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## Tribe and CMU history: Women's Lacrosse team gifted wooden box for lacrosse sticks

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

In February 2016, Central Michigan University's Women's Lacrosse team played its first game in program history, and the players carried the colors of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe onto the field.

The players' pockets and the end of their sticks carried the colors: red, yellow, black and white. The team's pockets were strung to replicate the medicine wheel.

On April 15, 2016, Tribal representatives blessed the team's field – the Lacrosse/Soccer Complex – with a drum ceremony and the Wabanaisee "Snowbird" Singers, and it was then that the team was presented with ceremonial

traditional lacrosse sticks decorated by Tribal Members.

The tradition continued this year as CMU held a brief ceremony to honor the Tribe.

On Thursday, April 18 before CMU Women's Lacrosse played against Coastal Carolina, the CMU Chippewas were presented a wooden box to hold the wooden lacrosse sticks that were gifted to them three years ago.

Shortly after 5:45 p.m. and prior the start of the game, Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and his wife, Rosemary; and Tribal Council members Frank J. Cloutier, Louanna Bruner and Jennifer Wasegijig; and Ernest Fletcher, woodshop carpenter for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Maintenance Department and who crafted the beautiful box, joined CMU



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal representatives Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and his wife Rosemary, Frank J. Cloutier, Louanna Bruner and Jennifer Wasegijig pose for a photo with CMU representatives President Robert O. Davies, Director of Athletics Michael Alford and several Women's Lacrosse team members after the CMU Chippewas were presented the lacrosse box from the Tribe on April 18 on the field of the Lacrosse/Soccer Complex.

President Robert O. Davies and his wife, Cindy; CMU Director of Athletics Michael Alford; and the lacrosse team on the field for the honor.

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## Tribe receives grant to increase mental health awareness in schools with Project AWARE

**PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is pleased to announce they are the recipients of a \$9 million five-year grant awarded from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The grant, Project AWARE, is 100 percent funded by SAMHSA with the primary goal of implementing a trauma-informed school model to serve youth and their families.

The SCIT will partner with the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools and Shepherd Public Schools to administer services provided by the grant.

Trauma-informed services and practices – mental health first aid and crisis intervention skills – will be taught to school staff and community members to increase mental health awareness and care for students and self.

"This project will be transformative because it addresses the needs of students, families and employees at a number of levels," said Project AWARE

Coordinator Kehli Henry. "It is also a unique opportunity for all of the organizations involved to work together to support our youth and create a shared plan for the future."

Jennifer Verleger, superintendent for Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, said MPPS are "thrilled to partner with the Tribe" for the grant.

"Through this amazing grant, our staff and schools will be better prepared to meet the needs of all of our students and families," Verleger said. "The entire Mt. Pleasant community will benefit from this collaboration. Our district is

proud to be a part of Project AWARE and is grateful to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for the opportunity."

Schools and communities will collaborate on a mental health action plan for youth to identify further needs in the community and develop universal trauma-informed policies and procedures.

"We will be hiring three additional counselors for the district that will allow us to focus on the mental health of our student population," said Steve Brimmer, superintendent

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Job Placement Specialist  
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## Donald "Ed" Chippewa Jr.

Nov. 8, 1970 – April 7, 2019

Donald "Ed" Chippewa Jr., age 48, of Mount Pleasant passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 7, 2019, at The Laurels of Mt. Pleasant.

Ed was born on Nov. 8, 1970, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Donald Sr. and Karen (Quigno) Chippewa.

Ed was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He worked at the Soaring Eagle Casino, holding many positions including cook, Black Jack dealer, and pit boss. Ed also worked for Brandle Roofing, alongside his dad.

He enjoyed writing poetry, listening to music, NASCAR, watching Antiques Roadshow, and his peanut butter sandwiches. Ed loved his native culture and learning about the Mayan culture. He adored his nieces and nephews very much.

Ed is survived by his parents Donald and Leigh Chippewa Sr.; brothers, John (Melita) Chippewa and Ryan Chippewa, both of Mt. Pleasant; sisters, Candace (Jason) Benzinger of Mt. Pleasant and Nicole Chippewa of Weidman; nieces and nephews Karen and Riana Chippewa, Blake, Braden, Kiley, Kelsey, and Caylee Chippewa, Bella Benzinger, Teigan Wemigwans; great nephew Miles Vasquez; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Ed was preceded in death by his mother, Karen Chippewa, and nephew Taylor Vasquez.

Funeral services were held at the Tribal Gym on Thursday, April 11, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. Interment followed in Chippewa Township Cemetery.

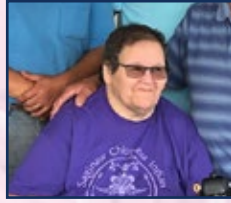
Memorial contributions may be made to Andahwod Continuing Care and Elders Services.



## In honor and memory of Bonnie (Slater) Cantu

### Happy Mother's Day (May 12th) and Happy Heavenly Birthday May 20th

It wasn't long ago we said goodbye and things don't seem the same, you were the source that nurtured who we are and your presence is missed. Heaven is a brighter place because you are there and may the light of God's presence rest on us and bring us comfort and strength.



We love and miss you, Mom (grandma/great grandma)"  
I Love and miss you Bonnie

## Steven Douglas Waynee

May 23, 1962 – April 20, 2019

Steven Douglas Waynee, 56, passed away on Friday, April 20, 2019.

Steve was born on May 23, 1962, in Bay City, Mich. to Ed and Helen Waynee.

Steve moved to the Standish area in 1970 where he made many life-long friends. Steve graduated from Standish-Sterling Central High School in 1980. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

His hobbies included horse racing, car racing, golfing, cooking, and entertaining friends. Steve worked at the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino in Standish.

Steve is survived by his brothers Al (Lois) Waynee and Craig (Marlene) Waynee. Also surviving are Rita Waynee and Deb Short and family. Steve was very lucky in having his nephews Sam (Sherri) Brown, Matt (Namita) Waynee, Chad (Jamie) Waynee, and his niece Sheila (Tom) Roupe, and their families in his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Pat Brown, and a nephew Timothy Brown.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Rivertown Funeral Chapel at 209 S. Huron Rd., Kawkawlin, MI 48631, with Rev. Fr. Lawrence Boks presiding. A private burial was held in Pine River Cemetery.

Those wishing an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Brian's House in Essexville, Mich.



## Attention Tribal Members

On Dec. 12, the Tribal Council passed a motion to offer all Tribal Members one **free copy of their personal enrollment file**, upon request, in an effort to alleviate the cost to the Membership.



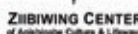
## Chainsaw Safety

**Wednesday, May 22**  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Morning Lecture Session**  
At Ziiibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways



**Afternoon Hands-On Session**  
At the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School historic sites



**To sign up, contact:** Chip Neyome by May 17

**For more information, please contact:**

► **Chip Neyome**, Anishnabe Workforce Developer  
Email: ChNeyome@sagchip.org | Phone: 989.775.0053

► **Dave Chatfield**, SCIT Safety Coordinator  
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### Sherrill Kennedy

Credit Homebuyer Counselor/Loan Specialist

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- **Website:** www.Sagchip.org/housing

## 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 the 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 |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Bills Jr., John     | 10/8/2018     |
| Bordeau, Tina       | 7/10/2018     |
| Chamberlain, Alvin  | 7/12/2018     |
| Chapoton, Ross      | 12/5/2018     |
| Collins, Larry      | 11/25/2018    |
| Drews, Delores      | 8/25/2018     |
| Gould, Betty        | 11/15/2018    |
| Jackson, Earlene    | 8/22/2018     |
| Jackson, Garth      | 10/5/2017     |
| McDonald, Eva       | 9/9/2018      |
| Peters Sr., Phillip | 12/8/2018     |
| Quayle, Dennis      | 7/21/2018     |
| Sanders, Madonna    | 8/15/2018     |
| Smith, Loretta      | 1/5/2018      |
| Stanton, Goldie     | 1/3/2018      |
| Ziehmer, Ida        | 7/24/2018     |

## Powwow Committee One Vacancy

The Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee currently has one vacancy. Open until filled.

**Send letters of interest to**

Attention: Powwow Committee  
7070 E Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

## Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



## Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

**Upcoming dates:** May 16, June 20

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Ziiibiwing 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:** May 2, June 6

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.

**TRIBAL MEMBERS**

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

## Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society

**NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS**



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



## 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

- May 7 • June 4 • July 2



**Happy Birthday Mom**

Love, Waba, Aaron Jr. and Abraham



**Happy Birthday**

Darcy, Rena and Consuelo



Have an adventurous "32" Birthday Gary! 143!!!



**Happy Birthday Mom!**

We love you!  
Love Michelle, Brian, Phoenix & Payton



Shannon Martin & Lisa Tiger were happily married at Ziibiwing on April 27, 2019.

Megwetch to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Community for bringing us together.

Zaagichigaade ~ We love/treasure it {this community}.

### Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Committee Meetings

Every third Monday of the month in the Seniors Room from 9 to 11 a.m.

Looking to fill one vacancy on the committee



Check out the Tribal Observer

**ONLINE**

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

## 2019 Annual Report

# DEADLINE

Friday, May 3, 2019 by 5 p.m.

There are currently 304 adult Tribal Members who have not completed their Annual Report.

### Tribal Clerk's Office hours are:

- Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Office is typically closed on Fridays, but will remain open for this Friday, May 3 deadline.

\*No post marked or faxes will be accepted.

### For more information, please contact:

The Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4050

## Attention Tribal Members

The time has come, Tribal Business Regulations is now live on the Tribal website with frequently requested forms, staff contact information, a tax agreement area map and further information on what we do here at Business Regulations.

Forms can now be accessed online by visiting: [www.sagchip.org/BusinessRegulations](http://www.sagchip.org/BusinessRegulations).

Completed forms can be submitted by mail and sent to:

Tribal Business Regulations  
7070 E. Broadway Road  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Forms can also be faxed to: (989) 775-4107 or emailed to: [BusinessRegulations@sagchip.org](mailto:BusinessRegulations@sagchip.org)

For questions or for further assistance, please contact the Business Regulations Department at: (989) 775-4175 or (989) 775-4109.



### Attention SCIT Tribal Members:

The Ziibiwing Cultural Society's Collection Committee needs Committee Members

For more information, please contact:

Robin Spencer at 989.775.4748 or [rspencer@sagchip.org](mailto:rspencer@sagchip.org)



## Tribal Observer Graduate Photos

Please submit information to [Observer@Sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@Sagchip.org)

### College

- Graduate's name
- School
- Field of Study

### High School

- Graduate's name
- School

Deadline: May 17, 2019, at 5 p.m.

# HEY!

Helping Empower Youth

## Summer Youth Workers Needed!

### Applications:

Available online at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)

### Youth Workers:

- ▶ Must be SCIT Member
- ▶ Must be 14-18 years old
- ▶ Application deadline: June 2, 2019

### Crew Leaders:

- ▶ Must be SCIT Member
- ▶ Must be 18-24 years old
- ▶ Application deadline: May 9, 2019

For more information, please contact:

Chip Neyome  
Anishinaabe Workforce Developer

Phone: 989.775.0053  
Email: [ChNeyome@sagchip.org](mailto:ChNeyome@sagchip.org)

## Tribal Libraries Survey

The Tribal Libraries are looking for your input!

As we work on planning for the future, we want to be sure we're using your feedback, so we have created a very short survey. You can fill it out online or on paper at the Tribal Library or Tribal College Library.

This survey is open to everyone.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RDTFTNR>



## Tribal Council

### Chief

**Ronald F. Ekdahl** | District One

### Sub-Chief

**Julius S. Peters** | District One

### Treasurer

**Craig Graveratte** | District One

### Secretary

**Frank J. Cloutier** | District Three

### Sergeant-at-Arms

**Kenny Sprague** | District One

### Chaplain

**Diana Quigno-Grundahl** | District One

### Council Member

**Louanna Bruner** | District One

### Council Member

**Bill Federico** | District One

### Council Member

**Lindy Hunt** | District One

### Council Member

**Theresa Jackson** | District One

### Council Member

**Jennifer L. Wassegijig** | District One

### Council Member

**Ron Nelson** | District Two

## 2019 Golf Tournaments and Events Schedule

### Monday Night Masters | May 6- Aug. 12.

At Maple Creek in Shepherd, Mich. Contact Lucas Sprague 989-775-4149.

### Tuesday Night Skins | May 7 - Oct. 1

At Waabooz Run. 18 holes, singles. All players use the white tees, 5 p.m. shot gun, \$20 per person plus green/cart fees. Players with memberships do not pay green fees. Players must play in 14 of the 22 weeks to play in the final week, final week entry is \$25 per player. Limit is 20 players weekly registration opens at 4:30 p.m.

### Friday Night Skins | May 10- Oct. 4

At Waabooz Run. 18 holes, singles. 18 holes, all players use the blue tees, no age limit, \$20 plus green/cart fees. Players with the membership do not pay green fees. Players must play in 14 of the 21 weeks to be eligible for the final week. Final week entry is \$25 per player. Single players hit one shot and pay the same entry. No league play July 5.

### Mother's Day Special | May 11

At Waabooz Run. Two players per team, \$40 per player. \$2,000 in cash drawings for fathers/mothers. Top five scores payouts based on entries. Twelve proximities at \$25 each, and a 50/50 raffle available. Skins are \$20 per team. Event sponsored by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing Department.

### Gun Lake Annual Tournament | May 17

At Orchard Hills. 9 a.m. tee off, four-man team, \$95 each before May 11 and \$115 after May 11.

### Chief Mogoago Veterans Outing | May 31

At Binder Park Golf Course in Battle Creek, Mich. Hosted by Nottawasippi Huron Potawatomi. Entry is \$150 per player, four player scramble. For more information, contact Mathew Goldner at 269-704-8355.

**Contact Bernard Sprague at 989-400-1838 for more information or to register your team.**

### Father's Day Special | June 17

At Waabooz Run. Two players per team, \$40 per player. \$2,000 in cash drawings for fathers/mothers. Top five scores payouts based on entries. Twelve proximities at \$25 each, and a 50/50 raffle available. Skins are \$20 per team. Event sponsored by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing Department.

### Who's Your Caddy Open | Date TBA

At Maple Creek in Shepherd. Entry \$75 per player, four-person scramble. Contact Lucas Sprague at 989-775-4149.

### Veterans Fundraiser | July 2

At Waabooz Run. At 10 a.m., three- player scramble \$75 entry per player, funds used to assist veterans in Isabella County and surrounding counties. Sponsorships available, call 989-400-1838 for details.

### Family Olympics Tournament | July 18

At Waabooz Run. Two players per team (both players must be from the same tribe), alternate shot. Tee-off at 9 a.m. Five divisions: Golden Oldies 65 and over use white tees, Seniors 50 to 64 use blue tees, Men 49 and under use blue tees, Women and Youth 17 & under use white tees. Singles at 2 p.m. All divisions' entry is \$30 per person (Individual stroke play, triple bogey max score on all holes).

### Little Elks Memorial | Aug. 3

At Waabooz Run. 10 a.m. tee-off, two-player scramble, \$50 per player. Skins \$20 team. Shotgun at 10 a.m., 50/50 raffle, proximities, door prizes, random draw for five places \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100.

### Native Cup | Sept. 14

At Waabooz Run. Michigan tribes vs. Walpole Island and friends. Entry is \$100 per player scramble format, three senior teams, three coed teams, four men's teams. Winner takes all, win six of the 10 matches win the pot, skins pot also available.

## 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.

## Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

The Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICWC) has been established to provide community input on the welfare of children of the Tribe. They make recommendations to the Tribal Court regarding termination of parental rights, guardianships, and/or adoptions, and the appropriate disposition of any minor in need of care. The ICWC also license foster homes and child care centers. The ICWC meets twice a month with special and/or emergency meetings occurring on occasion.

**Deadline: June 1, 2019**  
**One vacancy only**

**Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services.**

Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

**Please feel free to contact Felicia Bross at 989.775.4906 for more information.**

**Send letter of interest to:**

Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services  
7070 E Broadway Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

## Tribal Observer

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



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

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

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

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

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## Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

## Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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## Zaagate' Mentoring Program offers one-on-one advising while having fun

**SARAH DEATON**

Mentoring Program Specialist

The Zaagate' (zaa-gaa-tay) Mentoring Program, formerly known as the Nijikwehn Mentoring Program, is a collaborative effort between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, higher education institutions and local public schools.

The Zaagate' Mentoring Program serves Native American students in Isabella County school districts.

The program has been implemented through the aid of the 2016 U.S. Department of Education: Indian Education Demonstration Grant, Native Youth Community Projects.

The Zaagate' Mentoring Program kick-off started with a trip to District 5: Extreme Air Sports. This is an indoor, all inclusive trampoline theme park, lined with wall-to-wall trampolines, rock walls, obstacle courses, foam pits, and basketball courts. From start



Central Michigan University mentor Tamia Brice helps mentees from Fancher and Mary McGuire elementaries separate Oreo cookies to look like the phases of the moon (Dbik-giizis).

to finish, the Zaagate' mentors and mentees were flying through the air, swimming in the foam pits, and racing each other through obstacle courses.

"I had a blast with the kids. My favorite part of the trip was stopping to pray and offer tobacco," said Aaron Hernandez, volunteer for the mentoring program. "The trip was a great way for the kids to learn a little bit about their culture and have a great time. I think that offering trips on the weekend to the kids is really awesome because it gives them a chance to do something positive, have a fun experience, and learn something at the same time. I thought the kids represented the Tribe well."

Through this program, fifth to eighth grade Native American youth are learning what it takes to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Implemented through Behavioral Health's Prevention program, the Zaagate' Mentoring Program is engaging youth and mentors through activities that are exciting, active, and infused with cultural practices revolving around the seasons in the same fashion our Native ancestors passed on our teachings and traditions.

The program offers cultural teachings and



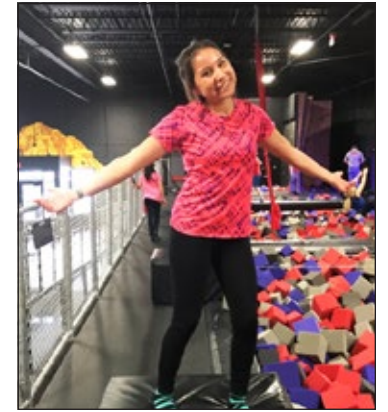
Mentee Kiyenn Pilar shows off his skills on the rock wall.



The spring Easter egg tree, created by the Zaagate' Mentoring Program in honor of the Mexican Easter Tradition of Egg Blowing, is photographed.



Mentee Tyler Snyder smiles after he completed the tight rope challenge.



"My favorite part of the trip was the drive home. I laughed so hard!" - Emily Stevens, ZMP Mentee

one-on-one mentoring with Native American college students to prepare Native American youth for college and career readiness, developing healthy relationships, and maintaining alcohol and drug-free lifestyles.

If you are interested in signing your child up for the Zaagate' Mentoring Program, please contact Winnay Wemigwase at 989-775-4881 or [WiWemigwase@sagchip.org](mailto:WiWemigwase@sagchip.org), or Sarah Deaton at 989-775-4806 or [SDeaton@sagchip.org](mailto:SDeaton@sagchip.org).



### Mentoring Program Schools

The Zaagate' Mentoring Program is operating in six different schools within the Shepherd and Mt. Pleasant school districts listed below:

- **Shepherd Elementary and Middle School:** Monday, 2:50 - 4:30 p.m.
- **Fancher Elementary:** Tuesday, 3:45 - 5:15 p.m.
- **Mary McGuire Elementary:** Tuesday, 3:45 - 5:15 p.m.
- **Renaissance Academy:** Wednesday, 2 - 3:30 p.m.
- **Mount Pleasant Middle School:** Wednesday, 2:35 - 4:15 p.m.
- **Saginaw Chippewa Academy:** Thursday, 3:30 - 5 p.m.



Mentees Charles Trepanier and Nixie Snyder joust.

## Three Native American students inducted into the National Honor Society

**KARI KLOUSE**

Student Support Advisor

The National Honor Society induction ceremony was held Wednesday, April 24 in the Mt. Pleasant High School's

Performing Arts Center.

The MPHS Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted newly-selected members in their annual induction ceremony.

Three Native American students were inducted: Quinnlan

Burger, Phoebe DeFeyter and Treazure Jones.

These students met the many requirements it takes to be part of National Honor Society.

Congratulations to those students that were inducted.



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RONNIE DEVOE, BOBBY BROWN,  
RICKY BELL, AND MICHAEL BIVINS

Entertainment Hall | 8PM  
Tickets start at \$49



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**TACOS & TEQUILA**

Day Session: Tickets start at \$40  
Joe Nichols | 2PM  
Night Session: Tickets start at \$50  
The Romantics & War | 7:30PM



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**TIM MCGRAW**

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## Editorial: Project Venture Tribal youth highlights so far this 2019 school year

### DOLORES WINN

Youth Program Coordinator,  
Anishnaabeg Child  
& Family Services

The Project Venture Tribal youth program has had a great start to the 2019 school year.

The students have attended several monthly adventure challenges including Central Michigan University's rock climbing wall and ropes course in February, a snowshoe hike with Chippewa Watershed Conservancy in March, and a trip to Dow Whiting Forest in April to explore the outdoor canopy walk together.

The first Project Venture camping trip is this month where students will go mountain biking in Traverse City trails and camp at the Traverse City Campgrounds.

In the summer, the program has weekend camping trips planned called "Weekend Warrior" trips that will focus on the youth's survival skills, cultural skills and lots of team work skills.

In afterschool sessions, the students have been focused primarily on getting to know one another, learning how to work as a team, trusting each other, communicating clearly, respecting each other's differences, and learning how to rely on one another and build each other up as they work on what it means to be a cohesive team.

All afterschool sessions build the students up to their weekend adventure challenges that really promote the use of those skills they learned with their team.



Courtesy of Dolores Winn

**Project Venture participants are photographed during their second outing on a snowshoe hike with Alexis Wixson from Chippewa Watershed Conservancy at Sylvan Solace Conserve.**

Learning to trust one another and rely upon each other is a very important skill they are learning to master. Communicating respectfully with each other is also something they are working hard at.

The students are also learning more about the core concepts of Project Venture: culture and tradition, strength-based approach, experiential learning, service ethics, engagement with nature, and connection building with family community and culture.

The program has been fortunate to connect with cultural teachers from Tribe who have shared their time, talents, and cultural teachings. Thank you to Dan and Tonya Jackson for our very first teaching on smudging at Seventh Generation. The kids are now able to start each afterschool session with a smudge.

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy AB teachers gave the students a teaching on the Seven Grandfather teachings. We had a great discussion about

how we can incorporate them into our lives.

Our students also received an incredible teaching about the medicine wheel from Ben Hinmon at Seventh Generation. They are looking forward to more teachings with Hinmon in the future and we hope to connect more with Seventh Generation as the year continues.

Part of Project Venture's core values is teaching the students how to give back to their community. They have four service learning projects they will be planning a year.

The service learning projects are a way for the students to be involved in the planning and execution of these projects and will work hard to give back to their community in various ways.

Our first projects began at the end of the last month where students helped to clean up the grounds at Seventh Generation, the Ziibiwing Center, and the outdoor area at the Family Resource Center; where the afterschool sessions are held on Sowmick Drive.

Our students will also plant flowers around designated areas within the Tribe. We are hoping to connect with other departments this summer to help plant community gardens. The Project Venture students may even take part in the Honoring, Healing, and Remembering ceremony this year. Our youth play a big part in our community at Tribe.

Project Venture has connected with more amazing



Courtesy of Dolores Winn

**Daisia Wiltse (left) and Angelica Hinmon (right) experience the high ropes course at Central Michigan University's rock climbing wall.**



Courtesy of Dolores Winn

**Project Venture students and mentors pose for a photo with Ben Hinmon (fourth from left), cultural representative at Seventh Generation, after Hinmon provides teachings about the medicine wheel.**

partners and people from all over Michigan.

Great Turtle Kayak Company from Mackinaw City, Mich. contacted us and would like to partner with Project Venture this summer to give our students a free two-hour guided kayak trip under the Mackinac Bridge! We connected with them, and the coordinators of their program will be bringing a cultural representative Lee Sprague on our trip to do a cultural teaching about the sacred lands up in Northern Michigan. This trip is planned for end of June where we will be camping up in Mackinaw City with the students.

Youth program coordinator Dolores Winn has connected with Red Bloom Yoga in downtown Mount Pleasant where the owner Kris Batzner will be giving the students four yoga and meditation classes throughout a four-week period.

Our students and staff are very fortunate to receive these enriching experiences from so many different people around the area.

The students are also in charge of planning most of their outdoor monthly adventures and

their input is extremely valuable in the planning of our program. One student Christopher Spencer Ruiz said that he has learned about trust from being in the program.

We will be collaborating with Tribal employees such as Chip Neyome, Jaden Harman, Toni Smith, Lisa Kennedy, Taylor Brook, and a few others who are invaluable in our outdoor experiential program.

Thank you to the Tribal Court's Probation team for all of your generous healthy snack donations to our afterschool program. Thank you to the Ziibiwing Center also for the afterschool donations from Purdue University students.

Stay tuned for more exciting adventures and experiences from Project Venture Tribal youth program.

The summer programming will be announced soon with days and times during the summer months that we will be meeting and all of our outdoor adventures as well.

Links to the yearly schedule will be posted on the website soon.



Courtesy of Dolores Winn

**Hinmon teaches the students the importance of the eagle feather.**

## Tribe expands food sovereignty initiative with planting of fruit tree orchards

### LISA TIGER

Strategic Grant Specialist

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's commitment to food sovereignty and healthy lifestyles is expanding this Memorial Day weekend with the planting of four fruit tree orchards totaling 140 trees on the Isabella and Saganing Reservations.

Food sovereignty is the right to healthy and culturally appropriate food. The Tribe has worked for decades to produce ecologically sound and sustainable gardens.

Each orchard will consist of 35 trees: 10 apple, five apricot,

five pear, five plum, five peach and five cherry trees.

The orchards will provide a source of fresh fruit to the Tribal community, and be incorporated into Andahwod's upcoming Seed-to-Table programming, Saginaw Chippewa Academy's and Sasiwaans' lunch programs, Behavioral Health Residential Treatment Center, and community feasts at Seventh Generation.

The fruit will also be available to the Tribal community and at the Native Farmers Market.

In addition to being a source of fresh fruit for the Tribal community, the orchards will provide nutritional and environmental

educational opportunities for many Tribal departments.

Seventh Generation's honeybees will be important pollinators for the Isabella orchards. Saganing's orchard will be an exciting extension of their community garden, which was established last year.

The orchards are funded through a grant from the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation, Vitafusion and the Clif Bar Family Foundation. A team of experts from the three funders will be onsite on both reservations to assist with the planting events.

Orchards will be prepared on May 25. Planting locations and

dates are: Seventh Generation on May 26, Behavioral Health on May 27, Andahwod on May 28, and Saganing Tribal Center on May 29.

Each planting day needs a minimum of 15 community volunteers for three to four hours to assist with planting trees, watering, completing a protective fence and mulching.

Snacks, beverages and free gifts from Vitafusion and Clif Bars will be provided to volunteers.

We encourage all who can to come partake in this exciting addition to our beautiful reservations.

To volunteer, please contact the department you wish to plant the orchard with, and sign up to be a part of transforming our community!

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation is an award-winning international nonprofit charity dedicated to planting fruitful trees and plants to alleviate world hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities, and improve the surrounding air, soil, and water.

The foundation's unique mission benefits the environment, human health, and animal welfare. For more information, please visit [www.ftpf.org](http://www.ftpf.org).



## Tribal community participates in painting banners for annual Art Reach event

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

In an effort to beautify areas in Mount Pleasant and Shepherd, Art Reach of Mid Michigan hosts a community-wide event, the Festival of Banners.

Each year, the Festival of Banners brings residents, local schools and businesses the opportunity to paint banners to display on street poles throughout Isabella County from May to late November. This year's theme was "Art Inspires!"

This month, approximately 300 colorful banners will be placed in downtown Mt. Pleasant, the Emergency Department at McLaren Central Michigan, Pickard Street in Union Township and in the Village of Shepherd.

On March 13, Luke Sprague, interim manager for the SCIT



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Recreation Department, called for all artists and/or families to paint banners.

The banners were due back

to the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym/ Recreation Department by noon on April 5.

"We had a limited number of banners and provided the paint and supplies," Sprague said.

Sprague said the artists had the option to either schedule a time to paint a banner in the lounge of the Recreation Department or take a banner home to decorate.

"It can take anywhere from

one to four hours to paint a banner; depending on the amount of color and detail used," Sprague said.

Sprague said the returned banners "looked awesome."

**PROJECT VENTURE**  
*Indigenous youth embracing their potential through outdoor adventure & service*

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- ✓ **Empower Native Youth**
- ✓ **Give back to your community**
- ✓ **Be a part of something that changes the world**

**Volunteers will:**

- Be a part of a year-long Tribal Youth development program based on outdoor wilderness adventure, experiential learning and Anishinaabe cultural traditions.
- Assist in 1-2 hour afterschool sessions at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, beginning in January 2019. Sessions focus on Cultural skill building, experiential learning, team building and outdoor adventure exercises.
- Help set up and break down all afterschool programming sessions with the help of Youth Program Coordinator.
- Attend weekend adventure outings with Project Venture students and staff. Assist students with activities.
- Learn how to facilitate Project Venture afterschool sessions with the Youth Program Coordinator.
- Work on special events and service projects with Tribal Youth.
- Set up events that promote Project Venture – help educate the community.

**Who can be a Project Venture volunteer?**

- Anyone 16 years or older can apply.
- Must pass a background check.
- Must be willing to work with Tribal Youth – engaging, communicating, being actively involved in cultural activities, games and all skill building exercises.
- Must be able to play, move and be in good physical health.

**To apply, please contact Dolores Winn:**

- **Phone:** 989.775.4920
- **Email:** DWinn@sagchip.org

## Cake cutting ceremony held for 38th gaming anniversary

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe celebrated its 38th gaming anniversary on Friday, April 26. A cake cutting ceremony was held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort at the gaming floor's main entrance at 2:30 p.m.

Firstly, Raul Venegas, director of Marketing and Entertainment for Soaring Eagle, provided a welcome to all in attendance and thanked Tribal Council, CEO

Raymond Brenny and the casino's access card members for Soaring Eagle's continued success.

Tribal Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided the invocation before community drummers performed two songs as Cruz Perez and Faith Carmona-Pego both danced in full regalia.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl then delivered a brief address and Brenny followed.

The celebration ended with Chief Ekdahl cutting the cake, and cupcakes were offered to personnel and guests.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck







## College students from Indiana collaborate with Ziibiwing on museum curation project

**ESTHER HELMS**

Contributing Writer

On Thursday, April 4 through Sunday, April 7, the Ziibiwing Center welcomed Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis for a four-day collaborative project entitled Community Collaboration & Curation.

The first day of the event began with a continental breakfast, smudge and prayer, continued with tours of the Ziibiwing Center and permanent exhibit, and then proceeded to the Ziibiwing work projects on the agenda.

During their time at Ziibiwing, the group of students, their attending professor Dr. Holly Cusack-McVeigh and the Ziibiwing staff shared first-hand many of the facets and details involved with museum curation in a spirit of education, community assistance, camaraderie and fun.

Last year, this event occurred with many of the students returning again this year.

The students were involved in a range of activities that included dusting and cleaning the permanent exhibit displays; preparing a space of honor in the grand entry

lobby for the community-built wiigwaasi-jiiman; helping with the initial set up for the upcoming changing exhibit, WIINDANOKIINDIWAG; creating a gift bundle for the community of things they brought to share, for example, children's books that they presented to the Tribal Council; visiting the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School campus and Mission Creek Cemetery; cleaning a bear pelt and late 19th Century beadwork; learning about archive handling; receiving an Anishinaabemowin language lesson from Howard Webkamigad, director of the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department; and enjoying both a welcome dinner with Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin and a backyard cook-out on the Ziibiwing patio with staff.

The University group also had wonderful gifts for some of the staff including a pouch decorated with quills for Visitor Services Representative "Mr. Ray" (Raymond Cadotte), who taught them about the hand drum using the traditional song "Old MacDonald" and gave a presentation of all the other items in the culture kit.



Photos courtesy of Esther Helms



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

On Friday, April 5, students and faculty from Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis present a gift bundle to Tribal Council. The gifts are to be shared within the Tribal community.

**The Ziibiwing Center welcomes Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis for the April 4-7 Community Collaboration & Curation project. The group takes part in a variety of activities including cleaning, preparation and setup of exhibits, meeting with Tribal Council and visiting the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds.**

Miigwetch to the students enjoyed, and we look forward to their help at the Ziibiwing Center. We hope they learned and their return. For more photos, visit Ziibiwing's Facebook page.



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JUNE EVENTS:

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| Community Basket Making           | June 3-14 |
| Honoring, Healing & Remembering   | June 6    |
| Summer Feast at 7th Generation    | June 20   |
| Community Teaching at Petroglyphs | June 22   |

### Ziibiwing Center's Annual Birthday SALE

May 2nd  
8am-10am Pre-Sale  
SCIT Tribal Members only  
10am-6pm  
Open to the public

May 3rd  
10am-6pm  
Open to the public

#### Doorbusters Deals!

Thursday at 10am  
2 Person Tent Kit Was \$299\* Now \$188\*

Friday at 10am  
20" Carry on Luggage Was \$59\* Now \$25\*

Thursday at 2pm  
People's Tote Bag Was \$49\* Now \$29\*

Friday at 2pm  
Medium Outdoor Chair Was \$59\* Now \$39\*

**Prize Drawings**  
\*Must be present to win

**Discounts up to 75% OFF**

**Free Trucks on Friday starting at 11am**

\*Best discount & Loyalty Club members will be accepted. No additional Tribal member or employment discounts on sale merchandise. Sale ends valid while supplies last. Limited quantities available. No special orders or holding merchandise. Subscriptions available: May 2nd and 3rd at the Ziibiwing Center Gift Shop only.

## Bird Day Celebration!

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019**  
**1-5PM**

Bineshiyag n'ganawaabmaanaani!  
(We watch the birds!)

8th year as an official World Migratory Bird Day Event!  
Free & Open to the Public

- AT SOARING EAGLE HIDEAWAY RV PARK** (5514 E. Airport Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI):
  - 9:00am **BIRD WALK** with Gary Kramer from the Chippewa Valley Audubon Club (For questions contact Gary at 989.772.5089)
- AT ZIIBIWING CENTER:**
  - 1:00 pm Welcome & Eagle Dance
  - 3:30-4:30pm Live Raptor Presentation by Wings of Wonder
  - Bird banding with Mike Bishop from Alma College
  - Give-Aways • Door Prizes • Crafts
  - Cookie Decorating

Co-Sponsored with the Isabella Conservation District and the Chippewa Valley Audubon Club

\* Information/Activities by: Chippewa Nature Center, Chippewa Watershed Conservancy, Isabella County MSU Extension, Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum

## HONORING THE LITTLE PEOPLE

SPRING OFFERING CEREMONY AND FEAST

**MAY 24, 2019**  
11AM-2PM

**At Sanilac Petroglyphs**  
FREE & OPEN to the PUBLIC

PLEASE BRING:

- Feast Bundle (Plate, Fork, Cup, etc.)
- For your comfort:
  - Lawn Chair
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  - Dry wild rice
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  - Maple sugar candy
  - Little tools, etc.
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## Birch bark Quill boxes

Collection Showing

**Saturday, May 11, 2019**  
10am - 3pm


Birch bark quill boxes are unique to North America and directly associated with the Great Lakes Anishinaabek. It is an art form of object embellishment using the dyed and undyed quills of the porcupine in elaborate designs. Birch bark quill boxes continue to be recognized as a living art form that is being revitalized throughout tribal communities and practiced by many.

**Saturday, May 11, 2019**  
10am - 3pm, join William Johnson, Ziibiwing's Curator, as he hosts the opening of this special Collection Showing.

Free & Open to the Public

Artwork will remain on display through Saturday, May 18, 2019

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## TO HONOR & RESPECT

ANISHINABE ANCESTRAL REPATRIATION OBSERVANCE

**MAY 10, 2019**

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways will commit to the earth the ancestral human remains of twenty-two (22) Native American individuals and one (1) funerary belonging from the University of Michigan's Museum of Anthropological Archaeology and Historical Society of Saginaw County, Inc.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, in cooperation with the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance, Chippewa-Cree of the Rocky Boy's Reservation of Montana and the Mille Lacs Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, will lead an effort for the disposition of Culturally Unidentifiable Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects under NAGPRA 43 C.F.R. § 10.11 (c) (ii) from the Shomish Gravel Pit Site (20.0878) in Clinton County, Michigan, at the University of Michigan, and twenty (20) Native American individuals from Saginaw County, Ogemaw County, and Unknown locations in Michigan, at the Historical Society of Saginaw County, Inc.

The Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians will commit to the earth five (5) ancestors from the Unknown locations in Michigan from the Historical Society of Saginaw County, Inc. at a location within their Tribal territory.

The Notices of Inventory Completion posted to the Federal Register on March 1, 2019 and March 18, 2019.

**PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEY**  
Friday, May 10, 2019 • 10am  
Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways  
6650 East Broadway • Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
Witness the final preparations and ceremonial protocols for the ancestors.

**RECOMMITMENT TO THE EARTH**  
Friday, May 10, 2019 • 12pm  
Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery  
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The interested public is invited to attend.

**JOURNEY FEAST**  
Friday, May 10, 2019 • 1pm  
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A Journey Feast will conclude the ancestral protocols.



For More Information Contact:  
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All activities supported by a grant from the Department of Interior, National Park Service, National NAGPRA Program.



## Soaring Eagle Hospitality Team to offer summer corn hole league

### FALLON K. FALSETTA

Administrative Assistant to Director of Hospitality and Hotel Operations

Attention Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Migizi EDC, and SCIT associates: The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Hospitality Team is offering a bean bag (corn hole) league from June to August 2019.

There will be two divisions available: coed division (12 teams, max 24), open division (12 teams, max 24) – must be either 12 or 24 teams. If more than 12 but fewer than 24, first 12 to register and pay will be selected.

Two players per team to register; subs will also pay the entry fee. Subs can be used as needed and each team member can have one sub. Replacement players will finish the season due to injury or other uncontrollable events.

Entry fee is \$20 per player/\$40 per team. No refunds after the first week of play.



Teams will play one match per week.

Division champions will be crowned based on win/loss records. First place ties will be decided by a one-match playoff.

All matches will be played at the A-side at the Slot Palace.

All matches will be the first team to win two games. If one team wins the first two games, they will win the match. If the first two games are split, a third game will be played.

League play will be Mondays from 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

First matches are scheduled Monday, June 3 and Thursday, June 6.

If you cannot play at the scheduled day and time, you can contact your opponent and play the match any time during the week, scorecards have to be turned in to my office by the following Monday with one player from each teams' signature.

All matches will be played using Soaring Eagle boards and bags.

American Corn Hole Association rules will be applied.

Scoring will be determined by wins and losses. There will be two points awarded for each match.

We will need 12 teams to establish a league.

Registration deadline is May 20 at 3 p.m.

All registration fees will be paid out at the end of the season. Top four teams in each division will receive a cash

payout. Payout amounts to be determined by number of teams registered.

Players can and will be disqualified if they are unruly and disruptive to the match. Please be kind and cooperative.

We hope to fill both divisions with 12 teams; players can use this opportunity to prepare for the double elimination tournament scheduled for Sept. 13 in Soaring Eagle's Entertainment Hall during Employee Appreciation Days.

If you are unable to play, but would still like to be involved, contact Bernard Sprague at 989-775-5309 or Fallon Falsetta at 989-775-5319.

Volunteers will be needed for the employee appreciation tournament of 64 teams in each coed and open divisions.

If you are interested in volunteering or participating in either of these events, please contact Bernie or Fallon as soon as possible.

## Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort welcomes new slot director

### C.C. GRIFFUS

Public Relations Manager

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort named Kirk Walraven as the new slot director early last month.

Upon the retirement of the previous slot director upholding this position since 2003, Kirk Walraven is enthusiastically stepping into the vacant role.

Walraven's transition from senior slot technician to slot director officially took place on April 8.

"The last 11 years I have

worked as a member of the Slot Department Management team focusing on all aspects of supervising the slot technical job duties within the department and along with performing all of my assigned job duties," Walraven said. "I truly love my job and working with everyone to improve the Slot Department and the SECR within all of my endeavors."

Walraven is a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and a United States Marine Corps veteran who served in the Persian Gulf War.



Kirk Walraven

**Zaagaate'**  
Mentoring Program

NATIVE YOUTH COMMUNITY PROJECTS  
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Behavioral Health Programs  
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### Mentoring Program Information

The Zaagaate' Mentoring Program aims to pair college mentors with our Native American youth in grades 5-8 in a 1-on-1 mentorship in a group setting within the local public schools. Mentees will receive a wide array of knowledge to help enhance their mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual selves allowing them to grow and prosper.

#### Schools included:

- ▶ Shepherd Elementary & Middle School
- ▶ Renaissance Elementary
- ▶ Mt. Pleasant Middle School
- ▶ Saginaw Chippewa Academy
- ▶ Fancher Elementary
- ▶ Mary McGuire Elementary

### Mentors and Mentees will meet afterschool once a week for 1.5 hours in a group setting

- Light snack provided

### Weekly activities designed to enhance:

- Healthy decisions and lifestyle choices
- Help with academics
- Healthy relationship development with peers & adults
- Support systems & exposure to resources available to Native American youth
- Community service experience & involvement
- Exposure to the college experience

### Contact Information

- ▶ **Sarah Deaton** | Zaagaate' Mentoring Specialist, Behavioral Health  
Phone: (989) 775-4806 • Email: SDeaton@sagchip.org
- ▶ **Winnay Wemigwase** | Zaagaate' Mentoring Specialist, Behavioral Health  
Phone: (989) 775-4881 • Email: WiWemigwase@sagchip.org

## Adopt a Pet

**Blake Shelton**

Blake is a 3-year-old male Beagle looking for his forever home He is a chill guy who is looking to give a lot of love. Like his namesake, THE Blake Shelton, he is a hunky guy who would like to hang out on the porch while his humans drink some sweet tea and play some tunes. He already knows his basic commands.

**Jackie**

My name is Jackie, I'm a young female Calico. When it comes to relationships, I'm very level-headed. I don't leap in paws first, but give me a little time and then I'll show you love with purrs, head-butts and plenty of lap time. I am good with other cats and all of my vaccinations are up to date.

**Available at the Humane Animal Treatment Society**

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## Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

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| giizhig              | day                    |
| wawezhi              | decorate               |
| gigizhebaawagad      | morning                |
| wadabiimakak         | basket of spruce root  |
| makak                | birch bark basket      |
| ozisigobimizhiimakak | willow basket          |
| giboz                | bake                   |
| gashkigwasso         | sew                    |
| gitigaan             | garden                 |
| maamigin             | gather                 |
| ginzhizhawizi        | hard worker            |
| wiiwakwaan           | hat                    |
| naandawi             | heal (people)          |
| endaad               | home                   |
| waakaagan            | house                  |
| babaamaadizi         | travel                 |
| waabigwan            | flower                 |
| ogimaakwe            | (woman) leader         |
| gikinawaabi          | learn (by observation) |

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## Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

### Word Bank

- zis-baak-da-boo
- zan bii-nash bza'gwaak
- daa-jii-gen
- aabiji daa-jii-gen
- tki-si'doon
- nda'ken-dan
- baas-daang-gak
- mes-wi'aanh
- zhaa-bosh-kaa'dan
- mno-pkwad

**Across**

- 4. Keep stiring
- 5. It tastes good
- 6. Refined (particles)
- 9. Boil until it thickens
- 10. Sugar sap

**Down**

- 1. Stir
- 2. Check it
- 3. Refined maple sugar product
- 7. Sift it
- 8. Cool it

Words by Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, titled "Maple sugar vocabulary"

**Down**

- 1. daa-jii-gen (Stir)
- 2. nda'ken-dan (Check it)
- 3. mes-wi'aanh (Refined maple sugar product)
- 7. zhaa-bosh-kaadan (Sift it)
- 8. tki-si'doon (Cool it)

**Across**

- 4. aabiji daa-jii-gen (Keep stiring)
- 5. mno-pkwad (It tastes good)
- 6. baas-daang-gak (Refined "particles")
- 9. zan bii-nash bza'gwaak (Boil until it thickens)
- 10. zis-baak-da-boo (Sugar sap)

Answer  
Key



## Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe eliminates dropout rate

**MELISSA ISAAC**

Education Director

The public education system has long been a struggle for Indigenous learners as a whole, for more than a century. As early as 1886, the goal of early school systems was to “civilize Indians through total cultural assimilation” (Reyhner, 2013; Education Week).

More recently, in a 2018 analysis conducted by the University of Michigan, the four-year dropout rate for American Indian students was 15 percent, coming in second to the homeless subgroup at 20 percent (Erb-Downwind 2018; University of Michigan).

Looking at the historical dropout rate for students serviced by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Education Department, great improvements have been made to the number of students staying in and succeeding at school.

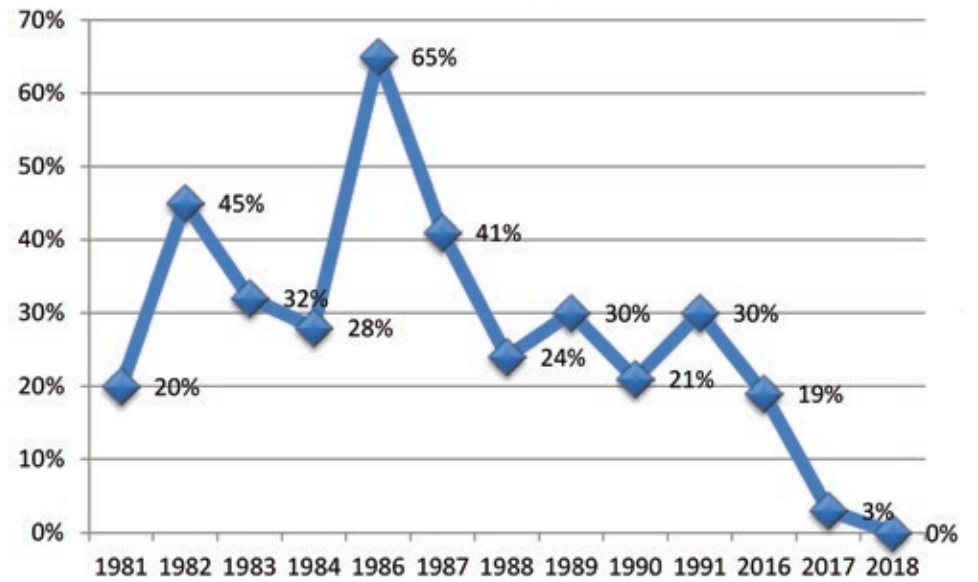
There are many factors that have led to this success.

Specific factors that contribute to success of Native American students include, “improved economic status, increased community support and a strong sense of cultural identity” (Cornelius, 2002; University of Nebraska).

This kind of progress is hard work! This is a positive reflection of our Tribal community and the emphasis and effort that has been placed on the value of education.

Everybody from students, families, Tribal programs and our past and current leadership should celebrate this accomplishment. It is important to see how far the Tribe has come in its educational efforts. It is easy to feel like we are spinning our wheels sometimes but when we step back and take a look at the bigger picture, we have much to be proud of!

### SCIT Drop Out Rates



\*Data reflective of students that receive services through the Tribal Education Department

## Editorial: Thank you for sharing your gifts, Mr. Eric

**MELISSA ISAAC**

Education Director

Eric Sowmick is a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Currently, Sowmick is the maintenance worker for the Seventh Generation department.

A short time ago, Mr. Sowmick worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy where he was known by everyone as “Mr. Eric”. Since his transition to Seventh Generation, his presence can still be felt and seen throughout the halls of SCA.

Mr. Eric did more than daily maintenance worker duties. He took pride in daily tasks. He took pride in ensuring safety of the school grounds.

Most notably, he took pride in forming valuable relationships with students. He formed many cultural connections with them and participated with them during powwow singing practice and powwow dancing.

Mr. Eric is missed by both staff and students but his beautiful gift of painting continue to grace the halls of our Tribal school. Miigwetch for everything, Mr. Eric!



Photos courtesy of Melissa Isaac

Paintings created by Eric Sowmick decorate the walls of the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

## Niibing Summer Program enrollment

**TASHA JEFFREY**

Administrative Assistant II

Summer is right around the corner and it's time to start thinking about the Niibing Summer Program.

Enrollment began April 3 and will end on May 3rd. Advisors will be sending home packets with students or they are available in the Education

Administration Office. The fee is \$75 payable through cash or money order. The program will run from June 24 to July 25.

Students who have completed Kindergarten through sixth grade are eligible for the program.

If you have any further questions you may contact Deb Smith at 989-775-4071 or myself at 989-775-4506.

### Mt. Pleasant High School

The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Cory Gaskill, Thomas Henry, Alexis Fox-Kimewon, Carmen Fox-Kimewon, James Montoya-Pego, Mason Peterson, Elijah Otto, Aaron Schlegel, Destiny Shawano, Hazen Shinos, Aleeya Peters, Courtney Swink, Dawnseh Wilson, Elijah Fosmore and Gabe Jackson.

### Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Miguel Chippeway, Azhuwauk David, Emilio Mena-Drake, Aanilaya Pelcher-Smith, Isaiah Perrin-Hawkins, Gage Sprague, Lukus Chapa, Nishomii Perry, Alexis Rodriguez, Xavier Alvarez, Abbie Patterson, Inez Christy and Evan Patterson.

### Mt. Pleasant Middle School

The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Baily Burger, Riana Chippewa, Metao Harris, Foster Hoormann, Bela Magnell, Mia McCreery, Alexis Trepanier, Jaylen Cook, Hannah Fleming-Foster, Joaquin Jackson, Allison Lindstrom, Gavin McCreery, Atreyu Sineway, Emily Stevens, Arianna Bird, Mackenzie Burger, Isaiah Harris, Josiah Hill, Lucus Jackson, Annie Lada, Joseph Swink and Alberta Trepanier. Congratulations to the following students for being on the track team. Robert Saunders, Allison Lindstrom, Emily Stevens, Mackenzie Burger, Annie Lada, Felicia Saunders, Kylie Wemigwans, Aaliyah Mena and Alberta Trepanier.

The Mt. Pleasant Middle School will be doing NWEA and M-Step testing in May. So make sure your student get plenty of rest and has a good breakfast before coming to school.

### Mary McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Abraham Graveratte, Damien Hunter, Heath Jackson-Hofer, Natalia Martin, Brock Reed, Micah Wagner, Erius Mena, Gracin Montoya, Donovan Morrow, Kinkade Quezada, Gage Chapa, Andrea Hawkins, Journey Mena, Ellie Patterson, Javanni Perry, Isaiah Rodriguez and Hope Stevens.

### Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Jaxon Rodriguez, Julian Contreras, Kenisynn Shaw, Bryson Roth, Allana VanOrden, Jadrian Jackson, David McClain, Troy Richardson, Emma Henry, Aiyana Jackson, Kyla Henry, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Josclynn Shaw, Nixie Snyder, Tyler Snyder, Wenonah Jackson, Kayla Dreaver, Anissa Quiroga, Logan VanOrdan and Kenneth Wemigwans.

### Shepherd

The following students earned perfect attendance for January: Rylee Alexander, Benjamin Tatro, Isaac Taylor, Ellery Lawson, Lyric Aiden Raphael, Ben Hinmon, Kearnin Alexander, Chayton Chatfield, Lillian Loonsfoot, Daniel Mena, Kyleigh Scarlott, Kerra Whitepigeon, Ashani Pelcher, Madalynn Sineway, Nevaeh Badger, Zoey Disel, Tawny Jackson, Kasina Laughlin, Angelica Hinmon, Anjelina Smith, Alexis Taylor, LaAnna Trudeau, Hunter Johnson, Brandon Seegraves, Miah Chatfield, Olivia Lawson, Adam Saboo, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Makayla Stevens, Sienna Chatfield, Zack Lezan, Emma VanHorn, Elias Valtierra, Christina Benz, Aiyana Borton, Matt Smith and Guadalupe Pelcher. The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Aubree Dockham, Naomi Farrell, Liam DeFeyer, Sariah Farrell, Ellery Lawson, Lyric Owl, Andreas Ramirez, Den Hinmon, Johnathan Cogswell, Lillian Loonsfoot, Mya Osawabine, Levi Wakemup, Daniel Mena, Jayden Perez, Aubreyanna Stevens, Sandra Slater, Kerra Whitepigeon, Jonathan Bailey, Alayna Disel, Tiara Osawabine, Ashani Pelcher, Madalyn Sineway, Aanzhenii Starkey, Zoey Disel, Kasina Laughlin, Sarah Osawabine, Angelica Hinmon, Anjelina Smith, Hunter Johnson, Brandon Seegraves, Miingin Starkey, Olivia Lawson, Adam Saboo, Jacob Sineway, Makayla Stevens, Jarrad Johnson, Emma VanHorn, Christina Benz and Guadalupe Pelcher. The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Joseph Bennett, Aubree Dockham, Rylee Alexander, Aiden Raphael, Chevayo Alaniz, Kearnin Alexander, Johnathan Cogswell, Waaseya Lamberston, Samuel Cloud, Kyleigh Scarlott, Jayden S-Pelcher, Kerra Whitepigeon, Alayna Disel, Madalyn Sineway, Nevaeh Badger, Zoey Disel, Lily Dean, Hunter Johnson, Brandon Seegraves, Miah Chatfield, Nate Nielson, Adam Saboo, Sienna Chatfield, Jarrad Johnson, Emma Van Horn, Aiyana Borton, Guadalupe Pelcher and Ogemah Taylor. The following students are being recognized for their second trimester GPAs: Tiara Osawabine, Nevaeh Badger, Angelica Hinmon, Anjelina Smith, Brandon Seegraves, Olivia Sineway, Miah Chatfield, Andee Raphael, Christopher Spencer, Sienna Chatfield, Emma VanHorn, Matt Smith, Okilani Alaniz and Mia Bennett.



## Annual Round Dance honors Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Movement

### NATHAN ISAAC

Culture and Language Teacher

On behalf of the Education team and the 12th annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance on March 8-9, we would like to say chi-miigwetch to everyone who came to support the event. It was a truly special year for the Round Dance.

Singers travelled in from across Turtle Island to come and share their voices and bring healing to our community.

Round Dance is a time to remember our loved ones who are no longer walking this beautiful Earth with us. During this gathering, we remember them and give thanks for their continued guidance.



Courtesy of Nathan Isaac

**Youth-invited singer Jerritte Caldwell Jr. from Red Lake, Minn. delivered the song for the student honoring.**

On Friday evening, a student honoring took place.

Two Tribal students from all of the surrounding public schools and two students from each class at SCA were given a certificate of achievement and danced to a special song with their families and support systems. These students were chosen by the K-12 advocates and teachers who work with the individual students. It is a great honor to be acknowledged before a large audience and have a song shared for you.

The song for the student honoring was delivered by the youth-invited singer Jerritte Caldwell Jr. from Red Lake, Minn.

The theme or purpose for the Round Dance this year was to bring awareness to an important issue that plagues our female indigenous populations across the United States and Canada. Many Native women go missing and are never seen again. Sadly, in most cases, if they are found, they are no longer alive.

The 'Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women' movement, under the hashtag #MMIW, is being used to spread awareness of this social injustice.

Tribal Education Director Melissa Isaac delivered statistics and information on the issue.

Two Saginaw Chippewa Academy students, Bonnie

and Brooklyn, stood next to Isaac. These two small girls, wearing their red skirts, had pictures of MMIW from their own family pinned to them. They had more than 10 photos pinned to their skirts.

Following a powerful speech, The Bearhead Sisters shared an honor song and another song that everyone joined hands and danced to for MMIW. It was truly a moving and emotional moment for all those in the room.

The Bearhead Sisters are from Paul Band, Alberta, Canada. They flew from Edmonton, Alberta to Windsor, Ontario and shuttled from there to Saginaw Chippewa territory. It was their first time visiting our Great Lakes homeland.

Throughout the weekend, they sang behind the men in the singer's circle. They also showcased their amazing voices with their original songs and captivated the room every time they took the microphone!

The celebration on Saturday began with a feast prepared by Christina Sharp, assistant director for the Tribal Education Department. The Round Dance guests enjoyed every bite!

There was also a midnight lunch at about 12:10 a.m. Then at 2 a.m., daylight savings time



Courtesy of Nathan Isaac

**The Eagles Nest Tribal Gym is filled with hundreds of individuals participating in the 12th annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance on March 8-9.**



Courtesy of Nathan Isaac

**Tribal Education Director Melissa Isaac delivers statistics and information about #MMIW, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Movement, as two SCA students, Bonnie and Brooklyn, stand next to her with photos of MMIW from their own families pinned to their red skirts.**

hit and it instantly became 3 a.m. The Round Dance extended into the early morning hours and wrapped up at about 4 a.m.!

Chi-miigwetch to: the Tribal Education Department,

the Ziibiwing Center, Seventh Generation, Extension Program and to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for making this gathering so meaningful, special and very healing for our community.

## Isaac first Indigenous woman appointed to Special Education Advisory Committee

### TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Tribal Education Director Melissa Isaac was selected to serve on Michigan's Special Education Advisory Committee through her role as member of the Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors.

The committee is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act mandated state advisory panel to the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education.

The mission of the committee is to support opportunities for all students in Michigan and

especially those with disabilities by gathering, sharing, and disseminating information with the public; advising the State Board of Education; and working with the Office of Special Education.

Isaac was honored to accept the seat in order to learn more about special education services provided to Indigenous learners in the state of Michigan.

The Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors saw this as an opportunity to provide advisory input to the Special Education Advisory, State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education on systemic improvements that can be made to support

Indigenous learners receiving Special Education services.

Current data provided by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education suggests American Indians comprise one of the smallest ethnic populations of students in school systems with the highest number of "Individualized Education Plans" or more commonly known as students with eligibility to receive special education services.

"My goal is to offer and represent the unseen, unheard and often misrepresented perspective of Anishnaabek students, families and communities at the state level," Isaac said. "I am also

pleased to provide information to all (Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors) members to take back to their communities and reservations in order to better understand how to support their students and families involved in the overwhelming world of special education."

Isaac would also like to say miigwetch to: Teri Chapman, director of the Office of Special Education and the MDE's Tribal Liaison to the Governor's Office; Jennifer Huisken-LaPointe, director of the Indigenous Education Initiative; Lynn LaPointe, community and cultural consultant; and Kriya Amelia, education specialist, for their work



Courtesy of Melissa Isaac

**Tribal Education Director Melissa Isaac has been selected to serve on Michigan's Special Education Advisory Committee.**

in establishing and strengthening this partnership through their commitment to Michigan Department of Education's Indigenous Education Initiative.

## Tribal Library's 2019 March Minutes competition beats last year's record

### KIMBERLY CONDON

Library Assistant

March Minutes is a program in which the Tribal Library encourages people to keep track of the time – in minutes – they spend reading each day throughout the entire month.

Many participants are amazed at how many much time they actually spend reading once they

add their totals for each day.

This year we were able to beat last year's total minutes: Participants read for a total of 84,041 minutes – which is more than 1400 hours' worth of reading!

The winners from the drawing were: Jennifer Cummings, Marta Heslip, Bethel Merrill, Zachariah Disel and Helena Condon.

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## CMU Lacrosse

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Jenkins beaded their captain's stick," Bruner said. "So it was an honor to be able to present them the beautiful case crafted by Ernest Fletcher from our SECR Facilities department."

The Tribe and CMU's partnership continues to flourish not only between the two organizations, but with the lacrosse and other athletic teams as well.

"We share the Chippewa name and, in doing so, we must continue to strive to educate and highlight what it represents," Bruner said. "We must also continue to bring awareness about the rich culture that helps others understand us as Anishinabe people."

The Women's Lacrosse team is coached by Sara Tisdale, who said she "knows how special it is" for her team to have a relationship with the Tribe.

"We feel very special that (the Tribe) adopted us at the program where they're choosing to represent small elements that are still important to their culture; whether it be the traditional sticks or the stick box," Tisdale said, according to the CMU Chippewas' athletic website. "Our players understand that



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**The wooden box was crafted by Ernest Fletcher, woodshop carpenter for Soaring Eagle's Maintenance Department, to hold Central Michigan University's traditional wooden lacrosse sticks gifted by the Tribe.**

the relationship is important."

Fletcher, woodshop carpenter, said it is difficult to estimate exactly how long it took him to craft the box, but the beautiful detail it contains proves it must have been a lengthy process.

"It was an honor for me to be invited to the passing of the lacrosse sticks with the members of Council," Fletcher said. "I'd like to thank (Interim Public Relations Director) Erik (Rodriguez)

for the chance to build the box and inviting me to be part of the ceremony."

Coach Tisdale said the entire team will value the stick box.

"Those sticks are very integrated into our program," Tisdale said, according to the CMU Chippewa website article. "Our captains bring them out at the captain ceremony, and there is always a discussion between our team and the opponent about the sticks. It's a great way for us to also spread some of those

traditions and our basic knowledge of the teaching. We're grateful for it and we know how unique it is to have that relationship with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe."

Prior to the team's launch in 2016, Coach Tisdale and the lacrosse team members toured the Ziiibwing Center museum during their offseason. They received teachings about the medicine wheel so they could understand the significance they carry onto the field.



### Wanted: Ziiibwing needs your help!

• **SCIT Community Members needed to help give tours, teach how to make bone bracelets and clan medallions, and give cultural presentations to groups of all ages.** Once trained, your name will be added to our list of experts to call for assistance.

• **Dancers and drummers needed to assist with dance presentations to school groups on site (in our community) and offsite.** We need to update our list of dancers, singers and drummers. We need help when we have large groups or song and dance presentations.

#### For more information, please contact:

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## Project AWARE

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for Shepherd Public Schools. "This partnership with the SCIT to provide additional mental health services will have a huge impact on our students and our community. We are very grateful for the collaborative efforts of the (Tribe)."

Project AWARE will provide additional staff for all three school systems.

The AWARE project coordinator/SCIT community project manager will oversee grant guidelines, requirements and implementation.

## SCIT Risk Management and safety coordinator summary of services

### DAVID CHATFIELD

Safety Coordinator

#### Risk management:

- Occupational Health Department (*work comp coordinator*)
- Safety coordinator (*inspections, safety trainings and prevention control*)
- SCIT broker (*property and casualty and workers comp programs*)

The safety coordinator is responsible for developing the Safety Committee throughout the Tribe.

The safety coordinator works with all departments: Tribal Operations, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and all other facilities owned by the Tribe.

Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd community project managers will build strong relationships between schools, mental health providers, businesses and community members.

SCA, Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd schools will hire additional counselors to support mental health services within the schools and build relationships with providers to better serve students, and a SCIT Behavioral Health school-based consulting clinician will work as a liaison between public schools and the Tribe to support Tribal

students and assist with development of partnerships.

"The key to Project AWARE is fostering resilience by strengthening relationships through building community," said Tribal Education Director Melissa Isaac. "The positive impact Project AWARE will have on the mental health and wellness of all of our communities will be significant."

Isaac continued, "I am thankful to the leadership of Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd schools for their enthusiasm in joining these efforts as we strive to contribute to a healthier place to live and raise our families."

The safety coordinator is responsible for all investigations of injury to both employees and guests of the Tribe, work comp, casualty and property.

There is an effort being made to establish a Safety Committee that meets the needs of the Tribe, which will promote a culturally-safe work environment for all employees and guests.

We need one person from each department to participate as a Safety Committee member.

The Safety Committee meets once a month on the second week on Monday for Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Tribal Operations. Times will be posted. The committee meets the second Tuesday of the month for Saganing in the Tribal Center.



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## Editorial: Making maple sugar at Seventh Generation

**BONNIE EKDAHL**

Contributing Writer

I recently had the opportunity to share some maple sugar making skills at the Seventh Generation Program. It was a lot of fun and a very busy night.

There are many steps to take before you actually get to the sugar-making phase. You have to actually get your hands on the sap from the maple tree, which requires you to watch the weather, watch the birds and the temperature.

You need to identify the correct tree and tap it, and once the trees start to share their sweet water, you have to collect it and take care of it.

You then boil it until it becomes syrup and boil it some more until it comes to a particular temperature and turns in to sugar. You then have to be quick to work it and stir it so it doesn't become big lumps of sugar.

Throughout the process – which takes hours, days and weeks – you get to be grateful and taste the sweet gift from Creation as it moves along its processing phases.

At Seventh Generation, we did the last phase and boiled their syrup to the appropriate temperature.

Isabelle Osawamick gave us Anishinabemowin to apply to

all the steps we went through to make the sugar. It requires constant 'aggressive stirring' and we took turns making sure there were no boil overs.

Several families were present and they helped us finish processing the sugar into a fine grain. At the end of the night, each family took a container of maple sugar home with them.

This is just the mechanics of the process but, be aware, there are many blessings you gain from doing traditional gathering work: you are outside a lot and you can see when the Robins return, (like clockwork), the cranes will fly over – if you are lucky – and even the snow geese with their distinctive call. They follow their original instructions. You learn tree species, and to monitor weather temperature. You will notice when the thunders come and the frogs sing, it means the season is over.

Doing this work means you are exercising your treaty right to gather traditional resources. It is also called indigenous food sovereignty. But what I like most especially is; it has the capacity to fill your spirit with gratitude and awaken your blood memory, if you allow it.

I encourage you to look at the Earth Calendar and see what gifts she offers each season. It will heal your spirit.



Photos courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

Bonnie Ek Dahl shared maple sugar making skills during the Monday, April 1 event at Seventh Generation. Community members were able to get hands-on experience with the process, and were also able to take a container of maple sugar home with them at the end of the night. Isabelle Osawamick also shared Anishinabemowin to apply to all of the steps of the process.

## Maple Sugar Vocabulary

Courtesy of Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department

**Ni-naa-ti-go Ziis-baa-kwad**, "maple sugar"  
*neh-naw-teh-ko seize-baw-kwhat*

**Ziis-baak-da-boo** "sugar sap" (maple sap)  
*seize-baak-dah-boo*

**Zan** "boil/You boil it" (a command)  
*sun*

**Zan bii-nash bza'gwaak** "boil until it thickens"  
*sun be-nush bsaw-kwaak*

**Daa-jii-gen** "stir!"  
*daa-che-ken*

**Aabiji daa-jii-gen** "keep stirring"  
*aa-beh-chi daa-che-ken*

**Tki-si'doon** "cool it"  
*tkeh-seh-doohn*

**Nda'ken-dan** "check it"  
*ndah'ken-done*

**Baas-daang-gak** "refined" (particles)  
*boss-dong-kak*

**Zhaa-bosh-kaa'dan** "sift/sift it"  
*shaw-bush-kaw-done*

**Zhaa-bosh-kaa-ji'ge** "he/she is sifting"  
*shaw-bush-kaw-chi-keh*

**Mno-pkwad** "it tastes good"  
*mno-pkwhat*

**Mno-wiish'kban** "it has a good sugar taste"  
*mno-weesh'kban*

**Son-ji-gwon enji baa'tek** "store in a dry place"  
*sun-chi-kwan ehn'chi baw'tek*

**Mes-wi'aanh** "refined maple sugar product"  
*mess-weh'aahn*



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 September 2 | Labor Day Recess  
 November 27 - Dec. 2 | Thanksgiving Break  
 December 7 | Classes end  
 December 9-13 | Examination week  
 December 14 | Semester Ends

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October 28 | Spring registration opens  
 January 2 | SCTC re-opens  
 January 13 | Classes Begin  
 January 17 | Drop/Add Ends  
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 May 9 | Semester Ends

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| ART 110** | Fundamentals of Drawing                                 | 3  | M/W | West 1     | 3:00p-4:20p              | L. Doke    |
| ART 111** | Beadwork I  | 3  | T/R | East 6     | 1:30p-2:50p              | Carabell   |
| ART 132** | Sculpture I   | 3  | T/R | East 6     | 10:30a-11:50a            | K. Doke    |
| AST 110   | Introduction to Astronomy                               | 3  | TR  | SCI Bldg   | 1:30p-2:50p              | J. Miller  |
| AST 110a  | Astronomy Lab   | 2  | R   | SRC 2      | 3:30p-5:20p <sup>+</sup> | J. Miller  |
| BIO 216*  | Native American Plants and Medicines                    | 3  | M/W | SCI Bldg   | 9:30a-10:50a             | Saxton     |
| BIO 216A* | Native American Plants and Medicines Lab                | 2  | M/W | SCI Bldg   | 11:00a-11:50a            | Saxton     |
| BUS 110   | Intro to Business Section 1                             | 3  | T/R | SRC 2      | 10:30a-11:50a            | Hoffman    |
| BUS 110   | Intro to Business Section 2                             | 3  | M   | East 2     | 5:30p-8:20p              | Hoffman    |
| BUS 150   | Business Law  | 3  | T   | East 3     | 5:30p-8:20p              | Antrobus   |
| BUS 201   | Personal Finance  | 3  | M/W | East 2     | 10:30a-11:50a            | Hoffman    |
| BUS 215*  | Business Communications                                 | 3  | M/W | East 3     | 5:30p-6:50p              | Tyler      |
| BUS 260*  | Human Resources Management                              | 3  | M/W | East 2     | 1:30p-2:50p              | Hoffman    |
| CHM 105*  | Introduction to Chemistry                               | 3  | T/R | SCI Bldg   | 5:30p-6:50p              | Majorski   |
| CHM 105A* | Introduction to Chemistry Lab                           | 2  | T/R | SCI Bldg   | 7:00p-7:50p              | Majorski   |
| CPT 112   | Introduction to Computers                               | 3  | T/R | ECOMP      | 5:30p-6:50p              | Mili       |
| CS 299*   | Graduate Seminar  | 1  | W   | ECOMP      | 12:00p-12:50p            | Hoffman    |
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| ENG 102*  | WI - Composition II                                     | 3  | M/W | SRC 2      | 1:30p-2:50p              | Knight     |
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| HIS 101   | World Civilizations: Beginning to 1600                  | 3  | M/W | East 3     | 10:30a-11:50a            | Eno        |
| HIS 110   | Michigan History  | 3  | M/W | East 3     | 1:30p-2:50p              | Eno        |
| MTH 096   | Quantway I  | 4  | M/W | West 2     | 1:30p-3:20p              | Crosswait  |
| MTH 120*  | Quantitative Reasoning                                  | 3  | T/R | East 3     | 1:30p-2:50p              | Rich       |
| MTH 012*  | Quantitative Reasoning Lab                              | 2  | T/R | East 3     | 3:00p-3:50p              | Rich       |
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| MTH 217*  | Business Calculus                                       | 4  | M/W | SRC 1      | 10:00a-11:50a            | Rich       |
| MTH 230*  | Intro to Statistics                                     | 3  | T/R | West 2     | 9:30a-11:20a (4 hrs)     | Crosswait  |
| MTH 023*  | Intro to Statistics Lab                                 | 2  | T/R | West 2     | 11:30a-12:20p            | Crosswait  |
| NAS 103   | Survey of Native American Studies                       | 3  | M/W | West 1     | 1:30p-2:50p              | Haviland   |
| NAS 238   | Native American Law and Policy                          | 3  | T/R | West 2     | 1:30p-2:50p              | Haviland   |
| NAS 259   | Anishinaabe History: Beginning to 1600                  | 3  | M/W | West 1     | 10:30a-11:50a            | Haviland   |
| NAS 271   | Indigenous Storytelling                                 | 3  | T/R | East 2     | 10:30a-11:50a            | Haviland   |
| NAS 298   | Native American Children and Child Welfare              | 3  | T   | SRC 1      | 4:30p-7:20p              | Roemer     |
| OJB 101   | Ojibwa I  | 3  | M/W | SRC 1      | 10:30a-11:50a            | Roy        |
| OJB 102   | Ojibwa II   | 3  | T/R | SRC 1      | 10:30a-11:50a            | Roy        |
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| OJB 202   | Ojibwa IV   | 3  | T/R | SRC 1      | 1:30p-2:50p              | Roy        |
| PSC 201   | Social Media & Politics                                 | 3  | T/R | East 3     | 10:30a-11:50a            | Knott      |
| PSY 100   | Psychology of Learning                                  | 3  | T/R | ECOMP      | 9:00a-10:20a             | TBD        |
| PSY 100   | Psychology of Learning                                  | 3  | T   | SRC 2      | 5:30p-8:20p              | Sylvain    |
| SOC 295   | Sociology of Social Movements                           | 3  | W   | ECOMP      | 5:30p-8:20p              | Luna       |
| SPN 101   | Spanish I   | 3  | M/W | SRC 1      | 4:30p-5:50p              | L. Davis   |
| SPN 102*  | Spanish II  | 3  | M/W | SRC 1      | 6:00p-7:20p              | L. Davis   |

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## Sold-out show: Josh Turner and Scotty McCreery deliver with their deep, baritone voices

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Two major country music artists Josh Turner and Scotty McCreery both brought their deep voices and chart-topping hits to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for their sold-out show on Saturday, April 20.

Ironically, in 2011 McCreery became well known for “Baby lock them doors and turn the lights down low” or – as country music fans know it – Josh Turner’s “Your Man,” which McCreery performed (and nailed) for his “American Idol” audition (season 10).

McCreery went on to win that season and received much success immediately following. Fast forward eight years, McCreery, now 25, is back on the country charts for the first time in a few years, and even earning number one for the song “This Is It.”

McCreery opened the show after 8 p.m. with songs including: “Boys From Back Home,” “Feelin’ It,” “Seasons Change” and “The Trouble with Girls.”

“I started (in the music industry) a long time ago... Okay, not a long time ago. I’m 25 years old,” McCreery said, smiling. “These last eight years have been crazy... a lot has changed in the past year.”

McCreery went on to talk about a song he wrote for his wife he wanted to present her with before their wedding.

“Never thought (the song) would see the light of day... turns out it was a number one hit,” McCreery said of “This Is It.”

McCreery adorably and humorously told the story about how he finally worked up the nerve to talk to a girl he had a huge crush on all throughout school after he won “Idol;” someone he had known since he was 5 years old. He asked her on a date to Bojangles’ Famous Chicken ‘n Biscuits.

“When she said yes to that, I knew I had a keeper,” McCreery said. “... Eight years later, she is the girl I married.”

He then performed “Still” solo with his acoustic guitar, after his band mates left the stage.

McCreery ended his set with “See You Tonight” and his recently-popular chart-topper “Five More Minutes.”

It was time for one of the original baritones – and McCreery’s idol – to take the stage; country ‘swooner’ Josh Turner.

At about 9:45 p.m., the house lights went down, and the band walked on stage during Charley Pride’s track “Kiss an Angel Good Morning.” The track faded at the end of the first chorus and then Eddie Stubbs, radio DJ for WSM Grand Ole Opry announced Turner in a prerecorded audio.

The band then began with “Time Is Love” as Turner walked onto stage through a cloud of smoke. Performances continued with “Everything Is Fine,” and an interlude to the audio track of Ralph Stanley



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Country swooner Josh Turner brings his deep voice and chart-topping hits to Soaring Eagle’s sold-out April 20 show.**

singing a cappella of a “Me and God” verse before Turner continued the song.

“This is a good looking sold-out crowd today,” Turner said with his ginormous smile. “... (After a performance in my) hometown, Scotty McCreery came through my meet and greet line a day or two after he did his ‘American Idol’ audition... Now, here we are playing shows together.”

So, Turner said, if you feel like you are existing and going unnoticed, it isn’t true. You are important. You matter.

Turner was on tour to promote his first gospel record and live DVD, “I Serve a Savior.”

He then performed some gospel tracks including “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,” “I Saw the Light,” and “I Serve a Savior” as the back lights on stage each formed the shape of a cross.



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**Country musician and 2011 “American Idol” winner Scotty McCreery performs his song “Buzzin’.”**

After a train whistle sounded and smoke appeared on stage, the band launched into Turner’s hit “Long Black Train” followed by “Why Don’t We Just Dance.”

“You know, I do have a Michigan connection,” Turner said as the audience roared.

He then introduced his good friend Trisha, who was in the audience, who he went to school with in Nashville. Trisha is from Jackson, Mich. and was Turner’s first manager.

I can thank her for the success I have today, Turner said.

Turner discussed his merchandise for sale and then introduced his band The Tonkin’ Honkies before performing “Hometown Girl,” “Lay Low,” “I Wouldn’t Be a Man” and “All Over Me.”

The steel guitar lick signaled the start to

“Firecracker” in which Turner performs a very low note at the top of the song.

The band then performed Turner’s second number one country single in a row in 2006, “Would You Go With Me.” During the song, Turner walked the stage’s frontline high-fiving audience members then saluted the band before exiting the stage.

Turner and his band returned for an encore performing “Your Man,” the number one hit on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs charts in early 2006, and written by musician Chris Stapleton. The song was certified Gold in June 2006 and Platinum in September 2012 (joshturner.com).

The audience hollered and Turner thanked his fans at Soaring Eagle one last time before exiting the stage.

## Pop-country duo Dan + Shay leave sold-out Soaring Eagle crowd ‘speechless’

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The powerhouse pop-country duo Dan + Shay returned to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on March 31. This time, they were indoors in the Entertainment Hall and were the night’s headliners for the sold-out evening.

The duo Dan + Shay, short for Dan Smyers and Shay Mooney, met in Nashville, Tenn. in 2012 and began writing songs together the day after.

In October 2013, their debut single “19 You + Me” was released to country radio.

Shay’s impressively-skilled vocals perfectly complement Dan’s guitar skills.

The talented duo started their Sunday evening show just after 7:35 p.m. in the following song order: “Alone Together,” “All to Myself,” “What Keeps You Up At Night,” “Make or Break,” “Stupid Love,” “Nothin’ Like You” and “Keeping Score,” all were performed before they initially spoke to the fans.

“This incredible place is packed,” Dan said. “Every time we come to Michigan, it’s like the best show ever!”

Before the love ballad “From the Ground Up,” Dan caused security chaos as he told everyone in the back to move forward and fill in all empty spaces.

Fans immediately rushed closer to the stage to circle around the front and sides. That, however, only lasted a couple songs before security and Soaring Eagle team members were directing everyone back to their original seats.

Dan + Shay’s raw talent shined during their performance. They ended their show with fan favorites, “Speechless,” “19 You + Me” and “Tequila.”

Opening the show at 6 p.m. was 34-year-old country music singer-songwriter Chris Lane.

Lane performed his No. 1 hit “Fix,” stirring much



Courtesy photo

**Country-pop duo Dan + Shay headlined the sold-out March 31 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert.**

approval and enthusiasm from the audience.

“I’m looking for a girl. I’m looking for a very enthusiastic girl... the kind of girl to bring on stage with me,” Lane said.

Lane brought up Katie Krzyzewski who has a cochlear implant. It was Krzyzewski’s first time hearing Lane in concert. Lane sang “I Don’t Know About You” to her.

Lane also performed Mario’s “Let Me Love You,” which he recorded the cover version of

for his debut studio album “Girl Problems.”

He dedicated the song “For Her” to all of the couples in the audience.

He then performed a mash up of many cover songs which included: Blink 182’s “All the Small Things,” Bruno Mars’ “That’s What I Like,” Alan Jackson’s “Chattahoochee,” George Strait’s “Check Yes or No” and his keyboard player, Dean Kreseki, rapped an



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**Country artist Chris Lane (left) poses for a photo with fan Katie Krzyzewski backstage after autographing her drum head. Lane later brought her onstage to sing to her.**

impressive Eminem verse.

Lane briefly exited the stage then reentered wearing a Central Michigan University jersey, representing the Chippewas

Lane ended his set with the hit song he recorded with musician Tori Kelly, “Take Back Home Girl.” The song has climbed the Billboard country and pop charts in both U.S. and Canada.



## NATO Promotions presents Extreme Warriors 2 at the Soaring Eagle

### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

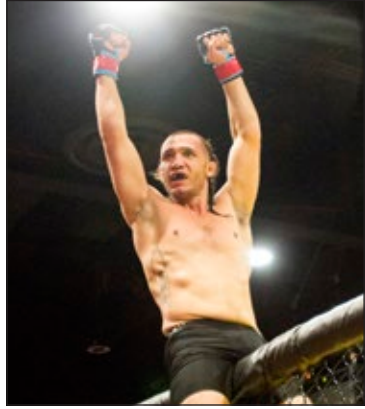
The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted all of the thrills and excitement of live mixed martial arts on Thursday, April 18. Extreme Warriors 2 featured local amateur and professional MMA athletes taking to the octagon fighting ring inside the Entertainment Hall.

The event was presented by NATO Promotions.

The main event, and last fight of the night, featured Carl “The Anishinaabe Kid” Deaton III facing off against Starr Roberts Jr.

The winner would take home the NATO 145-pound championship title.

A member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, Deaton entered the match with a total of 14 wins and three losses.



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**Carl Deaton III celebrates his win in the NATO 145-pound championship title match during the April 18 Extreme Warriors 2 event at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**

He represented the Nimkee Fitness Center and TeamSFS.

Deaton defeated Roberts in the first round, with the



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**Carl “The Anishinaabe Kid” Deaton III (left) faces down his opponent Starr Roberts Jr. during the opening of their fight.**

referees stopping the contest resulting in a TKO.

The co-main event featured Josh Parisian squaring off versus Alejandro Santiago in the 265-pound division. Parisian went on to win by TKO in the first round.



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**Raymond Cadotte, Julie Whitepigeon, and Derek D’Artagnan dance in the ring prior to the fights.**

There were also three amateur matches with Jacob Parks defeating Andy Collins (135 pounds), Bailey Brewer defeating Ryan Zinski (145 pounds) and Dalton Vansickle defeating Trav Mcleod (170 pounds).



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**Carl Deaton III (left) pummels his opponent Starr Roberts Jr.**



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**Trav Mcleod (left) squares off with Dalton Vansickle in an amateur match.**



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**Robbie Alexander (left) and Gary Edwards trade punches.**



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**Jacob Parks (left) attempts to put Andy Collins in a submission hold.**



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## Victims of Crime Program helps sponsor CAN Council's internet safety lunch and learn

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Victims of Crime Program and Tribal Police Department helped sponsor an April 24 internet safety presentation with Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Brian Lucha presenting.

The 12 to 1 p.m. event was hosted by the Isabella County Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council and held in Mid Michigan Community College's large municipal room.

Kim M. Seidel, executive director for the Isabella County Child Advocate Center, welcomed the room full of attendees prior to introducing Lucha.

"It is absolutely fantastic to see this many people here today," Seidel said.

Seidel said the event is in support of and to raise awareness for National Child Abuse Prevention Month during April.

Tpr. Lucha has been working for Michigan State Police for roughly 10 years. He graduated from the 121st Trooper

Recruit School and was immediately assigned to the MSP Newaygo Post.

Lucha transferred to the MSP Mount Pleasant Post in 2011. Along with his current title, his duties include: evidence technician, first aid instructor, field training officer, background investigator, recruiter and car restraint technician.

Lucha began his presentation by showing a video he typically shows to middle and high school students. The video showcased how easy it is for a pedophile to get in contact with a child or teenager through social media.

In the video, a young man messaged young teenagers through social media. The teenagers agreed to meet this stranger in person, all set up by a camera crew and the teens' parents.

Lucha said "you can hear a pin drop" during his presentations to students.

Lucha discussed how to stay safe: "Don't let someone talk you into taking or sending inappropriate photos of yourself or others, never post inappropriate

photos, and never send inappropriate photos."

"If you would be ashamed you sent that photograph to someone you look up to (whether a grandparent, parent, uncle, aunt, etc.), then do not send it," Lucha said.

He then gave a local example of the dangers of social media: a 13-year-old female met a 22-year-old suspect on social media and began communicating on Messenger. The victim snuck out of her home and agreed to meet the suspect down the street, who had driven three hours to get her. The victim was driven at least an hour away and held captive for four weeks while being sexually assaulted by the suspect. The victim was eventually able to send her friend a text message and she was located by GPS and rescued.

"And yes, he was arrested, but by then, the damage was already done," Lucha said.

Lucha said to never give strangers: a phone number, address, school, grade, date of birth, names of family members and/or photographs.

"Once you send something to someone else, you cannot



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Brian Lucha presents internet safety topics to a large crowd in the Mid Michigan Community College municipal room during the CAN Council's April 24 lunch and learn.**

take it back. And what they do with it is out of your hands," Lucha said.

He presented things to think about before pressing "send:" Don't assume any post is going to remain private, there is no changing minds in cyberspace- anything sent or posted never truly goes away (even on Snapchat), don't give into the pressure to do something that makes you uncomfortable and no one is truly "anonymous," he said.

"What do you do if you receive something you don't want?" Lucha asked.

Report it, tell someone you trust, do not delete it (for

future proof) and do not talk to someone you do not know, he said.

Christina Lightfoot, victims of crime advocate for the Tribe, served as event organizer.

"Thank you all for attending our very first lunch and learn," Lightfoot said in an email sent to all of the event attendees. "We truly couldn't have done this without everyone's efforts and donations."

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel's Nbakade Family Restaurant was also an event sponsor and supplied a complimentary lunch to event attendees.

## Tribal Member's research included in Central Michigan University's student exhibition

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Central Michigan University presented the Student Research and Creative Endeavors Exhibition on Wednesday, April 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Finch Fieldhouse on campus.

Roughly 375 graduate and undergraduate students came together to display their research via poster displays.

Tribal Member Ellie Mitchell's poster entitled "Ezhichiged - the way things are done: reclaiming indigenous magic in fantasy literature" was on display.

Mitchell's abstract is below:

"Fantasy literature is dependent on world-building, to give readers context to plot and

setting. Literary representations of indigenous peoples often stereotype or appropriate indigenous cultures, forego any historical or scientific facts, or merely alter the setting and appearance of Eurocentric stories and concepts.

This project will examine studies from several disciplines in order to form an idea of pre-contact Great Lakes religious (or magical in the literary sense) practices and concepts.

Archaeological studies provide information about ceremonial sites such as seasonality, number of people who attended, their diet, and materials used. Historical and ethnographic studies inform on the origins and participant beliefs of religious practices.

This project tempers

interdisciplinary academic knowledge with the author's firsthand experience with contemporary Anishinaabe lifeways. Appropriate depiction is as important as feasibility in representing indigenous cultures.

Anishnaabeg consider knowledge to be privileged; some spiritual concepts are considered off-limits to the uninitiated and to outsiders. This project also seeks to set parameters on what can and what should not be written as fictional plot points."

A formal program with student awards was held from 1 to 2 p.m. in CMU's Park Library Auditorium.

The event was sponsored by CMU's Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

## Seventh Generation raises \$730 for People's Powwow with pancake fundraiser

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Seventh Generation held an April 12 pancake fundraiser to raise funds for the People's Powwow.

A total of \$730 was raised between 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A \$7 meal purchase included three pancakes and a choice of meat, or the breakfast cost \$5 for those who supplied their own feast plate.



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**The fundraiser at Seventh Generation raised a total of \$730 for the People's Powwow.**



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## How abusive partners use sexual assault as a form of control

### MALLORY BLACK

Diné, StrongHearts Native Helpline  
Communications Manager

Sexual violence can be difficult to talk about. Some people feel uncomfortable when the subject comes up, which – intentionally or not – sends a message to survivors of sexual abuse and sexual assault that they won't be believed if they come forward.

**Sexual assault is any type of sexual activity or contact that you do not consent to.** In an abusive relationship, some partners might sexually assault their partner or force them into unwanted sexual activity as a means of control. This type of violence can be one of the most traumatic forms of relationship abuse.

Across the nation, more than half of Native American women (56 percent) and about one-third of Native men (28 percent) have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime, according to a recent report. The report also found that Native women – our mothers, grandmothers, daughters and sisters – face nearly two times the risk of sexual violence when compared to non-Hispanic white women.

**Sexual abuse in a relationship:** There is a strong connection between colonialism and sexual violence. As Native people, we know any form of violence such as sexual assault and sexual abuse is unnatural and goes against our traditional ways.

Sexual violence was introduced into our communities through colonization, as Native women were often violently targeted, humiliated, degraded and terrorized as a way to undermine the very foundation of Native communities.

As a form of domestic violence, sexual abuse is used to assert power and control in the relationship. The behaviors can range from:

- Calling you degrading sexual names
- Fondling, grabbing or pinching the sexual parts of your body
- Constantly pressuring you to have sex when you don't want to have sex
- Becoming angry or violent when refused sex
- Demanding or normalizing demands for sex by saying things like, "I need it, I'm a man"
- Drugging or restricting you to where you are unable to consent to sexual activity

- Forcing you to have sex or engage in unwanted sexual activity (ex. rape, anal rape, forced masturbation or forced oral sex)

- Using weapons or other objects to hurt the sexual parts of your body

- Records or photographs you in a sexual way without your consent

- Intentionally tries to pass on a sexually transmitted disease to you

- Threatening to hurt you or your children if you do not have sex

- Demanding you to dress in a sexual way

- Forcing you to watch pornography

**Lasting effects of sexual violence:** Sexual assault can affect your spirit in many ways, including feelings of depression, fear or anxiety, difficulty sleeping, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Some survivors may experience flashbacks of the attack or may disassociate from what happened entirely to cope with the trauma.

When there is ongoing sexual abuse in a relationship, trauma and other negative impacts can worsen.

Some survivors may become very sensitive to touch



or struggle with intimacy in their relationships. It's important to recognize not all survivors will react the same way and often report a range of feelings about the experience.

After a sexual attack, you may feel alone, ashamed or believe you did something to provoke the attack or that you somehow 'deserved it.' You may also feel that your community is not a safe place anymore. However, you are never to blame for rape, sexual assault or any form of abuse that happens to you.

**Finding hope and healing:** Recovering from sexual assault or sexual abuse is a process and one in which you decide every step of the way. There is no timeline for healing; it is entirely up to you.

It is important to know that in the aftermath of

sexual assault or abuse, you do not have to face your healing journey alone.

When you are ready, there are people available to help you if you have been sexually assaulted or are being sexually abused by a current or former intimate partner.

Advocates at StrongHearts Native Helpline (**1-844-762-8483**, available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT) can offer emotional support and a connection to culturally-appropriate resources and legal options where available. It is always anonymous and confidential when you call.

While your healing journey may be painful, remember you were born with the inherent strength and courage of your ancestors to survive. We believe you. We are here for you every step of the way.

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| <h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Anishinaabek Wellness</h3> <p>Anishinaabek wellness comes from the Great Spirit empowering us to heal, through the sacred medicine we were given by the Creator "Gizhe-manidoo."</p> <p><b>The Four Gifts</b><br/>Creator gave us all four gifts before our journey to the Earth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Anishinaabemowin</li> <li>▶ Love of Heart</li> <li>▶ Spirit Name</li> <li>▶ Free Will</li> </ul> <p><b>Balance of Mind, Body, Spirit, and Emotion:</b><br/>Balancing wellness of mind, body, spirit and emotion can be achieved by incorporating these Traditional Approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Spirit Name</li> <li>▶ Sweat Lodges</li> <li>▶ Fasting</li> <li>▶ Feast &amp; Giveaways</li> <li>▶ Clans</li> <li>▶ Four Sacred Medicines</li> <li>▶ Moontime</li> <li>▶ Sacred Items &amp; Bundles</li> </ul> <p><b>How to ask for or seek Traditional Healing from Elders and Healers in a good way:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take semaa (tobacco) to give as an offering to the Elder or Healer. Semaa is meant for communication between you, the Healer, and Creator.</li> <li>• Talk to the Elder or Healer and explain to them why you have come.</li> <li>• Bring a gift from the heart to give the Elder or Healer for their spiritual work; Creator asks us, "What about my Helper?"</li> <li>• Refrain from taking alcohol or other drugs for four days before going to an Elder or Healer.</li> <li>• Women should seek visits when they are not on their moontime (menstrual cycle.)</li> </ul> | <h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Mental Health &amp; Wellness</h3> <p>Mental health is defined as "a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community."</p> <p><i>WHO/Mental Health: A state of well-being. (2018, April 19). Retrieved April 19, 2018, from <a href="http://www.who.int/en/">http://www.who.int/en/</a></i></p> |
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## Warning Signs for Suicide

**The more of these signs a person show the greater the risk. Warning signs are associated with suicide but may not be what causes a suicide.**

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- Internet searches on ways to kill oneself
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no purpose
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Making statements such as "I'm at peace"
- Acting anxious, agitated or recklessly
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Displaying extreme mood swings
- Giving away personal items
- Increase purchases of prescriptions, razors, or ropes





**What To Do**  
**If someone you know exhibits warning signs of suicide:**

- Do not leave the person alone
- Ask for help from others (family, friends, and co-workers)
- Remove any firearms, alcohol, drugs, ropes or sharp objects that could be used in a suicide attempt
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*"I got well by talking. Death could not get a word in edgewise, grew discouraged, and traveled on."*  
*Louise Erdrich, Native American Author*



# Maamwi-jiibaakweng Wii Mno-maadiseng offers traditional foods at lunchtime event

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Tribal community was invited to stop in the Seventh Generation Ceremonial Building during lunch time for the Maamwi-jiibaakweng Wii Mno-maadiseng (Cooking

Together for the Good Life) event on Tuesday, April 23.

The event, held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., provided a lunch of healthy plant-based meals and snacks with organic and traditional meats optional.

Lee Ann Ruffino, cultural manager for Seventh Generation, was seen speaking

with guests and describing what certain dishes contained.

Chef Sam Anglin, support services manager for Andahwod, was also in attendance and prepping strawberry salsa.

Other foods included were buffalo, venison, corn soup, wild rice, blueberries, strawberries, sweet potatoes, dried

cherries and much more.

Isabella Osawamick from the Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department was on hand to provide hand-outs containing words and phrases for traditional foods in Anishinabemowin.

A table was on display from the Environmental Team and Taylor Brook, watershed outreach coordinator for the Planning Department, was present to answer any questions and explain making sustainable and easy-to-prepare snacks and meals.

Along with Seventh Generation, the event was a collaboration among the Tribal Libraries, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Chef Sam Anglin prepares a strawberry salsa during the Maamwi-jiibaakweng Wii Mno-maadiseng (Cooking Together for the Good Life) lunchtime event on April 23 at Seventh Generation.**



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

**The event included several healthy plant-based meals and snacks with traditional meats including: corn soup, buffalo, sweet potatoes, wild rice, venison and much more.**

# Additional measles case added in Oakland County, state count at 43

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

(Editor's note: The following information was last updated April 17, 2019.)

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has confirmed an additional measles case in Southeast Michigan, bringing the state total to 43 for 2019.

The newly-confirmed case is from Oakland County.

There are no new exposure locations related to this case.

The outbreak, which began in mid-March, has resulted in 40 cases in Oakland County, one in Wayne County and one in the City of Detroit. In addition, an international traveler was diagnosed with measles following a visit to Washtenaw County, during which time he was contagious.

Infected individuals range in age from 8 months to 63 years; a majority of the cases involve adults.

MDHHS is working closely with local health departments to identify possible exposure locations for these latest cases. A listing of exposure locations is online at [Michigan.gov/MeaslesOutbreak](http://Michigan.gov/MeaslesOutbreak).

Michiganders are urged to contact their healthcare provider or local health department about getting vaccinated for measles if they have not been vaccinated. A complete listing of local health departments is available at [Malph.org/resources/directory](http://Malph.org/resources/directory).

The measles vaccine is highly effective and very safe. A single dose of measles vaccine protects about 95 percent of children, but after two doses, almost 100 percent are immune. The first of two routine childhood measles vaccine doses is given at 12-15 months of age. A second vaccine dose is given before the start of kindergarten, between ages 4 and 6 years.

MDHHS follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance and does not recommend routine measles vaccinations for children less than 12 months of age unless there is a suspected measles exposure; there is thought to be an imminent measles exposure such as being in areas of known measles; or international travel planned.

For international travel, infants as young as 6 months should be vaccinated against measles. Measles vaccine, or other acceptable documentation of immunity to measles, is

recommended for all persons travelling internationally.

You cannot get measles from the vaccine. It can be effective when given within 72 hours of exposure to prevent illness. In addition, immune globulin (Ig) treatment is effective within six days of exposure for high-risk individuals. Talk to your healthcare provider to determine if immune globulin is right for you.

High-risk individuals include those who are unvaccinated or unsure about vaccination status, pregnant women and those who are immune-compromised (have a weakened immune system due to illness and diseases like HIV, malnutrition and/or medications).

This is the highest number of measles in the state since 1991 when 65 cases were reported.

So far this year in the U.S., there have been 555 cases of measles confirmed in 20 states. Measles is a highly contagious, vaccine-preventable disease that is spread by direct person-to-person contact, and through the air.

The virus can live for up to two hours in the air where the infected person was present. Symptoms of measles usually begin seven to 14 days after exposure, but can appear up to 21 days after exposure and may include:

- High fever (may spike to over 104°F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes (conjunctivitis)
- Tiny white spots on the inner cheeks, gums, and roof of the mouth (Koplik Spots) two to three days after symptoms begin
- A rash that is red, raised, blotchy; usually starts on face, spreads to trunk, arms, and legs

three to five days after symptoms begin

If symptoms develop, residents are urged to call their doctor or emergency room before arriving so they can take precautions to prevent exposure to other individuals.

For more information about measles, visit [CDC.gov/measles](http://CDC.gov/measles). For more information about Michigan's current measles outbreak, visit [Michigan.gov/MeaslesOutbreak](http://Michigan.gov/MeaslesOutbreak).

| Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule May 2019 |                        |                       |                        |                             |                   |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Time   | Monday                 | Tuesday               | Wednesday              | Thursday                    | Friday            |
| 6:15 a.m.  | BEGIN<br>Jaden         |                       | BEGIN<br>Jaden         |                             | BEGIN<br>Jaden    |
| 10 a.m.  |                        | Elders Time<br>Sharon |                        | Elders Time<br>Sharon       |                   |
| 11 a.m.  | L.I.F.E.<br>Jaden      |                       | L.I.F.E.<br>Jaden      |                             |                   |
| 12:10 p.m.   |                        | L.I.F.E.<br>Jaden     |                        | Suspension Training - Jayme | L.I.F.E.<br>Jaden |
| 1:10 p.m.  | M.E.L.T.<br>Jayme      |                       |                        | Turbo Kick<br>Beth          |                   |
| 5:10 p.m.  | Walk/Run/Move<br>Jayme | Yoga<br>Tammy         | Walk/Run/Move<br>Jayme | Yoga<br>Tammy               |                   |

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**Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

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## May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

### ELDERS SERVICES

*(Editor's note: The following article is from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders at [www.nidcd.nih.gov](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov) and has been provided by Andahwod Elder Services.)*

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month. The theme for this year is, Communication Across the Life Span.

This article will concentrate on elders living with hearing loss. There is more information on this topic concerning children at the website [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov).

#### What is hearing loss?

Hearing loss is a sudden or gradual decrease in how well you can hear. It is one of the most common conditions affecting older and elderly adults. Approximately one in three people between the ages of 65 and 74 has a hearing loss

and nearly half of those older than 75 have difficulty hearing.

Having trouble hearing can make it hard to understand and follow a doctor's advice, to respond to warnings, and to hear doorbells and alarms.

It can also make it hard to enjoy talking with family and friends. All of this can be frustrating and even dangerous.

#### Do I have a hearing problem?

Ask yourself the following questions. If you answer yes to three or more of these questions you could have a hearing problem and may need to have your hearing checked by a doctor.

Do you sometimes feel embarrassed when you meet new people because you struggle to hear?

Do you feel frustrated when talking to members of your family because you have difficulty hearing them?

Do you have difficulty hearing when someone speaks in a whisper?

Do you feel restricted or limited by a hearing problem?

Do you have difficulty hearing when visiting friends, relatives, or neighbors?

Does a hearing problem cause you to attend religious services less often than you would like?

Do you have trouble hearing the TV or radio at levels that are loud enough for others?

Do you feel that any difficulty with your hearing limits your personal or social life?

Does a hearing problem cause you to argue with family members?

Do you have trouble hearing family or friends when you are together in a restaurant?

If you answered yes to three of these questions, see your primary care provider about your hearing loss so he/she can refer you to a specialist that works with diagnosing hearing loss.

#### Can my friends and family help me?

Yes, you and your family can work together to make

hearing easier. Here are some things that you can do:

Tell your friends and family about your hearing loss. They need to know that hearing is hard for you. The more you tell the people you spend time with, the more they can help you.

Ask them to face you when they talk so that you can see their faces. If you watch their faces move and see their expression, it may help you to understand them better.

Ask people to speak louder, but not shout. Tell them they do not have to talk slowly, just more clearly.

Turn off the TV or the radio if you aren't actively listening to it.

Be aware of noise around you that can make hearing more difficult. When you go to restaurant, do not sit near the kitchen or near a band playing music. Background noise makes it difficult to hear people talk.

Letting your family and friends know and working together to hear better may be tough on everyone at first, but hearing better is worth it.

The full article is available at [www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/hearing-loss-older-adults](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/hearing-loss-older-adults)

## Andahwod's March Employee of the Month is Joe Kequom

### ANDAHWOD STAFF

Kequom has been a security guard at Andahwod for nearly 10 years. He has worked for the Tribe for nearly 30 years – with a majority of that in the Tribal Police Department.

Kequom started working as grant writer for the Tribe. He and Sue Sowmick wrote a Law Enforcement Administrative Assistance grant (L.E.A.A) to expand the Tribal Police Department.

He was hired and sponsored to attend the BIA/U.S. Indian Police Academy in Brigham City, Utah. He graduated with the High Academic Achievement Award. This award is the culmination of academic, physical training and fitness, and marksmanship scores. He worked his way up through the ranks and served as police captain his last nine years on the force.

When asked what he enjoys most about working at

Andahwod he said, "I enjoy the interaction and listening to stories and exchanging stories with the elders, as I am an elder myself! For instance, knowing this person was a woodsman, I asked if he knew how to use a cant dog. He told me his whole story of jumping tracks to work in the timber and using a cant dog and pike pole when he was a log driver, floating and unjamming logs on the river, very dangerous, so he ended up being the camp cook. It was an awesome story."

"My wife, Marje and I have been married 32 years and we are very blessed with family and friends," Kequom said. "I like to spend quality time with my daughter Brooke and granddaughter Sugar Pie! I like watching baseball, fishing and hunting."

Kequom continued, "I also have horses, dogs and cats. I own three horses and board two because I like to work outside too."



Joe Kequom

He said a favorite memory involves his mother and father living their last years at Andahwod. He was glad and blessed to here spending time talking about old memories and having a lot of dinners with them before God took them home.

"As in the mission statement; honor, care and respect was here for them and I'll never forget that," he said.

"I enjoy working here knowing the folks here feel safe and that the level of comfort is raised for those living here and working here," he said.

## May 2019 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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|----|---|----|---|
| 1  | Steven Pego<br>Leo Bennett Sr.  | 17 | Gary Schneider<br>Stacey Scott  |
| 2  | Robin Francis<br>Marci Magnell<br>Gerald Ice<br>Marlene Sovo  | 18 | Virginia LaMere<br>Rose Sawyer  |
| 3  | Federico Cantu Jr.<br>Jacqueline Wemigwans<br>Melvin Ehas Jr.<br>Phillip Shenoskey  | 19 | Judith Banister<br>Karl Hansen<br>Helen Peters<br>Terrance Frank<br>Deborah Krupiczewicz<br>Ella Powers<br>George Russell<br>Kay Wert |
| 4  | Brian Chippeway<br>William Federico<br>Fredrick Leksche<br>Michael Wayne<br>William Cloutier                              | 20 | Robert Bennett  |
| 5  | Danny Wing Jr.  | 21 | April Borton<br>Damian Fisher<br>Angel Jackson<br>Rita Romer<br>Rose Wassegijig<br>Bobbie Brown<br>Julie Whitepigeon                  |
| 6  | Tony Starkey<br>Steve Collins<br>Debbie Curtice<br>David Cyr<br>Kathryn Shanks  | 22 | Volinda Morsey<br>James Walker<br>Yvonne Dyer   |
| 7  | Carol Shanks<br>Frances Gonzales<br>Marie Wicks   | 23 | Larry Pelcher<br>Steven Waynee<br>Richard Smith Sr.<br>Claudia Spalding<br>Linda Staples  |
| 8  | Susan Brooks<br>Marjorie Wehner   | 24 | Marlene Garlick<br>David Rhodes   |
| 9  | Steven Godbey   | 25 | Steven Martin<br>Shirley Houle<br>Gary Davis<br>Murdock Raslich<br>Jonathan Smith<br>James Sprague<br>Carolyn Stolz<br>Johnny Walker  |
| 10 | Julie Allred<br>Bonnie Klatt<br>Harvey Wright<br>Susan Yamry  | 26 | Toni Leureaux<br>Amy Hadd<br>Noel Peters  |
| 11 | Samuel DeFoy<br>Diane Pego<br>Kimberly Gerard<br>Troy Hart  | 27 | Frank Davis<br>Joseph Garlick<br>Norma Jackson  |
| 12 | Bonnie Glover   | 28 | Gail George   |
| 13 | Duane Pelcher Sr.<br>Fredrick Bailey Sr.<br>Gary Henry<br>Mary Reis<br>Frank Romer  | 29 | Anne Peters<br>Patricia Peters<br>Rosalie Berry<br>Robert Fallis<br>Warren Gionet   |
| 14 | Leroy Hall II   | 30 | Richard Moggo<br>Paul Schramm Jr.   |
| 15 | Deborah Grills  | 31 | Karen Siminski  |
| 16 | Orville Jackson<br>Linda Cook<br>Carolyn Estill<br>David Jackson<br>Allan Slater Jr.<br>Lena Stempek<br>Sheila Villarreal |    |   |
| 17 | John Quigno<br>Vincent Cleveland<br>Paulette Pashenee   |    |   |

## May Andahwod events

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

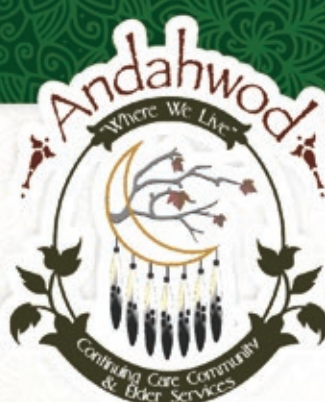
**Language Bingo**  
May 2 | 1 - 3 p.m.

**Bingo with Friends**  
May 6 | 1 - 3 p.m.

**Sewing with Friends**  
May 7 | 1 - 6 p.m.

**Firekeepers Casino**  
May 13 | 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Saganing Day Trip:  
Bingo with Friends**  
May 21 | 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



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

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



## MAY 2019 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### Youth Council Bake Sale

May 1 | 3:30 - 5 p.m.  
 • Tribal Operations front entrance  
 • 989.775.4780

### Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

May 1, 15 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 • Saganing Tribal Center  
 • 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850  
 May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 4 - 6 p.m.  
 • Behavioral Health  
 • 989.775.4895

### Saganing Talking Circle

May 1, 15 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.  
 • Saganing Tribal Center  
 • 989.775.4879

### Drums Out: Singing for Fun

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6 - 8 p.m.  
 • Seventh Generation Blue House

### Community Sewing Night

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
 • Seventh Generation

### ACFS Enchilada Lunch Fundraiser

May 3 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym Kitchen  
 • \$8 per plate (drink included)  
 • Meal includes either chicken or beef enchiladas with rice and beans

### Menopause & Beyond

May 3 | 12 - 3 p.m.  
 • Nimkee Public Health Kitchen  
 • Presenter: Tammy House, RN, CDE  
 • Topic: Diabetes ~ Your Changing Health

### Monday Night Masters

May 6 - August (12 weeks) | Shotgun start: 5:45 p.m.  
 • Maple Creek Golf Club (Shepherd, Mich.)  
 • Registration: 989.775.4149 or LuSprague@Sagchip.org  
 • Registration deadline: May 3 at 12 p.m.  
 • League fees: \$100  
 • Team information: co-ed (any mix), players must be 18 or older, max of 22 teams (first 22 teams to register.)  
 • Two person teams are required with one player being one of the following: SCIT Tribal Member or descendant, Tribal employee (SECR, Migizi, Tribal Ops, SELC) or member of another tribe

### People's Powwow Taco Fundraiser

May 10 | 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 • Seventh Generation  
 • 989.775.4780

### Project Venture Mountain Biking

May 18 | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 • Traverse City, Mich.  
 • Registration: 989.775.4920  
 • Only eight spaces available, please register ASAP  
 • Leaving Tribal Operations at 10 a.m., returning at 6 p.m.

### Reservation Household Clean Up

May 18 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 • Drop-off location: Saginaw Chippewa Academy  
 • 989.775.4595  
 • Accepting normal household items  
 • Items not accepted: tires, refrigerators/freezers, microwave ovens, computers/screens, TVs, oil, paint, chemicals, batteries, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides/herbicides.  
 • Event for Tribal Members only, Tribal ID required  
 • If you have household hazardous waste you can drop it off at the Isabella County Fairgrounds on May 18 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Community Health & Fitness Day

May 22 | SCIT on the Move only: 7 - 8:30 a.m.  
 Everyone else: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 4 - 6 p.m.  
 • Nimkee's Fit Park  
 • 989.775.4595  
 • Participate in a variety of fitness activities and challenges, special kids challenges too!  
 • Be eligible to win: Yeti hopper flip cooler, Yeti tumblers, shoes from Runners, and Bluetooth speaker.  
 • Sign-up and experience SCIT on the Move  
 • Other healthy opportunities: massages, healthy snacks, music and health screenings  
 • Outdoor yoga class at 5:15 p.m.

### SCTC Indian Taco & Blanket Dog Fundraiser

May 29 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym Kitchen  
 • 989.317.4760 ext. 228  
 • Menu: Indian taco \$7, blanket dog \$3, strawberry shortcake \$4, water \$1, tea \$2  
 • Indian taco, strawberry shortcake and drink: \$10  
 • Two blanket dogs, strawberry shortcake and drink: \$10

### FAN Community Forum

June 8 | 4 - 6 p.m.  
 • Commission on Aging (2200 S. Lincoln Rd.)  
 • Learn about Families Against Narcotics, the mission and goals for the Central Michigan area, and how we want to help our local communities.  
 • Dinner will be provided  
 • Local agency resources

### SCIT Blood Drive

June 25 | 10:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
 • Donate to receive \$10 in Soaring Eagle Premium Play  
 • Lunch and snacks available  
 • Win prizes!

## MAY 2019 | Tribal Community Calendar

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Sat./Sun.   |   |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Curbside Recycling</li> <li>● Waste Collection*</li> </ul> <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p> |  | <b>1</b> Traditional Teachings<br>Saganing   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.<br><br>Talking Circle<br>Saganing   5 - 6 p.m.<br><br>Dreamcatcher Workshop<br>Saganing   11 a.m.<br><br>Women's Empowerment Night<br>SECR   5:30 - 8:30 p.m.   | <b>2</b> Language Bingo<br>Andahwod   1 - 3 p.m.<br><br>12-Step Meditation Group<br>B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.<br><br>Anishinaabemowin Learning<br>ALRD   6 p.m.<br><br>FAN Support Group<br>Seniors Room   7 - 8:30 p.m. | <b>3</b> Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   11:30 a.m.<br><br>Spirit Bear AA Meeting<br>Andahwod   7 p.m.<br><br>Traditional Healer<br>B. Health   9 a.m. - 4 p.m.<br><br>Sweat Lodge<br>B. Health   5 p.m.   | <b>4</b><br><br><br><b>5</b> New Spirit AA Meeting<br>B. Health   4 - 5 p.m.<br><br>Powwow Conditioning<br>7th Generation   1 - 3 p.m.  |   |
|  | <b>6</b> Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   5:30 p.m.<br><br>Women's Traditions Society<br>B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Euchre and Potluck<br>Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.<br><br>Bingo with Friends<br>Andahwod   1 - 3 p.m.                                 | <b>7</b> Ogitchedaw Meeting<br>Seniors Room   6 - 8:30 p.m.<br><br>Narcotics Anonymous<br>B. Health   7 p.m.<br><br>Energy Healing Circle<br>B. Health   4 p.m.<br><br>Community Planning Meeting<br>Saganing   12 - 1 p.m.<br><br>Sewing with Friends<br>Andahwod   1 - 6 p.m. | <b>8</b> Elders Breakfast<br>Andahwod   9 - 10 a.m.<br><br>Youth Council Meeting<br>Tribal Ops   5 p.m.   | <b>9</b> Sacred Fire Lunch<br>7th Generation   12 p.m.<br><br>12-Step Meditation Group<br>B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.<br><br>Anishinaabemowin Learning<br>ALRD   6 p.m.<br><br>Women Supporting Women<br>B. Health   5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  | <b>10</b> Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   11:30 a.m.<br><br>Spirit Bear AA Meeting<br>Andahwod   7 p.m.<br><br>Mothers' Day Craft & Lunch<br>Saganing   11 a.m.                              | <b>11</b> Bird Day Celebration<br>Ziibiwing   1 - 5 p.m.<br><br><b>12</b> New Spirit AA Meeting<br>B. Health   4 - 5 p.m.<br><br>Powwow Conditioning<br>7th Generation   1 - 3 p.m.           |
|  | <b>13</b> Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   5:30 p.m.<br><br>Euchre and Potluck<br>Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.<br><br>Open House<br>B. Health   3 - 6 p.m.<br><br>Elders Trip to Firekeepers Casino<br>Leaving Andahwod at 9 a.m.<br>Returning around 3:30 p.m. | <b>14</b> Open Gym<br>Tribal Gym   5 - 7 p.m.<br><br>Narcotics Anonymous<br>B. Health   7 p.m.<br><br>Moccasin Workshop<br>7th Generation   5:30 p.m.<br><br>Anishinaabemowin Learning<br>ALRD   6 p.m.   | <b>15</b> Tribal Education Advisory Meeting   9 a.m.<br><br>Talking Circle<br>Saganing   5 - 6 p.m.<br><br>Moccasin Workshop<br>7th Generation   5:30 p.m.  | <b>16</b> 12-Step Meditation Group<br>B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.<br><br>Anishinaabemowin Learning<br>ALRD   6 p.m.<br><br>FAN Support Group<br>Seniors Room   7 - 8:30 p.m.   | <b>17</b> Tribal Observer Deadline<br><br>Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   11:30 a.m.<br><br>Spirit Bear AA Meeting<br>Andahwod   7 p.m.<br><br>Project Venture<br>B. Health   9 - 11:30 a.m. | <b>18</b><br><br><br><b>19</b> New Spirit AA Meeting<br>B. Health   4 - 5 p.m.<br><br>Powwow Conditioning<br>7th Generation   1 - 3 p.m.  |
|  | <b>20</b> Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   5:30 p.m.<br><br>Women's Traditions Society<br>B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Euchre and Potluck<br>Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.<br><br>ALRC Meeting<br>Seniors Room   9 - 11 a.m.                                 | <b>21</b> Open Gym<br>Tribal Gym   5 - 7 p.m.<br><br>Narcotics Anonymous<br>B. Health   7 p.m.<br><br>Energy Healing Circle<br>B. Health   4 p.m.<br><br>Bingo with Friends<br>Saganing   10:30 a.m.  | <b>22</b> Elders Breakfast<br>Andahwod   9 - 10 a.m.<br><br>Youth Council Meeting<br>Tribal Ops   5 p.m.  | <b>23</b> Sacred Fire Lunch<br>7th Generation   12 p.m.<br><br>12-Step Meditation Group<br>B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.<br><br>Anishinaabemowin Learning<br>ALRD   6 p.m.<br><br>Women Supporting Women<br>B. Health   5:30 - 7:30 p.m.<br><br>Cemetery Cleanup<br>Saganing   11 a.m. | <b>24</b> Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   11:30 a.m.<br><br>Spirit Bear AA Meeting<br>Andahwod   7 p.m.  | <b>25</b> Birthday Bingo<br>Andahwod   12 - 3 p.m.<br><br><b>26</b> Powwow Conditioning<br>7th Generation   1 - 3 p.m.<br><br>Fruit Tree Planting<br>7th Generation   12 p.m.                 |
|  | <b>27</b> Tribal Ops Closed<br>Memorial Day  | <b>28</b> Open Gym<br>Tribal Gym   5 - 7 p.m.<br><br>Narcotics Anonymous<br>B. Health   7 p.m.<br><br>Anishinaabemowin Learning<br>ALRD   6 p.m.<br><br>Name That Tune<br>Andahwod   2:30 p.m.  | <b>29</b> Fruit Tree Planting<br>Saganing   10:30 a.m.  | <b>30</b> 12-Step Meditation Group<br>B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.<br><br>Anishinaabemowin Learning<br>ALRD   6 p.m.  | <b>31</b> Drop-in Group<br>B. Health   11:30 a.m.<br><br>Spirit Bear AA Meeting<br>Andahwod   7 p.m.  | <b>Save the Date:</b><br>An Evening with Author<br>Barbara J. Barton<br>"Manoomin: The Story of Wild Rice in Michigan"<br>May 16 • 6:30 p.m.<br>Pickford Community Library<br>Pickford, Mich. |



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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### Summer Youth Worker

Must be member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Must be between 14 to 18 years of age at the time of application. Must attend parent/guardian and youth worker meeting. Under the supervision of the Youth Crew leader/assigned department supervisor, work in areas of interest for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, and Migizi Economic Development Company. The supervisor in the areas assigned will determine duties and responsibilities.

##### Clerical Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is preferred.

##### General Labor Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and be able to perform manual labor.

##### Support Home Tech

Open to the public. Associate degree in social services, human services or related field. Two years social services or human services experience preferred.

##### Summer Youth Crew Leader

High school diploma or GED. Must be member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Must be between 14 to 24 years of age at the time of application. College student preferred. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employ-

ment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Under the supervision of Anishinabe Workforce Developer, assist in summer job placement for the youth of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

##### Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Master's degree in social work or counseling with focus on mental health. State of Michigan licensed counselor or social worker. Will consider limited license. Two years' experience in counseling.

##### Police Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Associate degree preferred. MCOLES certified or MCOLES certifiable. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation.

##### Elementary Counselor - AWARE

Open to the public. Under the supervision of the Education director, serve as a strong critical link between students, parents and teachers to provide individual and group counseling services to students. Bachelor's degree in social work or counseling from an accredited program. One year experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

##### School Based Consulting Clinician - AWARE

Open to the public. Oversee daily operations of school-based consulting program including management of all funding sources. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field. One year of experience in mental health services working with children and

families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

##### Clinical Services Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is required. CAADC experience and license. Five years' clinical experience with co-occurring disorders. Three years supervisory experience. Must meet state required supervisor credential and certification.

##### Licensed Practical Nurse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year long term care experience preferred. License, certification, or special requirements: Successful completion of an accredited program for licensed practical nurses.

##### Certified Nursing Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year nursing experience. Experience with older adults preferred. Must be able to effectively communicate with residents and all members of the health care team and have good computer skills. License, certification, or special requirements: State of Michigan Certified Nursing Assistant.

##### Strategic Grant Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, communication, economics, or related field. Three years' experience in grant writing and grant administration. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Proficient and effective communication skills, computer experience, analytical, writing, organizational, interpersonal skills and Microsoft Office.

##### Technical Services Technician I

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years help desk experience or bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.

##### Dentist

Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Licensed dentist. Two years working dentist experience preferred. Provide clinical diagnosis, evaluation, studies, and treatment services of professionally acceptable quantity and quality, in accordance with privileges granted.

##### Senior Treasury Analyst

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting, economics, finance, business administration or related field. Five years' experience in treasury investments, accounting, financial analysis and operations. Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite. Strong organizational, analytical and problem-solving skills.

##### Community Data, Planning & Special Projects Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's degree in social science, social work, public policy, community planning or related field. Minimum of five years' experience working within a tribal community. Minimum one year experience pursuing grant funding. Experience identifying, compiling and analyzing data to develop reports and make recommendations. Demonstrated analytical skills.

##### ACFS Case Worker

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social services or human services. Two years social services, families' first worker, or family preservation experience preferred. Certified social worker and/or licensed clinical social worker preferred. Experience working with tribal communities and outside social services preferred.

##### Grant Analyst

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, or related field. Three years' experience in administration of federal grants and contracts, and grant writing. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience with Tribal departments.

##### Cook

Open to the public. High School diploma or GED. One year cooking experience. Experience with quality food preparation and service in a large service kitchen preferred.

##### Community Project Manager - AWARE

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education, social work, counseling, or human services related field. Experience in project management, communications and working with school systems and community collaborations and partnerships. Under the supervision of AWARE Project coordinator/SCIT community project manager, develop and implement daily operations of the Project AWARE program within the Shepherd or Mt. Pleasant school system and surrounding community as a member of the Project AWARE team.

##### Elementary Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in Education or related field. Master's degree preferred. Experience with

current assessment requirements, federal and state standards. Two years teaching experience preferred. Preference will be given to those with proficiency in speaking the Ojibwe language.

### Soaring Eagle

##### Laundry Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping or laundry experience preferred.

##### Inventory Control Warehouse PT - Tribal Members Only

Tribal Members only. High school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

##### Floor/Upholstery Cleaner

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

##### Waitstaff PT Seasonal

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

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Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

### Saganing

##### Maintenance Worker PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience. Experience with plumbing and carpentry.

##### F&B Attendant

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred.

##### Front Desk Manager

Open to the public. Associate degree in hospitality, business administration or related field. Three years hotel front office experience. Two years hotel supervisory experience. Bachelor's degree in hospitality, business administration or related field preferred.

##### Kitchen Equipment Tech

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair.

##### Technical Services Technician I

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years help desk experience or bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field.

##### Police Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Associate degree preferred. MCOLES certified or MCOLES certifiable.

##### F&B Department Manager Lounge

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years food and beverage experience. Three years supervisory experience in the hospitality field. Associate degree preferred.

##### F&B Department Manager Restaurant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years food and beverage experience. Three years supervisory experience in the hospitality field. Associate degree preferred.

##### Beverage Waitstaff

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving experience preferred.

##### Casino Ambassador

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of heavy cash handling or hospitality experience in a fast paced, high pressure environment.

### 130 Services

##### Fox Home Builders

All types of home improvements. Kitchen and bath remodeling, additions. Experienced and local. 989-506-2360.

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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.*

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## Summons and Complaint Notices

### SUMMONS TO APPEAR FOR A SHOWCAUSE HEARING IN THE MATTER OF NDAUNIS M. PEGO

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-775-4800 Case No. 19-CI-0087 Plaintiff: TNT Financial, Inc. P.O. Box 5767 Saginaw MI 48603-0767 (989) 921-0406 Plaintiff's Attorney: James N. Meinecke P.O. Box 5767 Saginaw, MI 48603-0767 vs. Defendant: N'Daunis M. Pego 7786 Sage Dr. Mt. 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, 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 Sept. 7, 2019.**



## Tribal Gym hosts Easter egg hunt and portable planetarium April 13

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Two events in one central location were held on Saturday, April 13 in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Beginning at 10 a.m., an Easter egg scramble was held, which included separate time slots for all age groups. And from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Midland Center for the Arts hosted its portable planetarium.

A 10 a.m. continental breakfast was available for all in attendance.

The elder and youth egg scramble began at 10:15 a.m. for 3 years old and younger,

with all ages in between and ended after 10:40 a.m. with the elders 50 and older age group. Each age group winner received a basket prize.

Planetarium showings were: at 11 a.m. stellar lunar for kindergarten through fifth grades, at 11:45 a.m. for world in motion for sixth to eighth grades, at 12:15 p.m. stellar lunar for kindergarten to 5th graders and at 1 p.m. was the sun for 9th to 12th graders.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Andahwod Continuing Care and Elders Services, the Tribal K-12 Education Department and Behavioral Health collaborated to host these events.

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