeguards.

Among other skills, participants learned how to blow bubbles, float on their backs and bellies and put their heads under the water.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

On Thursday, June 21, a Soaring Eagle Waterpark lifeguard helps one of her students float on his back at the World's Largest Swim Lesson that took place in the waterpark's large pool at 6:15 p.m. that evening.

The event was free and open to the public with the hope of reducing the number of deaths that occur by drowning each year. Globally, drowning is one of the top five causes of death for children ages 1 to 14. Swim lessons help save lives.

## The 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.

### Minaadendamooing – 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.

## Seventh Generation hosts hand drum workshop



Observer photos by Niki Henry

With the help of a young apprentice, Ben Hinmon (left photo), Seventh Generation cultural representative, measures and cuts rawhide during the hand drum workshop that took place in the Seventh Generation ceremonial building from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24.

## 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.



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## Collaboration helps bring new bee colony to Seventh Generation property

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

On Thursday, May 17, a package containing a hive-worth of honeybees and one queen was delivered via UPS to Seventh Generation's property, and a new hive, named Amoo Sasiwaanhs, was established in a secluded and shaded space in a small grove of trees north of the center's buildings.

The honeybees arrived mid-day, calm and unaggressive, and are now installed in the Aamoo Gtikan, Bee Pollinator Garden, which was made possible through the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation's GR01000 initiative.

"The garden is in place at Seventh Gen, and the bees are thriving," said Lisa Tiger, strategic grant specialist, who helped secure the grant for the materials, plants and seeds for the garden that will be an important source of food for the bees.

The initiative, according to a press release from Seventh Generation, was "designed to create 1,000 gardens and green spaces by 2018 to help commemorate the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company's 150th Anniversary."

The press release also said, "We are honored to receive grant



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

**A package of bees, acquired through a grant with the Honeybee Conservancy, arrives at Seventh Generation via UPS on Thursday, May 17.**

support for the Aamoo Gtikan (Bee Garden). Through the creation of our pollinator garden, we encourage the protection of bees, promote food sovereignty and offer our Tribal and community members gardening and beekeeping opportunities."

The bees in the new apiary were acquired through a grant from the Honeybee Conservancy and bring a special distinction to the Tribe.

"When the Office of Grants and Contracts spoke with the Honeybee Conservancy for the interview portion of the application, the conservancy stated that Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan would be the first Native American Tribe to be granted a hive to sponsor," said Donna Patterson, strategic grant specialist.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**The new Amoo Sasiwaanhs hive is welcomed by Seventh Generation staff.**

The apiary was truly a work of collaboration between both the grants and the work of Tribal members and employees.

"Other Tribal support came from Ziibiwing, who let their dandelions grow on the front lawn to give the bees an early food source," said Tiger.

A Blessing of the Bees took place on Thursday, June 14 during the Sacred Fire lunch at Seventh Generation from noon to 2 p.m. At this time, the bees were officially welcomed to their new home.

During the welcome, Walter Pett, a fixed-term assistant professor and research associate at Michigan State University, explained that the State of Michigan does not have a register for bees, but there is an estimated 80 to 100 beekeepers in the state.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Walter Pett, (center) MSU professor and research associate, inspects one of the collection box frames and explains the nature of bees and how honey is made.**

Pett also explained about how best to help the bees establish a colony and thrive in their new home. He said that they should be sprayed with sugar water every other week so they can drink the nourishment off of each other. He also said the front entrance to the hive should be reduced to help protect the hive and allow more bees to collect pollen instead of guarding the entrance.

An additional collection super—a box with eight to 10 frames upon which honeycombs are built—can be added when the colony grows and the first one is two-thirds full, Pett said.

"I would like to express how grateful Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Program is for the Grants Department staff and

all of their hard work that went into helping us obtain our Adopt-a-Hive from the Honeybee Conservancy," said Lee Ann Ruffino, Seventh Generation cultural manager. "I am already seeing our community showing interest in honeybees and learning about their importance in our environment. Chi-miigwetch."

Patterson said the bees will be a significant part of the community.

"In the future," she said, "we have the option to sell honey in order to raise funds to maintain the hive and possibly expand our bee population with additional hives."

To learn more about the Aamoo Gtikan, contact Ruffino at 989-775-4786.

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**• FUN CONTESTS • 7-9pm**  
• Comedy Slam Youth & Adult - Prizes!  
• Hula Hoop Contests

**COLLECTION SHOWING**  
Artistic Expressions of the Saginaw Chippewa from the Ziibiwing Center Permanent Collection  
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**August 9**  
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## Summit

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Battling drug addiction hit close to home for Davis, she said, when she found out her daughter was using and addicted.

“That was the most devastating thing I’ve gone through in my life,” Davis said, adding every day she was awaiting that dreaded phone call stating she had lost her beloved daughter to an overdose.

However, Davis’ daughter eventually found treatment at a facility in Florida.

“Last week she celebrated nine years of sobriety,” Davis said, stirring applause.

Davis said she remains active in her community and is involved with educating young people, doctors, lawyers and the public regarding prescription drug use.

However, the epidemic continues, Davis said.

“I attend funerals every single month in my community,” Davis said.

Davis also said, that, although watching her daughter’s struggle was the most difficult time of her life, she gained so much knowledge for her profession.

“What I’m most proud about is what we were able to accomplish in the world of addiction. It is truly a blessing God put someone with addiction in my life,” Davis said, spinning her negative experiences into a positive end result.

Davis suggested all present attend FAN chapter meetings near them.

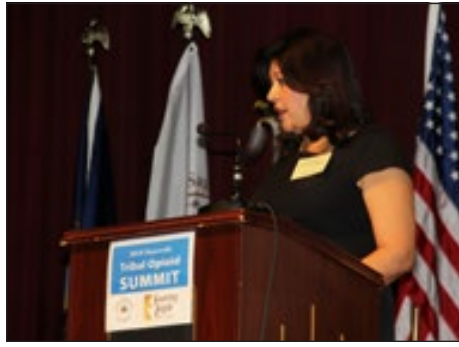
Beginning at 3:15 p.m., Eva L. Petoskey, MS, of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, and her Opioid Task Force panel, were the final speakers of the first day.

Petoskey, an enrolled member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, previously served as vice chairperson of her tribal council for several years.

Petoskey has had 40 years’ experience as an administrator and evaluator in tribal communities.

“Tribal grantees across the country look to her spirit and heartfelt guidance to discover a path for Native American treatment and recovery support programs to provide services in a way that is congruent with Anishnaabek life ways,” her biography stated in the event program.

Petoskey said she is currently in long-term recovery – she is 40 years sober.



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**Saima Mohsin, first assistant for the U.S. Attorney’s Office of Michigan, addresses the first day’s summit participants.**

Current rates of violent victimization of American Indians in every age group are higher than for all other races, and American Indian and Alaska Native females are at an elevated risk of intimate partner violence, Petoskey said.

“Addiction is not a moral problem... it is not a moral weakness,” Petoskey said. “It is a public health and public safety crisis.”

On the panel, Raeanne Madison, MPH, of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, next discussed the ITC Opioid Task Force, which was recently formed in January 2018.

Coordinated by Madison, she said the task force “was formed in response to the escalating crisis of addiction and deaths, answer requests from tribal chairs and leadership to provide a forum for resources, provide support and response and meets monthly.”

Madison said the task force is intended to prevent overdose fatalities.

“(The task force) conducts ‘Train the Trainer’ sessions on Narcan administration at ITC and partner sites, leverages existing partnerships to expand access to free or reduced-cost Narcan in tribal and community pharmacies,” Madison said.

Elizabeth Kushman, MPH, has worked with ITC for 24 years.

“The rate of overdose death is higher for women than men,” Kushman said, adding that, in 1999 to 2015, the rate of prescription opioid overdose death increased 471 percent among women versus 218 percent among men; the rate of heroin deaths increased at twice the rate as for women.

“Women are prescribed opioids more frequently,” Kushman said.

Women make up 62 percent of ATR (Access to Recovery) clients diagnosed with opioid disorder, Kushman said.



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**Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl provides his welcoming address to more than 400 event attendees in the Entertainment Hall.**

Kushman asked “Who is at risk for overdose death?” The answer is the following: those who “are relapsing; are coming out of a period of non-use (released from jail, dropping out or leaving treatment, tried to go ‘cold turkey,’ ran out or stopped medication, etc.); their tolerance is down and the ‘usual’ dose they took before is now lethal; and people who are alone – isolation from someone who can call for help and/or administer Naloxone (Narcan).”

Keynote speakers throughout the second day included Douglas O’Brien, Don Vereen and Douglas Marlowe.

In November 2017, O’Brien was appointed by the White House as regional director for the USDHHS.

Vereen, director for the University of Michigan Substance Abuse Research Center, provided a brain health and opioid abuse presentation.

Vereen’s plenary suggested that routinely screening teenagers for mental illness, trauma and victimization—as this population is for vision and hearing problems—fewer teens would become addicted to opioids and other drugs.

Little-to-no memory of childhood victimization and no clear understanding of what caused children harm adds to future disorders, Vereen said.

He also discussed the extreme levels of psychological distress and helplessness children feel after witnessing violence.

Marlowe, senior scientific consultant for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, presented “Neuroscience of Addiction and Medication-Assisted Treatment” from 1:30 to 3 p.m., and continued with “Practice Recommendations for Medication-Assisted Treatment in the Criminal Justice System” from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Marlowe’s session discussed common barriers confronting courts and probation officers concerning Medication-Assisted Treatment and described practical strategies for resolving those barriers for the benefit of participants, public, family and community safety.

The summit was in collaboration with the Tribe and the U.S. Attorney’s Offices for the Eastern and Western districts of Michigan, along with CMU’s School of Medicine and Interdisciplinary Center for Community Health and Wellness.

As mentioned by several representatives in attendance, there is hope this summit will endure as an annual event.

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# Honoring, Healing & Remembering

Tribe and community gather to honor Indian boarding school closing anniversary

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

To mark the 84th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS) closing, a day of Honoring, Healing and Remembering took place on Wednesday, June 6 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the former boarding school grounds.

The recognition of the MIIBS students' suffering, strength and resilience began that morning with a sunrise ceremony, led by George Martin and Steve Pego at Mission Creek Cemetery.

After the ceremony, an 8 a.m. breakfast onsite at the former boarding school was provided.

Next, a pipe ceremony took place, guided by Martin, Pego, Mae Pego, Maria Colberg, Joseph Sowmick, Kent Jackson, Bonnie Ekdahl and Punkin Shananaquet. Tribal youth gathered in the inner circle, surrounded by the ceremony leaders who were encircled by Tribal and



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**Veterans and flag carriers enter the arena during grand entry for Honoring, Healing and Remembering on the former Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds on the June 6 anniversary of the school's closing.**

community members. Stories of the school and the tenacious spirits of the students were shared during this time, and the pipe was offered to all present.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy teachers and students, assisted by Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin, then publically recognized spiritual leaders and presented gifts before the grand entry began at 10 a.m. with the presentation of flags and a flag song by Mino Ode'.

Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinaabe outreach specialist, with the Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department, then provided an opening prayer of thanksgiving before lead veteran George Martin led the posting of the colors in the main tent.

Thomasine "Ruby" MeShawboose, lead boarding school researcher for Ziibiwing, spoke of the gazebo near the fountain where administration watched children and hosted events, wining and dining guests. She told a story about a "colorful" man and his friends who used

to quietly observe the children there from across the street.

"He was not allowed to be on the school grounds, even though his children were here," she said, noting it was later discovered he was a member of the Civil War First Regiment of Michigan Sharpshooter Company K.

MeShawboose said the man lost several children who never returned home from the school. "He is still here, watching over the children," she said.

Next, the student roll call to remember the deceased took place with the names of students called out by Youth Council co-chiefs Kenson Taylor and Jasmyne Jackson, secretary Migizi Wemigwans and members Quincey Jackson, Josiah Hernandez-Pego and Aaliyah Montoya-Pego.

Each name, when spoken, was accompanied by the deep beat of a drum.

During this time, Erik Rodriguez, public relations director, stated that only five student deaths were officially reported during the school's years of operation from 1893



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**Hand drummers perform a song during the day's sunrise ceremony.**

to 1934, but more than 227 have since been discovered.

"The search for those lost and their final resting place continues," Rodriguez said.

In remembrance of these students, SCA singers, accompanied by Mino Ode', performed an honor song.

Attendees were then encouraged to join under the main tent where Rodriguez offered a brief welcome.

"I appreciate everyone being here," he said.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl then stepped up to the podium. He began by expressing thanks to the event's partners and supporters.

Ekdahl spoke about the MIIBS property recently being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. He said this register is a national program to aid "efforts to identify, evaluate and protect America's historic and archeological resources" and that MIIBS is the sixth property since 1974 to earn this distinction.

"This site is historic and serves as a reminder that we, as indigenous people of this land, were treated like strangers in our own home," Ekdahl said. "Children were taken from their families and forced to live (at MIIBS) and forget about those cultural

and spiritual values of their ancestors.

"Some of those children did not return home," he said, "and that is why we are here honoring them."

Ekdahl spoke of the hardships the students faced and encouraged those present to remember that coming together in remembrance at the school site also inspires healing from the resulting long-term trauma of identity issues, addiction, abuse and lack of love and affection.

The chief urged those present to strive for a better future.

"We must rise to meet (challenges and opportunities) and continue to make our ancestors proud to be Anishinaabe, as they were not given that



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**CMU anthropology professor Sarah Surface-Evans shares information about the MIIBS buildings, grounds and history during the 1 p.m. tours.**



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**Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl provides a welcome address.**



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**Prior to grand entry, five Youth Council representatives pose for a photo.**



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**Wabanaisee (Snowbird) Singer Roxanne Sawade (right) offers a strawberry to an event attendee.**



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**Jingle dress dancers wait respectfully before participating in a healing dance near the close of the day.**





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**A large crowd gathers around one of the MIIBS buildings during a property tour.**



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**City of Mt. Pleasant Mayor Allison Quast-Lents speaks of the collaboration between the City and the Tribe.**



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**A large teepee is set up on the former MIIBS grounds for the day of healing and remembering.**



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**Punkin Shananaquet speaks to attendees prior to the healing jingle dress dance.**

Native American people,” he said. “We at Central Michigan University are proud to have played a role in this important achievement... We are grateful for the relationship we have and will continue to have with our Saginaw Chippewa brothers, sisters and neighbors.”

Next City of Mt. Pleasant Mayor Allison Quast-Lents said she is proud to be mayor at a time when the relationship between the Tribe and the City is as strong as it currently is.

“We want to remember what happened (at MIIBS),” she said, “so we can learn from that, and we can be better and we can be stronger and we can continue to grow in our partnerships and in our cooperation with one another.”

A lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers and various salads was then served, provided by Behavioral Health Nog-da-win-da-meg and the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Food and Beverage department.

At 1 p.m., tours of the site were offered before the two keynote speakers addressed the crowd under the main tent.

William Johnson, Ziiibwing curator and interim tribal historic preservation officer, spoke, detailing what the Ziiibwing Center has been doing to protect and preserve the history and culture of the MIIBS and the Tribe.

Johnson also announced the Tribe, with the help of Strategic Grant Specialist Lisa Tiger, should be receiving a \$60,000 grant after the original grant application to the U.S. Department of National Park Service Tribal Preservation Program for \$48,312.25 is amended and resubmitted.

“We are going to do our best to preserve the

buildings,” Johnson said. “That money is going to be used to fence in the buildings, and we are going to do a feasibility survey of all the Tribal community about how you see the use of the land and the buildings.”

The second keynote speaker, Tsianina Lowawaima, provided an intelligent, powerful and well-presented address that focused on stories her father told her about his time at an Indian boarding school.

Lowawaima is a professor at Arizona State University and author of “Boarding School Stories: Memories & Histories from Chicago Indian School.”

“How do we remember? How do we do honor? How might we accomplish something like healing? The stories, I believe, are key to those processes,” Lowawaima said. “Indian boarding school stories are inspiring, frequently funny, nearly always heartbreaking,” she said.

Referring to an earlier story she told about her dad adopting baby squirrels and feeding them candy when he was a student, Lowawaima said, “Stories nestle in a pocket over our heart until the day they poke their head out and demand a piece of an all-day sucker. ‘Feed me. Remember me. Listen to me. Tell me.’”

Lowawaima said that is when the questions arise about how we should listen and remember and honor.

“So today,” she said, “I invite you to think about stories.”

When Lowawaima closed her moving and captivating presentation, a copy of her book was gifted to each of the three outside tribes present at the



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**Saginaw Chippewa Academy students and teachers participate in grand entry, each wearing the name of a student who lost their life at the MIIBS.**

chance,” he said.

Michael Gealt, executive vice president/provost of Central Michigan University, then greeted the crowd on behalf of the CMU Board of Trustees, President Ross, faculty, students and staff, stating it was an “honor and a privilege” to be present for the ceremony.

Gealt mentioned the first Journey to Forgiveness walk.

“That compassionate act by the Tribal community opened doors for healing to begin,” he said. “Since that time, our CMU students, under the leadership of Dr. Sarah Surface-Evans, have had the privilege of working with the Tribe to deepen our understanding of the school and its history.”

Gealt continued.

“This site will now stand forever to serve as a monument to the resilience of the

event, and several more copies were presented to randomly-selected event participants.

The day wrapped up with a jingle dress healing dance and celebratory round dance,

introduced by Melissa Isaac and Punkin Shananaquet, the close of silent auction and 50/50 raffle, a give-away and travelling song presented by the Wabanaisee Singers.



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**Anita Hall (left) and Dani Sineway (right) participate in the grand entry.**



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**Tribal Council Treasurer Craig Graveratte provides a tour of the MIIBS grounds.**



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**Wabanaisee Singers Daisy Kostus (left) and Judy Scheuffele (right) perform a hand drum song with the group.**



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**Michael Gealt, executive vice president/provost of Central Michigan University, speaks on behalf of the college.**



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**William Johnson, curator for the Ziiibwing Center, speaks during the morning's sunrise ceremony.**



## Man convicted of distributing crack cocaine on Isabella Indian Reservation

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Healing to Wellness  
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On June 7, career criminal Joseph Gerald Smith of Mount Pleasant pleaded guilty to drug trafficking (distribution of crack cocaine) on Isabella Indian Reservation. Smith was sentenced to 77 months in prison (6.4 years with a maximum fine not to exceed \$1,000,000) pursuant to 21 U. S. C. §841(a)(1).

The imposition of judgment was given at the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan by Judge Thomas L. Ludington (United States of America vs. Joseph Gerald Smith).

The Rule 11 Plea Agreement states, "On or about Sept. 11, 2017, Smith distributed .4 grams of cocaine base to a confidential informant in Mt. Pleasant. Smith knew the substance was crack and that it was illegal to distribute it. Additionally, Smith distributed illegal controlled substances on a number of different occasions for a total of at least 93.6 grams of crack cocaine and 0.5 grams of heroin. This all occurred in the Eastern District of Michigan."

Smith was represented by defense attorney Joan Morgan.

Assistant U.S. attorneys Matthew Schneider and Roy Kranz represented the plaintiff.

Court documents obtained by the Tribal Observer show a criminal history of recidivism of Smith dating back to May 9, 1986. Past charges include burglary, theft, forgery, possession of controlled substances, resisting an officer, aggravated indecent exposure, failing to register as a sex offender and, recently, delivery of narcotics.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez commended the efforts of both law enforcement and the court officials from the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, who worked on the case.

"I would like to thank the good police work of the many agencies involved that brought someone who was dealing drugs

on our Reservation to justice," Rodriguez said. "The work of U.S. District Judge Thomas Ludington and the federal prosecutors will help send a message to those who are engaging in criminal activity in this community that we will prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law."

Rodriguez encouraged community members to report any suspicious or criminal activity.

"We need your help to assist our local law enforcement and narcotics enforcement in protecting the future of our communities," Rodriguez said. "Protecting our children, community and future should be a priority for everyone and we want to have a safe environment for all families."



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**Joseph Gerald Smith**

The Tribal Police dispatch can be reached at **989-775-4700**, and the Tribal Police tip line is **989-775-4775**.

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## Bird Day celebration is like a walk in the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Contributing Writer

The Ziibwing Center held its annual Bird Day celebration on May 12, and it was like a walk in the park – the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park, to be exact.

Gary Kramer, president of the Chippewa Valley Audubon Club, took an early morning entourage for an ornithological adventure around the water.

The RV Park is located on the west end of Grewes Lake, which Kramer said offers diverse habitat and is a unique birding location in Isabella County.

"A check of eBird records, which starts towards the end of 2014, shows a total of 164 species identified at the lake, an eBird hotspot," Kramer said. "A few of these species may have been counted around the vicinity of Grewes Lake. Grewes Lake bird species reported are typically water fowl, but the wooded areas provide tall trees and shrubby brush, which is of benefit to songbirds – especially wood warblers in spring and, possibly, fall migration."

Kramer said various strata levels of trees and shrubs provide habitat for different species.

"Dead tree snags provide opportunity for nest cavity-seeking birds and also insects for food," Kramer said. "The ground level trail behind the



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**Tribal Member Misty Pelcher and her family join Gary Kramer during the walking part of the Ziibwing Center bird day celebration at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park on May 12.**

lake to the north also finds occasional sparrows who like the edge habitat of ground and brush. Swallows are often sighted flying over the lake catching aerial insects. I noticed approximately 30 chimney swifts flying at the east end of the lake, diving for flying insects at the end of the bird walk."

Tribal Member Misty Pelcher and her family were not able to attend the full event, but she said they wanted to take advantage of the program, so they attended the walk.

"It was a great way to spend our Saturday morning with family, my nephew Thomas Pelcher, son Gaaskizi Mandoka, granddaughter Conner Pelcher, niece Autumn Wilson. It was exciting to encounter so many species on our brief walk," Pelcher said. "The kids enjoyed the catbird with its distinct cat-like meowing. I enjoyed the exposure to

the pastime of bird watching recreationally."

Walkers have to quiet their thoughts and movements and just be present when observing the birds in their natural environment, Pelcher said.

"While most of us relied on our naked eye, some of the people in the group used binoculars and shared with us," Pelcher said. "The range of experience for all attendees was novice to experts, and we all learned and shared with each other. Gary was a great teacher and was really helpful in identifying the birds by the sounds they make."

Kramer said environmental impacts can have an adverse effect on bird migration.

"Although there is research occurring about climate change's impact upon bird migration, it is complex. There is research to indicate some birds are migrating earlier and facing serious

impacts of a warmer climate," Kramer said.

Kramer asked, "If birds migrate earlier, will there be changes in available habitat and food, such as insects, upon their arrival?"

"This is very good question, and it is hopeful with bird watchers reporting their findings to eBird that this will help provide information on the impact of climate change," he said.

Citing his years of experience, Kramer said students participating in Bird Day celebrations will increase their knowledge of the importance of birds or other species.

"Participating in bird walks like today can increase awareness of the importance of bird habitat, such as what we see at Grewes Lake," Kramer said. "In the course of a couple hours, we were able to identify 23 species in the cooler weather. Last year when I took a group around Grewes Lake, there were 30

species, but warmer weather was on hand."

The Michigan Audubon Society said birding trails, like the one at the RV Park, offer birders, naturalists and eco-tourists opportunities to explore diverse habitats near home and across the state of Michigan.

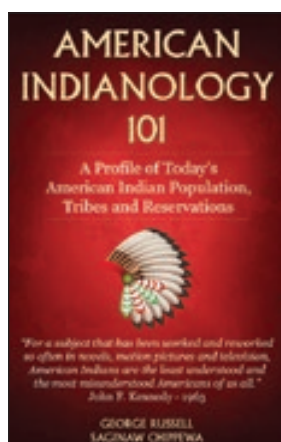
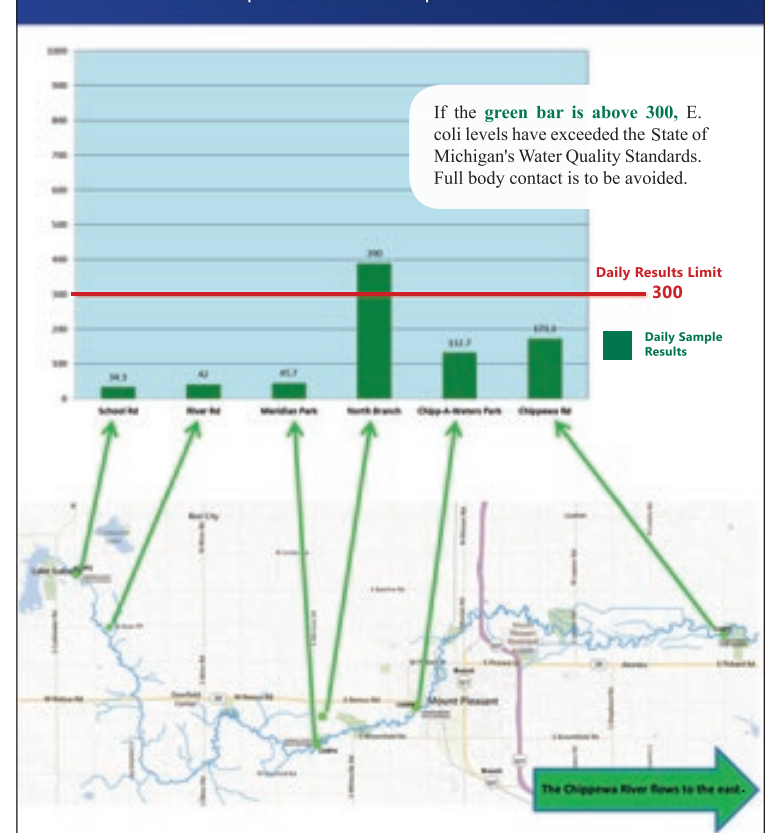
The growth of birding trails combines Michigan residents' and visitors' passion for birding and love of the open road, creating new opportunities for connecting birds and people.

Communities across Michigan are recognizing birding as an economic driver. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicates wildlife-watching generates a billion dollars of economic activity in Michigan every year.

Michigan's grassroots-driven birding trails are a demonstration of the commitment of citizens, businesses, nonprofit organizations and agencies to preserving natural resources and promoting bird appreciation.

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## Short films, youth filmmaking workshop celebrate the July Sundance Institute's return

### LIZ HILL

Doodem Ogiishkimanisii,  
Red Lake Band of Ojibwe

In July, for the sixth consecutive year, the Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous Program returns to Mount Pleasant.

The Native Program, headed by Director N. Bird Runningwater (Cheyenne and Mescalero Apache), has once again partnered with the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture and Lifeways to present a two-day lineup of events, including a film screening and a youth filmmaking workshop.

On Monday, July 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., "Native Shorts: An Evening of Short Films from Sundance Institute" will take place at Celebration! Cinema (4935 E. Pickard) in Mt. Pleasant.

Several short award-winning films by Native American filmmakers with a Q-and-A session following the

screening will be included in the free community program. The program is supported by W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

The short films include:

- "Mud (Hasht'ishnii)" (10 min.), Shaandiin Tome (Diné). On her last day, Ruby faces the inescapable remnants of alcoholism, family and culture.

- "Shinaab" (8 min.), Lyle Mitchell Corbine Jr. (Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians). A young Anishinaabe man struggles with his place in the inner city of Minneapolis.

- "Nucca" (13 min.), Michelle Latimer (Métis/Algonquin). The oil boom in North Dakota has brought tens of thousands of new people to the region, and with that has come an influx of drugs, crime and sex trafficking.

- "The Violence of a Civilization Without Secrets" (10 min.), Adam Khalil (Ojibway), Zack Khalil (Ojibway) and Jackson Polys (Tlingit). An urgent reflection on indigenous

sovereignty, the undead violence of museum archives and postmortem justice through the case of the "Kennewick Man," a prehistoric Paleo-American man whose remains were found in Kennewick, Washington, in 1996.

- "Jáaji Approx." (8 min.), Sky Hopinka (Ho-Chunk/Pechanga). Against landscapes that the artist and his father traversed, audio of the father in the Ho-Chunk language is transcribed using the International Phonetic Alphabet, which tapers off, narrowing the distance between recorder and recordings, new and traditional, memory and song.

- "alter-NATIVE" (17.5 min.), Billy Luther (Navajo, Hopi and Laguna Pueblo). "alter-NATIVE" follows a year in the life of Native

American fashion designer Bethany Yellowtail as she develops her latest collection inspired by her art, activism and indigenous women.

On Tuesday, July 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Native Program will conduct a one-day workshop that will mentor young filmmakers. The workshop will take place at the Ziibiwing Center.

A reception, open to the public, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tribal students who have attended the Youth Filmmaking Workshop in the past years and who have gone on to Sundance Institute Native Program fellowships include Arlan George (2015 Full Circle Fellow), Devin Weekley-Dean (2016 Full Circle Fellow), Nick Sowmick (2018 Full Circle Fellow) and

Joseph Ernest Wemigwans (2018 Full Circle Fellow).

"Workshops, such as the ones we've hosted at the Ziibiwing Center over the years, have been instrumental to the Native Program as we begin to nurture a new generation of Native storytellers," said Runningwater. "We are looking forward to the time we will spend with the Saginaw Chippewa community this summer and being given the honor to teach another group of young Tribal Members about Native filmmaking and inspire them to reach for their future career goals."

More about the Sundance Institute Native Program can be found at [www.sundance.org/programs/native-program](http://www.sundance.org/programs/native-program) and on social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat.

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## Two SCA classes graduate into middle school

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Due to the expansion of the Mt. Pleasant Middle School to include sixth grade students, both the fifth and sixth grade classes of Saginaw Chippewa Academy were honored in a graduation ceremony on Friday, June 8.

The event, which began at 9:30 a.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, began with a welcome by Principal Kara Hotchkiss who spoke about her privilege of both being a teacher to the students present but also their principal for the past couple years.

Next, Joe Syrette, culture and language teacher, spoke about rights of passages and the importance of culture and heritage before providing an invocation.

“We want you to always remember you are Anishinabe, no matter where you



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**Fifth grade graduates: (front row, left to right) Alayna Disel, Isabella Arbogast, Meadow David, Kerrina Miller-Hosler, Bela Magnell; (back row, left to right) SCA Principal Kara Hotchkiss, Martine Wiggins, Riana Chippewa, Gus Hinmon, Raynah Perez, Adriana Paul, Landen Rowlett, Alexis Trepanier, Anita Pelcher, Brandon Wemigwans, SCA teacher Karyn Spickerman and teacher assistant Iliana Montoya**

go, no matter what you do,” Syrette said.

Next, Mino Ode Singers provided a welcome song before diplomas were awarded to students in both classes.



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**Sixth grade graduates: (front row, left to right) Zoey Disel, Tawny Jackson; (back row, left to right) Teacher Aaron Chivis, Thomas Pelcher, Raymond Pelcher, Caden Pego, Peyton Brabbs and Principal Kara Hotchkiss**

Candy awards, recognition of personalities and spirit, were then announced, and Mino Ode sang a graduation song to the students.

The event closed with students, friends, families and staff members enjoying cupcakes in celebration of the graduation into middle school.

## Variety of activities fill field day, entertain students

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Saginaw Chippewa Academy students celebrated their second-to-last day of school on June 7 with a fun field day

in the back of the school property.

Students, staff and volunteers enjoyed an action-packed day in the sunshine that began with a group run, followed by activities such as a dance-off, tug-o-war, lacrosse competitions including a match between students

and teachers, sack races, an obstacle course and more.

The culminating event of the day was a dunk tank that sat Principal Kara Hotchkiss. Students took turns throwing balls at the target to try to dunk Hotchkiss, who shortly ended up cool and soaked.

As the event came to a close, students enjoyed Klondike® bars and a little relaxation in the shade before heading home to prepare for their last day of school the following day.



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**To celebrate the end of the school year, Saginaw Chippewa Academy students begin their field day on June 7 with a group walk/run.**

### High school junior's piece earns fifth place in industrial technology society

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Cyle McClusky, a Mt. Pleasant High School junior, recently earned fifth place for a piece he created for the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society.

Students enrolled in the engineering and/or small engine courses have the option to participate in the education society, a group within the high school.

“(The students) develop a plan to work with machines to properly code and cut the shapes they choose,” said Renata Borton, student support advisor at the high school through Tribal Education’s K-12 Program.



Courtesy of Renata Borton

**Cyle McClusky**

The piece was entered into the state finals by McClusky’s teacher, placing fifth and winning McClusky an award, according to Borton.

#### Mary McGuire

**The following students earned perfect attendance for May:** Natalia Benavidez, Trevor Isham, Zhaawan Martell, Isaiah Rodriguez, Bailey Burger, Auriyah Hunter, Jonathan Martinez and Tasheenah Schwanke.

#### Fancher

**The following students earned perfect attendance for May:** Logan Bird, Aviana Gomez, Andrea Hawkins, Tehya Morales, Mateo Harris, Foster Hoorman, Zamiah Marshall, Mariana Mays, Mia McCreery, Ringo Stevens and Jardina White-Eye.

#### Ganiard

**The following students earned perfect attendance for May:** Aiyana Sheahan, Caleb Sprague, Ava Vogel, Brian Wemigwans, Lilly Chamberlain, Isabella Jackson, Dehmin Kahgegab, Ethan Reed, Amelia Whitt and Mgizii Hunt.

#### Vowles

**The following students earned perfect attendance for May:** Aliana Lerma, Miles Davis, Caleb Howard, Kaden Kjolheda, Mingan Merrill and Koda Rueckert.

#### Beal City

**The following students earned perfect attendance for May:** Gidget Stevens, Janice Gardner, Skylur Graveratte, Mattie Seger, Samantha Seger, Justin Graveratte, Cierra Seger and Hunner Seger.

#### Pullen

**The following students earned perfect attendance for May:** Leah Garber, Zoey Goffnett, Alexis Rodriguez, Adaliyah Ekdahl, Zachary Flaughter, Aubrey Pelcher-Bonstelle, Tru Quigno-Vaugh, Davonte Rogers, Helena Sargent, Kiarah Vertz, Lakhia Vertz, Tahlia Alonzo, Clara Begay, Sereniti Cole, Abraham Graveratte, Caitlyn Loyd, Natalia Martin, Brock Reed, Owen Seybert, Johnny Vertz, Leticia Hawkins, Madison Isham, Donovan Morrow, Justin Quezada and Miguel Chippeway.

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## Tribal Education Department's banquet honors 2018 high school graduates

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Several Class of 2018 Tribal Member graduates from various schools were celebrated during the Tribal Education Department's June 11 banquet.

The evening began with a welcome from Erik Rodriguez, public relations director and event emcee, and a song by Mino Ode in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl was in attendance to support the recent graduates and provide a few words.

"I have the distinct pleasure to welcome you all here to celebrate the achievements of these young people," Ekdahl said at the podium. "At times, it can be a struggle to keep up with homework, study for exams and maintain a life outside of school. The good news is all of that is behind you now, and we get to come together to recognize your efforts."

The chief also offered advice to the alumnae.

"Enjoy this moment with your family and friends," Ekdahl said. "Say 'thank you' to the ones who helped you to succeed. Enjoy a laugh with the fellow graduates, and take some time to reflect back on this journey."

Ekdahl continued, "Real life starts very soon. You have the rest of your lives to deal with any issues that will come up. At this time, hold your head up high, smile and let us celebrate your accomplishments. This night is about you and those who helped you get here."

The Class of 2018 includes the following:

**Mt. Pleasant High School** - Caleb Alonzo-Vasquez, Gordon Anderson, William Anderson, Tanielle Bailey, Chyna Bergevin, Allen Crockett, Caden Dreaver, Robert Falcon-Hart, Taylor Fox-Kimewon, Shaine Francis, Zaltana Hinmon, Evelyn House, Nodin Jackson, Tristin Key, Kyle McSauby-Rueckert, Marian Osawabine, Yasmin Pelcher-Arias, Phillip Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Hailey



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Several Class of 2018 Tribal Member graduates are celebrated during the Tribal Education Department's June 11 banquet in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms.

Ritter, Noah Sawmick, Maya Schuyler and Gavin Seybert.

**Shepherd High School**- Nijji Batcher, Hayley Cogswell, Adam Jewell, Christopher Miller, Dia Niezgod, Alicia Raphael, Jordan Seegraves and Scott Sura.

**Beal City High School**- Ethan Prill, Hunner Seger and Nicholas Sowmick.

**Odyssey High School**- Alyssa Andy and E'yabay Champlin.

**W.A.Y/GED**- Brooklyn Jackson, Edmond Jackson, Nathan Mandoka and Jacquenette Trofater.

Graduates, then attendees, stood for an honor song by Mino Ode, paying tribute to the recent alumnae.

"Graduation is the first of many accomplishments you will have in your life," Rodriguez said. "Each graduate took the time to recognize one individual that made a big impact along their academic career."

I.S.E. (Inspired, Supported, Encouraged) Awards were then presented to the teachers and mentors who motivated the graduates throughout their schooling.

The following received the I.S.E. honor: Alicia Bollman, Bill Dennis, Brian Dufort, Cameron Mills, Dan Schell, Denise Arnold, Erin Williams, Jamie Young, Jeff Platte, Jordan Brockman, Josh Hicks, Josh Stutsman, Julie Wilson, Katelyn Pelcher, Kelly Cook, Kevin Root, Laurie Hasse-Barber, Linda Clouse, Lisa Davis, Lorrie McNeilly, Marta Heslip, Michael Willett, Mindy Wischmeyer, Pat Onstott, Steve Hoyle, Steve Pritchard, Sue Hoeft, Taleen Jackson, Theresa Lunsford and Winnay Wemigwase.

## Many honored, dignitaries appointed at SCA Powwow

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The park on Broadway hosted "The Littlest Powwow on the Rez," the 2018 Saginaw Chippewa Academy powwow, on the breezy morning of June 5.

The event began at 11 a.m. with the grand entry. Dancers took a pinch of tobacco and were encouraged to think thankful and healing thoughts as they entered the arena to the voices and drums of the SCA singers.

After the grand entry, Joe Syrette, culture and language teacher, provided the invocation, and then an intertribal dance began in which all present were invited to participate.

Exhibition dances followed, beginning with Cecilia Stevens explaining the story of the jingle dress before the jingle dress dancers entered the arena. This

dance was followed by a crow hop by the fancy shawl dancers and a men's traditional duck 'n dive dance.

Next, the one grass dancer present bravely danced solo before a crow hop was offered as an intertribal dance.

During a short break from dancing, SCA Principal Kara Hotchkiss took time to honor the fifth and sixth grade students who were graduating this spring, and a side-step honor song was sung on their behalf.

At this time, last year's Miss SCA, SCA Warrior, Junior Miss SCA and Junior Warrior were recognized before the incoming dignitaries were appointed. The outgoing dignitaries present at the event began an intertribal round dance and were joined by many in the crowd after receiving recognition for their service.

Candidates for the dignitary positions represent SCA through their conduct; they apply by submitting an essay and participating in an interview to show their knowledge of the Seven Grandfather Teachings and traditional medicines. SCA AB teachers and staff judge the essays and interviews and then make a selection.

Charmaine Castillo-Pelcher was crowned the new Miss SCA and presented flowers and SCA syrup.

Quinn Pelcher earned the title of SCA Warrior for the upcoming school year. Gegek Webkamigad was appointed SCA Warrior runner-up. Both

boys also received gifts that included syrup.

Terrilyn Anderson was crowned Junior Miss SCA, and Sarah Wemigwans was selected as runner-up (and will be filling the position due to Anderson leaving the school next year)

Prentis Jones was elected the new Junior SCA Warrior.



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The new SCA dignitaries are recognized. Quinn Pelcher (left) is next school year's SCA Warrior, Charmaine Castillo-Pelcher (center) is Miss SCA and Gegek Webkamigad (right) is SCA Warrior runner-up.

Next, SCA teachers and staff were honored in song and dance, and a "spot dance" took place, during which dancers competed for one of three jars of syrup.

Two more intertribal dances took place before a travelling song closed the event.

## Ceremony for Sasiwaans students celebrates moving on to next school year

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Proud family members and friends filled the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Thursday, June 7 to see the littlest Tribal community members step up into the next level of their education.

Approximately three dozen students from the Sasiwaans Immersion School were honored in the gym that was filled with colorful student artwork.

The ceremony took place at 11 a.m. and began with Misty Pelcher, interim early childhood manager, explaining that the celebration is not called a graduation because "we are always learning."

After Pelcher's introduction, Howard Webkamigad, director of the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, welcomed those present before Larry Kimewan's class performed, demonstrating what they learned during the school year.

Each student was awarded a certificate and a small gift.

Kimewan's Megisiisag class included the following students: Minajiwin Beemer, Niiwin Bird, Joaquin Cyr, Calvin Francis, Alayna Jackson, Hailey Jackson, Emilio Pelcher, Sequay Romero, Avianna Tree-Ruffino, Kenqaiia Sprague-Jones, Gunner Stevens and Whitney Thomas.

Next, Danita Mandamin's class performed and received certificated and gifts, followed by Margaret Flamand's class.

The following were students in Mandamin's Pichiinsag class: Skylar Bird, Averon Chivis, Declan DeFeyer, MacKenzy Hart, Natalie Mejia, Emmett Neyome, Henry Postler, Kyle Quigno-Ready, Malakiah Ritter-Perez, Mia Saboo and Zalaciah Sprague-Jones.

The following were students in Flamand's Maangoonsag class: Caylee Chippewa, Kelsey Chippewa, Kiley Chippewa, Mayna Kahgegab, Waaskonye Pamp, Mnookmi Pego, Billie Jo Peterson, Mercedes Pimentil, Gimiwan Traver and Mezziniis Wassegijig.

Pelcher then recognized the following three children who attended the immersion school for all four years: Mezziniis Wassegijig, Mnookmi Pego and Waaskonye Pamp.

Before blessing the luncheon that took place after the ceremony, Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinaabe outreach specialist, recognized the following parents for their commitment to learning, and revitalizing the language, as well as for participating in school events: Lee Ann Ruffino, Yvette Pitawanakwat, Melissa Pamp,



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Students in Danita Mandamin's Pichiinsag class display the gifts and certificates they received during the June 7 Sasiwaans step-up ceremony that celebrated their diligence throughout the school year.

Ashawnee Sprague, Paula and James Chippewa, Angel Jackson, Wade Thomas, Chip and Dana Neyome and Kathy Hart.



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## UNDERSTANDING THE PATH

— A List of Powwow Guidelines from the SCIT Powwow Committee —

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

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

### Women's Jingle

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

### Men's Fancy

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

### Fancy Shawl Dance

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

### Men's Grass

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

### Women's Traditional

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

### Men's Traditional

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



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# Saginaw Chippewa POWOW

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## Grand Entry

- **Friday:** 7 p.m.
- **Saturday:** 12 & 7 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 12 p.m.

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## Pre-Powwow Golf Scramble | July 27 | 11 a.m.

- 3 person Scramble (18+)
- Youth Division (17 & under) singles
- \$60 per player
- Prizes TBD

## Red Swamp Lacrosse Drop-in Day | July 27 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Broadway Field (behind the police station)
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**Head Drum Judge:** Harvey Dreaver

### Head Dancers:

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**Host Drum:** The Boyz

**Dance Specials:** Men's Fancy & Old Style  
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## Tribal College students paint 15 signs for the Festival of Banners

**NINA KNIGHT**  
SCTC Faculty

“It all starts with art!” was the theme of the 2018 Festival of Banners organized by Art Reach of Mid-Michigan.

The Festival of Banners, featuring a colorful display of banners prepared by community members, is one event of many designed to achieve this mission.

This year, 333 banners were prepared and are on display throughout the county in downtown Mount Pleasant, the Central Michigan University Connection on Main Street, Pickard Street in Union Township and in the village of Shepherd.



Students in Kirt Doke's art class volunteered to paint the Seven Grandfather Teachings for the Festival of Banners: (front) Donelda Lawson, (back) Maggie Jackson and Liz Trasky.

Community artists, young and old, continue to provide great support and enthusiasm for this community-wide event.

During the spring 2018 semester, Saginaw Chippewa

Tribal College students volunteered to paint 15 banners. They were supervised by Art Instructor Kirt Doke, STEAM advisor Kathy Hart and volunteer advisor Nina Knight.

The first seven banners were dedicated to the Seven Grandfather Teachings, with the teaching on display in English and in Ojibwe. As motorists enter Mt. Pleasant, heading West on Pickard, they will see these teachings and the pride SCTC students have.

The artists of the Seven Grandfather Teachings were as follows: wisdom by Liz Trasky, bravery by Tony

Gomez, respect by Lynette Smith, love by Betsy Alonzo, truth by Donelda Lawson, honesty by Gilberto Franco and humility by Paula Chippewa.

Additional banners were designed by the SCTC's STEAM Club, Student Senate and students Maggie Jackson and Mikayla Cyphert. These banners are on display on Pickard between the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel and Meijer.

The mission of Art Reach is to promote and stimulate involvement, appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of the arts.

Art Reach has created a program book of all 333 banners and their artists. The program



Courtesy of Nina Knight

SCTC art student Tony Gomez chose AAKDEHEWIN-Bravery for his banner now displayed on west Pickard near the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel.

books are free and can be picked up at SCTC or at Art Reach (111 East Broadway).

## The Tribal College journey: alumna Judy Youmans

**SABRINA ROSS**  
SCTC sophomore

College is an experience not everyone has the privilege, or time, to be a part of, but one woman had the privilege of this experience and loved it.

Judy Youmans of Mount Pleasant is an alumna of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, and she said her experience was one for the books.

Youmans originally started attending SCTC to meet new people in the area. After trying it, she decided to graduate from her tribe's local college.

Youmans took many classes, but her favorites were Introduction to Film, Native Plants and Medicine, Statistics and Regalia Making.

Although statistics was also one of her favorites, she said, “It's a class to only take once.”

When discussing her favorite

teachers and classes she said, “I would recommend taking a class from Sharyl Majorski; she makes the experience fun while learning. It's always important to take classes from teachers that fit your accommodations and will help you succeed in the future.”

Youmans' recommendation for current students is to study regularly – between classes, during work breaks and even before bed. She believes even

the smallest amounts of studying can make a great impact.

Many people attend college at a younger age when they do not have a family and other responsibilities. Unfortunately for Youmans, she was not an ordinary student. She was a full-time mother, wife, part-time employee and student all at the same time.

The only regret Youmans had, she said, was not graduating sooner than originally planned.



Courtesy of Judy Youmans

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College alumna Judy Youmans

# Sixth Annual SCTC Golf Outing



**1st Place - Flight 1**  
Erik Rodriguez and Chase Owl



**2nd Place - Flight 1**  
Mike Henkel and Tyler Rhoades



**1st Place - Flight 2**  
Jamie Francis and Paula Quigno



**2nd Place - Flight 2**  
Pete Przybysz and Ray Bremer



**Last Place**  
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# Twenty-six teams compete in sixth annual SCTC Golf Outing

## LINDSAY DRUMM

SCTC Academic Specialist- English

On June 7, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College hosted its sixth annual golf outing at Bucks Run Golf Club.

Twenty-six teams, divided into two flights, competed for a chance to take home a cash prize.

Natasha Miniard, a mathematics tutor at SCTC, volunteered her time to work the event. This was her first time helping with the outing, and she praised the efforts of those involved in the planning.

"The event was very well-organized," Miniard said. "The (SCTC) staff and Bucks Run were very accommodating and consistent with doing their rounds. It seemed the participants had a great time."

In addition to a full day of play, there were several special holes at which participants could test their luck and ability. One such hole, the Advantage Hole (#3), gave players the option to move their shot past the dreaded wetland area for a small donation of \$5. This hole was also the Men's Longest Drive hole, so most male players happily donated to the cause.

The proceeds of these games help support student activities at SCTC.

As players started coming back into the clubhouse for final results, the sound of laughter filled the breezy patio.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Teams gather in their golf carts on the path at Bucks Run Golf Club on June 7 to prepare for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College sixth annual golf outing.

This outing provided a place for community members to come together for a good cause.

Troy Opdycke, former Tribal Operations employee, attended the outing this year for the first time. Although he chose his teammates wisely, he expressed slight disappointment from the day.

"You'd think we'd do alright as a team, but here we are," Opdycke joked. "I would absolutely do this again, though. The camaraderie was great, and the price was reasonable for a full day of golf."

Several prizes were awarded for participation in the squares and skins games.

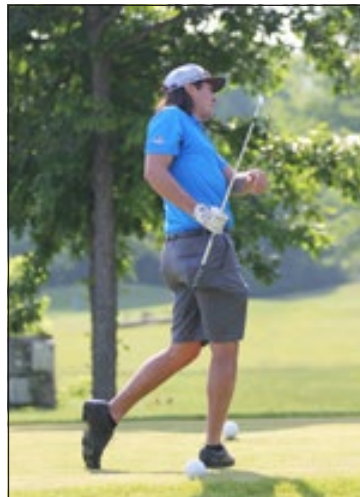
Jack Krause, Ed Howard and Chris Sineway each won \$50 (from a \$5 pay-in) on squares. Ray Bremer, Gary Reed and Chase Owl each won \$100 (from a \$10 pay-in) on squares.

Among the prizes for skins were gas cards, coolers, Soaring Eagle Waterpark

and Hotel gift certificates and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert tickets.

The SCTC staff also organized a 50/50 raffle with a \$112 payout. Steve Wassegijig took this home.

This year's sponsors included SCTC Board of Regents, Tribal Council, Stanley and Carla Sineway, Gary Reed, Graft Chevrolet, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Mercantile Bank, NVINT, The Mountain Corp., Artisans Apparel, Logos Galore, J. Ranck Electric, Isabella Community Credit Union, Secure Alarm, All State and Element 4.



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Chase Owl follows his shot as it lands on the fairway. Owl and his teammate Erik Rodriguez won Flight One with a score of 62.

## SCTC Golf Outing results

### Flight One

- **First Place (\$700 cash prize)**  
Erik Rodriguez/Chase Owl (score: 62)
- **Second Place (\$350 cash prize)**  
Mike Henkel/Tyler Rhoades (score: 62)

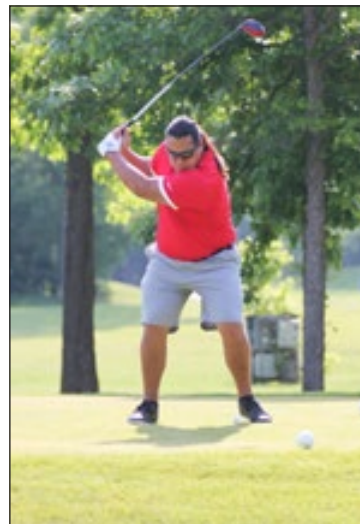
\*First place was awarded after a tie-breaker.

### Flight Two

- **First Place (\$500 cash prize)**  
Paula Quigno/Jamie Francis (score: 82)
- **Second Place (\$250 cash prize)**  
Pete Przybysz/Ray Bremer (score: 84)

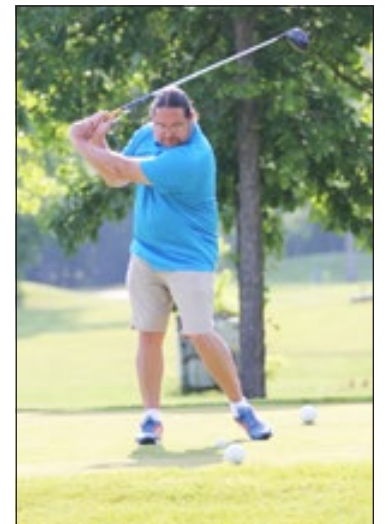
### Last Place

The last place team was awarded \$100 per player. With a score of 112, Consuelo Gonzalez and Frank Morales took this cash prize.



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Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl strikes a ball on the teeing ground.



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Nathaniel Lambertson, dean of students, tees off during the sixth annual event.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Golfers scatter to their assigned holes after the 9 a.m. shotgun start.

### Contest hole results (\$100 cash prize):

- **Longest Drive (male):** Erik Rodriguez
- **Longest Drive (female):** Darcy Crampton
- **Closest to the Pin (male):** Tyler Rhoades
- **Closest to the Pin (female):** Gayle Ruhl
- **Longest Putt:** Joe Fisher

# SCTC hosts workshop teaching how to turn plastic bags into mats for homeless

## NINA KNIGHT

SCTC Faculty

One of the goals of the Tribal College's Student Senate is to make positive changes on campus and in the community. With that in mind, the Student Senate sponsored a recycling workshop that taught attendees how to turn their plastic bags into travel mats. They chose this event to bring awareness to the community about the dangers of plastic bags and as a volunteer project to help the homeless.

According to a World Wildlife Fund Report in 2005, nearly 200 different species of sea life including whales, dolphins, seals and turtles die because of plastic bags.

Bags end up in landfills, oceans, seas and lakes. They strangle animals, fill our sewer

systems and blow throughout the environment.

The Student Senate contacted Ruby Earle of Barryton to teach an audience how to transform plastic bags into travel mats.

Earle began turning bags into mats approximately five years ago for homeless shelters in Detroit when she learned of their need. During the winter months, the shelters are often filled to capacity and can only offer floor space for sleeping. These mats provide a little comfort for those who need it most, and Earle said she was happy to lend a hand.

"It's the right thing to do," Earle said.

Since she began making the mats, Earle has travelled throughout the Central Michigan area teaching various groups and organizations



Courtesy of Nina Knight

Community members and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students prepare plastic bags to turn them into travel mats during the May 24 workshop.



Courtesy of Nina Knight

Guadalupe Gonzalez (left) and Anne Heidemann (right) enjoy lunch provided by SCTC Student Senate as they learn how to make travel mats.

how to put their plastic bags to good use.

On Thursday, May 24, the plastic bag workshop was a huge success with 32 students attending.

Each mat, large enough for an adult to lay on, takes 1,000 plastic bags to create. If each student who participated in the

workshop completes their mat, 32,000 bags will have been saved from landfills where they would take 20 to 1,000 years to decompose.

In addition to benefitting the environment and the homeless, creating these mats also has personal benefits. Sewing and crocheting keeps brains active and

healthy, improving cognitive function and emotional health.

Since this workshop was such a success, the Student Senate is already planning to offer it again, and they wished to say a special thank you to Earle and her assistant Jamie Bone for helping make the class a great success.

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## Soaring Eagle sets off summer concert series with Chris Young, Kane Brown

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

With the hot summer weather finally rolling into Mount Pleasant, it was a reminder the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor summer concert series was underway.

The first show of the 2018 season hosted Chris Young's Losing Sleep World Tour with special guest Kane Brown on Sunday, June 17.

This season introduced a new outdoor stage — new to the Soaring Eagle, nonetheless.

"We purchased this stage as reconditioned rental inventory from Mountain Productions. It is their super mega truss system," said Production Manager Henry Kubin.

The first artist to open the way and perform live on that stage at the Soaring Eagle was 24-year-old country music singer Kane Brown.

The Georgia native rose to fame in 2015 when his cover of George Strait's "Check Yes or No" went viral.

His first single "Used To Love You Sober," which he also performed, was released in October 2015.

Brown signed with RCA Nashville in early 2016, and released his first full-length self-titled album in December 2016.

"This next song changed my life, so if you know it, you've got to sing along," Brown said of "Heaven."

Brown also performed "What If," a duet he recorded with his former high school classmate, country music artist Lauren Alaina.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Country musician Chris Young performs hit after hit during Soaring Eagle's first outdoor concert of the season on June 17.**

On stage singing a verse with Brown was Taylor Phillips, who wrote "What If," Brown's first number one hit.

The sun began to set just in time for headliner Grand Ole Opry member and country music superstar Chris Young to perform.

Without any introduction, Young entered the stage to begin with "Losing Sleep."

Young continued with hit numbers "Gettin' You Home (The Black Dress Song)," "Voices," "Lonely Eyes" and "Who I Am With You."

The show fell on Father's Day, and Young resumed his show after he gave a shout out to his stepfather who, he said, he is "very thankful for and helped raise him with his mother."

"Single people, this is not for you," Young said, laughing, about his next romantic number "Hangin' On."

Before "Sober Saturday Night," Young mentioned one of his great influences, country musician Vince Gill and shared his excitement about when they recorded that duet together.

Although Cassadee Pope herself was absent, a video of her walking down an empty street and singing along to their duet of "Think Of You" played on the screens.

"The very first thing I ever learned to do was a skill," Young said. "...

My first job was working construction with my dad."

Young said he proved he "didn't exactly" have the skills for construction and it confirmed all he wanted to do with his life was play music.

"My dad is also very happy I'm doing this for a living," Young said.

Young's band mates cleared the stage and he was alone onstage with an acoustic guitar to perform another one of his musical influences, Keith Whitley's "When You Say Nothing At All."

After performing "I Can Take It From There," Young shared a humorous story about a live television performance that he said did not go so well.

Young said the performance was when his hit single "You

first debuted and it was much too early in the morning. His voice was not quite prepared to hit the high notes so early, he said.

"I went through puberty for the second time in my life on national television," Young said, stirring laughter.

Young continued unleashing hits "The Man I Want To Be," "Save Water, Drink Beer," "Tomorrow" and "Aw Naw."

Young said it was "amazing" to look out into the sold-out crowd and see that many people.

"I'm completely overwhelmed," he said. "Thank you guys so much for hanging out with us... This is the only thing I've wanted to do with my life, so thank you for making it possible."



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**First to entertain on the new stage, Kane Brown (top right) warms up the crowd on the sweltering Sunday evening.**

Young closed his show with his hit power ballad "I'm Comin' Over," and repeatedly and humbly thanked the gracious audience for spending time with him that evening.



Courtesy of Chris Young

**On his personal social media account, artist Chris Young shared this aerial shot of the packed concert on the Soaring Eagle property.**

## The Temptations and The Four Tops bring the Motown, classic hit songs

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Prior to the start of a night full of Motown music and classic songs on Friday, May 18, an important announcement rang through the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.

An announcer shared his regret that Four Tops member, Abdul "Duke" Fakir, would be unable to attend the night's sold-out show due to him "falling down and breaking his hip." He added that Duke was "doing okay and would be back soon."

Because the Temptations were scheduled to headline, the order of the night's entertainment was reversed, with Four Tops performing first.

The Four Tops' set began with an instrumental medley performed by their full band. The Four Tops then appeared onstage dressed in purple suit jackets and sang "Baby I Need Your Loving."

The group performed a vocally-resilient cover of



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**Vocal quartet the Four Tops perform during the Friday, May 18 sold-out concert in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.**

"I Believe in You and Me," made popular by the late Whitney Houston.

The performers then launched into "I Got a Feeling," "Still Water (Love)" and "Keeper of the Castle."

"If you all came to party, get up off your feet," one of the lead singers said before "When She Was My Girl."

Favorites "Reach Out (I'll Be There)" and "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)" inspired the audience to remain standing while moving to the music.

Next onstage were the Temptations, fronted by sole remaining founding member, 76-year-old Otis Williams of Detroit.

The Temptations showcased their flawless harmonies along with skilled vocals from each of the five members.

The singers sported matching attire, but each was dressed in a different color.

They began their set with the 1966 hit "Get Ready" followed by "The Way You Do the Things You Do," and "Ain't Too Proud to Beg."



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**The Temptations showcase flawless harmonies and timed choreography while performing hit song "Ain't Too Proud to Beg."**

Each number included well-timed choreography.

"We sing this for one of our founding fathers who passed away a while ago (Feb. 1, 2018), Dennis Edwards," one of the members said, dedicating "I Wish It Would Rain" to Edwards. The horn section especially shined during the numbers "Just My Imagination (Running Away with Me)," "Papa Was a Rollin' Stone" and "Remember the Time," written by Michael Jackson.

After introducing each member, the band mates then took an extra-long moment to pay their respects to Williams,

a five-time Grammy Award winner and member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

"Thank you for the love," Williams said to the applauding audience, smiling. "I'm not that tired, but I'm tired!"

The Temptations ended their show with "Treat Her Like a Lady," their first number one hit "My Girl" and "I'm Losing You."

The members left the stage then quickly returned for a bow and shook hands with the front row. Williams signed an audience member's shirt, shook hands and continued to wave to the crowd before finally departing the stage.



## Tribal Member heading into 9th grade receives music scholarship

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Nearly 100 scholarships were granted during the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's May 31 award reception.

Scholarship recipients, their family members, scholarship fund founders, trustees, scholarship committee members and school representatives joined to honor the outstanding students within the local community during the 5 to 7 p.m. occasion in the Comfort Inn Conference Center.

Young Tribal Member Christopher Spencer-Ruiz received the \$700 Lemmer Family Scholarship, awarded to further instrumental music education.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Christopher Spencer-Ruiz (center) poses with Lemmer family members after receiving the family's music scholarship during the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's May 31 award reception.**

The Lemmer Family Scholarship was created as a memorial to Mary Lemmer, wife of Claude Lemmer, a Shepherd

Public Schools band director for 37 years. Mary Lemmer never missed a band performance in all that time and was supportive of Claude Lemmer and his students.

In the fall, Spencer-Ruiz will be attending 9th Grade at Shepherd Public Schools. It was Spencer-Ruiz's band teacher, Mrs. Gross, who encouraged Spencer-Ruiz to apply for the scholarship.

Mrs. Gross was also the one to share the news with Spencer-Ruiz that he had won the scholarship.

Spencer-Ruiz's grandmother Robin Spencer said the scholarship will be used towards music camp and/or music lessons.

"Anything to further music education," she said.

Spencer-Ruiz currently plays percussion in his school's band.

"When I was 2, my dad bought me a drum set," Spencer-Ruiz said. "I saw movies like 'Drumline' and thought (playing the drums) looked fun."

Spencer-Ruiz also played the hand drum at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

Jill Bourland, president of the MPACF Board of Trustees, said a total of \$562,000 was awarded last year in grants by MPACF and a sum of more than \$6 million has been awarded overall.

Cheryl Goddard, member of the Board of Directors, said the Board is made up of 24 community members with staff and volunteers to help promote scholarships.

This year, 98 individuals served on the scholarship committee to review all submissions, Goddard said.

"There were 1,290 applications this year," Goddard said. "The grand total awarded this year (at this event) is \$98,900."

The mission of the MPACF is to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Isabella County, now and for generations to come, by attracting and holding permanent endowed funds from a wide range of donors, addressing needs through grant making and providing leadership on key community issues.

## Migizi announces project updates and successful upgrades

**FREDRICK KUHLMAN**

Marketing Manager,  
Migizi EDC

Migizi Economic Development Company has announced that the renovation of the Green Suites will begin within the next few weeks. The general contractor for the job has been selected, and all contracts are completing legal review.

Once the contracts have been approved and executed, the construction should begin

almost immediately on what will become The Retreat at Soaring Eagle.

The east building will be completed in the first phase of the project followed quickly by the west building.

Additionally, as of Tribal Observer press time, domain names have been secured and a new website is being developed.

The construction on The Retreat at Soaring Eagle should be completed by early winter, providing a perfect location for



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families visiting from out of town during the holidays.

Migizi also announced that Eagle Bay Marina is in full operation and is welcoming guests from across the state. Although the weather in April and May was not cooperative, – as Michigan residents are aware – the marina has seen a strong

rebound with all available seasonal docks filled to capacity.

The marina hosted a celebratory pig roast Memorial Day weekend to welcome back returning boaters and officially kick off the season.

Upgrades to the property have continued and have been well-received by customers.

Last season saw the completion of the paving of Sagatoo Road in front of the marina, and this has made a significant impact on business.

The ship store was recently reset by the Migizi retail manager, which made the store much more appealing, open and brighter.

It is being reported that the fishing off the marina's channel is very good. If you are looking for a day on the water, launch from Eagle Bay Marina and find out for yourself.

## Editorial: Sagamok Express Mobil introduces new rewards program

**FREDRICK KUHLMAN**

Marketing Manager  
Migizi EDC

Sagamok Express Mobil is excited to announce its new and improved reward system.

Beginning July 11, Exxon Mobil will be moving from the Plenti Rewards Program to the all-new Exxon Mobil Rewards+ platform.

Exxon Mobil Rewards+ will match points that customers currently have in their Plenti Rewards account, so those with existing balances have no need to worry about losing existing rewards.

If you currently have the Mobil Speedpass+ App, the new Rewards+ program will be integrated into that app to

streamline user functionality, making the path to rewards quicker and easier.

Rewards can be earned with as little as 100 points, reducing the time customers must participate to attain savings in the store.

This new rewards program will also offer opportunities for special bonuses throughout the year.

There will be a grace period during the transition between the two rewards programs. If you do not have the time to switch your account before July 11, there is no need for concern. Switch at your convenience, and your Plenti points will follow to Rewards+.

Once you have registered for the Exxon Mobil Rewards+ program, simply

continue to use your Plenti account until your new Rewards+ card arrives.

Sagamok Express Mobil can provide the necessary registration form so you can sign up immediately. When you are in the store, feel free to

ask one of the staff members about the rewards program. They will assist you with activating your new account and starting you on the way to rewards at your Sagamok Express Mobil.

More exciting changes are

in store for Sagamok Express Mobil as the plans for a full interior and exterior renovation are currently being finalized. Within the next few months, you will see Sagamok transformed into something special.

## ACFS holds foster foster family picnic



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**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

To celebrate foster families and to kick off the summer, Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services held a foster family picnic on June 21.

The picnic began at 4 p.m. on that warm and sunny Thursday afternoon.

The event was held at the Broadway Park,

located at 2451 Nish-Na-Be-Anong Rd. in Mount Pleasant.

Foster families and children, and ACFS and Tribal personnel were treated to a cookout dinner that included hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chips and watermelon.

DJ Lupe Gonzalez brought the entertainment with music and served as emcee.

The event also offered field games and raffle prizes.

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## Migizi diversifies investments, adds sports medicine technology company Impellia to portfolio

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The Migizi Economic Development Company, in collaboration with the Economic Development Department, announced a partnership opportunity to diversify Tribal investments on May 31.

Migizi has completed a first round, seed series investment

in Impellia, a Michigan and Pennsylvania-based data analytics technology company that caters to the sports medicine and athletic performance industries.

Reaching beyond traditional avenues for investment and into the marketplace is important for the long-term success of the Migizi Economic Development Company and a key focus of

the Tribal economic development strategy, according to Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez.

Migizi will be the lead investor on this initiative, with the option to participate in upcoming investment rounds.

The move to include non-gaming components in the investment portfolio is something the Tribe has aimed to do in recent years, while maintaining the seven-generation focus of the sovereign economy.

One of the Tribe's first venture capital investments, Impellia, provides state-of-the-art software and sensor-based technologies that capture personalized biomechanical and physiological data in the field. This is translated into comprehensive and actionable information that is utilized to optimize performance readiness, physical resiliency and rehabilitation methods.

Impellia was founded in 2015 by former NFL quarterback Charlie Batch, Dave Morin and Richard Walker, each bringing decades of experience within the sports, marketing and technology startup industries.

The company works with sports medicine professionals, universities and professional sports teams to provide a full suite of analytical solutions to optimize performance at all levels.

"This investment diversifies our portfolio and leverages our sovereignty in the marketplace with an industry leading sports medicine technology company," said Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl, who also serves as chair on the Migizi Board. "We are excited about this venture with Impellia and helping to advance their breakthrough technology."

Impellia's platform technology integrates and analyzes

data from a variety of sources to deliver a personalized, holistic view of an athlete.

"We are pleased to welcome the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as our lead investor," said Impellia co-founder Morin. "We are excited by the Tribe's visionary commitment to drive innovation, and we look forward to the future development and expansion of Impellia sports performance solutions."

Impellia's approach is grounded in scientifically-validated research and empowers sports performance professionals with objective, relevant information to help improve athletic outcomes.

### Recreation's lacrosse clinic



Observer photo by Niki Henry

The Recreation Department offered a six week lacrosse clinic for youth ages 3 to 5 years old. The Little Red Swamps Program took place every Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. in the Eagles Nest gym from May 9 to June 13.



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## Human Race and Natural Native Ninja Warrior events promote healthy living, culture

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The 27th annual Human Race was held at Seventh Generation on Wednesday, June 13.

More than 100 participants completed either the 5K run or the one-mile fun run/walk.

Jaden Harman, Nimkee Fitness coordinator, organizes the annual event.

“This race draws individuals and their families from throughout the mid-Michigan area,” Harman said. “It was great to see many familiar faces and some new faces at the race this year.”

Griffin Bohannon was the overall male winner, running a blistering 15:24 in the 5K.

The overall female winner was Tori McConnell with a time of 20:22.

The top three male and female finishers in 13 different 5K age classifications were given hand-crafted cedar eagle feather awards. The top three one-mile finishers also received the awards.

“Miigwetch to the Seventh Generation staff for hosting a wonderful event once again,” Harman said. “Much effort behind the scenes is put forth to providing the hospitality and an atmosphere that is so welcoming to our community. I am grateful for the chance to work with their staff each year.”



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Participants leave the start line at Seventh Generation and head west down Remus Road on June 13. The 27th annual Human Race featured more than 100 runners or walkers.**

All participants received an event T-shirt and were treated to a post-race meal prepared by the Seventh Generation staff.

“Also special thanks to Chief Ekdahl for the excellent speech during our meal time. He shared his own journey in fitness and wellness and was a story that we can all learn from; it was perfect for this event,” Harman said. “I admire and appreciate the example he shows this community.”

For the second straight year, the Natural Native Ninja Warrior preceded the race.

Nimkee Public Health Educator Brandon Schultz coordinates the obstacle course event.

“It takes stamina and a keen mind to complete the entire course for the best time,” Schultz said.

The event consists of an obstacle course, featuring seven obstacles from the army



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Brandon Schultz (left), health educator, leads a Tribal community youth member through the Natural Native Ninja Warrior course.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Judy Banister (front), Rosanne Swade (back left) and Debra Melton (back right) approach the finish line during the one-mile run/walk.**

crawl to a birch bark ramp. A total of 22 youth ages 5 to 22 finished the course.

“Nimkee Fitness and Nimkee Public Health, through the REACH grant, set this course up last year to

supplement the excitement of the Human Race,” Schultz said. “Nimkee Public Health through their programs aims to impact a person’s overall wellness at community events like the Human Race.”



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Rachel Saboo and her daughter (front) lead the way during the Human Race, with Jessica Harman (back) and son Jensen following close behind.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Nicole Wingate (left) and Rochelle Roberts finish the last leg of the 5K run.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**The event featured both a 5K Run and a one-mile fun run/walk.**

## CMDHD to conduct a public bathing beach monitoring program

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) will be conducting a bathing beach monitoring program of public beaches in the following six county districts: Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon counties.

Monitoring consists of weekly water sampling and testing for E. coli, posting results on the State’s BeachGuard website ([www.deq.state.mi.us/beach](http://www.deq.state.mi.us/beach)) and posting advisories at beaches with elevated E. coli results.

Testing beaches during the swimming season is important to make sure the public is informed of high E. coli levels that pose a risk of illness.

“Beaches posted with an advisory should not be used for swimming until further testing shows bacteria levels are within acceptable limits,” said Steve King, director of Environmental Health for the Central Michigan District Health Department.

Surface waters contaminated with elevated levels of E. coli bacteria can result in nausea, vomiting, stomachache, diarrhea, headache and fever. Other minor illnesses associated with swimming in contaminated waters include ear, eye, nose and throat infections and skin rashes.

In highly-polluted waters, swimmers run the risk of exposure to more serious disease-causing organisms such as Cryptosporidium, Giardia, E. coli O157, Norovirus and Shigella.

“Beaches that are open to the public but not part of a monitoring program — including smaller beaches, campgrounds and children’s camps — have been asked by the health department to either implement a water sampling program that meets the state standards or post notices at the beaches to inform the public whether or not the water has been tested for E. coli bacteria,” King said.

Public beaches which are not being monitored for E. coli are

required to post a sign stating they are not being monitored.

When it comes to making a personal decision as to what beaches on which to spend your summer days, keep in mind the following tips:

- Large amounts of waterfowl present (geese, ducks, etc.) could mean an increased amount of “bird droppings,” which may contain high concentrations of E. coli bacteria. There may also be a higher risk of swimmer’s itch.
- Do not swim in public beaches if you have open sores or lesions on your body.
- Research the number of closings the beach has had in the most recent years. (Check

[www.cmdhd.org](http://www.cmdhd.org) Public Beach Monitoring for this information.)

• If there has been heavy rain during the previous 48 hours, use caution when swimming. Due to possible runoff, there may be higher levels of bacteria in the water.

• If the water is discolored with a greenish, blue or milky appearance, this may indicate an algae bloom. Certain algae

blooms can produce toxins that could cause illness.

• Do not swim where the beach has an abundance of trash and litter.

• Dry off immediately with a clean towel after getting out of the water. Do not forget to use sunscreen, and take precautions against sunburn. It is also a good idea to take a shower after spending a day at the beach.

## Healthy eating is cooked up during classes in the Nimkee kitchen

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

With the goal of helping establish healthier eating habits, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center in conjunction with Cooking Matters and MSU Extension, hosted a series of cooking and nutrition classes that took place throughout June and July in the Nimkee kitchen.

Classes, led by MSU Extension Program Instructor Sabrina McGee and Nimkee Nutritionist Sally Van Cise, began on Thursday, June 14 and continued at noon until 2 p.m. each Thursday through July 19.

Eleven students learned about healthy snacks, food safety at home, balanced meals, smart shopping, cooking and how to eat healthy away from home. They



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Students prep ingredients for a meal of Chinese vegetables, rice, quinoa, tofu and chicken during the June 21 cooking and nutrition class.**

## Annual Nimkee Health Fair



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**More than 140 participants, including vendors, took part in the annual Nimkee Health Fair sponsored by Nimkee Women’s Health at Andahwod on June 19. Participants visited informational booths, enjoyed snacks and beverages and were given opportunities to win door prizes, receive auricular acupuncture and chair massages as well as gather swag. Free blood pressure and sugar screenings were also offered and taken advantage of by participants of all ages.**

also received a cook book full of delicious and nutritious recipes as well as provisions to practice making meals cooked in class again at home.



## Safety advice for patients and family members

*(Editor's note: The following is from SAMHSA [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration] at store.samhsa.gov. The article was submitted by Tribal Court personnel with the hope of providing more education about the opioid epidemic.)*

**What are opioids?** Opioids include drugs such as heroin and prescription medications used to treat pain such as morphine, codeine, methadone, oxycodone (Oxycontin, Percodan, Percocet), hydrocodone (Vicodin, Lortab, Norco), fentanyl (Duragesic, Fentora), hydromorphone (Dilaudid, Exalgo) and buprenorphine (Suboxone).

Opioids work by binding to specific receptors in the brain, spinal cord and gastrointestinal tract. In doing so, they minimize the body's perception of pain.

Stimulating the opioid receptors or "reward centers" in the

brain also can trigger other systems of the body, such as those responsible for regulating mood, breathing and blood pressure.

A variety of effects can occur after a person takes opioids, ranging from pleasure to nausea or vomiting and severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) to overdose, during which breathing and heartbeat slow or even stop. Opioid overdose can occur when a patient misunderstands the directions for use, accidentally takes an extra dose or deliberately misuses a prescription opioid or an illicit drug such as heroin.

Also at risk is the person who takes opioid medications prescribed for someone else, as is the individual who combines opioids — prescribed or illicit — with alcohol, certain other medications and even some over-the-counter products that depress breathing, heart rate and other functions of the central nervous system.

**Preventing overdose:** If you are concerned about your own use of opioids, do not wait — talk with the health care professional who prescribed the medications for you. If you are concerned about a family member or friend, urge him or her to do so as well.

Effective treatment of opioid use disorders can reduce the risk of overdose and help a person who is misusing or addicted to opioid medications attain a healthier life.

An evidence-based practice for treating opioid addiction is the use of FDA-approved medications, along with counseling and other supportive services. These services are available at SAMHSA-certified and DEA-registered opioid treatment programs (OTPs).

Physicians who are trained to provide treatment for opioid addiction in office-based and other settings with medications such as buprenorphine/naloxone

**Signs of overdose, which is a life-threatening emergency, include the following:**

- Face is extremely pale and/or clammy to the touch
- Body is limp
- Fingernails or lips have a blue or purple cast
- The patient is vomiting or making gurgling noises
- He or she cannot be awakened from sleep or is unable to speak
- Breathing is very slow or stopped
- Heartbeat is very slow or stopped

**Signs of overmedication, which may progress to overdose, include:**

- Unusual sleepiness or drowsiness
- Mental confusion, slurred speech, intoxicated behavior
- Slow or shallow breathing
- Pinpoint pupils
- Slow heartbeat, low blood pressure
- Difficulty waking the person from sleep

and naltrexone may be available in your community.

**If you suspect an overdose:** An opioid overdose requires immediate medical attention. An essential first step is to get help from someone with medical expertise as soon as possible.

Call 911 immediately if you or someone you know exhibits any of the symptoms listed above. All you have to say is, "Someone is unresponsive and not breathing." Give a clear address and/or description of your location.

## Facts for UV Safety Awareness Month in July

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

Summer has arrived, and, while the sun is shining bright, it is a golden time to highlight July as UV Safety Awareness Month. We all love to take in those warm summer rays, but everyone must remember to protect their skin and eyes from the damaging effects of the sun.

The sun emits radiation known as UV-A and UV-B rays. Both types can damage your eyes and skin.

- UV-B rays have short wavelengths that reach the outer layer of your skin.
- UV-A rays have longer wavelengths that can penetrate the middle layer of your skin.

By learning the risks associated with too much sun exposure and taking the right precautions to protect you and your family from UV rays, everyone can enjoy the sun and outdoors safely.

**The following is a list of the harm unprotected sun exposure can cause:**

- Vision problems and damage to your eyes
- Suppression of the immune system
- Premature aging of the skin
- Skin cancer

**Fortunately, there are things you can do to minimize the risk that comes with sun exposure.**

**Cover up:** Wearing a hat (preferably wide-brimmed) or other shade-protective clothing can partly shield your skin from the harmful effects of UV ray exposure. Proper clothing may include long-sleeved shirts, pants and hats along with sunglasses for eye protection.

**Stay in the shade:** The sun's glare is most intense at midday. Staying in the shade between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. will further protect your skin. The sun can still damage your skin on cloudy days or in the winter. For

this reason, it is important to stay protected throughout the year.

**Choose the right sunscreen:** This is extremely important. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) new regulations for sunscreen labeling recommend that your sunscreen have a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15, and it should protect against both Ultraviolet A (UV-A) and Ultraviolet B (UV-B) rays.

**Use the correct amount of sunscreen:** According to the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, most people apply only 25 to 50 percent of the recommended amount of sunscreen. When out in the sun, it is important that you apply at

least one ounce (a palm-full) of sunscreen every two hours. You should apply it more often if you are sweating or swimming, even if the sunscreen is waterproof.

By taking the proper precautions and following this advice you and your loved ones can

enjoy the sun safely. If you are having any problems after being in the sun, be sure to talk to your healthcare provider.

Enjoy the outdoors this summer, and remember to protect your eyes and the skin you are in! (Source: www.va.gov)

### Nimkee hosts Canning 101 class



Courtesy of Sally Van Cise

**On May 30, Nimkee Public Health, in conjunction with MSU Extension, offered Canning 101, a course about how to make freezer and shelf-stable jams and jellies. The class took place in the Nimkee Public Health kitchen and was led by Kara Lynch, MSU Extension food safety educator.**

### Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule July 2018

| Time       | Monday                            | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                         | Thursday                          | Friday                            |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8 a.m.     | Aqua Fit<br>Sharon                |                                   | Aqua Fit<br>Sharon                |                                   | Aqua Fit<br>Sharon                |
| 11 a.m.    | L.I.F.E. Based<br>Fitness - Jaden |                                   | L.I.F.E. Based<br>Fitness - Jaden | L.I.F.E. Based<br>Fitness - Jaden |                                   |
| 12:10 p.m. |                                   | L.I.F.E. Based<br>Fitness - Jaden |                                   | Suspension<br>Training - Jayme    | L.I.F.E. Based<br>Fitness - Jaden |
| 1:10 p.m.  | M.E.L.T.<br>Jayme                 |                                   |                                   | Turbo Kick<br>Beth                |                                   |
| 5:30 p.m.  |                                   | Yoga<br>Tammy                     |                                   | Yoga<br>Tammy                     |                                   |



At the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

### Thursday, July 19

Golf Scramble at Waabooz Run Golf Course

- Register online at [www.sagchip/MIFO](http://www.sagchip/MIFO)
- All SCIT registrants play for FREE with lunch. (Must pay for your cart.)

### Friday, July 20

CMU Bennett Track & Field

- Registration open from 7:30 - 11 a.m.
- Opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.

### Track & Field Competitions and Games

Baby crawl, tot trots, elder walks, archery, various dashes and runs, softball throw, long jump and bean bag toss!

### Register your family online

- Go to: [www.sagchip.org/MIFO](http://www.sagchip.org/MIFO)
- Pre-register online prior to July 11, 2018, to be guaranteed a T-shirt.

Free to SCIT Members and their families



Check out the 2018 Team SCIT T-shirt!

\*For all SCIT participants  
\*Must be picked up before 11 a.m. on event day

For more information, please contact:  
Jaden Harman, Nimkee Fitness Coordinator at 989.775.4694

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Main Session - 3PM | Late Owl - 7:30PM

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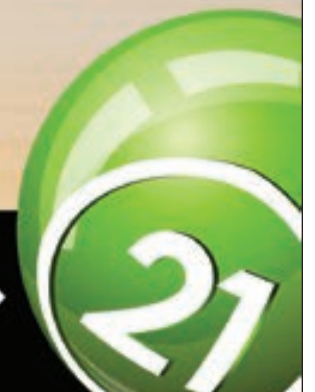
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## Elders, directors mingle and new EAB members selected at District One elders meeting

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Elders mingled with Tribal department directors and managers as lunch was served during the June 13 District One elders meeting at Andahwod Continuing Care & Elder Services.

Personal one-on-one dialog took place between the seniors and directors who were discussing community

needs and services currently offered to Tribal seniors.

In a small group, elder Barb Sprague said she would like to see more cultural artwork or portraits of elders beautifying the large community room of Andahwod.

Sprague also said she would like to see the Anishinaabemowin language incorporated more within activities and elder events. She also suggested a fun activity of learning popular songs in the language.

After a luncheon provided by Andahwod kitchen staff, Tribal Council members Louanna Bruner, Theresa Jackson and Jennifer L. Wassegijig announced the four new members Tribal Council recently approved to serve on the Elders Advisory Board.

Sprague, Cynthia Floyd, Flossie Sprague and Carole Tally were the new members selected, and each then drew the number of terms they would serve on the EAB.

Barb Sprague will serve two years, Floyd will serve two, Flossie Sprague will serve three and Tally will serve two.

The four new members join current chairperson Terry Bonnau, vice chairperson Kathy Hart and members Marie Kequom, Joe Jackson, Joseph Sownick and Angel Jackson.

“Thank you Tribal departments and directors for attending today,” said Joseph Sownick, event emcee and EAB member. “We hope you received a lot of input as we move forward with future ideas.”

Gayle Ruhl, assisted living administrator for Andahwod, said a date is already scheduled for next year’s meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

“This is the first trial attempt we had inviting a few directors to this meeting for a bite to eat and discuss ideas with District One elders,”

Ruhl said in an email to the Tribal Council and program directors. “Next year, we want to open this up to all Tribal Operations directors.”

Ruhl also mentioned this year’s meeting was followed by the largest elders’ breakfast turn out so far this year, with 76 participants that morning at the same location.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Tribal Council representatives and Elders Advisory Board members – new and returning – pose together following the June 13 District One elders meeting at Andahwod.**

### Elders attend Saganing Powwow



Courtesy of Tomarrah Green

**Andahwod residents pose for a photo on the Saganing powwow grounds. They traveled to Standish on Saturday, June 16 for the Traditional Powwow and also visited the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.**

### Andahwod elders visit Mount Pleasant car show



Photos courtesy of Tomarrah Green

**Andahwod residents and staff visited the Back to the Bricks car show in downtown Mount Pleasant on June 6. The show featured more than 270 classic cars on display.**

### Sasiwaans Immersion School students visit Andahwod



Observer photo by Niki Henry



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**On Wednesday, May 30, Sasiwaans Immersion School students in Margaret Flamand’s Maangoonsag class visited the elders at Andahwod, entertaining them with their enthusiasm, energy and songs sung in Native tongue.**

**Sasiwaans students pose for a picture during their Andahwod visit. Left to right: Waaskonye Pamp, Mayna Kahgegab, Kiley Chippewa, Mezziniis Wassegijig, Caylee Chippewa (back), Gimiwan Traver, Billie Jo Peterson and Mercaded Pimentil**

## July Andahwod events

**Eucre**  
Mondays | 6 p.m.

**Language Bingo**  
July 5 | 1-3 p.m.

**Saganing Day Trip**  
July 10 | 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Elders Breakfast**  
July 11 & 25 | 9 - 10 a.m.

**Name That Tune**  
July 13 | 3 p.m.

**District One Elders Birthday Bingo**  
July 21 | 12 p.m.

*\*\*Activities and events are subject to change.*

**For more information, please call: 989.775.4300**



## JULY 2018 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>1</b> Lester Chippeway Jr., Kimberly Palmer  | <b>17</b> Mark Walraven  |
| <b>2</b> Doris Romer, Joseph Sownick, Sherry Hileman, Betty Stallcup  | <b>18</b> Clare Camburn, Marcus Peters, Pamela Schoth  |
| <b>3</b> Janis Ash, Belinda Land, Randall Bird, Lee Kerns, Kirsten Schaefer   | <b>19</b> Randy James, Melissa Mowry, Brian Tabor  |
| <b>4</b> Catherine Wendling   | <b>20</b> Robert Abraham   |
| <b>6</b> Deborah Christie, James Trisch   | <b>21</b> Joe Brown  |
| <b>7</b> Joanne Rogers  | <b>22</b> Kimberly Dorow, Louise Hunt, Michael Neyome, David Russell   |
| <b>8</b> Carmen Otto, Timothy Sedlow  | <b>23</b> Simon Jackson Sr., Lewis Mena, Linell Crampton, Shannon Gross, Tina Howard   |
| <b>9</b> Christian Jackson, Mary Johnson, Patricia Keshick, Vicky Madosh, Harry Pelcher, Philip Meir III, Jocelyn Perkins | <b>24</b> Margaret Hinkle, Annette Ackley, Duane Beaulieu Jr., Cheryl Berlin, Andrew Falcon, Jane Jolly, John McDonald, Lisa Starkey |
| <b>10</b> Greg Falsetta, Barbara Link   | <b>25</b> Guy Jackson, Michael Dalton, Robert Fallis III, Anthony Sprague Sr.  |
| <b>11</b> Diane Dege, Leo Jackson Jr., Nancy Nedwash, Lawrence Verga Jr.  | <b>26</b> Sheri Jackson, Barbara Durga, Betty Gould, Douglas Ritter, Samuel Sharon   |
| <b>12</b> Eric Anderson, Kelly Buggs, William McClain, David Miller   | <b>27</b> John Jackson, Donald Leaux Jr., Myron Cloutier, Donald Federico, Tracey Frank, Elizabeth Mena                              |
| <b>13</b> Delmar Jackson Jr., Mary Bukowiec, William Kellogg  | <b>28</b> Judy Johnson, Thomasine McShawboose, Duane Beaulieu, Stephen Johnson, Colleen Kirby  |
| <b>14</b> Dennis Christy Sr., Dennis Quayle, Gregory Stevens  | <b>30</b> Marlin Bennett, Ann Orr, Frederick Stevens   |
| <b>15</b> Julius Peters, Donald Nelson, Juanita Rogers  | <b>31</b> Yvonne Glomski, Victor Bailey, Marlene Gray  |
| <b>16</b> Paul Walker, Julie Walker-Hunt  |  |
| <b>17</b> Larry Burnham, Gary Grills, Kevin Hancock, Gerald Nahgahgwon, Mark Powell                                       |  |



## JULY 2018 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### Community Sewing Night

July 5, 12, 19, 26 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
 • Seventh Generation  
 • 989.775.4780

### Drums Out: Singing for Fun

July 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6 - 8 p.m.  
 • Seventh Generation Blue House  
 • 989.775.4780

### Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

July 5, 12, 19, 26 | 4 - 6 p.m.  
 • Behavioral Health  
 • 989.775.4895

July 4, 18 | 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 • Location: Saganing Tribal Center  
 • 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5810

### Families Against Narcotics Support Group

July 5 | 7 - 9 p.m.  
 • Tribal Operations Seniors Room  
 • 989.775.4880

### Friday Night Skins

July 6, 27 | Shotgun start: 5:30 p.m.  
 • Waabooz Run Golf Course  
 • 989.817.4802

July 13, 20 | Shotgun start: 5:30 p.m.

• Pleasant Hills  
 • 989.772.0487  
 • Nine holes with cart - \$10, skins game: \$20 per player

### 5 vs 5 Dodgeball Tournament

July 6 | Shotgun start: 3 p.m.  
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
 • 989.775.4522  
 • Registration opens July 5  
 • Two age groups: 12 and under, 16 and under

### Ojibway Floral Watercolor Workshop

July 9-12 | 6 - 9 p.m.  
 • Seventh Generation  
 • 989.775.4826  
 • Light snacks and supplies will be provided.  
 • Limited space available - registration is required.

### Painting Workshop

July 16-20 | 6 - 9 p.m.  
 • SCTC East Building, Room 6  
 • 989.775.4826  
 • Light snacks and supplies will be provided.  
 • Limited space available - registration is required.

### Baby Celebration

July 12 | 7 - 9 p.m.  
 • Seventh Generation  
 • 989.775.4780

### Saganing Health & Safety Fair

July 17 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 • Saganing Tribal Center  
 • 989.775.5810  
 • Bike giveaways, bounce house, balloon twister, door prizes, food and entertainment

### Fun & Culture Camp

July 16-19 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 • 7th Generation  
 • 989.775.4780  
 • Registration required by July 13  
 • Limited to first 20 who register  
 • Activities include crafts, language games, canoeing, medicine teachings, lacrosse, talking circle and more.

### Families Against Narcotics Monthly Forum

July 19 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
 • Ziibiwing Center  
 • 989.775.4880

### Preserve the Harvest: Canning 101

July 18 | 4 - 6 p.m.  
 • Nimkee Public Health Kitchen  
 • Registration required: 989.775.4600  
 • Class limited to first 10 to register

### Michigan Indian Family Olympics

July 20 | Opening ceremonies: 9 a.m.  
 • CMU Bennett Track & Field  
 • Registration: 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
 • Registration website: www.sagchip.org/MIFO  
 • Pre-register online prior to July 11 to be guaranteed a Team SCIT T-shirt.

### Homecoming Community Meeting

July 26 | Doors open at 9 a.m., breakfast at 10 a.m.  
 • SECR Entertainment Hall  
 • All Tribal Members welcome - must show Tribal ID  
 • Kids Quest at SECR will open at 9 a.m.

### Red Swamp Lacrosse Drop-in Day

July 27 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 • Broadway Field (behind the police station)  
 • JUpdegraff@sagchip.org  
 • Open to all skill levels  
 • Select equipment available for loan

### Inter-Tribal Open

July 27 | 11 a.m. shotgun start  
 • Waabooz Run Golf Course  
 • 989.775.4149  
 • Three person scramble, any mix  
 • All players must be Tribal Members or descendants of any Tribe or employee (Tribal Ops/Migizi/SECR.)  
 • \$60 per person  
 • Lunch at the turn; door prizes and awards at the end of the tournament  
 • Separate youth division (17 and under): 10 a.m. start  
 • \$25 per youth player

## JULY 2018 | Tribal Community Calendar

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Sat./Sun.  |
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| <b>2</b><br>Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   5:30 p.m.<br>Women's Traditions Society<br>B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.<br>Euchre and Potluck<br>Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.<br>Bingo with Friends<br>Andahwod   1 p.m.            | <b>3</b><br>Native Farmers Market<br>10 a.m. - 2 p.m.<br>Ogitchedaw Meeting<br>Seniors Room   6 p.m.<br>Narcotics Anonymous<br>B. Health   7 p.m.   | <b>4</b><br>Tribal Ops Closed<br>Independence Day   | <b>5</b><br>Talking Circle<br>7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m.<br>12-Step Meditation Group<br>B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.<br>D. Dowd Traditional Healer<br>B. Health   10 a.m. - 4 p.m.<br>FAN Support Group<br>Seniors Room   7-9 p.m.<br>FAN Support Group<br>Seniors Room   7-9 p.m. | <b>6</b><br>Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   11:30 a.m.<br>Spirit Bear AA Meeting<br>Andahwod   7 p.m.<br>12-Step Meditation Group<br>Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m.<br>Traditional Sweat Lodge<br>B. Health   5:30 - 11 p.m. | <b>7</b><br>Dances in July<br>Ziibiwing   12 - 5 p.m.<br><b>1/8</b><br>New Spirit AA Meeting<br>B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.   |
| <b>9</b><br>Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   5:30 p.m.<br>Women's Traditions Society<br>B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.<br>Euchre and Potluck<br>Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.<br>Saganing Blood Drive<br>Saganing   8 a.m. - 3 p.m. | <b>10</b><br>Native Farmers Market<br>10 a.m. - 2 p.m.<br>Narcotics Anonymous<br>B. Health   7 p.m.<br>Bingo with Friends<br>Saganing   10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.   | <b>11</b><br>Elders Breakfast<br>Andahwod   9 a.m.<br>Open Gym<br>Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.<br>Higher Education Banquet<br>SECR Ballroom   12 - 2 p.m.  | <b>12</b><br>Talking Circle<br>7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m.<br>Breakfast at Saganing<br>10 - 11 a.m.<br>12-Step Meditation Group<br>B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.   | <b>13</b><br>Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   11:30 a.m.<br>Spirit Bear AA Meeting<br>Andahwod   7 p.m.<br>12-Step Meditation Group<br>Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m.   | <b>14</b><br>Dances in July<br>Ziibiwing   12 - 5 p.m.<br><b>15</b><br>New Spirit AA Meeting<br>B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.   |
| <b>16</b><br>Tribal Observer<br>Deadline   5 p.m.<br>Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   5:30 p.m.<br>Women's Traditions Society<br>B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.<br>Euchre and Potluck<br>Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.              | <b>17</b><br>Native Farmers Market<br>10 a.m. - 2 p.m.<br>Narcotics Anonymous<br>B. Health   7 p.m.<br>Bingo with Friends<br>Saganing   10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.   | <b>18</b><br>Open Gym<br>Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.<br>Saganing Talking Circle<br>Saganing   5 p.m.<br>Youth Council Meeting<br>Tribal Ops   5 p.m.<br>Tribal Education Advisory<br>Meeting   9 a.m.   | <b>19</b><br>Talking Circle<br>7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m.<br>Anishinaabemowin and<br>Sacred Fire lunches<br>7th Generation   12 - 1 p.m.<br>12-Step Meditation Group<br>B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.<br>FAN Forum<br>Ziibiwing   7 p.m.  | <b>20</b><br>Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   11:30 a.m.<br>Spirit Bear AA Meeting<br>Andahwod   7 p.m.<br>12-Step Meditation Group<br>Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m.   | <b>21</b><br>Dances in July<br>Ziibiwing   12 - 5 p.m.<br>Birthday Bingo<br>Andahwod   12 - 3 p.m.<br><b>22</b><br>New Spirit AA Meeting<br>B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.   |
| <b>23</b><br>Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   5:30 p.m.<br>Women's Traditions Society<br>B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.<br>Euchre and Potluck<br>Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.  | <b>24</b><br>Native Farmers Market<br>10 a.m. - 2 p.m.<br>Narcotics Anonymous<br>B. Health   7 p.m.<br>Healthy Start Family Picnic<br>SE Hideaway RV Park   12- 3 p.m.                                    | <b>25</b><br>Elders Breakfast<br>Andahwod   9 a.m.<br>Open Gym<br>Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.   | <b>26</b><br>Talking Circle<br>7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m.<br>12-Step Meditation Group<br>B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.  | <b>27</b><br>SCIT Powwow<br>Tribal Ops Closed<br>Saginaw Chippewa<br>Nation's Holiday  | <b>28</b><br>SCIT Powwow<br>Birthday Bingo<br>Andahwod   12 - 3 p.m.<br><b>29</b><br>New Spirit AA Meeting<br>B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.   |
| <b>30</b><br>Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   5:30 p.m.<br>Women's Traditions Society<br>B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.<br>Euchre and Potluck<br>Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.<br>Cradleboard Workshop<br>Ziibiwing   5 - 8 p.m.    | <b>31</b><br>Native Farmers Market<br>10 a.m. - 2 p.m.<br>Narcotics Anonymous<br>B. Health   7 p.m.<br>Cradleboard Workshop<br>Ziibiwing   5 - 8 p.m.<br>Food Preservation Class<br>Saganing   5 - 8 p.m. | <b>Gbe Niibing wa Gin-daa'man</b><br>Summer Reading Bucket List<br>Joins us this summer at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries! Summer reading goes until July 27. Come in and fill up your summer reading bucket list with activities that will keep you busy all summer long. |   |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Curbside Recycling</li> <li>● Waste Collection*</li> </ul> <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p> |



## Tribal Observer Classifieds

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### 100 Employment Tribal Operations

#### Clerical Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

#### General Labor Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

#### Journeyman Lineman

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED and Michigan Journeyman Lineman license. Two years lineman experience preferred. Michigan Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

#### Elementary Teacher

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Master's degree preferred.

#### Bus Driver

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan commercial driver's license.

#### Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Master's degree preferred. Five years classroom teaching experience. Two years curriculum development experience.

#### Director Utilities

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in management, construction, engineering, utilities or related field. Five years progressive experience with public administration, municipal services, or utilities. Three years in a supervisory

capacity or Associate Degree in management, trade, or related field. Seven years progressive experience with public administration, municipal services, or utilities. Three years in a supervisory capacity.

#### Journeyman Electrician

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be a journeyman electrician. Six years experience working as an electrician or completion of a formal electrical apprentice program.

#### Resident Service Aide

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

#### Regulations Clerk

Open to the public. Associate's degree in business management. One year administrative support experience.

#### Elder Community Activities Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Six months working with elders or activity planning.

#### Residential Support Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Six months working with elders or activity planning.

#### Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is preferred.

#### Police Chief

Open to the public. Associate degree or higher in criminal justice, police science or related field. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Ten years experience in law enforcement. Five years experience

in a supervisory capacity. Experience with planning, organizing, prioritizing, coordinating and evaluating department. MCOLES certified.

#### Police Officer

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age.

#### Administrative Assistant I

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year administrative support experience.

#### Registered Medical Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or certified medical assistant license. One year experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

#### Housing Administrative Program Coordinator

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years executive assistant experience.

#### Powwow Worker

SCIT Members only. Must be available to work July 27 - 29 under the supervision of the Powwow committee and work in various weather conditions supporting event activities at the campground.

#### Purchased Referred Care Clerk

Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

### SECR

#### Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Open to Tribal Members only. High school diploma or equivalent. One year receiving or experience working with warehouse equipment.

#### Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment.

#### Floor/Upholstery Cleaner

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Two years of carpet and upholstery cleaning experience.

#### Kitchen Equipment Worker

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.

#### Line Cook

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

#### Waitstaff PT Seasonal

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

#### Laundry Supervisor

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

#### Housekeeper PT

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

#### Bartender PT Seasonal

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

#### Guest Relations Rep PT

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

#### Server Assistant PT

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

#### Line Server PT

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

#### Usher

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

#### Entertainment Security Officer

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

#### Seasonal Transit Driver PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Current and valid commercial driver's license or chauffeur's license.

#### Security Officer PT

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

#### Security Officer FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience preferred. Must be able to work any shift assigned, included weekends and holidays.

#### Housekeeping Supervisor Hotel

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Two years of hotel housekeeping experience.

#### Inventory Control Warehouse Driver

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One year receiving or experience working with warehouse equipment.

#### Table Games Dealer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

#### Finance Cashier PT

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

#### Slot Technician

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Associate degree in electronics preferred.

#### Carpet/Tile/Wood Flooring Technician

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Three years experience in a flooring installer position or five years of experience in a building maintenance position with carpentry/flooring responsibilities.

#### Steward PT

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

#### Finance Supervisor

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years cage or finance

experience in a gaming enterprise or banking institution.

#### Function Service PT

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

#### Call Center Agent PT

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

#### Massage Therapist PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Michigan massage certification with 600 total hours.

### SELC & Saganing

#### Beverage Server PT

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

#### Line Cook PT

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

#### Waste Water Operator

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One year experience in water/wastewater field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

#### Public Health Nurse

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in nursing. Must be RN. One year public health experience.

#### Players Club Representative PT

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

#### Players Club Representative PT

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science or related field.

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## Tribal Preference Candidates

**Human Resources Office of Anishinabe Workforce Developer**

**Seeking Tribal preference candidates interested in short-term, temporary employment opportunities.**

**Immediate placements available for Tribal preference candidates who complete and pass fingerprint and background checks.**

- Cost:** The personal cost to applicants is \$65 for the fingerprint portion.
- Documentation:** Driver's license, certifications and Tribal identification are needed at time of application.
- Location of placement may include:** Andahwod, Behavioral Health, Nimkee, Education or Recreation.

*\* Other non-background check temporary positions do arise on occasion, and applicants for this type of work may apply at any time.*

**Please direct questions to:**  
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## Summons and Complaint Notices

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF SEGWEN TRAVER:**

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Notice to Appear Case no. 14-JCW-0381 to Segwen Traver: In the Matter of Minor Children. You are hereby summoned, cited and required to appear before the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court in the above named case. Failure to appear on the date and time set may result in a default judgment, contempt of court or a warrant for your arrest. You must notify the court in advance if you are unable to be present. Your appearance is required for the following reasons: Petition for Termination Hearing, the court has taken jurisdiction of the minors in reference to the case number listed above. **A Termination hearing will be conducted by the court on Friday, July 13, 2018, at 9 a.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 before the Honorable Patrick M. Shannon. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Segwen Traver appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minors and the eventual termination of parental rights.

**SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF JUSTENE PELCHER-SAWMICK:**

The Saginaw Chippewa Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case No. 18-CI-0092 Plaintiff: Isabella Community Credit Union Plaintiff's Attorney: Becky J. Bolles (P57094) Hall & Bolles, P.C. 300 S. University Ave., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 773-0004 vs. Defendant: Justene Pelcher-Sawmick 5452 Aster Lane, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to the Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Aug. 28, 2018.**



## Saganing hosts 11th annual traditional powwow

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The Saganing powwow grounds near the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino in Standish filled with dancing, regalia and the sound of drums during the Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow that took place Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17.

Both grand entries occurred at 1 p.m. Head veteran Raymond Cadotte led the entry, supported by head male dancer Chase Stevens and head female dancer Cecilia Stevens.

Jody Gaskin emceed the event, and Painted Rock provided the head drum.

A hand drum contest occurred on Sunday, and a potato dance and 'rock your mocs' showdown also took place that weekend.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Raymond Cadotte served as head veteran during the June 16-17 Saganing Traditional Powwow.**



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**Head male dancer Chase Stevens (left) and head female dancer Cecilia Stevens (right) dance together during an intertribal.**



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**Jody Gaskin served as emcee for the two-day powwow.**



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**Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warrior Society members lead the way during the Saturday grand entry.**

