Congratulations to  high school and Honoring Native graduates

Local students attend educational District Powwow

SCTC commencement ceremony.

Eleven graduates honored at 2015 gather at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

Twenty-five Tribal youth students Self-esteem workshop

The Isabella County distribution took place at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28 in the Senior’s Room of the Tribal Operations

Our Tribal Council is fully aware of the challenges with the state's infrastructure and the condition of our local roads, that is why we felt it imperative this season to provide some relief by focusing on roads,” said Tribal Council Chief Steven Pego.

The Isabella Country distribution took place at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28 in the Senior’s Room of the Tribal Operations building at 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant.

The Saginaw area distribution occurred at the Saganing Tribal Center on Friday, May 29 at 1:30 p.m.

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| City of Standish | $2,177 |
| Arenac Township | $1,000 |
| Au Gres Township | $8,562 |
| Deep River Township | $25,000 |
| Lincoln Township | $1,000 |
| Mason Township | $21,000 |
| Pinconning Township | $23,000 |
| Sims Township | $1,000 |
| Standish Township | $6,639 |
| Turner Township | $11,000 |
| Whitney Township | $1,000 |
| Areneac Eastern School District | $54,195.35 |
| Au Gres-Sims School District | $48,581 |
| Pinconning School District | $51,634.66 |
| Standish-Stirling School District | $76,993.88 |
| Total: | $691,379.60 |
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 Officers. As result of this contractual procedure; All complaints against the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and/or its Officers must first be directed to:

BIA Internal Affairs SSA Justin Wendland
justin.wendland@bia.gov | 701-250-4545
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TEL: 989-775-4700

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Wednesday, June 10 & Friday, June 12: from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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• Limit 20 tires per household.
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If someone you know may be interested in participating, please give them my name and contact information.

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www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver
Bannon said the Tribal Police currently have 35 employees working in a variety of positions and each officer in the field is equipped by body cameras along with cameras within each squad car.

“The body cameras were implemented by Tribal Police several years ago and our department remains committed to keeping pace with emerging technology and law enforce-ment techniques,” Bannon said. “We have equipped our road patrols with video cameras over 15 years ago and we will continue to change as new advances arise.”

Bannon appreciates the support given by Tribal Council as they work with the Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Division and other agencies that impact the Reservation and Isabella County.

She said Tribal Police works closely with SCIT Community Engineer Donald Seal and the Michigan Department of Transportation to be informed on current projects and will continue to work with Saurie Eagle Casino & Resort security, surveillance and the Saginaw Chippewa Fire Department as they gear up for the sum-mer concerts and other events within their jurisdiction.

Benefits to planting a rain garden

A rain garden is a small garden that is planted in areas where water tends to pool up such as low spots or depressions. These are typically areas where storm water runs off to during rain events. These gardens usually contain a variety of beautiful plants.

So why plant a rain garden?

1. Rain gardens catch and soak up dirty storm water before it washes away into storm drains and eventually leading to rivers and streams.
2. Rain gardens help to reduce the pollutants that the storm water may carry before the water enters local rivers.
3. Rain gardens help to reduce local flooding and erosion.
4. The strong root system of native plants often used in rain gardens increases infiltration of water over time. This helps keep soils healthy.

For more information on rain gardens, please feel free to contact Aiman Shahpurwala, water resource technician at 989-775-4081 or ashahpurwala@sagchip.org.

Attention Tribal Members

The following are all available to print on the Tribal website at www.sagchip.org under the Tribal Clerks tab in the “Government” section of the website.

- Annual Report
- Adult Change of Address form
- Tribal Children’s Welfare Program Application Affidavit and Schedule
- Child Change of Address form
- Durable Power of Attorney Designation
- Application for Absentee Ballot
- Notice of Fee Schedules (effective April 16, 2014)
- Voter Registration Forms

Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services by June 15, 2015. Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter. Please feel free to contact Felicia Bross at 989-775-4906 for more information.

Send letter of interest to:
Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services
7070 E. Broadway Rd., Mr. Pleasant, MI 48858

There are currently two vacancies

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

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Community homeowners: Prepare for hydrant flushing

SCIT UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Utilities Department will be flushing hydrants during June 8-12. Annual hydrant flushing is done to remove sediment from the pipes in order to maintain water clarity and quality in the distribution system and to test the hydrants for adequate flow and pressure.

If this happens, run cold water tap for a few minutes until the water clears. If it doesn’t clear the first time, wait a few minutes and run the water again. Avoid washing clothes until the water clears.

Information regarding hydrant flushing can be obtained by calling 989-775-5141 or 989-775-5235.

Six-year-old Angelo Leaureaux participates in Gathering of Nations hand drum contest

TONIA LEAUREAUX
Contributing Writer

Saginaw Chippewa Academy Kindergartner Angelo Leaureaux recently attended North America’s largest powwow, the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, N.M., where he participated in the hand drum contest.

The crowd of approximately 15,000 spectators did not deter the little guy, who was eager and adamant that he was going to enter the contest.

The interesting part was that the song he chose was a song by well-known hand drummers Butch & Tone. Mind you, Butch & Tone were both at the event, and Tone actually was a contestant in the hand drum contest as well.

Regardless, Angelo had no qualms about singing their song despite their presence, so there was no point in trying to convince him otherwise (have to learn something, right?)

The best part was that the whole powwow was live streaming, so Angelo’s grandma was able to view his performance from home! What an incredible experience for a 6-year-old Leaureaux, who will have fond memories of performing in front of the crowd for years to come.

Way to go, Angelo! Chi-miigwetch to Margaret Flanam and Sasiwaans Immersion School teacher, who discovered Angelo had a love for the drum when he was in her class as a two-year-old student.

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Tribal Observer
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Subscription rates are $30 per year.

For questions and registration forms, please contact: Marcella Hadden at 989-775-4059 or mahadden@sagchip.org.
Second national-tribal NRDAR Conference held at SECIR May 12-14

SALLY KNIFKEN
SCIT Environmental Specialist

Tribes from throughout the nation attended a special training hosted by the Environmental Team of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, May 12-14 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The conference drew tribal environmental professionals who are involved in Natural Resource Damages Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) cases from throughout the United States.

The conference was held in conjunction with the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort, for the first time, to provide an opportunity for tribal environmental specialists to engage in discussion and work on cases. The conference provided a forum for tribes to share their experiences and best practices for handling NRDAR cases.

Tribes were encouraged to participate in the conference, which included plenary sessions, workshops, and roundtable discussions. Topics covered a wide range of issues, including the legal and regulatory framework for NRDAR, case management, and the use of technical assistance.

The conference also featured keynote speakers and presentations by tribal representatives and federal agencies. Participants had the opportunity to network and build relationships with other environmental specialists from across the country.

The conference was co-hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The event was funded by NRDAR cases, and the Michigan Natural Resources Council.

The conference was a success and a great opportunity to bring tribes together to share knowledge and best practices in the field of NRDAR.

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#### Native Plants

Native plants will survive and thrive from Michigan’s natural environment conditions so they do not require much care. In addition, they provide habitat for wildlife and help maintain natural biodiversity. These plants also help remediate soils and improve water quality. Native plants include a variety of grasses, flowers, shrubs, and trees.

When selecting native plants for your garden here are some things to consider:

1. Generally how wet are your soils? Do you have areas on your property where water tends to collect? If so, you may want to consider planting water-tolerant species of plants in those particular areas.

2. What is your dominant soil texture? Do your soils contain more sand, silt, or clay?

3. How much sun do you receive on your property? Are there areas that receive more shade than others? Consider planting native plants that are more shade tolerant in areas that receive less sun.

4. What esthetics are you expecting from your plant? Consider the height of each plant while selecting, along with the color of the foliage during each season. What season does the plant bloom? A variety of plants with differing bloom times may allow you to enjoy your garden year round.

For more information on gardening with native plants, feel free to contact Aiman Shahpurwala, water resource technician at 989-775-4081 or ashanpurwala@sagchip.org.
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Grand Entry 1 p.m.
Dancer/Drum Registration 3-3:45 p.m.
Grand Entry 4 p.m.
Retiring Flags Dusk
13 Shawl Exhibition Created by Dr. Suzanne L. Cross
- American Women's Heart Health Awareness
- “Healing Through Culture and Art Shawl Collection”

Fireworks Saturday at Dusk

Sunday, June 21
Dancer/Drum Registration 12-12:45 p.m.
Grand Entry 1 p.m.
Hand Drum Contest 3 p.m.
*1st prize: $300  2nd prize: $200  3rd prize: $100
Blanket Giveaway Before Retiring
Retiring of Flags

Head Male Dancer: Eric Sowmick
Head Female Dancer: Darcy Pilar
Head Veteran: Darryl Jackson
Head Drum: Spirit Lake
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Low self-esteem is a think-
ning disorder in which an indi-
vidual views him/herself as inade-
quate, unlovable, worthless, and/or
incompetent. Once formed, this negative view permeates every thought, producing faulty assumptions and behaviors that defeat their own goals. According to DoSomething.org, knowledge and self-esteem are directly connected.

The Nenewk Treaties of 1850 and 1868 was the result of an agreement between the United States and the Anishinabe to sell their land rights to the United States. The Anishinabe were compensated for these losses in the form of annuities, which were never paid in full. The treaties also provided for the establishment of reservations, which were later taken away from the Anishinabe.

The Anishinabe have a strong sense of community and family. They are known for their generosity and hospitality. They believe in the importance of education and have established many schools and universities in the United States and Canada.

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Child Protection Team established to protect Tribal children from maltreatment

NATALIE SHATUCK
Editor

In an effort to continue keeping Tribal children protected, the Indian Child Welfare Committee and the Health Board of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe established a Child Protection Team (CPT). The CPT meets to discuss child abuse and neglect cases with children’s protection as the common goal. The CPT has the responsibility to review the response of social services and police agencies to reports of neglect and abuse and make recommendations regarding the adequacy of those responses to improve protection of children from child maltreatment.

“Title II of the Saginaw Chippewa Children’s Code actually provides for the creation of a Special Child Protection Team which is intended to bring individuals with expertise across disciplines together to ensure the best outcomes possible for children and families with child welfare involvement,” said Amy Durie, Anishnaabejig Child and Family Services director. “Our code calls for bringing the CPT team together for only the most serious cases, but the Bureau of Indian Affairs recommends a Child Protection Team consult on all open juvenile court cases.”

The CPT must be made up of representatives from various disciplines (agencies) that work with child abuse and neglect cases: the health department, court, law enforcement, education, etc. (Department of the Interior, 1987; United States Department of the Interior, 1990.)

“We followed the ‘Title II Children’s Code, Section 2.802(b) Child Protection Team’ said Faith Carmona-Pego, ICWC chairperson. “And ‘Section 2.808 (g) – the director of the Tribal department or his designee shall be deemed to be the coordinator of the Child Protection Team.’”

The SCIT CPT currently includes Durie; Cathy Fisher, heading to wellness coordinator; Karmen Fox, Nimkee executive health director; Melissa Montoya, education director; Shaw Sawmick, interim enrollment/tribal clerk director; and Robert Pego Sr., heading to wellness coordinator.

The team was inaugurated by Tribal Judge Patrick Shannon on Friday, May 1.

“I feel I have a responsibility to the children of my community to help them live in a thriving and happy home and community,” Sawmick said.

Durie said there are plans to add representatives from Behavioral Health and the Tribal Police Department.

“The idea is that we will have better outcomes for children and families if we look at family needs from a multi-disciplinary perspective,” Durie said.

According to the American Prosecutor’s Research Institute (1989), “experts from across the country who deal with child, abuse issues, courts, and trials on a daily basis confirm research findings in the field that the best response to child maltreatment is a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach.”

Child protection often involves civil action while prosecution is a criminal justice issue.

“The tribe has wanted to establish a CPT for some time, so this represents a positive step forward for our community,” Durie said.

SEWPH donates to Tribal Library

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on behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. At the 20th annual Chipewa Watershed Conservancy Banquet April 23, Pauquette received the 2015 Bob Ball Award. In addition, Tribal Council presented Pauquette with a Certificate of Appreciation on May 20. “I consider these both incredible honors,” Pauquette said. “Working to represent the Tribe on surface water issues, improving water quality for the community, and working with others to promote environmental stewardship is my hobby, my career, and my life.”

“The environmental team has experienced incredible growth and community support in recent years, and we are very thankful,” she said. “Knowing the community is proud and excited by our accomplishments fulfills a true sense of success and makes me want to work even harder toward our goals.”

Pauquette said she is thankful to work with wonderful people and on a fantastic team. Pauquette also offered a special thank you to Tribal Council for their continued dedication to environmental stewardship.

The Chipewa Watershed Conservancy said The Robert “Bob” Ball Award paddle was created in 1996 to honor someone who has made a significant contribution to the Chipewa Watershed Conservancy’s purpose of protecting natural habitat and open space.

The late Bob Ball was one of the founders of the CWC. He dedicated a large part of his life to promoting awareness and access to nature. In her position with the Tribe, Pauquette has been responsible for monitoring and reporting on the presence of E.Coli in the Chipewa River, and for raising public awareness about the health issues associated with E. coli. She also put together all of the necessary documentation to make the Tribe eligible for Project 319: Clean Water Funding and is currently working on securing funds for the implementation of best management practices to control or mitigate sedimentation and erosion issues within Tribal reservation boundaries.

For the past two years, she has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the CWC and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy in Bay City.

Tribal Council bestows Certificate of Appreciation to Pauquette

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council honors Water Quality Specialist Carey Pauquette with a Certificate of Appreciation for receiving the 2015 Bob Ball Award at the 20th annual Chipewa Watershed Conservancy Banquet.

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Adopt a Pet

Roxanne

Hello, my name is Roxanne! I’m a senior lab mix, but don’t worry, I still have lots of energy to play and roll around with you! In my spare time, I enjoy naps and long walks on the trails with my nose to the ground. I love to be scratched behind my ears! I am GREAT with other dogs and cats, and wouldn’t mind kids! I love the water and wouldn’t mind a home where I could enjoy an occasional swim. I would also LOVE to cuddle on the couch.

Available at: The Humane Animal Treatment Society

Avery

My name is Avery. I am a Domestic Short-hair mix. I am 3 years old and I’m known within the nanty cat of HATS! I’ve nursed and cared for five different litters of kittens. I just love to give love! Now it’s my turn to be cared for. I’m looking for someone who doesn’t mind quiet companionship and lots of cat kisses.

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Wigwam Wisdom

The Wigwam has sheltered our ancestors from storms and bad weather since the dawn of time. The wigwam has witnessed the hardships our people have had to endure not only through the harshness of climate and war, but upon our strongest enemies, ourselves. The spirit of the wigwam does not forget and keeps with it the wisdom to guide the souls that have strayed back to a peaceful life.

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

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

Dear Wigwam Wisdom:

I recently bought new furniture and have waited a long time to do so. I absolutely cannot wait to sit down and have a cup of tea when I have a chance. I do have a bigger issue: My husband sees nothing wrong with letting our dog on the new furniture when he is home. I know it is confusing to our pet as he gets mixed messages. How should I handle this? Dog Gone It

Dear Dog Gone:

You must come to an understanding first with your husband on what you can live with. Depending on what type of dog it is, it may be perfectly fine. On the other hand, there could be an issue with fleas and dog odor. If your husband will not judge on the issue, perhaps you both can compromise and have the dog lay on a small blanket which you can then wash when necessary.

Dear Wigwam Wisdom:

There are times in our community when it is not appropriate for kids to attend certain functions or sometimes if they are allowed, they are not supervised. I have kids but I monitor them closely and don’t let them run around. I know it’s hard on them when they see the other kids running around wild. I just think it’s so disrespectful, especially when there are Elders around. How can you make a parent pay attention to their children? Sugared Up

Dear Sugared Up:

There is a time and a place for everything, but unfortunately not everyone will agree. Usually in Indian Country, kids are considered part of community functions and are not left out. Most people will just tolerate the noise and chaos or leave the event. I would suggest that at the beginning of the event, an announcement can be made about what is and isn’t appropriate preferably by an Elder to the parents.

Dear Wigwam Wisdom:

I have tried everything to get my boyfriend to quit drinking. I’ve threatened to leave but have been unable to move forward in doing so. I’ve dumped him out of his booze, hid his car keys, picked him up at the bar, etc. You name it, I’ve done it to help him. I cook, clean and am a good mother. I don’t know why he can’t be happy with me when I’ve tried so hard to please him in every way. Why Not Me

Dear Why Not Me:

Maybe it’s not him you should worry so much about, but yourself. Threatening and enabling never works. Take the issue off of yourself and on to yourself. You can’t control him so don’t kid yourself. He knows what he has to do but is not ready and may never be. You have to do what is right for you and you may not even know what that is. There is a support group called Al-Anon which is for family of friends of alcoholics that I would recommend for you. When you begin to educate yourself and change your behavior, the alcoholics will also change. Give it a try, what have you got to lose?
Legendary lacrosse coach teaches SCIT youth fundamentals of the game

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

Lacrosse Coach John M. Kenney is a longtime coach and athletic mentor of boys lacrosse. Winner of more than 400 games and numerous division, county and state championships in Long Island and Michigan, Kenney has also been a six-time coach of the year, four-time Man of the Year, including the 2005 U.S. Lacrosse National Man of the Year. Kenney has been a six-time coach of the year.

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The following is the April 18 interview with Kenney by Tribal Observer Photojournalist Joseph V. Sommick.

Here we are at the home field of Red Swamp Lacrosse on the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation. How does it feel being able to teach Native people lacrosse?

This is a real honor and privilege for me to be here and teach the Native Americans the game of lacrosse. I am humbled to do so and am thrilled that I was able to get in touch with Ronnie and that we were able to put this scrimmage together.

I’m sure Coach Ekdahl has shared how he and his team have been striving to complete and maintain a quality program to challenge other tribes in Michigan and the Midwest. Do you see a lot of tribes getting back to this traditional game?

I know that the Six Nations have got together and put a lot of effort and certainly the Thompson brothers from Albany State and the Onondaga Nation of New York have really put the Native American game back in Native hands. That is thrilling for me. It was a privilege last summer of coaching Scotland in the World Games and during that time we actually got to play the Iroquis Nationals. It was a close game and they won (laughs) but it was a real thrill and a highlight of my coaching career.

Lacrosse Coach John Kenney appreciates the corporate support given by Cascade Lacrosse and Marverik Lacrosse in assisting with equipment for the Red Swamp Lacrosse clinic on the Isabella Indian Reservation.

It seems like lacrosse has transcended generations where equipment and stories have been passed down throughout the years. Even in your family where your four boys have excelled at the collegiate level and for them to give back this game to their communities, how does that make you feel as a father?

To have taught them as young boys and to watch them win national championships at Princeton and the University of Virginia has been a thrill. And again, why were they able to play at that level? It really gets down to the fundamentals… the ball moves faster than their legs and regardless of how quick and fast they are, it’s the speed of the ball and the accuracy of the ball that makes the difference.

If you had one message you would like to share with our Native parents about lacrosse to encourage their kids to take part in the game, what would that message be?

For a long time, I have known it has been considered the Creator’s game, and without a doubt, when it’s played and played well, even at the elementary school level, it is, I believe, the most beautiful game that exists. Lacrosse is just a great, great game.

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Do I need to take special precautions? Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons or people who have undergone organ transplants, people with cancer, or people receiving chemotherapy or radiation treatments; people with compromised immune systems; 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/Center of Disease Control (CDC) routinely monitors for protozoa to lessen the risk of infection. Cryptosporidium and other similar microorganisms are available through their 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 Elle 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 on 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 you 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-softerning 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 harming 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 contamination. One of the steps is identifying potential sources of contamination, and determining the susceptibility of the wells to contamination. The assessment also gives us information about the 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.

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. Microbiological 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 development, 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.

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SCIT Public Works and SCIT Fire departments team up on tree removal

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SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2015

MARY PELCHER
SCTC Extension Coordinator

In January each year, the planning process for graduation begins and it continues throughout the spring semester. All the arrangements are made for the coming festivities: Reserving the space, ordering food, printing invitations, ordering caps and gowns, and contacting a keynote speaker. The winter weather seems to mask the bustling internal activity of the dedicated staff that plan each year for the spring commencement ceremony.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College held its commencement ceremony on May 13, 2015 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall. M’O Ode (good heart), a community Tribal education drum, signaled the opening of the ceremony with a special song.

Youth dancers Jasymne Antoine-Jackson and Zackary Antoine-Jackson escorted the procession of graduates, Board of Regents, and the faculty to the stage. The agenda included an Anishinabemowin blessing from Higher Education Intern Daniel Jackson, and a congratulatory message from SCTC Tribal Chief Steven Pego. Guest speaker involved renowned writer and internationally-acclaimed motivational speaker DJ Eagle Bear Vanas. Vanas is a member of the Odawa Nation and a former U.S. Air Force officer. His moving speech honored the graduates and emphasized the importance of pursuing an education, not only for personal development but as an example for the younger generations. In his words, “A college degree is not just a piece of paper, it is a key that opens doors that you can’t even imagine.” Vanas’ engaging personality and high-energy speech dazzled the audience for 30 minutes of inspiration. SCTC 2015 graduate Anthony Quiroga was honored as 2015 American Indian Higher Education Consortium’s student of the year, and SCTC Adjunct Instructor Sheryl Majorski was honored as 2015 American Indian Higher Education Consortium’s faculty of the year.

Another year has come and gone, and the excitement of graduation commencement fills the air. Each year, I am elated and weepy as I watch SCTC students cross the stage and accept their college diplomas. Then there is the moving of the tassel from one side to the other, the final gesture to say “I got this.” I wonder if our people really understand what has been accomplished.

A message from SCTC President Carla Sineway

The drop-out rate for Native Americans remains high, so individuals who receive a college degree are an elite group. These graduates have positioned themselves to enter a four-year institution and earn a bachelor’s, master’s or doctorate degree. They also set an example for their siblings, children, grandchildren, and spouses of what can be achieved with hard work and family support. This brings to life the words that our actions are stronger than the spoken word. You don’t only tell your children to go to school, you show them. And that is what parenting is about; showing our children.

Starting June 19, 2015
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Club is going to have some exciting and fun activities!

We are taking the first 30 students (fifth grade and older) that sign up by June 12, 2015. STEM Fridays are on the following dates from 3-5 p.m. at the SCTC East building in the Pines Plaza.

June 19: Lesson on Fluids
• Oobleck, fak, rubber and water balloons
• Trip to Water Treatment Plant

June 26: Lesson on Graph and Game Theory
• Four color problem
• Secret codes

July 10: Lesson on Water Quality
• Trip to Wings Asphalt Plant
• Looking at a healthy ecosystem by collecting vertebrates

July 31: Lesson on Earth
• Trip to CMU’s greenhouse
• Build volcanos

August 7: Lesson on Stars
• Can constellations
• Ojibwa stories

August 14: Lesson on Technology/Engineering
• Video game/Lego car making
• Robot making
• Last day celebration (ice cream sundae)

To sign up, please email Kathy Hart at khart@sagchip.org.

Employment opportunities for Tribal College: Adjunct instructors
Accepting curriculum vitae for adjunct instructors. Economics instructor: Master’s degree required. History instructor: Master’s degree required. Computer instructor: Master’s degree required. Legal and environmental business: Juris Doctor degree required. Please send all information including transcripts to avagner@sagchip.org or mail to Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College c/o Andrew Wagner 2274 Enterprise Dr.
Fifth Grade Teacher Ireland receives "Educator of the Month"

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Education Administration would like to take this opportunity to showcase the shining stars in the department! We are proud of each and every team member within our department and think the community should know about you!

Congratulations Michael Ireland for being selected as the May Educator of the Month!

The perks of this award include an induction into the Education Apple Orchard, educator’s goody bag, a gift certificate and a traveling educator award. The following is a questionaire completed by Ireland:

Which program do you work for?

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

What is your title?

Fifth grade teacher.

How long have you worked for the Education Department?

Five years.

What is your favorite part of working in this department?

Watching the kids grow as they move through SCA and then hearing about their successes as they move forward.

What is your funniest memory in working with our students?

It is hard to pick the funniest memory with our students. Each year is full of countless funny moments. If I had to pick one, I may have to choose the enjoyment the kids had soaking the staff while we canoed at camp.

When were you younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I thought I was going to be a writer for a newspaper.

A professional athlete, sports broadcaster, or a writer for a newspaper.

What is something people may not know about you?

In addition to teaching, I also mentor at-risk youth in Midland.

Do you have any hobbies or special talents?

Softball, spending time with family, and watching sports.

What is your favorite movie?

"Remember the Titans".

What is your favorite food?

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The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Kyrah Bennett, Mackenzie Burger, Tayden Davis, Aaron Montemayor, Chyna Wells, Isaiah Harris, Anthony Green, Taleah Pelcher, Shanennose Pontiac, John Stevens, Jacob Pamford, Guadalupe Pelcher-Arias, Hazen Shinno, Christopher Bartow and Phoebe Defyter.


Zibiwong Vendor Training
June 11th 2015, 6-8pm at Zibiwong Center

Ever think about selling your products to Zibiwong Commercial Services, not sure where to start?

Well, this training is perfect for you!

During the training a ZCS team member will discuss:

• The required paperwork and tax forms needed to become a vendor.
• The types of items we are currently looking for
• Product packaging and descriptions.

This training is geared toward anyone making handmade & handcrafted items they would like to sell in the Zibiwong Commercial Services’ gift shops & online at NativeDirect.com.

Please call Brenda Schlegel at 775-4741 for questions and to register. Registration will conclude on June 9th at 5pm.
Saginaw Chippewa Academy successful alumnus: Treazure Jones

Nbookawsin (wisdom) is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions. Our Anishinaabe ancestors believed that lessons can be learned from both positive and negative experiences. We do not experience failure unless we decide to give up and close our mind to the important lesson of that experience. It takes a certain level of maturity to be able to make wise decisions.

The Tribal Education Department would like to recognize Treazure Jones as this month’s Saginaw Chippewa Academy successful alumnus. At a young age, Treazure and her family have been able to turn an unpleasant educational experience into a positive one. Rather than succumbing to failure, they were able to learn and make decisions based on Treazure’s imminent academic success.

Treazure was an all-around great student! When I think of Treazure academically, I think about her yearning for a challenge. She excelled in many areas, and always wanted to go above and beyond to achieve success. I am impressed with her performance and advancement. She was a wonderful role model in my classroom, both academically and culturally.

- Mrs. Becht, SCA sixth grade teacher

To this day, Treazure incorporates the Seven Grandfather Teachings into her life. Treazure has made a wonderful job against bullying. Treazure was made aware of a bullying situation happening at school this year. Rather than being a silent bystander, she demonstrated how to be an up stander. She instantly wrote a letter to inform the Native American advocate of the situation. Since Treazure notified them of the situation, the school was able to stop the bullying.

Treazure is attending her first college course at the age of 12. I want to take the time to thank the staff at SCA for a wonderful job they have done to advance Treazure even further in her academic studies. Treazure has made her family very proud of her academic accomplishments.

- Christina Halliwill, Treazure’s mom

The Education Department would like to congratulate Treazure and her family for making education a priority in their family. Being raised in a single-parent family presents its challenges, but Treazure’s mom always finds a way to promote and support her daughter. Job well done! Miigwetch for making your Tribe and community proud!

Do you have an SCA Alumni Success Story? Please answer and submit the following questions:

- Students Name
- Years Attended SCA
- How did SCA help you achieve the success?
- Story of Success
- How did SCA help you achieve the success?

Please send your completed answers to:

SCIT Education Department
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Or email your submission to:
challiwill@sagchip.org
Coal miner’s daughter, 83-year-old Loretta Lynn, presents incredible country show

NATALIE SHATUCK

Well, she was born a coal miner’s daughter, and she’s proud of it, too. With 55 years of success in the music industry, 83-year-old Loretta Lynn has achieved multiple gold album country music singer-songwriter status.

Lynn’s son, 64-year-old Ernest Lynn performed the opening song during the notable May 16 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert. After his performance, he joined the rest of the band, strapped on his guitar and Lynn’s “When I Get Home” kicks in.

When she was just shy of surprising the crowd, she smiled. Lynn responded “oh hush!” as “Loretta” screams from fans, “I love all of you for coming out to see us,” Lynn said.

The band performed many of their number one hits from “The Revival” album (1990) including “It Never Rains in Southern California”, “Fools Good”, “The Blues” and “Whatever You Want”. Khalil laid on the floor before the audience, passionately singing the bluesy/soulful song “It Never Rains in Southern California”.

“…I wish my husband could have seen this performance,” Lynn said.

Harmonies also shined in “When No Ones Stands Alone”. Also performed were “Louisiana Woman, Mississippi Man”; PatSY Clines’ “Shes Got You”; “The Pill”, which was banned from several country music radio stations for being too controversial in 1975; “I’m A Honky Tonk Git”; and “Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven”.

The final tune “Coal Miner’s Daughter” (1970), her signature song, resulted in a standing ovation.

Throughout the night, fans rushed to the stage to offer Lynn roses and gifts, and attempted to take a photo of her up close. There’s no doubt that she is a true idol, admired by fans of many generations. “I love all of you for coming out to see us,” Lynn said.

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Steve Martin and Martin Short partake in “a very stupid conversation”

Country music artist Neal McCoy graces stage for third Soaring Eagle appearance

Joe V. Sowmick
Photojournalist

There is no doubt about it that when it comes to country music superstars, two Entertainer of the Year awards, along with three platinum and one gold album, places Neal McCoy up there with other successful musicians.

Always a crowd favorite, McCoy graced the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort stage for his third triumphant engagement during an afternoon matinee performance.

SECR Sales Manager Tour and Travel Melissa Brown said Front Line Tours of Stoney Creek, Ontario, marveled how McCoy took to the stage with such energy. His show kept everyone singing and tapping their toes to so many of our favorite tunes,” Jordan said. “After a show like that, the response was overwhelming and (the audience) really enjoyed how Neal came down into the audience and shook hands and kisses on those cheeks, and welcomed pictures as he sang. His show appealed to all ages. The level of entertainment that Soaring Eagle brings to Michigan is second to none!”

“We love coming up here to ‘big Blue country’ and we got a lot more than that we gather every time we come here without having more songs on the radio, and I don’t know how to do that,” McCoy said. “We’re kind of known most for our up tempo songs like ‘The Shake’ and ‘Wink’, and I try to bring the energy that people enjoy, but we like to keep the audience on their toes by throwing something other than country in there, like a Sinatra song to let them know we like all kinds of music, not just straight ahead country.”

McCoy recently did a limited release with back-to-back singles “No Doubt About It” and “Wink”. His commercial success continued into the late ‘90s with two more platinum albums and a gold album, as well as six more top 10 hits.

McCoy returned in early 2003 with “The Luckiest Man in the World”, followed with “That’s Life” in 2005. A seventh top 10 hit, “Billy’s Got His Beer Goggles On”, came in 2005 from his self-released “That’s Life” LP. McCoy also supports his own charity organization, the East Texas Angel Network, which is made up of the lives of children of East Texas who are living with terminal or life-threaten- ing diseases.

A consummate entertainer with a friendly smile and a big white cowboy hat, McCoy is certainly one of the good ol’ boys who will make another round at Soaring Eagle again.
Helpful hints for including more veggies into daily diet

Vegetables, rich in fiber, can help boost digestive health and promote a healthy weight.

Helpful hints: If you’re trying to get more vegetables into your diet, try these tips.

Soup’s on! Vegetable soups or pasta sauces are great vehicles to boost your vegetable intake. Add chopped peppers, carrots, mushrooms, zucchini, and more to the pot as it simmers.

Casserole fillers. Macaroni and cheese, chili, and other one-pot meals are delicious with extra vegetables mixed in, such as bell peppers, broccoli, corn, or tomatoes.

Dietary Guidelines, adults should consume 2-3 cups of vegetables daily, depending on age and gender. Unfortunately, many Americans aren’t reaching that goal.

Getting the recommended amount of vegetables per day can help improve your overall health by lowering your risk of certain cancers, high blood pressure, and cardiovascular disease.

Vegetables, rich in fiber, also can help boost your digestive health and promote a healthier weight. And of course, eating your veggies helps you pack your diet with essential nutrients and antioxidants. Our vegetable nutrition comparison gives you a little more information on just how hardworking those vegetables are.

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Sandwich stacking. If your sandwich is usually just bread, meat and cheese, consider adding a healthy layer of vegetables. In addition to the usual tomato and lettuce, try baby spinach, roasted red peppers, and shredded carrots.

Nutritionist Sally Van Cise.) (Editor’s note: The following article is from the May 2015 Environmental Nutrition, written by Heidi McIndoo, MS, RD, and published with permission. The article was submitted by SCIT Nutritionist Sally Van Cise.)

Runners disappeared into a cloud of color during the Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council’s Fun Run “Remembering Our Ancestors” Memorial 5K on Saturday, May 23. The 5K race started at Seventh Generation at 10 a.m. Youth Council Members were scattered throughout the course to throw color on each participant, and they also had fun throwing the remaining color on each other after each finisher completed the race.

When it comes to making sound nutrition choices, many would like it to be black and white. Eating nutritiously is healthy eating isn’t all black bad. This fruit is the worst, this food is good, this food is like it to be black and white.

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To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the $680 million paid to settle the case, approximately $380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

**Who is included?**
The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class does not include individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

**Proposed use of the Funds**
There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

**First**, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- $342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.
- $38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

**Second**, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

**Third**, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

**Fourth**, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

**How can I share my views?**
If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than June 15, 2015, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on June 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM EDT in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see www.IndianFarmClass.com
Mary Zilz, DENISE PELCHER
Contract Health Clerk

Mary Zilz or “Minnie” (Indian for Mary) was born Mary Lenora Smith on June 18, 1915, and holds the honor of being the oldest living member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indiana. Mary was born the second of five children of Jennie May Pelcher and Obadiah Burt Smith. She considers herself to be an American Indian and very proud of her Indian heritage.

Her grandparents were Moses and Mariah Pelcher and her maternal grandparents were Obadiah and Mary (Burke) Smith who lived in Gladwin, Mich. Her father was a blacksmith by trade. During the summer months, he would take care of the farmers’ horses in the area. In the winter, he would go to the Upper Peninsula to Trout Creek lumber camp to take care of the lumberman’s horses. It was during this time that her family would go live with her grandparents.

Mary’s Grandpa Pelcher was a minister at the North Branch Indian Church until he retired in his 70s. He would preach in the Ojibwa language and English.

Her great uncle Scott Peters, agent executive with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, helped her get a job in Battle Creek with the Postum Factory. While working there, she met her future husband Robert Mullin and began a long-distance relationship. After Robert was hired at Oldsmobile in Lansing, Mich, he felt more financially secure and they married in 1936. They were blessed with three children; Robert Jr. (Bobby), Mary Ann and Nannette Jean. Crib death took Bobby just two months after his birth, but the birth of Mary Ann and Nannette removed the sadness of a lost son.

On April 7, 1952, Robert died of a sudden heart attack. In 1955, she met and married Carl Zilz. She lost her daughter Nannette in 1989 to breast cancer, and then lost Carl in 1991 due to melanoma.

Mary is a very independent lady and still lives on her own in this day, a duplex attached to her daughter’s duplex in St. Johns, Mich. Her family has grown to 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Mary’s daughter, Mary Ann, asked to include her mailing address if anyone would like to send her a letter or birthday card. She said her mom is the type of person that will respond to letters.

Mary Zilz, 207 W. Sturgis St. John, MI 48879

Mary Zilz at her home in St. Johns, Mich.
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Grandmother Moon Ceremony  
June 1 | Ceremony begins at 9 a.m.  
• Teachings and preparation from 5 - 7 p.m.  
• Location: Tribal Health Lodge  
• Contact: 989-775-4879

Women's Tradition Society  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.  
• Location: Behavioral Health  
• Contact: 989-775-4128  
• Every Monday from May 11 to Aug. 17.

Native Farmers Market  
June 2, 9, 16, 26, 30  
• Contact: 989-775-4059

Monday Night Masters  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Shotgun start at 5:45 p.m.  
• Location: Maple Creek Golf Club, Shepherd, Mich.  
• Contact: 989-775-4128

Opiate-Heroin Circle  
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 26  
• Contact: 989-775-4059

Women's Health Fair  
June 16 | 4 - 6 p.m.  
• Location: Andahwod CCC&ES  
• Contact: 989-775-4629  
• Door prizes, informational booths and food.

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting  
June 2, 9, 16, 22, 29 | 7:30 p.m.  
• Location: Behavioral Health  
• Contact: 989-775-4780

Kickoff to Summer Bash  
June 12 | 2 p.m.  
• Location: Nezamey Property  
• Contact: 989-828-6601 ext. 3303  
• Food, fun and prizes.  
• All Tribal Members and their families are invited.

Women's Support Group  
June 16 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
• Location: Behavioral Health  
• Contact: 989-775-4906  
• Homemade pizza

Family Spirit Support Group  
June 17 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
• Location: Nkimpée Health Public Kitchen  
• Contact: 989-775-4616

Housing Financial Workshop  
June 18 | 12 p.m.  
• Location: Housing Conference Room  
• Contact: 989-775-4552

Pre-College Leadership Program  
July 12-17  
• Location: Michigan State University  
• Contact: 1-517-351-1822  
• One week summer program designed to give Native American youth the opportunity to experience college life and explore the many exciting educational and career opportunities in the agricultural, food sciences, natural resources and related fields.

Sagening Health and Safety Fair  
July 16 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
• Location: Sagening Tribal Center  
• Contact: 989-775-5820  
• *Surf the Health and Safety Tidal Wave*

AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting  
Andahwod Maple Lodge | 7 p.m.  
• Location: Andahwod CCC&ES  
• Contact: 989-775-4628

New Spirit Support Group  
B. Health | 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
• Location: Housing Conference Room  
• Contact: 989-775-4123

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June 12 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
• Location: Seventh Generation  
• Contact: 989-775-4780

Men’s Meeting  
June 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
• Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
• Contact: 989-775-2370 ext. 214  
• Open communication, talking circle  
• For adults and young men (6th graders and older)

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Women’s Support Group  
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• Contact: 989-775-4906  
• Homemade pizza

Family Spirit Support Group  
June 17 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
• Location: Nkimpée Health Public Kitchen  
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Youth LEAD District Powwow draws nearly two thousand students to Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

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On April 30 and May 1, local students were given the opportunity to observe an educational powwow where they learned about traditional dances and types of regalia.

In addition to the powwow, students also took part in mini workshops where they learned about storytelling, Native language, sacred medicines and many other valuable teachings. The students also enjoyed having an opportunity to make crafts with Seventh Generation staff.

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Member RJ Smith served as emcee as SCIT Member Darryl Jackson led the dancers as head veteran. Tribal Elder Kent Jackson served as arena director and the Anishinabe Ogichedaw Veteran Warrior Society brought in the Tribal eagle staff and flags during grand entry.

“I’ve been on the powwow trail as an emcee just for a few years but I have been an arena director, head dance judge, head drum judge and a dancer for a little over 20 years,” Smith said.

“This is awesome to see because our Native people were always about sharing and inclusion. It’s nice to let people know our Native people are still here, and we are thriving and surviving. The exciting part for me is when I see Tribal students who get to share who they really are as Anishinabe people, and it’s another way for them to shine and have something to be proud of.”

Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig shared a blessing for the food and the community event as Tribal Chief Steven Pego gave a teaching on the importance of the ceremonies.

“On behalf of Youth LEAD, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported, participated or helped us with the annual Youth LEAD District Powwow…,” Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford said.

“Almost 2,000 total students from Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Sasiwaans, Shepherd, Mount Pleasant, Renaissance, and Beal City Public Schools visited us, joining in on the fantastic, hands-on, cultural experience. I could not be more proud of our entire Youth LEAD staff – it takes an incredible team to pull off such an event while making it look easy and fun! Great job, once again, Youth LEAD!”

A new addition to the program this year was the teaching lodge, which was built by the Youth LEAD staff in the grass, south of the gym. Students were able to experience lodge teachings from Tribal Mide’ Elder Brian Corbiere while sitting in a real Ojibwe north woods lodge.

Ziibiwing Center Assistant Director Waabanoqua (Judy Pamp) gave students a treat as she shared storytelling that was passed down to her family from her ancestors.

Youth LEAD Empowerment Aide and Youth Council Advisor Tonya Jackson did an excellent job with the powwow dancers in speaking about regalia making. Many of the Tribal students view the Youth LEAD District Powwow as a tune-up for the summer trail that includes powwows in Saganing on June 14-15 and the 31st Saginaw Chippewa annual Powwow July 24-26.