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Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe offers insight on ACD.net at June 25 Union Township Board meeting

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On June 25, SCIT Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden offered insight to the Union Township Board as ACD.net attempted to gain business in Isabella County over objections made by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council.

Hadden informs the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe took a decisive stand against racist comments left on a May 6 phone message by Telecommunications Executive Kirk Shewchuck, CFO of ACD.net, a telecommunications firm in Lansing, Mich.

Shewchuck continued to record after leaving a message for Tribal Planning Engineer Donald Seal and many disparaging words about the Tribe and Indian Country ensued. The Tribal Observer offers this transcript of part of Shewchuck's personal comments made on Seal's office phone.

"Hi Don, this is Kirk Shewchuck at ACD.net and we wanted to talk to you about our plans to put mini cell towers, you know, close to the casino there. I think you called in here earlier, again my name is Kirk at ACD.net and my phone number is I'd appreciate a call. Thank you, bye.

*We'll see what happens, those f**king Indians let's call them red man, I was listening to the radio on the way in this morning and you can't use red man in the paper because... You know what, f**k you let's sic the Sault Tribe on you, let's get a good old-fashioned Indian woo woo woo woo woo woo (laughter) around in Michigan the one they would be leery of are Huron Indians – the Huron Indians wiped out most of the other tribes – the Huron's were the motorcycle gangs, the rest of them were on horses (laughter) I'm serious, the rest of the Indians here were farmers – it's pretty cool, we should put a Tribal Elder....on the reservation there – we should call them back – I might go up there*

and go like this....are you the guy – did you hear about the guy with the cell phone camera who got arrested....and then the police walked up to him and it shut off their signal and they couldn't radio in.... Go up to the reservation and so you don't want a wireless tower here? You know what happens to your cell phone signals (laughter) I'll turn it back on in a few minutes after you agree to – maybe they would like that – you know they can't talk on their cell phones at the casino they would spend more time there but maybe the opposite would be true and they keep leaving to check their cell phones... wouldn't that be cool..."

The complete 2:06 audio message can be heard in its entirety on the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal website at www.sagchip.org.

"Personally, I had to take a break and listen to this several times just to get a grasp of whether this was really happening," Seal said. "I have heard of incidences that have occurred in the news with politicians and celebrities where the microphone and camera catches something derogatory, but this was clearly over the top. I went immediately to Tribal Administrator Dustin Davis to play the remarks to him and he went directly to Tribal Council and Public Relations with the information. I still have his remarks saved on my phone."

Tribal leaders refused to honor a request from the senior management of ACD.net given on May 30 to sit down to discuss the ill-fated telephone message.

SCIT Public Relations sources report that several key executives were part of that phone message including ACD.net owner and President Steven Schoen and the firm's co-owner and CEO Kevin Schoen.

Aaron Payment, tribal chief of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has confirmed that ACD.net CFO Kurt Shewchuck is in fact a member of his Tribe

and has expressed his sincere apologies for the "irresponsible statements" made by his fellow member.

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier has been fielding all the inquiries and compassion shared from other Tribal leaders.

"The support of Chief Aaron Payment is greatly appreciated, as well as the outrage expressed in communication from Chief Homer Mandoka, Chairman John Warren and Vice-Chair Debbie DeLeon," Cloutier said. "As support reverberates across Indian Country, we need to stand together against this narrow-minded bigotry."

Homer Mandoka, tribal chief of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi has ordered a boycott on any future business with ACD.net.

John P. Warren, chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi said, "On behalf of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, we too are boycotting doing any business with ACD.net."

Debbie DeLeon, tribal vice chair of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians remarked, "We are all standing together on this, and so are our friends... some of my business friends in Lansing are pulling their contracts with ACD.net and finding a new provider!"

Tribal Chief Steven Pego confirmed that many have come forward to comment on the negative and prejudicial climate of ACD.net and offer their assistance. Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police have been asked to begin an investigation.

Cloutier confirmed the first contact call from ACD.net was based on their intentions to establish a relationship in hopes of gaining access to the Tribe's trust property through an easement for the use of cell phone towers.

"Because there was a veiled threat of scrambling our cell use and interrupting our business, the voicemail has been handed over to our Tribal police department for further investigation," Cloutier

said. "Our legal department is looking into the possibility of filing a lawsuit and Tribal Council through Chief Pego is contacting the U.S. Department of the Interior on the severity of the matter."

In a June 12 letter to Kevin Washburn, assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior, Chief Pego wrote:

"Dear Assistant Secretary Washburn:

On behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, I would request your assistance in a matter of great importance to our Tribe.

On May 6, 2014, Mr. Kirk Shewchuck, an executive at the telecommunications company, ACD.net, left a phone message for Mr. Donald Seal, who is the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Planning Engineer. In his message, Mr. Shewchuck engaged in a hate-filled, racist diatribe that can be only described as bizarre. Mr. Shewchuck proceeded to attack our Tribe and used racial epithet and anti-Indian language that was vulgar and offensive. For your review, we are including a transcript of the phone message.

We are writing you to ask your assistance in determining whether ACD.net has any federal contracts that have non-discrimination clauses that would preclude them from doing business with the U.S. Government. As a result of this phone message, our Tribal government, along with other Tribal governments in Michigan, has ceased doing any business with ACD.net. As part of the government-to-government relationship, we would ask the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct an inter-agency review and determine if ACD.net holds any contracts with the U.S. Government. If they do, are there any provisions in their contract that would deal with non-discrimination issues? Thank you for your assistance in this matter and we look forward to working with you to improve the quality of life for Indian Country."



Bonita L. Davis

Jan. 2, 1952 - May 22, 2014

Bonita L. Davis, 62, of Davison, Mich., died Thursday, May 22, 2014 at her residence. Funeral service were held Wednesday, May 28 at the Swartz Funeral Home in Flint, Mich. Pastor Steve Wood officiated. The burial was at the Flint Memorial Park.

Bonita was born in Flint on Jan. 2, 1952 and was a resident of the Flint area all of her life. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. Bonita retired from General Motors.

She enjoyed playing piano, bead work, crafting, pillow making and going to the casino.

Surviving are children, John Velasquez, Bessie, Tim, Rob and Matthew and wife Amy Davis; grandchildren, Jessica Velasquez, Jason Busalacchi and Mason Davis; great-grandson, Joshua; sister, Nancy Henry and brother, Marvin Davis; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.



Terrence L. Finney

May 8, 2014

Terry L. Finney passed away May 8, 2014 at the age of 53. He loved to listen to music, spend time with his calico cat, go camping, sit by a fire and help anyone in need at his foster care home. Terry was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan and was loved by all who met him. He was a joy to be around. He loved to read his bible and did so everyday. Terry also enjoyed watching the "Little Rascals."

Terry was preceded in death by his father, Edwin Finney and his brother William Newell. He is survived by his mother, Zilda Jackson; brothers, Anthony L. Jackson, Michael (Tammy) Finney, Dennis Jackson and Kevin Jenkins; sisters, Luanna and Lorena Finney, Angela and Deanna Jenkins; several nieces and nephews, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and his Tower Hill friends and family.



Shirley Maxine Powell

May 9, 1933 - June 7, 2014

Shirley M. Powell passed away June 7, 2014 at age 81. Beloved wife of the late Leonard. Dear mother of Sherry (Jeff) Bame, Lori Mazur, Linda Laforest, Mark (Jane) and Pamela (Danny) Slifco. Proud grandmother of Sarah, Jeffrey, Matthew, Erica, Stephen, Brandon, Jenny, Mark, Allison, Valerie and Kimberly. Loving sister of Rick (Pauline) Smith.

Visitation was held at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. in Shelby Township, Mich. Instate at St. John Vianney Catholic Church until the time of Mass. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East. Memorial tributes to the Ziibiwing Cultural Center are welcome.



James "Papa" Bailey Sr.

10/6/1920 - 6/11/2000

We will never forget,
That special smile,
That caring heart,
That laugh we shared,
That warm embrace,
You always knew how
To put a smile on our face.

Fourteen years has gone by,
This family of yours
continually grows,
We will always make sure
the little ones know,
Of the Greatest Man,

We were lucky
enough to know,
But what you left us with,
Was a part of you,
That will carry on,
There will always be a
special spot,

Inside our hearts,
That's been yours
from the start.
We Miss you each
and every day,
But Love we have for you will
never fade away.

Love Always -

Rita, your children, your grandchildren,
your great-grand children and your great-great grandchildren

In Memory of Eric Lee Hunt



No farewell words were spoken, no time to say good-bye. You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. Our hearts still ache in sadness, and secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know...

A Mother holds her children's hands
for a while...their hearts forever.



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Requirements:

- 1) Must be a SCIT member.
- 2) Must be at least 18 years of age.
- 3) Must have strong interests in the health services provided and the health problems within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community.

Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (if eligible). Term of office is three years with three more years with Tribal Council approval.

If interested: Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member. Mail or bring to the clinic:

Attention: Michelle George
591 South Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48858

Please include your phone number or a contact person. When the letters are received at the end of the time period the letters are given to the Tribal Council and they will make the final decision.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call:
Michelle 989-775-4602.



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Time: 6 p.m. | For More Information: 775-4175

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

Dispatch: 989-775-4700

Tip Line: 989-775-4775

Bayanet (Narcotics Enforcement)

Tip Line: 989-779-9697

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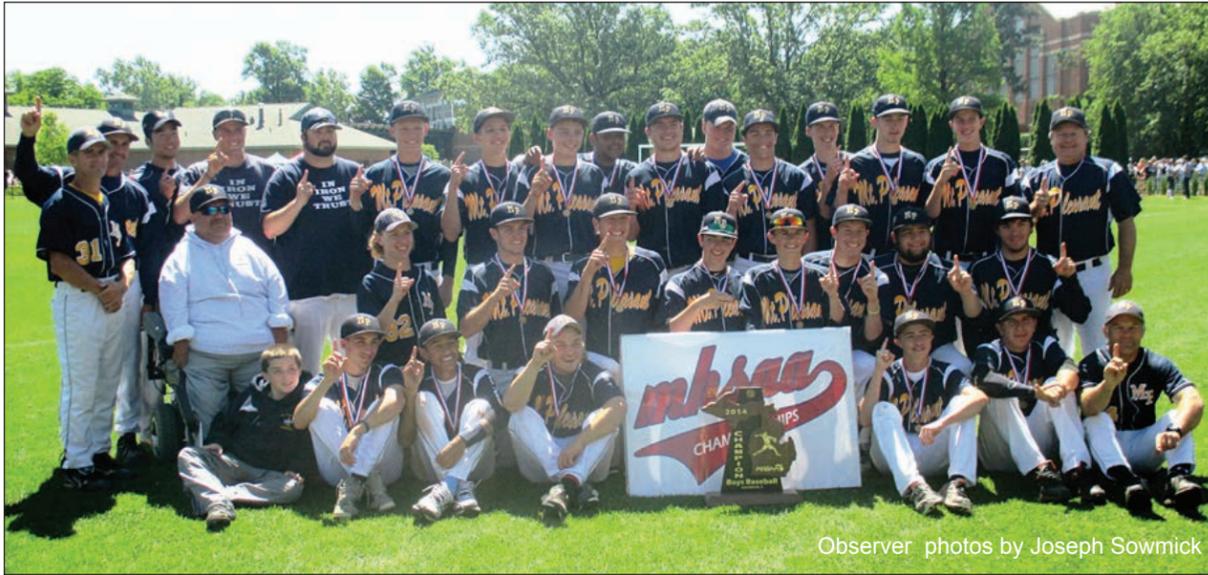
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police provide law enforcement services under 638 Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Included within said contract; The Bureau of Indian Affairs reserve the right for "First Right of Refusal" pertaining to any complaints against the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and/or its Officer's.

As result of this contractual procedure; All complaints against the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and/or its Officer's must first be directed to :

BIA Internal Affairs SSA Justin Wendland
justin.wendland@bia.gov | 701-250-4545



Oiler Nation celebrates their third title as 2014 MHSAA Division 2 Champions



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

The Mount Pleasant Varsity Baseball team poses with the MHSAA Division 2 Baseball State Championship trophy after their 7-2 win to Richmond in the state finals.

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Tribal youth athlete Joe Genia, along with clutch hitting from teammate Robert Backus and great pitching by Aaron Leasher, led Coach Luke Epple and Oiler Nation to their third title by notching a 7-2 win against Richmond on June 14 at MSU.

Mount Pleasant (32-8) also reached the final in 2008, losing to Dearborn Divine Child, and Epple said this team was as prepared as any team he's coached entering a final.

"We came out pretty focused," he said. "I knew we were better than people thought we were. Sure, we have expectations but you still have to execute. We really stressed execution throughout the tournament."

Genia was joined by his family and community as the high fives were in abundance.

"As a player, we appreciate our family and the community coming out to the games and following us wherever we play," Genia said. "I would just like to thank my dad and mom, my grandma and everyone who took part in this... we did it for them!"

The Oiler caps had the word "Iron" on them as a tribute to the late MPHS legendary Coach Joe "Iron" Epple. There were definitely two fathers who were smiling wide on Father's Day weekend for their sons.



MPHS center fielder Joe Genia (right) scores a run at the state finals.



Congratulations

Breanna Colwell

on your successful audition to become a Marching Chip this Fall!!



Happy Birthday Grams!

No One Could Ask For A Better Grandma and Great-Grandma!

We Love You!

Noah and Alexandria
June 30th



Congratulations

Mak'yo George-Dye
on your graduation!

MPHS 2014.

We are so proud of you!
Love mom, Lucas, Zari and Grama Gail.



Happy 10th Birthday

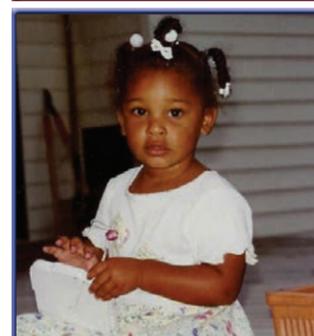
Izabella Grace

Benzinger

Hard to believe you've hit the double digits already where has the time gone.

Enjoy your special day

Love, Mom & Dad
July 27, 2004



Happy 21st Birthday

Eryka Mitchell

we love you!

Brian, Mom, DeVante,
Tiffany, Bailey & JJ

"Wings Of Wonder"

Presentation wows capacity crowd at Ziibiwing Center

Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick



Wings Of Wonder (WOW) Founder and Director Rebecca Lessard wows youth and adults alike with her raptor presentation at the Ziibiwing Center on May 2. Visiting raptors who flew in to meet the Tribal community included Eoin the Great Horned Owl (left) and Doolin the Turkey Vulture (right). Also joining Lessard and the flock were Ned the Saw Whet Owl and Jaeda the American Kestrel.

WOW is a non-profit raptor sanctuary located in Empire, Mich. Active since 1990, WOW presents more than 150 educational programs annually throughout Michigan, reaching 10,000 people each year. WOW presentations are designed to foster appreciation, understanding, honor and respect for raptors and the important role these birds play in healthy ecosystems.

WOW is also a raptor rehabilitation and release facility. Sick, injured and/or orphaned raptors are admitted for treatment, rehabilitation, and eventual release back to the wild. All raptors are seen and evaluated by a team of participating veterinarians. WOW's primary goal with rehabilitation is to release healthy and strong raptors back into the wild.

Rocket Football Signup

Ages 8-14 **Registration Dates: July 28 & Aug. 4**
4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the MPHS Gym

For more information on Rocket Football you can contact Nicole Mozurkewich at 989-773-0348

Smart Start Football Signup

Ages 3-5 **Registration: Now through July 22**
At Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation

For more information on Smart Start please contact Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation at 989-779-5331

SECR Hotel Items Giveaway

July 23, 2014

Adult SCIT Members
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin ~ Love

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

Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

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

Debwewin ~ Truth

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

Tribal Members needed to inventory POWTS Project

DON SEAL

Planning Director

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, in conjunction with Indian Health Services (IHS), is seeking Tribal members to inventory their Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) Project.

Phase 1 is an inventory, pumping and inspection of the POWTS systems and once all data is gathered, the repairs will be completed as a subsequent Phase 2, known as the POWTS Repair Project.

The Tribe and the IHS are encouraging Tribal members to participate in the Project as a benefit to Tribal member homeowners. We will be conducting an inventory of private onsite wastewater treatment systems for Tribal member homes throughout

the Isabella Reservation, Clare, Arenac, Midland and Isabella counties in Michigan.

Septic systems will be pumped and inspected at no expense to the homeowner by licensed and certified pumpers and inspectors. Homeowners must be willing to allow pumpers and inspectors on site for this work. This work will be scheduled with the homeowners.

Please contact Don Seal if you have questions or concerns:

Don Seal

Planning Director/Community Engineer
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Please reply by Monday July 28, 2014.

Radio Disney Detroit celebrates SEWPH's anniversary

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Radio Disney Detroit joined the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel in celebrating the two year anniversary of SEWPH's opening. The sun-drenched May 23 event concluded music, games and prizes.

Melinda Coffin, SEWPH associate general manager was on site to watch the Radio Disney Road Crew go through many contests with youth winning Disney and Waterpark-related prizes.

"The Radio Disney Road Crew put on a fantastic event for our guests," Coffin said. "The day was perfect for families to enjoy a great time at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel."

Stay tuned as Radio Disney Detroit returns to SEWPH on August 29 during Labor Day Weekend.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Radio Disney Detroit provides a word scramble contest for children visiting SEWPH.

Enrollment/Tribal Clerk's Department

Notice of Fee Schedules Effective as of April 16, 2014

(As approved by Tribal Council Motions)

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| Enrollment Application Fee | \$100 per application |
| Enrollment File Copies | \$1 per page |
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| Replacement Voter Registration Cards | \$10 each |
| Replacement Resident Tribal Member Cards | \$25 each |
| Governmental IDs | \$10 each |
| Replacement Golf Cards | \$10 each |
| Faxes | \$2.50 per page |
| Minutes (more than 60 days old) | 10 cents per page |
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| Subsequent POA Filing Fee | \$100 per POA filed |

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Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
c/o Tribal Observer
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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
You may also e-mail us at observer@sagchip.org.

Subscription rates are \$30 per year for non-Tribal members and \$15 for Tribal Members 49 years and younger. Tribal Elders continue to receive complimentary mailed copy but are still required to fill out a subscription form.

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

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Tribal Council honored for two percent grant to fulfill Peace Mosaic vision

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Chief Steven Pego and Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan attended West Intermediate's Peace Mosaic dedication ceremony on Friday, May 23.

Tribal Council's two percent funding made the project possible, with the assistance of the Mount Pleasant Area Community Foundation and the Mount Pleasant Board of Education.

After all of the students' hard work, the official mosaic ribbon cutting ceremony occurred during the school's annual end-of-the-year assembly.

The Wabanaise Snowbird Singers performed an honor song and a working song to celebrate the students' artistic work.

"Our people have always been artists," Anishinabe Kwe Mae Pego said during the assembly. "We are so pleased to see that something like this can be created within the school, and it's really utmost importance that our Tribal Council can fund things like this."

Under the direction of Boston-based artist Joshua Winer, and local artist and Seventh Generation's Lee Ann Ruffino, West Intermediate students came together for two days and created all kinds of art work around the theme of peace.

Student counselor Laura Gourlay had a vision to make this mosaic happen.

"Josh went home to Boston with a stack of student art work, filed through it... and pulled out images that best represented peace in our community at this particular moment," Gourlay said.

Chief Pego, Wassegijig, Gourlay and community members left the assembly to view the complete mosaic and begin the dedication ceremony.

"I'm an artist too, and I know of the work planned for this," Chief Pego said. "From Council we say, 'miigwetch' for the beautiful piece of work and dedication... Every day was art for us. We took care of our lodges and

everything inside was of art... everything was beauty... everything was done with quillwork from a porcupine and natural colors from berries... everything we've done, even our clothing, was done in an artist's way."

The peace mosaic contains images of the SCIT medicine wheel and Seven Grandfather Teachings, a peace dove juxtaposed with the hawk of war, Chief Little Elk, weapons thrown into a



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The official dedication ceremony of the West Intermediate Peace Mosaic occurred Friday, May 23.

fire, peace for the U.S. Military, Martin Luther King Jr., the Chippewa River and the school's motto "because no one should have to go it alone."

Repatriation documentary takes center stage at Ziibiwing on June 17

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Ziibiwing Center took center stage as staff joined Tribal Public Relations in welcoming the Alpheus Media production team as they began filming an upcoming Public Broadcasting Service, or PBS, documentary on repatriation.

The documentary features the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho of the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

"PBS Director Mat Hames and fellow PBS Photography Director Wilson Waggoner made a June 17 site visit to Ziibiwing Center and began filming a documentary on connecting to our Tribal history, repatriation and NAGPRA," Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden said. "We needed about 30 youth to be roaming the exhibit for this filming and we had many excited Tribal youth who were more than willing to participate."

"We're excited to announce our Wind River film received Independent Television Service (IVTS) Open Call 2014 funding, as well as funding from the prestigious Vision Maker Media," Hames said. "Our goal for the



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Alpheus Media Filmmaker Mat Hames and Photography Director Wilson Waggoner give direction to their actors as they prepare to shoot their documentary.

documentary is to show who owns the past and how heritage can be reclaimed. The people of Wind River are starting their efforts and can learn much from the groundwork done by the Saginaw Chippewas and we hope to convey that journey on film."

Vision Maker Media shares Native stories with the world and is considered a premiere source for quality Native American and Pacific Islander educational and home videos across the globe. ITVS funds, presents and promotes award-winning documentaries and dramas on public television, innovative new media projects on the web, and the Emmy® Award-winning weekly series "Independent Lens" on Mondays at 10 p.m. on PBS.

Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin addressed the actors on how the journey of repatriation started for the Tribe in 1994.

Throughout the next year, Hames and Alpheus Media will be focused on finishing the documentary, which they began while working on a project with Wyoming PBS nearly three years ago. This summer, their team will journey back to the Wind River Reservation to continue production.

"We are deeply honored that the people of the Wind River Reservation have allowed us to tell part of their story, and we do not take it lightly," Hames said. "We feel a huge sense of responsibility to create a film worthy of the amazing people involved."

The documentary carries the vision of Elder Philbert McCleod, of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, who has lived on the isolated Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming all his life. He left only once to fight in Vietnam where he nearly died in three terrifying helicopter crashes. What helped him survive? Philbert believes an old-beaded charm passed down to him by an Elder saved his life. He had much taken from him by the war, but the charm has grounded him for more than 40 years. Artifacts like it have largely disappeared as the Reservation, like Philbert, has endured a legacy of devastation dating back to Wind River's inception.

When a movement starts up on Wind River to reclaim what's been lost, Philbert is swept along. Reluctant at first, the experience unleashes not the bad spirits he

feared, but a reconnection with his past that makes him stronger. He and other Elders want youth, such as high school student Mikala and young journalist Jordan, who also call Wind River home, to know who they are and to be inspired to bring home the artifacts which were taken away long ago. With Mikala and Jordan, Philbert journeys off the Reservation for the first time since 1967 to explore Wind River's artifacts and learn how they vanished in the first place.

Weaving past and present, reality and traditional beliefs, the Wind River documentary captures the sparks of an awakening as the youth search for ways to recover what's been lost.

Hames is an award-winning filmmaker based in Austin, Texas. He has been fortunate to travel the world, including Africa, Europe and the Middle East, finding little-known stories

and portraying his subjects with extreme sensitivity.

Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson views this production as another opportunity for SCIT to share a bond of repatriation with another sovereign Tribal nation.

"I truly appreciate Mat and Wilson being able to tell the story of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho of the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming and how the Saginaw Chippewas shared a similar path" Johnson said. "I realize their journey will be one of perseverance and love. One of my most favorite quotes in our Ziibiwing Identity Theater is 'a society that is guided by its heart is the society that's going to flourish,' a SCIT Tribal Elder said this many years ago and it still resounds true today."

A 2015 air date for the completed production will be announced through SCIT Public Relations at a later time.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal community youth and SEWPH participate in SUMMER FEST PARADE

The Youth LEAD Department with Youth Council and representatives from the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel participated in the Mount Pleasant Summer Festival parade on Friday, June 6.

The youth and participants lined up in their sports gear or regalia in the Sacred Heart Parish parking lot. The parade went through Illinois to Main and Broadway streets.

Youth Council decorated the float from Seventh Generation, showed off their regalia and passed out candy. Youth athletes rode in the brand new fully-loaded truck donated by Graff Chevrolet. Youth dancers, drummers and singers performed for the Mount Pleasant community.

"It was a great representation of our healthy, strong youth and the great strides we are taking to ensure that they continue to be successful," Youth LEAD Activities Manager Ronnie Ekdahl said.

SEWPH employees, along with Gizi, represented the waterpark and passed out candy.



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Coleman Memorial Day celebration brings community together “United By Sacrifice”

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On Memorial Day 2014, Tribal Council for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan joined the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society, or AOVWS, and VFW Post 1071 to celebrate a “United By Sacrifice” Dedication Ceremony at the City of Coleman Veterans Memorial.

Tribal Chief Steven Pego and his wife Mae sang an honor song for the dedication ceremony. Chief Pego rode with City of Coleman Mayor Gene Robinson during their annual parade festivities.

Tribal Members Linze Ritter and AOVWS veterans Weekaun Kent Jackson and Okima I Mike Perez also took part in the ceremony honoring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

“We do these ceremonies in a good way and to share these teachings with others in a respectful manner,” Jackson said. “When we stand together with our sacred items and share that medicine, all who are present gather strength from the medicine teachings.”

Artist and sculptor Lynn Liverton flew in from Honolulu to be a part of the unveiling of her work “United By Sacrifice.”

“The Tribe has been so respectful of the artwork and I am honored today to be here with the



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

The Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society proudly display their Eagle Staffs and colors at the 2014 Coleman Memorial Day Parade.



“United By Sacrifice” artist and sculptor Lynn Liverton shares a moment with SCIT Tribal Chief Steven Pego at the Coleman Veterans Memorial.

Tribal Chief and the veterans for the unveiling,” Liverton said. “I hope when people come to view this memorial it moves them like it moved me in creating it.”

State Rep. Kevin Cotter (R-Mount Pleasant) attended the parade and gathering in support of the veterans.

“It was a beautiful ceremony and an honor to see all the families come out to support our armed forces and those who gave so much for our country,” Rep. Cotter said. “It is an honor to be here with Chief Pego and my friends from the Tribe to honor such an important occasion.”

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier was

pleased by the outpouring support and to see the spirit of togetherness demonstrated.

“Memorial Day was celebrated by the Tribal community of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the city of Coleman in a reverent and honorable fashion,” Cloutier said.

“It is good to know there are communities such as Coleman who are keenly aware of our people’s dedication and sacrifice for freedom. The fifth statue of a Native American World War I soldier being added to the Veterans Memorial was very fitting and clearly shows the spirit of patriotism Coleman carries in its heart.”

Two quotes from past Tribal leaders were included as a part of the ceremony. The first quote was from Mohawk Tribal leader Joseph Brant Thayendanegea who said, “No person among us desires any other reward for performing a brave and worthy action, but the consciousness of having served his nation.”

The second quote was stated in 1917 by Chief Red Fox to U.S. Secretary of War Newton Baker, “We beg of you to give us the right to fight... we guarantee to you, sir, our hearts could be for no better cause than to fight for the land we love and for the freedom we share.”

A Memorial Day Prayer

solemnly delivered by Dr. Roderick P. Anderson

We rejoice in the hope of your glory, as we have gathered on this occasion to honor the sentinels of freedom, who have guarded the citadel of democracy

We thank Thee that we shall dedicate today another figure of World War I,

And of the First, Native Nation of our Land

As we have dedicated these monuments in times past, they continue to bear silent witness to the sacrifice that speaks to the eternal vigilance that is the price of freedom

We pray for the families who have given loved ones on the battlefields, known and lesser known, but all greatly essential

We pray for the Men and Women who hold aloft their armaments that the torch of liberty should not be extinguished

We pray for the President, The Congress, and The Courts
We here to fore resolve that as Christ died to make men Holy, we shall dedicate ourselves to the task to Make Men Free... Free to Worship, Free to Spread the Good News, Free to reap the Bounty of the Earth, and Free to explore the boundless expansion of the Heaven.

Amen...

Saganing May Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK

Administrative Assistant II

Congratulations to Natalie Nichols and Danielle Kennedy, our SELC May Employees of the Month!

Natalie is a supervisor in the Slot Department. She has worked for Saganing Eagles Landing Casino since the opening in 2007. Natalie was nominated by an executive supervisor for her outstanding work ethics. There is always a smile on her face and she exceeds in customer service!

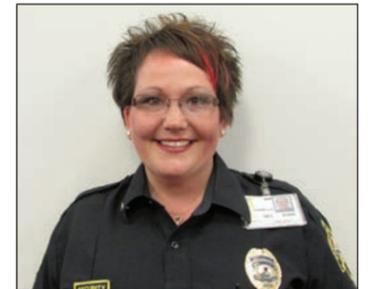
During one instance, when a guest won a jackpot, there was some type of glitch in the system, showing there were two different winners. Natalie kept the guest



Natalie Nichols

happy while they tracked down what was causing the glitch. In the end, the guest received his jackpot and was very happy. Great job, Natalie!

Danielle is a security guard on first shift and has also been with SELC since its opening. Danielle has been nominated several times by her supervisors and co-workers. She is outstanding



Danielle Kennedy

with customer service and shows enthusiasm for her job!

A few months back, Danielle was doing a check of our attic. She actually caught and stopped a possible fire. She often will shorten her breaks to assist in calls or deliveries. Danielle is a true advantage to the Security Department. Thank you, Danielle, for everything you do!

Evelyn Recker retires after 20 years of service



HUNTER GENIA

Behavioral Health Director

Behavioral Health would like to recognize Evelyn Recker who is retiring after more than 20 years of service to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Much has changed in 20 years and I’m sure she has some great stories to

share during that time. Among the many wonderful gifts she received from our staff and the great potluck provided, she received a wooden Eagle Feather plaque made by Anishinabe community member Ben Hinmon at Seventh Generation.

She will be able to take this with her on her next chapter in life and we wish her the very best.

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Green Hills Golf Outing in Pinconning supports Saganing Powwow

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Green Hills Golf Club in Pinconning, Mich. was filled with golfers competing in support of the annual Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow. On Friday, June 13, 22 teams, each made up of four people, competed in the golf tournament to win cash prizes, receive a courtesy dinner from Green Hills, and a chance to win the “hole in one car giveaway” sponsored by Keyser Chevrolet Buick, all while helping aid in funding for the powwow.

Because the Saganing Powwow is self-funded, any leftover funds go toward next year’s powwow, At-Large Elders Advocate and Powwow Committee Member Lisa Peters said.



Tribal members Melinda Coffin and Stephanie Peters are all smiles in their Green Hills golf cart.

Community awareness and promotion for the powwow is also benefited from the golf outing.

Tribal Council member Michele Stanley came up with the idea to develop the golf outing.

“Michele wanted to add some fun components to the powwow,” Peters said. “She felt that the Tribal community loves to golf, so the committee decided to try it, and the golf outing has been a great success.”

Taking first place was Chase Owl, Eric Rodriguez, Derrick Owl and Kelly Chamberlain. Two teams tied for second place.

It was a collaborative effort to make this year’s golf outing possible.

“We want to thank the people that made the event fun and enjoyable; Louanna Bruner and the training department, Sandy Sprague, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and staff, hole sponsors and Green Hills staff,” Peters said.

Despite the windy weather, the 88 golfers came out to have fun and assist in funding the annual Saganing powwow.



Brian Quigno, Kelly Sprague, Pat Naganashe and Mike McCreery have fun at the Green Hills Golf Outing.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Tiffany Bennett, Mike Floyd Jr., Tim Mandoka and Bruce Bennett pose for a photo before teeing off.



At-Large golf outing staffers Denise Pelcher (left) and Lisa Peters (right) join Tribal Council Secretary Sandy Sprague in registering golfers.



A total of 88 golfers competed in support of the 2014 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow.



Long drivers Dennis Kequom, Vinnie Kequom, Michael Funmaker and Bear Raphael get ready for the competition.

The return of your paper Social Security benefits statements

MIKKI MARCOTTE

Case Manager

Do you remember the paper Social Security benefits statements you received annually in the mail? Did you even realize that they had stopped?

If you have been wondering what happened to them, you will be happy to know the Social Security Administration plans to resume mailing the benefit statements in September 2014.

It used to be everyone who had paid into the system got a statement. But, starting this

year, not everyone will receive the paper statements, which will give you an estimate of how many credits you have and your future Social Security earnings.

According to Reuters.com, the paper statements will be mailed to workers at ages 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and older.

Remember, if you've signed up to view your benefits statements online, you will not get the mailed statement.

The AARP stated that the mailed earnings statements are important for many Americans, because so few people, about 11 million, have signed up to read them online.

“Social Security is and will continue to be the foundation to a secure retirement,” Gary Koenig, director of economic security at the AARP Public Policy Institute said. “It is important that people have a basic understanding of

what their benefits may be when planning for their future.”

The SSA finally decided to reinstate mailed statements after receiving “pressure from the advocacy groups for the elderly and other Americans who do not have regular access to the Internet,” according to The Washington Post.

Millions of Americans, including 25 percent without Internet access, have no way to verify the accuracy of their Social Security benefits, or even plan for retirement without the mailed Social Security earnings statements.

Thank you from the Saganing Traditional Powwow Committee

On behalf of the Saganing Traditional Powwow Committee, we would like to send a special thank you out to the many people who, without their help, the Powwow would not have been possible; our Powwow building team of Ed Matthews, David Darnell, Jonathan Ayling, Ron DeFoy, Tracey Chamberlain and Dan Bennett.

Thank you to Michele Stanley for donating lunch for the team; Tribal Council, Tony Federico, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and its employees, Ron Nelson-Saganing

representative, the Pamame family for acting as our fire keepers, Tribal Maintenance department, and Migizi Economic Development Corp., Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Facilities departments, Frank Cloutier, Saganing Tribal Police and Tribal Fire, and the Warrior Society.

Also, thank you to the At-Large Cultural Committee for donating their time and handling the T-shirt sales, Green Hills Golf Course staff in the assistance of our Golf Outing on Friday and to

Jodi Valley from the Finance Department of SELC for acting as our accountant for the weekend, Louanna Bruner and the Training department for the fun games, Sandy Sprague for helping with the golf registration and being the most wonderful park ranger.

Our mascot day was a success with both young and old. Thanks to Gizi (Eagle) from Soaring Eagle Waterpark, Mshika (Turtle) from Ziibiwing, Lou E. Loon from the Great Lakes Loons, Sammy Spirit (Eagle) from the Saginaw Spirit Hockey Team and Mighty Mouse and King Cheese from the Pinconning Cheese Festival. Thank you to all of the mascots and their handlers.

We would also like to take a moment to thank the Creator for blessing us with a beautiful weekend of weather.

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Community unites for Honoring, Healing & Remembering

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Eighty years ago, it was put to an end... 80 years ago, the children were freed... 80 years ago, the suffering diminished... 80 years ago, it was all over... hardly. Today, the memories still linger. Today, the stories are still painful. Today, it still affects families. Today, coping is still difficult. It may have "ended" 80 years ago, but it's not over.

June 6, 2014 marked the 80th anniversary of the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, or MIIBS, closing. The school operated from 1893 to 1934, averaging 300 student enrollments per year in kindergarten to eighth grade.

Similar to other American Indian boarding schools, students were forbidden to speak their language, practice their beliefs and honor their culture. These young children were taken from their homes and forced to perform manual labor,

and many became victims of abuse by school facilitators.

June 6 was the day to remember and honor the students for their enduring atrocity, strength and resilience.

At 7 a.m., the Sunrise Ceremony at Mission Creek Cemetery began and at 9:30 a.m. the Pipe Ceremony was underway with Tribal Chief Steven Pego and Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran George Martin officiating both.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy students attended the morning's events. Chief Pego explained to them what students their age had endured at MIIBS.

"Just imagine being taken away from your family from first grade until you grew up," Chief Pego said. "In the meantime, some of their parents died so they didn't have a mom and dad to go back to. Some of the (students) died here... you can feel their spirit. And some grew up with abuse here."

Along with Tribal and community members, SCA students lined up behind the Ogitchedaw Veterans for the Grand Entry and Flag Song, performed by Great Lakes Alliance Drum. Each individual carried a necklace of name tags of students who had never made it back home.

"Walk those children in so we can celebrate their lives," Public Relations Director and emcee Frank Cloutier said.

MIIBS administrative records reported only five deaths

throughout the school's history. Ziibiwing Center researchers have discovered 215.

Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson read off the 215 student names, followed with a drum beat to honor each student's demise.

During the Honor Song, participants were advised to dance in place to honor and remember these children.

Children would secretly meet in the basement to pray, they came into school and had to follow rules they never had to follow before, they couldn't speak their language or partake in their traditional ceremonies, Chief Pego said.

"Now we can have our sweat lodges wherever we want," he said causing applause.

As the community gathered to honor, heal and remember, guided 30-minute site tours were given.

"Today, we honor those students... for their dedication to hold on to their culture that was trying to be wiped away from them," Craig Graveratte, At-Large supervisor and MIIBS Committee vice-chairman said. "Today, we begin to heal the decades of trauma that followed... throughout the generations. Today, we remember those students who couldn't enjoy their culture, language, traditions and childhood. Today, we will speak our language, sound our drums and voices in song, dance our culture and bring back what was taken away."

Keynote speaker Dr. Sarah Surface-Evans of Central Michigan University and her Field School students discussed archeological findings on the MIIBS grounds from 2012-2013.



Members of the Ogitchedaw Veteran Warriors Society, led by Head Veteran George Martin, begin Grand Entry.

"One of the things we've been working on this past year is to seek nomination of the boarding school for the National Register of Historic Places," Dr. Surface-Evans said. "Once it's officially recognized as a national register site, it is eligible for grant money and funding to hopefully restore and retain this very important property."

Behavioral Health Administrator Hunter Genia discussed historical trauma implications in the present day.

Genia began by asking, "How many of you know a family member, friend or community member that has struggled with addiction, mental health, family or domestic violence, or any form of assault?"

Now, how many of you know if who you are referring to attended or had a family member attend an American Indian boarding school, Genia asked.

"As a community, we've never really addressed or talked about it openly, and to my knowledge, this is the first time we have ever talked about historical trauma in this format," he said. "Let's not brush it under a rug, let's not deny this has happened."

Interim Education Director Melissa Montoya and Jingle Dress Dancer Yebishawn Oldshield shared a few words before the closing Jingle Dress Healing Dance, Celebratory Round Dance, the Giveaway and Traveling Song.

"I never understood how (historical trauma) impacted me in the way I am today," Montoya said. "I think there are a lot of us that think that because we weren't in those walls, we weren't impacted. Everyone here was impacted. The way you act, the things you do, the way you raise your children, the way you manage your feelings... that was all learned here... for those that don't think we have an issue out here, we do. How many young



SCIT Tribal Chief Steven Pego addresses those in attendance.



Native American artist Joe Reilly shares a message of healing through music.

people have we buried in the past five years because they don't know another way to cope?"

The community united for honoring, healing and remembering. Young children who lost their lives within the boarding school were recognized for their strength and courage. The search for more souls and their final resting places continues.



CMU Field School student Patrick Lawton educates community members on the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School grounds.



(Pictured left to right) Anishinabe Kwe drummers Guadalupe Gonzalez, Marcella Hadden, Colleen Green, Christina Benz, Christa Gomez and Bea Jackson share a water song during sunrise ceremonies.



Community members gather as Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson read off the names of each of the 215 students who perished at MIIBS. A single drum beat followed to honor each student's demise.



Participants carried the names of the 215 deceased students.



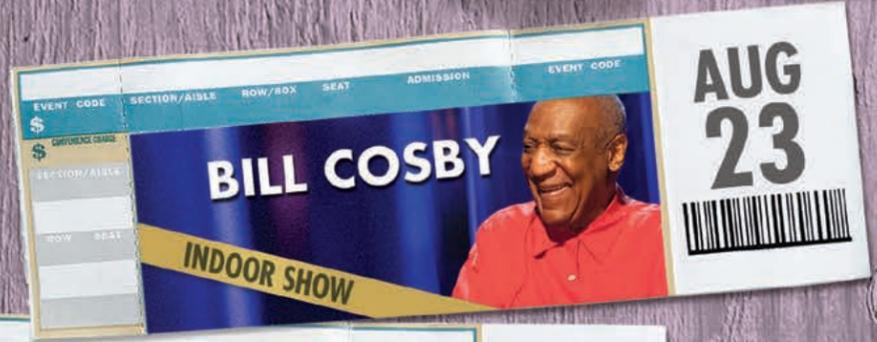
Behavioral Health Administrator Hunter Genia gives a presentation on historical trauma.



The Jingle Dress Healing Dancers gather with members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warrior Society before the celebratory round dance.



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GVSU students gain a two-week learning experience with SCIT

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

For the past 10 years, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan has collaborated with Grand Valley State University to offer students a two-week experience working with the Tribe.

GVSU social work students were placed in various Tribal departments including Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, Youth LEAD, Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Tribal Court, Behavioral Health, Seventh



GVSU students Karl Butler and Ashtyn Harloff share their appreciation for working in numerous SCIT departments.

Generation, Public Health, ACFS and Andahwod.

Behavioral Health Administrator Hunter Genia and GVSU Associate Professor Patricia Stow Bolea work together to make sure the opportunity is possible each year.

"I want to thank Patty for making sure that this program still stays intact and students can sign up for it," Genia said. "We are the only Michigan tribe that has a two-week program like this with a university."

The students' last day occurred Friday, May 9, when they met at Seventh Generation for a ceremony and send-off. One-by-one the students shared what the experience meant to them and what they learned.

"When I initially signed up for this course, I didn't realize how impactful this experience would be," GVSU student Karl Butler said. "To come here and feel so welcome and accepted as a student, but more so to feel accepted as a person, it meant a lot to me... being here made me appreciate how important family and culture are, and that inspired me to figure out who I am; my family, my ancestors, my heritage... I

feel I didn't just have a school experience, I had an experience of a lifetime."

Students worked with different Tribal directors throughout the week, gaining new experience every day.

"Speaking with Wilma (Henry) here at Seventh Generation, we were speaking about spirituality, taking what you need from what you learned throughout your life and moving forward, and that just really touched me how open you were and it helped me with my own journey more than I can express," student Ashtyn Harloff said through her tears. "One of my goals when I go back is to try to express to other students how impactful this experience is and encourage them to also go on this journey."

Student Saddle Chair worked with Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin and became educated on the boarding school era.

"Hearing Shannon and her personal stories about boarding schools, and how that has affected her life, has turned into something I would have never gotten from a text book," Chair said. "I feel like I came



GVSU Associate Professor Patricia Stow Bolea and social work students Saddle Chair and Allison Mace reflect on their two-week educational experience with the Tribe.

here to help, but you guys have helped me shape my career as a social worker."

On April 28, their first day, the students received an initial cultural orientation.

"What a lesson it was about how a community can function," student Allison Mace said. "Even if there are issues, even if there are struggles, the community works so hard to make the means of those people in such a comprehensive way. I just can't even express how much I learned... it's made me think about my own practice and how I want to move forward."

For Genia, it is important the students educate others on the Native American truths they have learned.

"The fact that we only make about two percent of total population in the United States means we need allies," Genia said. "Help us share accurate information about who we are and the things we are doing that most of America has not known... Public education is severely lacking any knowledge of our people."

SCIT program directors and GVSU representatives are looking to continue the ongoing relationship and celebrate 10 more years.

Walleyes for Warriors mobilized veterans to Bay City Memorial Park

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The stars and stripes lined the pier along families and supporters of veterans eager to show how their day on the Saginaw Bay went. Event Organizer Nels Larsen deemed this fourth annual Walleyes for Warriors a huge success.

"This year, we had over 115 boat captains and first mates take over 225 veterans out on the Saginaw Bay," Larsen said. "Weather-wise, it was a bit windy but that didn't stop our veterans from bringing back in 1,058 walleye in just six hours of fishing. As usual, our fish cleaning volunteers did an incredible job cleaning the fish and getting them bagged up for the veterans to take home with them. It's humbling and a proud moment to see many of these veterans who have enjoyed this experience for the first time and those who come back year after year to support this worthy effort."



Tribal Elder and Veteran Jim Bailey (right) shares a moment at Bay City Memorial Park with fellow Veteran Steve Cline.

The veterans and boat crews were treated to boxed lunches and a catered dinner by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.

Larsen also gave a special thank you to their corporate sponsors from the Tribe and other businesses.

"Without the Tribe, Advanced Text Screen Printing, Dow Corning, SC Johnson,

Northwoods Wholesale Outlet, Innovacyn and many others, we wouldn't be able to give our veterans the thank you and welcome home they deserve," Larsen said. "Finally, thank you to our boat captains, first mates and volunteer. Whether you were taking our veterans out on your boat, helping them reel in a fish, or setting up tables and chairs, each and every one of you helped make WFW 2014 a memorable one for everyone who was involved in this year's event."

Tanya Bardy, Soaring Eagle Sponsorship and promotions manager, informs there is honored in assisting Walleyes for Warriors.

"This is a tradition for SECR and our team takes pride in this event. Our staff brings their families out to volunteer for this event; gives up their special Father's Day and the team would not have it another way," Bardy explains. "I would really like our F&B team to get some kudos on this as this is

something they do every year and truly do an amazing job".

Tribal Elder and U.S. Army (1967-1969) Vietnam Veteran Jim Bailey said the view, as he and fellow veteran Steve Cline came into Memorial Park, "sent chills down your spine" as one saw the flags, family, friends and freedom riders.

"The Tribe's involvement... shows other sponsors that Indian people are the first to recognize and appreciate the sacrifices made by the veterans and all that can be done must be done for the protectors of our country and our freedoms," Bailey said. "This event is what the saying 'we take care of our own' was meant to be, no matter their wound or disability, every vet was put on a boat and cared for by the captains,

first mates and volunteers like he was a family member."

As a 1964-1966 U.S. Army veteran with service during Vietnam, Tribal Elder David Perez said it made him feel privileged to support the Walleye for Warriors event.

"Historically, American Indians have the highest rate of military service of any ethnic group in the United States," Perez said. "The Tribe's involvement supports continued participation of the Anishinabe Ogichedaw Veterans Warriors Society with Walleye for Warriors. Native American Warriors embrace all in defense of family, home and nation. Participation in events like Walleye for Warriors demonstrates that the Native tradition of support is alive and well."

Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick



The warriors show off their walleyes on a boat sponsored by Frank's Great Outdoors and Linwood Beach Marina.

Saganing Wild Rice Project



The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's environmental team is partnering with Lee Sprague to conduct a wild rice restoration project in the Saganing area. The project is being funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The year-long project will identify areas where wild rice is currently growing and potential areas where new planting could occur. We are also, noting the effect of climate change on wild rice. For more information regarding this project, contact Sally Kniffen, environmental specialist 989-775-4015.



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

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

Dear WW: I hate summer! First of all, I have to find daycare for my three elementary-aged children. Daycare and summer programs are expensive and it is more driving and rearranging schedules. I get so busy just juggling it all, I get summer weary. Not to mention, I get sunburnt easily and have to deal with all the mosquitos and bugs! When it gets hot and humid, I can't breathe! Can you give me some suggestions on how to balance it all, please! **Summer Hater**

Dear Hater: I suggest you get a swimming pool and quit your job! Just stay home for the summer! However, if you can't financially do that, why not plan earlier in the year? You already know you are going to deal with this for the next 10 years or so right? Do you have a spouse or family member that can help you in picking up or dropping off kids? Are you able to have a break by yourself now and then? Limit your time in the sun and stay indoors where it is cooler. Maybe this is the year to splurge on an air-conditioner if you don't have one. On a positive note for you, summer is only about three months long in Michigan. Pray for acceptance and start to appreciate what you have now. Try not to get overwhelmed with it and break it down to one day at a time if you have to. Before you know it, those sweet babies of yours will be out the door.

Dear WW: There is a wild Rez dog in my neighborhood and I am scared for my children's safety. The owners have two rambunctious boys who are always tormenting it. Throwing sticks and stones at it, kicking it. Now the dog is very mean and defensive. I can't understand why anyone would want a pet and treat it that way or allow their children to treat it that way. I have to have a constant eye on my children while they are playing and make they come inside if that dog is anywhere in sight! Please don't ask me to talk to the parents, they have their own problems caused by drinking. **Cujo's Back**

Dear Cujo: If that dog is loose and roaming the roads, please pick up the phone and call Tribal Police (989) 775-4700 or the Tip Hotline (989) 775-4775. A dog like that is a danger to anyone it encounters especially children and the elderly. Never take a chance as dogs can cause serious injuries and/or rabies if not vaccinated properly. You should also report that the dog itself is being abused by the owner's children. Not only do we have rights, but dogs and animals have rights as well. Yes, drinking could be the reason why nothing is being done. People who are caught up in alcohol and drugs have a high potential to neglect the reality that surrounds them. This is a perfect example of that.

Dear WW: After being married for nearly 20 years, I am divorced and starting to date a little. I spent most of my life raising my children. I never really had any hobbies or special interests and now that I am free, I have no idea what I want to do. I've been asked out by a friend to go on a canoe and fishing trip. Feeling like I had to make a decision at the time I was asked, I said yes. However, truth be known, I am deathly afraid of water. Do I tell him the truth or make an excuse to cancel on the day of the trip? I really feel this one is a keeper! **Wishin I Was Fishin**

Dear Wishin: You can't keep anyone with a lie. You have to be truthful if you want anything out of this friendship. Pick up the phone and tell him the truth. You can do it in a humorous way and say that you were so flattered you would have jumped off the moon if he asked you! Let him know your fears and see how willing he is to assist you. If he's not that willing to assist you or do another activity, I guess you'll know where you stand!

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LAST MONTH:



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SUMMER GOLF EVENTS



JULY 1 - JULY 15

Skins matches at Waabooz Run Golf Course. All players must be 40 years old or older, and all players will use the blue tee's. The cost is \$20 weekly, plus green fees and cart fees. Tee off is at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

JULY 12 - B. SPRAGUE OPEN

10 a.m. shotgun, two person scramble mens/coed divisions \$120 per team includes skins, green fees, cart and lunch.

JULY 22 - SEPT. 23

No age limit, players under 60 use the blue tees. Players 60 and over use the white tees. The cost is \$20 per player plus Green fees and Cart fees, tee off is at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

AUG. 2 - SUPER SKINS MATCH ON

Super Skins match on Aug. 2 at Waabooz Run. Cost is \$50 per player plus green/cart fees all three tee markers will be used by each player (example Hole #1 Blue Tee, hole #2 White tee, Hole #3 Red tee). Two players per team any mix, all teams off the first tee starting at 10 a.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Kylie



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Kylie gets along with some other dogs and she has lived with cats in the past! She prefers a home with children at least 15 years old! She is seeking a forever home where she will receive daily walks or runs, as well as continuing her education! Kylie currently knows "sit" and "off."

Berlin



Berlin is a 5-year-old Domestic Shorthair/mix. She has a lot of personality! She can be pretty shy at first, though. In general, Berlin is quiet, but secretly loves catnip. That's when she really comes out of her shell! Her ideal family involves a patient soul, content to let her lounge around the house (with loads of catnip, preferably.)

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Psychotherapist Michael Stratton educates on marijuana abuse

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Youth LEAD department, Behavioral Health and Ziibiwing Center collaborated to bring a community presentation of "Marijuana: Current Drug Trends" to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan on June 12.

"We've received lots of feedback about this one as it is a 'hot topic' right now, politically and legally," Youth LEAD Diversion Manager Guadalupe Gonzalez said. "Please rest assured that the Diversion team is well aware of the many different drugs affecting our community, including prescription drug abuse and heroin. This presentation is one of the many we plan to host."

East Lansing-based psychotherapist Michael Stratton, ACSW, discussed his experience as a past cannabis addict and a current therapist to clients addicted to the drug.

Stratton first experimented with marijuana during his last semester of college.

"When I first tried marijuana...nothing at all happened," Stratton said. "I smoked it again and it was like a science fiction movie... It enhanced my senses. I fell in love with marijuana pretty quickly after that... I started to smoke it on a daily basis, and then I started to smoke it all day long."

Growing up with a family who drank frequently, Stratton believed he would never drink. However, he had his first drink at 16 or 17 years old.

"I didn't have the same (negative) feeling (with marijuana) that I had with alcohol," Stratton said. "I thought maybe it was okay to smoke... for me, it was a gateway drug for alcohol."

Stratton became unmotivated and depressed while using marijuana.

"I was always disappointed in what it did to me," he said.

Now 23 years sober, Stratton continues to provide education and counseling to those dealing with substance abuse.

"Marijuana users who started by age 15 are five times more likely to develop a serious substance abuse disorder than those who wait until they are at least 18 years old," Stratton said.

Nimkee Healthy Start Child Nurse Helen Williams attended Stratton's presentation and offered insight on drug addictions affecting youth.

"I think starting (drug use) at that young age, when your cognitive ability isn't anything like it would be as an adult, really sets you up to be manipulated or controlled by other people," Williams said. "I see marijuana as a gateway drug to everything else. All the addicts I talked to, they all told me they started with marijuana."

Stratton said marijuana use is linked to higher school dropout rates, higher rates of anxiety and depression, and it may trigger psychotic episodes for those predisposed.

"There's a possibility (my use) may have stopped if I would have had enough education and an early intervention," Stratton said. "I think there's a genetic, physical thing that makes people want to continue to use. That's not a choice, that's a way that you were wired. So, when people say, 'why don't they just stop, how can they keep using?' What happens with people that are addicted, is that their brains are metabolizing the drug in such a way that their pleasure center is lighting up like a Christmas tree."

Sharing a story of his social anthropologist friend Jean, Stratton said she visited and studied a tribe in West Africa that had no welfare. She attended a council around the fire and had the opportunity to ask questions. She asked what happened when there was a disagreement within the leaders. Her question went through all of the interpreters and the answer



Psychotherapist Michael Stratton, ACSW, discusses the dangers of youth marijuana use.

was simple: they dance and dance until it is resolved.

Jean asked what happened when someone commits a despicable act that goes against the tribe. The leader explained they have a hut in the middle of the tribe and the person stays there for three days.

"During those three days, that person is visited by every member of that tribe that reminds them of who they are, why they are important, how they are valued and what they mean," Stratton said. "So, I end with that thought that if you're out there and you're lost, I want to remind you of how important, how valued you are and how much they need you."

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Ongoing

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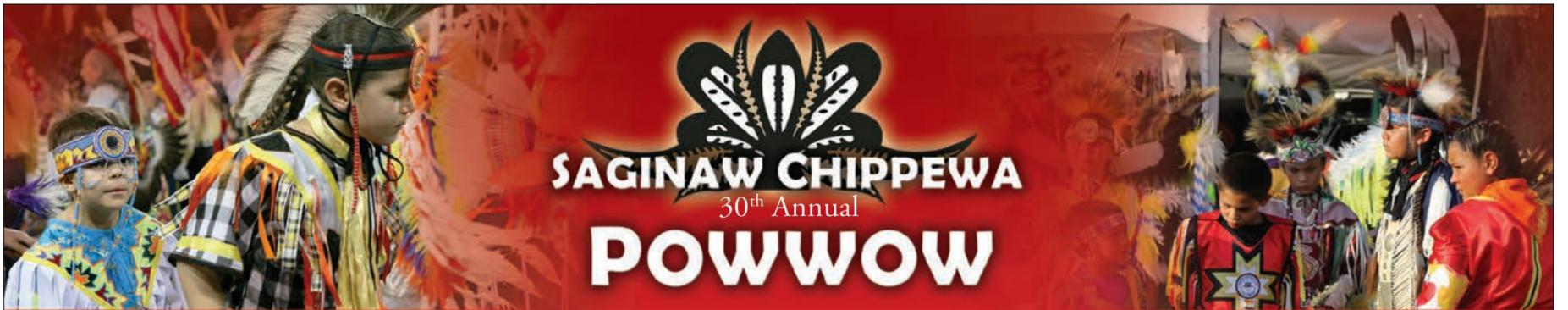
World Indigenous People's Day Double Film Screening
August 9
1pm-4pm

American Indian Boarding School Educator's Training
August 14
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POWWOW WEEKEND

July 25-27

Tentative Schedule

Friday

Registration
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Grand Entry
7 p.m.

Saturday

Registration
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Grand Entry
1 p.m.

Fry-Bread Contest
2 p.m.

Sunday

Grand Entry
12 p.m.

Host Drum

"The Boyz"

Head Male Dancer

Wesley Cleland

Junior Male Head Dancer

Calvin Ballew

Head Female Dancer

Tracy Recollet

Junior Female Head Dancer

Margie Gonzalez



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New and improved Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Powwow renovations are considered an investment in community

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

In preparation for the 30th annual Saginaw Chippewa Gamaamwi Mnajaanaanik Gda Binoojiinhminaanic "Together We Honor Our Children" Powwow, new and improved renovations to the arena and surrounding areas will serve as an investment within the community for years to come.

Powwow Committee Chair Angel Jackson welcomed the unanimous support of a March 26 Tribal Council motion that approved the drawings and specification from Case Architectural Engineering of Freeland, Mich. The Council action supplemented the original June 12, 2013 unanimous motion by the previous Council of investing more than a quarter million dollars in powwow grounds renovations.

"In speaking with Council Members Jennifer Wassegijig, Lindy Hunt and Sandy Sprague, we were in agreement that the renovations are not just about the powwow grounds but about the whole community and the Tribal department that provide services at the hill," Jackson said. "Whether it's the Labor Day annual event, camp meetings or other Tribal or private events, these renovations make our facilities more marketable. People are going to notice and welcome these changes once they get to see them in person."

SCIT Construction Project Manager Tom Kequom informs new sidewalks and sod will make the area more ADA-accessible and community friendly for Elders and others with canes, wheelchairs or walkers and families with strollers.

"With the improved drainage that elevates the arbor and the arena, we believe the days of a soggy powwow arena can be behind us," Kequom said. "There were a lot of community members who voiced safety concern with the wood chips and having adequate sidewalks at the property and Council addressed those concerns first. We also redesigned the electrical to a three-phase service that will prevent power breaker overloads. We have strategically placed the electrical in all the pavilions, vendor, arbor and emcee areas, as well as updating lighting all around the arena for the evening contests."

Kequom further mentions that along with Consumers Power electrical service running directly by overhead lines from their substation, the water plant has upgraded their lines to include water service to the vendor area, eastern and western door of the powwow arena and the arbor. There is also an internal sprinkler system underneath the powwow arena to ensure the grass areas are well maintained.

Powwow Committee Vice chair Mary Shomin, along with fellow Committee Member Mike David, confirms the water and electrical improvements will be appreciated by all the vendors registered and those who are still on a waiting list trying to be a part of this year's jingtamok.

"Our food vendors have come to rely on generator power, which tends to get expensive and noisy for all involved," Shomin said. "The increase of power to the vendors and the arena will protect us from blackouts and allow the contests to continue into the evening hours after sunset. We will also benefit

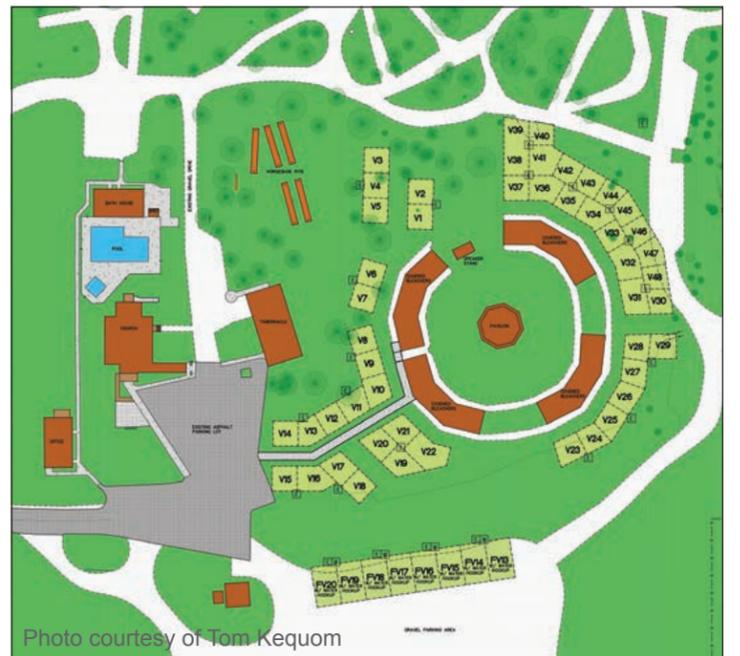


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SCIT Construction Project Manager Tom Kequom shares the vendor site plan that includes renovations to the powwow grounds and related facilities.



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

An addition of the sidewalk and grass make the powwow grounds ADA-friendly, taking the place of the wood chips from last year's event.

by having the powwow the last weekend in July instead of the first weekend of August because it will be easier on dignitaries and families who travel west of the Mississippi."

Powwow Committee Treasurer and At-Large Program Supervisor Craig Graveratte knows many Tribal members view the powwow weekend as a homecoming.

"Making the travel arrangements work for dignitaries, dancers and drummers as well as families who support the powwow circuit allows our powwow to do what is already done by successful powwows like 'The Gathering of Nations' and 'Rocky Boy,' Graveratte said. "As the Powwow Treasurer, we want to offer substantial payouts to attract the top drummers and dancers. We have already seen the positive economic impact powwow weekend has on our Tribal businesses, including the gaming floor of the casino... I don't know of a Tribal member who doesn't want us to maximize that positive impact!"

Jackson informs the traditional aspects of the powwow with the Sacred Fire, cedar at the arbor and doing the arena ceremonies in a good way are always a major consideration of every Powwow Committee member.

"Right down to the cedar trim of the arbor and the emcee stand, we have followed the Tribal Council directions and believe that everyone that comes to join us this year will see the good effort made on behalf of all," Jackson said. "We have ReZonance Productions doing the sound for the fourth year and our Emcee Vince Beyl, along with Derek Bailey have been promoting this powwow all across Indian Country. As our community stands together for the Grand Entry, Tribal members can be proud how we are moving the powwow grounds forward."

Kequom informs this is just the first phase of camp ground renovations and no motions and time lines are set at press time for continued camp ground improvements.



Garber Contracting works on the electrical, and the newly-constructed emcee/powwow committee stand in time for the 30th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow.

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30th Annual Saginaw Chippewa **TRIBAL POWWOW**

July 25, 26 & 27, 2014

Grand Entry

Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m. & Sunday Noon

Host Drum: "The Boyz," Returning 2013 drum contest winners

M.C.'s: Vince Beyl & Derek Bailey

Head Veteran: George Martin

Head Drum Judge: Ken Funmaker Jr.

Head Male Dancer: Wesley Cleland

Jr. Male Head Dancer: Calvin Ballew

Arena Directors: Dave Shananaquet & R.J. Smith

Head Male Dance Judge: Ray Cadotte

Head Female Dance Judge: Punkin Shananaquet

Sound System: Rezonance Productions

Head Female Dancer: Tracy Recollet

Jr. Female Head Dancer: Margie Gonzalez

Drum Contest

(Paying five places and a drum split)

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| 1st Place: \$8,000 | 2nd Place: \$6,000 |
| 3rd Place: \$5,000 | 4th Place: \$4,000 |
| 5th Place: \$3,000 | Drum Split: \$2,000 |

Dance Contest Over \$90,000 in Prize Money

Dance Specials: Men's All Around, Women's All Around, Youth Hand Drum, Drummer Disco, Spectator Dance, a Special for Tiny Tots 0-5, Kid's 6-9, Teen 10-14, siblings 17 & under and Women dancing Men's Fancy Dance. \$2,000 for Mystery spot dances and a Sobriety Essay Contest. Information on specials will be available on our website.



Contact Information

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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.
- Ask permission before taking pictures of dancers.** Pictures may be taken with the permission of the dancers, but not during dedication dances (Veterans Songs, Flag Songs, or Prayers). These special songs will be announced by the emcee. Under no circumstances may you enter the arena to take photos.
- If at any time you are uncertain of procedure, etc., please check with the Emcee, Arena Director or Head Singer.** They will be glad to help you with your questions.
- Unless you are unsure spectator seating will be provided, bring a chair.** Remember that the seating immediately around the Arena is for dancers only.
- Be aware that someone standing behind you may not be able to see over you.** Make room, step aside, sit or kneel if someone is behind you.
- Alcohol, recreational drugs and firearms are prohibited at all powwows.**
- If you see a lost feather, or you yourself drop a feather, do NOT pick it up.** Notify the nearest Veteran, the Head Veteran, Head Male Dancer or Arena Director immediately.
- In some places it is okay for adults to dance while carrying infants or small children.** In other places this is considered contrary to local etiquette. Ask before doing so.
- Always stand during special songs.** This includes Grand Entry, Flag Songs, Veteran Songs, Memorial Songs, Prayer Songs or any other song that the Emcee designates. It is also customary to remove any hats that you have on for the duration of that song.
- Always listen to the Emcee. He will give all of the information you need, as well as entertain you and keep you posted on news.** Any questions you have can be answered by him. He will let you know when you need to stand and when you may sit after honor songs. He will also announce intertribal dances and other invitations for guests to participate.
- Supervise your children so that all may enjoy the event without distraction.**
- If you have a question, ask.** Most dancers, singers, elders and staff are happy to help. Offer a cold drink or other small, symbolic gifts to those who help you.

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

Women's Jingle

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

Men's Fancy

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

Fancy Shawl Dance

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

Men's Grass

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

Women's Traditional

These women dance in a sedate and stately manner, in which they may move slowly about the circle of the arena, but often will simply stand in the same place, rhythmically dipping and swaying to the beat of the drummers. Their outfits are often heavily and elaborately decorated, with 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.

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SCIT Utility Authority Consumer Confidence Report and Annual Drinking Water Report

(Editor's Note: The following report was submitted by Water Operator Supervisor Joe Johnson.)

Is My Water Safe? During 2014, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water safety standards. Your Tribal employees vigilantly safeguard your water and supplies and we are proud to report that your water system had no violations of maximum contaminant levels or any other drinking water quality standards this past year. This report will give you even more information about the safety of your water supply. Please read on for additional information. Informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions? Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA/Centers of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from? Water for consumer use can come from a variety of sources including rivers, lakes and other surface waters. Your Tribal supply comes from underground aquifers as groundwater to your wells. A

benefit of ground water is it is naturally filtered through rocks and soil. Our Tribe has four wells. Well #3 is located off of Little Elk Road. Well # 4 is located west of Shepherd Road. Well #5 is located north of Remus Road and Well #6 is located north of Ogemaw. The water softening plant was put into operation April 5, 2000. Please consider not using your home water softener for the following reasons: your water will have an increase in the sodium (salt) content and your water could become corrosive. The plant was designed and is operated to provide the tribal homes and businesses with water that is balanced and softened. Re-softening can create a tinny taste and cause you to use extra water to remove soap residues. The water plant does add fluoride to the water. If you have an aquarium with tropical fish, check with your local pet store for proper treatment of the water to avoid harmful effects on your fish.

Source water assessment and its availability: The Tribe has worked with the U.S. EPA to conduct a source water assessment. This assessment consists of identifying the area(s) around the well(s), which need to be protected from contaminations, identifying potential sources of contamination, and determining the susceptibility of the wells to contamination. The assessment also gives us information we need as a tribal community to make sure our drinking water is safe now and in the future. We have a copy available at the water plant for review to anyone who wishes to read it. This was updated in 2009.

Vulnerability Study and Emergency Response Plan: We

are required to do a vulnerability study and file it with the EPA. This has been completed as well as the Emergency Response Plan. These are available for review at the water plant.

Wellhead Protection: Because the water we drink comes from underground wells, we all need to be careful how we dispose of harmful contaminants. This means not dumping used oil or solvents onto the ground. They must be taken to a recycle center or other facility to dispose of them.

Why are contaminants in drinking water? Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material. It can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Organic chemical contaminants including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to insure that the tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water that is provided by a public water system.

Lead and Copper: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential

for lead exposure by flushing your tap water for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

How to identify Utility staff employees: All Employees of the Utility Department of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe wear shirts

that have the tribal logo on them, have a tribal employee badge and should be arriving at a residence in a company vehicle.

If you ever have a question about someone being at your residence and you are not sure if they are an employee, please call us at **989-775-5141** to verify that they are who they claim to be.

How can I become involved in the safety of my drinking water? If you would like to become involved with your water safety, please call us at **989-775-5141**.

Non Member Residential

Water Service: \$25/month for the first 15,000 gallons and thereafter a rate of \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer Service: \$15/month

Reconnection After Shutoff: \$50

New Water & Sewer Service: \$200 plus cost of sewer line (Permit also required)

Non-Gaming Commercial

Flat Fee (Per Quarter):

5/8" Meter: \$15 **1" Meter:** \$38.85 **2" Meter:** \$124.20

Over 2" Meter and up to 4" Meter: \$400

Over 4" Meter: As determined on an individual basis by the Authority

Monthly Variable

Rate: \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons **Sewer Rate:** \$2.52 per 1,000 gallons (gallons charged are based on 80% of water usage)

Miscellaneous Fees

\$15 to tag for a shutoff

\$25 for meter removal (snowbird)

\$15 for non-emergency shutoff

\$25 to reinstall meter (snowbird)

\$30 for non-payment shutoff

\$50 for reconnection after shutoff

Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, that data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not frequently change.

Terms and Abbreviations Used Below:

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant, which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow. See table below for values:

| Contaminant (Units) | MCL/AL | MCL | Your Water in mg/l | Test Date | Exceeds Action Level |
|---|------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Antimony | 0.006 mg/l | | not detected | 7/10/2013 | NO |
| Arsenic | 0.01 mg/l | 0.002 mg/l | not detected | 7/10/2013 | NO |
| Asbestos | | | not detected | 8/13/2013 | NO |
| Barium | 2 mg/l | | not detected | 7/10/2013 | NO |
| Beryllium | 0.004 mg/l | | not detected | 7/10/2013 | NO |
| Cadium | 0.005 mg/l | | not detected | 7/10/2013 | NO |
| Calcium | | | 32 | 7/16/2013 | NO |
| Chloride | | | 36 | 7/09/2013 | NO |
| Chromium | 0.1 mg/l | | not detected | 7/10/2013 | NO |
| Fluoride | 4 mg/l | 4.0 mg/l | 0.97 | 7/09/2013 | NO |
| Hardness as CaCO ₃ | | | 113 | 7/09/2013 | NO |
| Mercury | 0.002 mg/l | | not detected | 7/10/2013 | NO |
| Nickel | 0.1 mg/l | | not detected | 7/10/2013 | NO |
| Nitrate | 10 mg/l | 10 mg/l | not detected | 7/09/2013 | NO |
| Nitrite | 1 mg/l | 1 mg/l | not detected | 7/09/2013 | NO |
| Selenium | 0.05 mg/l | | not detected | 7/10/2013 | NO |
| Sodium | | | 111 | 7/09/2013 | NO |
| Sulfate | | | 196 | 7/09/2013 | NO |
| Total Haloacetic Acids | | 0.06 mg/l | 0.005 | 7/11/2013 | NO |
| Bromodichloromethane | | 0.080 mg/l | 0.0039 | 7/14/2013 | NO |
| Bromoform | | 0.080 mg/l | 0.0091 | 7/14/2013 | NO |
| Chlorodibromomethane | | 0.080 mg/l | 0.0083 | 7/14/2013 | NO |
| Chloroform | | 0.080 mg/l | 0.0015 | 7/14/2013 | NO |
| Total Trihalomethanes | | 0.080 mg/l | 0.0228 | 7/14/2013 | NO |
| Maximum Potential Total Trihalomethanes | | | 0.062 | 7/17/2008 | NO |
| Lead | 0.015 mg/l | | Not Detected | 7/10/2013 | NO |
| Copper | 1.3 mg/l | | 0.08 | 6/19/2012 | NO |

All water samples tested for bacteria content were negative for the test results. Due to excellent results on previous testing the following was requested: A Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOC) waiver was requested in 2009. A Dioxin waiver was requested in 2009. Lead and Copper testing is required every three years. The test results were given to the individual homeowners. The results listed are the 90th percentile results. The required VOC testing was done in October of 2011 and except for the Total Trihalomethanes

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SCA "A-Z Program" to encourage healthy eating in school and at home

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy students are in for a real treat next school year. Students will begin the "A-Z Program," which will allow them to try healthy fruits and vegetables starting with all letters of the alphabet.



SCA pre-K students Joseph Jackson and Gizhep Miller-Hosler discover they both approve of sweet potatoes with a drop of maple syrup.

Given four fruits or vegetables at a time, the children are encouraged to tell their teachers which ones they did or did not like. SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda hopes this will inspire the students to go home and influence their parents to buy healthy fruits and vegetables.

The pilot, or trial run, of the A-Z Program occurred Wednesday, May 21 with students trying letters A, C, S and Z; Apricot, Corn, Sweet Potatoes and Zucchini.

The A-Z Program pilot went very well, Mosqueda said.

"The students not only sampled fruits and vegetables, they were educated on the reasons why each fruit/vegetable was beneficial to their health," Mosqueda said.

After taste-testing the foods, each class completed a graph posted in the cafeteria showing what each class preferred the most and the least.

"A letter went home to parents that explained the pilot program and the students had to mark which fruit/vegetable

they wanted their family to either make at home with their meals or purchase more often," Mosqueda said. "Everyone that returned a signed letter had a chance to receive a \$25 gift card to Meijer to help purchase healthy foods for their home. The gift card and some of the fruits and vegetables were donated by Minobmaadiziwin Kinomaagewin- the Healthy Ways Program from Nimkee."

This program will be implemented at the beginning of the next school year and will introduce all of the fruits and vegetables from A-Z.

"A 'celebrated' fruit and/or vegetable will be served during their lunch and/or breakfast during each week of school," Mosqueda said.

When Mosqueda was interim principal in another district, she worked with a similar program. She had the idea



Principal Marcella Mosqueda, Physical Education Teacher Chris Johnson and Nutritionist Sally Van Cise teach the children the benefits of each fruit or vegetable.

to bring the same concept to SCA and teamed up with Nutritionist Sally Van Cise and Nimkee.

"I enjoyed watching students try (foods) they had never tried before and realized that this was an innovative way to encourage healthy eating," Mosqueda said.

The program hopes to inspire continuous healthy eating at school and at home.

SCA students showcase their scientific ability at the annual Science Fair

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy (SCA) recognized its award-winning students of the annual SCA Student Science Fair on May 22.

SCA students, faculty, proud parents and extended family came out to see the presentations and honor the youth as they proudly accepted their awards.

SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda presented the awards and quizzed each student on how they applied the scientific method (define a question, gather

information and observe, form an explanatory hypothesis, test the hypothesis by performing an experiment, analyze the data, interpret the data and draw conclusions, publish results and retest) to their project.

"I am amazed of our SCA students' capability and enthusiasm for science," Mosqueda said. "I am very proud of them and what they have been able to accomplish. Their science fair projects are improving year after year. Even though our science fair has ended, they are already thinking of what they will present next year. I would like to thank

all of the parents, SCA staff members, and judges for your help to make this year's science fair a success!"

"The SCA Science Fair allows the students to showcase their ideas and provide some thought on how they go about using the scientific method that will assist them as they continue their education," SCA Teacher and Science Fair Coordinator Shara LeValley said. "We are committed at SCA to provide as much STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) curriculum as possible and our students are so excited to test their hypotheses!"



(Left to right) Fourth grade award winners Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Adam Saboo and Mnookmi Massey hold up their ribbons.

Ojibwe language continually showcased during Sasiwaans graduation

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Sasiwaans Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department and SCIT Public Relations joined in honoring the 2014 Step Up graduating class at the Saginaw Chippewa Housing Pavilion on Tuesday, June 3.

Tribal Chief Steven Pego stood with Sasiwaans Teacher Carol Bob and

Apprentice Nicole Nedwash as each of the graduates received their Eagle Feathers and diplomas.

Chief Pego spoke to the graduates and families in attendance on the importance of being a leader in within the Tribe.

"These are the Ojibwe language teachers of tomorrow, these are our drummers of tomorrow and we get to see that today," Chief Pego said. "The prophecy of the Eighth Fire is being fulfilled right before our eyes when we see our ways and our

language come back to our people."

The 2014 Chijaakoonsag (Little Cranes) graduates are: Keyana Pelcher, Landon

Pelcher-Harless, Keaton Quintero, Gary Shomin, Sandra Slater, Albert Trepanier and John "Sonny" Wemigwans.



(Pictured left to right) ALRD Apprentice Nicole Nedwash, Chief Steven Pego and Primary Language Immersion Specialist Carol Bob honor the Sasiwaans 2014 Little Cranes graduating class.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Miles Bentley, Eli Marin, Madison Nahgahwon, Mollie Smith-Rodriguez, Isaiah Teswood, Thomas Trasky, Gabe Jackson and Makayla Jackson.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Nikodin Davis, Hope Stevens, Mataeo Flory, Caleb Burger, Javanni Perry, Olivia Lerma, Miikawadizi Prout, Andrew Kequom, Zhaawan Martell, Leonard Pamp-Ettinger, Bailey Burger, Whisper Mandoka, Mahayla Freeman, Emily Stevens, Navaeh Flory, Tayden Davis, Jesse Bollman-Ritter, Zheesheeb Compo, Aaliyah Mena, Aaliyah Montoya-Pego, Aaron Montoya-Pego, Kimwon-Raynee Richards, Josie Isham and Mackenzie Burger.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Aaron Hendrickson, Konner Hilleger, Gabriela Escabedo, Darien Mandoka, Foster Hoorman, Darius Lopez, Kaden Fair, Meisha Raphael, Caedynce Bailey, Zoey Mandoka, Lucus Jackson, Trent McConnell, Hudson Yager, Daniel Bennett, Matthew Jackson and Alek Welch.

West Intermediate

The following students were on the honor roll for the 2013-2014 school year: Esme Bailey, Chyna Bergevin, Megan Cozzie, Kendra Cyr, Alyssa Finch, Hunter Genia, Sydney Jackson, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Dylan Klein, Montana Leureaux, Emily Lezan, Maya Madrigal, Jesse Mandoka, Molly Mandoka, Aleeya Peters, Yasmine Pelcher-Arias, Shailyn Pontiac, Hailey Ritter, Maciah Sprague, Lindsay Watters, Lexi Weekley-Dean and Carlee Williams. **Congratulations to Mastella Quaderer for earning a 4.0 GPA.**

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Kentae, Flory, Josie Isham, Shenanrose Pontiac, Taliyah Poolaw, Destiny Shawano, Makayla Stevens, Dawnseh Wilson, Katie Green, Charles Isham, Caleb Kequom, Taylor Burton, Cory Jo Gaskill, Julian Kahgegab, Mattea Merrill and Kathryn Pierce.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Evelyn Kripa, Matero Harris, Zamiah Marshall, Ariana Altman, Konin Kripa, Hunter Johnson and Gloria Altman.

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Bucks Run Golf Club hosts second annual SCTC Golf Outing

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SCTC Dean of Research

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College held its second annual SCTC Golf Outing at Bucks Run Golf Club Thursday, June 12. Twenty-seven teams participated to support SCTC students attending the 2015 American Indian Higher Education Consortium, or AIHEC, Student Conference in Albuquerque, N.M.

Shotgun start was at 9 a.m. and the weather was perfect for golfing. The overcast sky kept the hot sun off golfers, and a box lunch was delivered on the course.

Bucks Run has an exquisite course and the Chippewa River views were magnificent.



Taking first place were Eric Rodriguez and Chase Owl.

Included with the registration was a golf shirt with the SCTC logo and a golf towel. Additional prize drawings were held at the conclusion while scoring

was tallied; all golfers won the door prize donations.

After the final scores were tallied, first place winners were Erik Rodriguez and Chase Owl; second place, Brian Chippeway and Scott Cross and third place, Terry Thompson and Bear Raphael.

SCTC appreciates the continued community support and those who participated. A special thank you goes to Integrated Architecture, Rockford Construction, Stan and Carla Sineway, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Public Relations, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, CMU Native American Programs/STEP, Ziibiwing Center, Amanda George-Dye, Wal-Mart, Nimkee Fitness Center, 104.3 radio station and Bucks Run Golf Club.



Third place went to Scott Cross and Brian Chippeway.



Bear Raphael and Terry Thompson took second place.



Golfers warm up on the driving range before the outing.



Jean Flamand and Shawn Sawmick show it's all about having fun.



A view of the Chippewa River from the Bucks Run Golf Club.

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2014 Fall Semester

- March 31 | Registration open Fall 2014 semester
- August 18, 19, 20 | Late Registration (Fee \$25)
- August 20 | Last Day to Register For classes
- August 25 | Fall classes begin
- August 28 | Drop/Add ends
- September 1 | Labor Day (no classes)
- September 17 | Constitution Day
- October 20 | Registration Open for Spring 2015 semester
- October 31 | Last day for "W"
- November 26 | Thanksgiving Break begins at 5 pm
- December 1 | Classes resume
- December 1 | Deadline for Spring 2015 Graduation Application
- December 5 | Fall classes end
- December 8-12 | Exam week
- December 19 | Spring Registration ends

2015 Spring Semester

- January 7, 8, 9 | Late Registration (Fee \$25)
- January 9 | Last day to register for classes
- January 12 | Spring classes begin
- January 15 | Drop/Add ends
- January 19 | MLK Jr. Day (no classes)
- March 6 | Spring Break begins at 5 pm
- March 16 | Classes resume
- March 27 | Last day for "W"
- March 30 | Registration open for Fall 2015
- May 1 | Spring classes end
- May 4-8 | Exam week
- May 14 | SCTC Graduation

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| Code | Course Title | Cr | Day | Location | Time | Instructor |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----|-----|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ACC 115 | Accounting Principles I | 3 | T | West 1 | 5:30-8:20 | TBD |
| ANT 120 | Intro to Cultural Anthropology | 3 | T | East 2 | 5:30-8:20 | Clark-Tuzas |
| ART 120 | Painting | 3 | T/R | MPHS | 1:30-2:50 | Luna-Gagnon |
| AST 110* | Intro to Astronomy | 3 | M/W | Science Building | 10:00-11:20 | Miller |
| AST 110A* | Astronomy Lab | 2 | M/W | Science Building | 11:30-12:20 | Miller |
| BIO 216* | Native Plants & Medicines | 3 | T/R | Science Building | 10:00-11:20 | Calhoun |
| BIO 216A* | Native Plants & Medicines-Lab | 2 | R | Science Building | 12:00-1:50 | Calhoun |
| BUS 110 | Introduction to Business | 3 | T/R | West 2 | 10:00-11:20 | Gotaas |
| BUS 150 | Business Law | 3 | T/R | West 2 | 1:00-2:20 | Gotaas |
| BUS 200 | Principles of Marketing | 3 | T/R | West 2 | 11:30-12:50 | Gotaas |
| BUS 202 | Legal & Environmental Business | 3 | M | West 1 | 5:30-8:20 | TBD |
| BUS 250 | Organizational Behavior | 3 | W | East 2 | 5:30-8:20 | Wagner |
| CHM 105* | Intro to Chemistry | 3 | T/R | Science Building | 5:30-6:50 | Majorski |
| CHM 105A* | Intro to Chemistry Lab | 2 | T/R | Science Building | 7:00-7:50 | Majorski |
| CPT 112 | Intro to Computer Technology | 4 | M/W | Computer Lab | 1:00-2:50 | TBD |
| CPT 124* | Intro to Spreadsheets | 3 | M | Computer Lab | 5:30-8:20 | TBD |
| ECO 201 | Principles of Economics I | 3 | T/R | West 1 | 2:00-3:20 | Kelly |
| ENG 096 | Reading Comprehension | 3 | T/R | West 1 | 10:00-11:20 | Lemerond |
| ENG 098 | Basic Writing I | 3 | T/R | Computer Lab | 1:00-2:20 | D. Miller |
| ENG 099* | Basic Writing II | 3 | T/R | Computer Lab | 4:00-5:20 | D. Miller |
| ENG 101* | Composition I | 3 | T/R | Computer Lab | 10:00-11:20 | Prielipp |
| ENG 102* | Composition II | 3 | T/R | Computer Lab | 11:30-12:50 | Prielipp |
| ENG 130 | Public Speaking | 3 | M/W | Computer Lab | 11:30-12:50 | Lemerond |
| ENG 212* | American Literature | 3 | M/W | East 3 | 10:00-11:20 | Lemerond |
| EVS 120* | Environmental Science | 3 | M/W | Science Building | 1:00-2:20 | Calhoun |
| EVS 120A* | Environmental Science Lab | 2 | W | Science Building | 3:00-4:50 | Calhoun |
| HIS 101 | World Civilization I | 3 | M/W | West 2 | 10:00-11:20 | Eno |
| HIS 110 | Michigan History | 3 | M/W | West 2 | 11:30-12:50 | Eno |
| HUM 140 | Intro to Film | 3 | M/W | West 1 | 3:00-4:20 | Swarthout |
| HUM 220 | Intro to Theater | 3 | M/W | West 1 | 10:00-11:20 | Prielipp |
| MTH 095 | Fundamentals of Math | 3 | M/W | East 3 | 1:30-2:50 | TBD |
| MTH 099* | Beginning Algebra | 4 | M/W | East 3 | 3:00-4:50 | TBD |
| MTH 105* | Intermediate Algebra | 4 | M/W | East 2 | 10:00-11:50 | Rich |
| MTH 134* | Plane Trigonometry | 3 | T/R | East 3 | 10:00-11:20 | Rich |
| MTH 140* | Pre-Calculus | 4 | T/R | East 3 | 11:30-1:20 | Rich |
| MTH 230* | Introduction to Statistics | 3 | M/W | East 3 | 1:30-2:50 | Rich |
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| NAS 103 | Survey of NA Studies | 3 | T/R | East 2 | 12:00-1:20 | Slattery |
| NAS 260 | Anishnabe History | 3 | M/W | East 2 | 3:00-4:20 | Slattery |
| NAS 242* | Survey of NA Literature | 3 | M/W | East 3 | 11:30-12:50 | Prielipp |
| NAS 291* | Modern NA Resistance | 3 | T/R | East 2 | 3:00-4:20 | Slattery |
| NAS 284 | NA Religion | 3 | M/W | East 2 | 12:00-1:20 | Slattery |
| OJB 101 | Ojibwa Language I | 3 | M/W | West 2 | 1:30-2:50 | Roy |
| OJB 102* | Ojibwa Language II | 3 | M/W | West 2 | 3:00-4:20 | Roy |
| OJB 201* | Ojibwa Language III | 3 | T/R | East 3 | 1:30-2:50 | Roy |
| OJB 202* | Ojibwa Language IV | 3 | T/R | East 3 | 3:00-4:20 | Roy |
| PHL 110 | Intro to Philosophy | 3 | M/W | West 1 | 11:30-12:50 | Swarthout |
| PSY 101 | Intro to Psychology | 3 | W | West 2 | 5:30-8:20 | Ruhl |
| PSY 202 | Human Development | 3 | M/W | West 1 | 1:30-2:50 | Swarthout |
| SOC 210 | Marriage & Family | 3 | T | West 2 | 5:30-8:20 | Ruhl |
| SDV 099 | Academic Methods | 3 | T | Computer Lab | 5:30-8:20 | Wagner |
| SPN 101 | Spanish I | 3 | T/R | West 1 | 4:00-5:20 | Luna-Gagnon |

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*Check co-requisite or pre-requisite requirements



Young fans prove Hunter Hayes is “Wanted” at SECR

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

At age 9, he recorded his first album. Two years ago, 20-year-old Hunter Hayes got the recognition he deserved and took the country music world by storm with his hit single “Wanted”. Now, at age 22, Hayes is as popular as ever.

Hunter Hayes and Love and Theft kicked off the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Outdoor Concert series on Thursday, June 19.

Stephen Barker Liles and Eric Gunderson of Love and

Theft, an American country music duo, performed “She Gets Me”, with a verse of Eminem’s “Lose Yourself” included. Love and Theft performed their hit singles “Night That You’ll Never Forget” and “Angel Eyes”.

With their high-energy show, Love and Theft properly got the crowd ready for Hunter Hayes. They covered Nitty Gritty Dirt Band’s “Fishin’ in the Dark” and The Allman Brothers’ “Midnight Rider”.

With his charming good looks and humble personality, it’s no wonder young girls

went crazy as soon as Hayes walked on stage.

Best known for his positive messages and love songs, multi-instrumentalist Hayes began with “Wild Card”, “Secret Love”, “Still Fallin’” and “Somebody’s Heartbreak”.

Hayes showcased his genuine personality when he thanked his fans for traveling many miles to attend his concert, and for also inviting him to perform at SECR.

“You invited us to this beautiful place,” Hayes said. “We love being here.”

When introducing “Tattoo”, Hayes said, “This is my new single and I don’t even have a tattoo. Hopefully one day I will want to get one.”

“Invisible”, a message about bullying, was debuted by Hayes at the 2014 Grammy Awards in January. He co-wrote the song.

“It was a privilege to write this song,” Hayes said. “I’ve always been a total music geek. I always will be and that’s what I will always want to be... now thanks to you, I fit in because I am a music geek... don’t ever change



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Teenage heartthrob and multi-instrumentalist Hunter Hayes performs “Wild Card”.

anything about yourself. You are all perfect.”

“You Think You Know Somebody”, “Everybody’s Got Somebody But Me”, “Flashlight” and “Light Me Up” again displayed Hayes’ love for romantic songs and faith-based music.

A piano solo begun and the first few notes of Hayes’ biggest hit “Wanted” became

recognizable. The crowd roared and sang along to every word.

With a remarkable light display throughout, Hayes closed his show with “Love Makes Me”, “I Want Crazy” and an encore of “Storm Warning”.

Hayes is refreshingly unaffected by fame and remains humble, down-to-earth and grateful for his fans and the ability to continue doing what he loves.



For the second year in a row, Love and Theft returned to the SECR Outdoor Concert Series as an opening act.

Metal onslaught delivers as Queensrÿche and Great White fly back to the Eagle

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Progressive heavy metal fans rejoiced as Soaring Eagle alumni Queensrÿche and Great White led an appreciative audience through three hours of explosive sound and power chords.

There was no doubt to those in attendance before the metal onslaught began who the headliner was, and after the show, could agree the night was owned by the “Queen of the Reich.”

With that being said, this was two headliners rockin’ out their hits dating back to the ‘80s.

Los Angeles metal heads Great White commanded the stage first with frontman Terry

Ilous doing what he does best. Formerly fronting vocals for the metal band XYZ, Ilous worked the stage and ladies in the front row to perfection.

Lead guitarist Mark Kendall traded the spotlight with bassist Scott Snyder and rhythm guitarist Michael Lardie contributing fills with keyboards and harp. Drummer Audie Desbrow counted off the beats as they led the audience through their hits “Rock Me”, “Rollin’ Stoned”, “House of Broken Love” and the Ian Hunter standard “Once Bitten, Twice Shy.”

Table Games Director and 11-11-11 Music Festival Event Coordinator Brent Jackson came out to greet the band on the return to Soaring Eagle. Three years ago, Great White was the headliner with other Midwest metal groups that included Finding Clyde, Harlet, The Kincaids, Stonefish, MacLaren Brennan, Thunder Chickens, Slight Case of Death, Arsenic Army, Filthy Habit and the Braun Khan Quintet.

Queensrÿche wasted no time as the stage hands did their changeover between the bands as the much anticipated debut of Todd LaTorre captivated the Soaring Eagle faithful. After LaTorre nailed the opening anthem “Nightrider” and the vocally challenging “Breaking the Silence”, the audience quickly warmed to the lead singer who replaced Geoff Tate.

“I couldn’t believe it, this guy hit the notes and I think the band sounds better with LaTorre singing,” Tribal Member and Queensrÿche fan Jeff Colwell

said. “I saw them perform here a few years ago and they rocked that night, but they sound excellent and you could tell they were having fun while they were doing it.”

The power chords flowed from the ample rhythms provided by guitar slingers Michael Wilton and Parker Lundgren with Eddie Jackson adding his bass riffs to “Walk In The Shadows”, “The Whisper” and “En Force.”

Drummer Scott Rockenfield joined founding bandmates Wilton and Jackson onstage as LaTorre swayed the crowd through their 1990 Grammy award-nominated metal ballad “Silent Lucidity”.

The twin bill garnered some national attention where Boston and Detroit-based photojournalist Mick McDonald of National Rock Review was on site to cover the action.

“Always a top notch operation, this venue is one of my favorites of which to attend a show,” McDonald said of SECR. “The concert hall seating is well arranged with an excellent view of the stage from all angles. Production Manager Henry Kubin and his staff have a sound system and acoustics are as close to perfection as it can get, complimented by a dazzling and expansive lighting system that rivals any other major venue in the country. The cleanliness, professionalism and overall enthusiasm the



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Queensrÿche brings their pulse-pounding metal sounds to the SECR Entertainment Hall stage.

staff puts forth from the valets to the box office to concessions are impeccable. The promoters did a great service to the concert going community by booking these two legendary bands to perform here.”

McDonald agreed with Colwell, saying that Queensrÿche was “rejuvenated, reinvigorated, refreshed and reborn!”

The Bellevue, Wash. based rockers worked the

standing ovation into a frenzy as they delivered a trifecta of Queensrÿche standards, “Queen of the Reich”, “Jet City Woman” and the seminal “Take Hold of the Flame”.

Queensrÿche will be heading back to their home state on July 12 to play the Lawless Harley-Davidson concert in Renton, Wash. Then travel to Yonkers, N.Y. to join the 2014 Summer Concert series on July 20.



Queensrÿche lead singer Todd LaTorre belts out “Nightrider” as the crowd begins their journey down the metal highway.

SECR UPCOMING EVENTS

| DATE | EVENT |
|--------------------|---|
| Friday, July 4 | Monster Truck Madness 5 |
| Saturday, July 5 | Switchfoot, P.O.D. and Black Stone Cherry |
| Sunday, July 6 | Freestyle Motocross |
| Thursday, July 10 | Train wsg Gin Blossoms |
| Thursday, July 31 | Rascal Flatts wsg Gloriana |
| Thursday, Aug. 7 | American Idol Live 2014 |
| Wednesday, Aug. 20 | Alice in Chains wsg Buckcherry |
| Saturday, Aug. 23 | Bill Cosby |
| Wednesday, Aug. 27 | Florida Georgia Line |
| Friday, Aug. 29 | Fall Out Boy wsg New Politics |



Staind and Sevendust help SECR rock the night away

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Two bands put on one rocking show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Thursday, May 29. Renowned musical acts Staind and Sevendust put on a show fans will not soon forget.

The heavy metal act Sevendust is known for their aggressive deep-toned riffs fused with soulful and memorable melodies. Since their founding in 1994, the

hard rockers from Atlanta have released nine studio albums. This includes the 2014 album "Time Travelers & Bonfires" and the 2013 release of "Black Out the Sun", both of which peaked at No. 1 on Billboard's U.S. Hard Rock chart.

Sevendust opened the night's festivities in true rock 'n' roll fashion, with loud aggressive music played with an edge. The first three songs "Splinter", "Praise" and "Till Death", energized the audience bringing many to their feet.

Lead vocalist Lajon Witherspoon frequently called out to the audience, receiving cheers in response.

"Let me see you put your hands in the air," Witherspoon said. "Miigwetch, miigwetch!"

After playing the hit songs "Waffle", "Denial" and "Disgrace", the band changed it up with the melodic acoustic song "Karma".

"We are going to play an instrumental

for each and every one of you guys, thank you," Witherspoon said. "If it wasn't for you, we wouldn't be up here."

The songs "Got a Feeling", "Angel's Son" and "Decay" were next on the agenda. To close out the show, Sevendust performed "Pieces" and "Face to Face".

The American rock band Staind was up next on the Entertainment Hall stage.

Formed in Springfield, Mass. in 1994, the group has gained recognition for their raw emotional sound. Frontman Aaron Lewis has been compared to former Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain, with his angst filled and achingly emotional voice.

Staind has released a total of seven studio albums including their break-out album "Break the Cycle" (2001), and the most recent self-titled album "Staind" (2011).

To date, the quartet has sold more than 15 million records while releasing five chart-topping singles.

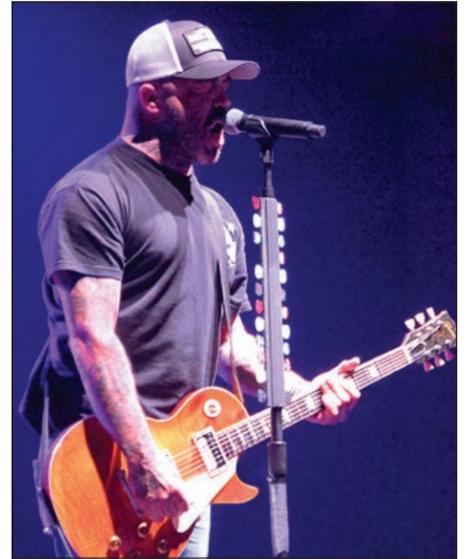
The wail of Mike Mushok's lead guitar brought the audience to their feet as the opening

riffs of the hit single "Eyes Wide Open" started. Next were the songs "Falling" and "Right Here", the latter of which reached No. 1 on Billboard's Mainstream Rock Chart.

Next up were the songs "So Far Away" and "Not Again", both of which peaked at No. 1 on Billboards Mainstream Rock Chart. To change things up, Lewis grabbed his acoustic guitar for a soulful rendition of "Home".

Lewis' soulful, almost tormented voice highlighted his emotional connection to the lyrics as they performed "Pardon Me", "Outside", "Paper Wings" and "Something to Remind You".

Staind took the audience on a trip down memory lane as they played their first hit single "Mudshovel", which released on their debut album "Tormented" in 1996. The ensuing song was



Staind frontman Aaron Lewis' vocals soar as he performs the hit song "Right Here".

their No. 1 single, the power ballad "It's Been a While". To close out the night the band performed "For You".

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



Sevendust lead vocalist Lajon Witherspoon sings to the crowd and shakes the hands of fans.

Jermaine, Tito, Jackie, Marlon Jackson perform greatest hits, honor Michael

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Jermaine, Jackie, Tito, Marlon and their late brother Michael entered the music scene in 1967. They quickly became

an American popular music family group with several number one hits.

On June 13, the remaining group members put on one entertaining show in the Soaring Eagle Casino &

Resort Entertainment Hall.

The Jacksons performed their hits from the '70s, '80s, and even performed a few of Michael's solo hits; "Rock With You", "I Wanna Be Where You Are", and "Can't Let Her Get Away".

With their synchronized dance steps, glitzy jackets and smooth harmonies, it almost seemed like a flashback of their performances in the '70s.

The lights suddenly dimmed and a video began to play on both sides of the stage. The film presented interviews with their mother Katherine Jackson, father Joe Jackson and their record producer Berry Gordy. The video described how the brothers rehearsed every day, perfecting their act. They started off singing country music, and one day they had the opportunity to audition for Gordy.

"I had no intention of dealing with a kid crew," Gordy said in the video. "I had enough trouble with adult acts; I didn't want to deal with kids."

Gordy was blown away by their talent, and The Jacksons were immediately signed to his label. Their first four records went straight to number one and all of their hard work and rehearsing had paid off.

The Jacksons performed "Lookin' Through the Windows", "Heaven Knows I Love You Girl" and "Man of War", which led the brothers to incorporate peace and embrace on stage.

The Jacksons paid tribute to their beloved, irreplaceable Michael throughout the show. With emotions running high, a slideshow with photos of Michael, along with the five brothers performing throughout the years, played

as Jermaine sang the moving ballad "Gone Too Soon".

"Our younger brother is with us in spirit," Marlon said. "We love you, Michael."

The crowd roared when The Jacksons performed their early hits "ABC", "The Love You Save", "Dancing Machine", "Never Can Say Goodbye" and "I'll Be There".

With Michael's memory alive, The Jacksons performed his hit songs "Can't Let Her Get Away", "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'", "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough" and closed with the upbeat "Shake Your Body (Down to the Ground)".

Last year began the first tour for the group in 29 years. Tito, Marlon, Jermaine and Jackie didn't miss a beat, and the fans in the audience proved that they "Never Can Say Goodbye" to The Jackson 5.



Brothers Tito, Jackie, Marlon and Jermaine Jackson perform their greatest hits of the '70s and '80s.

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Summertime kettle corn: An interesting healthy twist

SALLY VAN CISE

Nutritionist

With summer comes farmers' markets and fairs, and kettle corn! I am one of those who love kettle corn – so I wondered if I could make it in the kitchen with the kids.

The Afterschool Program kids joined me one afternoon, and we tried out the recipe published. The result – two thumbs way up!

It's fun: Part of the appeal of this recipe is that you are popping your own popcorn on the stove – many of the children said they had never seen this done, they only knew of microwave packets so they were fascinated with the process, and

asked for the recipe. The children can help make this easy and quick recipe.

Let them measure out the popcorn and the oil, before you pop it. Microwave the maple syrup and peanut butter, stir the mixture, and pour it onto the freshly popped popcorn - they can then stir the mixture in with their hands (be careful though, the mixture is HOT).

Did you know: Popcorn was first domesticated in Mexico 9,000 years ago from a wild grass. A few thousands of years later, it then made its way across Central and South America. Popcorn is one of the oldest forms of corn; evidence of popcorn from 3600 B.C. was found

in New Mexico. Corncobs found at two ancient sites in Peru (Paredones and Huaca Prieta) may date from as early as 4700 B.C. This suggests that people living along the coast of northern Peru were already eating popcorn by that time!

Air and oil-popped popcorn is naturally high in dietary fiber and antioxidants, low in calories and fat, and free of sugar and sodium. For the sake of flavor, however, large amounts of fat, sugar, and sodium are often added, which can quickly convert it to a less-than-healthy food. Please Note: Popcorn is a food that the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends not to serve to children

aged four and younger, because of a risk of choking.

Kettle corn is a sweet-and-salty variety of popcorn that is

typically mixed or seasoned with a light-colored refined sugar, salt and oil. Our recipe is both healthy and delicious – so enjoy!

Homemade Kettle Corn

Makes three servings

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon chunky peanut butter (can substitute smooth)
- dash of salt

Instructions:

Pop popcorn in microwave, air popper or stove top. In a small bowl in the microwave, heat peanut butter and maple syrup for 30 seconds. Remove and stir together until smooth. Pour over freshly popped popcorn, add a dash of salt, and mix with your hands. Enjoy!

Recipe submitted by Sally Van Cise RD Nutritionist with permission to reprint by author, snack-girl.com.



Mino n'Bimaadziwin: The good life is always a journey

DAMIAN FISHER

Contributing Writer

Winning is not everything but it sure is encouraging! Competing is a more important challenge. Practicing, preparing is all part of the training that gets you in the game. When the bell rings, the next challenge is how to put everything you have into the ring.

Success is the overwhelming sense of achievement you'll have when that horn blows and your last shot is floating in the air towards the basket. At that point, whether that ball falls through the



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

hoop or not, you can leave that court knowing you have given it all you had at that moment. You'll know that because your eyes won't be cast down looking at the ball in your hands, your eyes will be up watching the ball soar.

Last month, I won second place in the Over 50, Light Heavy Weight division of the NPC Grand Rapids Bodybuilding, Fitness, Figure, Physique, and Bikini Championships (National Qualifier) on Saturday, May 24. That is my best finish in three seasons of body building competition and it is very encouraging!

I am thankful for this gift the Creator has given me because it's a gift I knew what to do with. The gift allowed me to focus on goals and use all the skills, training, experience and relationships I have.

The gift gave me a purpose to find my center, achieve balance and reorient myself in this world, this community, among these friends and family. That is how this bodybuilding competition encourages me to live the good life in a good way.

For you, it might be working toward a one-mile fun run, 5K foot race or a marathon. It might be bowling a 300 game or throwing three ringers at

horseshoes. It might be an "A" in that math class or something as simple as remembering a way to pack and eat a healthy lunch at work.

The good life is all around, we just have to recognize the gifts, understand how they are to be used in a good way and then embrace and use them with a full spirit and all the enthusiasm you have. Baa Maapii, and it's a good life indeed.

Walking: A step in the right direction

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

A reminder as we continue with our stretching tips: Stretch gently after you warm up your muscles and again after you cool down. Try doing the following stretches listed. Do not bounce or hold your breath when you stretch. Perform slow movements and stretch only as far as you feel comfortable.

Knee Pull: Lean your back against a wall. Keep your head, hips and feet in a straight line. Pull one knee toward your chest, hold for 10 seconds, and then repeat with the other leg.

Leg Curl: Pull your right foot toward your buttocks with your right hand. Stand straight and keep your bent knee pointing straight down. Hold for 10 seconds and repeat with your other foot and hand.

Hamstring Stretch: Sit on a sturdy bench or hard surface so that one leg is stretched out on the bench with your toes pointing up. Keep your other foot flat on the surface below. Straighten your back and if you feel a stretch in the back of your thigh, hold for 10 seconds and then change sides and repeat. If you do not feel a stretch, slowly lean forward from your hips until you feel a stretch.

Don't forget the free walking at Morey Courts, along with the Tribal Gym and Nimkee Fitness Center. If you have not done so already, sign up for the walking challenge through Blue Cross at www.walkingworks.com. The winning tribe will receive their award at the Family Olympics this month.

Contact Robyn at 989-775-4649 or Judy at 989-775-4629 for more information.

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Thursday, July 17

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Friday, July 18

- **Track & Field Competitions and Games**
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You must be registered by 10 a.m., no exceptions.
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For More Information or Questions Contact
Jaden Harman, *Nimkee Fitness Coordinator* | 989-775-4694

* This is an alcohol, smoking and drug free event. *

Nimkee Fitness Center July Group Exercise Schedule

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 8 a.m. | Aqua Fit Sharon | | Aqua Fit Sharon | | Aqua Fit Sharon |
| 11 a.m. | | Mama/Baby Stroller Class Jayme | Insanity Beth Starts at 11:15 | | |
| 12:10 p.m. | Turbo Kick/ Step & Sculpt Beth/Leah | Suspension Strength Jayme | Lunch Crunch Go 30 Jaden | Fat Blast Jayme | Boot Camp Jaden |
| 4:15 p.m. | | | | | Fat Blast Jayme |
| 5:10 p.m. | Zumba Jayme | Kick & Step Interval Blast Jeni | Kick & Step Interval Blast Jeni | Core Cardio Suspension Jayme | |
| 5:10 p.m. | | Beginners Running Class Jayme | | | |



23rd annual Human Race promotes healthy competition on the Rez

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

On Wednesday, June 23, nearly 200 participants gathered to take part in the 23rd annual Human Race. This year, once again, had an outstanding turnout with participants traveling throughout Mid-Michigan to gather for the 5K run and one mile run/walk.

Although weather forecasts called for thunderstorms and rain, the skies cleared up and created appropriate running conditions at the Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

Rob McConnell took the male overall title with a time of 16:02, while his daughter Alexis McConnell took the female overall title with a time of 19:01.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Runners take off from the starting line of the 23rd annual Human Race.

All finishers were commended at the post-race dinner provided by the Seventh Generation Program.

The top three 5K finishers in 13 male and female age classifications, as well as the top three finishers in the one mile run/walk, were honored with a handcrafted cedar eagle feather award.

"I would like to applaud the woodshop department in collaborating with us this year by going above and beyond with helping us create the cedar eagle feather awards," Human Race and Nimkee Fitness Coordinator Jaden Harman said. "Special thanks to Steve Wassegijig, Dave Salisbury and

Hank Sprague for working with us to get an incredible product."

Sponsors for the Human Race included Nimkee Fitness Center, Nimkee Public Health and Seventh Generation.

"I wanted to express my gratitude for all your efforts; whether you assisted with our registration process, parking

cars, finishing and results, course directing or preparing and serving the delicious food," Harman said. "We greatly appreciate all you did."

The annual Human Race once again promoted the spirituality of Native American culture, as well as health and positive lifestyle to all that took part.



The Beginner's Running Class pose for a team photo after successfully running the 5K event.

Girls on the Run program ends with annual 5K run

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Girls on the Run program ends each year with the annual Girls on the Run of Central Michigan 5K. This year's run was held Saturday, May 17 in Ithaca, Mich.

According to Jennifer Crawford, council director of Girls on the Run of Central Michigan, this year was the largest yet, with nearly 1,100 participants.

"We had approximately 650 third through eighth grade Girls on the Run participants, more than 150 volunteer coaches and just over 300 open-division runners," Crawford said.

Now in its 12th season, the Central Michigan district includes participants from Isabella, Gratiot and Clare counties. The program consists of 20 lessons leading up to the end of season's 5K event.

According to the Girls on the Run website, the goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness.

Local sponsors for this year's event included the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel. For more information on the program, please visit www.girlsontherun.org, or for the local Central Michigan chapter at www.gotrcentralmichigan.org.



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Andahwod hosts Mother's and Father's Day event together as family

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

We have all heard the phrase "more is better," but could that also apply to Tribal events?

The Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services proved the phrase rings true as they celebrated both Mother's Day and Father's Day together with 53 attendees at a family cookout on June 7.

"With our Maple Lodge pavilion, we were prepared just in case the weather didn't cooperate, but was a beautiful Saturday afternoon and all the Elders and their families appeared to be having a lot of laughs and a lot of fun," Senior Assisted Living Administrator

Gayle Ruhl said. "All the staff did an excellent job... Several Elders came to me after the event to tell me how much they enjoyed the day and liked the relaxed mood, as well as the friendly competition."

Tribal Elder Terry Bonnau offered a blessing for the food as Chef Sam Algin and his culinary staff provided all the BBQ ribs, hot dogs and brats you would expect at an outdoor cookout. The iced tea, fruit punch and homemade lemonade were big hits for the affair and provided the energy for the competitive activities.

Ellie VanHorn took first place in the Elders Chipping Challenge, followed by Domenic Stone and Chris Jackson.

In two brackets of the contested Elders' bean bag toss, Carol Tally took first place in the first division followed by Sue Kequom and Chris Jackson. In the Elders' bean bag toss second bracket, first place honors went to Dolly Ruekert, with Sue Kequom and Ellie VanHorn taking second and third, respectively.

Elder Community Activity Assistant Tomarrah Green did have to make some last minute changes during the event.

"We did plan on doing a horseshoe challenge but decided to cancel it in favor of the popular bean bag toss," Green said. "Because of the popularity, we are also planning to start a summer bean bag toss league for Elders at Andahwod this summer, with the grand finale on September 7 (Grandparents Day) which would include both Elders and youth."

Green mentions they didn't have sponsors for this event

Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick



Tribal Elders Sue Kequom, Carole Tally and Chris Jackson were all winners at the Elders Bean Bag Toss.

but they wanted to thank the Youth LEAD department for combining efforts and giving the youth and Elders a fun opportunity to interact.

"That interaction provides a positive impact," Green said. "Many residents (specifically Elders Roger High and Dolly Ruekert) came to me after the event said they had a great time. They said they would love to

have more cookouts hosted at Andahwod to give them more opportunities to interact with the members of the Tribal community of all ages."

After the event, Anita Hall said that she and Teresa VanAlstine from the Youth LEAD department truly enjoyed themselves as well, and that it didn't even feel like work.

Beginning Investment Class

for ages 50 and older

Save the dates for a Beginning investment class coming August 19 and 26, to be taught by Wells Fargo.

More information in August Tribal Observer and District One Elders Newsletter.

JULY 2014

Tribal Elder Birthdays

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

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JULIE PEGO

Case Manager
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Please call District One Elders Services if you would like assistance with setting up an appointment to talk with a Medical Alert System Provider at 989-775-4306.

Andahwod July Events

Language Bingo

Sundays at 1 p.m. | Contact: 775-4387

Bingo with Friends

July 16 at 1 p.m. | Contact: 775-4387

Elders Breakfast

July 9 from 9-10 a.m. | Contact: 775-4300

Elders Breakfast

July 23, from 9-10 a.m. | Contact: 775-4300



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JULY 4
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5pm Gizi Dance Party

8pm Gizi Dance Party

6pm Hula Hoop & Limbo Contest

10pm Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Fireworks

Admission for carnival included for guests staying at waterpark July 4th





JULY 2014 EVENT PLANNER

Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing

- Contact: 989-775-4128
- July 1: Budd Lake
- July 8: Crooked Lake
- July 15: Five Lakes
- July 22: Long Lake
- July 25: Chippewa Lake (all day)
- July 29: Halls Lake

Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Dinner Party

- July 2 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
 - Contact: 989-775-4386

Monday Night "Masters" Golf League

- July 7, 14, 21, 28 | Shotgun Start: 5:45 p.m.
- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club, Shepherd, Mich.
 - Contact: 989-400-8454

Niibing Community Service Day

- July 8 | 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Location: Housing/Broadway Park
 - Contact: 989-775-4071
 - Niibing students will be doing their community service; lunch with our Elders at Andahwod, canned food drive and park clean up.
 - We are inviting the entire Tribal community for a wide variety of activities.
 - Free food and food vendors.

Fitness Support Group

- July 9, 24 | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 - Contact: 989-775-4696

Housing Financial Workshop

- July 17 | 12 p.m.
- Location: Housing Conference Room
 - Contact: 989-775-4552

Saganing Health and Safety Fair

- July 17 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
 - Contact: 989-775-4629

Twins Luncheon

- July 21 | 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 - Contact: 989-775-4616
 - Twins and multiples of all ages are cordially invited.
 - Door prizes, trophies and food.

New Parents Support Group

- July 25 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Location: Nimkee Health
 - Contact: 989-775-4600

Freedom Walk

- July 26 | 8 a.m.
- Location: Meet at the Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym
 - Contact: 989-775-4535

B. Sprague Open Co-Ed and Men's Golf Tournament

- July 12 | Tee time: 10 a.m.
- Location: Waabooz Run
 - Contact: 989-400-1838
 - Registration deadline: July 4
 - Entry Fee: \$120 per team, covers 18 holes of golf, cart and lunch
 - Two person scramble
 - Blue tees: Men, White tees: Women
 - Mulligans two for \$5 (limit two per person)
 - Skins - \$20 a team

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For more information & questions regarding EmpowerU please contact:
 Jason George, Training & Development Director - 989.775.0072
 Julie Pego, Case Manager - 989.775.4306

Kristen Winn, Fifth Third Bank Manager, Mt. Pleasant - 989.775.0351

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| <p>Gamblers Anonymous (GA) Meetings 12-step program for people that have a gambling problem.</p> <p>Mondays & Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Mount Pleasant First United Methodist Church 400 S. Main St.</p> | <p>Narcotics Anonymous Meetings</p> <p>Tuesdays: 6 p.m., Wesley Foundation at CMU 1400 S. Washington St., Mount Pleasant</p> <p>Thursdays: 6:30 p.m., First Methodist Church 400 S. Main St., Mount Pleasant</p> <p>Saturdays: 7 p.m., Mount Pleasant Alano Club 1201 N. Fancher Rd., Mount Pleasant</p> |
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TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | JULY 2014

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT./SUN. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small> | <p>1</p> <p>Ogichedaw Meeting Senior's Room 6 p.m.</p> <p>Shidokan Martial Arts Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Healing Lodge B. Health 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Tribal Ops Closed Independence Day</p> <p>Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p> <p>6</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p> <p>Shidokan Martial Arts Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Shidokan Martial Arts Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Donnie Dowd Traditional Healing B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Donnie Dowd Traditional Healing B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Traditional Healers 7th Generation 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> <p>Grandmother Moon B. Health 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p> <p>13</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> |
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Tribal Departments: Our primary source for information is the Shared Network Community Calendar. You may access the Community Calendar by going onto the Shared-Drive and clicking on the Tribal Community Calendar. This is a very useful tool that we suggest everyone explore. Start by creating a shortcut, then adding an event, enjoy!



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Executive Health Director

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Social Services Caseworker

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SCTC Math Tutor

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Grounds Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. Must possess high school diploma or equivalent. Must have knowledge of grounds keeping equipment operation. Must demonstrate an ability to do light preventative maintenance of equipment.

Tribal Police Officer

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that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required.

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Comptroller

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Sous Chef

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation accredited school or must have five years direct experience in food production.

Inventory Control Driver-Warehouse

Open to the public. Only SCIT Members and/or current employees may apply. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a Tribal driver's license and maintain a CDL Class B license. One to three years experience in driving vehicles/rigs. that require CDL designation.

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF ANNA MENA:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 14-CI-0282 Plaintiff: Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department 7070 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Plaintiff's Attorney: Jay W. Fields Senior Associate General Counsel Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan 7070 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Vs. Anna Mena 2450 Sowmick Dr. #C Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Oct. 9, 2014.**

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF THERON FISHER:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)775-4800 Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0238 Plaintiff: Chemical Bank - Walker Plaintiff's Attorney: Peter S. Shek (P32749) 803 N. Michigan Ave. Saginaw MI 48602 Vs. Defendant: Theron Fisher 520 S. Fancher St. Mt.Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or late other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Sept. 25, 2014.**

NOTICE OF PRESENTMENT UNDER SEVEN-DAY ORDER TO VIVIAN KAY PELCHER:

Please take notice that pursuant to an order of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Judge, Patrick M. Shannon, a Default Judgment of Divorce in Case Number 14-CI-0149 has been submitted to the court and will be entered against you unless within the next seven (7) days you file a written objection to the entry of a Default Judgment of Divorce with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Clerk's Office. If you fail to file any written objection, the proposed Default Judgment of Divorce will be entered against you.

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At-Large Program presents 2014 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow

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Editor

Tribal communities and Standish residents came together for the Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow on June 14 and 15 at the Powwow Grounds on Worth Road, next to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Tribal Center.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan At-Large Program presents the annual powwow. This year, an estimated 2500 people attended the event, as beautiful weather shone down on the powwow grounds.

“We had a great community turnout, wonderful weather, and

amazing staff,” Lisa Peters, At-Large elders advocate and Powwow Committee member said. “We could not have asked for a better weekend for a powwow.”

At 1 p.m. both days and 4 p.m. Saturday, members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society lined up to lead grand entry, with Head Veteran Mike Perez, Head Female Dancer Stormie Frees-Jacobs and Head Male Dancer Sterling BigBear performing their fancy footwork.

One-by-one, the veterans’ names were announced and they posted their colors.

“The Eagle Feathers represent one of those that have gone on before us,” Emcee R.J. Smith said on Saturday afternoon. “Everything stops when an Eagle Feather drops.”

The Head Drum was Southern Straight and Matthew “Cubby” Sprague Jr. took on the role as arena director.

“Vendors, spectators and the community let you know how much they love this powwow and they continue to come back year after year,” Peters said. “We try to add new components to the powwow, both cultural and educational. One of the big successes this year was the demonstrations and the mascots that represent and promote the businesses of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and community businesses.”

The mascots socialized with the powwow crowd, and Gizi even did the two-step.

“The crowd, both young and old, enjoyed the mascots,” Denise Pelcher, At-Large contract health clerk and Powwow Committee member, said. “It is also a way for those businesses to become involved with a Native American cultural event to better their understanding of our Tribe.”



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Dancers follow the Head Veteran, Flag Carriers and Head Dancers during Grand Entry.

Patrick J. Naganashe and Mike Naganashe took first place in the hand drum contest, winning \$300. Second place went to Chinodin and Jesse who won \$200, and Raymond Shenoskey Jr. and Jeremy R. Joy went home with \$100 for third place.

It takes a collaborate effort to make this successful event possible. The Facilities department, Tribal Maintenance, Saganing Eagles Landing Maintenance, SCIT Tribal Council, Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, Youth LEAD, Migizi Economic Development Co., SECR Food and Beverage, SCIT and SEL Marketing, Tribal Public Relations, At-Large Program staff and private sponsors all contributed to the event.

“The most rewarding part is watching all of our months of planning come together for two days of celebration,” Pelcher said. “When you see families come together who normally do not see each other, except at this powwow, and when they thank us because they had such a good time and that they will be back next year, it makes it all worthwhile.”

The arbor construction team Dan McCreery, David Darnell, Jonathan Ayling, Ed Mathews, Ron Defoy, Tracy Chamberlain and Dan Bennett built the beautiful powwow arbor.

“They all put in over 12 hour days, and without their help



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society members lead Grand Entry for the 2014 Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow.

this event would not happen,” Peters said. “Josh Gravelyn and Steve Jablonski so graciously support the importance of this event.”

This year, fireworks were provided by Tribal Council and SCIT Public Relations after dusk on Saturday at the powwow grounds.



Photo courtesy of Denise Pelcher

Aubreyanna Stevens and Hope Stevens dance side-by-side in the powwow arena.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Makayla Stevens and Aiyanah Borton show off their fancy footwork.



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Addison Begay, Christian Clarquit, Madison Kennedy and Abbie Nahdee bond in the arena.



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Clara Begay and Dayna Johansen are all smiles while dancing.



Photo courtesy of Denise Pelcher

Head Female Dancer Stormie Frees-Jacobs and Head Male Dancer Sterling BigBear were responsible for the direction of the Powwow.



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Christa Gomez and her daughter Marialena dance during the Powwow’s beautiful weather.