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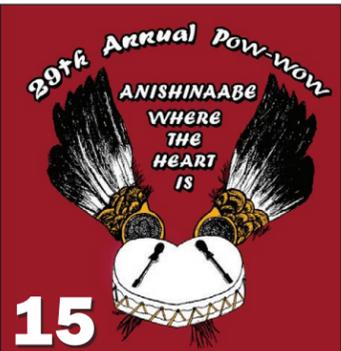
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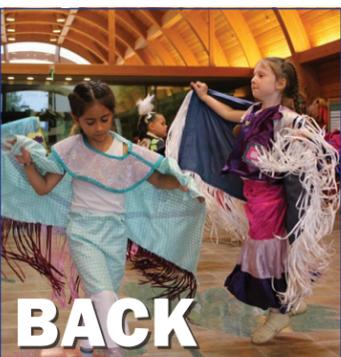
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## New Recreation Center and Tribal school facility fosters program growth

JOSEPH SOWMICK  
Contributing Writer

The winds of change move through Tribal programs once more as the planning process takes center stage at the Aug. 1 community meeting. The annual meeting, held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall, will feature an informational booth from Consultant Project Coordinator Bonnie Ekdahl.

"I am honored and welcome the opportunity to address our Tribal community by providing a brief update about the new recreation center and Tribal school facility," Ekdahl informs. "We have been making progress and moving forward at many levels in the planning process since our first meeting on May 29."

Ekdahl was hired by Tribal Council on May 6 to coordinate the proposed \$8.5 million project. A working committee has been identified through support of both Tribal Council and Tribal Administration and is comprised of individuals who represent the programs involved in this project.

The following departments and individuals have been selected to serve on the working committee:

- Tribal Education; Interim Director of Education Melissa Montoya, Saginaw Chippewa Academy Principal Marcella Mosqueda and Tribal Education Advisory Board Member Kathy Hart.

- Parks and Recreation; Director Ronnie Ekdahl, Youth Facilities Coordinator Kevin Ricketts and Events Coordinator Joe Sowmick.

- Anishinaabe Language Revitalization; Ojibwe Language Director Rhonda Hopkins and Outreach Language Specialist Isabelle Osawamick.

- Tribal Administration; Tribal Administrator Dustin Davis and SCIT Youth Council Advisor Rosanna Romero.

Assistant Tribal Administrator Tonia Leureaux also serves on the committee representing the Leadership, Engagement, Activities and Diversion (LEAD) Department.

As Public Relations Director

Frank Cloutier wrote in the July 2013 issue of the Tribal Observer, Leureaux is representing a "new department created to provide focus and more development for our Tribal youth. The department will maintain high standards of development that other departments such as K-12 Education, Behavioral Health Prevention and Parks and Recreation have provided in the past."

The working committee's plans include several ongoing strategies:

- The committee will set up the basic administrative framework for a new project; hiring personnel, creating workspace and setting up financial accounts.

- The committee is currently working on an operations design; creating a vision for the facility and reviewing each program's mission in an effort to align them together in an efficient collaboration focusing on services to youth and families. This will be an ongoing effort and will evolve with the project.

- A new department, LEAD, is being created by Tribal

Administration which will actively assist the design and operations of the new facility. (Editor's note: This is a separate endeavor from the rec center and Tribal school facility and many details are still being developed at press time).

- The committee will be recommending a site for the new facility to the Tribal Council in the near future.

Ekdahl informs another item being worked on is a Planning Document which will include programming details and expectations of the facility based on a review of current data about the Tribal community. This document is expected to be useful when the project brings architects on board for the conceptual design phase.

Leureaux, on behalf of LEAD, developed a PowerPoint presentation for Tribal Council and introduced the presentation to Tribal employees from affected departments on July 23. Both Ekdahl and Leureaux are slated to share information with the Tribal Membership at the Aug. 1 Community Meeting.

## Two new Physicians for the Nimkee Medical Clinic

NATALIE SHATTUCK  
Editor

The Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center is filled with excitement and relief as two new physicians have joined the medical clinic. Dr. Prem Barry Kissoondial, M.D. Family Practice physician from Pennsylvania, and Dr. Jeffrey Striebel, D.O. Family Practice physician from Mt. Pleasant will start seeing patients during the first week of August.

Both physicians feel honored to have been chosen to work for the Tribe and are excited to learn the Native American culture.

Dr. Kissoondial has been a physician for about 20 years. He completed training for a family practice in Toronto. Following the training, he completed his education for women's health care in gynecology, where he worked in Philadelphia.

While Dr. Kissoondial had quite the relocation from Pennsylvania to Michigan, he

is ready to start working for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

"My family and I have been talking about relocating," Kissoondial said. "It was a complete blessing when the opportunity came my way with the Tribe. I was able to talk to (Nimkee Medical Clinic Director) Margaret Steslicki and staff. I put the phone down and told my wife I had just talked to the nicest group of people. (The staff) was so gracious to invite us down to look at the area, interview and meet everybody."

Dr. Kissoondial has a strong passion for his career and helping others.

"My passion has always been to try to take care of the underserved and those needing health care," Kissoondial said. "I just love the philosophy (amongst Tribal members) and the opportunity to take care of your people. My knowledge of the Tribe is growing and I'm looking forward to learning more."



Dr. Kissoondial, has relocated from Pennsylvania.

In his spare time, Kissoondial enjoys spending time with his family.

"We always have to do everything together," Kissoondial said.

Kissoondial also enjoys playing volleyball, building and flying radio controlled airplanes, being outdoors, landscaping, cooking and traveling.

Like Dr. Kissoondial, Dr. Striebel is honored to have been selected as a physician for SCIT.

"Some of my patients came and recruited me," Dr.



Dr. Striebel, formerly of Mid-Michigan Health.

Striebel said. "About three different people from Nimkee Clinic or Tribal Operations came over, informed me and recruited me. It really does feel good."

Dr. Striebel has been a physician since 1998. He started his family practice residency at a clinic very similar to Nimkee in Muskegon, Mich. He then relocated to Mt. Pleasant, Mich. in 2001, to be a physician at Mid-Michigan Health.

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## Shirley Joyce Dalton

July 7, 1937 - June 21, 2013

Shirley Joyce Dalton (nee: Willis), a longtime resident of Roseville, Mich. and formerly of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., died Friday, June 21, 2013 at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M. while on vacation. Last rites were administered by her loving nephew, Father Maurice Henry Sands. Mrs. Dalton was born in Detroit, the daughter of Isaac Sequajaw Willis and Pearl Ann (nee: Walker) Willis.



Shirley was married to Herman (Ed) Dalton for 52 years who preceded her in death on September 23, 2010. She was the beloved mother of Michael (Lila) Dalton, Laurie (Jay) Pease, Angela (Clifton) Tabor, Cynthia Dalton and Kelli (Michael) Buback. Loving grandmother of Sherri (Clarke) Stough, Jennifer (Michelle) Pease, Christopher Tabor, Michael Joseph Dalton Jr., Matthew Dalton, Zakery Buback, Samanthe Buback and great-grandmother of her first, Connor Stough. Beloved sister of Benjamin V. Willis Sr. and predeceased by siblings, Kathryn, Kenneth, Pricilla, Walter, Floyd, Emma and Marjie. She is also survived by great niece, Wendy Pierce and her children, Jon, Kathryn, Mayhala and Xavier.

Shirley was a homemaker her whole life. Her favorite pastimes were fishing, garage sale shopping and going to the casino. She was very passionate about her family, grandchildren and great grandchild. A private service for Mrs. Dalton was held in Gladwin. Arrangements were entrusted to the D.S. Temrowski & Sons Funeral Home in Warren, Mich.

## Robert James Francis, Sr.

Sept. 9, 1936 - July 11, 2013

Robert James Francis, Sr., age 76, of Mt. Pleasant passed away Thursday, July 11, 2013 at his home. Funeral Services for Robert were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Monday, July 15, with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. Interment followed in the Denver Township Cemetery.

Robert was born on Sept. 9, 1936 in Delwin, Mich., the son of Simon and Dorothy (Fisher) Francis. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He married Joyce Chamberlain on December 22, 1958. Robert was an avid hunter and fisher. He enjoyed playing bingo, golfing and going to the casino.

Robert is survived by his two sons Robin (Elizabeth Ann Tice) Francis and Robert (Sandra Jackson) Francis, Jr., both of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Robin, Richard and Sue Ann (Ryan Dean) Francis, Jamie (Manual) Feliciano, Tom, Justin and Dorean Peek; great-grandchildren Taylyn, Shaine, Amyah, Mercedes, Ti, Keaton, Eyhana, John, Dora and Nellie; brother Ray (Fran) Fisher; sister-in-law Shirley Francis; and many nieces and nephews. Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Francis in 2008; grandson, Robby Oswald; and brothers Simon and George Francis.



## Andrea Ursuy

Sept. 1, 1938 - July 9, 2013

Mrs. Andrea E. Ursuy, 74 of Saginaw, Mich. passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at Covenant Health Care Cooper Campus. The daughter of the late Morrell and Marjorie (Dempsey) Mathers, Andrea was born Sept. 1, 1938 in Pontiac, Mich. and was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She married Gary Ursuy on January 10, 1959. He survives her.



Andrea earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education at Saginaw Valley State University. She served her entire teaching career in the Bridgeport-Spaulding School District until her retirement in 2000. Andrea was a member of the National Council of Teachers of English and Holy Family Catholic Church. Surviving besides her husband Gary are four sons and one daughter, David, Dennis and Daniel Ursuy, Douglas Ursuy and his wife Carrie and Dana Wilkinson, all of Saginaw; six grandchildren, David Jr., Hillary, Claire, Gary, Kyle and Kayla; a sister, Barbara and Richard Huffine, Los Angeles, Calif.; several nieces and nephews including a special niece, Julie Vogelsang; Andrea's god-daughter, Leanne Ursuy. Andrea was preceded in death by an infant brother, David.

Funeral Liturgy was held on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at Holy Family Catholic Church. Rev. Fr. David Jenuwine officiated. Honoring Andrea's wishes, cremation followed. A Vigil Service, led by Deacon Roger Pasioneck, was held on at the funeral home. Andrea supported the Michigan Organ and Tissue Donation Program, Gift of Life, and encouraged everyone to give so others can live.

## Eric Lee Hunt

March 1, 1976 - July 18, 2013

Eric Lee Hunt, age 37, of Mt. Pleasant passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at his home.

Funeral Services for Eric were held at the Tribal Gym on Sunday, July 21, 2013, with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. The family received friends all day at Eric's House in Mt. Pleasant, on Saturday, July 20, 2013. Visitation continued the day of the service at the gym.



Eric was born on March 1, 1976 in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Philemon Sprague, Jr. and Lindy Hunt. He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Chippewa United Methodist Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, doing yard work and playing basketball.

Eric is survived by his lifetime companion, Lee-Ann Peters; children, Isaac Francis, Jalen Peters, Ethan Hunt, Terrence Hunt and Tara Hunt, all of Mt. Pleasant; one granddaughter, Noella Quezada; parents; brother, Anthony (Angie) Hunt, Brad (Illiana) Bennett, Christopher Pelcher and Josh Jackson; sisters, Montana (Christina Pelcher) Hunt, Patricia Alonzo and Sheila Leaux; aunts, Cindy Quigno, Louise Hunt, Susan Bettistea, Barbara Sprague and Jo Kathy Sprague; uncles, Duane Pelcher, Lavern (Ruth) Pelcher, Larry Sprague, Kenny Sprague, Gary Sprague, Wayne Sprague and Bernie (Bonnie) Sprague; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Eric was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Nellie M. Hunt and Eleanor Sprague; grandfathers, John Jackson and Philemon Sprague, Sr.

## OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2013 | 3 - 7 p.m.

Community Members will be able to tour Behavioral Health

There will be tours, refreshments, presentations and Door Prizes. Community members will be able to meet the staff and learn about services at Behavioral Health.

## Lorene Kay McArthur

April 27, 1960 - June 19, 2013

Lorene Kay (Netmop) McArthur, 53 of Gaylord, formerly of Gladwin, went home to Heaven on June 19, 2013, due to health complications.

She was born to the late William Sr. and Mavis (Pitz) Netmop on April 27, 1960 in Clare, Mich. due to health issues from several years ago, she was a resident of Tendercare Nursing Home Vent Unit. She also suffered from Muscular Dystrophy. Prior to her health issues she enjoyed fishing, walks with her family, spending time with her girls watching TV and playing with her cat. She was a loving mother and kind and generous. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Lorene is survived by her two daughters: Christina Kay McArthur and Christal Lynn McArthur both of Mt. Pleasant. Siblings: Sharon (Ron) Sasse of Gladwin, Rita (John) Bills Sr. of Gladwin, Robert (Sue) Netmop of Mt. Pleasant, Mary (Mike) Floyd of Mt. Pleasant, Cindy Netmop of Mt. Pleasant and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers Rodney Netmop and William Netmop II. A graveside service was held Monday, June 24, 2013 at McClure Cemetery in Gladwin with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating.

### Eric's New Journey

He's at a place he's never seen beyond this world we know,  
A place he'd only heard of and I'm sure he hoped of someday to go.

He couldn't find it on a map or any roads to take him there,  
Eric's at a place of perfect peace and his heart is free from care.

I understand that my family will be saddened when I leave,  
Someday I hope we'll all meet again, that's what we have to believe.

This is my time to travel there, and I just may wear my own smile.  
Now I must say "Goodbye" to everyone I love,  
But only for a little while.

Knowing many of those who have traveled there alone,  
They are waiting to greet me and say "Welcome Home."

Eric's new journey was pre-paid by Jesus Christ, his best friend.

He's where flowers never fade and his life will never end.

## 2ND ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH WORKER BANQUET

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2013  
TIME: 2PM TO 4PM

HOSTED AT THE  
EAGLES NEST TRIBAL GYM  
7070 E. BROADWAY RD  
MT. PLEASANT MI 48858

JOIN US AS WE RECOGNIZE  
THE SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS!



DOOR PRIZES!

SPAGHETTI DINNER!

FAMILY & FRIENDS WELCOME!

Sponsored By: SCIT Youth Council

For Further Information Contact Rosanna Romero  
Phone: (989) 775-4001  
Email: YouthCouncil@sagchip.org

## ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw  
Veteran & Warrior Society Members

Now Recruiting New Members



Meetings Will be Held

The 1st Tuesday of the Month in Seniors Room  
Time: 6 p.m. | For More Information: 775-4175

## Public Notice: Registration of Convicted Sex Offenders

**Take Notice: Any and all convicted sex offenders who reside, attend school or are employed within the boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation.**

On July 13, 2011, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan enacted Title 13, the Saginaw Chippewa Sex Offender Registration Code and is a Registration Jurisdiction in accordance with the federal requirements of the Adam Walsh Act. All Convicted Sex Offenders, *Indian and non-Indian*, who reside, attend school or who are employed within the Isabella Indian Reservation Boundaries and are not already registered as a convicted sex offender with the Tribe **must immediately** register as a Convicted Sex Offender with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department. All Convicted Sex Offenders who are already registered as Convicted Sex Offenders with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department must continue to verify that information with the Tribal Police in accordance with Title 13 requirements.

**To register as a Sex Offender or to report a Sex Offender for failing to register, please contact:**

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department  
6954 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
(989) 775-4700

Convicted sex offenders who are subject to these registration requirements but fail to register with the Tribal Police Department, who fail to verify that information, or keep it current may be subject to criminal penalties and civil penalties. Failure to register may also result in exclusion from the Isabella Indian Reservation in accordance with the Tribal law. **The Tribe's Public Sex Offender Registry may be viewed at the Michigan Sex Offender Registry at [www.mipsor.state.mi.us](http://www.mipsor.state.mi.us)**

The Tribal Code is accessible through the Tribal Court website at: <http://www.sagchip.org/tribalcourt/index.htm>.



Every Wednesday

Starting  
June 5-October 9, 2013

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Items For Sale

Seasonal Produce, Flowers, Fish, Wild Rice,  
Honey, & Maple Syrup

### Native American

Handmade Arts, Crafts & Supplies

### Our Vendors

Tribal/Community Members & Employees  
(Casino, Tribal, Migizi)

**LOCATION CHANGE NOTICE**  
Native Farmer's Market will remain at the  
Housing Pavilion for 2013

For Questions and Registration Forms, Please Contact:  
Marcella Hadden, Interim Market Master at (989) 775-4059



## Physicians Continued from Front Page

Striebel said at first he had no idea what the Nimkee Clinic's needs were, but he acknowledged the needs were crucial.

"When I see a need, I want to help," Striebel said. "I was already in the process of a contemplated change in location."

In his spare time, Striebel enjoys spending time with his seven children; aged two to 14. He enjoys laughing, playing guitar, construction projects, fishing and is an active member of his church. Striebel said he enjoys being a doctor because he loves to

solve problems and he loved studying the human body in anatomy class.

"I said this ever since I started being a doctor, I am a teacher and a student," said Striebel. "Doctors teach their patients, and yet, in order to be a good doctor, you have to also be a good student. You are constantly learning and formulating what you thought to be true, based on experience. You sharpen up and grow wiser."

Both Dr. Kissoondial and Dr. Striebel started working for SCIT on Monday, July 29.

## 2nd annual Summer Youth Worker banquet

ROSANNA ROMERO & TASHA WEMIGWANS

Contributing Writers

There were a total of 75 youth between the ages of 14 to 18 that applied for the Summer Youth Worker Program. Only 60 were hired in the 21 various departments to gain early working experience in the Saginaw Chippewa workforce. Youth that entered the program were able to earn a CPR certification, awareness of healthy relationships and budgeting, teamwork skills, communication skills, clerical experience, awareness of blood borne pathogens and harassment in the workplace.

The SCIT Youth Council & Youth Group will be sponsoring the second Summer Youth Workers Banquet on Aug. 15, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym which will honor and recognize all of the participating youth that completed

the nine week program. All families and friends are welcome to attend the event.

The program would also like to take this time to recognize the following Senior Youth Workers: Alex Leaux, Jacob Vasquez, Sarah Shomin, Morgan Avery, Thomas Foster, Wyatt Nelson, Terrance Jackson, Breanna Colwell, Mak'yo George-Dye, Hunter Ritter, Gillian Shenoskey and Trey Wemigwans

These youth have either worked with the program for four years or have reached the adult age of 18 years old and are no longer eligible for the program. We hope the program has given you wonderful working experience and has encouraged you to accomplish your goals in seeking your future careers.

Congratulations to all of the families whose children and grandchildren participated and completed the program this year. We hope you all enjoyed the program and we look forward to working with you again next year.

## SECR program honors Military personnel

SECR MARKETING

Contributing Writer

To honor the men and women of America's armed forces, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort (SECR) is introducing a new Hero Club Program for all active duty, retired and veteran members of the U.S. Military.

Unlike traditional casino players club programs, the Hero Club is designed with exclusive offers and promotions for both past and present military personnel. These perks include complimentary first-class rooms in a world-renowned hotel, free gaming play and generous discounts at retail outlets, restaurants and other venues throughout Soaring Eagle's property.

"The men and women of the military are the real heroes in our country. So it was only fitting that we could create a program just for them," said Raul

Venegas, Director of Marketing and Entertainment of SECR. "We're very excited about the Hero Club. This is our own, unique way of saying thank you to the people who protect the American way of life. It was only appropriate that we made this a premier-level program. And this is only the beginning. We plan to expand the benefits of the Hero Club in the future."

The Hero Club program will begin July 1, 2013. Active and retired members of the military interested in joining can visit the SECR Players Club to sign up. If they are already Players Club members, they can upgrade to a new Hero Club card immediately.

SECR is the Midwest's premier AAA Four Diamond gaming and hospitality destination, offering top-name entertainment year-round, award-winning dining, high-stakes bingo and a full-service spa. For more information, visit [www.soaringeaglecasino.com](http://www.soaringeaglecasino.com).



**Happy Belated**

30th Birthday Baby Chap!



**Happy 1st Birthday**

Michael

Love

Mom and Dad



**Congratulations**

Dearest

Sarah Bame

**Masters Degree**

Education

From: SUNY University Oswego, New York

Love You - Great Job Grandmother Dearest



**Congratulations**

Dearest

Brandon La Forest

**Masters Degree**

Science & Administration

From: Central Michigan University

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Love You - Great Job Grandmother Dearest



**Congratulations**

Dearest

Jennifer La Forest

**Masters Degree**

Social Work

From: Wayne State University

Detroit, Michigan

Love You - Great Job Grandmother Dearest

**Ashlee Shomin's Baby Shower**

Please Join Us To Celebrate With Ashlee, The Soon To Be Mother of **Aubriana Renee** Whom Is Expected To Be Delivered In September!

August 4, 2013 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm

7th Generation  
7957 E. Remus Rd  
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

**IT'S A GIRL!!!**



**Happy 10th Birthday**

Jenna!

Love

Mom, Scotty & Tyrone



**Happy 6th Birthday**

Joey Federico

August 21st

With lots of love from Daddy (Bill), Mattie, family & friends

**Bailey Family Reunion**

**Saturday August 10th 2013**

**Where:** Island Park Pavilion near Spray Park

**When:** Noon eating at 1 p.m.

**Contact:** Emily (989) 289-8576

Please bring a dish to pass. Dont forget change of clothes and towel for the spray park. There will be kid's games as well as adult games. Don't forget your auction items.



**Happy Birthday**

Maureen!

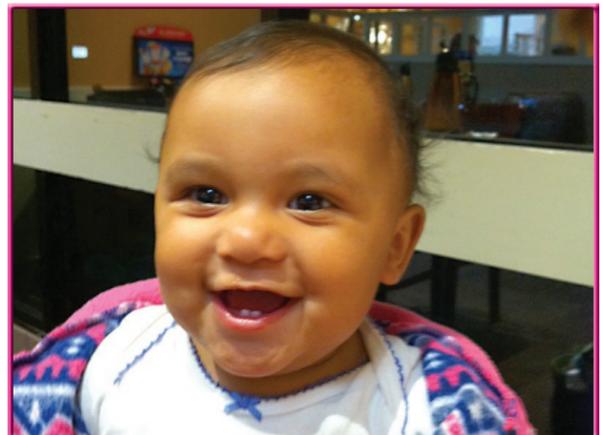
Love You



**Happy 1st Birthday**

Evelynn Ivanni Bennett

Love, Mama & Dada



**Happy 1st Birthday**

Mariana!

XOXO

Grandpa, Grandma, & Sis



## Tribal Council

### Chief

Dennis V. Kequom, District 1

### Sub-Chief

Julius Peters, District 1

### Treasurer

Louanna Bruner, District 1

### Secretary

Lorna Kahgegab Call, District 1

### Sergeant At-Arms

Ronald Nelson, District 2

### Tribal Chaplain

Steve Pego, District 1

### Council Member

Delmar Jackson, Sr., District 1

### Council Member

Lindy Hunt, District 1

### Council Member

Charmaine Shawana, District 1

### Council Member

Milton "Beaver" Pelcher, District 1

### Council Member

Stephanie Peters, District 1

### Council Member

Michele Stanley, District 3

## Countdown begins to Tribal Council Elections

CAROL EMMENDORFER

Tribal Clerk

The clock is ticking as preparations for candidate processing begins in the Tribal Clerk's Office. Candidate packets will be available for pick up at the Tribal Clerk's Office beginning at 8 a.m. on Aug. 6, 2013. Petitions must be returned for verification by 5 p.m. on Sept. 5, 2013. Drug Testing and Background Checks must be completed by Sept. 12, 2013.

### Qualifications for Candidates are as follows:

- (1) Must be a member of the Tribe on the day the petition is taken out.
- (2) Must be 25 years of age or older.

- (3) Must be a resident of the district for which he/she will run for at least a year immediately preceding the election. (Residency for 365 days straight with no gaps in residency.)
- (4) Must not be an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- (5) Must never have been convicted of a felony.
- (6) Must complete a mandatory drug test as defined in Ordinance 4.

All Candidate petitions are due in the Tribal Clerk's office by 5 p.m. on Sept. 5. All other aspects of the candidate requirements must be completed by 5 p.m. on Sept. 12. The final list of candidates will be posted on Sept. 13. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Tribal Clerk's staff.



## Election Timeline 2013 Primary & General Elections

- August 6 - September 4** | Candidate Packets available at the Tribal Clerk's Office  
*(NOTE: The Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday-Labor Day, September 2, 2013.)*
  - September 5** | Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions
  - September 6** | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election
  - September 12** | Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be place on the final list of Candidates
  - September 13** | Final Candidate List Posted
  - September 18** | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed
  - October 4** | Last day to register to vote for the General Election
  - October 7** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
  - October 8** | Primary Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
  - October 16** | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed
  - November 4** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
  - November 5** | General Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- For additional information, please contact the Tribal Clerk's Office at 989-775-4054.**

## Seven Grandfather Teachings

### Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

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

### Zaagidowin ~ Love

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

### Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

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

### Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

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

### Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

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

### Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

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

### Debwewin ~ Truth

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



## Youth Council new to Sagchip.org

SCIT YOUTH COUNCIL ADVISORS

Contributing Writers

The SCIT Youth Council & Youth Group has been added to the sagchip.org website. You can find the Youth Council section by navigating and clicking through the "Services" or "Organizations" sections.

There have been multiple questions about the SCIT Youth Council & Youth Group so as advisors, we decided to gather information for youth and parents interested in knowing further information about the group.

The Youth Council addition to the website is still under construction please be advised that additional information such as future events, articles, pictures, election information and other announcements will soon be added.

You may visit the SCIT Youth Council website by visiting: [www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil](http://www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil).

You may also visit them on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/SCITYouthGroup](http://www.facebook.com/SCITYouthGroup).

On behalf of the SCIT Youth Council & Youth Group, Chi-Miigwetch to the IT Department for including the Youth Council on the website.

## Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is a free publication to enrolled Tribal Members and employees. Published on the 1st of the month, the Observer is sent to each head of household. Address changes can be made with the Tribal Clerk's office by calling toll free (800) 225-8172 or (989) 775-4055. Tribal Observer staff may be contacted at (989) 775-4010. 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 East Broadway Road  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
You may also e-mail us at [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org).

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# Summer Youth workers find Marijuana at Campground

**JOSEPH SOWMICK**  
Contributing Writer

On June 27, three Summer Youth Program workers assigned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) Parks & Recreation department found marijuana inside the pool area at the Saginaw Chippewa Campground.

“Even as workers with the Summer Youth Program, they

realize we have a zero tolerance policy on Tribal property when it comes to drugs,” Parks & Recreation Youth Coordinator Kevin Ricketts explains. “We have this posted at many areas within our facilities and the rules to use the pool area are clearly visible to everyone.”

Ricketts commended the youth on contacting him directly when coming across

the marijuana and Tribal Police appreciated the tip.

“The responsibility that these youth demonstrated by alerting the Tribal Police Department to the incident shows these youth care about not having drugs around their community... an awesome job by Kevin Ricketts and the Summer Youth Workers,” Tribal Police Officer Derek Williams said. “To our knowledge, the pool is not yet cleared to be opened to the public and there must have been people who trespassed at the closed facility.”

Officer Williams also encouraged the community if they see, hear or know of any illegal activity, please be responsible like our youth and report the activity to Tribal Police at **989-775-4775**, there is always an officer on duty at this number.

The incident is currently under investigation.

SCIT Parks & Recreation Director Ronnie Ekdahl applauded the actions of the youth workers under his department’s supervision.

“I’m impressed that the youth followed the same protocol that I would expect of our full time staffers, they notified

our department and then we contacted the Tribal Police directly to inform them of the trespassing in the pool area and the marijuana found there,” Ekdahl proudly stated. “When something positive like this happens, we want people to know many of our Tribal Youth embrace our zero tolerance policy on the Reservation.”

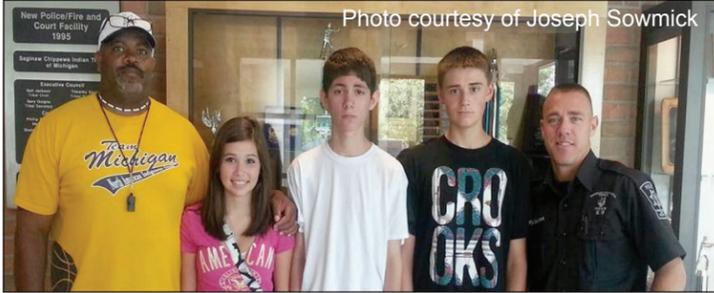


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Pictured left to right: Coach Kevin Ricketts, Erin Sowmick, Jeff Vasquez, Ozzie Jackson and Tribal Police Officer Derek Williams.

## SCIT Water Quality Staff Return to the Rivers

**MICHAEL FISHER**  
Staff Writer

It is finally summertime and the SCIT Water Quality Staff have resumed their annual field sampling. This year, for the first time, we are focusing our efforts on the Salt River watershed, which is located throughout the north-eastern portion of the Isabella Reservation. The goal is to determine the health of the watershed by conducting field analysis and monitoring water quality throughout the summer and early fall. The Salt River watershed is just a part of our sampling this year; we also have sites on the Chippewa River, North Branch Chippewa River and Onion Creek. With the help of interns from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College as well as Northern Michigan University,



Photo courtesy of Michael Fisher

Interns Forrest Gregg and Chloe Miller.

we’re able to measure a number of different parameters at fourteen different sites throughout the reservation.

Every Tuesday from June through October, E. coli will be sampled at all monitoring sites, including Meridian Park and Chipp-A-Waters Park. This testing allows us to make sure our water is safe for all who enjoy

the Chippewa River. The team will also be monitoring other parameters including: pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, nitrogen and phosphorus, turbidity, discharge, among others. This information is compiled and assessed by SCIT Water Quality Staff and submitted annually to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you are interested in the Water Quality Assessment Report, it can be found on our website at [www.sagchip.org/eanvironment/](http://www.sagchip.org/eanvironment/).

The goal of the Water Quality Program is to conserve, restore and monitor water resources for future generations. Our water has always been vital to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, and we are proud to be protecting our rivers and streams for everyone that enjoys them.

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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My name is Ashton Shahin, I am a domestic violence support tech at Nami Migizi Nangwhiihgan. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and we at Nami Migizi Nangwhiihgan are putting on some community events on the reservation during that time. Our goals at NMN for our October DV events are to raise awareness of the epidemic of DV, increase knowledge and understanding of our services here at NMN that are available to our community DV victims and to spread the word on how to help those close to us who may not know where to turn. Some of these events also raise money to help us increase the number of women we help. We are looking for any donations to raffle off for our DV events. We have the following DV events planned tentatively:

- **Paint the Rez Purple** - Tribal departments all participate and are awarded based on the department with the most purple
- **Pumpkin Painting**
- **DV Walk**
- **Release of Lanterns** - In honor of all lives lost due to DV
- **Riders Against Domestic Violence Motorcycle Ride**
- **Women’s Empowerment Night** - Activities aimed at empowering women
- **Viewing of Amy’s Story** - A true story of the death of a DV victim
- **Lunch Fundraiser** - To help support victims of DV

In a time when nearly half of all Native American women have been raped, beaten or stalked by an intimate partner; one in three will be raped in their lifetime; and on some reservations, women are murdered at a rate 10 times higher than the national average, community outreach is key. We are in the planning stages of our events right now, any donation is very highly appreciated. Please just send me an email if you’re interested in donating to Nami Migizi Nangwhiihgan.



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To register for the training call 989-775-4741 – Register TODAY as there are only 12 seats available. Miigwetch!

# Lighting the 8<sup>th</sup> Fire

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council & Administration will provide a series of facilitated visioning sessions on Aug. 6-9, 2013 to produce a 20-year Tribal Wellness Vision based on community input.

## 20-year Vision of Wellness

**Location:** Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall  
**Certified Professional Facilitator:** Sunny Walker of SunWalker Enterprises

**August 6-9**

**Morning:** 9 a.m. - Noon  
**Afternoon:** 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Evening:** 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Participants will be asked to think about issues and obstacles currently blocking progress toward the Vision of Wellness. This data will be gathered and put into a cohesive picture of Underlying Contradictions to be used, together with the Vision, by relevant Tribal Departments to create appropriate future programs and services.

Each day participants attend, they will be entered in a drawing to win numerous prizes, including Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel waterpark passes with a complimentary dinner, concert tickets, etc. The more you attend, the more chances you have to win.

**For More Information Contact:** Lisa Kennedy | (989) 775-4908 | [LKennedy@sagchip.org](mailto:LKennedy@sagchip.org)



## “Rockin’ Out a Healthy Lifestyle” at the Saganing Health and Safety Fair

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

A heat advisory did not stop nearly 400 participants from visiting the 18th annual Health and Safety Fair in Saganing, Mich., even with the event taking place outdoors.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe hosted the Health and Safety Fair at the Saganing Tribal Center on Thursday, July 18. This year’s theme was “Rockin’ Out a Healthy Lifestyle” with music blasting outdoors. This event is hosted and organized by the Saganing Outreach Program, SCIT Police and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.

This year marked the largest number of vendors. Forty-five community agencies and tribal department vendors gathered to promote and raise awareness for health, wellness and safety topics. Multiple drink stations were set up around the fair to keep guests safe and hydrated from the heat advisory.

Saganing Outreach Program Supervisor Don Nelson and Saganing Public Health Nurse Jenny Trout helped plan the event.

“We would like to thank all of the vendors for enduring the hot weather and providing attendees with resourceful information,” Nelson said. “Everyone had a “Rockin’” good time, with tunes provided by the colorful

sound master Joe Sowmick. Chi-Miigwetch to the departments that participated, Frank Cloutier and Sargent Luke Dixon for assisting in making this another successful and fun event.”

Nimkee Clinic kept guests cool by giving away popsicles to any participant willing to answer a true or false question, and also had blood pressure and glucose screenings, the Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel booth was continually occupied as guests registered for their chance to win a free night stay and an eighteen-hole golf package. A dunking booth was provided for guests to have the opportunity to soak Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort employees.

McLaren and health care facilities, SCIT Public Safety, Saginaw Chippewa Anishinabek Athletes, Michigan



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Guests at the Saganing Health and Safety Fair checked in and received a complimentary bag, gifts and entered their name into a raffle.**

Premier Home Health Care, Hospice Advantage, American Cancer Society, SCIT Planning Department and Saginaw Chippewa Housing are just a few examples of the booths that were available with information.

“The event gets the community agencies and tribal

departments together for attendees to become acquainted with resources that are available and raise awareness for health and safety,” Nelson stated.

Events like the Health and Safety Fair are significant to educate visitors on health, wellness and safety issues.

## SELC Casual for a Cause

**CHRISTY FEDAK**  
Contributing Writer

The Associates at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino were pleased to present the Arenac County Animal Shelter with a donation in the amount of \$1,175. These funds are raised through our Casual for a Cause; associates are allowed to wear jeans to work with a five dollar donation. The Arenac County Animal Shelter provides a

healthy and inviting shelter for impounded animals. They serve the entire area of Arenac County and handle over 1000 animals annually. Arenac County Animal Shelter services include; adoptions, information referral, lost and found pets, sale of dog licenses, dog bite cases, euthanasia, cruelty investigations and issuance of citations when warranted. If you are looking to adopt a pet please check out [www.adoptapet.com](http://www.adoptapet.com).

## Youth survival Saganing

**JENNY TROUT**  
Contributing Writer

More than 70 tribal youth, parents and descendants turned out for Survival Saganing on Friday, June 21. Participants had a great time and left with smiles on their faces and an assortment of survival skills and knowledge.

Nimkee Public Health, Tribal Police, Environmental Team and Saganing Waste Water/Water Treatment provided activities and educational stations. Saganing Outreach Program always looks forward to this annual event and appreciates the support from the departments that assisted.



A Public Health Associate educating District 2 youth.

## SELC June Employee of the Month

**AARON BARBER**  
Contributing Writer

Christy Fedak is our June Employee of the Month for line-level. She has been working at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino for more than five years and has been in her current position for more than one year. She is the Administrative Assistant II for the Casino Administration Department. Christy goes above and beyond

on a daily basis to assist all SELC associates with anything they may need. She often takes on extra responsibilities and was a big attribute in helping with the Saganing Powwow. She also does travel paperwork for the Guest Service Department. Christy is a great help to the Executive Team and is the piece of the puzzle that pulls everything together no matter how big or small the task. We appreciate all the



Christy Fedak

hard work and dedication that Christy displays on a daily basis. She also has a great personality and smile.

## SELC June Leader of the Month

**CHRISTY FEDAK**  
Contributing Writer

Eric Gansser is a Security Supervisor on third shift and is our June Leader of the Month for Saganing Eagles Landing Casino. Eric was nominated for the month of June because of the outstanding job he did with an emergency we had with our fire sprinkler system. He made sure we had guards present with all the contractors we had coming and going, and he also took

charge of letting the guests know we were having mechanical difficulties. Eric has been with the Casino since we opened in 2007 and has more than 15 years as a private investigator before that. Eric is in charge of SELC’s Safety Committee and is one of the Security Supervisors that is consistently trusted and utilized as the “Acting” Casino Shift Manager. He is excellent at preventing personal injuries and collecting evidence in such cases. Not only is he extremely



Eric Gansser

liked by his co-workers, he is also excellent at adjusting his schedule for business needs. Eric is truly an asset to our team. Congratulations Eric!

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## At-Large Program presents Health, Wellness and Lifestyle Expo

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Numerous local vendors filled the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall for the Health, Wellness and Lifestyle Expo. The expo was organized and presented by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan At-Large Program on Wednesday, July 10.

Nursing homes, financial planners, credit unions, funeral chapels, Jay's Sporting Goods, Morey Courts and different Tribal departments are just examples of the variety of vendors present.

The Health, Wellness and Lifestyle Expo was previously entitled Elder's Expo. At-Large Contract Health Clerk and Expo

Coordinator Denise Pelcher explained why the event improved.

"We wanted to broaden the scope; we didn't want to just focus on elders," Pelcher said. "We wanted to include youth and families, and we wanted to promote fitness, finance, getting healthy and a variety of ideas."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck  
Fitness Coordinator Jayme Green explained what Nimkee has to offer.

With this expo happening for more than seven years now, visitors look forward to this event each and every year.

"We enjoy seeing people come in from all different areas," Pelcher said. "Some people come in just for this every year. They call the (At-Large) office and say, 'when is your health fair, when is your expo?' they make a day out of it. They come in for the expo and then they spend the day in the casino. It brings business in."

About 54 spaces were filled by vendors for the expo. Vendor's activities included Nimkee Fitness Center giving strength tests, drawings for a free 30-minute massage from Benchley Chiropractic Clinic, a half-day waterpark pass give-away by Soaring Eagle Water



Promotions Assistant Courtney Payk helped Expo visitors register for a chance to win four half-day Waterpark passes.

Park and Hotel, health screenings, door prizes and countless informational pamphlets.

"This is our biggest year for vendors," Pelcher said.

Planning processes for the expo begins as soon as At-Large receives their budget.

"We start contacting vendors about three or four months

ahead of time, to make sure we have our registration complete and so everything is set," Pelcher said. "There is a lot of planning that goes into this."

At the Expo the At-Large Program had their own booth with map information consisting of information for Medicare and Medicaid.

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### At-Large

MIKKI MARCOTTE  
Case Manager

Each month the At-Large Program will spotlight an At-Large member who is an employee of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT). If you know any At-Large member employees, please nominate them to be spotlighted on the At-Large page in the Tribal Observer.

The August 2013 At-Large Tribal Member Employee Spotlight is Gena Qualls.

Gena was hired in 1985 and 1986 for the Tribe's Summer Youth Program at ages 14 and 15. In 1992, she worked as a bingo floor worker for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort until she transferred in 1993. She then worked hard count (casino finance) from 1993 to 1996. From 1999 to 2001 she worked as a Finance Supervisor. After a little break she came back to work for the Tribe as a part time bingo floor worker from 2010 to 2011. Gena then transferred to the Tribal Operations Housekeeping Department and was assigned at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Clinic from 2011 to 2012. In November of 2012 she transferred

### Member



Gena Qualls

to the Tribal Library where she is currently an assistant. Before coming to work for the Tribe, Gena worked for Pizza King in Weidman from 1988 to 1992 and Burger King from 1987 to 1988.

Gena's parents are Dave Sisco Sr. and Colleen Sisco (Slater) of Lake. Her paternal grandparents are Lilah and the late Wayne Sisco of Lake and her maternal grandparents are the late George and Emma Slater of Mt Pleasant. She has a brother, Dave Sisco Jr. and a sister, Christy Barker. She also has one niece and four nephews.

Gena was born in Lake, Mich. where she has lived her whole life. She attended and graduated from Chippewa Hills High School in 1991. Gena graduated from the Saginaw

### Spotlight

Chippewa Tribal College in 2010 with an Associate of Arts in Native American Studies and is planning to attend Central Michigan University in the fall.

Gena has been married to her husband Steve for almost 18 years. They met while working hard count together at the Soaring Eagle. Gena and Steve have three children; Cora 17, who works at Pizza King in Weidman, Katie 13 who loves animals and Tristan, 8 who enjoys video games and swimming. All three kids attend Chippewa Hills Schools. The Qualls family has too many cats, two dogs, two goats and a pony.

Gena lives with her family about a quarter mile from her parents where she grew up. Gena and her husband bought an old farm house that has been in her family for many years. Before it was a farm house, it was a one room school house, which was known as the White House and has been mentioned in the book, "Yesterdays School Kids of Isabella County" by Jack Westbrook. Her Grandpa Sisco and his siblings attended school there when they were younger and have their names carved into the siding.

In her spare time Gena likes to hang out with her family. The whole family gathers at her parents every Sunday for dinner.

Gena would like you to know that she has enjoyed working for her Tribe and has learned a lot about her culture and history during her time here. She has also met many wonderful people and made lifelong friendships. Gena hopes to continue her education and provide her children and community with a positive role model. Gena appreciates all of the opportunities provided to her by the Tribe as well.

Gena invites you to stop by the Tribal Library to say "Hi" and to check out all of the wonderful things happening there. If you would like to reach Gena at the work please give her a call at 989-775-4805 or send an email to [gequalls@sagchip.org](mailto:gequalls@sagchip.org).

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## SECR hosts 11th annual Cruise'n Car Show

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**  
Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort was a car enthusiast's dream on the weekend of June 8 and 9. Large crowds took to the event, enthusiastically making their way through more than 300 classic, antique and collector cars.

During the 11th annual Cruise'n Car Show, fans were able to mingle amongst the cars, getting close-up views of the cars as well as interacting with owners who were very enthused to show off their prized possessions.

The event offered many guests a thrilling experience as they were able



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

**Orin Fallis' 1985 GMC Pickup.**

to take rides on the back of a monster truck. A centerpiece of the show proved to be the SECR themed monster truck known as "Lady Luck." SECR held the classic car giveaway with a 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner.



**Alvin Chamberlain's 1962 Chrysler 300.**

Shopping was also on the agenda, as there were many vendor booths set up selling automobile related merchandise and collectibles.

Several members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe entered their



**Clinton Pelcher's 1937 Chevy Coupe.**

cars, including Clinton Pelcher, Alvin Chamberlain and Orin Fallis. The cars entered into the show were judged in 20 different categories including; best overall, best paint job, best Mustang, best GM muscle car and more.

## SCIT Member Summer Peters, the best of the best

**SHANNON MARTIN**  
Contributing Writers

Summer Peters (Saginaw Chippewa) recently won Best of Show at the Eiteljorg Indian Market with her artwork entitled, Gentleman Jim. The stunning beaded portrait of Jim Thorpe (Sac & Fox), *Sports Illustrated's* "Greatest Athlete of All Time," took her 11 days to complete. It was Peters' first time participating at the Eiteljorg Indian Market in Indianapolis.

Summer is a single mom, full-time artist and Blue Belt Jiu Jitsu student who lives in Phoenix. When asked about being selected as Best of Show she said, "I was totally shocked. It is such a huge accomplishment and it was hard to fathom."

Summer was born and raised on the Saginaw Chippewa's Isabella Indian Reservation. She has been beading since she was eight years old. Summer expressed that the inspiration for her award-winning beaded portraits is to "pay tribute to Native American heroes who have accomplished so much and have been overlooked."

Summer credits the Ziibiwing Center's Indigenous Peoples Art Market in 2010 as her first time competing in a juried art market. She hasn't looked back since! She received an honorable mention at the prestigious Santa Fe Indian Market juried art competition in 2012 for her beaded portrait of Maria Tallchief (Osage). Elizabeth Maria Tallchief was considered America's first

major prima ballerina, and was the first person of Native American descent to hold the rank.

The Ziibiwing Center is proud to announce that Peters has been selected as this November's Artist-in-Residence. She will provide beading instruction to both youth and adults for one full week. Peters' upcoming residency at the Ziibiwing Center is generously sponsored by Charles Schwab and Co., Inc. For more information about the Ziibiwing Center's Artist-in-Residence and Mentoring Program, visit Ziibiwing's website at [www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing](http://www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing)

For more information about Summer Peters or her artwork, contact her directly at [sfairchild44@gmail.com](mailto:sfairchild44@gmail.com) or find her on Facebook under "Mama Longlegz."



**Summer Peters (seated) visits Ziibiwing after her win. Standing left to right: William Johnson, Shannon Martin and Judy Pamp.**

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# Tribal Police Officer rescues feathered friend

**BREANNA COLWELL**  
Staff Writer

When one thinks of what exactly a police officer does, they may think of how the officer is a crime fighting hero protecting the community. But what we forget is that sometimes police officers have to protect our feathered and four legged friends along with humans. Quinn Myers, Tribal Police officer, had the opportunity to help save the life of an adorable, feathered friend: a baby falcon.



Photo courtesy of Quinn Myers

The falcon, an American Kestrel, found a new home in the Raptor Rehabilitation Center in Shepherd, Mich.

"I was dispatched to a residence on the low drive and they said that the little falcon had been on their back porch all day," Myers said. "They were afraid that he was hurt."

Myers was aware of the possibility of contracting a disease or sickness from a wild bird, so she took the necessary precaution to put gloves on before she picked up the falcon.

"I carry leather gloves with me when I work so I just put them on and picked him up, hoping he wouldn't bite me," Myers said. "Then I put him in a cardboard box and I put my coat overtop of the cardboard box so he wouldn't be scared.

Then I brought him back to the police department and did some research on what kind of bird it could have been and I found out it was a falcon. (The research) said that those kinds of birds imprint on people, so I stayed away from him and we called a rehab center and they came and picked him up."

Myers found out that the falcon was an American

Kestrel. The American Kestrel is the smallest member of the falcon family. Although the falcon Myers was helping was a juvenile, his body was about full grown. Due to his small size, the falcon needed assistance to get someplace safe before something bad happened to him, such as being eaten by another animal or becoming dehydrated or possibly starving to death.

Barbara Walters from the Wildlife Recovery Association came to pick up the falcon and bring him to the rehabilitation facility in Shepherd, Mich.

"They told me that they already have some of these falcons at that center," Myers explained. "They're going to put him in a cage next to the adult ones and when they accept him they'll start feeding him mice through the cage. Once it gets to that point they'll put him in with the adult birds so he'll learn the proper vocalizations and will eventually be released into the wild."

For more information on the Wildlife Recovery Association, the rehabilitation process and birds visit [www.wildliferecovery.org](http://www.wildliferecovery.org).

# Native Athlete Spotlight

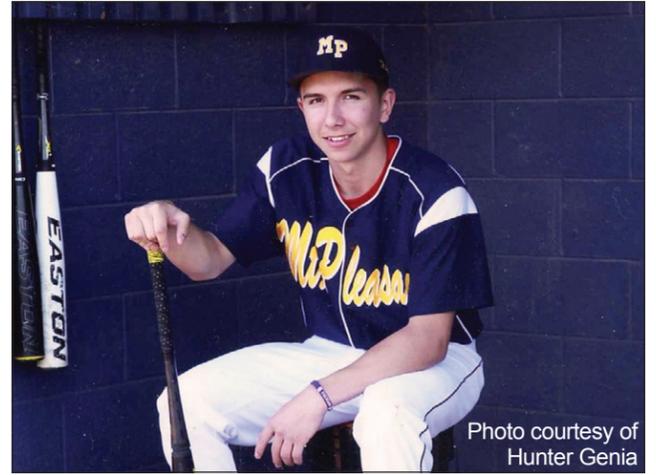


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Joe Genia plays pitcher and outfield for the Mt. Pleasant High School Baseball Team. During the 2013 season, the Oilers advanced all the way to the State Quarterfinals before falling to Remus Chippewa Hills. He is currently entering his Senior year. Joe is a Tribal member of the Gun Lake Tribe and the grandson of SCIT Tribal Member Dolores Laban and the son of proud parents Hunter Genia and Amy Loonsfoot. His future ambitions is to play college sports in either football or baseball.

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

**Dear WW:** I am feeling so helpless lately that I can barely get out of bed. I wish I could lay there all day and make the world go away! A couple of months ago, my parents separated. My father left my mother for another woman, a much younger and beautiful woman. Since then, my mother can't seem to stay sober. I came down stairs the other morning and she was passed out once again in her recliner. I am a nervous wreck lately with all the drinking and feeling betrayed by my father who left us behind. How do I continue to go on? How could he do such a thing to us? **Left Behind**

**Dear Left Behind:** You need to get into counseling as soon as possible. Removing yourself from the situation may bring you some relief. Is there a close family member you could stay with for a while? Your mother is very ill and needs professional help. Knowing how to get help yourself is key. You do not have to deal with this on your own. There is nothing more difficult and painful than having to see a loved one suffer from a situation that is beyond your control. Have compassion for your mother but by all means make sure you learn all you can about enabling. A person can stay sick for a very long time with a good enabler! You do not want that.

**Dear WW:** I divorced my children's father not too long ago because he was very abusive, drank and ran around on me. That was one of the hardest and best things I have ever done. He is in a relationship now and due to his jealous girlfriend, we no longer communicate. Not that there was much there but we were civil when it came to the kids. Now that summer is here, per our custody order, the kids will be staying with him for a month. The problem is that he still continues to drink and I am worried sick about it. We live two states from each other so it will be hard for me to check on them. How do I let them go and not drive myself nuts wondering if they are safe? How do I make his girlfriend not jealous of me? **Out of Reach**

**Dear Out of Reach:** This is a time where you will have to rely heavily on your faith that everything will be ok. Ask your ex if you can call once a week to speak to the kids. If the kids are old enough, make sure they know they can call you any time day or night if they need anything. Is there a family member or a in-law that lives close by that can let you know if anything is wrong? Jealousy can stem from low self-esteem but why not let the girlfriend know that you are not a threat.

**Dear WW:** I am really struggling with a decision that I feel I need to make. My dilemma is that my husband does not support me in it. I want to quit my job and go back to school. I absolutely hate my job. It's a dead end and so easy a monkey could do it! My husband was recently promoted and if we make some sacrifices, it would be possible for me to do. That's the problem, he said his promotion was to help get us those little extras that we've been living without for years. Right now I could care less about any of it! I just want to go to school. **Educationless**

**Dear Educationless:** It's unfortunate that your husband will not support you. However, in not supporting you, he may lose all of you in the process. Perhaps you could plan it out on paper and show him the bigger picture. It might be easier for him to understand that it's not forever and in the end, once you graduate, you both will be winners! The best thing you can do for yourself is get your education and that can never be replaced by materialistic things!

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## LAST MONTH:



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## Rocket Football preparing to begin registration

JOSEPH SOWMICK  
 Contributing Writer

As everyone gets ready for the Michigan Indian Family Olympics, Mt. Pleasant Rocket Football 2013 is preparing to begin their registration process! Sign-ups are scheduled for July 29 and Aug. 5 both from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at AAA Locker Storage behind Meijer at Locker #286. Rocket Football is tackle football for players eight years of age through eighth grade. New players fee is \$200 and returning players fee is \$100. Our own Hunter Genia, Behavioral Health administrator is entering his thirteenth year of



coaching and informs that last year was the largest number of Native American youth that came out to play. As a Native community, we all want to keep that momentum going. Please remember there will be no late registration sign-ups so please mark your calendars. Miigwetch.

## Powwow Raffle Winner



Observer photo by Breanna Colwell

Congratulations to Marcella Hadden for winning the Powwow raffle. Marcella won a grill, a \$100 meat package and \$100 fireworks from David's Fireworks.

## Soaring Eagle Waterpark Employee of the Month

NORMA JACKSON  
 Contributing Writer

Jerry Hodges has worked for the Tribe for three years. He is a very dedicated, honest and loyal employee. Jerry always comes to work on time, is willing to go the extra mile for guests and fellow employees and he is a very hard



Jerry Hodges

worker. Someone once asked if we could "clone" him, because he is that fantastic! Good job Jerry, keep up the good work!



## SCIT Youth Council Members attend UNITY Conference in Los Angeles

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Contributing Writers

The United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) conference was held in Los Angeles on July 12-16, 2013 for youth of all ages. SCIT Youth Council members Sydnee Kopke, Mariah Miller, Klareis Mcsauby-Rueckert, Misheka Vasquez, Kaine Andy and Auzhiwa Quigno made the trek and met up with fellow group member Aaron (AJ) Leureaux, who was already in California as a participant of the Local Planning Committee (LPC). The conference holds various workshops and has a large following within Indian Country. In total, there were approximately 1,200 conference attendees from 150 different Youth Councils from all over the United States.

On day one of the conference, Native Basketball Player Jude Schimmel, and her parents Ceci and Rick Schimmel, provided the keynote remarks. For those who are not familiar, Jude and her sister Shoni are college basketball standouts who play for the University of Louisville. The Schimmel family did a great job emphasizing the importance of sports and even discussed how important nutrition is when playing sports.

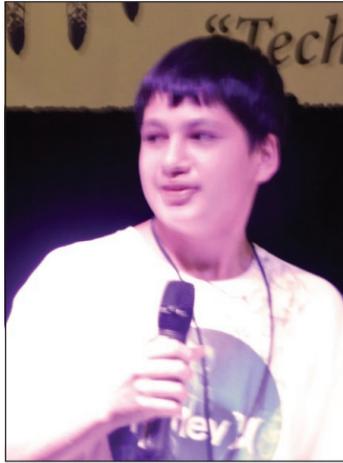
One particular funny session was the hypnosis session. While under the hypnosis, youth volunteers couldn't remember their names, communicated in Japanese, ran a marathon in slow motion and thought they were doctors! Although it sounds strange, it was truly a hilarious session.

There were a number of workshops offered throughout the conference, touching on such

topics as social media, bullying, multimedia, culture and tradition, preventing suicide, leadership and film. The youth attended the workshops of their interest. Also, there were meetings for advisors or chaperones while the youth were in their workshops. It should be noted that the typical day started at 8 a.m. and ended about 12 a.m. The group also signed up to watch the fire on Saturday night from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. but they stayed until 2 a.m. due to a talking circle that was taking place.

Throughout the workshops and sessions, the SCIT youth were willing participants and volunteered on a number of occasions. Getting up in front of a crowd is very intimidating but the youth seemed to enjoy their experiences. For example, Misheka was the host in introducing speakers for the Tribal Leaders Roundtable, AJ participated in an onstage golf putting challenge conducted by professional golfer Alexandria Schulte and managed to get interviewed by the UNITY news, Misheka and Sydnee were onstage showing the crowd how to dance. Mariah, Sydnee and Misheka introduced one of the workshop speakers and Klareis quickly took over the dance floor during the teen dance. Not to be outdone, Auzhiwa & Kaine took it up a notch by demonstrating their dance moves in front of complete strangers while in Hollywood. Even the adults volunteered, Rosanna Romero and Jennifer Crawford helped set up the banquet and Tonia Leureaux helped with conference registration.

During the conference, AJ decided to run for UNITY Executive Council as the Midwest Representative. As part of the process, each candidate had to give a



Misheka onstage working the crowd.

speech on why they were the best candidate and answer questions. After that, voting was held and official results were disclosed the following day at the banquet. The group was ecstatic when it was announced that AJ had won the Midwest seat! It should be noted that the Youth Council group is less than two years old and last year's conference in Phoenix was their first time attending, so it is a huge accomplishment.

During the conference, the youth were able to interact with other Native youth from Michigan as well. One night they had dinner with another Michigan tribe, afterward some of the youth played a friendly game of Ninja. After the conference had ended, our youth participated in a "Team Michigan" beach day where a friendly game of volleyball was played on the beach. After the volleyball game, the girls enjoyed getting their feet wet in the ocean, while the boys were more daring and tried to catch some waves.

All-in-all, the whole UNITY conference was a positive experience for the youth. It is always a good sign to see the youth engaged and participating in events, and these youth



Left to Right: Auzhiwa Quigno, Aaron Leureaux, Sydnee Kopke, Mariah Trepanier-Miller, Kaine Andy, Misheka Vasquez, Klareis Mcsauby-Rueckert.

were very active during the conference. As mentioned, the youth had no qualms about getting in front of the crowd to introduce speakers, dance and participate when appropriate. Clearly, they are young leaders in the making so if you happen to see any of them, congratulate them on a job well done.

*On behalf of the SCIT Youth Council, we would like to say Chi-Miigwetch to Tribal Council, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and the Youth Task Force for supporting our youth and their leadership, your pride and support has encouraged our youth to go above and beyond for all youth in Indian Country.*



Misheka introducing Tribal Council members from California as part of the Tribal Leaders Roundtable.



The group sightseeing and enjoying the warm California weather.



Group members checking out the Pacific Ocean.

## SCIT Member Aaron Leureaux elected to serve UNITY Executive Committee

**ROSANNA ROMERO**

Contributing Writer

On behalf of the SCIT Youth Council & Youth Group, we would like to take a few moments to share and congratulate the family of Aaron "AJ" Leureaux for his

appointment to serve on the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Executive Committee representing the Midwest (Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin) Youth Councils.

AJ is a proud Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member

and the son of former SCIT Tribal Council Member Sheila Leureaux. AJ graduated from the Mt. Pleasant High School in 2012 and is currently enrolled at the Santa Monica College in Santa Monica, Calif. During his journey of seeking his

education in California, AJ joined the UNITY Local Planning Committee in Los Angeles to help coordinate arrangements for the National Unity Conference.

Congratulations AJ, you are living proof that getting an education can lead to

positive and great things in your future. AJ is an inspiration to youth not only in our community but to ALL youth in Indian Country as well.

For more exciting news or further information about the National Unity Conference, please visit [www.unityinc.org](http://www.unityinc.org).



## Online Sales Department is growing

ZIIBIWING STAFF

In 2009, Ziibiwing Commercial Services (ZCS) launched NativeDirect.com, the Tribe's first e-commerce venture. Since launching, the website has grown and shipped to numerous countries around the world. ZCS has sold Native American goods to far way places like Australia, Germany and Switzerland.

In spring of 2012, ZCS started selling on Amazon.com under the seller name More Than Just Jewelry.

"Sales have increased since we started listing products on Amazon," stated Web Store Administrator Pam Spurbeck. "We have seen our monthly sales increase up to 300% compared to last year." Sales have continued to come from all over the country.

"We see a lot of orders shipping to California, New York and Texas," Spurbeck said. "Considering the population of those states, it is not surprising to see so many orders to those states." With Amazon, the focus has been to identify winning products for online sales and streamlining the order processing method.

In March of 2013, ZCS divided the Native Direct website into two different sites. NativeDirect.com now only features Native American products from Native vendors. The second site, TreasuredGiftShop.com sells regular commercial products found in the Gift Shops located in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

"We divided the site so that customers who were looking for our Native products wouldn't

wonder why we also sold toasters. In separating the website, we created two distinct stores." By separating the sites and their products, the organic search results for the sites improved.

ZCS has already started planning which products they will sell for the 2013 Holiday shopping season.

"We were completely blown away by the amount of orders we received last year for Cyber Monday," Spurbeck said. "Our business has grown since then, so there is no telling what Cyber Monday will look like this year. I just hope I have enough boxes to ship out the orders!"

You can visit the websites at [www.NativeDirect.com](http://www.NativeDirect.com) and [www.TreasuredGiftShop.com](http://www.TreasuredGiftShop.com). Be sure to find the ad in this month's Tribal Observer for a special discount!

## "Walking With Our Sisters"



Photo courtesy of Glenna Genereaux

Vamps (Moccasin tops) were collected at the Ziibiwing Center to contribute to the "Walking With Our Sisters" project to raise awareness for more than 600 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada and the United States. The vamps were beaded and decorated by community members and collected on Friday, July 12. Each pair of beautifully decorated vamps represents the unfinished life of one woman.

## Recovery is a spiritual process of healing and rebuilding

JUAN MONTOYA-PEGO

Contributing Writer

I read the article a few issues back by Guadalupe Gonzales, "No Matter How Old You Are it's Time for Change" I would like to applaud her for her boldness and stepping out there for the sake of truth. Hopefully these words can inspire someone to make a difference for the sake of the community. I remember the days Lupe describes back in the early '90s. Our lives did indeed change that day we received our first per capita check. Back then we stuck together and Natives looked out for one another. The days of sharing our "commods" are over. This is the people out there struggling with addiction.

Change is possible it starts within, with your own thinking. You alone have the power to change yourself. I am living proof that if you want to live a life with a sober and healthy lifestyle, you can. I asked the loving Creator for help and he did his part and helped me do mine as well. It was painful, discouraging and hard at times, but if you stick with it you can overcome it, do not give up! Just remember "without struggle there is no growth and victory."

I truly believe recovery is a spiritual process of healing and rebuilding that takes time in most cases. Yeshua or Jesus said it himself, "It is the spirit that quickeneth (makes alive); the flesh profiteth nothing; the words I speak to you, they are Spirit and they are life." John 6:63 KJV. What types of words are in you? What do they promote? Change is a choice you have to make in your mind and heart. You have to breakdown old strongholds of unhealthy beliefs and thoughts, thinking patterns, lies, deceptions and lust. Once you have faced all that in truth and start from scratch like I did then you can start building on a better foundation of truth with better principles. Alcohol and drugs stole a lot from me. My freedom, my family, my dignity, honor, health, honest morals, years of my life and has caused me a great deal

of pain, grief and loss. When I first came to prison, I continued to live the same way as I was before I was incarcerated. I was abusing my mind, body and soul with drugs, alcohol and negative people. I felt like I was doing a life sentence and wanted to die, but I didn't have the guts to take my own life.

One day I was in the Segregated Unit (SHU) for a dirty urine sample. SHU is a 24/7 lockdown for punishment when you break the rules in prison. It was one of my many visits back there. It's like jail inside a prison. A new warden came to that prison and took everything from us back there. No radio, commissary, books, magazines, hygiene, any type of comfort. For three days I had red chapped arm pits that stunk and stung because I had no deodorant. I got a toothache because I had no toothpaste.

My fellow inmates started to flood the area and make the "team" gas them and forcefully extract them from their cells. I sat in that cell. It was flooded I was wet, cold, eyes and throat burning from the gas, hungry and missing my family. I thought to myself, "I am going through all this just because I wanted to get high?" I also thought, "I gave up on my life with my family and kids for this?"

I thought about my family members and childhood friends that I

had recently lost all to, in part, to alcohol and drugs. I was disgusted with myself, drugs and alcohol and how it kills, steals from and destroys communities. During that year of segregation, I lost four close people dear to me. Every time I get my issue of the Tribal Observer I'm afraid to open it because I don't know who I am going to see next in the Obituary section.

Life is something to be appreciated and cherished, it's a gift. I beseech those out there struggling to "wake up" because as I have learned life can be taken or changed dramatically in the blink of an eye. I know by the grace of God that I have been blessed with sobriety, a sound mind and new heart because the almighty Father Yahweh "God of hosts" is merciful, kind and compassionate. I look at this adverse situation as a blessing in disguise because it has caused my life to change for the better. It has caused me to "wake up" and get my head out of my behind. If you want to live a spirit filled life, be filled with peace, love, truth, power, sobriety, discipline, confidence, patience, freedom and purpose then all our actions must be governed by healthy principles. I found many jewels or principles in the Bible that I now live by.

For those of you that know me out there, know I did my fair

share of bringing a negative impact on the community. I feel it's my responsibility to give something back. I hope my brief story of what I went through can encourage you, bring hope and inspire you to change or help someone you know who is struggling with addiction to make a change. Please don't waste your opportunity for living a decent life. I played the game and the consequences glare in my face every time I see pictures of my children and they have grown a few inches taller or when I talk to them and their voices have changed. I can never get that time back. Also, it doesn't sit well in me when I see the Chaplain pull an inmate out to let him know a loved one has passed on. Those are some of the things you have to live with in a place like this.

You don't have to go through this or may be even worse: lose your life. There are homicides in here. I had a cellmate who at that time was 51 years old. He has been incarcerated since he has been 20. I am 30, so he has been locked up longer than I have been alive. One day I was complaining about how long I got sentenced to until he gave a crazy look. He said, "You

know what Homes, I envy you." He pulled out a picture of his daughter, her husband and their child. He continued, "My daughter was eight months old when I left her and her mother when I came to prison. Look at them!" he yelled. I looked because he was a big man and known gangster. You could see the pain in his eyes. He went on, "I am never getting out of here. I am going to die in here, you should be thankful that you have an out date, you still have time left. I envy you because you still have a chance to be a dad, a grandpa, watch your grandchildren grow up, walk your daughter down the aisle and give her away to her husband. I don't have that left, I'm never getting out. Do something with your life because it gets worse."

Every day you're alive you have a chance to change and it begins with what you're thinking about. I never thought I'd come here, but it can and does happen when you live the fast life. Keep rolling the dice and you'll eventually crap out. If you don't hold yourself accountable, your circumstances will eventually. Choose life, the choice is yours.

## Sky Lanterns Released

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On July 9, a group gathered to celebrate the life, memories and friendship of Iva Joy Fuller. Her friends released sky lanterns in memory of Iva, marking the third anniversary of her passing.





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## 2013 Special Edition Tribal Observer

### POWWOW WEEKEND

August 2-4

#### Tentative Schedule

#### Friday

Community Activity  
Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Housing Department  
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Community Activity  
1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

ISM  
“Blue Ribbon Bake Off”  
2 p.m.

ISM Bake Sale  
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Community Activity  
4 p.m.

Inter-Tribal Dance  
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Grand Entry  
7 p.m.

Fireworks  
Dusk (10 p.m.)

#### Saturday

Grand Entry  
1 p.m.

Baby Parade  
2 p.m.

Fry-Bread Contest  
2 p.m.

#### Sunday

Grand Entry  
1 p.m.



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## 2013 Theme: Anishinaabe, Where the Heart Is

ELIZABETH BALLEW  
Powwow Committee Vice-Chair

Boozhu, our Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Powwow Committee would like to welcome all of our community to the 29th annual jingdamok, or celebration.

Our theme this year, “Anishinaabe, Where the Heart Is,” helps us keep focus to what it means to be Anishinaabe with integrity and honor in our hearts.

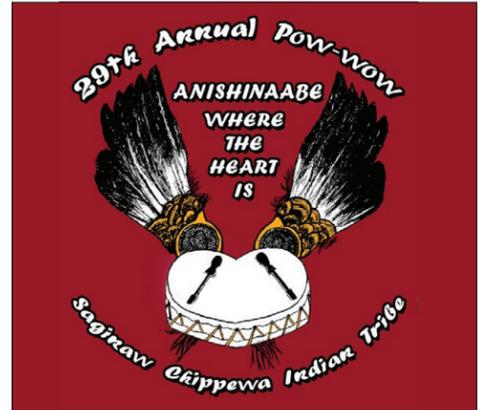
This year our focus is to honor our Anishinaabe community and culture by reminding everyone what happens when you embrace our Anishinaabe way of life. It lives within your heart burning like an ishkode (fire) to keep you and our future

generations alive with the warmth of integrity and honor.

As we celebrate the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s 29th annual powwow, we must all remember the blood, sweat and tears our ancestors shed to keep our culture alive. Against all odds, our culture is still here and it is for us to honor and continue our Anishinaabe way of life.

Our jingdamok time is the time to bring out our items of cultural patrimony that reflect our tribe making us uniquely different from all other cultures.

We thank the families coming from all over the country to help us celebrate by dancing, singing and drumming the way their ancestors passed down from



generation to generation. We are keeping all of our traditions alive through each generation in our hearts and our homes.

## Community togetherness is one step closer

Community gatherings are sacred events steeped in tradition and togetherness; bringing the community closer; a time of celebration of culture through ceremony, song, dance, feasting, much socializing and “catching up”. Through cooperation between Tribal Council, Housing, Planning, Parks & Rec, Construction and others, the dream of community unity is becoming a reality. The funding for the permanent pavilions at the campgrounds (also known as the “Hill”) is made possible through the Housing Departments NAHASDA (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996) Community Betterment efforts.

The newly renovated design of the pavilions will provide shade, shelter and seating from the sun and rain during events that would be held on the Hill. The addition will allow for several activities to take place while not worrying about tents. The space will include several bleachers for seating for those in attendance to enjoy the events. Hopefully this will encourage several departments and community members to hold more activities there.

The Powwow Committee is honored to be the first to use the new pavilions at the Hill for the 29th annual powwow “Anishinaabe, Where the Heart is” August 2-4, 2013. The construction of the pavilions has been a long time in the making; and ultimately is cost effective with respect to no longer having to rent tents to accommodate events.

There are many opportunities to bring our community back to the Hill and celebrate togetherness with family and friends, in a

sacred setting, away from the hustle of our busy lives. I would like to encourage the Tribal community to use this new gathering location for other events; including possible activities like “Friday Nights on the Hill” (where local musicians can entertain the community with their music), Labor Day celebration, as well as family reunions, weddings, church services, graduations and much more. Our hope is to offer something that will go beyond today and will honor the next seven generations.



The construction of the permanent pavilion on the “Hill.” The newly renovated design of the pavilions will provide shade, shelter and seating from the sun and rain.

## 2013 People’s Traditional Powwow to commemorate 35th anniversary of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act

BEN A. HINMON  
Contributing Writer

The 2013 People’s Traditional Powwow will commemorate the 35th anniversary of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) and reflect how the Act has fared since its passage. Signed into law on Aug. 11, 1978 by President Jimmy Carter. AIRFA sought to end the long standing policies of the United States which prevented Native people from practicing their religious, ceremonial and spiritual beliefs. To commemorate the 35th anniversary, Seventh Generation Program and the Ziibiwing Cultural Center have joined forces to bring Dennis Banks, co-founder of the American Indian Movement, author, actor and famed Indian activist. Banks will lead an important discussion about Native spirituality and its role in the healing and wellness of tribal nations.

The eradication of Native spirituality was seen as the blueprint to civilizing and assimilating Native people by converting them to Christian beliefs systems. “In federal Indian law, ‘assimilation’ refers to nineteenth and twentieth century federal policy designed to eradicate tribal governments and cultures, replacing traditional community values through programs aimed to ‘civilize’ and ‘Christianize’ American Indians. Programs such as; the ‘allotment of tribal lands’, criminalization of tribal religious practices and the assignment of Christian missionaries to reservation communities were just a few of the policies and programs focused on assimilation of American Indians” (Carpenter, K. & Fletcher, M. 2012).

Following this model of assimilation, the Methodist Ministry was placed in charge of the former Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School. In 1928, following the

release of the Miriam Report, which criticized the methods and systematic failure of the federal Indian boarding school system and its devastating impact on Native children and families, the schools were phased out. The report pointed out the failure of the federal boarding school system to use the natural strengths of Anishinabe communities, such as family, language and spirituality in carrying out the education of Indian children. It criticized the failed assimilation policies of the United States and eventually led to the closure of the nearly 2,000 Indian boarding schools across the United States (Meriam, 1928).

It wasn’t until Aug. 11, 1978 following a hard fought battle of wills and words that President Jimmy Carter would sign into law the American Indian Religious Freedom Act. Although it has been thirty-five years since

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## UNDERSTANDING THE PATH

### A List of Powwow Guidelines

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



### ATTENTION

The 2014 annual SCIT Powwow dates have been changed. The 2014 powwow will be July 25, 26 and 27.

For more information about the change contact the SCIT Powwow Committee at:

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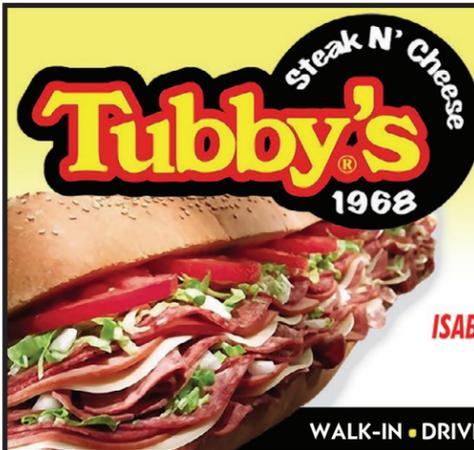
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the law was signed, tribes continue to struggle with key issues such as access to sacred sites and protection of Indian burial grounds. Although AIRFA was expected to usher in a new era of religious freedom many Native communities continue to struggle with Lateral Oppression a side-effect of long term cultural oppression. Overcoming the long term effects of cultural and spiritual oppression will take many years as we rediscover our sacred identity as Anishinaabe people. Although we have experienced a resurgence of native spirituality and traditions, confusion remains over core values and philosophies that sit at the center of Native spirituality and identity.

Many Native people are uncertain about what is real and what is new, who to follow and what is proper.

With so much historical and cultural loss it will take many years for our communities to recover all that was lost, perhaps the best we can do as individuals and communities is ask for respect and tolerance for the individual spiritual choices people choose to practice. No matter what religious or spiritual belief systems people choose to follow these are individual choices that must be respected and honored by both individuals and tribal leaders. In the eloquent words of Tecumseh, "trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their beliefs and they will respect yours." The real strength in cultural healing lies in the inner strength, perseverance and tenacity that have enabled Anishinaabe people and nations to overcome insurmountable pressure to change.

To commemorate the passage of AIRFA, Dennis Banks will discuss the religious freedom act and where we are today. This will take place at the Seventh Generation powwow grounds on Friday, Sept. 14, 2013 and be followed by a traditional feast for everyone's enjoyment. We sincerely hope you and your family will join us for a fun filled weekend of powwow, crafts, food and laughter as we celebrate our beautiful Anishinaabe lifeways. Baamaapii.

*Carpenter, K., Fletcher, M. & A. R. (2012). Indian Civil Rights Act at Forty.*

*Meriam, L. (1928). Meriam Report: The Problem with Indian Administration. Washington D.C.: Federal Government.*

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

### Women's Jingle

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

### Men's Fancy

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

### Fancy Shawl Dance

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

### Men's Grass

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

### Women's Traditional

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

### Men's Traditional

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

# 9th Annual People's Traditional Powwow

September 13, 14, 15, 2013

Public Welcome to Attend - Free Event

## Grand Entry

Saturday 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m.

## Weekend Lineup

### Friday, Sept. 13, 2013

2 p.m. - Pow Parade 7th Generation for line-up

3-5 p.m. - Dennis Banks - Commemorating the 35th Anniversary of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

5-7 p.m. - Traditional Feast

7-9 p.m. - Karaoke Contest

### Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013

10-12 a.m. - Dancer Registration

10-12 a.m. - Classic Car Show - Registration and line-up

Noon - Domestic Violence Motorcycle Run

1 p.m. - Grand Entry

5-7 p.m. - Dinner Break & Hand Drum Contest

7 p.m. - Grand Entry

### Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013

10-12 a.m. - Dancer Registration

1 p.m. - Grand Entry

5 p.m. - Powwow Wrap-up and Give Away

**Special Guest Speaker - Dennis Banks**  
Commemorating the American Indian Religious Freedom Act

## Team Dance Contest

Winner Take All \$1000 Prize & Trophy

## Open Karaoke Contest

First, Second and Third Place Cash Prizes

**Host Drum:** Crazy Spirit

**Master of Ceremonies:** R.J. Smith

**Head Veteran:** Ruben Blackcloud

**Arena Director:** Matthew "Cubby" Sprague

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## Eagle Spirit Awards honor students seeking Higher Education

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Eagle Spirit Awards honor Tribal member students who pursue a higher education beyond high school. On Friday, June 28, the Eagle Spirit Award recipients and their families gathered for a luncheon and ceremony in the Black River ballroom at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Students receiving associates, bachelor's and master's degrees received graduation plaques, and many students received incentive awards. This year three students were presented with Eagle Spirit Award plaques for graduating with a master's degree, Tonia Bleuer; Central Michigan University for Master of Science in Administration, Celeste Hamner; Wayne State University for Master of Social Work and Barry Skutt Jr.; Central Michigan University for Master of Science in Administration.

Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier gave his welcoming remarks to the graduates and families.

"If it weren't for shining stars like you, we wouldn't get very far," Cloutier said. "Each and every one of you today needs to understand that you are a positive role model, you are the exception, you are the individual and for that I find honorable qualities for each and every one of you for choosing the path of higher education."

Migizi Chief Executive Officer Maunka Morgan shared his background before he began working for Migizi. Morgan also offered words of encouragement and

advice for the recent graduates.

"Those of you in this room that are going to receive an award today, I know that you have taken your families encouragement and words to heart," Morgan said. "You are what I would call a 'modern day warrior.' Those pursuing education to preserve the nation down the road and today, you are leaders. You are future leaders of your nation. Education is a gateway to empowerment. Knowledge is power, and you want to be able to know how to use that power when the time is right."

The immense achievement of the students was not the only topic of discussion. The award ceremony became a sentimental event when the retirement of Higher Education Coordinator Sharon Skutt was announced.

"I have a heavy-hearted message to give you," Interim Director of Education Melissa Montoya announced. "A lot of us have worked with Sharon throughout the years to pursue a higher education. She was the person I worked with when I graduated high school to pursue my degree. Sharon is going to retire, her last day is today."

Tribal Council Treasurer Louanna Bruner congratulated Skutt with a heavy heart.

"On behalf of Tribal Council, we do have extreme gratitude for Sharon Skutt and her work," Bruner said. "She started with the Tribe over 16 years ago in 1997. She was a secretary for Higher Education. It did not take her long to become promoted to Adult Education coordinator. In less than one year's time, she became the Higher Education



Tribal Council Treasurer Louanna Bruner honors Sheridan Pelcher with her Eagle Spirit Award for graduating in Liberal Arts at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

coordinator. She's always had a dedication for higher education and has always been a great resource for all us. She's always been dedicated to our members for their higher education goals."

Skutt announced the names of the award recipients, but not without expressing a few words of her own before retirement.

"Working at the Tribe has been the most incredible journey for me," Skutt said. "It's been outstanding. I've enjoyed working with all of you and I'm going to miss you all. I'm very proud of your accomplishments. I know many of you have had struggles that you have to deal with and work through and I hope that I helped you during those difficult times. Many of you have expressed your appreciation for my work and for helping you. I just feel like I'm doing my job and my job is to help you be successful."

Skutt has coached students through the hardships of admissions, financial aid,

class registration, transcripts and transferring. She will be greatly missed.

Each year attendees receive awards recognized by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan for their academic excellence as participants in the Higher Education Programs. This year there were a total of 120 incentive awards, four certificates, 11 associate degree awards, 12 bachelor's degree awards and three master's degree awards.

"What I love most as a tribal leader, is to see our people go out there and get higher education degrees and come back to the Tribe," Bruner explained. "We don't celebrate that often enough. I want to applaud everyone getting awards today."

For information on enrollment, financial aid, registration and general knowledge about the Tribal College, visit [www.sagchip.edu](http://www.sagchip.edu).



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

It was a sentimental day for Higher Education Coordinator Sharon Skutt as she announced her retirement, and also awarded her son, Barry Skutt Jr., for his master's degree.

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# SCTC Extension hosts a Colorful Ribbon Shirt Making Class

MARY PELCHER  
Contributing Writer

July was a colorful month as SCTC Extension program hosted a Ribbon Shirt Drop In. It was held during the last two weeks of July. More than 20 participants attended over the course of the two weeks and several ribbon shirts were created. SCTC Extension prepared a temporary sewing lab and provided fabric, ribbon, sewing machines and all the notions.

The participants ranged from novice to expert in their sewing skills. It was great to see all participants helping each other and cheering each other on. Angela

Mitchell from NDR Sewing was on hand to lend advice to all the participants. A special Miigwetch goes out to Sarah Martin, who shared her excellent sewing skills with everyone, all the while making her own ribbon shirt.

The youngest participant was nine-year-old Andre Leaux, who attended with his aunt. With a little help he sewed his first ribbon shirt, a beautiful creation. If you see Andre sporting a stunning ribbon shirt at the Saginaw Chippewa powwow, give him a high-five for his sewing skills. One participant made a cute pink ribbon dress for her toddler. Other participants made ribbon shirts for themselves or

as a gift. Either way, each ribbon project was an outstanding work of art.

The Ribbon Shirt Drop In was a magnificent success. It will be a wondrous sight when all these colorful shirts can be seen wandering around proudly at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe annual powwow. Watch for, and be a part of other SCTC Extension adventures!



Instruction shared between friends Ellie Van Horn and Sarah Martin.



Millie Pelcher sews a pretty ribbon dress for her baby girl.



The finished product.



Loretta Casteneda concentrates on getting it done.



That's some fine sewing by Andre.



A beautiful creation in progress.



From left to right: Consuelo Gonzalez, Sarah Martin and Angela Mitchell are shown fitting the pattern onto the fabric.

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Code	Course Title	Credit	Location	Day	Time	Instructor
ACC 115	Accounting Principles I	3	West 1	T/R	10:00 - 11:20	Smelser
ART 110	Fundamentals of Drawing I	3	MPHS	W	5:30-8:20	C. denHeeten
AST 110	Intro to Astronomy	3	Science Building	M/W	12:00-1:20	J. Miller
AST 110A	Astronomy Lab	2	Science Building	M/W	1:30-2:50	J. Miller
BIO 216 *	Native Plants & Medicines	3	Science Building	T/R	10:00-11:20	Calhoun
BIO 216A	Native Plants & Medicines-Lab	2	Science Lab	T	12:00-1:50	Calhoun
BUS 110	Intro to Business	3	West 2	T/R	10:30 - 11:50	Gotaas
BUS 150	Business Law	3	West 2	T/R	12:00-1:20	Gotaas
BUS 160*	Principles of Supervision	3	West 2	T/R	1:30-2:50	Gotaas
BUS 260	Human Resource Management	3	West 2	M	5:30-8:20	Wagner
CHM 105	Introduction to Chemistry	3	Science Building	T/R	5:00-6:20	Majorski
CHM 105A	Chemistry Lab	2	Science Building	T	6:30-8:20	Majorski
CPT 100	Keyboarding	3	East Computer Lab	M	5:30 - 8:20	TBA
CPT 292	Microsoft Office	3	East Computer Lab	T	5:30-8:20	TBA
ECO 201	Principles of Economics I	3	West 1	T/R	1:00-2:20	Smelser
ENG 096	Reading Comprehension	3	West 1	M	5:30-8:20	Blumer
ENG 098	Basic Writing I	3	East Computer Lab	M/W	10:00-11:20	D. Miller
ENG 099	Basic Writing II	3	East Computer Lab	M/W	1:30-2:50	D. Miller
ENG 101*	Composition I	3	East Computer Lab	T/R	10:00-11:20	Prielipp
ENG 102	Composition II	3	East Computer Lab	T/R	11:30-2:50	Prielipp
ENG 130	Public Speaking	3	West 2	M/W	10:00-11:20	Prielipp
ENG 150	Intro to Literature	3	West 2	M/W	11:30-2:50	Prielipp
EVS 120	Environmental Science	3	Science Building	T/R	2:00-3:20	Calhoun
EVS 120A	Environmental Science Lab	2	Science Building	R	12:00-1:50	Calhoun
GEO 101	Geography	3	Science Building	M/W	10:00-11:20	J. Miller
HIS 103	United States History I	3	West 1	T	5:30-8:20	Clark-Tuzas
HUM 140	Intro to Film	3	West 1	T	2:30-5:20	Clark-Tuzas
MTH 095 1	Fundamentals of Math	3	West 1	M/W	12:00-1:20	Sukhanath
MTH 095 2	Fundamentals of Math	3	East 2	T/R	4:30-5:20	Sukhanath
MTH 099 1	Beginning Algebra	4	East 2	M/W	9:00-10:50	Sukhanath
MTH 099 2	Beginning Algebra	4	East 2	T/R	6:00-7:50	Sukhanath
MTH 105*	Intermediate Algebra	4	East 3	M/W	2:30-4:20	Rich
MTH 135*	College Algebra	3	East 3	M/W	10:30-11:50	Rich
MTH 140*	Pre-Calculus	4	East 3	T/R	10:00-11:50	Rich
MTH 230*	Intro to Statistics	3	East 2	T/R	1:30-2:50	Rich
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SOC 101	Intro to Sociology	3	East 2	T	5:30-8:20	Ruhl
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SPN 102*	Spanish II	3	West 2	T/R	6:00-7:20	Jonaitis

### FALL CALENDAR

- April 1, 2013: Registration opens
- August 19, 20, 21, 2013: Late Registration (Fee \$25)
- **August 21, 2013: Last Day to Register For Classes**
- August 26, 2013: Classes Begin
- August 29, 2013: Drop/Add ends
- December 6, 2013: Classes End
- December 9-13, 2013: Exam Week

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## Avenged Sevenfold and Halestorm Unleash High Octane Rock 'n' Roll

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**  
Staff Writer

Two of the hottest bands on the rock scene gave their zealous fans a night to remember. Hard rockers Avenged Sevenfold and Halestorm brought their energetic acts to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Summer Concert Series on Friday, July 19.

Led by lead singer/guitarist Elizabeth "Lzzy" Hale and her gritty powerful vocals and catchy

lyrics, Halestorm crashed onto the rock scene in 2009. The band has released two major record label backed albums including their self-titled 2009 album and their most recent "The Strange Case Of..." in 2012.

The show kicked off with the snarky and spirited anthem, "Love Bites (So Do I)", which recently netted the group a Grammy Award for best hard rock/metal performance. The show continued with a striking

mixture of sheer rock and rousing rock ballads including "Slave to the Grind" and "It's Not You". A true highlight of the night came during the rendition of "Here's To Us", a heartfelt personal ode to the fans and the journey everyone faces in life. To close out the set, the band performed the emphatic single, "Freak Like Me".

Halestorm set the bar extremely high, pumping up the crowd with a perfect start to the night. The next band up however, was more than ready to rise to the occasion. Since forming in 1999, Avenged Sevenfold has risen to the top. Their shows are the true epitome of what a rock concert should be with screaming guitar solos, abundant pyrotechnics, mosh pits and even fireworks.

A huge skull with wings, known as the "Deathbat," shot fire from its eyes as smoke billowed from all corners of the stage. The audience roared as vocalist M. Shadows, guitarists Synyster Gates and Zacky Vengeance and bassist Johnny Christ emerged from the cover of the smoke. The

first song "Nightmare" proved to be an instant shot of adrenaline with its creepy lyrics and powerful guitar riffs.

The band covered many songs from their six studio albums. This included "Beast and the Harlot", "Welcome to the Family", "Buried Alive", "Seize the Day" and "Carry On". The latter of which was featured in the hit video game Call of Duty Black Ops 2. As a special sneak peak the band performed "Hail To The King", a single off their yet to be released album of the same name.

After astounding performances of "Afterlife", they closed the show with the song which launched them into the spotlight, "Bat Country". Many fans started heading for the exits. The vast majority remained where they were, chanting for more. After nearly ten minutes of darkness, the stage suddenly lit up and the band emerged shortly after.

The encore "A Little Piece of Heaven" gave fans a truly emotional moment, as the band asked everyone in attendance



Lzzy Hale wowed the audience with her powerful vocals.

to look towards the sky and sing along in remembrance of their previous drummer, James "The Rev" Sullivan, who passed away in 2009. Not to be outdone, the band returned for yet another encore, performing "Unholy Confessions". Fireworks lit up the night sky as the last encore and the show came to a fittingly epic end.



Zacky Vengeance (Left) and Synyster Gates (Right) thrilled fans with one of their dueling guitar solos.

## Raw Horsepower on Full Display at Monster Truck Madness IV

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**  
Staff Writer

For the fourth straight year, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort brought the excitement of monster truck racing to more than 7,000 fans. On Saturday, July 6, Midwest Monster Trucks brought some of the best in the business to battle it out in the biggest outdoor event in Michigan. This included the monster trucks: Avenger, Barbarian, Brutus, Razin' Kane, Ice Cream Man, Nitemare, Samson and

Reckless Drivin' and the SECR themed Monster Truck known as "Lady Luck".

Prior to the show all fans were invited to a pit party, where they could get up close and personal with all of the monster trucks and their drivers. Many of the drivers were available for autograph sessions, and fans could take a ride on a monster truck.

The trucks rumbled down a 600 ft. track to the finish while attempting to safely maneuver across four jumps, some of which were over cars and even

a bus. These drag races kept the spectators on the edge of their seats. One bad move by a driver could send the five-ton machines rolling across the track, or even lead to a spectacular crash into one of the many obstacles.

A freestyle competition followed the drag event and created many thrilling moments. Each competitor was given 90 seconds to create the most excitement from their performance. The fans were treated to an abundance of wheelies, crazy fast donuts and huge air as the drivers took the

many ramps at full speed. The drivers also had taken advantage of the many obstacles on

the course, as they routinely smashed cars, buses and even motor homes.



Avenger and Barbarian launch over a series of cars.

## 80-Year-Old Musician Willie Nelson Still Wows the Crowd

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

With his gentle voice and impressive guitar riffs, 80-year-old Willie Nelson proved that he's still got it. Nelson made it apparent why he is still touring when he captivated the crowd with his musical ability at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall on Saturday, July 13.

The country music singer-songwriter, as well as actor, poet and activist began his set with "Whiskey River" from his 1973 album, "Shotgun Willie". The audience went wild when Nelson began "Beer for My Horses", the song he recorded with country

musician Toby Keith in 2003. Throughout the song, each time Nelson sang the lyrics, "Whiskey for my men," the crowd chimed in with "and beer for my horses".

Audience members sure did go crazy when Nelson started playing the song "Crazy", made famous by singer Patsy Cline and written by Nelson. The audience was thrilled.

Nelson's guitar skills sounded as good as ever for each and every song. Nelson had his beloved, beat-up and well-known guitar "Trigger" with him. "Trigger" has been signed by many of Nelson's friends, including famous musicians. Nelson has worn out his guitar so much from strumming

it frequently, that a hole is present on the guitar body located near the sound hole.

Nelson is known for playing outlaw country hits, but Nelson's songs had a smooth, rhythmic, bluesy feel to them. No lyrics were needed for the crowd to go crazy when Nelson and his band moved on to a completely instrumental piece. The audience went wild for Nelson's skilled guitar playing and the outstanding piano and harmonica players.

The 1978 collaboration with artist Waylon Jennings, "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys" was obvious to be a crowd favorite as they sung along. Nelson sang "On the Road Again", his

song that was featured on the soundtrack to the 1980 movie "Honeysuckle Rose".

An emotional performance was given by Nelson during "You Were Always On My Mind". Nelson rerecorded the song in 1982, resulting in three wins at the 25th Grammy Awards in February 1983. Nelson also received a Grammy award for his recorded version of "Georgia On My Mind", Nelson and the band performed this song, adding a powerful harmonica solo.

Nelson spoke to the crowd about having carpal tunnel surgery. The doctors told him to take it easy and just "go home and shut up." He performed two of the songs he wrote while recovering, "You Don't Think I'm Funny Anymore" and "Superman".

His hits "South of the Border", "Georgia On A Fast Train" and the ever popular and emotional, "Angel Flying Too Close To The Ground" were also performed.

It is clear Willie Nelson has quite the fan base. Audience



Willie Nelson serenaded the crowd during his performance of "Whiskey River" with his beloved and battered guitar, "Trigger."

members ranged from children to 90-year-olds. No matter what the age, Nelson seems appreciative of each and every fan. After he closed with his last adored song of the night, "Roll Me Up And Smoke Me When I Die", he took the time to sign autographs and take photographs with fans that rushed to the front of the stage. Nelson still puts on a superb show at 80 years old and seems very happy to still have the chance to tour and interact with his beloved fans.

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# The Masters of Madness Tour brought Shock Rock to SECR

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Masters of Madness Tour, also known as The Shock Therapy Tour brought controversy, obscenity, shock rock and entertainment to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor summer concert series. Alice Cooper, Marilyn Manson and up-and-comers Picture Me Broken rocked the outdoor stage on Saturday, June 29.

Marilyn Manson, known for his controversial anti-status quo messages, Goth-rock style, offensive and shocking performances, started his 70-minute set with "Angel With the Scabbed Wings". Manson knew how to interact with the crowd, pointing at numerous audience members during his performance of "The Dope Show" from his 1998 album, "Mechanical Animals". Three of those audience members in the second row were children decked out in face paint.

"Put your fists in the air, or else I will believe that rock is dead, if these children do not put their fists in the air," Manson said to the children introducing his song, "Rock Is Dead".

Wardrobe changes and back-drop transformations were in full effect during Manson's set after each song. Manson wore



Marilyn Manson opened his set with "Angel With the Scabbed Wings" with his brass knuckles microphone.

everything from sequined jackets with fur to gas masks.

Controversial lyrics, mannerisms and remarks by Manson kept the audience attentive and amused. Manson brought out balloons with the strings in his mouth, grabbed an audience member's phone and sang into it, wiped his sweat with newspaper pages and chucked them into the crowd, taunted the crowd and threw objects at the audience.

Manson climbed and sat in a giant wooden chair during his song, "mOBSCENE" from the 2003 album, "The Golden Age of Grotesque" and walked on gigantic stilts almost 10 feet tall for "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)" from his 1995 album, "Smells Like Children".

A sweet moment from Manson happened when a little girl in the audience handed Manson flowers. He reached for the flowers from the stage, grabbed them and blew the girl a kiss. He then proceeded to bite one of the flowers, chew it and spit it out onto the stage in the middle of his performance.

"What a sweet little girl giving me flowers," Manson said after the song ended.

Orianthi, Alice Cooper's lead guitarist and Michael Jackson's former guitarist, joined Manson for his song "Four Rusted Horses".

Manson concluded his set with his 1996 hit, "The Beautiful People" and left the stage with his recording of "You're So Vain" playing.

After a half hour intermission, gold flaring pyrotechnics rained on the stage and rock icon Alice Cooper appeared. With heavy eye make-up, '80s rock hair, a red-and-black-striped suit, a skull belt and a sword in hand, Cooper opened with his 1973 hit, "Hello Hooray" from the album, "Billion Dollar Babies".

Cooper waved around his sword for songs "House of Fire" and "No More Mr. Nice Guy". During the 1973 hit, "Billion Dollar Babies", Cooper shook off fake one-hundred dollar bills that were stabbed to his sword.

During the 1971 hit, "Is It My Body" from the album, "Welcome 2 My Nightmare", Cooper brought out a Boa constrictor that slithered around his shoulders during the entire tune.

The audience roared during the Cooper's popular hits "Poison", "Hey Stoopid" and "Welcome to My Nightmare".

Throughout "Dirty Diamonds", Cooper threw out necklaces to the crowd then cleared the stage for rocking solos by each band member. After each solo, the band came together to play an instrumental verse. The band sounded flawless together as they stood next to one another on stage with choreographed movements, causing the audience to holler in amazement.

Cooper emerged in a white lab coat covered in blood and belted out "Feed My Frankenstein" from the 1991 album, "Hey Stoopid". Cooper put on a gas mask, left the stage and suddenly an enormous Frankenstein emerged.

For "Ballad of Dwight Fry" from the 1971 album, "Love It to Death", Cooper sported a straitjacket and was forced into guillotine by a female nurse and was beheaded.

Bubbles, confetti, giant balloons and cannons surrounded the audience for "School's Out".

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



Alice Cooper receives flowers from a little girl in the crowd. He then smashed the bouquet onto the stage.

"I'm Eighteen" was the encore. Manson joined Cooper and they rocked the house for the last song of the night. Cooper came out with his signature crutch. The crutch has been on tour with Cooper for years and he gave it to Manson to carry on.

The Masters of Madness Tour came to an end in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. It was a bittersweet moment as the musicians hugged and high-fived one another to mark the end of their tour together. The bands went their separate ways after history was made on that SECR outdoor stage.



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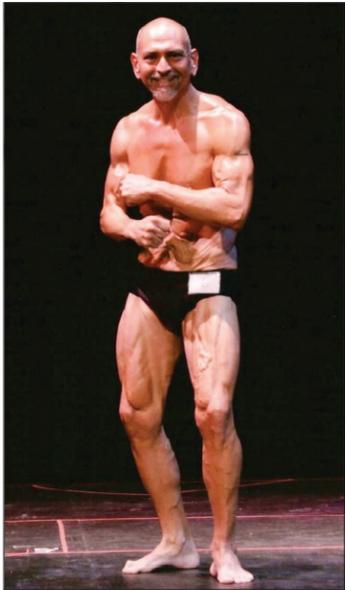


## Sharing the Journey of Good Health and Healthy Choices

**DAMIAN FISHER**

Contributing Writer

Taking fifth place in a bodybuilding contest is a very modest achievement but it is the result of a series of healthy choices towards one smart goal. My choices started with a decision to participate in a National Physique Committee sanctioned bodybuilding contest held in Lansing, Mich. last June 8. I competed the year before so I had some experience to build on, but the goal is to keep growing and getting better. I knew I needed to change things up and not just work out harder, but rather I needed to work out smarter!



**Damian Fisher competing in Lansing in 2013.**

In the gym, it's easy to focus on the physical stuff, but I wasn't going to be successful unless I could keep everything in the four directions of my personal medicine wheel

in balance. It's no accident that making healthy choices for your body is good practice for making healthy choices for your mind, spirit and relationships.

There's a lot going on in life and working toward our goals teaches us how to draw from each of the directions in our medicine wheel to make good choices and making good choices, makes for good health.

My first choice was to get everything working together; working and feeding my body, figuring out different ways to stress my muscles, finding the best fuel for my body, seeking opinions, encouragement and advice from my friends and family and believing that I could get through the toughest workout then eat, rest and start the whole day's journey over again!

Trying different things is important, but listening to your body is just as important because everybody is different. Play, have fun and find out what works best for you. Always remember that there is just no "right" exercise, but there is a

"just right for you" exercise that will bring you the success you need to keep moving toward your goals.

After 16 years as a type II diabetic and a life time of obesity, I can't say my goal was to win, but I wanted to be competitive and share as much of the whole experience as possible. I reached out to Nimkee Fitness Center staff, Nimkee Clinic staff, doctors, Nimkee dietician, my counselor at Behavioral Health and even the residents and staff at Andahwod for support and encouragement. After all, if I was going to get up on stage to flex and pose wearing just a Speedo, I had better get past being the shy and quiet type of guy! Of course it made all difference to

share this experience and I am grateful to everyone.

So start with setting a SMART goal. A SMART goal is Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time bound. You can choose any event: Michigan Indian Family Olympics, a bodybuilding contest, a 5K run or you can decide to look good for your daughter's wedding. You may just want to get in shape for that softball or bowling league that starts up soon. When it comes to our health we command the choices that move us toward those goals, I believe that and I believe that your goals are within your reach. Email me at [kidwinini@gmail.com](mailto:kidwinini@gmail.com) with your questions and contribution and I will share all that I can.

## Dads Can Help with Breastfeeding Too

**NIMKEE PUBLIC HEALTH**

Would it surprise you to know that the single most important factor in a new mom's success with breastfeeding is the support she gets from her husband/partner? Dads-to-be are usually surprised to hear that they have this impact, and are all ears on how they can help the process. Here's some advice about how dad can help with breastfeeding:

**Breastfeeding is natural, but not easy.** Just like learning to drive a car, it takes time and

practice to really get the hang of it. The importance of the emotional support that you offer during this time cannot be overstated. You are the cheerleader. If you offer encouragement and appreciation, not only will mom be more likely to hang in there past the rough part, she'll remember you were there for her.

**Help mom relax.** This can be anything from a shoulder rub to bringing her a glass of water or something to eat while she's nursing. One new dad talked about helping his wife relax by rubbing

her breast as the baby was getting ready to latch on. When she's relaxed, the milk will let down.

**Get covered.** Read up on what your insurance covers in the way of breast pumps and supplies. Breastfeeding supplies are now tax deductible, so use that flexible spending account to pay for them.

**Dad can feed a breastfeeding baby too.** After 3-4 weeks, mom can start pumping milk, giving dad a chance to feed his baby a bottle from time to time. This may be in the middle of the night so mom can get out for a while without worrying about the baby getting hungry while she's gone. Feeding is a key bonding time, so now dad gets to share the experience with his little one. Even if mom is breastfeeding during the night, you can share the load by getting up and bringing the baby in to her. Sometimes waking up and not having to get out of bed is really appreciated.

**Own another activity.** Since mom is the go-to parent for breastfeeding, jump right in and own another baby activity. Dads are great with baths, baby massage, tummy time or putting babies to sleep. With two of the big ones handled, (eating, sleeping, etc.) you've become a great team.

### Breastfeeding Awareness

Events Calendar 2013

**Thursday, Aug. 1:** Breastfeeding Walk in the Park  
10 a.m. - Island Park, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

**Friday Aug. 2:** "The Big Latch"  
10 a.m. - Cops and Donuts, Clare, Mich.

**Friday Aug. 2 - Sunday Aug. 4:** "Baby Breastaurant"  
SCIT Powwow, located at public safety tent.

**Saturday Aug. 3:** "The Big Latch"  
Veterans Memorial Library, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

**Friday Aug. 9:** "Yellow Shawl" Making/Breastfeeding Support  
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

**Tuesday Aug. 20:** "Pink Fire Truck" Event

**For More Information Contact:**

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### Nimkee Fitness Center

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11:00 a.m.		Mommy & Me Jayme		Yoga Catherine	
12:00 p.m.	Fast Blast 4! Jayme	Turbo Kick Judi	Lunch Crunch Go 30 Jaden	Turbo Kick Adeanna	Boot Camp Jaden
4:00 p.m.	Step & Sculpt Leah	Walk N' Talk Michelle		Walk N' Talk Michelle	
4:30 p.m.		Step & Sculpt Jeni	Step & Kick Plus Jeni		
5:10 p.m.	Zumba Jayme		Walk N' Talk Michelle	World Fusion Belly Tawnya	

## The Pink Trucks are Coming

**JUDY DAVIS**

Contributing Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is pleased to announce that the National Tour of the Pink Heals Fire Trucks will be coming to Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday, Aug. 20. We hope that everyone will mark their calendars, get their pink on and plan to join us in celebrating this exciting event. It is hopeful that breast cancer

survivors especially will attend.

Tentative plans include breast cancer survivor shut-in visitations in the morning and a parade beginning at 1 p.m. The motorized parade will form at McLaren Central Michigan Hospital and continue on Broadway to the entrance of the Soaring Eagle where walkers may join the procession. More information can be obtained by visiting the website: [www.pinkfiretrucks.com](http://www.pinkfiretrucks.com)

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## Work Out Those Hot Flashes

JENNA WILCOX  
Contributing Writer

Menopausal women who exercise may experience fewer hot flashes in the 24 hours following physical activity, according to health researchers. In general, women who are relatively inactive, are overweight or obese tend to have a risk of increased symptoms of what seem to be hot flashes, noted Penn State exercise experts. Becoming and staying active on a regular basis as part of your lifestyle is the best way to ensure healthy aging and well-being, regardless of whether you experience hot flashes or not.

Every woman is different and will experience different menopausal symptoms at different

times in their life. If you would like more information on menopause please speak with your medical provider. Having an annual Women's Health Exam is a great time to receive education on menopause, breast health and healthy choices as we age. To schedule your annual Women's Health Exam please contact Jenna at **989-775-4604**, Judy at **989-775-4629** or Janice at **989-775-4926**.

Nimkee Fitness Center also offers a variety of classes to help you become more physically active. If you would like more information on what Nimkee Fitness Center has to offer, please contact us at **989-775-4690**.

*Selected information taken from Health-e headlines TM.*

## Cooking at Home and Fighting Obesity

SALLY VAN CISE R.D.  
& LISA SURRIANO  
Contributing Writers

The current obesity epidemic has many different culprits; processed foods, sugary drinks, lack of exercise and the list goes on. Something that often goes without blame though, is dining out. When you go out for dinner, you have no control over what the food is made with or how large your serving will be. And though it might seem easy enough to stop eating when you're full, most people don't- especially if they get used to seeing food come in such large portions.

"Researchers from the Department of Agriculture

calculate that just one meal a week away from home can translate into two extra pounds a year for the average person," KJ Dell'antonia's points out in a recent NY Times blog post. "The average adult now eats out nearly five times a week."

If this is the case, then there needs to be a serious cultural kitchen shift! We encourage you to not only cook at home,

but to teach your children how to cook as well. There are so many quick, easy and delicious recipes. (An added benefit of cooking with your kids is that they'll be a lot more likely to try things that they help make.) Cooking doesn't have to be this daunting task; make it a fun family activity, turn on some music and enjoy the experience!

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- Fresh Tomato slices, *skin and seeds removed, small pieces*
- Ham, *diced into small pieces*
- Shredded mozzarella cheese (*or any cheese*)
- Grated Romano cheese

### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 425°F.
2. Arrange each ingredient in a small serving dish, each with its own spoon.
3. Place the English muffin halves cut side up onto a baking sheet.
4. Spoon pizza sauce onto each half.
5. Sprinkle a small amount of Italian Seasoning.
6. Top with small amounts of the vegetables, ham and mozzarella cheese. Suggestion: Let your child choose the ingredients they want on the pizza. Encourage them to use small amounts, or the pizzas won't cook properly!
7. Top with a small amount of Romano cheese.
8. Bake until the cheeses are melted, 5-10 minutes.

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## Biggest Fish Contest Winner



**Tweedie Vancise won the biggest fish contest as part of the Andahwod activities at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway R.V. Park on July 6, 2013.**

## FICO Score and how to improve yours

**GAYLE RUHL**

Contributing Writer

The following article is provided to assist elders, members and the community on ways to increase financial success. In a December meeting with Tribal Council the Elder Advisory Board expressed concerns for elder members who have come across financial difficulties. An outcome from that meeting is to provide financial information and tips through articles and workshops.

Many of the decisions regarding your financial health are based on a three digit number, your credit rating or FICO Score. FICO is an abbreviation for Fair Isaac Corporation who provides ratings based on mathematical calculations and predictions from credit reporting agencies. This little number is especially important when seeking loans. All lenders use this score, as well as insurance companies and landlords. Having a healthy FICO score improves your chances of getting better rates on loans, car insurance and into a home you want.

A score of 760 or above is the most optimal FICO Score for lower rates and better financial flexibility, but how do you improve your rating?

**Get your free credit report:** you can do this once per year for each of the credit reporting agencies. This can be done online at

TransUnion or Equifax or you can visit the Housing department here at the Tribe, and they will run a report for you. Once you have the report you need to review it for errors or other problems areas. If there is an error this will need to be dealt with Housing and Elder Services Case Manager can assist with these steps.

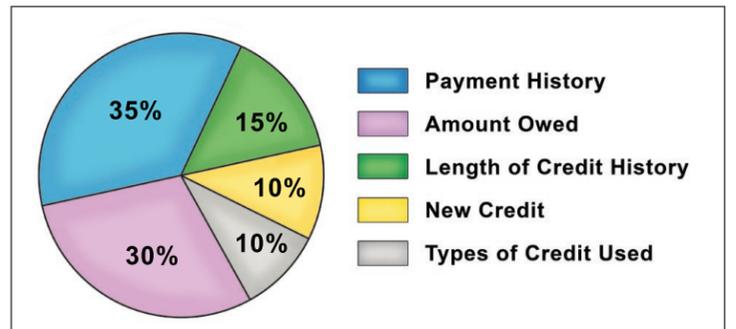
**Pay your bills on time:** the largest percentage of your FICO score is related to payment history. Pay what is due by the due date and catch up on any past or overdue payments. If you are struggling to make all your payments it is a good time to update your budget, see the March issue of the Tribal Observer for information on budgeting.

**Reduce your debt:** with the number of business that offer 10 to 20 percent off your purchase for opening a line of credit it is easy to have many credit

cards and other debt on your report. Start paying down lines of credit, do not close credit accounts. Instead simply do not use the card or destroy it, closing a card may have a negative effect on your credit. Pay down high interest credit as much as possible first or pay off a card with the smallest amount owed.

**Use credit wisely:** by using credit cards responsibly you can raise your credit score. Only using a credit card when needed, paying on time and as much as possible toward the balance will improve the credit rating over time.

**Do not open new credit:** Opening new lines of credit to make a purchase or help move credit around in the long run will not help with your credit score. Avoid new lines of credit as much as possible, especially the high interest rate lines of credit.



The FICO Score is made up of several different categories. This breakdown can be obtained from myfico.com.

## AUGUST 2013 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Eric Zocher, Mary Cargill   | 17 Bruce Hinmon, Larry Post  |
| 3 Gary Harris   | 18 Andrea Gonzales, Brenda Nolan, Susan Leksche  |
| 4 Kenneth Douglas, Matthew Pamp, Danny Russell  | 19 Alice Moore-Barton, Ralph Ambs, Diane Garrett, Michael Mitchell, Benjamin Willis Sr., David Zocher, Charles Sharon, Vicki Steffen |
| 5 Delilah Brown, Brenda McMillin, Rosalie Stevens   | 20 Kimberly Crandall   |
| 6 Kevin Bird, Marcella Hadden, Ricky Synder   | 21 James Peters  |
| 7 Michael Floyd Sr., David Otto, Veronica Bos, Dawn Jackson   | 22 Cecil John, Michael Abraham, Ronald Collin Sr., Delores George, Lynne Stewart   |
| 8 Pamela Floyd  | 23 Roger Jackson, Maynard Kahgegab Sr., Gloria Narvais, Lisa Gregurek-Clemens, Wilfred Peters Jr.                                    |
| 9 Sandra Stevens, Rosalie Bloom, Michael Hart, Cecelia Wieland  | 24 Paula Alexander, Louis Leksche, Terri Maki  |
| 10 Renee Deman  | 25 Michael Bennett, Bryan Shuler   |
| 11 Theresa Falcon, Phillip Mena, Dorothy Shawano, Theresa White, Debra DeFrens, Diane Jones, Laura Kellogg, Leonard Pontiac | 26 Rachel Mandoka, Neuel Denman  |
| 12 Rosalie Maloney, Madonna Sanders, Edward Cross, Beverly Morse, Margaret Jackson  | 27 Michael Schramm, Colleen Wagner, Wanda Ellis, Aloma Underwood   |
| 13 Mark Bailey, James Falcon, Ida Ziehmer, Carol Brame, John Henry, Dolly Holzhausen  | 28 Mary E. Jackson, Gregory Dean, Donna Hunt   |
| 16 Marilyn Bailey, Beverly Chamberlain, Brian Quigno, Sharmaine Brooks, Lorretta Smith, William Thibult                     | 30 Thomas Bonnau, Luanna Finney, Constance Pashenee  |
|   | 31 Lyle Pontiac, Sharon Skutt, Jamey Garlick, Mark Williams  |

## The Annual Elders Meeting

Will Be Held On Wednesday, Aug. 14

Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Immediately following the meeting, all elders are encouraged to welcome the new EAB members and wish a fond farewell to EAB members that may be departing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBER ELDERS!

We are looking for individuals who would like to sit on the Elders Trip Committee for a term of two years.

### The Individuals Seeking a Seat Must:

- Be at least 50 years of age
- Make monthly meetings
- Help coordinate future trips
- Be capable of assisting elders while chaperoning a trip.

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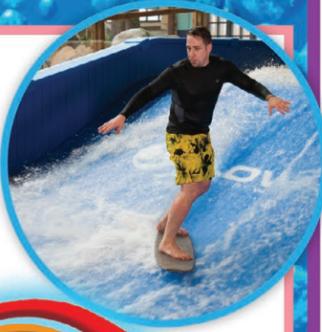
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## Calendar of Events

### August 1-4

Fry bread specials in Nbakade. Powwow booth with music!

### August 1

Native Fest! Music and Comedy Night, Ziibiwing Center, Gizi appearances, 6-8pm

### August 3

Acoustic Set, Ben Schuller, Nbakade Lounge or Veranda, 9pm-1am

### August 9

Teen Night, 11pm-1am, Acoustic Set - Redolence, Nbakade Lounge or Veranda, 9pm-1am

### August 16

Glow Golf, registration: 9pm, start time: 10pm (see add below), Acoustic Set, Nbakade Lounge, 9pm-1am

### August 17

Waterpark contest-join Gizi in the waterpark for a kid's contest day! (participation limited) 1pm-4pm

### August 23

Teen Night, 11pm-1am, Acoustic Set - Redolence, Nbakade Lounge or Veranda, 9pm-1am



- August 1, 10, 24, 30  
Smores with Makwa, 9-10pm
- August 2, 10, 16, 23, 24  
RV Park Craft, 9-11am, 6-8pm
- August 8  
Game Night, 7-9pm
- August 22  
Game Night, 7-9pm
- August 28  
Karaoke Night, 7-9pm

- August 24  
Pike Catch & Release  
Fishing Tournament  
(pike only) 5:30-8pm

Fish from canoe, kayak, or land. Boats are limited, Door prizes, 50/50 drawing, food, trophies for 1, 2, 3 in each division (youth, adults, elder). Call 989.817.4882 for more info! Pre-registration recommended. Parks & Rec partnership.

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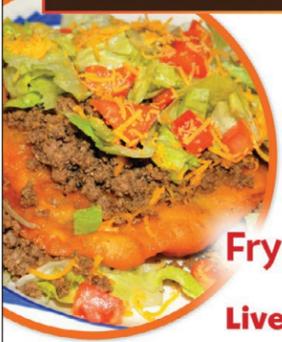


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## August 16 - GLOW GOLF!

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Registration: 9pm • Start Time: 10pm

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## AUGUST 2013 EVENT PLANNER

- Euchre**  
August 13, 20, 27 | 6 p.m.  
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Elder's Breakfast**  
August 28 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Annual SCIT Elder's Meeting**  
August 14 | 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Bingo with Friends**  
August 21 | 1 p.m.  
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Freedom Walk 2013**  
August 3 | 7:30 a.m. Registration/Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. Speakers, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Walk Begins  
Location: Tribal Gym, walk to Powwow Grounds  
Contact: 989-775-4881
- Tribal Member Community Meeting**  
August 1 | 9 a.m., Breakfast at 10 a.m.  
Location: SECR Entertainment Hall  
Open only to Tribal Members with ID
- AIMS Community Bake Off**  
August 2 | Back good to powwow by 1:45 p.m.  
Judging after 2 p.m.  
Location: SCIT Powwow  
Contact: 989-775-4386
- Community Walk'n Talk**  
August 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 | Wednesday 5 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday 4 p.m.  
Location: Meet at Nimkee Fitness Center  
Contact: 989-775-4690
- Kinoomaagasidaa Let's Be Educated**  
August 1 | 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
Contact: 989-775-4905  
Preventing, detecting and treating HIV/AIDS in the Elder community.  
Join At-Large afterwards for an ice cream social
- Native Fest: Music & Comedy Night**  
August 1 | 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center  
Contact: 989-775-8172  
Free food, live music and comedy show  
Free and open to the public
- Native Fest: Collection Showing**  
August 3 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center  
Contact: 989-775-8172  
Artifact Adoption Open House  
Free and open to the public
- 3rd Annual Powwow Basketball Tournament**  
August 4 | 9 a.m.  
Location: Mt Pleasant High School Gym  
Contact: 989-775-4128
- Introduction to Stone Sculpting Class**  
July 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 | 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Location: Elijah Elk Cultural Center  
Contact: 989-775-4780
- Native Famer's Market**  
August 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Location: Housing Pavilion  
Contact: 989-775-4059  
The market will be held every Wednesday until Oct. 9, 2013.
- Behavioral Health Family Camp**  
August 13 - 15 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Location: Soaring Eagle RV Park  
Contact: 989-775-4386
- Up All Night at SAC**  
August 15 | 10 p.m. - 5 a.m.  
Location: Central Michigan University  
Contact: 989-824-1209  
Youth ages 11 to 17
- Housing Financial Workshop**  
August 15 | Noon  
Location: Housing Conference Room  
Contact: 989-775-4595  
Lunch included
- Second Annual Summer Youth Banquet**  
August 15 | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
Contact: 989-775-4001
- AIMS and Parks & Rec Softball Tourney**  
August 17 | 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Location: Housing Ball Diamond  
Contact: 989-775-4386  
\$100 entry fee, six team max, double elimination.
- AIMS First Annual Golf Tourney**  
August 22 | 9 a.m.  
Location: Maple Creek Golf Course, Shepherd  
Contact: 989-775-4386
- Baby Moccasins With the Elders**  
August 23 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
Contact: 989-775-4907
- Free Acupuncture**  
August 28 | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Behavioral Health  
Contact: 989-775-4850
- Post-Partum Support Group**  
August 30 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Location: Nimkee Health  
Contact: 989-775-4621

## TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | AUGUST 2013

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> </ul>	<b>29th annual SCIT Powwow</b> "Anishinaabe Where the Heart Is" Friday, Aug. 2 through Sunday, Aug. 4		<b>1</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   Noon - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>2</b> Tribal Operations Closed SCIT Holiday AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>3</b> Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge   10 a.m. <b>4</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>5</b> Women's Tradition Group B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym   7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>6</b> Ogitchedaw Meeting Senior's Room   6 p.m. Men & Women's Healing Circle B. Health   6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym   7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>7</b> Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym   4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym   5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Men's Society Meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>8</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   Noon - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>9</b> AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>10</b> Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge   10 a.m. <b>11</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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## 100 Employment

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Open to the public. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or other state bar. Ten or more years experience as a practicing attorney, considerable litigation experience preferred, excellent knowledge of criminal and civil procedure and federal Indian law; and demonstrated interest in working with an Indian tribe. The successful candidate should have a high ethical standards and strong references.

#### Curriculum Instructional Coord

Open to the public. M.A. in Educational Administration with five years teaching experience or bachelors degree in Education field with seven years experience. Must possess a valid State of Michigan Teacher Certificate as applicable. Must demonstrate knowledge of the Michigan Department of Education Curriculum Standards. Must demonstrate knowledge in curriculum design and skilled in the areas of instruction, and professional development. Prefer experience working with Native American students or Native American community. Prefer knowledge of Ojibwe language and culture or Ojibwe language speaker.

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#### Anishinaabe Culture Language Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in Education with two years experience working with school age children or associate degree in Native American studies with four years experience working with school age children or high school diploma or equivalent with six year's experience working with school age children. Must be proficient in the Anishnaabemowin (Ojibwe) Language. Must have knowledge and willing to share Anishinaabe cultural teaching. Must possess excellent communication skills. Must be able to develop Anishinaabe culture and language curriculum and create teaching materials/manipulatives. Must be knowledgeable of word processing and other computer applications. Must possess a valid State of Michigan Driver's License and be eligible for Tribal Driver's License.

Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Laws. Provide Ojibwe Culture/Language instruction and assist academic teachers, in all grade levels at Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

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Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills include demonstrated fluency and knowledge of Anishinaabe language acquisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and two years experience teaching Anishinaabemowin with children in a school setting or community setting. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Possession of a teaching/language certificate preferred. Must complete a criminal records check in accordance with the State of Michigan. Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Laws.

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## Casino

#### Controller of Cage and Count

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Education experience must include a bachelor's degree or above in business or accounting and five years of cage and count managerial experience. Effective written and verbal communications skills required. Must have the ability to resolve problems/conflicts in a diplomatic and tactful manner. Must have the ability to deal effectively and interact well with customers and associates. Computer experience and good organizational skills are necessary. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. The Controller of Cage & Count is responsible for supervising the cage and count personnel, and the operation of all SECR cage and count locations. Responsible for communicating pertinent information to all cage and count team associates and management on a timely basis. Responsible for promoting outstanding guest relations and consistently presents a professional demeanor at all times. All functions are to be performed within the guidelines of the SECR policies and procedures, Internal Control Standards and Objectives. Native American preferred.

#### Casino Ambassador Full-Time

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Six months or more of heavy cash handling or hospitality experience in a fast paced, high pressure environment. Ability to communicate effectively using two way radios with ear pieces. Basic mathematical skills Ability to resolve problems as they arise and handle situations in an expedient manner. Greets Casino guests. Provides guests with prompt, professional, friendly and courteous service. Perform minor machine repairs and jackpot payoffs.

#### Reservations Manager

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent required, four year college degree and two years supervisory reservation experience with a hotel, casino preferred or high school diploma and a minimum of seven years experience managing a Hotel Reservations center. Experience with Springer Miller reservation software or a simi-

lar reservation system software required. Computer literate and capable of using various software applications. Available to work long hours. This is a KEY position, must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

#### Floor/Upholstery Cleaner

Open to the public. Six months of carpet/floor care and upholstery experience required. Must have knowledge of wet and dry extractions of carpet and upholstery and truck mount system a plus. Knowledge in various chemicals pertaining to daily maintenance of furniture, carpet and flooring. Must have a valid Michigan Drivers License, high school diploma or equivalent, be able to obtain a Service License and Tribal Drivers License and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier. To properly maintain and ensure the cleanliness of all floor, carpet and upholstery surfaces and items in the hotel.

#### Accountant

Open to the public. B.S. degree in Accounting or related field. Must have computer experience with spreadsheets and word processing. Working knowledge of GAAP principals. This is a "KEY" position, must be able to obtain gaming license. This position is an entry-level Accounting position within the Resort Accounting Department. During a period of two years, (less if job performance and evaluations dictate), this position will learn the department processes, IT systems and develop relationships with the Directors, Managers and Supervisors to whom they service. During this period, with the direction of the Accounting Manager and possibly a Senior Accountant, this position will be responsible to handle a number of assigned tasks to complete the daily operations along with providing support in completing the month end processing of the financials.

#### Steward Part-Time

Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Desire to work hard. Must have an organized and thorough in work ethic and a strong desire to provide service. Exceptional "people" skills, high level of enthusiasm and professionalism. Native American preferred.

#### Line Server Part-Time

Open to the public. Must have High School Diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age; must be able to work weekends, holidays and graveyard shifts. Good physical ability for walking, standing, lifting and bending. Must be able to lift 25-50 pounds regularly. Native American preferred.

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## “Awaken Your Spirit” American Indian Dances occurred every Saturday in July

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Editor

Every Saturday in July, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways hosted “Awaken Your Spirit” Indian Dances. Each Saturday featured a different style of American Indian dance. The shows were free and open to the public. A general introduction to all of the dances was given during each show. These shows provided an opportunity for the audience to interact with the dancers.

July 6 featured Men’s and Women’s Traditional dances. According to the Ziibiwing website, men’s and women’s traditional are the oldest form of dances in the Indian culture. Men’s traditional dancers tell the story of Creation and how Mother Earth identified and gave names to all things. Other styles of men’s traditional dance tell hunting and combat stories.

Women’s traditional dancers honor the connection women share with Mother Earth. They are the “backbone of our nation,” according to the Ziibiwing website.

July 13 presented Men’s Grass and Women’s Jingle. The job for the dancers in men’s grass is to make the grass flat and prepared for

a ceremonial clearing. The Grass Dancer represents the movement of swaying grass.

Women’s Jingle Dress features regalia with 365 tin or copper cones secured on the dress representing each day of the year. Each cone is filled with a prayer, as the cones “dance,” the prayers are released.

July 20 introduced Men’s Fancy Feather and Women’s Fancy Shawl. The dancers are known for their stamina, high jumps, spins and fancy footwork, according to Ziibiwing. This form of dance was born in the early twentieth century. Their regalia consist of two multi-colored feather bustles that are worn around the neck and waist.

Women’s fancy shawl, or the “Butterfly Dance” features women dancers wearing

brightly colored shawls around their shoulders. The women’s fancy shawl began in the mid-twentieth century. These dancers perform impressive footwork and spins.

July 27 highlighted Social and Hoop Dancing. The hoop dancing is a form of storytelling, incorporating numerous hoops as props.

Social dances bring all individuals together from all walks of life.

Guests did not only learn, listen and watch the American Indian dances, but they were also able to experience the dancing on their own during the social dance at the end of every show.

For more information on upcoming events at Ziibiwing, please visit [www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing/](http://www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing/)

Observer photo by Matthew Wright



A group of Men's Fancy dancers entertain the crowd.

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Many smiles were present as the dancers and the audience came together for a round dance.



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Young Fancy dancers show off their colorful shawls while dancing.

Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck



Two young grass dancers show off their fancy footwork.

Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck



Jingle Dress dancers bless the crowd by waving their feather fans.

Observer photo by Matthew Wright



Women's Fancy Shawl dancers show off their brightly colored shawls and impressive footwork.

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Jingle Dress Dancers take a break from dancing.

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A social dance allowed all guests to join in with the Jingle Dress dancers and Men's Grass dancers.